



# 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 very pleasant greeting to all who are in tune with XEG. This is THE MISSION TRAIL Broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma with your speaker Willie Murphey. We welcome each one who is in tune with this powerful station to stay with us now for our short weekly visit which we have each Friday night at 11:00. We certainly feel indebted both to God and those who help to make this broadcast possible from week to week.

Now in a few days the thoughts of America will be turning to the theme of Thanksgiving. Each one will celebrate it in their own way. Some will be thinking of the bounteous supply of turkey, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pies, and all the trimmings that go to make up a wonderful thanksgiving dinner. Yet others in foreign lands will never know what a thanksgiving dinner is like in America. They will spend this day without a thanksgiving turkey and many of them without sufficient food and clothing. Now to be without the temporal things of life which make one comfortable is indeed tragic, but on the other hand, to be void of the grace of God and the peace which only God can give within the heart of an individual is even more tragic.

At this point the contrast between America and those who are less fortunate in other lands cease to exist. For not only will there be those in remote areas of the world who will spend thanksgiving without Christ, but there are multitudes right here in America who will spend that day in spiritual poverty and wantonness while their bodies are filled with the goodness which God has provided.

Now look at our text in Psalms 26, verses 6 and 7. "I will wash mine hands in innocency; so will I compass thine altar, oh Lord: That I may publish with the voice of

## THANKSGIVING,

and tell of all thy wondrous works."

Since we are concerned primarily on this broadcast with the spreading of the gospel both at home and abroad, there are two things which I would like for you to notice in these verses. First before one is qualified to spread the good news of the gospel, he must have his hands washed in innocency. This means the purifying of his heart by faith in Christ as his saviour. This means to abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul. This means a life of devotion and dedicated to the

service of Christ. Many are failing to qualify as capable workers for Christ because they fail on these points to measure to the teaching of His word.

Secondly, one who has been redeemed from his sins is then ready to begin spreading the good news of salvation with thanksgiving.

They feel so indebted to God that all the service which they can render in life will never repay Him for the many things they have to be thankful for. Then their hearts



and affections are moved with compassion to tell others of the joyful news of salvation.

Now I know that many of you have eagerly waited for each report of the welfare and progress of Bro. and Sis. Carver during their missionary trip abroad. As some of you know, Sis. Carver returned to the states while Bro. Carver continued his missionary trip to India.

The following recording was made by Bro. Carver when he was in Copenhagen, Denmark, after leaving Nigeria on the way to India. Listen now as he expressed his thankfulness of heart in having a room in which to stay with a bathtub.

Bro. Carver: "I surely feel like that I have a lot to be thankful for. Here I am in Copenhagen, Denmark, tonight in a nice hotel room; nice large bath; deepest bathtub that I was ever in. By the way, it doesn't have any outlets except the drain plug. You can fill it full and run it over if you wanted to. If you did, even if you had your knees bent up, they'd be under water. Bathroom is tile all the way to the top. Nice room all for \$5.50 for the night."

Then as Bro. Carver's thoughts turned to these people he loved and had just left behind in Nigeria, he expressed it this way concerning their manner of living.

Bro. Carver: "They don't have anything much, and they don't know. They live off the ground, on the ground, you might say. They don't have chairs or benches or kitchen cabinets or shelves to put their things on. They just squat down and cook on a fire on the ground outside."

Friends, how would you like for your thanksgiving to be prepared in this manner--no benches, no chairs, and no stove?

But, wait a moment, do you remember the scripture which says: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bring-



This picture of Bro. and Sis. C. C. Carver was made in September 1965 shortly before they departed by plane on their missionary trip to Nigeria.

ing his sheaves with him." Psalms 126:6

Listen now as Bro. Carver spoke of how God was working there.

Bro. Carver: "They sleep on the benches in the church, those that are sick. They come there. The fame of the place has gone out that God heals people over there, and different ones, when they get sick, come. They just move in and stay out there until they're well and go away."

Then he went on to tell of the devotion of a certain young native preacher who remained faithfully by his post of duty to pray for the sick as they were brought to the mission. Listen as he spoke of the woman who was apparently raised from death to life again.

Bro. Carver: "This young man, he sits in the church mission there at a little table; a lamp burning. Sits there. It is a coal oil lamp burning. Sits there and reads his Bible a lot. He stays there a lot to pray for the sick. And his prayers are being effective, I believe. God is blessing. There was a woman brought there who was unconscious. The family thought she was dead, and wanted to bury her. Somehow or another they brought her there in a basket. In answer to prayer that woman came to."



