



The Mission Trail

GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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. . . We are happy to be back with our listeners on XEG and would like to say a very hearty welcome to all who are in tune with The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are thankful to be on this powerful radio station of XEG, and may I add a big "Thank You" to all of those who have helped to make this broadcast possible from week to week. We hope that each of you are well and enjoying the richest blessings of God both temporal and spiritual.

I am thinking of a question today found in the book of Ruth, chapter 2 and verse 19. Let me read it to you. "Where hast thou gleaned today?"

Now the background to this question is an interesting one and is certainly worthy of our consideration. I believe it can help us to better understand how we may reap more from this life; also receive a reward at the journey's end. Take, now, a look at a little of the background history in this case. When the famine was so great in the land of Bethlehem-Judah, a certain woman named Naomi with her husband and two sons moved to the land of Moab. In the course of time her husband died, also both of her sons which left her a widow with only her daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth. Both of these girls loved Naomi and desired to accompany her to her homeland, but Naomi advised them to remain where they were, assuring them she had no more sons to offer them for husbands. This advice Orpah took, but not Ruth for she emphatically stated in Ruth, chapter 1, and verse 16:

"Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God:"

She then continued with further proof of her love for Naomi in verse 17: "Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me."

Now you take someone with a love such as this, and you can rest assured that their love is not all in their speech but also is manifested by their actions. Ruth's life of devotion proved a great blessing to many other generations, for God provided her a good husband and from her descendants came the birth of Christ.

But back to the first text. "Where hast thou gleaned today?" This was the question Naomi asked Ruth when she came home from gleaning in the harvest field of Boaz. She had been treated kindly and found much favor and grace in the sight of her master.

But now let us consider this text in the spiritual application of today. "Where hast thou gleaned today?" While others are doing their part to gather in the gospel harvest, are you sharing your responsibility to God and man? Surely the task of carrying

the good news of the gospel to all the world is one which requires a combined effort on the part of God's people. There is something which we can all do.

First, we should all pray for God to send forth more laborers. Then we should be willing to go or speak a word in season or out of season, or, for that matter, any time when the opportunity presents itself. Then there are some who are not called to preach, but you are expected to help shoulder the burden to carry the gospel by whatever means God places in your hands.

Let us say like Isaiah of old when the question was asked "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" He came back with the voluntary offer: "Here am I; send me." See Isaiah 6:8.

Listen now to this very interesting letter from Brother Harland Smith who is so active in the Spanish speaking work in Mexico. Then after this I want to bring his voice directly to you by recording. So stay with us now for the report. I quote now from his letter.

"Dear Brother Murphey and co-workers,

Greetings again in the precious name of Jesus. I want to say that I am continuing to enjoy the broadcast sent by way of the printed page and thank God for the good work that you are doing. May He continue to bless your efforts to the good of souls.

I want to tell you of an experience in Mexico last weekend on the Indian reservation. God's presence fell on the service in a mighty way, hearts were touched and melted before the Lord, and four people sought salvation at an altar of prayer. They ranged from a teen-age girl, who to my knowledge had never been in service before, a young mother who came with babe in arms, an elderly, influential woman of the tribe who has been saved and is seeking a deeper experience with God, and last but not least, an old Indian chief in his seventies who wept freely before God, repenting of his sins. All testified to a definite victory and a determination to live for God. So outstanding was the Lord's presence in this meeting that I am sure the people and preacher will not be the same as the result.

I am happy to report that God is manifesting Himself in other mission stations likewise. Where Sister Edith Cole and Sister Carrie Shepherd are laboring, a young man was stricken ill, taken to the hospital, pronounced dead but was revived after some 15 minutes. He later testified that God did not take him because he was not ready to go. He said his heart was not clean and he desired to be saved. This caused other souls to be stirred with fear for their spiritual welfare. These are some of the current manifestations of God's working in our midst." End of quote.

Thank you, Brother Harland, for that very inspiring report of the advances being made in Mexico for the gospel.

Now I have sent Brother Smith some recordings of the messages, and here is his reply in his own words. Also his son Clifford is present with him. Then listen as they sing to you in Spanish.

(Brother Smith) Brother Willie and family, we have enjoyed reading the programs you have sent by letter, but it was a real thrill to hear your voices and to hear the

program from start to finish on this tape. We trust the Lord will continue to bless you in your labor of love and in His service.

(Clifford) Brother Willie, we have got just a little space, so Dad and I are going to sing you a little chorus in Spanish.

Spanish song with comments.

Thank you, Brother Smith and Clifford, for the song in Spanish. Now let us pray.

Our Father,

Take the message today and make it a blessing to all who are in tune. Also may it serve the great and noble purpose of spreading the gospel to all the nations of the earth in Christ's name we ask. Amen

Now notice the words of this poem by William Williams.

Kingdoms wide that sit in darkness,
Grant them, Lord, the glorious light;
And from eastern coast to western,
May the morning chase the night;
And redemption,
Freely purchased, win the day.

Fly abroad, thou mighty gospel;
Win and conquer, never cease;
May thy lasting, wide dominions
Multiply, and still increase:
Sway thy scepter,
Saviour, all the world around.

Then think of the cost of spreading the gospel both in sacrifice of earthly pleasures as well as financial cost, and I am sure you will agree it is not an easy road.

Song with comments.

This broadcast has been brought to you by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If we have been a blessing to you, we would appreciate hearing from you. Also, if you would like to receive printed copies of the message each week, address your request to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. They are mailed free upon your written request.

Until next Friday night at 11:00 P. M. C.S.T. this is your speaker Willie Murphey saying: May God bless you richly and a very pleasant "Goodnight".

At PRESS TIME we understand:

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We have just returned today from a trip to Arkansas which was an enjoyable one, and we trust was also profitable to the work of the Lord. For a long time we had looked forward to the few days which we were able to spend in this area near Rogers. Here we were in six services with the saints who meet in the community building there. It was indeed encouraging to see some of the fruit from the labors of Sister Cook, Sister Bray, and Sister Worrell and others who have worked so faithfully in this community. Sister Cook graciously opened her home and provided a welcome place for our family of six to stay while there.

Brother Vada McMillian who has been helping to feed the flock there was present with us in the night services. Also Brother Austin McMillian and his wife with their children were present in most of the services. It was also heart-warming to have Brother and Sister Sell, Brother and Sister Amos Porter, and Brother and Sister Pat Cole with a goodly number of the young people from Neosho, Missouri, in some of the services. The special songs which they sang were an encouragement to those in attendance. We will not soon forget how we enjoyed these few days in Arkansas, and how we have learned to love those in this community near Rogers.

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This scripture in Psalms 62:8 should serve to strengthen your reliance upon God for it says: "Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah."

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The Lord willing, we hope to attend the first weekend of the Hammond, Louisiana campmeeting which begins June 25, 1965. We are looking forward to meeting the saints there and pray for a refreshing time from the presence of the Lord.

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If you know any recent events or have any announcements which might be of interest to the church in this weekly report, why not let us know about them?

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We are still adding more names of those who are interested in receiving this printed copy of The Mission Trail. Would you like to have your's included? There is no obligation on your part.

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