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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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Thanks Be Unto God

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. . . and greetings, friends, wherever you may be hearing the sound of my voice. It is indeed a pleasure to be coming your way once again by means of radio with a short message from the Word of God. With a special day of Thanksgiving coming soon I believe it would be good for us to consider this verse in Psalms 50:23. "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God." We could expect more favor and blessings from God if we were more interested in doing His will concerning us. Did you notice that the verse there said "whoso offereth praise glorifieth me"? God is worthy of our praise and he wants us to be thankful not one day in the year only but every day. Listen to this:

The Thankful Heart

For all that God in mercy sends--
For health and children, home and
friends,
For comfort in the time of need,
For every kindly word or deed,
For happy thoughts and holy talk,
For guidance in our daily walk--
In everything give thanks!
For beauty in this world of ours,
For verdant grass and lovely flowers,
For songs of birds, for hum of bees,
For the refreshing summer breeze,
For hill and plain, for stream and
wood,
For the great ocean's mighty flood--
In everything give thanks!
For the sweet sleep which comes
with night,
For the returning morning light,
For the bright sun that shines on high,
For the stars glittering in the sky--
For these and everything we see,
O Lord, our heart we lift to Thee;
In everything give thanks!

Listen now to the 14th and 15th verses of this 50th chapter of Psalms: "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

How fitting it was for the early pilgrims in 1621 to have that special day of thanksgiving after a hard winter of near starvation. They were thankful for the harvest and they were thankful that God had spared those who remained even though a large number of the early settlers had died during that year. It seems to me that it would be well if we as the people of America should pause long enough to consider our God given blessings lest in the hustle and bustle of our day we should drift too far from the fundamental principles of the Word of God. Instead of rioting, looting, and stealing and things of this nature, the people of our nation should be on bended knees before God imploring his guidance and leader-

ship. And when we consider what God has done for us we can see how much we have for which to offer thanks. Listen to these words from Phil. 4:6, 7, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

Here is another verse from II Cor. 2:14, "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place." That sounds to me like a note of victory. When the Apostle Paul considered how great was the price of our redemption he expressed it this way in II Cor. 9:15, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." And also in I Cor. 15:57, "But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

I would also like to recall to your mind another scene when Christ himself fed the multitude of people. Listen as I begin in Mark 8:5, "And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them: and they did set them before the people. And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them. So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets. And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away." Now I want you to especially notice before they ate Christ gave thanks. How fitting that was and how

much we should learn from these lessons which he taught the people in His day there when he fed the multitude.

Now here is another scripture that may be a little hard to receive at face value. But first listen to it in Eph. 5 and verse 20 it says, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;" Notice especially the words 'giving thanks always for all things unto God.' That wouldn't leave much time or place for grumbling and complaining would it? So we see that Jesus taught the example how he gave thanks and we should learn from this example, for of course in this scripture he just gave us we notice that it said to 'give thanks always for all things unto God'.

Now here is our example of one who did this. In Luke 22:17 we find these words, "And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come." Now in this case the cup represented one of suffering and death for it was in the giving of his body and life that Christ brought redemption to us. You see, it is not hard to give thanks for something you enjoy but here he was giving thanks as the son of God in offering himself for our salvation. And this included suffering and the forsaking of the disciples and of course eventually the death on the cross.

If you think it is hard to give thanks for a trial or persecution then consider what Daniel did when his enemies had conspired against him to destroy his life. Listen to this verse from Daniel 6:10, "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his

chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." You see, the threats of his enemies didn't stop him from giving thanks. He just continued right on giving thanks to God.

Shall we pray,

Our gracious Father,

We are indeed thankful to thee today with all of our hearts for your blessings. We are grateful that you set an example for us how we should be thankful and how we should live with the praise of God in our hearts and upon our lips continually. Bless each one who hears the broadcast and may it bring to them comfort and strength. Give them grace to bravely endure everything which you shall send their way and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Now, friends, may I take just a moment to tell you that this message is brought your way by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We certainly appreciate those who cooperate with us in helping to make this possible to go forth over this radio station each week. And then, if you would like to have a printed copy of today's message free of charge with out cost or obligation to you, be sure to let us know. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. And of course if we may be of any help to you in a spiritual way or if you have problems or sickness which you feel you would like for someone to agree with you in prayer for them, be sure to let us know when you write.

