



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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"It Is More Blessed to Give Than to Receive"

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. . . and a cheerful greeting, friends, to each and every one of you who are tuned to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are certainly happy to be coming your way once again by means of radio. At this special season of the year we are reminded how God gave that most priceless gift--his son, that we through him might have life and have it more abundantly. Many no doubt are thinking of the gifts which they will be receiving now in a few days and of the gifts which they will be giving to others. Perhaps it would be well for us to ask ourselves this question: What am I giving to glorify God and what am I doing to help carry his great commission "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"?

Listen to this scripture from Acts 20: 35. Here Paul was speaking to the elders of the church, especially those from Ephesus and he was aware that he would see them no more. So naturally, he wanted to give them the best instruction he could to carry on the work of God. He spoke to them about feeding the flock over which the Holy Ghost had made them overseers. He also warned them about greivous wolves which would enter in among them and not spare the flock. And friends, he was not talking about the wolves which roam the forest and slaughter the sheep on hillsides, but he was speaking about spiritual wolves which come in sheep's clothing. They would appear as ministers of God but inwardly they were filled with wickness and covetousness. Their supreme desire was for their own selfish gratification and not for the benefit of individual members of God's church. Now Paul warned the elders of Ephesus of these people and I am fully persuaded that this warning

is still good for us today because every one has not the interest of God's people at heart. We should know that and we should be warned of it before time.

Paul also pointed out that he had not been covetous of their silver, of their gold, or of their apparel. Infact he had laboured with his own hands to supply the needs of himself and the needs of those who were with him.

But one of the last things he told them was this verse which I want to give you now. "I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Now, friends, it is only natural that we like to receive, but this scripture says that it is more blessed to give than it is to receive.

Now some of you may remember that on the broadcast of Sept. 1st I read to

you a letter from an aged saint who was 87 years old and living in a nursing home. Do you remember that? She told how she was making baby booties and selling them that she might have something to give to the work of the Lord. Here is another letter from her and it was so good that I wanted to share it with you, too. Listen:

Dear Brother and Sister, I am so thankful I can send you another offering for the Lord's work. I have sold all my pillow cases and baby booties but 3 pairs of booties. I am praising the Lord with all my heart. The Lord made me able to do this. I made 6 pairs of pillow cases, over 40 pairs of booties, over \$60. I gave it all to the gospel work. I never thought when I started to make booties that I would sell them. A nurse came in and admired them, asked what I sold them for. I told her \$1 a pair. She said I will take 2 pairs. The thought came to me I could make some money for the Lord's work. They just kept coming for booties. I had sold so many I thought I will fix some pillow cases. So they went so fast, some took 2 pairs, one nurse took 3 pairs. It was all the Lord's work. I told them every dollar was to go to the gospel work. Nearly all my work was sold here in the home. O! it is so wonderful to work for the Lord. It sure pays good wages. I don't know whether I will be able to do much more. But O! if what little I have done will help save a precious soul or encourage some of God's dear children through the broadcast--O! how happy I will be. Well, I have already received many blessings. . . I read the Bible through last year. I am reading it this year and the scripture for the day is so good. I feel it is just what I need so many times. . . Here is \$3. I may have some more

later. God bless you all, the children too. I love children, have many friends among the children. I am called Grandma by so many. I think some love me as much as my own grandchildren. Lots of Christian love, nothing like God's love," --Sis. O. K. Myers

Friends, can you see how God is blessing her life because she is wholly dedicated to him? We are glad that she is getting a blessing from her work but we also want to get a blessing to our lives by our services to God and to others. Let us not forget the text, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Let us pray,

Our gracious Father,

Give us spiritual understanding to comprehend the depth of the meaning of this scripture which Paul declares was given by Christ himself. May we learn to so give of ourselves that not only will others be blessed but we, too, will receive a blessing and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

As we labour on for Christ we should not forget that he promised when he went away after his first coming that he was going to come again. Let us live with this always in mind that we may be ready, waiting, and watching for his return.

