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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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Love in Action

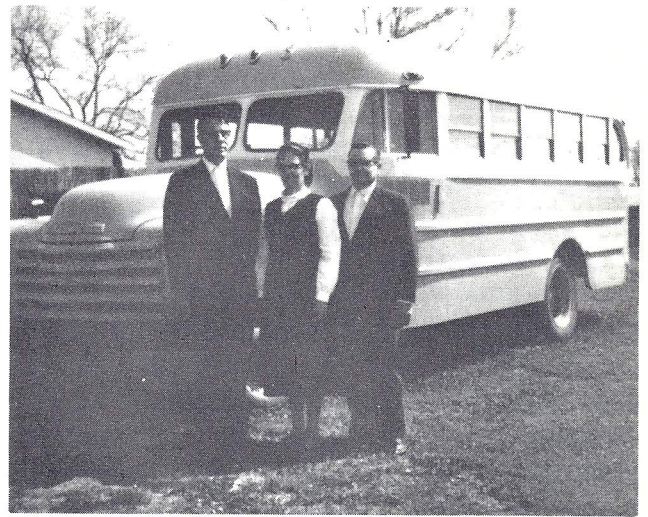
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. . . We are happy to be coming your way again, friends, with a message from God's word. We hope you will keep your dial tuned to this station for the next few minutes as we talk about the most important things in life--that is your welfare and your obligation to others.

I have a very interesting report which I want to give you on this broadcast concerning the missionary work. We want you to hear the voices of those who have a love for the truth and are doing something to show that they are putting their love into action.

But first listen to this scripture. In Proverbs 28:27 we find these words, "He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse." You see, friends, Christ pointed out that we shall always have the poor with us, so there is ample opportunity for us to do something about it. If we really have a love for our fellowmen, God wants us to keep our eyes open and prove that we love them, not in words only, but in deed and in truth.

And if this is true in the natural sense, how much greater should our love be for the eternal souls of men and women throughout the world. Some who have not had the opportunity of hearing the gospel as many of us have had from our youth up, and we should do what we can to see that they have the opportunity to hear the Word of God that everyone should be saved. So the point



Dale Doolittle, Ruby Williamson and Merrill Williamson stand beside the bus after safely arriving in California.

I want to stress to you today is that we should put our love into action.

Jesus said in St. John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Now it is not enough for us to love those who love us, but our love should go beyond that and include the down and out, the outcast, the degraded men and women, and those who are alienated from the hope that we have in God. Let it ever be our mission to bring unto them the love of God which will lighten their lives.

To those who might be settled down

to a life of ease with an unconcern for the lost, listen as I bring to you the words from I John, the 3rd chapter and beginning with verse 16. "Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in Him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

You see, there is more to a life of service for God than just merely giving him our hearts. It includes our possessions and all that we have--not 10% only, but all of what we have. Are you a good steward of the grace of God?

Now I want to let you in on a real treat which I just recently had. I received a recording from Bro. Dale Doolittle, Bro. Merrill Williamson, and his wife Ruby as they were enroute to California. Let me explain a little more fully what I mean. Dale was concerned about the work of the Lord in Mexico and the missionaries who were laboring there, so it came to him one day that the load might be lightened somewhat by those in that field if he showed his love to them by giving an old school bus which had been converted into a mobile home.

After his decision was made and others heard of it, a new paint job of blue and white was put on the bus and a collection of clothing, purses, shoes, and canned goods was donated by others, and then he started on the long trip from Louisiana to California.

Now, friends, I am sure that Dale did not have it in mind that his voice

should be heard on this broadcast when he made this recording, but listen. We want you to hear his own voice above the roar of the motor as he made this tape on his portable recorder while they were traveling across the state of Arizona. The next voice you hear will be that of Dale Doolittle.

"Hello, Bro Willie and Sis. Frances. This is Dale and Merrill and Ruby. We are on our way to California. We are out here in the Arizona deserts right now, and we were just talking a few minutes ago, and they said, 'Well, he has a recorder. Let's go ahead and send him a little tape.' So here goes.

"We left Merrill's place on Saturday, 5:30 in the evening, and we have driven pretty well steady through to Phoenix. We got into Phoenix, Arizona where my brother lives by about 4:30, Monday morning. So you see, we made pretty good time. As a matter of fact, I don't believe the old bus motor cooled off anytime along the way. We have our beds here along with us and everything, so there's not much use of stopping other than for gas."

