

FROM THE HUDSONS

Bethesda Mission
Sept. 11, 1962

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings from Bethesda in the name of our wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ.

Praise the Lord for the safe journey that he gave us by plane. We left Fredericton Airport at 6:05 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5 and arrived in Livingstone, Northern Rhodesia 3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7 after touching down at Montreal, London, Rome, Khartoum, Nairobi, and Ndola. We were met at the airport by Rev. and Mrs. Harold Kierstead and family and Miss Uta Chase, who took us first to Victoria Falls, the Kierstead home, and then on to Bethesda Mission.

The drive from the Falls was an exciting one, as we hardly got started when Harold stopped the Landrover and let a Baboon climb up on the hood and peek in the window at us. Harold also pointed out several of the roads that led to preaching points and at one road a couple of Bible women flagged us down, giving us the opportunity to hear a conversation in the language we hope to speak some day.

The Emmett's greeted us on our arrival at Bethesda by having supper waiting for us. We were made to feel right at home, for it is our home until God sends us elsewhere.

Strange as it may seem, my first impression or feeling was like that of being on a picnic at the beach, as there was sand everywhere and a few hundred feet down from us was the flickering of several camp fires. The Africans were having their supper. Also, while driving through the woods the last four miles to Bethesda, I felt like we were driving through the woods at home in late Fall. In spite of the sand there are plenty of trees and underbrush. It is amazing how anything grows.

Saturday afternoon in a short service held in front of our home, we were welcomed by the Missionaries, African pastor and African teachers. At the close of the service all the people came by to shake our hands. They were a bit surprised when we greeted them back in their own tongue. We were taught a few greeting words before the service.

Our first Sunday on the field was a blessed one. About 10 o'clock Sunday morning the Kierstead and Hudson families piled into a Landrover and started out for services at three different Bore-holes. The first service was at Bore-hole 83, where the Africans built their own little church. Harold and I visited five homes before the service. How thrilling it was to actually visit a Kraal, to see the people God had called us to preach the Gospel to and to be invited into their home, and in turn invite them to the service. There were around forty that attended the service with only two or three of them Christian.

At the next Bore-hole we saw 32 children take their stand for Christ. This was very encouraging to Bro. Kierstead as it was about the first sign that anyone was moved upon by the Spirit for some time. At the last Bore-hole there were around sixty people in attendance and a junior choir of African boys and girls who did a very good job singing. There was also a good number who gave their testimony at this service. Another highlight of the day was the privilege that both my wife and I had of speaking to these people with either Harold or an African teacher interpreting for us. It was truly a day to remember and praise God.

Monday, Cheryl spent most of the day at the Hospital getting acquainted with its set-up and assisting in two operations.

As we close, we wish to say "thank you" to all who stood behind us in making it possible to send us to the field. May the Lord bless you all for your endeavours. Pray for the work and praise God for how quickly the baby has adjusted. Truly it is an answer to prayer.

Happy in His Service
Gene, Cheryl & Kevin Hudson

PRAYER CALENDAR — NOVEMBER 1962

1. The health of our missionaries during the hot season of the year
2. That messages brought at tent meetings at Mhlahlane outpost, Louwsburg, in August will continue to bear fruit
3. Deeper dedication to the leadership and control of the Holy Spirit among all Christians in Africa
4. Big Sunday at Gobeni, Louwsburg Dist., in charge of Rev. William Morgan
5. Preacher Nyoni, evangelist at Bethesda Hospital — effective ministry among the patients
6. Elias Nkosi, former worker at Wattville, Reef, now backslidden and serving a prison sentence—that he will be restored to grace
7. Maria Nkosi, wife of Elias Nkosi, that she may remain true to the Lord and continue to be a faithful witness at Wattville
8. Need for a second preacher in the Drifontein area, Ermelo Dist.
9. Continued prayer in the face of continued heavy financial obligations in the maintenance of Bethesda Hospital
10. Prayer of thanks for Lord's help for Israel Msibi, former Sunday School teacher at Breyten, Ermelo Dist., in obtaining a job on the Reef and enabling him to make plans to enter Bible School in 1963
11. Big Sunday at Daveyton, Reef Dist., in charge of Rev. Paul Sanders
12. Shadrach Ndlangamandla, a Reformed Baptist Licentiate, now teaching school that he may be true to his call to Christian service
13. Mildred Ndlangamandla, Shadrach's wife, that she may have an effective witness as she works as a nurse in the native hospital, Vryheid
14. Sunday School held at the Ndlangamandla home, Vryheid Location, Paulpietersburg Dist.
15. Lasting results from Quarterly Services recently held at Vryheid Location by Rev. Karl Gorman
16. Standard V (grade 6) class, Bethesda School—spiritual needs of these young people as well as their academic work
17. Prayer of thanks for growing interest in missions home and foreign, by our churches at home
18. Bible School Graduation at Evangelical Holiness Bible School, Altona
19. That God would lead in possibility of opening mission work in Bechuanaland. The Government was very interested in starting a medical work in area adjacent to Southern Rhodesia but there has been no further word for several months
20. Prayer of thanks for money given by a local European Christian for Kalfontein project, Reef Dist., and continued prayer for additional funds
21. Continued prayer for Mrs. Twala, wife of pastor in Drifontein, Ermelo Dist., who has glandular tuberculosis
22. European services at Vryheid—need for permanent church building
23. Alfred Nkwanazi, Louwsburg Dist., that he may be able to attend Bible School next year
24. Wife of Alfred Nkwanazi who is nearly blind and is in hospital for eye treatment
25. Big Sunday at Grootspuit, Paulpietersburg Dist., Rev. J. Nkosi in charge
26. Church people approaching our church from other denominations that if they are not saved that they may be saved and go on to sanctification and that they will be happy and useful in the Lord's work
27. Growing number of church dedicated babies that as soon as they come to years of understanding they may come to Jesus as Saviour
28. Lot and Lina Dhlamini of Ulundi, Swaziland, that they may find their God-chosen life partners
29. Lot Dhlamini as he teaches a small Sunday School at Ulundi
30. Louwsburg District African Conference the first weekend in December

The King's Highway