Here is our song now, "He's Done So Much For Me." The singers are: Bob and Dorrall Forbes.

And now, friends, may I offer one final suggestion. When Thanksgiving day rolls around and you sit down to a table supplied with a bountiful supply of food with your loved ones around you, why don't you remember that 'every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the father of lights.' We should love him more than the good gifts he sends our way and we should not forget that he is ever mindful of us and our needs and I believe it would please Him to offer thanks. Will you do that?

Until we meet again may God's richest blessings be with each one of you. This is Willie Murphey saying a very cheerful good-bye!

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Sunshine

The sun is shining beautifully
From out a cloudless sky
All is quiet and peaceful
As of the Realms on High.

Let's be like the glad, warm sunshine.
Be warm, kind, and true
Live to love and bless our fellowman
In every thing; in all we say or do.

Let's be like the glad, warm sunshine
And brighten a lonely life
That's left below by loved ones
Who have flown from earthly strife.

Gone on to be with Jesus,
On that bright eternal shore
Gone on to live forever
With loved ones evermore.

There's no rosy road to glory
And the world will sometimes frown
But if we bear our cross for Jesus
We'll exchange it for a crown.

--Dolly Williams

God protects in the midst of war . . .

From Nigeria: "Dear Bro. Murphey and Sister Murphey, We send you sincere greetings in Jesus name. We thank the Lord for his kind protection during this time of war in Nigeria. We have been thinking of a way which we could let you know that we are still alive but we were unable. He has spared our lives and it has come to the fulfilment of His word in Psalm 91:7 "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee. "

Ever since the rumors of war in Nigeria, we in the remote area did not witness it until in the night of 30th March 1968. It happened a few minutes after nine o'clock in the evening at Ekparakwa school ground four miles from my home. This was where Biafran soldiers made their camp. Nigerian soldiers who came from Calabar opened their fire followed by shellings. The whole area shook and Biafran soldiers were killed in a good number. Some of them escaped into bushes and villages killing innocent civilians and setting fire to some homes. We ran outside with what we put on and jumped into bush. They destroyed everything that was within their reach. Lives of domestic animals were destroyed. They even got inside some houses breaking cupboards and boxes, removing money and then setting fire to clothings.

In my house they came in and killed all the sheep, destroyed a lot of things in the kitchen, gathered our clothings and set fire to them but not set fire to the thatched roof. While running away, I took only the tape recorder and tapes. Wife held Enietie one hand while the other hand was used for carrying a bas-

ket inside which was the oscillator and the baby's food. We jumped inside the thick bush at night with the help of a flash light.

In the whole night there was no need for sleep but still we could find a little chance to kneel down and pray. At day break we found ourselves in another village 4 1/2 miles from home. Shootings and shellings still continued. After three days we were called home. I left my family and came only by myself. There was a lot of fear because some of the Biafran soldiers were still in some corners hiding to do harm. When I noticed that it was a bit calm, some neighbors and I went back to where we took refuge and called our families home. Coming back we met no clothes again and so on. Brother, we are almost naked!

Though the Nigerian soldiers drove away the Biafran soldiers, curfew order was by then passed that no one should step out as from 7 p. m. This is only a brief story of how Ekparakwa area was liberated from the hands of the Biafran soldiers.

Some areas are not yet liberated that's why we have many refugees from the unliberated areas. In my house there were formerly 34 of them lodging. Today we have fifteen of them remaining. There is a lot of diseases today in the country the end of which is fatal. Our God is too good for us because none of us is dead on account of these reigning diseases. Starvation kills many souls even by the wayside. Cost of living is extremely higher owing to the economic blockade. No way yet for the exportation of raw materials.

We who were mainly for the gospel and getting foreign aids suffer much. I come all the way to Calabar on bicycle a distance of 70 miles from home. Calabar Town is now free for postage and bank services. We are very anxious to hear from you and to have copies of the Mission Trail through the above address. Before reaching Calabar we have to cross the long river by means of M. V. Oron paying fare. For this reason, I have decided to stay here in Calabar until I hear from you.

Brother Murphey, I have all these years remained mainly for the service of the Lord. Brother Carver who has come to us and even known my house will agree to this. I am neither a civil servant nor a business man apart from being in the Lord's service. In addition to this war storms my aunt who worshipped with me in the Church of God was called home for rest on the 3rd May this year. My father also died on the 26th September this year. He left me alone as I have been the only son. I am now in a great want. Will I be ashamed to tell my brother that wife and I are suffering a great deal. In short we are war victims. . .

