



The Mission Trail

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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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"Ye Did Run Well . . ."

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. . . and a very pleasant greeting indeed to all the listeners of this radio station. We are happy to be coming your way once again with a message from the Word of God. Many thanks to those who write us and co-operate with us in making this work of faith possible each week over this station. We feel indebted to God and to you and it is our sincere desire that we may present the Word in such a way that it may not only be interesting but profitable to those who will give heed.

In a recent prayer meeting a verse of scripture was brought out which has lingered in my mind. I want to pass it on to you with some additional thoughts which I believe will be helpful.

Listen to this verse from the 5th chapter of Galatians and the 7th verse, "Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?" Here the Apostle Paul is writing to the Galatians who had accepted Christ and yet it seems that they also wanted to hold onto the law, which became a hindrance to them. In other words, Paul pointed out that if they were going to accept Christ they must turn loose of the law or else if they continued to keep part of the commandments they were duty bound to observe them all.

Now here is the part of that verse on which I want to place emphasis right now. It says, "Ye did run well;" Let me ask you this question. Do you believe it is possible for an individual to accept Christ as their saviour and to live a victorious life? I hope you will not mind if I answer that myself, for I certainly do believe it is possible. Not

only is it a possibility but it is a practical way to live. I am talking about everyday Christianity and not just one day a week.

At one time I talked personally to a man who was up in years. He had plenty of wealth, but I was talking to him about the things of the Lord. It seems that somewhere back in the younger days of his life he had given his heart to the Lord. Now I am fearful that he had not spent all the remaining years of his life exactly as God would have had him do. But he reminded me that the happiest days of his life was back there when he had given his heart to the Lord.

Friends, I wonder how many within the sound of the broadcast has run well for God in their younger days. They may have made an excellent start but it is one thing to make a start and it is another thing to stay with it. If you are not now enjoying the very best days of your life then there is a reason for it. Of course it is true that some people never do find the secret of salvation. They never fully repent, they

have never found Christ. They may have a profession. But we are talking about genuine salvation that comes through faith, repentance, and then doing the will of God. When you do that I would say that this scripture is applicable in your life, "Ye did run well."

With Kathleen's help I want to give you the personal testimony of Bro. Fred Pruitt who is now gone on to be with the Lord. In his book, "God's Gracious Dealings", he wrote of his conversion:

"This joy and comfort of being saved was a new thing for wife and me, as we had never experienced any thing like it before. Oh, how we did love the Lord, the neighbors, and one another! We also had the love and goodwill toward those we had once hated. This was wonderful indeed! Truly, old things had passed away and all things had become new, and the future looked bright--great contentment! We were very careful to please God in all things, being anxious to do everything that would please Him and quick to quit anything that we thought would displease Him.

"I was a user of tobacco, and had tried to quit it time and again, but was unable to resist the desire for it that would come upon me. When the Lord saved me, I quit and tossed my pipe back on top of the kitchen cabinet behind the pans, buckets, and other utensils which were seldom used. This was in the summer of 1915. That fall I bought a one-row corn binder and cut at least one hundred and fifty acres of feed belonging to myself and neighbors. I shall never forget what peace I enjoyed and how the Lord gave me victory and calmness in my soul when the binder went wrong or the horses were ugly. I used to curse and behave badly, but now a sweet peace filled my soul, and, by His help, I never uttered a cross word nor sinned against God at any time, and the peace increased and flowed deep like a river."

Then, Bro. Pruitt went on to tell of the victory he had after the Holy Spirit came in and he was sanctified. Listen: "Truly, a new era had dawned in our lives. The Holy Spirit was to lead us now. To be in communion with God the Father, the Creator of the heavens and the earth and all things therein, was greatly inspiring and uplifting. The Sun of righteousness had come with healing in His wings. Mal. 4:2. And we were to 'go forth and grow up as calves of the stall.'

"When I got up the next morning and walked out into the yard, it seemed that I was treading the air and the strong power of God was reigning in my heart. Oh, how immensely I loved God! I was wrapped up in Him; was truly 'hid with Christ in God.' I went to the barn to milk the cows. One cow I always had to tie when I milked her, as she was a fierce kicker. I was so completely enveloped in God that I never thought of tying her. She stood quietly like a gentle cow. It seemed like the cows were sanctified, too. The love of God and the glory of God was flooding my soul. The love for souls increased a hundred fold. Great love came into my heart for those whom I had hated before I was justified."

