



## PRAYER CALENDAR—AUGUST 1962

1. Prayer of thanks that water has been found immediately during the drilling of new bore hole at Bethesda, Rhodesia.
2. Evangelical Holiness Bible School as it re-opens for the second term early this month.
3. Betty Kierstead—Birthday.
4. Recently organized European Church at Vryheid—Rev. Karl Gorman, pastor.
5. Big Sunday at Natalspruit, Reef Dist., in charge of Rev. Paul Sanders.
6. E. H. B. S. evangelistic team as they visit various outposts.
7. Rev. Absolom Sibiyi as he teaches at E. H. B. S. and does pastoral work.
8. The Lord's blessing on Missionary Day at Riverside Camp.
9. Bible Classes held at Bethesda, Rhodesia, each Thursday by Preacher Nyoni.
10. Special lecture to be conducted by visiting teacher at E. H. B. S. during the last two weeks in August.
11. That the health of Rev. Amos Mbokazi, Altona Dist., may improve.
12. Big Sunday at Empigini, Paulpietersburg Dist., in charge of Rev. Johanisi Nkosi.
13. Prayer of thanks for completion of laundry block and drug room addition at Bethesda Hospital.
14. Suzanne Morgan—Birthday.
15. Ethel Makawya, nurse at Altona Clinic, in her ministry among the patients.
16. Salvation of several African students yet unsaved at Bethesda Hospital.
17. Minah Nkosi, teacher and dean of women at E. H. B. S.
18. Prayer of thanks for an active school in Nkolweni, Altona Dist.
19. Big Sunday at Mahamba, Altona Dist., in charge of Rev. A. Sibiyi.
20. Continued prayer for the ministry of the Ikhwezi, our native church paper.
21. Prayer of thanks for gift of 7500 watt generator for improved lighting at Altona.
22. Drifontein outpost, Ermelo Dist., which practices of heathenism and adulterated Christianity are rife.
23. Msobotsheni outpost, Ermelo Dist., where we have only a few faithful church members.
24. Establishment of an active Y. P. work among our native young people in South Africa and Rhodesia.
25. For the salvation of Daniel Mthethwa who has long been in a backsliding condition.
26. Big Sunday at Entsheni, Louwsburg Dist., in charge of Rev. William Morgan.
27. The Sunday Schools held in the Altona Dist.
28. Prayer of thanks for baptism at Piet Retief where two have been baptized and added to the church.
29. For the 110 students who are taking correspondence courses from E. H. B. S.
30. Nina and Eric Haywood on furlough—that they may be a blessing in the presentation of our mission work and be used in creating a renewed missionary vision.
31. The many patients treated for tuberculosis at the Altona Clinic that the continued contact may result in their salvation.



## African Diary

by Dr. W. H. Mullen

This is my last "diary" from Modderpoort, O. F. S. This beautiful little spot has been my home now for just over 20 weeks. That is not very long in the course of a lifetime, but it was long enough to establish some very deep and pleasant memories. It will also be associated in my mind with some frustrations. But this only means that life is the same here as anywhere.

I think one of the dominant impressions I carry away with me is the sight of devoted, consecrated missionary teachers, who, day after day, have been giving themselves in unstinted effort to bring education to African men and women. For one term I have had a very small share in this enterprise. I wonder how much of what I have taught will be remembered beyond the current examination period. But it might be that I have helped unlock for some mind the great resources and wonder of the Bible in my course "Introduction to Biblical Studies". In "The Reformation" course it could be that a few students have been brought to appreciate the tremendous Protestant heritage which belongs not just to Western Christianity, but to Africa and the whole world. It would give me great satisfaction to know that even two or three of these young ministerial students in my "Prophets" have caught a little bit of the sensitive compassion of Jeremiah, and the great concern of Isaiah to proclaim the creative and redemptive work of God in the world. Possibly, too, these students can express themselves a bit more clearly and correctly in speaking and writing as a result of my two English courses. I might even imagine that the spirit of God has used some of my sermons in bringing light, hope, inspiration, and direction to the hearts and minds of our Sunday worshipers.

It is quite impossible, for many reasons, for a person to make a fair evaluation of his own function in the lives of other people and in the progress of institutions. The chances are that objective observers would not make the same assessment, either positively or negatively. In any case, I have learned over again, but in a deeper way, what I knew before, that one receives by giving. Usually, on a sabbatical leave, one has the idea of "getting". One goes to "get" experience, knowledge, information. He is out to pack into a few months' travel and observation all that he can by way of new sights, sounds, and ideas. On the face of it he is not interested in giving out of his own meagre resources; he is there to receive, to be taught, to be filled, to be revived intellectually and spiritually. These are the ostensible reasons why I came and I feel that to an abundant measure my aims have been accomplished.

But how does all this tie in with long course preparations, routine classroom sessions, prolonged discussions, daily pre-dawn chapels, long examination papers, energy-draining personal discussions, social occasions, sports programs? The answer is plain: In the educational context here all these have been the precise avenues by which I have been led to an understanding of the spirit, character, ability, potentiality, and hopes of a