Later after Bro. Carver was in Bombay, India, he continued with his thoughts of Nigeria. Here he told of the following touching incident.

Brother Carver: "One younger man said he was fourteen years old, must be older than that. Parents are poor and he is a pastor of one of these congregations. This young man gave me a letter asking for a bicycle. Said his parents are poor, and they couldn't give him a bicycle, but he had to walk fourteen miles each way to care for his congregation, and how he needed a bicycle and would I help him to get a bicycle.

"Brethren, these calls like this are heart-breaking. How many are dedicated in America to walk fourteen miles to preach the gospel and to help?"

But listen as he mentioned this interesting experience he had of an acquaintance he made in Bombay, India.

Bro. Carver: "He had nine children, and he had lost his job with Esso, I believe he said. He had got work here with a souvenir section, and he said, 'I want you to pray.'

"He caught on that I was a minister soon, and 'I want you to pray the Lord to help me out. I've got nine children to raise and educate, and I need a better job. I want you to pray.'

"I said, would you like for us to pray right now? And he said 'yes'. So there standing behind the counter with him, we bowed our heads and went to prayer for him.

"While we were praying, the door opened in the office, and out came the Hindu manager of the souvenir section. He saw us praying together, and he had been praying himself, back in his room he said, and asking God for help and wanted the Lord to answer his prayer. And said when he looked out and saw me praying with this man, he said, he knew that his prayer was answered."

Let us spend a moment in prayer just now for the great need for the gospel throughout the world.

Our Father,

We know that thou art the Lord of the harvest. We pray that thou wilt qualify many and send them into the unreached fields with the good tidings of peace in Jesus' name. Amen

Friends, let us renew our consecration afresh. Listen now to this song, "I'll Be What You Want Me to Be".

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like to have a printed copy of today's message, you may have one free of charge upon your request. Until next Friday night at 11:00, this is Willie Murphey wishing you a very good Thanksgiving and a pleasant goodnight.

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### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION

by Kathleen and Patsy

As we think of Thanksgiving coming this week, we think of the verse in 1 Thes. 5:18. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

It is very easy for us to give thanks for the "good" things which come our way, but this verse says to give thanks "in everything".

### I'M THANKFUL

by Jessie Duffy

I'm thankful for each separate day,  
For every moment in it,  
The chance to work, to learn, to play,  
To set a goal and win it.  
I'm thankful for the common things  
We often take for granted,  
The sun, the rain, the birds, the trees,  
Each flower that is planted in it.  
I'm thankful for the wintertime,  
Spring, summer, and fall;  
And for the wise and generous God  
Who watches over all.

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

Kentucky, October 12, Dear Bro. Willie---We send greetings to you and your. . . family in Jesus' dear and precious name. We thank God for you and for your work in helping spread Gospel News to this sin-benited world. It's just precious to think how your young folks and children co-operate in this work for God. Keep up the good work and may God bless you all and encourage you to keep sowing the Gospel Seed. We have attended several services of the meeting Bro. O. B. Wilson is conducting at Dayton, Ohio. We believe the good seed has fallen into much good ground and will bring forth fruit for God. We were glad we could attend the first Sunday week-end at Myrtle, Mo. As you know Friday and Saturday were work days on the camp ground there. Several saints came for this duty. Some painting was done on the buildings and a cement slab was poured eight feet wide the entire length of the dining room by the rear doors. The sisters served meals in the diningroom and made several mattress covers in between. It was precious to see each one doing something for the cause of God. . . Truly we are workers together with God. Pray for us. . . Christian love, Bro. and Sis. S. E. Abbott

The saints at Okmulgee are having revival services this week. Bro. Warren extends an invitation to those who can come and be with them.

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It is very encouraging to see the interest which is being shown in the services which we have been having at Fairview, Oklahoma, each second Sun. of the month.

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Sundaynight we stopped by the congregation in Enid, Oklahoma. The results of the meeting which Bro. Williams held there is indeed encouraging.

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The assembly meeting will begin Sunday, Nov. 21, at Hammond, La. The saints are looking forward to blessings from the Lord in these services.

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Many will be interested, no doubt, in hearing the voices of Sis. Edith Cole and Sis. Carrie Sheperd on the broadcast Friday, December 3 as they report of their missionary activity. This same broadcast will contain a poem by Bro. Byron Wittenborn.

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