Then Dale went on to tell how different ones had supplied the needs to make this a real mission of love in action. But listen again.

"The saints have been real good to supply us with clothes, shoes, purses, a lot of canned goods, and it should be just a real nice welcome sight for the people in Mexico. The saints here in Midway, we stopped there, and some of the folks there gave a whole lot of canned food. And then to give you an idea of the clothes, we went ahead and packed the clothes so we could put our mattress on top of them, and we have a pile of clothes about ten feet long and

about five feet wide and about four feet high, so you see we have just a pretty good amount of clothes and so forth which are real good things too. So I'm sure this will be something they will appreciate.

"Bro. Salvatore decided the bus wasn't in good enough shape, so he put a paint job on it for us. There were a few rusty spots, and he fixed them all up for us. We tuned it up a little bit, and I believe the bus will be just a pretty good thing for them, and we hope that they will be able to use it all right."

Dale had one interesting experience when he was stopped at a road block in Mississippi. A patrol officer was checking things over, and Dale tells of the opinion of the officer.

"He told me to pull it over, and when I pulled over there, he said, 'Well, where are you going with this thing?' I said, 'I'm going down to Old Mexico.'

"'Old Mexico! In something like that?'

"'Well, yes.'

"He said, 'What are you going to do with it there?' I said, 'Our church has some missionaries down there, so a bunch of us got together and we decided we would send them some clothes and so forth, and take this old bus down there.' 'This bus!' He said, 'I think if I were you I would just go ahead and sell this bus and get what money I could out of it and send it that way, because, to tell you the truth about it, I think it is going to cost you more to get this thing down there than it is worth.' "

But regardless of the discouraging remarks of one man and his opinion

concerning the missionary effort, the white and blue bus rolled on across the plains of Texas and the mountains of Arizona on its mission of love in action. Now listen to Bro. Merrill Williamson above the roar of the motor as he sat under the wheel.

"We are thankful that everything is going well, and we want you folks to remember us until we return again. We are looking to the Lord to give us a safe trip all the way through, and we're still remembering you folks and trust everything is going as well as possible with you."

Then Sister Ruby, in telling how they had worked to get ready for the trip, had this to say.

"It seemed that we had a time making up our minds just what to do. As always, there is something to hinder us so we thought maybe this would be the best time, so we tried to do about a month's work in about three or four days.

"Merrill was completely worn out when we started this trip so he made use of the bed back here. Dale did just a big lot of the driving for a night and a day, but I think Merrill is about to get rested up now, and he's doing the driving now."

There they go, friends, in the blue and white bus on their mission of love in action as they near the border of California. Will you remember them and those to whom this love will be shown? Pray that souls may come to know the fullness of God's pardon through our Saviour who died that all might live.

Listen now to these lines.

Give to the Living

"Give your sunshine to the living;
Do not wait till they are dead.
Oh! there's joy in constant giving--
Human hearts are comforted,
And the giver feels the sunshine
Of the heart's responsive smile,
Knowing that another's pathway
Has been brightened all the while.

"Give your blossoms to the living;
Let them have their fragrance now,
Ere their eyes are sealed in slumber,
And like marble is their brow.
Often for some loving token
Human hearts have asked and bled:
Give your blossoms to the living,
Do not wait till they are dead.

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Let us pray.

Our Father,

We believe that you love the unsaved
in every land. We believe you love the
heathen just as you love those within the
boundaries of our own nation. Help us
to prove our love to them, not in word
only, but in deed and in truth, and to
thee we will give the praise through
Christ our Lord. Amen

This message has been brought to
you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie,
Oklahoma. We are trusting God and
those who love the truth to keep this
message on the air and going through
the mail each week. Until we meet
again next Sunday at this same time on
this same station, this is Willie Murphey
saying may God's richest blessings be
with each of you and a very cheerful
good-bye!

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"And this commandment have we
from him, That he who loveth God love
his brother also." I John 4:21

The Upper Side

While standing one day on the mountain,
In the sun, shining after the rain,
I saw silvery billows of carpet
That hid from my sight all the plain.

And I thought of the ones in the city
Beneath the dark ceiling so drear;
For they could not see the bright sun-
shine,
Nor know what to me was so clear.

My brother, if you are in trouble,
If you feel that your spirits are low,
If you question the why's and the where-
fore's,
There's something I want you to know:

It is Satan who keeps you discouraged,
Remember, the Lord will provide.
Let your mind rise above the dark ceiling
And look on the bright upper side.

