



## Will & Dorothy Rogers

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### “I am a Christian, but...”

I met a man and after a friendly conversation asked him about his religious beliefs. He said he was raised in a Christian church, and thus believed in the Gospel, but he also followed his tribe's traditions and belief in his ancestors. His was a textbook case of 'syncretism', or the attempted merging of opposing faiths. Missionaries have told us again and again what a great problem this is in Africa, and in South Africa in particular. A little more questioning on my part and it became abundantly clear that his hope of salvation rested much more on his good works than on his faith in Christ.

As I silently prayed for wisdom, God opened the door to speak to him about his soul, and He gave me the boldness to 'wade right in'. The look on his face told me that the Word was sinking in and I felt that the conviction of the Holy Spirit was there. His aged mother must have seen that look on his face as well, for she suddenly had reason to leave and began calling him away.

He left, but not before I pleaded with him to have the courage to follow the truth. As with so much of our work these days, only eternity will reveal the outcome. But I believe that prayer will water that seed and by God's grace it will flourish.



#### **For PRAISE & PRAYER:**

\* I've had physical problems most of my life, but this year they've grown much worse. Here in South Africa God led us to just the right doctor! Perhaps it's because this doctor has lupus herself, but she quickly recognized in me some form of auto-immune condition. I've been to the corresponding specialists and had all the testing done, etc. that pretty much confirms her suspicion. Where we go from here, I don't know, but I guess it is nice to finally know.

\* Evidently the area of Durban is brimming with some kind of allergen that makes most new-comers experience sinus infections. Unfortunately, neither Dorothy or I have been exceptions, and both of us have had infections, and in my case it led to an inflammation of my stomach and duodenum.

\* We do most of our ministry in a poor area nearby, but once a month or so we will also be ministering in a larger church in Durban City. Once a month we also handle a leadership meeting attended by several pastors and other key men. This Saturday we'll be helping at a youth sports day. It's always great to work with youth, and we are always thankful to have opportunity to serve the Lord's people.

As always, we thank God for your prayers and your faithful support. Yours in Christ,

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