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YOU CAN WIN SOULS TOO



Sandars Sibanda came to Matopo Bookroom after training at Dorothea Mission.



Mary Brechbill has spent 25 years in Christian work in Rhodesia



Aaron Bhebhe has just finished training at the Wanezi Bible Institute

Has Jesus Christ forgiven your sins? Then you are a happy man or woman, because this is the most wonderful thing that can happen to anybody. But what about the people who do not know Jesus yet? How are they going to find out about Him? Jesus said that it is our job to tell them.

But perhaps you do not know how to win souls. Perhaps you are afraid. Or you don't know what to say.

We talked to three people who work at the Matopo Bookroom. In their work they spend time visiting people and winning them to Christ. We asked them questions about their work. Perhaps their answers will help you.

Question: Why do you enjoy telling people about Jesus Christ?

Mr. Sibanda: Because He forgave my sins and I want my friends to know Him.

Mrs. Brechbill: Because I want people to be happy in this life and in the life to come.

Mr. Bhebhe: Because I have a burden that this salvation which I have should be passed on to someone else.

Question: Are you sometimes afraid to speak? How do you overcome this?

Mr. Sibanda: Yes, sometimes I am afraid. People can become angry with me when I speak of Jesus Christ. They say, "He is not from our tribe. He is a European." Sometimes they ask me, "Can you really see God or Jesus?" I say, "Yes, by believing I can see Him in this room." I overcome my fear when I remember that Jesus is in me all the time.

Mrs. Brechbill: No, I am not afraid now, but I was at first. I overcame

it by praying about it. I found that the more I spoke to people the less afraid I was.

Mr. Bhebhe: It takes courage to talk to some people. You have to listen to how they talk and then answer them wisely and turn them to the Word of God.

Question: What do you think is the best way to begin?

Mr. Sibanda: First I pray and ask for power. Then God leads me to the houses of people who need Him. I tell them I am a Christian and I come with good news.

Mrs. Brechbill: There are many different ways. I like to get people to talk about themselves. Sometimes they will tell me that they are not happy, or they will tell of some need. Then I can show them that the One they need is Jesus Christ.

Mr. Bhebhe: I say, "Do you know Jesus?" They say, "Yes." Then I say, "Have you received Him as

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your own Saviour?" If they say "no", then I tell them that they do not really know Him unless they have received Him. I tell them how to receive Him.

Question: Do you find that people like tracts? What do you do if they refuse them?

Mr. Sibanda: Some people are hungry for tracts but some refuse them. If they do, I explain what is in the papers and they usually take them.

Mrs. Brechbill: Yes, people like tracts. I have not found anyone who refused.

Mr. Bhebhe: Some people say, "We understand better when you tell us and then we read the papers which you give us." But some refuse. I say, "Some day you will call for them and the time will be closed."

Question: What Scripture verses do you use when you speak to people about Christ?

Mr. Sibanda: I use Isaiah 53: 1-5 and I John 1: 9.

Mrs. Brechbill: Romans 3: 23 helps people see their need of a Saviour. John 3: 16 shows them who the Saviour is.

Mr. Bhebhe: With rich people in town I use Mark 10: 17-22.

Question: Have you been able to lead someone to Christ? How did it happen?

Mr. Sibanda: One day I went to visit a man here in town who was a great sinner. He said, "God cannot forgive me because I have done too many sins. I have been fighting and stealing and lying."

I said, "That is the devil in you doing these things. If you want to be a son of God, repent and confess your sins."

He prayed with me and received Christ. Now he comes to church and I still give him tracts to encourage him.

Mrs. Brechbill: There was a teacher with whom I worked at one of the missions. She had left the mission and had gone into sin. I had not seen her for more than twenty years.

One day her sister came and told me that she was in hospital. I visited her and gave her tracts and prayed with her. Later I wrote her a letter and I asked many of my friends to pray for her.

Two or three weeks later I received a letter. She thanked me for my visit and said, "My heart is changed." I believe she repented on that day.

Mr. Bhebhe: I had a friend near my home who was not a Christian. I began to stop at his village on my way to church and ask him to go with me. He agreed to go, and as we walked we talked about the way of salvation.

He said, "The way is too hard."

I answered, "With you it is hard, but with Jesus it is easy."

