



MARCH 1964 PRAYER CALENDAR

1. Special services at Ulindi, Swaziland — Rev. Charles Sanders in charge
2. Nina Haywood—Birthday
3. Senkobo Outpost, N. Rhodesia, where a new church and native preacher's house is being built—several outposts in the area—native preacher Muuka will be located there
4. Libuyu Church, N. Rhodesia, native location just outside Livingstone—this area is a hot bed of political trouble
5. Misuiie outpost, S. Rhodesia, 2nd year of having a day school located there—Jonathan Sibanda, a young Christian, is teaching and holding Sunday services
6. Chidobe outpost, S. Rhodesia—Rev. Eric Haywood and preacher Philip Sibanda in charge
7. Mizpeh outpost, S. Rhodesia—many church members have moved—the work needs revival—Rev. Eric Haywood and Preacher Philip Sibanda in charge
8. Services at Odolongwane, Paulpietersburg District, Rev. Karl Gorman in charge
9. Bore Hole 36, S. Rhodesia—strong religious cult influence in the area—pray for triumph of the Gospel
10. Chisuma-outpost, S. Rhodesia, new church building built this year—small number of women, many children, very few men attending—Dr. Emmett in charge
11. Bore Hole 10, S. Rhodesia—pray for Sunday School work here
12. Simagade, S. Rhodesia, one of best church spiritually and in numbers—pray that it may continue to grow—Dr. Emmett pastoring here
13. Rosamond Dow Memorial Church at Bethesda—Preacher Nyoni in charge—work needs revival
14. Bore Hole 56, S. Rhodesia, pray for the church and school work there
15. District Meeting at Ermelo—closing Sunday—Rev. A. Sibiya, evangelist
16. Bore Hole 83, S. Rhodesia, and Bore Hole 130—located in a difficult area—Rev. Gene Hudson in charge
17. Bore Hole 43—new outpost opened by Rev. Gene Hudson—pray for new converts here
18. Cheryl Hudson—Birthday
19. Bore Hole 44, S. Rhodesia, Rev. Gene Hudson in charge—pray for revival
20. Continued possibility of mission work in the Wankie area of S. Rhodesia among the Munanzwa people (no written language)—God's guidance and direction in the starting of work which would include schools and a clinic
21. Native workers meeting held at Bethesda, S. Rhodesia, 3rd Saturday of each month
22. Special services at Altona Mission Station, Rev. Mbo-kazi and Rev. Sibiya in charge
23. Prayer of thanks that a replacement for Rev. Glendon Kierstead has been found while he is to be on furlough this year
24. For Rev. William Morgan as he relieves Rev. Glendon Kierstead at the Bible School in June
25. Paul and Mary Sanders—that their visits to the churches may be an inspiration and a blessing
26. The Sanders Memorial Church which is being built at Kalfontein, Reef—that construction may soon be a reality
27. Easter week-end services in Rhodesia

PEOPLE, NOT THINGS

S. L. Morgan

A church society sent a lonely old lady a Christmas box of good things and a lovely hot dinner on a decorated tray. She accepted it gratefully as a gracious act. But she told the man who brought it, "Tell the kind ladies, I thank them sincerely, but tell them it is **people** I want, not things."

I know, even from experience, what the old saint meant. Countless thousands of lonely old people deeply long to say the same thing. I'm not guessing. Some widely-published articles on the loneliness of old people have brought me in the past few years literally hundreds of letters from lonely old people in gratitude for my telling the world just how lonely is their suffering for people who care about them.

A great old widow of a minister in Texas, during her last several years, wrote me often how painful was her loneliness. Nor was she a grouch soured by neglect. Her pastor wrote me once what a radiant soul she was, and how helpful she was to him and others—writing many poems, which she sent to the sick and shut-ins near and far.

She wrote, "I visited much as long as I could walk, but at eighty I became a shut-in. I was long active as teacher and leader in our Sunday-School and missionary groups. And I'm not complaining; I'm only thinking of the hundreds of lonely people less fortunate than I. It only seems strange how many weeks pass in which no one from my church comes in with a cheery word, or even rings my phone. In my good home and with a loving daughter, I can stand it. But I grieve for those less fortunate.

My own experience makes her meaning poignant to me. The young wife of a professor spoke to me at the post office a comforting word without a parallel in all my life, save only the word that came with tears from a neighbor at my mother's death. The young woman had heard of the mental breakdown of my one-time brilliant wife and soul-companion. With a look of deep sympathy that went to my heart, she said only, "I'm so sorry!" It sang its comfort in my heart all day long. She understood my lonely Gethsemane and really cared. The same day she appeared at my door with something for the table, but did not come in—then nor since. If she only had! Even to her, and to the world, I'd like to say strongly, "It's **people** we want in our Gethsemane, not things!"

I'd like to ring that word into the hearts of all philanthropists, all social and welfare workers, all church groups: "It's **people** we want, not things!"

SAYS CHRISTIANITY TRAILS ISLAM IN WINNING CONVERTS

The Rev. John T. Watson, general secretary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, says Christianity is running behind Islam in winning converts among the African people. For every convert to Christianity among Africa's uncommitted millions there are two to Islam, he reported.

28. Special Easter week-end meetings in the Republic of South Africa
29. That the glorious message of Easter may be made known throughout the mission fields today to those who have never heard
30. Need for funds for preacher's house to be built at Gobeni church so a resident preacher may move there
31. Prayer of thanks that South African government has given approval for a second clinic in the Altona area.

The King's Highway