



The Mission Trail

GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA

Willie C. Murphey • Frances E. Murphey • Kathleen E. Murphey • Patsy M. Murphey

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

VOL. 1, NO. 40

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

OCTOBER 22, 1965

. . . A very pleasant greeting to all the saints and to all who are tuned to XEG. This is THE MISSION TRAIL Broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma with your speaker Willie Murphey coming to you for another of our weekly visits as we do each Friday night at 11:00. Now for our scripture text let us consider this verse in Isaiah 9:2. I quote:

"THE PEOPLE THAT WALKED IN DARKNESS HAVE SEEN A GREAT LIGHT:"

they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined."

This is indeed a glorious thing to see the light of the pure gospel of Jesus Christ reach the darkened hearts of those who are eager for the truth, but let us remember God uses human instrumentality to bring this light.

Remember now this scripture in II Corinthians 5:20. I again quote: "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

For our broadcast at this time, we have for you a very special treat. So please give us your earnest attention. We shall take you by means of tape recordings across the Atlantic Ocean and down the west coast of Africa. Then inland into the region of Nigeria. There you shall hear the actual voices as they were spoken and the recordings were made by Bro. and Sister C. C. Carver in this field where many are hungry for the pure gospel of Jesus Christ.

From there you shall hear the voices of the natives as they spoke and sang there in their native tongue of the Efik language.

In this case the ambassadors for Christ to bring the light to those who sit in darkness

are Bro. and Sister C. C. Carver.

So, now the next voices you hear will be those who spoke in Nigeria at the outlying mission station. First, here is how one of the native workers sounded as he spoke in the Efik dialect to tell how happy he was to welcome Bro. and Sister Carver.

The native worker in the Efik language.

Then as he spoke this welcome address, Bro. Carver asked for an interpretation of it. Listen now as he asks.

Bro. Carver: "Can you translate some for me; some of it."

Native: "I thank my God very much who hath brought both of you safely among us today, and I believe by the help of God, he will every time enable you to do so. And what I am very particular happy is because of the kind of time that you have arrived. Especially time . . . for I believe he is now on sick bed and I hope God that by your prayers he will soon recover. Especially do interest those folks today; those people who are (stumbling?). These are the ones that want to see them as it was before they can believe. Now that you have come, they will see you all and believe that what we are doing here is not (obscured?) and that will keep

them.

"And I thank my God who has enabled us to carry on with the work of this gospel, the New Testament Church of God here in Nigeria. The work is now spreading . . . The speaker as I am, I come from your division. I was rushing to meet you people since I hear that you have arrived. Today I say Welcome and let God be with you all."

At one time when the natives were quite interested in the tape recorder and desired to have one for their own use there, Bro. Carver gave this word of admonition.

Bro. Carver: "Remember now that everything that we say, everything that we do, God has the recorder up there, and he takes it all down. Is that right, brother? We should not say anything that would be wrong because God knows it. He has it on record just like that was on record there. God has everything that we say and do on record. We should be very careful how we live, what we say, where we go, how we act, the things that we do. We should be very careful, God knows all about it."

Then notice the manner in which one expressed his gratitude for the coming of the missionaries.

Native: "This I say, let honor and glory be unto God for that kind of love that you have for us who are here. Let the God, the almighty God bless your family where you come from, the land where you come from, and everything that you do."

Now, this is the way the song entitled, "Stand Up for Jesus" sounds when sung in the Efik language.

The song in Efik.

Then as Bro. Carver spoke of God's love for mankind, he also affirmed his love for these natives. Listen now as he said this, and also notice how the interpreter translated

this into the Efik language.

Bro. Carver: "I trust you have been able to see in our faces and in our manner that we were interested in you and that we love you even as Jesus loved you, and if we can help you in any way, that's what we have come for."

But, listen now to the earnest plea as he said:

Bro. Carver: "Dear ones, if there's one here tonight that is not saved, it would be worth all the expense of the trip to come over here for just one to get saved."

Now, let us go back to the first night that Bro. and Sister Carver spent in their new mud house at this mission station.

Listen to them now as they have finished their first day here. They are now preparing to retire for the night. But first they recall their experiences of the past few days.

Bro. Carver: "Well, honey, here we are in darkest Africa. Our first night in the wilds, been truly a day."

Sis. Carver: ". . . Wonderful day. Blessings from the Lord."

Then as they recalled the types of food available in that country and remembered that they had eaten Spam and whole wheat bread for supper, here is what they said of their food for the day.

Bro. Carver: "Now as we hadn't eaten for about 36 hours and so that spam and whole wheat bread really tasted good."

Sis. Carver: "And they made us some boscoe."

