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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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In God We Trust

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. . . Greetings, friends! Once again we are happy to be coming your way by means of radio with a message from the Word of God. In the 37th Psalm and beginning with verse 3 we find these words. "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday."

Now I want you to especially notice that this says to "Trust in the Lord." It does not say for us to put our trust within ourselves. We might do that and be disappointed. In fact we are told in II Corinthians 1:9, "But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead." And again in Philippians 3:3, "For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh."

You see, some people take quite a bit of pride in their ancestors. Others take delight in the fact that their nationality is what they consider superior to others. But wait a minute-- it does not matter what nationality you are. You may have some Irish, some Scotch, or German or French blood in you, or perhaps even some American Indian, but that will not save you.

In the 18th chapter of Luke we read these words beginning with verse 9. "And he spake this parable unto certain

which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are."

Then he went on to tell of the good deeds that he did, but he just simply was trusting in himself. All of his self righteousness was as filthy rags in the sight of God. The publican realized that he had nothing to boast of so he smote upon his breast and asked God to be merciful to him, a sinner. And I believe God did have mercy upon him.

Do you remember the two thieves, one on either side of the cross of our Lord when he was crucified? One of them was critical and bitter while the other realized that it was because of his sins he was suffering the penalty of death, so he asked Jesus to have mercy upon him. And I want to tell you that I believe he was saved that day by faith in the son of God. His sins were forgiven and he made peace

with God even though it was in the closing minutes of his life. However, I certainly do not recommend that one wait until they are breathing their last before seeking peace with God. They should realize that they need him all the time.

But let us go back to the thought expressed that we should trust in God. In the 11th Psalm, beginning with verse 1 we read, "In the Lord put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain."

You see, it brings a peace and satisfaction by trusting in God just as we find here in Isaiah 12:2 and 3. "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."

Friends, have you found this source of peace and contentment? We also find here in Psalm 34:22 that "The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate." And again in Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

That is not all either. There is happiness that goes along with trusting the Lord. Listen to this 20th verse from the 16th chapter of Proverbs. "He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good: and whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he." Then in Psalm 5, verses 11 and 12 we find, "But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with

favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield."

It is a mighty good thing to have the Lord on your side when you get in trouble. Have you ever been in trouble and felt that you needed a power which was greater than your own to lift yourself from it. And you can be sure you are going to have some trouble. Listen to the 7th verse of the 1st chapter of Nahum. "The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him." You see, the Lord does not forget those who trust in Him.

Now in addition to all the benefits we receive from trusting the Lord such as joy, peace, happiness, salvation through faith in his name, and healing to our bodies when we are sick, besides the hope of eternal life when we depart from this world, here are some other good reasons why everyone should put their trust in Him. His promises are great and his Word is unailing. We notice that Christ said in Luke 21:33 that "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away."

Then again we are told that God cannot lie. This scripture is found in Hebrews 6 and verse 18. It says, "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us." And more than that he tells us in I Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

In conclusion let me give you two other scriptures. One of them is found in Proverbs 3:5 and 6. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all

thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." And the other is found in Psalm 20:7. "Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." Friends, I like that, don't you? Isn't it a wonderful thing to know that the God whom we serve has power over all the elements of the world. He has power over the kingdoms of the world, and He sets up one king and puts down another according to his will and pleasure. I'm glad that God is still ruling the world today.

Now if you have not trusted him before, I hope that from this time on you will learn to put your trust in God. Let us do what was in the hearts of our forefathers when they designed the coins which came from the mints of the government with these words on them, "In God we trust". Friends, where is your trust today? Is it in earthly things? Is it in your own righteousness or some man-made organization or is it in the living Word, the eternal Word of God?

Listen to this poem.

Blessed Be His Name

I have a friend, whose faithful love
Is more than all the world to me,
'Tis higher than the heights above,
And deeper than the boundless sea;
So old, so new, so strong, so true;
Before the earth received its frame
He loved me. Blessed be His name!

He held the highest place above,
Adored by all the sons of fame,
Yet, such His self-denying love,
He laid aside His crown and came
To seek the lost, and, at the cost
Of heavenly rank and earthly fame,
He sought me. Blessed be His name!