One day at church he said, "Now I feel that all you have said is from the Scripture and it is true." That day he accepted Jesus into his heart.

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FROM THE BISHOP'S PEN

I Have Lost My Bible

It was one day after school. A little girl of seven years came crying to her teacher.

"Teacher, I have lost my Bible," she said. "Can you help me find it?"

The Bible was easy to find. It was under some other books on one of the desks. With a bright smile the child picked up her Bible and held it tightly against her heart. Her Bible was not lost after all.

But what if she had really lost it? And what if you lost yours and I lost mine? Suppose we could not find them again and could not get new ones. What if there were no Bibles in our land and a real famine for the Word of God came to us. That would be a terrible thing, wouldn't it?

At certain times in the past it has been very hard for people to find a Bible. A thousand years ago only the rich people had enough money to buy Bibles. Even today Bibles are few in some countries. Not long ago I heard of a country where three men had to read the same Bible. One man learned to read it upside-down and another learned to read it from the side. At another place there was only one Bible. It was chained to a pole in the church, and people waited in a queue to have a chance to read it.

It is hard to think of our world without the Word of God. The Bible tells us about past things which have happened and about things which are going to happen later on. It tells us who God is and why He loves us. It shows us how to be saved from sin and how to live to please our Saviour.

Is your Bible lost? If you are not reading it, **it is lost**. If you are not obeying it, **it is lost**. If you do not love it, **it is lost**.

The Bible can be your best friend. Read it, learn it, love it, and follow it always.

BISHOP J. E. MUSSER.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.—Psalm 119: 105.

Nangu-Ke Ofaneleyo Ebandla

AGRIPPA V. MASIYE

Sasihlezi sihonqolozele itafula okwakulephepha laMazwi Amahle likaDecember phezu kwalo. Ngi-the ukulibona, ngalidobha. Kodwa ngingakalifundi, lo esasisendlini yakhe wathi, "Yilo lelo iphepha lapha owasifaka umlandu wokuthi ebandla singe-nela izikhundla, indawo yezikolo, ukuzuza izithunzi lokuthola impilo elula."

Ngathula zwi ngalindela ukuba aqhubekele phambili.

Wasesithi, "Kanti sibili lina libona njani ukuba ebandla singenela lezizinto? Futhi, kanti lina lenze-lani ukwahlulela abanye lithi kabakholwa, kodwa lona iBhayibheli lingavumi ukuba sahlulele?"

Ngamphendula, "Kulula ukwazi abantu. IBhayibheli lithi, 'Liyakubazi ngezithelo.' Ephepheni lika-December kasahlulelanga muntu kodwa saloba lokhu esikubonayo lalokhu abantu abakutshoyo ngathi thina abebandla. Singeke sidelele lokhu abantu abakutshoyo ngebandla likaKristu."

Wasethi, "Pho, sifanele singeneleni ebandla?"

Okokuqala sifanele sazi ukuthi ukubasebandla kutsho ukuthi sesiphendukile ezonweni zethu. Kutsho ukuthi uNkulunkulu sethethetelele izono zethu njalo sesizelwe ngokutsha. (Johane 3: 3.) Lokhu kuyisiqukoqela. Ngemva kokuzalwa ngo-kutsha, sesingangena ebandla sesifakaza ukuba sesi-ngabantwana bakaNkulunkulu abangena emhlabini wabanye abantwana bakaNkulunkulu.

Kakulamuntu emhlabeni ongahlanza izono zethu. Abatshumayeli bethu bangeke bazihlanza izono zethu. Ukungena ebandla lokuthola isikhundla kungehlanze izono zethu.

UJesu kuphela nguye ongahlanza izono zethu.

Uthi Yena, "Zanini kimi." Atshi, zanini ebandla. Mathewu 11: 28. Kusobala-ke ukuthi yibuthutha ukungena ebandla umuntu edinga ukubukwa ngabantu abangeke bahlanze izono zakhe.

Siyananzelela ukuba lokuba abanye betshumayela belezikhundla khona lapha emhlabeni kodwa bayizoni na? IBhayibheli lithi bazalahlwa kuthiwe batshumayeza abanye bona bengasindiswanga. Kuyesabeka lokhu! Angithi-nje? Ukuthi umuntu abhode lapha lalapha okweminyaka eminingi ezama ukusindisa abanye kodwa yena alahlwe!

