



THE SECOND MILE IN MISSIONS

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(Ecclesiastes 11: 1-6)

If there is any area of service in which the Christian should go the second mile it is missions. There are many reasons for this. Many do not go the first mile. Therefore if the ground is to be covered, others must make up the difference by going the second mile.

The wise man said: "Give a portion to seven, and also to eight." Seven represents the perfect number, completeness, the first mile. Giving a portion to eight represents the second mile.

"If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth." This they do regardless of the worthiness or unworthiness of those upon the earth. Better to give to many who do not deserve, than to withhold from a single one who does deserve.

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." The missionary program faces financial crisis. Why? One reason is that our standard of living is so high that after we have supplied our own wants there is little left to support missions. There is little left to cast upon the waters.

"Thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth." Doors in Africa are open today but we do not know of tomorrow. All evangelical groups are placing strong emphasis upon missions. This is our great hour of opportunity and responsibility, and we must not let it slip.

"If the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be." It may well be now or never for the missionary work. When it is too late many of us will say: "We wish we had done more."

FROM THE STERRITT SISTERS, HARTLAND, N. B.

Dear Highway Friends,

"Bless the Lord O my soul: and all that is within me bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits" (Psalms 103:1-2).

During a pleasant call from the Highway Editor and his wife at the Christmas Season, he suggested that a word from the Sterritt Sisters for the Highway would be a good thing for the New Year, so we shall endeavor to give expression to the gratitude we feel in our hearts to God for His great goodness. He has been so gracious, His blessings so numerous, and His care so wonderful, we find our hearts full of praise continually.

How we do appreciate the quiet, comfortable home that was provided for us, and the oil furnace which the Mission Board installed two years ago is such a help and comfort in our old age. We are so grateful for all these things that have come to us and for the many kind friends who remember us.

The Christmas Season was a blessed one indeed. Greeting cards, many and beautiful, came from every direction. We received many gifts and were remembered thoughtfully in many ways. We wish we could thank you each one personally for the lovely cards that came, but please accept our thanks and best wishes for the New Year through this letter. It is for you all and "May God give you a blessed and Happy New Year" is our prayer.

We had thought we would not try to have a Christmas tree this year, but on Dec. 19 a young married couple from the United Baptist Church brought to us a beautiful

PRAYER CALENDAR—FEBRUARY 1963

1. Revival meetings at Evangelical Holiness Bible School during the first week of school
2. Continued prayer that the government will approve grant for a tuberculosis ward at Bethesda Hospital and the funds to build it
3. Communion Sunday at Wattville, Reef Dist., — Rev. Paul Sanders in charge
4. Salvation of Daniel Mthethwa, husband of Bible woman, Maria, and gardener at Evangelical Holiness Bible School
5. Revival of the work at the Sithole outpost, Louwsburg Dist.
6. Prayer meeting and Bible Study held at Ermelo Wednesday evenings—Rev. Charles Sanders in charge
7. Student nurses' Bible Study held Thursday evenings at Bethesda, W. Emmett, teacher
8. Young People's meetings held at Altona Friday evenings—Rev. Glendon Kierstead in charge
9. Permanent native worker needed at Kalfontein, Reef
10. Special meetings at Msobotsheni outpost—Rev. Charles Sanders directing
11. Prayer of thanks that government funds owing Bethesda Hospital have been paid
12. Need for builder for church at Natalspruit, Reef
13. Pamela Sanders—Birthday
14. Harold Kierstead—Birthday
15. Prayer of thanks for successful completion and dedication of church at Gobeni, Louwsburg Dist.
16. Need for permanent worker at Gobeni
17. Communion Sunday at Kwabankile—Rev. William Morgan in charge
18. That the Lord will send laborers into the harvest — great need for native workers at this time
19. Prayer of thanks that preacher Obed Nkosi and family have been settled at Entsheni outpost, Louwsburg
20. Prayer meeting held at Daveyton, Reef Dist., on Wednesdays—Rev. Paul Sanders in charge
21. Elias Nkosi, back slidden preacher at Wattville, Reef, his restoration to grace
22. Maria, his wife, that her faith may not waver in these trials
23. Direction of the Reef work—that the Lord will give wisdom
24. Communion Sunday at Vryheid Location — Rev. Karl Gorman in charge
25. Karl Gorman—Birthday
26. Prayer for Jeremiah Mbokazi, Altona Dist., presently in school studying carpentry
27. Prayer of thanks for successful 1st District Youth Rally at Louwsburg
28. Continued Missionary vision and support by our churches at home.

tree on a lovely stand and the young woman came in and trimmed it for us. It was really beautiful and how we did enjoy it. It was surely so kind of them to do this.

The presence of Jesus keeps us happy and contented and though Alice has been miserable for a long time, a strict diet and insulin tablets daily since October, with the Lord's blessing, have made a great improvement in her condition. For this we are very thankful. Helen continues to keep active and quite well in spite of advancing years.

We are thankful for the privilege of prayer for His work everywhere and we know you do not forget us.

Rev. Mr. Lyons is faithfully carrying on the work of this large area and we pray that 1963 may be a year of spiritual advancement for all of us—at home and in the foreign field.

Your sisters in the Lord.

Helen and Alice Sterritt