It was a lonely path He trod
From every human soul apart,
Known only to Himself and God
Was all the grief that filled His heart;
Yet from the track, He turned not back
Till, where I lay in want and shame,
He found me. Blessed be His name!

Then dawned at last that day of dread
When, desolate, yet undismayed,
With wearied frame and thorn-crowned
head

He, now forsaken and betrayed,
Went up for me--to Calvary,
And, dying there in grief and shame,
He saved me. Blessed be His name!

Long as I live, my song shall tell
The wonders of His matchless love:
And when at last, I rise to dwell
In the bright home prepared above,
My joy shall be His face to see, and,
Bowing then with loud acclaim,
I'll praise Him. Blessed be His name!

Let us pray.

Our Father,

There may be someone listening to this broadcast today who is in trouble and distress because their sins are weighing heavily upon their heart. We pray you would help them to cast their sins and cares upon thee and find the peace and pardon which comes by trusting God, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

If you feel that you need spiritual help and guidance, please be free to write us. We hope that we may be able to assist you in your problems, and may I remind you that this message is brought to you each week over a number of radio stations. We also offer printed copies free of charge to those who request them. We desire your prayers and co-operation as we endeavor to

send forth the word each week by faith. If you would like to write us you may address us by mailing your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla.

Listen now to this song, "The Son Hath Made Me Free". The singers are Lynn and Alma Carver, Arnett and Genevieve Carver.

Be with us again next week at this same time on this same station for another broadcast of The Mission Trail. Until then this is Willie Murphey saying a very cheerful good-bye!

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Testimonies

From Pennsylvania: ". . . Lord willing, husband and I plan on leaving the last part of this week to go and attend the Dayton, Ohio meeting that Bro. Ostis Wilson is holding there. We plan on going to Bro. and Sis. Gordon Humphrey's home. They (Bro. Gordon, Sis. Sybilla and Baby) were all here on the 18th of March and stayed over night. We were so very thankful that they came. . . We had service that night, and it was so good to hear the truth preached once more. So still enjoy the Mission Trail paper. May the Lord ever bless you each one in His work and keep you encouraged to press on unto the end. With love and prayers,"

--Avis Tinsley

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From Illinois: "Dear Bro. Murphey, . . . I enjoy getting the Mission Trail. . . . Please keep the paper coming. I give my paper to my daughter Linda after reading it. I feel like we are able to get better acquainted with some of God's children through it, and we like the messages and poems and testimonies. Your sister in Christ,"

--Thelma Sprague

From Mexico: "Dear Ones, . . . Where were you Easter? I took seven people with me to Rosarito Thursday and stayed till Monday, and we came back. They were days of work and spiritual blessing. Had good crowds and alot of altar work too. I for one was challenged spiritually and had a real blessing in my soul. Angel and Celia went too. Angel went to the altar for prayer and later told of a burden he felt to be an instrument in God's hands, that if the Lord showed him to be a pastor of a congregation, he was willing. Pray for Angel and Celia. Tell everyone there hello for me and to pray for me as they think of me. I really keep busy and can't seem to keep up with everything. . . I honestly desire your prayers that I know how to manage my time better. . . I appreciate the work you're doing and am praying for you that every need be supplied. Your Sister in Christ with much Christian love,"

--Edith Cole

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From Oklahoma: ". . . This is Easter Sunday week. I would love to be with the saints there, but the Lord knoweth all things. Aunt Lizzie Eck is still with her daughter. We are so thankful to God for the way she is strengthened in soul and body. She is able to walk by herself. My prayer to God is to bless you all in this faithful work for his name's sake. I also have different unspoken requests before our God. Pray for us." --Sis. Eva Penner

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From Florida: "Dear Ones, Greetings in Jesus. How are you all? We are fine and thanking the Lord for a reasonable degree of health. Wish you were here. Weather is fine, and orange blossom perfume is in the air. . . I hope this finds you all well and happy in the Lord's work."