Njalo ukubasebandla kutsho ukuthi sesilungisile amacala ethu kubo bonke esabonayo. Kutsho ukuba sesilungise wonke amacala ethu esiwakhumbulayo njengoZakewu. Luka 19: 8. Kutsho ukuba sesiphephise bonke esabonayo njalo sabuyisela esakuthola ngendlela embi.

Wasebuza wathi, "Singenzani ngabantu abasebandla kodwa bengakholwa?"

Kulutshwana esingakwenza ngempilo yomunye. Ngeyethu, ye, kunengi. Lapha ebandla uhlupho lubangwa yikuthi sibukhali ekuboneni iziphambeko zabanye kodwa siyiziphofu ekuboneni ezethu. Kasi-

zihloleni thina ngokwethu njalo sizibuze ukuthi kanti ngani sisebandla. Kuyasweleka lokhu ngoba sizakuma phambi kweNkosi sizilande ngemisebenzi yethu. Kakho ozalanda eyomunye.

Kulaba abayaziyo iNkosi, ukubasebandla kutsho ukuphilela iNkosi; siphile impilo eqotho sisensitha lasobala. Mathewu 7: 5. Kasingehluleli silahle abanye sithi babi, kodwa kasibathande, sibasize sibadonsele kuKristu, atshi ebandla leli elibonakala ngamehlo kuphela. Kasilahleni umoya wokuzitshaya abangcono kulabanye. Kasizikhumbuze izikhathi zonke ukuthi ukungena ebandla noma ukuphatha isikhundla esiyiso esikhulu kakusindisi muntu.

Kasizikhumbuze kokuphela ukuthi ukufunda, lokuphucuka kasikusindiswa ezonweni. Ukufunda esikolo sebandla kasikusindiswa. Ukuba lezikolo ezinengi zebandla kasikho okuzasindisa abantu. Imfundo kayisindisi ezonweni. Izimpi zomhlaba, eka-1914-1918 leka-1939-1945 zalwiwa ngabantu esithi bafundile baphucukile. Kweka-1939 kusiya-1945 kwafa abantu abangu-28,000,000. Kwagokeka abangu-58,000,000. Isihluku esinje senziwa ngabantu esithi bafundile baphucukile. Angithi uya-bona kuhle-ke ukuthi imfundo engelaKristu yenzani!

Imfundo lempucuko ilolonga isimilo somuntu. UKristu uyaguqula umuntu abamatsha.

Omunye wathi, "Izinto zomhlaba sezigwele ebandla, lezebandla sezigwele emhlabeni sekuze kunzima ukwahlukanisa ibandla phakathi komhlaba."

Kambe uyake unakane ngokuthi ngokungena ebandla ungaphendukanga ungumzenzisi? Ukuzenzisa yisono. Ngalokho-ke nxa ungena ebandla ungaphendukanga wengeza esinye isono phezu kwalezi ovele ulazo!

Nxa lokhu othi uyikho kungesikho oyikho, ungu-mzenzisi. UNkulunkulu uyakubona labantu bayakubona. Lawe uyazibona.

Nankuke umbuzo ukujamele. Usebandla ngo-kweqiniso na?

Nanka amavesi athunywe ngabantu ukuphendula lindaba:

Okholwa iyo akalahlwa; kodwa ongakholwa uselahliwe, lokhu engakholwa egameni leNdodana ezelwe yodwa kaThixo.— UJohane 3: 18. MRS. MBOBOZO KHUMALO.

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Ningakholwa kanjani nina, enamkela ukudunyiswa abanye kwabanye, ningafuni ukudunyiswa okuvela kuThixo yedwa na?— UJohane 5: 44. NAKA ELISI NKALA.

CHURCH NEWS



Old and New Missionaries Come

The new superintendent of Macha Mission is an old friend of people all over Rhodesia and Zambia. In January the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Mann returned to work in Africa after being away for ten years.

The Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Shenk are working at Phumula Mission after their year in America. Miss Edith Miller is now teaching at Macha Mission after finishing her M.A. degree. Miss Edna Switzer has returned to teach in the Wanezi Bible Institute.

Two new missionaries are also working at Wanezi Mission. Miss Barbara Stansfield and Miss Sharon Weisser came in October and spent two months studying Ndebele. Now they are teaching in the secondary school.

