



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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. . . A pleasant greeting to all who listen to radio station XEG. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you on THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are glad to come into your home or automobile as you listen over the radio to the broadcast. If you should happen to be tuned in for the first time, may I welcome you to become one of those who listen regularly to THE MISSION TRAIL. Let me assure you that we have only the Word of God as a foundation for our teachings, and I believe it will do you good and not harm. I can surely say that it has been a source of inspiration and blessing to me. But to go on with the broadcast, let us consider a scripture in Proverbs 22:6.

"TRAIN UP A CHILD IN THE WAY HE SHOULD GO:

and when he is old, he will not depart from it." If we have ever needed a scripture in the history of the world, I believe it is now. First we see a very solemn responsibility and obligation placed squarely upon the shoulders of the parents.

This is true because it is mandatory that someone should train a child, and I can think of no one in a better position to do this than the parents. They are the ones who see and take delight in the first actions of their child. (At least they should be.)

Now this scripture says to "Train up a child in the way he should go." This means that while he is yet young and his heart tender and responsive to good influences and sound teaching, he should be trained with all diligence.

It is likely that you have heard a statement such as this by some parent. "I'm not going to influence my child along certain religious teachings and beliefs, but I'm going to wait until he is old enough and then let him choose for himself the way he desires to go." Now this is not what the scriptures teach. But it plainly says for the parents or others who may have them in charge to "train them".

To train requires time and effort, but then think of the satisfaction of knowing that you have done your duty.

I remember a good many years ago that I once saw two trees in the city of Shawnee, Oklahoma which were literally tied together in a knot. They had then grown in this manner until they became fairly large in size and definitely beyond the point at which this knot could be untied. But there they stood as individual trees, yet they were inseparable because sometime in the years gone by, someone had trained them to grow in this twisted manner. Then they were no longer able to stand erect, yet they had continued to grow.

Even as this is true in the natural, think how much more is this so in the moral and spiritual things of life. Think of the wrecked homes, the broken hearts, the neglected children left to roam the streets with undesirable companions, the young men in trouble with public officials, and sometimes behind the iron bars of prisons. Think of the marriages which have been wrecked. Then as you ponder these unhappy circumstances, no doubt, you are made to ask the question: Why? Why did these things come about as they have?

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I believe I can point you to another verse which will help us understand at least a part of the answer to this problem.

Look at this verse in Proverbs 29:15. "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

Now, there may be some that would immediately say, "Oh, I would not think of using a switch or a rod to correct my son. I love him too much." Or someone might say: "That seems to be cruel. I prefer to just talk to my child."

Listen, friends, I do not believe one should be cruel either, but wait, take another look at this verse in Proverbs 29:17. "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul."

Now, let me ask you this. Do you love your child? Then bring him up in the way he should go. Another thing, do you set the example before your children, or do you tell them to "do as I say, not as I do"? There are times when the child is left to himself and he brings the mother or father to shame.

Now I do not set up myself as an expert in this field of child-training, but we do have some good and sound instruction in the scriptures which will help us in many of the problems which are baffling the parents and officers of today in dealing with teen-agers. In most instances the trouble goes back to those tender years of childhood where a little correction would have been far more effectual than most anything which can be done in the years which follow.

Perhaps you have heard the old proverb which says: "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Here is one of the places that I believe this is true.

Now let me again repeat this text which we started with. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Friends, this is not my

statement only. This is the actual quotation from the scriptures.

Shall we pause for a moment to ask for divine assistance in this task which is so great that we are unable to comprehend its far reaching effects?

Our Father,

Take the words of the message today and awaken the parents of this great nation to their solemn obligation to train the youth of the world to make better citizens and better children of God for Christ's sake we ask it. Amen

Here now is Frances with a few words from

THE LETTER EXCHANGE.

It has been some time since we had the Letter Exchange on the air so we have some very interesting letters to read to you from those who have been getting THE MISSION TRAIL. We hope you will enjoy them.

Here is one from Texas: On the radio some ten nights ago I heard a wonderful poem by a minister and his name I can't recall. Anyway he said it was for the asking to just send a request to Mission Trail. I was on the road traveling most of last week and failed to make the request. If you still have this and can understand what I am asking for, I'll appreciate so much getting it.

Then here is another from Texas: I was so glad to see you folks at the National Campmeeting held near Monark Springs, Missouri in July. Also at the State of Oklahoma Campmeeting at Guthrie in August. We, of course, spoke about The Mission Trail Broadcast from XEG on Friday nights. I repeat that I believe it means a lot to our brothers and sisters in the Lord to hear the songs, poems, reports from the missionary field or sermons--whatever the program contains. And most anywhere they live in the United States one may tune in on this station XEG. I truly look forward to each broadcast on Friday night.

