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. . . May I say a very hearty welcome to all who are in tune with The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are very pleased to be back with you again at this time, and may I add that we have looked forward with anticipation for this time for we have with us a very special guest which I mentioned on the last broadcast. Many of you, I know, are personally acquainted with Brother Ostis Wilson and will be glad to hear his report from the mission field of Nigeria in West Africa.

But first listen to this scripture in John, chapter 10, and verse 2. "Therefore said he unto them, the harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." So without further comment let me turn this microphone to Brother Ostis Wilson.

(Brother Ostis) "Greetings to all of you out there in radio-land in the name of Jesus. Brother Willie, I surely appreciate this privilege to speak to the people that listen to your broadcast and thank you for this invitation. This program is fundamentally a missionary program and, therefore, the comment we would desire to make will be more along that line. The Jerusalem church in the beginning of this Christian era was not originally a missionary church even though Christ had given the commission to his apostles to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. It seems that they were spending their time together there in Jerusalem in the temple and breaking bread from house to house and were finding great joy in doing so. This is not exactly a weakness in the early church because this infant church must have time and chance to establish its roots well in the earth before launching out upon its mission to get the gospel to the entire world, but God when He saw that the time had arrived for the church to step up and fill a man's place in the world, so to speak, indicated His purpose and plan for the church by permitting severe persecutions to come among them to scatter them out of their cozy little nest and send them to other parts of the world, and they went carrying the gospel of Christ as they went.

This is God's plan and purpose for the church, and the church today has developed into its full-grown stage and, therefore, should be launching out with missionary activities in any and all parts of the world as is manifestly God's purpose for it.

We are told in the first chapter of Acts that Jesus began to do and teach during His life and ministry. The work of getting the gospel out and teaching the millions of earth the ways of God and the way of salvation through Jesus Christ was only begun in His ministry. When He went away, He left this responsibility on the shoulders of His church in the earth which is declared in the scriptures to be His body to carry on His life and ministry in the world to the glorious end of time.

Then, we are told in Acts 1:11 that this same Jesus who was taken away from them into heaven will so come in like manner as He went away. How solemn and stirring this is. This same Jesus who gave us this commission to go into all the world with His gospel and let all men know that Christ died for all is coming back again some of these days to see how well we have carried out this commission, and to reward us according as our works have been. Jesus said in His last commission to His apostles in the 28th chapter of Matthew to go and teach all nations, baptizing

