



# The Mission Trail

Box 99

Guthrie, Okla. 73044

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

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

VOL. 4, NO. 33

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

SEPTEMBER 6, 1968

## He Doth not Afflict Willingly - - Part IV

Radio Broadcast for week of September 1, 1968 (See back page for list of stations.)

. . . a very cheerful greeting to all the listeners of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. This is Willie Murphey speaking. I want to extend a very special and hearty welcome to all the listeners of KGGF of Coffeyville, Kansas over which this program is being heard for the first time. We have looked forward to being on this station. We appreciate the listeners and each one who makes it possible for us to be heard on all of the stations over which this message of faith is brought to you each week. We hope it may prove a blessing to you. If you are looking for the truth and searching for the old-time paths wherein is the good way, write us and we will be glad to tell you if there is a congregation of saints near you.

For some weeks now I have been using the text: "The Lord doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men." Lam. 3:33 Today is no exception. We are not through with this yet. We have pointed out seven things to refrain from doing in time of sorrow, and three constructive things to keep in mind to make your life happy and useful. Well, really, the last one was incorrectly given over the air last week as number 4. We are correcting this on the printed copies. You see we print and mail these messages. Some may want to keep them for future references. Write us and let us add your name free of charge to our mailing list. They are postpaid without cost or obligation to you.

Here then is the next thing to keep in mind in times of sorrow.

4. Take what you have and make some thing out of it. When God called Moses for a great and mighty work he began to make excuses. Do you remember

what God said to him? Listen: "What is that in thine hand?" Ex. 4:2 Now the thing he had in his hand was a rod. So the Lord just commanded him to cast it on the ground and it became a serpent. When he picked it up by the tail it again turned to a rod. Read of this in the 4th chapter of Exodus. The thing I am getting at is this: When you give what you have to the Lord he can make something of it. Don't cry for what you don't have. Use what you do have.

Not long ago I drove up to a friend's house high in the hills of Arkansas, but he was not home. My family was with me and it was not long until one of the children noticed a large rattle snake in the garage. We watched it for a while and when it began to slither away and head for the grass and rocks again I wishfully lamented: "Oh, I wish I had something to kill it with." Kathleen remarked: "Just wishing won't do it!" And how true that was. We had to use what was available. But it wasn't long

until one of the children hurriedly brought me a shovel which was near at hand. With this I killed the rattlesnake.

Now what I am telling you may not be the easiest thing to do. Sometimes sorrow leaves one without a companion to walk the balance of the road of life alone. This within itself is depressing. What should you do? Well, friends, it is not for me to say, but I want to read to you from a letter in which one dear saint tells what she is doing. Listen:

"Dear Brother and Sister, I am so happy in the Lord's service. How He does bless me and care for me. There is no life like a Christian's life. O! If people would only try the life of a Christian they would surely not want to live in sin. The Lord is blessing me so wonderfully in making booties for the Lord's work. If folks haven't any thing to give to the Lord's work, maybe if they would ask the Lord to give them a job to make some money for the Lord he would do that. I can testify that is what the Lord did for me. I am 87 years old and in a nursing home. The doctor said I couldn't live in my little home that I loved so well anymore. I sold my home. . . so here I am in a beautiful rest home. Every one is so kind and good to me. We have good food and so clean and nice. I do praise God for these homes for old people.

I wish all the patients could be so satisfied as I am. A Christian can learn like Bro. Paul in the Bible. He said he had learned to be content in whatever place he was. Jesus said He had no place to lay his head. Some people want to just have everything so nice and comfortable. We are living in a time people never had so much of everything --yet not satisfied. O! how sad,

running after the pleasures of this world and leaving the Lord out of their life. O! how my heart is made so sad. But the Bible is being fulfilled so fast. Surely we are in the last days of time. May God bless you in your good work. I love your little paper and the testimonies of the dear saints. Also the pictures. I know some of the folks.

It seems it has been my lot in life to be isolated from the saints. But sometimes it's good to be isolated and you can work for the Lord where the truth is not preached. My husband was an evangelist. He went to new places and preached and folks were saved, accepted the truth. One summer we traveled with a few other workers, had a tabernacle and tents. We went in new places. We had some wonderful meetings. We trusted the Lord for all our needs and He never failed us.

One time we were in a town and it was Saturday evening. We were out of bread. We went on our knees and asked the Lord for bread. The workers went in to start the evening service feeling the Lord would answer our prayers. I hadn't gone in yet. Here came a boy with a bunch of bread. He said the cook of a railroad gang sent it--thought we might use some bread. Wasn't that bread from heaven? This cook didn't know we needed bread but the Lord did and moved on this cook to send it. O! praise the Lord. We are serving a prayer answering God. I could tell so many wonderful answers to prayer.