--Sel. by Lou Bray

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From the Senior Citizens' Home in
California: ". . . I am not worried or
discouraged. I have trusted the dear
Lord now for 60 years, and He has
never failed me--supplied all my needs,
healed all my afflictions, and took care
of me and mine in many dangers. I
love my Lord, and I intend to trust Him
to the end, but I realize the devil as a
roaring lion is going about seeking whom
he may devour. He is trying to get all
he can, so it behooves us to watch and
pray. . . ." --Sister Emma Luehring

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From Oklahoma: ". . . I thought
I'd write letting you know I enjoy the
weekly sermons of The Mission Trail
in print. I often read them several
times--enjoying the gospel messages.
I'm glad to hear the entire family is
working for the Lord in this endeavor.
May God richly bless you all. . . "

--Ernest and Callie Christ

An Obligation to Children

"Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up." Deuteronomy 11:18-19

If there was ever a day when the Lord's people should give heed to these verses, surely it is now. The responsibility of teaching children falls first upon the parents. It is their duty to teach them to respect their parents and the laws of God. There are many who have neglected this duty. We read in Prov. 29:15 that "a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame."

There is also a duty for the church to teach the children the real meaning of life and its importance. Respect and honor is in order for those who take the time to train young minds in the ways of God. Certainly it is a worthy cause to which Sister Annie Bell Allen has been devoting so much of her time and effort in preparing the lessons for the Vacation Bible Schools to be held in many congregations this summer. She has prepared material with Bible references to interest children of many ages up to and including young people.

Classes are scheduled for nine congregations this summer which include: Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Sapulpa, Boley, Okmulgee, Hoffman and Wichita, Kansas as well as Akron, Ohio and North Port, Alabama. We are glad to have had a part in helping get this material ready for the Vacation Bible Schools, and more than 20,000 pages have been printed to be used in these summer classes. On two different occasions Annie Bell has brought workers to The Mission Trail shop who have assisted her in the handling of this material. It is also understood that Anecia Wall

and Gertrude Lounds has done considerable art work which will, no doubt, prove of great interest to the students who will be in the summer classes this year. Let us put more emphasis on "constructive things" and pray that the truths taught the children of today may bring forth fruit for Christ as the men and women of tomorrow become the leaders of God's people.



Shown here are some of those who helped prepare lessons for the Vacation Bible Schools this summer. Beginning at left: Odever Kelley, Oklahoma City; Laura Warren, Okmulgee; Cornelia Ragsdale, Oklahoma City; Jessie Douglas, Oklahoma City; and Annie Bell Allen, Tulsa.

God Needs Workers

By Rada Watkins

God needs workers in His vineyard
 Won't you hear and heed the call?
 God needs workers in His vineyard
 There is room enough for all.
 Won't you give your time and talent,
 Whether it be great or small?
 Won't you cease from sin and folly?
 Won't you give Him now your all?
 Those who gather souls for Jesus
 Bringing in the golden sheaves
 In the final day of Judgment
 Each a penny will receive.

Testimonies

From California: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, This is another beautiful day which God has made to rejoice and be glad in. Psalm 118:24. February 14 as I walked down the hall holding to the side rail, I stumped my toe and down I fell on the soft padded rug. The x-ray showed a hair breadth cracked pelvis--no broken hip. Praise the Lord! But there is nothing too small for our great physician to see and take notice. I have suffered some. I am standing on the promises of God. John 15:7 was very precious to me. In about five weeks I was walking slowly with a cane. I wish to thank each one who prayed for me. God bless you. Love and prayers," --Sis. Dott Henry

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From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and family, We send love and greetings to you this morning. Hope you all are well and enjoying the blessings of the dear Lord. We are pretty well now. Finley is able to get around with the help of a crutch. We are so thankful for that. We want you to know we surely do enjoy the broadcast on Sunday morning. We just stop our work to listen to it. It's so encouraging. . . We also enjoy the Mission Trail paper so much too. We love and appreciate all of God's dear people so much. Please pray for us as we do for you." --Finley and Eunice Joiner

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From Florida: "To the Murphey family, Want you to know that we appreciate getting the little paper, and we want to report that we do so appreciate the goodness of God to us--His keeping and saving grace and his healing power and the answers to prayer. He is more to us than we can tell. We have been enjoying Bro. and Sis. Dornhofer being here in the sunny south for a few

weeks. We have Bible study and prayer midweek and on Sunday. They are an encouragement to us. We have a couple of problems that we desire the Lord to work out for our good and his glory, so remember us in prayer. May God bless you in your work is our prayer."