I want to share with you a poem which brings this out so beautifully. But first the explanation from Bro. Leslie Busbee as to how these thoughts were given to him which he has expressed in poetry. And now I am quoting from his letter:

Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings

of love to you all this day of Thanksgiving. We truly thank God for His mercies to us that comes in the Lord Christ. The other night I was reading to my son Jon of the account of John on the Isle of Patmos and the great revelations God gave him. At the end we read how Jesus told John that He would come quickly and how John said, "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." A fresh sense of the joy of that promise and the love we have for Christ and His appearing swept over my soul. I just felt impressed to put it in poetry and send it to you. Maybe you could use it sometime. We are all very well right now and encouraged to live for Him who died for us. We need your prayers. Sincerely,"

--Bro. Leslie Busbee and family

And now the poem:

EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS
Behold, I come quickly, and blessed
the man
Who waits my appearing and follows
my plan.
Though ages' dark mantel the nations
spread o'er
I'm standing and waiting just outside
the door.

Behold I come quickly with great a
reward;
The faithful to crown whom the world
hath abhorred,
To 'waken the dead and call them
once more
To appear at the judgment and give
them their store.

Behold I come quickly, O Christian
sleep not
As others around you whose lives
are a blot;
O watch and be sober as those of the
day,

The hope of salvation before thee
always.

For God has not destined our spirits
to wrath
(Who earnestly seek for the strait
narrow path)
To gain, our appointment, salvation
and life;
Who severed the bondage of darkness
and strife.

Thine eyes shall behold Him who
hung on the tree
Descending from Heaven for me and
for thee,
While ten thousand angels escort from
the sky
In pow'r and great glory He bursts
on thine eye!

Fret not at the turmoil of earth's
blinded sphere;
Be patient, the coming of Christ
draweth near!
What matter will be all thy sorrow
and pain
When all is subdued to His glorious
reign?

Behold I come quickly, Oh, blessed
is He
Who watcheth and waiteth and yearneth
for Me
Who loves my appearing and welcomes
the sight,
Who walks in the rays of My Glorious
Light.

--Leslie Busbee

Listen now to this song: "By the grace
of God". The singers are: Bob and
Dorrall Forbes, Melvin Doolittle, and
Randall Flynn.

Friends, this message has been brought
your way by THE MISSION TRAIL of
Guthrie, Okla. We appreciate hearing

from those who take an interest in the work of God and if we may be of any help to you, be sure to let us know. We need your prayers, we desire your interest and co-operation as we endeavor to send forth the Word of God over the radio stations each week and also by the printed copies. If you'd like a printed copy of today's broadcast free of charge, be sure to let us know. Now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings abide with each of you through out the holiday season and in the days which are just ahead. Until we meet again a very cheerful good-bye!

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From Mexico: ". . . I thought of the shepherds how they weren't content with just knowing that the Saviour was born but went looking for Him. After finding Him they returned praising and glorifying God. The same with the wise men who were so far away but put forth an effort to see the new King they knew had been born, they were rejoicing as they left and their efforts rewarded. It isn't enough to know about salvation, how good and wonderful it is but to have a living personal experience in our souls. The Lord will never fail us for if we from the heart are seeking Him He will be found of us. We have purchased 200 lbs. of beans, 100 lbs. of rice and 50 lbs. of onions and have given a portion to each family here with a number of different tracts in each bag telling them it was from the brethren to them for Christmas. There are 58 families so we couldn't give each one very much but they seemed really grateful, except one lone man when we took his bag to him he said that he didn't want any gift or any thing that we offered, that he had food and didn't need any thing. Do help us pray for Felipe. . . Your sister in Christ, "

--Edith Cole

From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie, We send you greetings in the name of Jesus, our blessed Lord and Savior, who redeemed us from our sins and made it possible that we might have eternal life. We count it a privilege to be in the service of the Lord. Hope this finds you and your family getting along well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. We missed you and your family at our assembly meeting during the Thanksgiving week in Hammond, La. We had looked forward to seeing you there. We had a good meeting. The Lord blessed and many soul stirring messages went forth and there were several souls at the altar at different times. . . Well, it will be just a few more days, a little over a week, and it will be time for the Guthrie assembly meeting. We would like to come for a few days, if the Lord works it out for us to do so. (We are not certain that we will be able to do so as of yet.) The Lord has been blessing us abundantly and even though we have had some spiritual battles the Lord has given us the victory 'again and again'. The Lord has proven many of his promises true to us in marvellous ways, especially the scripture, "When the enemy cometh in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift up a standard against him." . . . You pray for us as we intend by the grace of God to be true and faithful no matter what the cost might be."--Bob Forbes
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In a vision the prophet Isaiah
Found out the true state of his soul
Unclean lips could not give God glory
So a seraphim brought a live coal.
The coal did the work of unsealing
His lips and tongue were set free
In his heart was a beautiful feeling
And he said, Here am I, Lord, send me.

