Mr. Mrs., Miss: ..........................

Dear Sir/Madame,

The Valdezia Bulletin started in February 1931. The aim was to found a local paper that would cater for the Schools and the Mission Stations and the people in this area. Accordingly, our first number (written in handwriting stencil) was sent to teachers in the various schools, and to Ministers in charge of Mission Stations. The response we received was a surprise. The people we approached did not only send us their subscriptions (3/- per annum at that time) but also gave us some extra donations which enabled us to increase our circulation and to improve the quality of writing by using typewriting stencils.

The more our paper was published the more was its field widened; people from far became interested in it and sent us their subscriptions. With this development it was evident that not only were our efforts appreciated by people but it was also quite clear that there was need for such a paper. However, as a result of this growth, our resources could not meet the new demands. In spite of this we tried to forge ahead, still unless we get a united backing we may disappoint our readers when one day we come to a halt. This should not be, and we ask for your generous support.

In order that our readers may look more cheerful when reading the Bulletin we have now decided to print it in the Printing press and no more use stencils. Already we have ventured an agreement with one of the Bantu Printing Companies in Johannesburg, This agreement involves the payment of a fairly big sum of money - the sum far beyond our resources. Our appeal, therefore, is made to you to help us to make this experiment a success. You will be pleased just as you have been when you saw our November Number. Donations will be acknowledged in the Bantu Press (if the donor has no objection), and by letter in any case.

"Joy is the most infectious thing; it spreads and catches. Happy natures lessen burden wherever they go." - R.W. Barbour

Signed: D.C. Manyika

E.A. Hakulu

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