--Marie and Clifford Lindner

From Arkansas: ". . . The dear Lord is so good to us. We have so much to be thankful for. I thank Him sincerely for salvation and the in-dwelling of his holy spirit. Without his help, so often we might fail. . . May God richly bless and keep all of you, and my daily prayers are for lost souls. . . So many need our prayers. As we look about us and see how the world is so steeped in sin, my heart goes out to them in sincere prayer. . . God has abundantly blessed me in body in answer to prayer. So many much younger than I cannot hold out to walk or to work. I do all my work, even mow my lawn and walk several blocks almost every day. I know God has blessed me, and I give Him the glory and praise. . . In Jesus' love,"

--Belva Howard

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From California: ". . . We attended the meeting in Jefferson, Oregon. We had a good meeting. There were quite a few who attended. Several stayed on the grounds. Bro. Huskey and Bro. Doolittle were the visiting ministers. We came home on Saturday. Brother Doolittle stayed until it was over. . . The Lord is blessing us here. We have two couples of young people in our congregation now and they are real encouraging. They are very precious. . . Christian love,"

--Sis. Loretta Miles

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From Wisconsin: "Dear Brother Murphey and all, Received the Mission Trail today and just am through reading it. I enjoy reading it. Trust you had a nice trip and arrived home safely. I did enjoy your company and the messages the Lord gave you to deliver. I am thankful you came our way. . . You can come again anytime. In the fall is a nice time to come to Wisconsin also. . . Greetings in Christian love,"

--Roman Deforth

The Living Water

As I was looking at yonder mountain, meditating on the thought of how it took the rain and the warm sunshine to cause the grass, leaves, buds and flowers to come alive in all their springtime glory, I thought of how Jesus in his great compassion and love caused a "new-life" to spring forth in the "woman at the well". Then I wrote this little poem. Maybe you can use it sometime.

Jesus, tired and weary, sat down upon
a well,
There came to him a woman, the story
may we tell?
She came to Him a-thirsting, her soul
and body too,
And Jesus gave her water no other
friend could do.
She went away rejoicing, Such news to
gladly tell,
For Jesus gave her water that was not
in the well.
She hastened to the city to those she
knew so well,
Whose hearts (like hers) were thirsting
for water not in the well.
Come see this Man-of-wonders. I know
you'll like his well.
He'll give you living water that was not
in the well.
No more you'll be a-thirsting for things
this world contains.
This everlasting water such joy and
gladness brings.
You too will swell the chorus of great
salvation tell,
That Jesus gave you water that was not
in the well. --Sister S. E. Abbott

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From India: "Respected Sir, I am interested in reading the Mission Trail weekly. I am a regular reader of Bible. So please send me one copy of your weekly regularly. Thanking you. Yours faithfully," --Babu Abraham

A Faithful One Is Called Home

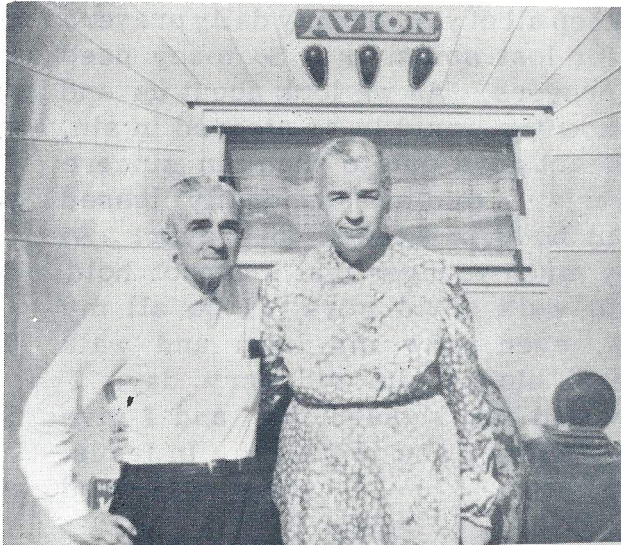
"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will rear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psalm 23:4