New teachers in the Choma Secondary School are the Rev. and Mrs. Glen Swartz. Many people remember Mr. Swartz from the time he spent here as umsizi or mugwasyi.

Five new young men have come to work in Zambia as bagwasyi instead of taking army training in America. They are Douglas Crider, Gerald Peckman, Ronald Gayman, Jesse Stoner and Stanley Eyster.

Regional Conference

It will soon be time for the churches to meet together again for the big meetings.

In Zambia the Regional Conference will be held from April 21 to April 24. The Zambia Church Executive Committee has decided that this meeting will be held at Macha Mission.

In Rhodesia the Regional Conference will be held from May 4 to May 8. The Rhodesia Church Executive Committee will choose the place for this conference.

Again this year there will be programmes at the conferences given by the different committees of the church. You will enjoy these programmes. You must plan to come. Pray for these meetings.

Missionaries to Help Evangelists

In May the Rev. and Mrs. Glen Frey will return to Africa to take up new work. The church has decided that two missionaries in Rhodesia should be given the work of helping to build up the church. The Freys will visit outstations, plan special meetings, and help the evangelists and preachers in any way they can.

In Zambia the mission superintendents will help with this work. The superintendents of Macha and Sikalongo Missions are now asked to spend one half of their time in evangelism work, so that the church may be built up.

Sika lapha

AMAZWI AMAHLE

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Ngithumela 3/- yemnyaka emithathu.

Win Your Own Children To Christ

AMMON S. MWEETWA

Do we really love our children? If the answer is "yes", then let us think about the most important thing we can do for them. We remember Hannah, who promised to give her son Samuel to God. We, too, want to give our children to God, but since we know that they also must choose for themselves, how can we help them to make the right choice?

There are many things which we can do to win our children to Christ. First, we need to let them see Him in our homes. Do our children know that we really love God?

We must have family prayers and let them sing spiritual songs. We need to pray with them and give them time to say their prayers, too.

When we as parents pray, we should mention each of their names in prayer and ask blessing from God for them.

We ought to buy books for our children, and we should buy them clothes and food. Sometimes we do not buy as many things for our children as we should.

OUR HOME



It is also our work to teach our children the things which they read in books. They will understand better if their parents teach them the good ways of God and His love for them.

Most Christian parents have read or heard interesting stories about God. Do you not think these stories will be even more interesting to our children if we tell them in a nice way?

We must teach our children about sin and show them that they are sinners. When we see them do wrong, we must speak to them about it.

We must show them that their sins can be forgiven if they are sorry.

It is our work to ask them to repent. We must tell them how, and help them to do it. Then we must show them that a Christian is different from people who are not Christians.

We must help them be strong against Satan.

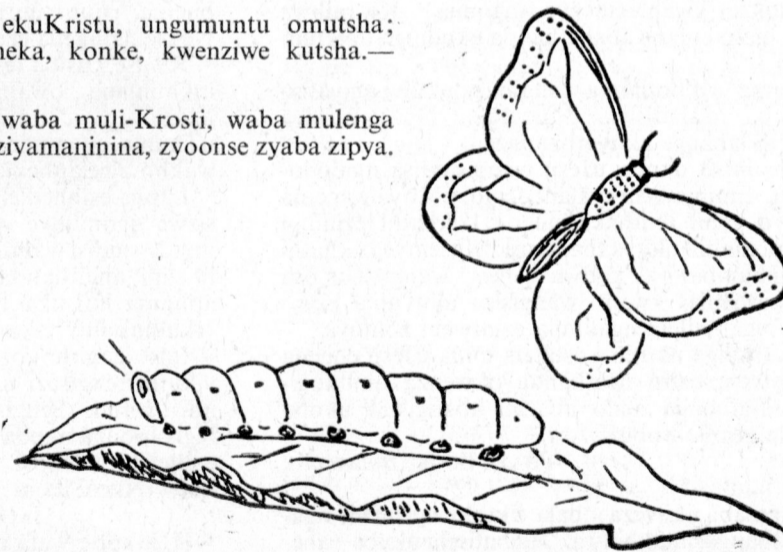
LET US BEGIN NOW, FOR OUR WORK IS GREAT.