Yours in the gospel, Brownson

P. S. The work of God is still in progress in spite of trials. We have two more churches (new) added to the fold. Brother Brownson Inyang suffered a stroke at the left hand and at the right leg last May but he is now improving. We all need your prayers.

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From Ark. : "Dear Christian friends, I enjoy your program on KXOW very much. I hope you are able to always keep on the radio here and many more places. God bless you,"

--Mrs. G. H. Roscoe

Testimonies

From Arkansas: "Dear ones, I am thankful for the love of God in my heart this morning, and for the blessings of life. We are all well here and thankful for that. Hope all are feeling well there. We love you folk, and the broadcast and paper are very much encouragement to us. . . Remember us when you pray as we do you folks. Love to all,"

--Lenora Bennings

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From Pa. : "Greeting in Jesus Christ our loving saviour's name. Glory, praise and honor to His dear name, for in Him we have salvation and every precious blessing. Trials, afflictions, and temptations come but thru Jesus we are more than conquerors. The trials and suffering are blessings in disguise. Lord keep us from murmuring, but as Bro. James says 'count it all joy when ye enter into divers temptations!' Bro. Paul says 'all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who the called according to His purpose.' Rom. 8:28 I want to thank you for sending 'Mission Trail'. I do enjoy reading it and pray the Lord to bless your hearts and hands in the work and the good messages to many hearts. . . Please pray for me as I have been suffering with pain in lower part of head, my shoulder and left arm. Something like bursitis. God is my physician. He is so wonderful and true. . . I was sorry to hear of Bro. Audney's passing on, feel very sorry for Sis. Etta as I know what she is going through, wonderful to have the Lord God of all comfort at such times, also has saints near and dear Sister Evelyn. I aim to write to them. Sis. Edith just brought me Sis. Evelyn's letter to read Sun. (yesterday) Nice they are close together."

--Julia Llewellyn

From Colo. : "Dear Christian friends, Greeting in Jesus name. I get the Mission Trail and enjoy every word of it. So I am writing to you for prayer. We are desperately in need of prayers. My husband broke his back and can't do anything. My health is bad and I can not work so please pray that God will in some way supply our need. My husband is 56 years old and I am 51 years old, so we need help. I know God is able to take care of his people and I love the Lord and want to serve and obey him for he has been so good to me and I know he won't fail me now. I am depending on you dear people to stand by us in prayer. "

Leona Corey,

Clifton, Colorado 81520

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From Kansas: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances, and family, We send greetings in Jesus' name. We're thankful for His blessings to us. We are all well except for slight colds. We visited my parents this past week end--found them doing quite well considering that they had had a small accident about three weeks ago. Daddy received a broken rib and Mother was badly bruised. . . They were going around a curve a tire went flat. Daddy couldn't guide the car--they went over an embankment but didn't turn over. From what I've been told it was a miracle (from the Lord) that they weren't killed. Different ones have viewed the place where they went over and say they don't understand how they got out alive but we understand the great power of God. . . Bro. Donald Eck is not very well--needs prayer. . . . We visited Bro. Fry last evening --found him improving but from all appearances seems he has been bit by a spider on the top of his left foot. He isn't able to work. "

--Lois, Donald Sharp and family

From California: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greeting in the name of Jesus. I am glad that I have the victory in my soul over the enemy. He is doing all he can to discourage souls. I am thankful that I have learned to resist him in the name of Jesus. I am determined by the grace of God to prove true to the end. Praying God's richest blessings on you as the task you have undertaken is not an easy one. By God's help you will cause many souls to get saved. Pray for me that I do my best in the service of God. Your sister in Christ, "

--Melissa Greer

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From Missouri: "Dear ones in Christ, Greetings of love in Jesus dear name. Thankful tonight for Jesus, for His great love and mercy to us. Thankful for His many blessings to us. Thankful for the family of God. May God bless each one of His children. I'm enclosing an offering to help in the Lord's work there. May God richly bless you in His work. I don't get to hear the message on the radio but the Mission Trail is a blessing to me. The messages have been so good, and just what I need. Seems like every one is for me. Remember us in prayer. Also, please pray for my sister who needs help. The Lord knows all about this need and we pray that God's will may be done. God bless you, Your sister in Christ, "

--Lena Bowman

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From Arkansas: ". . . Still enjoying the blessings from the Lord. It's been so wonderful since Herman accepted Christ as his saviour. Oh, sure the devil is after us more than he's ever been in my life. More trials and tribulations but God is victorious over the devil. . . Keep us on your prayer list. "

--Dessie Cryer

at press time

we understand:

Congratulations to Earl Watson and Violet (Cable) Watson who were married in Jefferson, Ore. on Nov. 15th. We wish them God's blessing as they begin life together as one. Their mailing address is P. O. Box 994, Hammond, Louisiana 70401.