I will relate one more time. My husband was gone in the Lord's work and I needed milk for my children. I asked the Lord about it and then contacted a lady for the milk. She gave it to me. It was almost time to pay my milk bill but I knew the Lord would send the

money. So I got a letter with \$5 for the milk. A brother about 50 miles away said he was out in the barn doing his chores. The Lord spoke to him to send Sis. Myers \$5. He went to the house and told his wife. She said, "You better send it." He never knew anything about me needing the milk money but the Lord did and answered my prayer. O! why wouldn't I serve the Lord when he takes care of me in such a wonderful way? I have been serving my dear saviour since I was 15 yrs. old. I have proved the Lord over and over and found his promises true. Now I am old and still trusting Him--so happy I am nearing the end of life, and soon going to that mansion the Lord is preparing for me and all His children. We can't imagine what it will be like, but when we meet Him we will be like Him. I sing the song . . . "Sometimes I get homesick for Heaven and the joys that I there shall behold." The song goes on to say there is no disappointment in heaven. Praise the Lord. I didn't think I would write so much when I started but I just wanted to tell of some of the wonderful answers to prayers. Now I have \$5 more dollars to send to help you in your work for the Lord, keep the good work up. I believe it is what the Lord wants you to do. I will send my little mite to help as long as the Lord lets me make the money. I am so happy the Lord lets me have the use of my hands and eyes to work for the Lord. Do pray for me. I feel I am where the Lord wants me. Your sister in the Lord."

--O. K. Myers

Now, friends, would you not say that Sister Myers is taking what she has in her hand and using it for the Lord? Think of it--at 87 years old she makes baby booties and sells them to have

something to give to the work of the Lord! And all of this she does after she has sold her home and is now living in a rest home for the aged.

One final caution--if we are going to make something of what we have we should begin now. Listen to this poem taken from the Jena Times:

### *Please, Daddy, Let's Go*

A little girl with shining eyes--her  
 little face aglow  
 Said, "Daddy, it's almost time for  
 Sunday School. Let's go.  
 They teach us there of Jesus'  
 love, of how he died for all.  
 Those who on him will call."  
 "Oh no," said Daddy, not today,  
 I've worked hard all week,  
 And I must have one day of rest.  
 I'm going to the creek,  
 There I can relax and rest,  
 And fishing's fine they say,  
 So run along: don't bother me,  
 We'll go to church some day."  
 Months and years have passed away,  
 But Daddy hears the plea no more.  
 "Let's go to Sunday School."  
 Those childish days are o'er,  
 And now that Daddy's growing old,  
 When life is almost through,  
 He finds some time to go to church,  
 But what does daughter do?  
 --Author unknown

Let us pray:

Our Father in heaven,  
 We pray for all those in tune with the  
 broadcast today. May their lives be  
 enriched because of the words of  
 eternal life. Bless those who are  
 passing through the valley of the sha-  
 dow of death and all those in sorrow and  
 to thee we will give the praise through

Christ our Lord. Amen.

This message has been brought your way by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. The broadcast time, the postage and other expenses as well as our own living is received from those to whom God speaks and moves on their hearts to give. If we maybe of any help to you, or if you would like a printed copy of today's message please let us hear from you.

Listen now to this song, "Take time to be holy". The singers are Bob Forbes, Randall Flynn, Dale Doolittle, and Troy Gentry.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Be with us again next week at this same time on this same station as we continue this same subject again. Until then this is Willie Murphey saying may the Lord's richest blessings be yours and a very cheerful good-bye!

--o--



DALE DOOLITTLE

MELVIN DOOLITTLE

BOB FORBES

RANDALL FLYNN

## From Guthrie

"Dear Mission Trail family, Greetings of Christian love to you today. We see a touch of fall in the trees and grass and feel that cooler weather will soon be here. Where has the summer gone? What did we accomplish in our souls and the souls of others? The work of God knows no season. May we all be busy in each of our own small ways doing what we can to bring salvation and the hope of Heaven to those around us. I thank the Lord for all His blessings to me and mine. We have so much to be thankful for. I see His great hand choosing out for me even in the hard things He permits to come my way. God's way is surely best. I want to "Be not afraid, only believe." The Lord so wonderfully blessed and made me able to go to the Monark meeting. Now once again the bowel condition has returned. I am in some pain much of the time and very uncomfortable all of the time. It seems that there are pockets in the intestines that gradually become packed causing pressure on nerves and causing sharp pains in the back and legs. Sometimes I get so nearly crippled that I have to hold on to the furniture to walk. This is the sixth time in almost three years that they have been packed. I tell these details so the saints can know how to pray. I feel that I would not be here if it were not for the Lord answering the prayers of His people. I need courage and grace each day. I feel so needy of the dear Lord helping me to be a good soldier of the cross. May He bless each of us and may we do our part so that He can. Love to all,"

--Jessie Taylor, Route 5, Guthrie, Okla. 73044

--o--

"Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way" Gen. 23:20.

