



Christmas Greetings

Dear Highway Friends,

Christmas greetings to all the HIGHWAY FAMILY. May you each have a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR in CHRIST JESUS.

Eric, Nina & Debbie Haywood

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

When marshalled on the nightly plain,
The glittering host bestud the sky,
One star alone of all the train
Can fix the sinner's wandering eye;
Hark! Hark! to God the chorus breaks
From every host, from every gem;
But one alone the Saviour speaks,
It is the Star of Bethlehem.

Once on the raging seas I rode,
The storm was loud, the night was dark,
The ocean yawned, and rudely blowed
The wind that tossed my foundering bark;
Deep horror then my vitals froze,
Death-struck, I ceased the tide to stem,
When suddenly a star arose,
It was the Star of Bethlehem.

It was my guide, my light, my all,
It bade my dark foreboding cease;
And through the storm and danger's thrall
It led me to the port of peace.
Now safely moored, my perils o'er,
I'll sing, first in night's diadem,
For ever, and for evermore,
The Star, the Star of Bethlehem.

—Henry Kirke White.

HYMN FOR CHRISTMAS

Thomas Chatterton

Almighty Framer of the skies,
Oh, let our pure devotion rise
Like incense in Thy sight.
Wrapt in impenetrable shade,
The texture of our souls was made,
Till Thy command gave light.

The sun of glory gleam'd, the ray
Refined the darkness into day,
And bid the vapours fly;
Impell'd by His eternal love,
He left His palaces above
To cheer our gloomy sky.

How shall we celebrate the day
When God appeared in mortal clay;
The mark of worldly scorn.
When the archangel's heavenly lays
Attempted the Redeemer's praise,
And hail'd salvation's morn?

A humble form the Godhead wore,
The pains of poverty He bore,
To gaudy pomp unknown:
Though in a human walk He trod,
Still was the man Almighty God,
In glory all His own.

JANUARY 1964

1. Rhodesian Missionary Field Conference—December 29-January 1, 1964 at Bethesda Mission
2. Rhodesian Native Church Conference — January 2-5, 1964 — outpouring of God's Spirit on the African Church; guidance in business matters transacted
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4. Christians at Gobení outpost—that they may not become discouraged because of lack of a regular pastor
5. Closing Sunday of Rhodesian Native Church Conference—for closeness and searching of the Holy Spirit in the services
6. Prayer of thanks for improvement in health of Rev. E. A. M. Kierstead who had a serious operation during the year
7. Prayer of thanks for government granting supervision of Victoria Falls Clinic to Bethesda Hospital thus extending the influence of our medical mission work
8. Continued prayer for the heavy financial needs of Bethesda Hospital
9. Request for new church site at Ermelo refused by government because of insufficient number of church members—pray God's direction in the establishing of a new church site
10. Site needed at Breyton, Ermelo District, as African population is being re-located by the government
11. Additional physical burden for Rev. Karl Gorman—that God may undertake
12. Communion Sunday at Enhlangwini, Louwsburg District, Rev. William Morgan in charge
13. Need to relocate Rev. Methula and family from Hartland, Paulpietersburg District
14. Need for native ordained Elder for Hartland to take the place of Rev. Methula
15. South African Field Conference—January 14-17 at Paulpietersburg
16. Completion of the Natalspruit Church, Reef District — new church walls nearing completion
17. Preacher Obed Nkosi at Entsheni, Louwsburg District, where the work is beginning to bear fruit
18. Funds to build a small church building needed at Vryheid—European work—Rev. Karl Gorman, pastor
19. Special meetings at Wattville, Reef District — Rev. P. Malaza in charge
20. Lord's direction in the possibility of opening new mission work among the Mananzwa people in the Wankie area of Southern Rhodesia.
21. Our Foreign Mission Board—Divine guidance and wisdom in directing the mission work in this new year
22. Need for new mission house at Ermelo—possibility that present rented house may be sold
23. Reef workers—Rev. and Mrs. P. Malaza, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kumalo, Mrs. Joana Bhembe as they carry on the church work in the absence of Paul and Mary Sanders
24. Elias Nkosi, former Reef worker, who is out of jail but still backslidden
25. Sunday School work at Kwabanakile, Louwsburg District—Lekina Nkosi in charge
26. Communion Sunday at Hartland, Paulpietersburg District, Rev. Karl Gorman in charge
27. Mrs. Grace Nkosi, the Louwsburg Sunday School is under her leadership
28. Ermelo District Meeting in March—that many souls may be saved and sanctified during these services
29. Wisdom as outposts belonging to a church group which wishes to join the Reformed Baptists are visited and each member is investigated before receiving Reformed Baptist church membership
30. That a Reef District meeting may be arranged to convene during the new year
31. Preacher J. Zikalala and wife directing work at Mblohane outpost, Louwsburg District and having general oversight of all Zululand outposts.

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