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From Arkansas: ". . . I'm writing for Sis. Ruth Scalf. I visited her last eve in the Rogers Memorial Hospital--Room 320. She asked us to be sure to write you. Sunday she and Bufford had been out sight seeing and when they got back Bufford was carrying in the groceries and said "Mother, can you make it in O. K.?" She said, "Oh yes" and was coming in and said, "Isn't the Lord good to us to let us walk?" and as the words left her mouth her feet went out and she landed on her back, broke both pelvis bones. She wasn't one bit discouraged and was feeling fair, but had suffered a lot. . . . Remember all of us please. Our needs are many. Love," --Lou Bray

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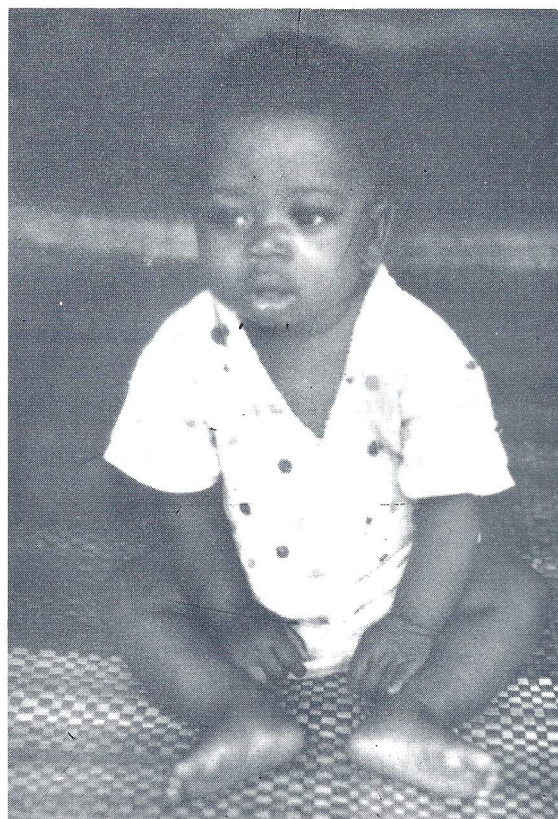
From Iowa: "Greeting Bro. and Sis. Murphey in the Lord. The Mission Trail that comes to me each week is a great help to me. I am more encouraged to go on and press my way with and for the Lord, in trials, temptations that may confront me. I do thank God for all the blessing that He has bestowed on me. Praying the Lord will send us a minister to our town to be a leader and a living witness for God. A sister in Christ,"

--Mrs. Charlie Green

Make plans now to attend the Oklahoma State Assembly meeting in Guthrie beginning Dec. 20 and extending through Christmas week.

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Best wishes to Don McIntosh and Carolyn (Moore) McIntosh who were married Sat., Nov. 23 in the chapel of Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

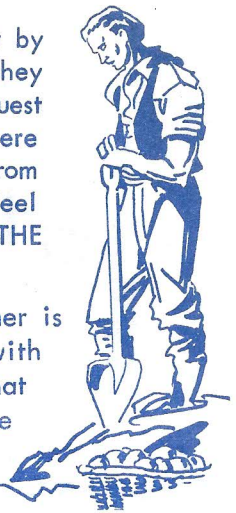


Enietie A. Brownson, Nigeria

NOTE: Read the touching testimony of Enietie's father on page 4 and 5. Brownson Udeme tells how he and his family fled before the soldiers in the war-ravaged country of Nigeria.



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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."

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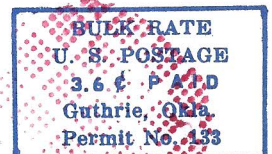
RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kansas	1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p. m.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, Louisiana	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.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

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

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