--Bro. and Sis. Clifford Lindner

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From Arkansas: ". . . Yesterday was our all day service, and it was a wonderful day. We didn't have any outside ministers, but Sis. Eck surely brought us two good messages. We had several visitors, and it surely was good to see them. We love all the dear saints and are glad for any of them to come be with us. My heart is so burdened for my loved ones and the loved ones of all the saints who are not saved. Dear ones, let us work a little harder and live closer to the Lord. We don't have long to get them in. Time is fast slipping away. Judgment is drawing nearer every day. . . May God bless you all . . ."

--Sister Della Anschultz

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From Illinois: ". . . We look forward to getting the paper, and I'm sure many others do. The news items are of interest as well. Remember our physical need along with others for whom you pray. . ."

--Andrew Reineking

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From California: "Dear Bro. and Sister Willie Murphey and family, Holy greetings to you in the blessed name of our dear Saviour who is all, yes, all to His faithful, trusting children. I believe your household is faithful, each one doing his faithful duty in getting the Mission Trail out to precious hungry souls for the good old time truth of God's holy Word which will be our entrance into the kingdom of God. Amen! . . . Yours for the furtherance of the work of God. . ."

--Sister Ella Phillips

at press time

we understand:

Graveside funeral services for Flora J. McAdams was held near Manchester, Oklahoma, Saturday, March 23. She was the daughter of the late Sister McAdams who was well known for years in the Anthony, Kansas congregation.

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From Missouri: "We went to see Sis. Torrence at Warrensburg and Eva Lou and Clayton at Columbia, Sunday. Ruth was about the same. Eva and Clayton were still encouraged."

--The Glen Inmanns

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In telling of the all-day service on the third Sunday, Sis. Lou Bray of Garfield, Arkansas wrote: "We had a good crowd--the McMurrins, Walls, Sells, Bro. Vada and Bro. Austin and Idabell. Bro. Vada brought both messages--one, 'The Wonderful Works of God' and 'The Love Written in Our Hearts'. They were rich and I pray to retain my share."

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Easter Revival Meeting

A hearty welcome is extended to those who live in the Dayton, Ohio area to attend the revival meeting scheduled to begin on Easter Sunday, April 14. Bro. Ostis Wilson from California is making plans to be with the saints at that time. The Church of God chapel is located at 622 Tyron. It is hoped that the meeting will last for ten days or longer as the Lord leads. Come praying and bring your unsaved friends.

--William A. McCoy, Pastor
24 Belpre Place, Dayton, Ohio

From Louisiana: ". . . Trust all there are well and much encouraged in the work of the Lord. We are still happy in the Lord and thankful for all His many blessings to us."

--Kenneth and Virgie Flynn

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Congratulations to Bro. and Sister Sam Barton of 2262 N. Columbia Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74110, on their 60th wedding anniversary last Monday, March 25. It is our sincere wish that God may continue to brighten their lives with his richest blessings.

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The saints of Guthrie plan to have all-day Easter services with basket lunches served in the dining hall.

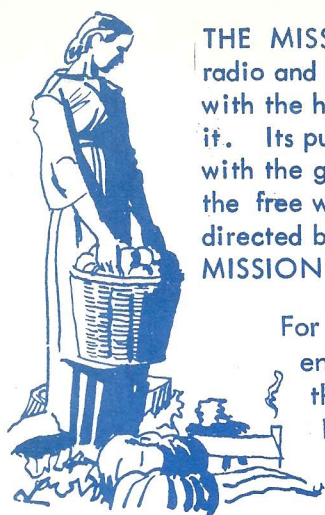
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Our mailing list continues to grow little by little, and we are grateful to those who make it possible for us to keep the message on the air each week and going through the mail. We have a firm faith to believe that as God directs so will He supply the means to send out His word. We desire that you would continue to pray for us as we also pray for you.

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Sunshine Helps

"Give your sunshine to the living,
Scatter flowers with willing hand;
You may wake the chords responsive
That will vibrate o'er the land.
Lavish smiles upon the aged,
Cheer the sad ones on their way;
You can make this world much better
By the kindness of today."



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "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."

Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following stations:

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KXOW	Hot Springs, Ark.	1420 kc.	Sunday, 7:15 a.m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kans.	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
WFPR	Hammond, La.	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCKW	Jena, La.	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, La.	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

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