

is a small man. And he can be found at either extremity of the ecclesiastical spectrum. The "ecumaniac" and the unloving Bible-Belter are both men of one fact — compelled to travel in a spiralling circle by their ever-shortening one-fact strings.

The Sword of the Lord

We Christians have our own devices to oppose these wiles of the Devil. We can "prove all things" (1 Thess. 5: 21). We can "judge all things" (1 Cor. 2: 15). We can "try the spirits" (1 John 4: 1). Our most effective weapon in this case is the sword of the Lord (Heb. 4: 12), which can pierce to the heart of any confusion. We do not see enough examples of this kind of warfare in our age — the discerning use of Scripture to cut through confusing issues. The challenge of this decade to evangelical Christians is: learn to make fine distinctions on the authority of the Word and thereby thwart the wiles of the Devil.

Howard Cogswell

FOREIGN MISSIONS REEF (JOHANNESBURG) AREA CALLING

Dear Homeland Friends,

Where shall we start, and lift the silence curtain, asking you to join us afresh in praise and prayer, for this section of HIS Harvest Field?

A distressed cry for prayer; all things are possible with God, this is after all, His work. **Vosloorus** — Boksburg's brand new Native City; you will remember, when we left for furlough they hadn't built the first house, now there must be 4000 homes — built by the white people, for the Black People; the Bantu.

We have a young couple, Robert Mdhla-lose and his wife, both graduates of our Bible School, living in this "City". You will recollect our telling of how the Lord had provided a room to hold Sunday School in.

Robert and his wife have been living in a rented room; now they are enforcing the rule that subletting is not allowed, and that roomers (lodgers) will be prosecuted. The Police have warned Robert, that he will be arrested.

I have seen all the Officials concerned, had a long talk with the Director; they all hold to it that they cannot relax the rules, there is a great shortage of houses, and all they can offer is accommodation for Robert in the men's Hostel; his wife should go and live with her father in Daveyton 24 miles away!!

Do join in praying that the Lord will somehow enable them to live in Vosloorus so as to continue with the Sunday School.

Daveyton, let us praise the Lord together that the work continues to be encouraging, with new ones seeking the Lord. Our weekly Bible study in Preacher Kumalo's home is well attended, interest is keen as we search the Scriptures; the Holy Spirit guiding and blessing.

The 7th was communion Sunday in Natal-spruit, Mary and I had a blessed time with our people there. The sermon was on the meaning of seven of God's names. This went over well with the Natives; you see, their only way of recording history, used to be by reciting the complementary names of their chiefs or warriors, which described their exploits in war, etc.

Rhodesia; Mary and I were highly pleased to be invited to accompany our Superintendent and family on their last trip to Bethesda Mission Station for the annual Native Conference.

It was fine being with our fellow Missionaries again; and for me to meet the Hudsons.

Preacher Ngwenya (Mr. Crocodile) came forward to let me know he was one of those who gave themselves to follow the Lord, in the first days of the Work up there; when Harold, Erick and I went to "spy out the land".

In those days many families had just been brought up from Bulawayo, had not yet built houses to live in, and were very pleased indeed at the promise of Missionaries to work among them; and establish schools. The Hospital had not yet been thought of, then.

You Dear Homeland People have done nobly for the Rhodesian Field! A great deal of hard work has been put in up there. We do praise the Lord for the visible results:— a very large number of Native Christians, old and young; the Conference was held at an Outpost, four miles from the main Station. The nice little Grass Roofed church was too small for the large number of Christians who gathered; this was, however, no problem, the area being well wooded, they had put up shelters, of branches.

Mary and I were delighted to take part in the activities of the Conference; she taking the Womens Classes and I the Bible. There were many to be examined for baptism, the final total being twenty; mostly very young people. Zulu is the Language used in this area.

The main Station, Bethesda, is as you know, very well laid out; and consists of many well built Brick buildings. The row of Missionaries' homes face down the slope where the Hospital is to the right, and the Church left; Preacher's home and Native staff quarters further to the left, while the new Domestic Science building is behind the first Missionary's home a short distance up the slope.

The whole Station enjoys piped water, pumped from a Bore-hole by a diesel engine; another larger one, drives the generator of the fine Electric lighting system.

The thousand mile journey up and the same back (through Bulawayo) was very pleasant, without mishap, thank the Lord. The country is exceedingly dry: the rainless winter following a summer with very little rain — many cattle have died in some of the areas we traversed.

Our testimony is that we love the Lord who all our burdens in His body bore, each day He grows still sweeter that He was the day before; we want to serve Him better as the days go by.

Yours for precious souls,
Paul and Mary Sanders.

Bethesda Mission Hospital,
Victoria Falls, P. O.,
Rhodesia
Oct. 3, 1966

Dear Highway Friends,

Greetings from Rhodesia, the land of beauty, wild animals, heat and sand!

It has been just one week since we arrived at Bethesda, and it has been full of learning experiences. After a tremendous send off at the Fredericton Airport, and a few enjoyable days in London, we were soon initiated into our new role here.

We were delighted to be met by the Superintendent of our African work, Glendon Kierstead along with Gene and Cheryl, and Bill and Elsie at Wankie Airport.

We feel we have been quickly accepted into the missionary family here, and everyone has been most generous and kind in helping us make adjustments (to such things as the heat, snakes, stray donkeys and dogs around the hospital etc!)

We were so sorry to have Uta leave us but are happy that she is able to have furlough now.

It seems to us that the hospital is very

overcrowded (with seventy patients in our thirty-three bed hospital), but actually it is much quieter at this season. We haven't yet quite become accustomed to stepping over and around patients between and under beds and between laundry tubs (for patients with infectious disease).

It is a very touching sight to see a row of young children sleeping on the cement floor with a single blanket over about six of them.

The natives laugh hilariously at our attempts to speak their language, or even pronounce their names. (We laugh too!)

We are very impressed with the work being carried out here and the spiritual emphasis and concern evidenced by Dr. Emmett and staff at the mission.

We expect our time here to be personally rewarding and trust we will be able to make a worthwhile contribution.

Sincerely,
Ruth and Roberta.

MISSIONARY S.O.S.

Missionary salaries cannot be paid this month unless funds are received immediately by the treasurer, Rev. Fred Whittey, Perth, N. B. Let us respond to this need NOW.

A CONCERNED MOTHER

Anyone hearing the news of the tragic accident near Moncton, N. B., claiming six lives, would surely be shocked. As I listened a few days later to a radio commentator say that one factor responsible for the accident was excessive speed, but the person responsible was found crushed and torn behind the wheel, still clutching a bottle of booze, I could not help but weep, as a wave of helplessness swept over me, and I wondered what one could do to hinder such tragedies.

Think of the sorrow, suffering and tears, but even greater think of a soul going out to meet God clutching a bottle of booze!

Think of one of our precious boys or girls killed in such a tragic accident, and even greater would be our sorrow and remorse, if such a comment made about this accident was true of our boy or girl!

I beg of you, parents, **take** your boys and girls to a Church and Sunday School that teaches total abstinence, and even then the Devil will get too many of them.

Mrs. Edgar Sabine

BUDGET PAYMENTS

By the end of November one half of budget allotments should be paid. Each department of the denominational program needs your support. Bring **your** church payment up to date. Please!