## Testimonies

From Texas: "Dear Bro. Willie, The Lord has performed another miracle. Praise His holy name. In His will and with his permission I will receive my discharge on the 9th of September after fighting TB in the hospital for 7 yrs. God is good and His mercies endureth forever. I am the miracle. I have scar tissues in both lungs, a cavity in the left lung, and the right lung has collapsed, (is dead) yet God has cured the disease and I am able to walk out of the hospital as God would have me to. Who would not serve a God so rich in grace and love. Oh, I feel so humble and grateful to Him. I want to worship and serve Him forever. I get short of breath easily but I can pray, praise, and tell of His wonderful love. Thank you very much for the comfort and encouragement you have given me in your letters and The Mission Trail."

--Vernia Morbley

--o--

From Mich.: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Praise the Lord for His many rich blessings to us. We surely do thank Him this morning for the wonderful plan of salvation and for Jesus who suffered so much that we might have peace and joy in our hearts. Just writing about it makes my heart glad and rejoice. . . I am so glad that we were privileged to attend so many campmeetings this year. I know I have a deeper and more fervent desire to get closer to the Lord and I would like to thank all those that labored so hard to make these meetings possible and so enjoyable. I surely do appreciate each and every one. I'd better close for now. Trusting that God will richly bless you and keep you encouraged in all His ways. Yours in Christ,"

--Bro. Ralph, Sis. Dorothy Wilkins



Brother and Sister W. W. Crawley  
Route 4 Box 104  
Okemah, Oklahoma 74859

Bro. Crawley has been a preacher of the gospel in the reformation for many years. This picture of him and his wife was made on August 20, 1968 while they were in attendance at the Boley campmeeting. On his last birthday May 9, Bro. Crawley was 93 years old. Sis. Ollie Crawley's birthday was August 28 and she was 89 yrs. old.

--o--

From Va.: "Keep the little Mission Trail paper coming my way. I like to read it. I have received it each week since Bro. Gibson passed away. . . I appreciate it very much."--Ira Adams

--o--

From Missouri: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and family, Greetings in the great name of Jesus this morning. Trust this finds all well with all of you. We are still encouraged to go on for Jesus and enjoy our salvation and freedom and endure the trials and hard places and do our best to run with patience unto the end. The children started to school yesterday and we desire your prayers for them and pray for me. I need the Lord's help in some unspoken burdens and also to know His will concerning a decision to be made. May the Lord bless and always encourage and supply all your needs in this great work. Pray for us."

--Zella Dollins

From Okla.: . . . We are all well which we are so thankful for. His blessings are many to us. We went to see Bro. and Sis. Barton today. He seemed fair, his face bleeds so much he has to lay down more. Sis. Barton's legs cramp and give her trouble at times, but they both were encouraged in the Lord. Surely they are an example for us to follow. We were privileged to be at Boley today. We saw Bro. and Sis. Crawley. Surely the Lord is good to his children. Christian love, --Ted and Alta Bock and family

--o--

Press on, my brother, sister,  
And face the deadly foe;  
Thro' Jesus Christ we'll conquer,  
While trav'ling here below.

--o--

Sis. Ethel Chrisman of Enid, Okla. desires prayer for her brother, Wilburt Husted who has been missing for more than 50 years. He has been recently found in a nursing home in Wellington, Kansas. Pray that God may restore his memory and grant him salvation.

--o--

From Missouri: Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and family, Greetings in the Lord this morning. I have been thinking of you and praying for the Lord to bless you all in the good service you are doing for him. . . it encourages me to know the Lord has some people who are all out for the Lord. I'm encouraged in the Lord and by his help and grace I mean to live for him and trust him for both soul and body. I have found him to be our helper in every time of need. I'm glad the Lord loves and hears us when we call on him. I want to be more like him in everything. . . the meeting was such food to our soul. Remember me in prayer. Also 2 of my friends have 2 unspoken requests. . . Thanks a lot. I'll say bye for this time.

