



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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. . . And welcome to all who are tuned in for another broadcast of THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is your speaker Willie Murphey and we are very glad to be coming to you once again over this powerful station of XEG as we do each Friday night at 11:00 o'clock.

It has been a real thrill to hear from those who are interested in the work of the Lord. We hope that each of you are well and doing what you can in His service. May we not be like the unprofitable servant who hid his talent, but let us use all of our abilities to advance our Lord's work while it is day.

I am thinking of one of the last commandments given by our Savior before ascending to His Father. This is recorded in Matt. 28:19-20. I quote:

"GO YE THEREFORE AND TEACH ALL NATIONS"

"baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Ghost, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

I notice in this verse that He says to: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations." Now here is an unfinished task before us. The responsibility is clearly upon the shoulders of those who profess to be followers of Christ. If we fail to carry out this part of the call of God, then how shall we be able to stand before Him?

We also know that it is the bringing of the gospel to those who sit in darkness that will give them peace. Today there are many unreached fields where the people are hungry to know about the gospel. If we would do them a favor, render service for the Master, and also reap a reward at the ending of our journey here below, let us continue to spread the light of the gospel in every land.

Now for our broadcast at this time I have with me here my oldest daughter, Kathleen. Some of you will remember that she was with us on the broadcast earlier this summer and made a few comments. Kathleen is 19 and is very much interested in the missionary work. She has been of real service this summer in helping with the secretarial work here at The MISSION TRAIL. But it seems that her heart still yearns for Mexico where she spent considerable time and she loves this part of the Lord's work.

Perhaps you would like to hear a little more about this mission work directly from Kathleen. Here she is:

K: Thank you. Yes, I have enjoyed working with the people in Mexico. So often I have thought of the verse where Jesus said, "Whom the Son hath made free is free indeed." I think that when He said this He didn't mean our physical bodies as much as He meant that we were to be free from all things which would bind us in our actions and

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thoughts.

Yes, this is true. Now tell us whether you found those who were hungry for the gospel there?

K: Yes, so many are eager to hear the gospel. One man saw a Bible lying in the car and asked about it. We gave it to him and he started reading it. He said, "It is so beautiful." He enjoyed it so well that we gave it to him.

Now, was this Bible printed in Spanish?

K: Yes, Spanish is their language.

How well did you get along with the Spanish language?

K: I had several years of Spanish in school. This was a help but in some cases I found that it was hard for me to understand them and they had difficulties in understanding me.

Do you think it was also a help to you in learning Spanish to actually converse with the people?

K: Definitely so, because before you can understand any one you have to think as they think.

Now, I understand you had a Sunday school class and a sewing class. Were they in Spanish?

K: Yes.

About how many came regularly to this sewing class?

K: Between 13 and 15. At other times there were more which didn't attend regularly.

Did they seem to enjoy it?

K: Yes, they all wanted to know how to sew and even the mothers would have liked to have come but I already had a large enough class. Our house is so small that with even 13 or 15 in the room you could hardly move.

Now tell what was perhaps one of the most outstanding things you recall about these classes in Mexico.

K: The classes started when some of the girls wanted to learn how to sew. I said that I would be willing to teach them. Of course there is much talking about the services and many questions during the class. One evening I was sitting on the bed close to the machine and the rest of the room was full of girls. They were cutting quilt blocks from the material which was in the center of the room and all were talking. Some of them were waiting for their turn at the machine. One who was waiting came over and sat down beside me on the bed. She began asking me questions about, "Do you sleep here?" I told her that I did. "By yourself?" "Yes." "But--aren't you afraid?" I told her that I had no fear to sleep by myself. "But--the devil?" She glanced back across her shoulder at the window as if just the idea made her afraid. I went on to explain to her that there was no reason for me to be afraid as I had the Lord on my side and he had promised to protect me. This seemed to be a new idea to her--that the Lord takes away all fear. Many there are learning this truth and it is bringing much comfort to them.

They are also learning that the Lord can heal them when they are sick. One lady came to our house for her healing and after we had explained the scriptures of healing to her she was willing that we should pray for her. The Lord did hear and answer this prayer and she gives God all the glory for her healing.