Thank you, Kathleen. Friends, I have been talking about that scripture, "Ye did run well." The only way that you can run well in life is to have peace with God. You may think you are getting along pretty well without him, but really you are not. You can only do well when you are doing that which is pleasing in God's sight. On the broadcast next week I want to discuss the other part of the text, "Who did hinder you". You know there are some things which hinder people from running well. They make a good start but they don't continue running well. So we want to discuss some of those things on the broadcast next week. Be sure to hear the broadcast over this same station.

You see, life is too short for us to waste it. We should be busy each and every day of our life using it in a way that is pleasing in the sight of God. Listen to this poem:

Only One

'Tis not for a man to trifle; life is brief,
 And sin is here.
 Our age is but the falling of a leaf,
 A dropping tear.
 We have not time to sport away the hours,
 All must be earnest in a world like ours.
 Not many lives, but only one have we—
 Only, only one.
 How earnest should that one life be,
 That narrow span;
 Day after day spent in blessed toil.

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Let us pray.

Our gracious Father,
 We are glad for the plan of salvation which will work perfectly for those who are willing to follow thy teachings. Bless each one who hears the broadcast today. Give strength to the weak and comfort to those who are in sorrow and salvation to those who are lost. And to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, it has been a pleasure to be with you on the broadcast today. We hope that you will make it a regular listening habit to hear THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma on this same station each week. If you desire to write us or if we may be of any help to you, be sure to let us know. Address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you.

Listen to this song, "There is a city". The singers are Marie Miles, May Bell Pruitt, Vernon Miles, Gene, Dora Lela, Marcia, and Sharon Beisley.

Friends, we appreciate the opportunity of bringing you the gospel over this radio station. If you have enjoyed it, be sure to let us know. When you write will you tell us the station over which you hear the message and if you like a printed copy free of charge let us know that. We will be glad to send you one without cost or obligation to you. This work is supported by those who have a love for the truth and we do appreciate the interest and concern of those who contact us from time to time. If we may be of any help to you, be sure to let us know. By all means, hear the message next week when we ask the question, "Who did hinder you?" Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

Souls in Darkness

Souls in heathen darkness lying,
 Where no light has broken through,
 Souls that Jesus bought by dying,
 Whom His soul in travail knew;
 Thousand voices
 Call us o'er the waters blue.

Haste, O haste, and spread the tidings,
 Wide to earth's remotest strand;
 Let no brothers bitter chidings
 Rise against us when we stand
 In the judgment,
 From some far, forgotten land!

Lo! the hills for harvest whiten
 All along each distant shore;
 Seaward far the island brighten,
 Light of nations lead us o'er;
 When we seek them
 Let Thy spirit go before.

Testimonies

From Wisconsin: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and family, . . . Trust every thing is going well with you folks. We are busy up here reaping an abundant harvest. The crops have all been good. The woods are getting quite colorful up here now, but some of the leaves are falling already so likely won't be as pretty as usual. Some years it's just like a big beautiful flower garden up here. Some time maybe you can come up and see for yourself. You know you are always welcome. We have such a beautiful country and to think how it is all being ruined by sinful man. It should make folks love the Lord when you see all the things and opportunities he has given us to make us happy. But people would rather live in sin. These surely are trying times. We surely need to pray for one another. . . In Christian love,"

--Mr. & Mrs. John LaVeau

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From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and Frances and family, We send greetings of love in Jesus name. This is a beautiful day which the Lord hath made. So glad that we can rejoice and be glad in it. It had been so dry here for quite a while but the Lord sent us a wonderful rain this week and it is so nice and pleasant now. We trust this will find you folks well and happy in the Lord. We have had colds but the Lord has undertaken and we are about over them. This leaves me encouraged to keep pressing right on up the shinning way that leads to our eternal home. . . We trust the Lord will richly bless you as you bring forth the messages of truth over the air and through the printed page. Pray for us. In Christian love,"

--Audrey Baumgartner

From Oklahoma: "I have been intending to write you to tell you how much I enjoy The Mission Trail paper. I read it through before I lay it down. It is a great blessing to me. I do wish there were some saints here in Cherokee so we could have services. . . Oh yes, I want to tell you I can get KGGF Coffeyville. It came in just fine last Sunday and how I enjoy it. . ."