A Lesson for the Children

Use this picture to teach your children what it means to become a Christian. Just as an ugly worm changes into a butterfly, so a sinner becomes new and beautiful when God saves him. Help your children to colour the picture with a pencil, and teach them to say the verse by heart. Tell them they must be changed too.

Njalo uma umuntu ekuKristu, ungumuntu omutsha; okwakuqala kudlulile; bheka, konke, kwenziwe kutsha.— II AbaseKorinte 5: 17.

Aboobo kuti muntu waba muli-Krosti, waba mulenga mupya. Zintu zikulukulu ziyamaninina, zyoonse zyaba zipya.— II Ba-Korinto 5: 17.



NGAKHOKHELWA KUJESU

Funda lokhu ukufakaza. Ucabanga ukuthi laba bantu nga basindiswa na aluba omunye umuntu kazange athembeke ekuthandazeni, ebafundisa, ekhuluma labo ngokuswela kwabo uJesu?

Sijayele ukuguqulwa yilokhu abantu abakutshoyo. Eginisweni, uNkulunkulu wakwenza kwabangumsebenzi womuntu ukuletha abanye abantu kuye. Izimpilo zethu kokuphela zikhuluma kwabanye. Kambe uNkulunkulu angakusebenzisa na ukuba ulethe abanye kuye?

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Abantu abangisiza ngaphenduka ngumkami lomama. Ulimu wangibusisa ngokungipha uma okholwayo. Wangipha njalo umkami okholwayo. Ngalabo bobabili ngiyabonga uNkulunkulu.

Mina ngangilahlekile kakhulu. Akukho ukona engingakwenzanga. Kodwa uJesu wangifumana. Khathesi sengifisa ukusiza abanye abanengi ukubuya endleleni kaMlimu, ngoba ngiyakwazi ukuthi bayahlupheka sibili. Konke abakwenzayo bayakufihla. Bayacatsha.

Umuntu osindisiweyo uyafisa ngezikhathi zonke ukubona abanye bephenduka. Nxa ngisiyakwenza umsebenzi kaNkulunkulu, ngiqala ngokukhuleka, ukuze ngingaphambanisi ngikhulume okwami. Njalo ngiyabathela abantu ukuthi mina ngangilahlekile katshana kakhulu. Kodwa uMlimu wathi, "Noma izono zenu zibomvu, ngonithethelela."

Ngiyabonga ukuthi uJesu Kristu ungipha uMoya omutsha kakhulu.

SHADRECK S. DUBE, Kwakwe Church.

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Kwathi ngileminyaka emihlanu ngahamba labazali bami emhlanganweni wemvuselelo. Ekuvalweni kwenkonzo kwahlathelwa ingoma. Kwanikwa ithuba njalo kulaba ababethanda ukudinga uNkulunkulu.

Umama wakhothama wangibuza ukuba ngiyafisa na ukuba ngisindiswe. Ngavuma. Ngase ngisiya phambili labanye ukuyathandaza.

Ngileqiniso ukuba uJesu wangisindisa ngalobobusuku. Eminyakeni eyalandelayo, uMoya wagcina inhliziyoyami ibuthakathaka. Izikhathi eziningi ngaya phambili ukuya thandaza. Ngezinye izikhathi ngangiphambanisa kodwa uJesu wangitshengisa ukuphambanisa kwami wangisiza ukuvuma isono sami. Ngalindlela ngakhula ezintweni zomoya.

Ngiyabonga ukuthi kusukela mhla uJesu engena enhliziyweni yami ngathanda ukwenza okulungileyo. Ngibonga njalo abazali abangisiza ukuba ngiphile impilo yobuKristu.

THATA BOOK, Bulawayo.

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Kangesabi ukuveza obala ukuthi ngizalwa ngabantu abangasimakholwa. Ngibafisela ukuba bangamakholwa njalo ngijayele ukuzibuza ukuthi,

"Kambe abantwana abangamakholwa ngaba labazali abangamaKristu bodwa na?"

Sengibonile ukuba impendulo ngu atshi. Abazali bami bangithumele esikolo. Njalo bangivumela ukuba ngingene ensontweni. Ngangena eSunday School lapha engafunda khona ngobuKristu.