And of course, it is a real blessing when they find that God can save them from sin and give them eternal life. At one service when we asked them to tell what God had done for them, there were several who gave their testimony. One told how God was his Savior, healer, his all in all. It was an inspiration and encouragement to us to work a little harder.

Very good. I am sure that there are those who will be glad to hear of your experiences

in this field.

Now, of course, there are others laboring in this area and we trust that God will bless their labors also.

Now, I know there are some deeply interested in missionary work, yet because of various reasons are unable to go themselves. Nevertheless, there are opportunities to do good all around us each day. So if each will do the task before them there is promise of a sure reward.

Now suppose you give us this poem which you have to encourage each one along the road of duty:

If you cannot on the ocean
Sail among the swiftest fleet
Rocking on the highest billows,
Laughing at the storms you meet,
You can stand among the sailors,
Anchored yet within the bay,
You can lend a hand to help them
As they launch their boats away.

If you are too weak to journey
Up the mountain, steep and high,
You can stand within the valley
While the multitudes go by;
You can chant in happy measure
As they slowly pass along--
Though they may forget the singer,
They will not forget the song.

If you have not gold and silver
Ever ready at command;
If you cannot toward the needy
Reach an ever-helping hand,
You can succor the afflicted,
O'er the erring you can weep;
With the Saviour's true disciples
You a tireless watch may keep.

If you cannot in the harvest
Garner up the richest sheaves,
Many a grain, both ripe and golden,
Oft the careless reaper leaves;
Go and glean among the briars

Growing rank against the wall
For it may be that their shadow
Hides the heaviest wheat of all.

If you cannot in the conflict
Prove yourself a soldier true,
If where fire and smoke are thickest
There's no work for you to do,
When the battlefield is silent,
You can go with careful tread--
You can bear away the wounded,
You can cover up the dead.

Do not, then, stand idly waiting
For some greater work to do;
Fortune is a lazy goddess--
She will never come to you.
Go and toil in any vineyard;
Do not fear to do or dare--
If you want a field of labor
You can find it anywhere.

Let us spend a moment in prayer:

Our Father, We pray that you will give us a greater vision of the task before thy people. Help us to give ourselves without reserve to carry out thy commands to go into all the world with the gospel. Bless those who are still waiting for Christ's sake. Amen

Here now is a song by Bob Forbes, Dorrall Forbes, Randall Flynn, and Melvin Doolittle. "Tell Me the Story of Jesus."

The song.

You are listening to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you have received encouragement, we would like to hear from you. Also if you would like a copy of today's message in print you may have one free of charge by addressing The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Be with us again next Friday night at 11:00 o'clock over this same station. Until then this is your speaker Willie Murphey and Kathleen saying: "May God bless you richly and a very pleasant goodnight."

AT PRESS TIME we understand:

the saints in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, have bought a chapel for services and Bro. Ostis Wilson has been there in meeting this week.

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My attention has been recently called to three different highway accidents in which God's children were involved. Shortly after each of these prayer was offered right there on the scene in behalf of those who were injured with all the onlookers who were present on the highway. In each case prayer was heard and recovery granted. Are you ashamed to mention the name of the Lord in public? And are you living each day with a clear conscience and in such a way that you have perfect confidence to call upon the name of God in every circumstance of life.

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The meeting in Guthrie has been moving along smoothly and harmoniously in the order of the Spirit. Quite a number of visiting saints are present and we have experienced showers of blessings literally and spiritually.

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Bro. and Sis. C. C. Carver are present here also while they wait for the rainy season to clear up in Nigeria before going there.

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"Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die." Prov. 15:10

The meeting at Myrtle, Missouri, starts today, Friday, the 13th. No doubt many spiritual blessings will be in store for those who are able to attend this meeting. All are welcome who come with hearts and minds open to receive the truth of God's Word.

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But little children need not fear,
If they will keep the Saviour near;
He came to save them with the rest--
And they with others have been blessed.

He knows their wants as well as needs,
He knows their wicked thoughts and deeds;
He hears their little songs of love,
As they are wafted up above.

He knows the trials they must bear;
He knows their need of tender care--
He came and died upon the tree,
That they from bondage might be free.

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