Bro. Carver: "Made us some boscoe."

Sis. Carver: "With boiling water and canned milk."

Then they described their bedroom this way.

Bro. Carver: "Now we come into our little room. My wife's there with a cardboard fan, fanning away."

Sis. Carver: "Sleeping under a mosquito netting."

Bro. Carver: "Sleeping under mosquito netting, and I'm over here in the corner. She's got the bed next to the window, and we're just snug as two bugs in a mud house. So we'll say goodnight to you."

This, then is our report for you of these missionaries to Nigeria, Bro. and Sis. Carver. Will you remember them in your prayers, and also this giant of Africa, the millions who still wait in Nigeria for the light of the gospel?

And if you would like to be added to our mailing list of those who receive our weekly printed messages, send us your name and address. It is free for the asking.

Until next Friday night at 11:00, this is Willie Murphey speaking for THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma and saying a very pleasant goodnight.

--o--

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION

by Kathleen and Patsy

Many times the Lord has directed our thoughts to this question. What are we, as the young members in Christ, the future church of God, doing about this missionary call? There are souls which need the gospel. Bro. and Sis. Carver have gone to Nigeria, Bro. Harland Smith and others have gone to Mexico. But the need today is for more God-called, qualified, dedicated, young workers. If God calls us to the mission field, are we prepared to go?

Then, when we stop to think again, perhaps God hasn't sent His call personally to us to

go into the other lands, but are we doing what we can to further God's cause in those lands? Are we standing behind those that have gone with our support, and with our prayers? Perhaps there are some who have been unable to go because no one was willing to stand behind them in this work. If God has not given the call to us to go, then let us pray for and stand behind those who are called.

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! Romans 10:15.

I have thought of the many times in Mexico when we have desired to go to other places, but we didn't have workers to go. These people are hungry for the gospel and are begging for us to come, but we had to tell them that perhaps at a future date we would be able to come. I remember in particular when I went to a certain place where I hadn't been for some time. When we got there, one of the little girls came running out to meet us. She came to me and asked, "Why haven't you come?"

What answer could I give her? That thought has stayed with me. Are we willing to go and take to them God's message in Matthew 11:28-30?

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Word of God brings light to us. Will there be some who live and die in their sins and never see this glorious light, because we, the church of God, haven't gone to tell them about this salvation, or because we haven't stood behind those who have gone? --kem

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

Of interest to many will be this letter from Sister Spaur of Oregon.

Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey, Greetings to you and your dear family who are so active in getting out the "Mission Trail". I cannot find words to tell you how I appreciate these messages from time to time . . .

I was in West Virginia and Ohio in the month of July and through Sept. It was precious to visit Sis. Clark and her congregation in Akron. We had known the saints there and been in their campmeeting when we lived in West Va. We rejoice to see these dear ones still faithful.

Yes, I am glad that God has given you dear ones the burden to get the gospel out to all. I found many hungry souls on this visit . . . We need to work while it is day. There is a great need for more of God's ministers and workers to go out in his vineyard . . . Our assembly meeting starts the 5th of Nov. so we have much to do to get ready for it. We are so glad Bro. and Sis. Gene Harmon are still with us. We thank the Lord for their love and faithfulness to the church here. Wish you could come and be with us in our assembly meeting . . . I am sending some names for you to send The Mission Trail to. Your sister in the work of the Lord,

--Bea Spaur

Bro. and Sis. Sam Abbott have been having meeting in Orangeburg, South Carolina last week.

--o--

Sis. Carver returned to the States from Amsterdam last Sunday night from her missionary trip to Nigeria. Bro. Carver remained in Amsterdam while preparations were being made for a missionary flight to India, which was scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 21. Some interesting accounts of their reports follows:

" . . . Bro. Brownson Udeme, one of the preachers, told me tonight of a woman who is in the congregation tonight. Last year she was in the swamp about 2 miles from here. She came face to face with a tiger. She said, "I command you in the name of Jesus to leave." The tiger ran off. Today Bro. Etuk's oldest child, an 11 year old boy came here sick. He was unconscious in the afternoon out at the mission, and while they were praying for him, he sat up . . . When they get desperately sick they are brought here for prayer . . . The fame of this mission has gone out 'round about, how the Lord is blessing in healing the sick. They are very faithful in praying for the sick. At 4:00 this morning we heard them praying, and again at 8:30 . . . Good-bye for now, and may God bless each and every one is our prayer."

--Cecil and May Carver

The Mission Trail

GUTHRIE, OKLA. 73044

Return Requested

<p>BULK RATE U. S. POSTAGE 2½¢ PAID Guthrie, Okla. Permit No. 133</p>