Ngafunda iBhayibheli ngabona ukuba kakulampilo emuntwini aluba engasimKristu. Ngase ngiphenduka. Ngabhaphathizwa.

Ngalokhu ngiyabonga ngoba abazali bami bangivumela ukuba ngiye ensontweni. Njalo ngibonga amaKristu athembekileyo angifundisayo. Ngenxa yabo khathesi ngingumKristu njalo ngithemba ngizaqhubekela phambili ngingumKristu.

LEONARD J. M. MOYO, Tsomo Church.

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UJesu ngiyamthanda kakhulu sibili. Umntwana wonke umele ukumthanda uJesu ngokuba wasifela thina. Ngifuna ukumlandela uJesu ngokuba wangi-fela. Ngifuna ukumlalela uJesu.

Nxa ufuna ukuhamba laye, mlandlele. UJesu ufuna uphenduke ubhaphathizwe. Umama lobaba ngiyabathanda. Kumele ngilalele uJesu lomama lobaba.

Ukukhuleka yinto enhle kakhulu sibili. Sizwa kuthiwa kudala abantu babekhonzisa izithombe. Kwakukubi. Babengamazi uJesu, besithi izithombe ziyabasiza.

SIBUSISIWE SIBANDA,
oleminyaka engu-9, Wanezi Mission.

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NgangingumKristu okwesikhathi eside ngingakangeneni umsebenzi wokutshayela izimota. Ngasebenza eKitwe okwesikhathi eside. Ngathola abanengi abangifundisa ukunatha lokubhema, izinto umKristu angafanelanga ukuzenza. Ngase ngingena ezonweni.

Kwase kusiba lesikhathi lapha engabulawa ngumkhuhlane owahlupha amadokotela amaningi ngaze ngaya esibhedlela seMacha. Udokotela uThuma engamfika eMacha wathi, "Umkhuhlane wakho awelapheki."

Lapha esibhedlela sengihlale isikhathi eside. Ngisizwe ngomunye wamanesi ukwazi ukuthi iNkosi inguMsindisi wami. Uyangifundela amavesi eBhayibhelinini angithandazele izinsuku zonke. Amavesi aphuma kuLuka 12 ngoJesu esithi, "Themba kuNkulunkulu," ayangithokozisa kakhulu.

Into engithokozisa kakhulu lapha esibhedlela yikuthi sengisazi uJesu Kristu njengeNkosi loMsindisi wami. Sengisazi ukuthi impilo yami izacina. Ngiyabonga ngoba uNkulunkulu ungibuyisile njalo endleleni yeNkosi. Khathesi kangesabi ukufa ngokuba iNkosi ilami.

JACOB MUSYAMBA, Macha Hospital.

(UJakobe wafa ngo-June 22. Sikholwa khathesi useleNkosi ayeyithanda kakhulu.)

Truth for Youth

Will You Marry Me?

BETH FREY

For three years Temba had thought that Musa was the nicest girl he knew.

In the beginning Temba had written to many girls, and many girls had written to him. There was Buhle. She was so pretty, but Temba's friends said that she was proud. Temba began to notice that she talked loudly when she was with other people. Her dresses were tighter and shorter than those of the other girls.

One day Temba talked to his father about Buhle. His father was wise. He said, "My son, be sure you look behind a pretty face. Looks can deceive." The next term Buhle was not at school. Temba knew that his father was right.

Another girl whom Temba liked was Mahleka. One day he happened to visit her home with his friend Amos. Mahleka was very funny. She told them stories all morning while her mother cooked food and worked. When they went on their way, Amos said, "I think Mahleka would not make a good wife. She is good for laughing and fun, but not for work."

And now Temba had finished his second year of teaching. He was beginning to long for his own home. In his box the pile of letters from Musa was getting bigger. For a year Temba had not written to any other girl.

Temba thought of Musa every day. He prayed for her, but most of all he prayed for God to show him His will for his life. He wanted to be very sure about his wife, for he had seen how easy it would be to make a mistake. He wanted God to lead him.

One evening Temba felt restless. He kept thinking of Musa. Finally he took a piece of paper from his box and started to make a list of the things he wanted most in a wife.

Respect was first on the list. Did he respect Musa? When he thought of her she seemed to be high above all the other girls he knew. Maybe she wasn't the prettiest, but she seemed to shine with a light from the inside. He knew she loved God above all else. Yes, he could almost bow before her with respect.

