



WELCOME HOME —PAUL AND MARY SANDERS

After being away from Canada for fifty-two years, Brother Paul Sanders saw his native land again on June 10. Sister Sanders, who went to Africa in 1947, was with her husband when he landed at Toronto Airport. We wish to share with them the joy of reunion with friends and loved ones.

Their homecoming could not have been better timed, for the lush growth of Canada's spring has made the countryside a garden. And better yet, they are just in good time for Annual Alliance and Camp Meeting at Beulah. We rejoice with them that in the good providence of God this happy experience can be theirs. May their furlough be a happy one and may God's special blessing be upon them.

ERIC AND NINA HAYWOOD TO SAIL FROM MONTREAL JULY 30

Coincidence possibly, but we believe all in Divine order, that in this same issue we carry news of "The Sanders' Coming" and "The Haywoods' Going." The Haywoods have been in Canada just over one year but their ministry and warm fellowship have been appreciated across the entire church. The Haywoods will be returning to our mission field in Rhodesia.

It will be the opportunity of many of our people to see and hear the Haywoods at Beulah. Missionary Day (July 11) promises to be an unforgettable one again this year. Let us all pray for the special anointing of God upon it.

THE POWER OF THE BIBLE

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The story of the Mutiny on the Bounty is well known through the popular novel and the exciting motion picture bearing this name. What is not so well known is the story of how a Bible transformed the life of the lonely island named Pitcairn.

The mutineers sank their ship and landed with their native women on the lonely island of Pitcairn. There were nine white sailors, six natives, ten women and a girl of fifteen. One of the sailors discovered a method of distilling alcohol and the island colony was debauched with drunkenness and vice.

After a time only one of the white sailors who had landed survived, surrounded by native women and half-breed children. This sailor, Alexander Smith, found in one of the chests that had been taken from the Bounty a copy of the Bible. He began to read it and his life was changed.

He then began to teach his companions on the island what he learned from the Bible with amazing results. Gradually the island was changed from a place of suffering and sin to a happy, prosperous community.

In 1808 the United States Ship Topaz visited the island and found a thriving and prosperous community, without alcohol, without a jail, without crime and without an insane asylum. The Bible had completely changed the life of the people and of the island community.

The Bible has not lost its power in the present age. If it is sent forth in the languages of the people it still brings to them the transforming power of the Gospel. The Word of God can transform the world.

THE FUTURE OF BETHESDA SCHOOL

by Wilma Emmett

I'm a teacher. My classroom is constructed of mud brick which the pupils made themselves. The roof is thatched with dried grass. Grazing cows occasionally stick their heads in the door. Chickens often perch on the window ledges.

It is time for class to begin. The pupils file in and remain standing behind their desks in respect to their teacher.

"Good morning, class."

"Good morning, Mistress."

"How are you?"

"We are quite well, thank you. How are you?"

"I am well, thank you. Please remain standing for prayer."

As they bow their heads, I see more than chocolate brown skin and black, kinky hair. Before me stands the hope of our African Church. Before me stand those who because of the education they are receiving must become the leaders of their people.

Today we are facing an important decision in our schools. In January 1964 we shall be ready to start a secondary school here at Bethesda Mission Station, Rhodesia. The school would of necessity be a boarding school drawing students from many other areas as well as our own reserve. We understand that the Roman Catholic school in the area has also made application for secondary school. There will be only one secondary school granted in the whole reserve. We have over the years tried to bring our students the Word of God. We have sought to instruct them in the way of truth as well as in their secular subjects. Now that they have reached the important high school years, we are loathe to send them away to other schools where they may not hear the Gospel.

What can you do to help? We need your prayers. If it is God's will for us to have a secondary school here pray that doors might be opened granting government approval and support and pray that funds might become available to build the necessary dormitory and class buildings.

"MAJESTIC SWEETNESS"

by Ovella Satre Shafer

These words were written by Dr. Samuel Stennett. This is truly a distinguished hymn from the pen of a pastor of a Baptist church in London. In fact, not only was his father, Joseph, Jr., a Baptist preacher, but this was also the profession of his grandfather, Joseph Stennett.

Samuel was born in Exeter, England, in 1727, but when a mere lad, moved with his parents to London, where his father pastored the Wild Street Baptist Church. This composer-preacher received his theological training in London and in 1758, at his father's death, became pastor of the same Baptist church—a pastorate he held the rest of his life.

In spite of the busy life as pastor, Stennett found time to write thirty-eight hymns. He was also a personal friend of the leading English statesmen of his day, including George the Third. The University of Aberdeen conferred upon him the doctor of divinity degree.

That Dr. Stennett's sermons were as exquisite as his hymns is expressed by John Howard, the great prison reformer, a member of his church and close friend, who stated: "I delight in reading over notes made from my pastor's pulpit messages."

"On Jordan's Stormy Banks" is another song for which Samuel Stennett will be remembered.

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The King's Highway