--Myrtle Glass

## Concerning Ruth

From Mo.: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Willie Murphey, Greetings of love. Ruth seems to be gradually improving little by little. Some days she seems to have quite a bit of pain. Other days she doesn't seem to have much pain. On those days she seems real happy and laughs a lot. The doctor has increased the calories in her diet and she is gaining weight. She weighs 40 lbs. now. The tube in her nose is changed every week. This last week when they had the tube out Dr. Fowler tried giving Ruth some ice cream but she wouldn't take it. I was curious to know what the doctor thought about Ruth's condition now so I asked the doctor how long he thought it would be until Ruth could be up and going if Ruth kept improving along. He said he didn't know and that he thought it would be a miracle if Ruth ever improved any more than she is now. If I understand them right they think she will get worse again as the tumor starts growing. We ourselves are still looking for Ruth's healing. Our faith has remained fixed in the Lord through all these months. David is going to school now. He is 8 years old and is in the 3rd grade. He came up with us last night (Fri. night) Ruth seemed glad to see David. Ruth is awake now so will close. We are still encouraged. Keep praying for us. Christian love,"

--Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines

--o--

From Ala.: "Dear Friends, I have been receiving the Mission Trail, for a few weeks now. I enjoy reading it very much. . . Please remember us in your prayers. . . I have some very special unspoken requests at this time, and I know God can answer our prayers. Your friend in Christ,"

--Mrs. Silas Whitson and family

# at press time

we understand:

Sis. Kathrine Williams desires that the saints be reminded Dover, Okla. campmeeting began last Friday, Aug. 30, and continues through Sunday, September 8.

--o--

We were very pleased to have Jerry Hill and his wife DeLoris along with their family present with us in the services at Anthony, Kansas Sunday morning. They live in Newton.

--o--

"I enjoy hearing your program The Mission Trail every Sunday on KXOW here in Hot Springs. It gives me an up-lifted blessing. . .Keep the good work up and I will keep listening."

--Eva Mae Reaves

--o--

Reception of KGGF last Sunday morning was very good in Anthony, Kan. Also we observed on a trip last week to Dallas that their coverage reaches beyond the Red River which is the boundary between Okla. and Texas. So if you have been unable to hear the message on any of the stations before try listening to KGGF each Sunday morning at 8:00 o'clock. The dial setting is 690 kc. Many thanks to the Coffeyville, Neosho, Webb City, and Sapulpa congregations as well as individuals who are contributing to make this station possible.

--o--

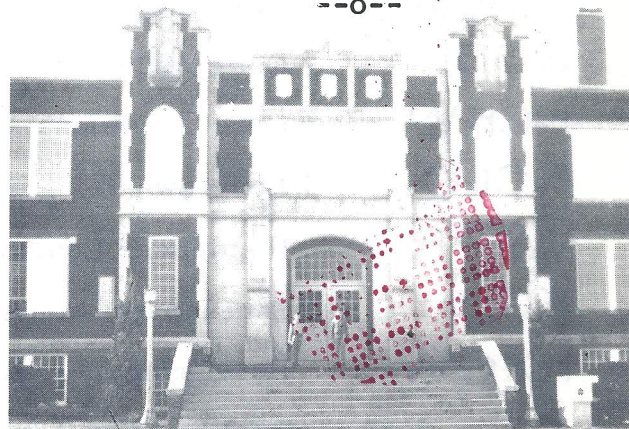
Keep me clean and free from sin,  
 Keep me cleansed without and within,  
 Keep me free from sin and shame  
 Keep me, keep me, always in thy  
 name. --Dolly Williams

Prayer is requested for Bro. and Sis. Zeto Francisco and other members of their family who were in the auto accident near Clovis, N. M.

--o--

On page 4 will be found an encouraging letter from Sister Jessie Taylor who has been afflicted for some years now with a large tumor. Her trust is in the promises of God. Would you like to write her a card or letter?

--o--



Guthrie Junior High School, 1968

This week school children will be returning to the class rooms of the public schools. Parents are reminded of the obligation they have to "train up a child in the way he should go". Don't leave it all for the school teachers to do. They have plenty of responsibility as it is. Some "home-training" will be a help. We are aware that our children face problems in the schools these days which many of us never had when we attended. However, we know that sound advice and prayer will help solve many of these things.



THE MISSION TRAIL, originating in Guthrie, Okla., is broadcast by radio and published weekly in printed form by Willie and Frances Murphey with the help of others. It is mailed free of charge to those who request it. Its purpose is to reach the hungry hearts of the unsaved everywhere with the gospel which will save them. Its principal support comes from the free will contributions of its listeners and readers. Those who feel directed by the Lord to assist may do so by sending their offering to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.



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:

RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kansas	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p. m.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, Louisiana	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
KXOW *	Hot Springs, Arkansas	1420 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.

\*Additional broadcast is heard on this station Sunday, 3:30 p. m.

**The Mission Trail**

Box 99

Guthrie, Okla. 73044

Address Correction Requested