--Ella D. Linfoot

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"I do praise God for salvation and for all he has done and is doing for me. Truly I can say with the Psalmist, 'God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble.' I can say he has been my comfort and guide in these testing times. He has been to me all his word has said he would be, Praise his dear name. After my companion passed away I desired so very much to continue on in the Lord's work. But my eyes would not permit, but through the earnest prayers of God's children, my eyes are much better and I can drive my car and see real well. I've taken several long trips going out to do what I can to help the isolated and the needy. All praise be to the dear Lord. This work has been so dear to Darius and me through the years. It was the joy of our hearts. I just rejoice to know I can continue to do my little part. My full dependence is upon God. I've changed my address in the past week from Seymour, Mo. to P. O. Box 103, Guthrie, Okla. 73044, phone (405) 282-0268. I am living in my little trailer house in a trailer park in Guthrie. I feel so contented here and so happy to be with the children of God and my loved ones. I feel I can do work for Jesus here and else where. I want to keep busy for him who has done so much for me. In the Master's service,"

--Sister Evelyn Gibson

From California: "Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances, Greeting. . . We have moved to the Church of God Sunset Guest Home at Pacoima. Cecil is some better in body and has victory in his soul. I am rejoicing in the Lord to be here in this home with the dear saints. There are fifteen in the home now. It is a wonderful place to be. I am saved and encouraged to press on for God. . . Bro. Francis Doolittle was here and preached an inspiring message. Six new people came out to morning service from a distance. They had heard of the church here through some literature. We hope they come back. Bro. Ostis and Sis. Evelyn are home again. . . Hope all are well with each of your family. We enjoy the Mission Trail. Christian love, your sister and brother,"

--Rada and Cecil Watkins

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From Pennsylvania: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus precious name! What a mighty God we serve! He is so precious to me and I wouldn't want to live one moment without Him. He saved my soul and keeps me each day. When the devil would get me down, then God in His mercy holds me in the hollow of his mighty hand. Praise His name! . . . God bless all you do for Him. Mother is doing well. Some days her head hurts and then when she naps she is up again seemingly as good as new and goes on crocheting her afghans. She wants to have something to show at the end of the day. Too, she gives out God's word to have some sheaves when the reaping comes and the garner is gathered. What a wonderful Mother she is and gives out His word to all who will listen, no matter what color or creed. The seed is planted and some one may water and then will come the harvest. . ."

--Eva Cox

From Kansas: "Dear ones, Just a few lines to say we're still encouraged and love the Lord more each day. . . We enjoy hearing Mission Trail on KCLO. Trust all is well and encouraged there . . . May God bless you in the work you're doing. Our love and prayers," --Bob and Norene Harmon

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From California: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus dear name. Surely thanking the Lord for this wonderful salvation and every ray of light of God's Word he has given me. It delights my soul when he drops rays of light on my pathway. I surely want to please him with my life in every way. We are so glad that we were permitted to visit you in your home and print shop. It meant so much to us. We had a good visit and also enjoyed the 40 pound cold watermellon. We have enjoyed 5 camp meetings this year. The Lord has been so good to us. We do appreciate it so much and so thankful for the many souls who have sought God and got saved and the good we have received from these meetings. It seems most of the ones that are getting saved are teen agers and children. I'm so glad their hearts are tender, but we know the end of time is close as people's hearts are hardened, seems Satan has their eyes blinded and they are just going on, but we are praying God to arouse and awaken people from their sleep before it is too late. May God richly bless you there as you labor to bring the gospel over the air and by printed page to lost souls. We are praying for you. Christian love and prayers,"

--Loretta Miles

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Then fill each hour with what will last
Buy up the moments as they go.
The life above, when this is past,
Is the ripe fruit of life below.

Any Volunteers?

Sister Evodna Marler has been real pressed to find the necessary time to fulfill the necessary duties involved in being the secretary-treasurer of the national missionary fund which she and Bro. Louie Marler have been looking after for some time now. It might be that the Lord has someone else consecrated to give of their time to this worthy cause. Evodna is putting it before the saints in this way:

"Would you insert a little notice in the Mission Trail that there is a job open to work for the Lord and if anyone would be interested in filling this Secretary-Treasurer job to please contact me so we could be praying about it and turning their names over to the trustees. This is a wonderful work for the Lord for someone who has some time."

