

## FROM PAUL AND MARY SANDERS

Dear Highway Friends:

Oh, that time were not such an enemy! And, oh that we had more hands to write!

Our desire is to write personal letters to all who have entertained us; to all who have given us gifts, etc. It seems impossible at this stage, especially if we are to get Christmas Greetings off in time. Forgive us if we do it through the Kings Highway.

God bless each individual who helped in any way to make our visit to the churches a success. Many entertained us in their homes. Some, at least one group of churches had a "surprise" gathering and presented us with lovely gifts. Several individuals and some missionary societies gave us gifts of money and other gifts. How we do appreciate all these tokens of friendship! Words are inadequate! Our thanks to those who helped to make it possible for us to have the use of the Hillman Minx. It is much more convenient and much cheaper to travel by our car than by train and bus.

With a few exceptions, all the R. B. Churches have been visited. One of the "exceptions" has already set the date for our visit for May 7th, 1964. A few churches mentioned a "return" visit. If such can fit us in the last of April and the 1st of May, especially the churches in Northern New Brunswick and Maine, it would cut down the travelling expenses.

Now, we are off to Stewiacke, to Mary's home. Here, we plan to spend the rest of December and most of January. After that, we'll be "open" for calls for Christian work. We'll both be getting very restless.

Victor, Paul's son, is about to put the roof on the Natal Spruit Church. Through the Lord's particular blessing, it is to be a "tile" roof. God bless the donor who made this possible! Shouldn't the Lord's temple be "exceeding magnificent? And indeed, God bless all the contributors to this worthy project, the Fort Fairfield Church—the biggest donor—and to the few private donors. Due to a near "tragedy" it seemed at one time that there just would not be enough to build the church. But the Lord wonderfully undertook. He spoke to some individuals (not only R. B's) and it became possible to start building the church. Praise the Lord!

When you are remembering us and the Reef Field in your praying, please pray for a new vehicle — our greatest present need.

May God be praised for His great Gift to mankind! —even our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! As we celebrate His Birthday this Christmas season, may it be with a peculiar sense of His presence in our hearts, at our table, in our conversation, at our play.

Our hearty Christmas wishes to you, each and every one! What a joy it is to be "Home for Christmas"!

Yours for Souls at home and  
abroad,

Paul & Mary Sanders

## GOD'S WORD

Last eve I passed beside a blacksmith's door,  
And heard the anvil ring the vesper chime;  
Then looking in, I saw upon the floor  
Old hammers, worn with beating years of time.  
"How many anvils have you had," said I,  
"To wear and batter all these hammers so?"  
"Just one," said he, and then, with twinkling eye,  
"The anvil wears the hammers out, you know."  
And so, thought I, the anvil of God's Word  
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;  
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,  
The anvil is unharmed—the hammers gone.

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY

At this time of year, as preparations are in progress for the Christmas season, my thoughts wander across the ocean to Africa and the boys and girls there. I should like to be able to see their faces when they are presented with the gifts sent from our boys and girls in the homeland. Christmas is a happy time for all who love the Lord and have learned the blessing of giving.

Also, my thoughts turn back to last July in the Tabernacle at Beulah Camp when the "Christmas in July" gifts were placed under a beautifully lighted tree, as the first activity of our Missionary Day.

The singing of Christmas carols by the great crowd which nearly filled the Tabernacle created an appropriate atmosphere and initiated this unique service. Over one thousand neatly wrapped gifts were placed under the tree by the children. Most of these gifts had been sent to us by the Sunday Schools of our Churches. Later these gifts were shipped to Africa to be given to our African children in December. Many thanks to those auxiliaries who assumed responsibility for this phase of the work.

Having two of our missionary families with us was an added pleasure. Rev. and Mrs Paul Saunders each spoke briefly; also Mrs. Eric Heywood, who remarked that it was as hot when they trim their tree in Africa as it was at that present time. Rev. Eric Heywood closed our service with prayer for our children, both at home and abroad.

Since the need for this type of program is very great on our mission field, it has been decided to continue our "Christmas in July" for another year. Many expressed the desire to participate in such an endeavor during this year; thus we are asking to have a "Christmas in July" box in every church in order that small, wrapped gifts may be placed therein, and brought to Beulah next July to be placed under a tree on Missionary Day. Please attach a note to each gift denoting the contents to facilitate distribution.

Let us do our best this year to send 1500 gifts to our native children.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Ruth Black

The following is a letter received from Mrs. Emmett.

Dear Boys and Girls,

Not long ago Miss Chase went to town with her land rover. When she came back she brought me four big boxes. Do you know what I found inside? There were many gifts from you to the boys and girls here in Africa at Christmas time.

Many of your gifts will be used for children who will be patients at Bethesda Hospital and will not be able to spend Christmas with their families at home. Others will be given as prizes to boys and girls who have come faithfully to S. S. all year.

There is one thing you can do. Will all of you who know the Lord as your Savior pray that with each gift you have sent might go the message that Jesus died for these boys and girls? We don't want them to go away without understanding that they can have another gift too—the gift of eternal life.

We know the boys and girls here will be happy with your gifts and we know you are happy too for Jesus said. "It is more blessed to give than it is to receive."

May the Lord bless you each one.

## CHRIST SHARES HIS GLORY

"The outpouring of the Spirit is the earthly reflection of the exaltation of Christ in heaven. It is the participation He gives His friends in the glory which He now has with the Father."—  
Andrew Murray

The King's Highway