

FROM PAULPIETERSBURG, NATAL

Dear Highway Friends:

Greetings in the Master's Name.

How good it is to realize that the bonds of the Christian Faith are long enough and strong enough to keep us all united in one great family of God. We count it a privilege to be ambassadors for the Lord and your representatives in this part of the Harvest Field.

We wish to report briefly on the Work of the past few months, so that you can share with us the blessings that accompany the moving of the Holy Spirit.

Many people, for several years, have prayed for a genuine revival in our Bantu, Church, and we believe the Lord is answering those prayers. It has been a shock, and somewhat discouraging, to see the evil that has been exposed of late. Our African ministers have had to exercise the "rod of correction" in taking a firm stand against sin, but God has manifested His approval by giving the Holy Spirit in greater measure.

The Easter Weekend was the time for the Annual District Meeting for all the Pastors, Workers, and Members of the Churches in this area of our Work. The church at the Location was jammed for every service except the Sat. A.M. Bible Class, (when many had to work in town) and there was the best Spirit in the meetings that we have ever seen in Paulpietersburg. There was good victory at the altar of prayer, and one young man was baptized and received into Church Membership. Over 200 children crowded in for the Sunday School session, taught by a panel of 4 visiting teachers. The Business Meetings were exceptionally well attended too, with 4 Ordained Elders, 3 Licentiates, 7 Bible Women, and 7 Delegates registering. This was the first time that delegates ever attended, and not all the Churches were represented. (It should be noted that our African Church has "positions" which are not known in the Home Church, thus allowing for a broad representation in the Business Meetings, even without delegates.) The Reports given were encouraging, especially with reference to the Sunday Schools. The District voted to hire a bus for transport to the General Conference in July.

Easter marked a milestone in our Vryheid European Services as well. It was suggested that we have Communion, and this was held after the regular meeting. Rev. E. Kierstead conducted this first Communion Service, the Covenant was read, and 12 Christians remained to partake of the emblems. The Holy Spirit was graciously near on that occasion. Since then, the cold weather has made it most uncomfortable in the large auditorium we were using, so we have rented a smaller "Committee Room" for the winter months. (June, July and August) Continue to pray for this effort.

May 8-11 was the time for the Annual Ministers' Meeting, (Ordained Elders only) also held at Paulpietersburg this year. When we finally got into gear, there were 5 European and 4 Non-European Ministers present. That was not a great number, I'll admit, but it was a great Meeting. Satan did all he could to hinder from the first day .One Bantu Elder from the Reef failed to meet Bro. Sanders at the appointed place, another from Hartland arrived late because his bicycle broke down. Rev. E. Kierstead was unable to attend at all, and Mr. Morgan was detained 2 days because of sickness at home. It was

PRAYER CALENDAR — JULY, 1962

- 1. Students on school vacation from Evangelical Holiness Bible School during July and August.
- 2. First District Youth Rally to be held at Louwsburg.
- 3. Helene Gorman—Birthday.
- 4. Timothy Twala, preacher at Drifontein, Ermelo Dist., his ministry and health.
- 5. Mrs. Timothy Twala being treated at Piet Retief Hospital for tuberculosis.
- 6. Need for another preacher to assist Bro. Twala with his numerous outposts.
- 7. That the heavy financial obligations in the maintenance of Bethesda Hospital may be met.
- 8. Prayer of thanks for a Christian Government District Surgeon who visits Altona weekly.
- 9. Native Annual Alliance as it begins at Altona, July 9-15.
- 10. For the Native Alliance Executive Committee as they must deal with problems of church discipline.
- 11. Israeli Msibi, Ermelo Dist., that he might keep true to the Lord in difficult circumstances.
- 12. The Lord's blessing on Missionary Day at Beulah Camp.
- 13. Piet Retief Church as they change pastors.
- 14. George Sakazi, new pastor of the Piet Retief Church.
- 15. Salvation and reclaiming of many Africans during the Native Conference at Altona.
- 16. Two senior Sunday School boys at Breyten, Ermelo Dist., as they attempt to assist with the Sunday School teaching.
- 17. That grant will be made by South African Health Dept. for a new clinic at Entungweni, Altona Dist.
- 18. Prayer of thanks for "Best Dist. Meeting yet" at Piet Retief held Easter week-end.
- 19. Mrs. Stephen Mkulipi, Bible Woman, Nkalatshane, Ermelo Dist.—her spiritual and physical health.
- 20. Mrs. Mkulipi's granddaughter, Florence, a Sunday School teacher at Nkalatshane, that she may grow into a strong Christian.
- 21. Construction of new church at Natal Spruit, Reef.
- 22. Beverely Kierstead-Birthday.
- 23. Emondlo outpost, a relatively new work in the Paulpietersburg Dist.
- 24. Emtene outpost, Altona Dist., where both Bible Women have been set aside.
- 25. Bedu outpost, Altona Dist., problem of Zionists interfering with services.
- 26. Semi-Annual Native Conference as it begins at Mizeph, S. Rhodesia.
- 27. Young People's Meetings at Altona on Friday nights.
- 28. Soon arrival of the Hudsons in Rhodesia.
- 29. Closing services of Native Conference, Rhodesia—the Holy Spirit's outpouring on these meetings.
- 30. Evangelical Holiness Bible School as it re-opens early in August.
- 31. E.H.B.S. Board meeting which will be held early in August—for wisdom in the planning of the school.

very cold, and attendance at the Evening Services was poor. A Team from the Bible School, plus Slides, attracted a good number of young people one night especially. The Papers presented and the Business Meeings were interesting and most helpful. We expect to meet in Ermelo next year.

We must add a word of appreciation for the Clothing and Sunday School parcels received, and one work of caution. It is important that great care be exercised when declaring the contents of any parcel, so as to avoid any possible suspicion of deliberate deception.

We do not expect to write again before Beulah, so will close with a sincere prayer that God will abundantly bless each and all as you gather there in a short time.

Rev. and Mrs. Karl Gorman & Family