Our deep and heartfelt sympathy is extended to Sis. Evelyn Gibson and her children in the loss of her husband and their father, for it was in the afternoon of April 23 that Brother Darius Gibson breathed his last and made his peaceful departure as he answered the final call from his Heavenly Father to come home.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m., April 26, in the Church of God chapel located at 6th and West Warner, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Burial is to be made in the Summit View Cemetery, north of town. Brother Murphy

Allen of Carterville, Missouri will be in charge of the service. Bro. Darius was 70 years old and had felt the call of God to the ministry many years ago. He answered that call and has been faithfully laboring in the gospel to point souls both far and near to the truth of God's Word. Those of us who knew Darius so well feel a keen loss in his passing. Many times he has spoken words of wisdom to those who were in trouble and in need of help either physically or spiritually. His ministry was not a sideline for him--it was his business. He specialized in a personal contact with those who were isolated. It was his delight to hook the shining Avion trailer, shown in the picture above, behind his car and enter into new fields where many others had never been, but he did not wait until God supplied the new trailer. He used what was available--a home-made trailer.

Perhaps others will remember as I do when he told how, as a young man, he had a desire to see the end of every railroad, but how his life was changed when Christ came into his heart. It seems that then his desire must have been to take the gospel into every state, and, indeed, few states have been missed. Even though Bro. Darius was a small man, he wielded the sword of the Spirit in a powerful way. This often brought him in close contact with dangers which few of us ever face. Many times the enemy was stirred, and yet God delivered him--sometimes even miraculously--until our Lord, Himself, called him home.



DARIUS and EVELYN GIBSON, who have traveled extensively in the gospel work, are shown here with their trailer in 1966.

at press time

we understand:

From Missouri: ". . . Since Don McIntosh will be leaving the 26th, would you put a notice in the Mission Trail that no one send anymore mail to us to Don's address. If anyone wishes to write us, send it to: University of Missouri Medical Center, Columbia, Missouri 65201, Room 740. I haven't found out anymore yet when they will be moving Ruth. I think the 7th floor staff are wanting her moved, but the court at Alton hasn't found a place to move her. I'll try to let you know as soon as I learn anything. Clayton went back home this morning. Ruth is about the same as she was when you stopped by. I want to get this in this evening's mail if I can. . . Keep praying for us. Love,"

--Eva Lou Gaines

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Sister Lavina Martens of Anthony, Kansas is in need of earnest prayer for her healing.

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From Kansas: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family, This leaves me still saved and very much encouraged to press the battle on because he that endureth until the end shall win a crown. I certainly do not intend for anyone to take my crown. I am sure you have heard about the glorious meeting we had in Wichita. It surely left me inspired and determined more than ever to live for God so I can make Heaven my eternal home. . . ."

--Shirley Knight

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From California: "I have an unspoken request. Please pray for me."

--Monteen Graham

From Kentucky: "Greetings once again to all our Mission Trail family, We enjoy this weekly messenger so much and pray God to continue to bless you all in every needed way that the Gospel may continue to go forward and reach many souls. We had the happy privilege of a safe trip to Mo. over the first Sunday week-end. So thankful we enjoyed a precious visit with dear Bro. and Sis. Gibson. We found him encouraged in the Lord and bearing fruit for God. They both need our prayers. We also were with the saints at Myrtle Saturday night and Sunday. It was a real pleasure to meet with the dear saints in that locality again. God richly poured out His spiritual blessings upon us. Praise his dear name! The meeting is in progress now in Dayton with Bro. O. B. Wilson and Sis. Wilson from California. We expect to attend some of these services, Lord willing. Pray for us. In the Master's sweet service,"

--Sister and Bro. S. E. Abbott

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From Ohio: ". . . We are still out in the Lord's work and busy for Him. I surely do enjoy the work so much. You pray for us that we will be in the center of his will. We are so thankful for God's presence with us. Without Him we can do nothing. Remember my mother in prayer for her body. She needs a touch from the hand of the Lord. . . . Sis. Sharp needs prayer too. She is real weak in body. I would like for the Lord to touch her. . . Your Bro. in the Lord,"

--Gordon Humphry



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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.
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