



## "THEY TARRIED BY THE STUFF"

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As I was reading the other day in I Samuel the 30th. chapter, I noticed especially verses 22-24. And as I read them, I was reminded of you folk at home. I appreciated David's decision in the matter. He said in verse 24— "but as his part is that goeth down to the battle so shall his part be that tarrrieth by the stuff; they shall part alike."

For more than sixty years you have been sending out your representatives and equipping them to fight in the battle against Satan in Africa. It may be more interesting and challenging to be at the battle front in Africa than to stay at home and hold the ropes, but I feel that a word of deep appreciation is due to you folk who stay at home and make it possible for us to come out in this particular chosen field of service.

1. Our hospital has completed its first year with a total of 931 in-patients, 2,950 out-patients and 7,750 out-patient treatments.

2. Dr. and Mrs. Emmett have arrived to assist us in the battle for which we praise Him.

3. The Jambezi Clinic was opened October 12, 1960. This was built and equipped with funds granted to us from the African Council.

4. We are so happy to have Standard 4 available to us this year in our mission school and to have Mrs. Emmett to teach it.

5. There has been one church, two new schools, and several preaching places opened in 1960.

6. There have been souls saved, converts baptized, and believers going on in the Lord.

Then I'd like to thank you for all your many tokens of love throughout the year; for gifts of money and personal gifts received at Christmas; and for hospital, used clothing, Sunday School and school supplies. Words fail me to tell of my joy and appreciation to you for the tape of the Beulah service. It brought home so near and made us doubly proud that we have such a group standing behind us. It challenged me anew to serve Him better.

"Thanks" is such a small word but it comes from the bottom of my heart. Thanks for "standing by the stuff" and making it possible for those of us in this missionary battle front in Africa to have seen these many accomplishments during this past year. May we see many more advancements in our mission work in 1961. There is still "much land to be possessed". We shall "part alike". God bless you as we work together this year for the advancement of His Kingdom both at home and abroad.

### WHICH OF THESE HAD A MISSIONARY VISION?

A certain young man bestirred himself in matters of missionary interest, God having put the call into his heart. But in his own church he fell among critics who questioned the genuineness and value of it. They stripped him of his assurance with their well-intentioned but grossly ignorant remarks about the place of importance that missionary work held. They stunned him with their assertions that he was too young to bother himself with such an important issue. They bewildered him with their own lack of interest in the appalling need of the heathen. And having wounded him and departed, they left him

half-dead in a stupor of uncertainty and brokenness of spirit.

By chance an officer of the church came his way and looked upon him. He said to himself, "I'm sorry for this young man, but his own impulsiveness and zeal have brought him into this predicament. He shouldn't be exercising himself about these things. God will work out a plan Himself for those barbarians in other lands. Their distresses are too terrible a thing to bring before young people of our stock. If I try to help him, it will be of no use. He must learn by disappointment that such challenges and problems are not for him!"

And he passed by without offering to help.

In the same way another prominent man in the church came along and beheld the confused state of this young man. As he considered his need he advised him, "Don't be so concerned about those needs in places where the Gospel is not known. Just look at the great need of your own country! Look at the people here throwing themselves into all kinds of interests and pleasures without one thought for God. True, there are many churches, and the Christian message is familiar to all, but the need is still very great. Your talents are good. Get busy for God amongst our own people, and God will choose others to go to the mission field."

But this counsel served only to extend the confusion in the young man's mind, for the cry of the untouched millions became more insistent.

While he was at the height of this dilemma, a certain man of faith came his way, and when he saw him, he had compassion on him and went to him with prayerful advice. He entered into sympathetic intercession for him, thus binding up his wounds. He brought to him the comfort and confirmation of God's Word regarding the heathen, showing from the Scriptures that God's only Son was a missionary, and that the main requirement of the Gospel laid upon the Christian is to "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

He took the now encouraged young man into his home and fed his spirit with the missionary challenge, and he cared for him in every way, fostering within him the desire for missionary service. He gave him literature telling of great missionaries and their exploits for God. While he urged him to await God's time before actually setting out, he none the less taught him to relate all his service at home to the over-riding call that God had given him to go out and be a missionary.

Thus was this certain young man quickened in his missionary vision, and thus was he ultimately led forth into a fruitful missionary service.

Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was the man with a missionary vision?

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### MY MISSIONARY GIVING

1. If I refuse to give anything to missions this year, I practically cast a ballot in favour of the recall of every missionary, both in the home and foreign fields.

2. If I give less than heretofore, I favour a reduction of the missionary forces proportional to my reduced contribution.

3. If I give the same as formerly, I favour holding the ground already won, but I disregard any forward movement. My song is, "Hold the Fort!" forgetting that the Lord never intended that His army should take refuge in a fort. All of His soldiers are under marching orders always. They are commanded to "Go!"

4. If I advance my offering beyond former years, then

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