From Louisiana: Dear Brother Murphey and family. . . I enjoy the papers so very much. It's food to my soul and such a comfort and blessing every time it reaches my home. May God bless all your efforts in His blessed cause on earth!

Then here is what one reader in Louisiana had to say about the printed copies of the message: Dear Brother Murphey: I have received The Mission Trail twice now and enjoy reading them very much. Made me feel as I were in your presence and that was a very acceptable feeling.

Another in Louisiana writes: Because of the hours I must work, it isn't possible to listen to your program on the radio. I would like very much to receive a copy of the program each week. Please send one to my father also.

And from Mississippi one writer said this: It's a real pleasure to have this privilege of dropping you all a line. I hear the broadcast every Friday p.m., and I want to say it--we do enjoy it. Brother Murphey, you may put my name on your mailing list. And you can be assured you'll be hearing from us again.

This is all for today.

Thank you, Frances, and many thanks to those who have taken time to write us a few lines of encouragement in this work of the Lord. We are looking to Him for guidance, and your interest means so much to us.

Here now is a song for you by Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Manuel Mitchell, and Troy Gentry. "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"

The song.

This broadcast has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you have received encouragement from this message, we would be glad to hear from you. Address all mail to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Be with us again next

Friday night at 11:00. Until then this is Willie Murphey and Frances saying: May God's richest blessings be yours and a pleasant good-night!

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An interesting experience of mother Sarah Smith, who was born in 1822, and was active in the early days of the reformation, is recorded in "Familiar Names and Faces". Perhaps you would enjoy reading what she had to say in this book which was published in 1902.

"There is another experience which I believe the Lord wants me to mention. At one time I was sick so that I could not be moved for days. At the close of this time I was dying, the doctor and everyone else thought. Every one present said I could not live. I was growing cold just like a person when dying. I had made all arrangements to die and told them what to do, kissed the children good-by and admonished them all to meet me in heaven, telling them not to weep for me. I was conscious of everything that was being said and done. As the scene of death began to close in on me, my entire body became cold. The doctor was watching me very closely. I heard my father ask the doctor if he had done all he could. He said, "I have given her the last remedy; there is no medicine that will do her any good." He said, "She is cold all over." My pulse ceased beating and I quit breathing. They folded my arms and closed my eyes. Halleluiah! Now comes the beauty and glory that I was permitted to behold while I was lying cold in death as every one who saw me supposed. Jesus and a host of angels came to meet me, and oh, the glory and dazzling of the brilliant light of glory, and the beautiful song and music I heard can never be told! While I was beholding this heavenly vision, all at once I heard a voice say, "She can not pass over now." Then my eyes opened, and I sang so loud and clear that those women who had gone to make preparation to lay me out, heard me and came rushing into the room. Some of the people became convicted, insomuch that one gave her heart to God the next night at home, and the Lord instantly raised me up."

--Mother Sarah Smith

As some may have already realized, we have had a little irregularity occur in the mailing of the printed copies on the same day as which the broadcast was given. Some have been mailed before the broadcast time while this copy is slightly later. However, we believe we now have this corrected with radio station XEG and beginning next week the broadcast and the printed copies should coincide. It is our intention to mail these copies either on or shortly after the broadcast date.

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The telegram which Bro. & Sis. C. C. Carver sent from Amsterdam while on their trip to Nigeria a few days ago said, "All is fine." This message reached its destination within one hour after being sent to their son and daughter-in-law, Vernon and Amy Carver. By this time however, they should be in Nigeria.

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Be sure to hear the broadcast next Friday night as it will contain a special challenge for the missionary work. The printed copy of THE MISSION TRAIL will contain pictures of the missionaries to Nigeria. You may have a copy free by sending us your request.

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"And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?" Matthew 20:6. Let us turn from our idleness to usefulness in God's great harvest.

We extend our heart-felt sympathy to Roy and Dorothy Meek who lost their son, Terry Meek, by death at the tender age of 11 years on September 10. On a recent visit to our home, Terry and his brother, Jerry, were informed by their grandmother, Sis. Lillian Meek, to not be too noisy because Frances was not feeling very well. The 4 children, including our two sons, came to the supper table. As the boys bowed their heads, Terry voluntarily offered thanks. In his prayer he made a special request for "Sis. Frances". "But Jesus said, suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 19:14

Bro. & Sis. Ulysses Phillips have been missed by the saints in Oklahoma since they moved to California recently. No doubt they have missed those they have known for many years also. We are sure they would appreciate a letter from you. That address is: Bro. & Sis. Ulysses S. Phillips, 1406 W. Trenton, San Bernardino, California 92405.

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God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

--William Cowper

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