

OUR TRIP TO AFRICA

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Lord's work—they are His people. CAN WE GROW COMPLACENT ABOUT THIS MATTER? I am reminded of a statement by Rev. W. Moutoux, "Weapons without wills are worthless." We have the "weapons"—the resources. Do we have the "wills" to undertake and promote a more ambitious missionary program?

Our missionary furloughs are piling up. Do you know what this means? It means that, if we keep on our missionary schedule for furloughing our missionaries, that we will have to plan for bringing TWO families home each year. We need a missionary family on the field to fill in for each missionary family that is home on furlough.

Let's double or triple our traveling allowance for our missionaries. I know that you are not a smoking man. But \$100 wouldn't keep you in cigarettes for a year, if you were. Comparatively speaking, the cost of travel in Rhodesia and in the Republic is more expensive than it is in either the United States or Canada. We paid as high as 79.9c per gallon for petrol (gasoline) in Southern Rhodesia. The life of an automobile tire is very short there. When one considers the roads and trails over which they must drive their cars this is little wonder.

I know that our missionaries appreciate our prayers more than words can tell; they are eager to get our letters and receive news from the homeland, and this we ought to do; but let us show them in a more tangible way our appreciation for what they are doing. I know that God can supply their every need, and He will; but in so doing He is going to exact something from each one of us as His human instruments, for they are our responsibility. We are going to be held responsible to God for them.

Some Present Needs

Our missionaries are ever grateful for all that our people are doing for them—they realize the sacrifice that some of our people are making in their support. But let me point out some areas where the need is great on the field as I observed them.

1. **The Hospital at Bethesda Mission.** We know that the Government grant is far from being adequate to meet the financial need there. Salaries of the native nurses and other native personnel must be paid regularly. Food for the patients, drugs and supplies must be provided, just to mention a few of the urgent needs at the hospital. We certainly cannot expect our missionaries to make up this deficit out of their meager salaries.

2. **Secondary School at Bethesda Mission.** We have made application to the Government for a secondary school at the Mission. Approval for this has not been fully granted as yet. WE MUST BE READY TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE, if and when the grant is made to us. I believe that this is one of the most important steps that we could take on the Reserve at this time. We certainly should make this a matter of prayer daily.

3. **Church Buildings.** This is a need both in Rhodesia and in the Republic. Have you tried to hold services in the boiling sun or in the rain? It is not very conducive to worship is it? I am sure that Rev. Harold Kierstead in Rhodesia and Rev. Eugene Kierstead in the Republic could inform you of this need in their respective areas and the approximate cost of building churches. I know that we were grateful this past summer when money came to build a church at one of the "boreholes" in Rhodesia where services were being held out of doors.

4. **Training of Native Workers.** We have young native christian men on our missions who feel the call to study to preach the gospel to their own people, but who cannot go away to school because of the lack of funds. We need more native workers who are trained to preach and work

BETHANY FINANCIAL REPORT

To February 26, 1964

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| Amherst | 100% * |
| Barker's Point | 100 |
| East Ferry | 100 * |
| Fredericton | 100 |
| Glassville | 100 |
| Gordonsville | 100 |
| Houlton | 100 |
| Killam's Mills | 100 |
| Marvsville | 100 * |
| Millville | 100 |
| North Head | 100 |
| Old Town | 100 * |
| Perth | 100 |
| Presque Isle | 100 |
| Salem | 100 |
| Sussex | 100 |
| Victoria Corner | 100 * |
| Head of Millstream | 95 |
| Seal Cove | 95 * |
| Saint John | 91 * |
| Lower Brighton | 84 |
| Jonesport | 83 |
| Black's Harbour | 81 |
| Blissfield | 80 |
| Westchester | 80 |
| Mid. Southampton | 78 |
| Beals | 77 |
| Crystal | 77 * |
| Calais | 75 |
| Moncton | 75 |
| Sandford | 75 * |
| Woodstock | 75 |
| Yarmouth | 75 * |
| Hartland | 68 |
| Doaktown | 66 * |
| Grand Harbour | 65 |
| Havelock | 58 |
| Fort Fairfield | 50 |
| Woodwards Cove | 50 |
| Port Maitland | 47 |
| Grey's Mills | 40 |
| Royalton | 35 |
| Maple Ridge | 30 |
| Truro | 30 |
| Bloomfield | 13 |
| Meductic | 13 |

Perhaps not all Bethany Sunday offerings have been sent in. Any amount received after the above date will be credited next month.

We would be pleased to hear of any errors or omissions.

In Him,

Jack Stevens,

Business Manager

NOTE! An asterisk after a church name means that an offering has been received apart from budget.

among their own people. This would be a worthwhile investment and it would not be very expensive either. Our superintendents on the fields could be contacted regarding this also.

5. **A Car for Each Missionary Area.** Our missionaries cannot afford to buy their own cars on the salaries they are getting. It is very disconcerting to a missionary to be in debt for something that is deteriorating as fast as a car does. It is too bad when a missionary has to take on secular work to supplement his salary. It takes him from the very work that he was sent to the field to perform.

There will always be a call upon the hearts of our young people to go to serve Him on the foreign field as long as the opportunity remains open for them to go. I am being more and more impressed today that God is going to work through individuals to propagate His cause. Do not be surprised if God speaks to you in regard to financing some special project. Would it not be well to ask Him, "Lord what will you have me do"?

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Ed. Note:

Our very special thanks to Mr. Emmett for giving to Highway readers such well-prepared and excellent coverage of his trip to Africa. The editor speaks for everyone generally, but why not sit down and write a personal note of appreciation to Mr. Emmett. His address: Mr. Stora Emmett, Box 351, Milford, Maine.

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