--Evodna Marler, Sec. Trea., Route 1, Box 180, Senath, Mo. 63876

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We claim we love the Word of God,
We say we know 'tis true,
We quote a passage here and there,
But never read it through!

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"Thank you for The Mission Trail paper that you have been sending my way. Have been receiving it for several weeks now. Find it to be a source of information and encouragement. I read it then loan it to others to read. . . . Sincerely,"

--Jim Broker

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"Your messages in The Mission Trail, 'He doth not afflict willingly' has been precious to my soul. We pray for all of you and the work you are doing for souls. We're all sick with colds, husband could hardly stay on his feet on the job yesterday. Pray for us. Much love,"

--Sybil Goldsberry

From KXOW Radio

Hot Springs, Arkansas

"Dear Brother Murphey: I trust that this letter finds you and yours in the best of health. We are now in the process of installing a new AM tower which will give us greater coverage and of course we hope to reach thousands of new listeners. At the same time we are moving our present tower to a mountain top location for our proposed All Gospel FM station. Needless to say, these changes have been keeping me on the run.

In my effort to build a greater audience for your program, I have moved your Sunday morning program to 7:45 A. M. Realizing that there are some who do not get up early on Sunday morning, I am hoping that this will help your mail response and increase your listening audience. Of course, the 3:30 P. M. Sunday broadcast will also continue till some future date.

We are also running a regular spot on other Gospel Programs to listen to your program. Based on the current Pulse Rating (as enclosed) I am determined to find out why more people do not respond. . .

With kindest regards, I remain yours truly,"

--Forrest Eddy

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Thanksgiving

I've been counting up my blessings,
I've been summing up my woes,
But I haven't got the conclusion
Some would naturally suppose:
Why, I quit a-counting troubles
Before I had a half a score,
While the more I count my blessings,
I keep a finding more and more.

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at press time

we understand:

Still Improving

"Dear Brother and Sister Murphey,

Greetings of love. We are thankful for the many blessings of the Lord to us. Surely He is so good to us. Since Clayton's mother and Myrtle went home I haven't been going to the hospital at night so it seems I can't find time to write many letters so I thought you might give a short report in the Mission Trail of Clayton's progress.

Clayton is improving some each day. He eats good but isn't able to work any yet. He seems to be stronger the last few days. His eyes and head still hurt him some but the pain is not nearly as severe as it was.

Ruth was in much pain when we were up there Monday but she has been feeling better the last two days. Some one has been taking us in the day time. I can't drive.

. . . Clayton was looking at the saddle and I believe he said one of the girths was broken. Anyway something was broken, so I'm guessing that when she bucked the saddle broke loose and that is probably why she bucked him off so easy and it was very rocky at this place. . . Christian love,

Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines

P. S. My nerves are better. I've been so tired and weary the last few days but feel some stronger now."

For reports of interest concerning:

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"It has been suggested that those who desire to agree in prayer each morning at 10:00 do so in behalf of the afflicted like Bro. Barton, Jessie Taylor, Mary Lounds, and the ones in the home and many others and their burdens. Already several are joining in at this time of day. Maybe it will be a comfort to those in need to know they are being remembered each day."

--Evodna Marler

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Our sympathy is extended to the loved ones and relatives of Sis. Otto Koehler, of Olympia, Washington, who died Sept. 19. Sis. Beatrice Spaur of Jefferson, Oregon was making plans to go and assist with the funeral.

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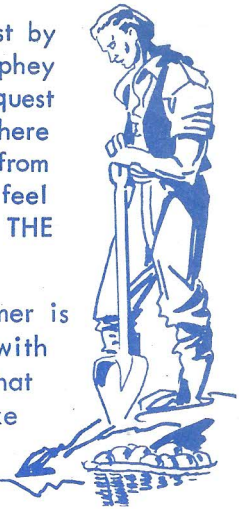
Sister Artie Bettis, formerly of Anthony, Kansas, is bedfast in very low condition after apparently suffering another stroke. She is in the home of Floyd and Margaretta Kennedy of Wichita, Kansas. Remember her earnestly in prayer at the throne of grace.

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Brother Curtis Williams reports that the attendance of the tent meeting near Vinita, Oklahoma, has been good. It was indeed good news to learn that in one service a father, three sons, and one daughter came to the altar to be saved. God is still doing mighty things for those who have faith in him.



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, 7:45 a. m. 7:45 3:30 p. m.

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

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