



KARL AND HELENE GORMAN REPORT

Dear Christian Friends;

Once again it is time for a Quarterly Report from this District, which includes the Stations down at Hartland and up at Calvary in addition to Paulpietersburg.

It is good to be able to report definite progress for a change, rather than discouraging things. Instead of merely "holding our own", which is quite a task sometimes, the Lord has blessed His work in a positive way, giving some new Seekers, and other Signs of Revival. Praise His Name.

After a period of 3 months under discipline, the Native Elder at Hartland has been restored to his Position and Responsibilities. The Local Workers recommended that the Native Alliance Executive Committee be called, so Rev. Charles Sanders and myself, together with three other Ministers went down for an afternoon Session. It turned out to be longer than planned, as we got home for supper at 10 P.M., but well worth the effort. Only a week ago I took Rev. Methula (the one disciplined) with me to visit an Outpost, and he preached with Divine Unction and Power.

We also had a Meeting of the Local Workers at Hartland recently, and reorganized the entire area; appointing two new Licensed Preachers to their Outposts, arranging for regular Class Meetings at each place, organizing one new Sunday School, and laying the basis for better understanding and fuller cooperation among the Workers themselves.

The prospects for the Clinic reopening by Dec. 1st are very good, as we seem to have found a Nurse with the needed Academic and Spiritual qualifications. She is a Swazi, belonging to a Norwegian Mission Church. I am taking a local Doctor down to Hartland this week in order to gain his advice as to the best possible use of the facilities and equipment available.

There was a Workers' Meeting up at Calvary a week ago, and one Lay Preacher, who has shown signs of backsliding and laziness, was "interviewed". Pray for this man, that he will take the firm stand he needs to take within his own home, as he must either remove the reproach he has brought upon the Church or we will be minus one preacher.

Yesterday was a "red letter day" for our Preacher here in the Paulpietersburg Location, as he arranged for a bus to take a full load of Sunday School children to the town of Dundee, 80 miles away, for a Rally.

We also attended the Rally, but only after visiting a family who has moved from Calvary to the Bantustan bordering on Dundee. There was a real down-pour of rain Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but nobody's enthusiasm was dampened a bit, though the gravel roads were a frightful mess. Fortunately, most of the driving was on a tarred road, otherwise the Rally and the visit to the new Outpost would have been cancelled. There was a large and enthusiastic crowd at the Rally, held in a School Auditorium, and the Program lasted from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. The Lessons and Demonstrations were over by the time we arrived in the afternoon, but the Special Singing was very nice. The small group at Dundee seemed delighted with the effort made by our local Church, and our Sunday School children had a wonderful time.

The Leader of the Group in Dundee was an Ordained Elder in his own Church, and has been accepted as a Member of the Reformed Baptist Church. The Position he will be given with us has yet to be decided. Some of his young men are keenly interested in taking Correspondence

courses from our Bible School, though do not seem to be able to get away to attend.

We have started working on the Christmas Program for the Interdenominational Sunday School (European) which Sherry and Stephen attend, and have to prepare soon for the Bantu Sunday School Closings as well, as they close early in December when the regular Schools close for the summer holidays.

We trust that the Lord will bless our faithful Pastors and People and use each one to promote the Message of Holiness.

Sincerely,

Karl and Helene Gorman

A COMMUNIST SAID IN 1925

The gospel is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of society that is our Marxist philosophy, but all the same it is we who will finally beat you. We are only a handful and you Christians are numbered by the millions . . . We Communists do not play with words. We are realists . . . Of our salaries and wages, we keep only what is strictly necessary, and we give up the rest to propaganda purposes. To this propaganda we also "consecrate" all our free time, and a part of our holidays. You, however, give only a little time, hardly any money, for the spreading of the gospel of Christ. How can anyone believe in the supreme value of this gospel if you do not practice it, if you do not spread it, and if you sacrifice neither time nor money for it? Believe me, it is we who will win, for we believe in our Communistic message and we are ready to sacrifice everything, even our life, in order that social justice shall triumph. But you people are afraid to soil your hands.—Clipped.

MONEY FOR MISSIONS

Said a parishioner to his pastor one day:

"It seems to me you are always asking for money for missions."

"Yes, we are," replied the pastor. "I had a little boy once. When he began to grow, he was always costing me something. He was always needing shoes, stockings, or clothing of some sort, and food every day—but, one day he died, and he does not cost me a cent now."

When a church, or a mission board is constantly needing funds for its missionaries and missionary enterprises, it means that the Lord's work on mission fields is going forward.

Missions which are alive and going forward, are growing!

—Selected by Elvira Firestone, Bolivia.

A REAL PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

With how much real earnestness do we pray for the sending forth of laborers? A Christian layman at a missionary convention prayed earnestly, "O Lord, send laborers into Thy harvest field." Then as the Spirit carried him along he prayed, "O Lord, send someone from our state convention into Thy harvest field." He paused a moment and then continued, "O Lord, send someone from our church into Thy harvest field." Again there was a pause, longer this time, and an inward struggle seemed to be taking place. At length he prayed, "I have a daughter, just one daughter. O Lord, if it be pleasing to Thee, send her into Thy harvest field." That was real prayer for missions.—Source Unknown.

HAVE YOU PRAYED FOR AFRICA TODAY?