Would she be **true and faithful** as a wife? He was sure of that. One day he and Amos had visited Musa's home. He wanted much time to talk to her. But she would not let her mother prepare the food alone. How respectful she had been to her parents, inviting them to join the group of young people. Only her eyes spoke to Temba. He was sure he loved her.

One day Temba had met some children on the road. They were coming from Musa's school. He asked them about their teachers. They talked of

Musa. She was so kind. They said Miss Nyathi not only taught them but she told them of Jesus and asked them to repent.

"She loves us," they finished. And they rolled their toys down the road, leaving Temba to think about their words. **She loves children**, he wrote on his paper.

One day Temba and Musa had gone with some other teachers to the Agricultural Show at Gwanda. Musa looked clean and tidy, but Temba noticed that her dress was one she had worn last year. He saw that she was not spending all her money on clothes. **She is careful with money**, he wrote.

One time they had talked about money. "When I gave my life to Christ," she said, "I decided that I would give God the tithe of all I earn. Now I have money to help others."

After that Temba had read his Bible and had seen that God expects us to give much to Him. He also started to tithe. Yes, Musa had **helped him to know God better**.

Temba looked at his paper and then bowed his head in prayer. "Father in heaven, I see that You have been leading us together," he said. "Now I see Your will for us."

When he finished praying he took another paper from his box. On the first line he wrote, "Dear Musa."

Four weeks later Temba was on his way to visit Musa. His heart pounded! Musa had promised to be his. The parents had agreed. Now he was going to see her. The months of engagement would be such a happy time of learning to know each other and doing the things they enjoyed. They could read books together and plan for the future.

Suddenly Temba stopped.

He thought of all the people he knew who had spoiled their marriage by being in too big a hurry. They wanted to try the joys God planned only for a husband and wife. Instead of joy, they found sorrow and shame.

He thought of boys who laughed about the girls they had spoiled. Would he want Musa to be spoiled and shamed before all her friends? Never! Would he want Musa to meet him in the church knowing they were covering sin in their lives? Never! He and Musa would keep their bodies as the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Temba started on his way again. He knew that Christ held the answer to every problem. He and Musa would let Him lead their lives.

HOW TO BE SAVED

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BE SAVED. What do Christians mean by these words?

The Bible says, "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3: 23. This means that all people have broken God's law and will. It means that all people are separated from God by their sinful acts and their sinful natures.

To be separated from God makes people afraid and sad. Men everywhere want to know God and want to have peace with Him. We have fear when we read, "The soul that sins, it shall die." Ezekiel 18: 4 and Romans 6: 23.

Being saved means being changed so that we are no longer separated from God. It means that we are free from the word which says we must be punished. It means that we are forgiven.

How can a person be saved?

Before we can even begin to know about being saved, **we must understand that we are full of sin.** When we really see our sin through God's Word, and when we feel the sorrows in our lives which come from sin, then we are ready to ask for help. A man may be in trouble, but he will not ask for help until he knows that he is in trouble. A man will not want to be saved until he knows that he is a sinner and needs to be saved.

What is in Your Heart?

DO YOU HAVE

**FEAR
or
PEACE**

Jesus says, "Come. I will give you rest."

CHOOSE HIM TODAY, AND PRAY THIS PRAYER

Dear Father, I am a sinner. I am lost and I cannot help myself. I believe that Jesus died for my sins. I believe He can save me. I ask You now to forgive my sins and change my heart. Amen.

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The humble man in the story in Luke 18: 9-14 received help. He got an answer to his prayer because he saw that he was a sinner. Everyone who wants to be saved must see this.

The second step in being saved is to **confess**. Some people know they are sinners but they will not agree to it. Confessing our sin is very important to God. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." I John 1: 9. This confessing shows God what we want, and then He gives us the answer for our bad hearts.

When we confess, He says, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved." Acts 16: 30, 31. **Believing on Christ** is not just receiving with the mind, but receiving with the spirit. Believing means we agree that Christ is the only One who can save men and women. "Neither is there salvation in any other name." Acts 4: 12.

After we have followed these three steps, it remains for us to have faith in God's Word. God says we are saved if we have obeyed Him in confessing our sins and if we have believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 10: 9, 10.

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