



PAUL AND MARY SANDERS WRITE

Dear Highway Readers,

There are times when you seem nearer than others. like a person living on a high mountain, in clear weather the far distant ocean seems to draw nearer, again in hazy conditions it seems to recede many miles, till one can scarcely make it out. In one sense you seem to be nearer at Christmas. I think it is a realization that you are surely remembering us, and praying more than usual for our particular needs.

Mary and I do want to assure you that you are more often in our thoughts at this time of year. We want to send you each our GREETINGS, coupled with the best of Christian Good Wishes. Undoubtably you, over there, will be having many a gathering that we would love to share; may the Lord add His blessing to each one.

We will not be visiting our Africans this year in the little bee-hive huts standing in a circle around the cattle pen. Christmas decorations were unknown. Many looked forward to the Christmas Feast at the Mission Station. They would each receive a mug of water well sweetened with dark brown "treacle sugar" a box of matches, and a feed of Goat's meat. They would all sit on the grass and listen to the wondrous story of God being born a human baby, come to save man from the penalty of sin.

On the REEF things are completely changed for them and us. We will drive along the Tarred road to the LOCATION, where the main streets are also tarred, and have sidewalks. Their homes, built by the Government and Municipalities (of the great Towns and Cities along the Reef); are mostly four-roomed, built of brick or concrete, roofed with corrugated iron.

Many of the Africans will have some Christmas decoration, and there will not be one who has never heard the story of the Babe of Bethlehem. Driving through mile after mile of these Native Locations (or Townships) one will see an occasional goat or sheep, bought at high prices.

Some are for Christmas parties, where there will be bread, vegetables, rice, mealie rice and even frosted cakes and jellies. Some however have had to be bought to appease the Ancestral Spirits—For the Witch Doctors have come to the towns. Someone has had a lot of bad luck, or sickness, perhaps he has an old car or lorry, which keeps breaking down. He consults the Witch Doctors and they convince him that it is some enemy who is using strong Medicine against him. Or in all his prosperity, (able to buy a car) he neglected to make an offering to the Spirits. Now bad luck will surely dog his steps unless he kills a good animal, lots of meat for all who come, and plenty of beer. One man paid thirty pounds for an OX, there was a lot of beer and people were pressed to eat till there was nothing left over. Of course the W. Doctors were there and performed well. The Spirits were appeased, the man got rid of his old lorry and bought a new one, there was no more bad luck, they said. Now I hear he has gone back to work, probably could not keep up the payments on the lorry.

I don't think the Witch Doctors will be in on this. They got their fees probably £3; all the meat they could eat and lots of beer. Now they will be off telling others just such enslaving stories. Creating hatred and the fear of death — for the Africans, through this fear, are subject

CONGRATULATIONS, REV. B. C. COCHRANE

"For some time it has been the desire of the Board of Directors of the World Gospel Mission to appoint Rev. Bennett C. Cochrane as a member of the board. This year, when our board met for its annual meeting on October 31st, there was a vacancy to be filled and Rev. Mr. Cochrane was selected to fill that vacancy. We appreciate Brother Cochrane's experience as a leader in Christian work and his deep interest in the cause of missions. We fully believe his membership on our board will be very valuable to us in the conduct of the work which the Lord has committed to our care in various fields around the world."

The above paragraph is taken from a letter written November 29th to the chairman of our mission board by Dr. George R. Warner, president of World Gospel Mission. We rejoice with Mr. Cochrane in this new appointment and feel sure the profit will be mutual, both theirs and ours. May God bless Brother Cochrane, our Promotional Director of Foreign Missions as he shoulders the greater burdens.

Rev. A. D. Cann,

President, Foreign Mission Board

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Press on! Seek the lost! give your heart and service to the salvation of men, relations, acquaintances, and strangers. Be determined! Say as Livingstone did: "I refuse to be disappointed; I will only praise." Cry to God for more love to souls. Believe that it can be done, and that sinners can be turned Zionward through you.

to bondage—and the Witch Doctors all their lifetime.

Mary and I want to say again how we rejoice that the Lord has called us, and sent us to tell the Good (Christmas) News, to these that are bound by Satan" to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound".

There has been more of discouragement this past year than usual. Our worker in Kalfontein gave up and went home. The temporary house stands there empty — Do pray with us for other WORKERS to go in where a great and effectual door is wide open to us. Several times this year the Lord has shown, in unmistakable tokens, HIS real interest in Kalfontein. Now through an unforeseen refund we have the money in hand to pay the caretaker of the temporary (empty) house; Praise HIS name!

Another hold up to the work is our not having found a builder for the Natalspruit Church. DO please put this matter high up on your Prayer List, that the Lord may supply a good man to do this urgent building.

Mary and I want to express our appreciation to all those who have sent expressions of sympathy at the passing of my Mother. We want to thank you for parcels of secondhand clothing that have been sent us; they are a real help and encouragement to our African Workers and us. We will not need Old Xmas cards for some months but want to thank those who have sent us such a generous supply.

As the year draws to its close we have a feeling of deep gratitude to our Heavenly Father whose good hand has been upon us throughout. His blessings have been more than we could count. The blessing of HIS presence has been our strength. We love Him more and desire to serve Him better than ever before. With kindest Christian (and Christmas) greetings.

Paul and Mary Sanders.

The King's Highway