--Rada Watkins

". . . Please pray with me that the Lord will give me normal breathing. . . I am encouraged to press on for the Lord in these evil times, and truly want to please Him in all that I do."

--Sis. Avis Tinsley

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"Please remember some special requests."

--Vera Mae Hawkins

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From Kentucky: "Dear Bro. Willie and all the Mission Trail family, May God who is rich in mercy continue to bless each one is our prayer. We attended the all day meeting at Dayton yesterday. The song has well said, "Heaven came down and glory filled our souls." Sister Jenkins, an elderly saint as many of you know, is very ill and requires almost constant attention. She is in the home of Bro. 'Bill' and Sis. Dovie Abbott who live at 741 Gonderdert Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45403. Bro. Curtis Williams still needs help from God. We thank God for the many times he has touched him, and given relief in answer to prayer and we are holding on for his permanent healing."

--Sister S. E. Abbott

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From Missouri: "Greetings in precious name of Jesus. Surely he is precious to our souls this morning through all the sadness, burdens, and heart-aches from the loss of our dear brother we buried the 8th of this month. I am the last one of the family. I feel so alone but I have my dear children and grandchildren, you dear saints, and the dear Lord, the greatest of all. . . I know God can make the way bright and I do want to trust him all the way. I thank each and every one for their prayers. I surely felt the prayers of the dear saints. . . I enjoy the little paper so much and look forward to it each week. . . Love and prayers,"

--Bernice Rumfelt

From Louisiana: "Greeting of Christian love to you. Some dear one sent me The Mission Trail and I get it every week and enjoy it very much. . ."

--Sidonia Benjamin

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From Oklahoma: ". . . I am writing in a prayer request for my husband. I desire you to please remember him in prayer, his eyes are bad. . . His sight is failing fast. I hope you and family are well, I thank you for your prayers in behalf of myself and grandson. . ."

--Sister S. Williams

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From California: "Holy greeting in the name of the one who died that we might live. I am glad to be saved to all I know. I really appreciate the Mission Trail. Wish I could hear you on radio. However I enjoy the paper and I really enjoyed the writing on being 'thankful'. It was real encouraging to me. Pray for us. . .!"

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From Missouri: "Greetings in Jesus wonderful name. My parents Ivan and Bernice and Opal, my wife, and self, Kenneth, have enjoyed reading The Mission Trail this past year. We want to send you dear ones an offering for The Mission Trail and the good work you are accomplishing. . . please keep us on mailing list as we don't get to hear the broadcast. . . Your brother and sister for the Truth,"

--Opal and Kenneth Christiansen

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From Missouri: ". . . it won't be long till Jesus will come. . . that will be a glorious day for the saved but doom for the sinners to go down that broad road to destruction. There are only two roads and two destinies. I want to make my destiny at the end of that strait and narrow path that leads up to glory, don't you my brother?"

--W. D. Harmon

From Calif.: "Greeting in Jesus precious name, the sweetest name of all names. Hope this finds all well and encouraged this holiday season. We want to thank the Lord for bringing Sis. Mattie Smith out of a bad heart attack. We thought she was passing away for a few minutes. Our very dependable nurse, Helen Gouin, stood by her side with Sis. Vera Forbes, another dependable worker who all appreciate very much, until we could get down there after being called. We also want to thank each one of our workers who help much to keep every thing going so nicely in our rest home. Geraldine Luehring is doing all the main cooking now with Alida Young right by her side and they are doing a good job. Alida is new and we are so thankful for her as she keeps on the run. Mary Lawson is doing our cleaning and some who come in say it is the cleanest rest home in this district so do want to thank her for all her work. Wanda Luehring helps with the nursing in the evenings and also some in the kitchen to fill in. She is loved by all and is doing a good job for a 18 year old. We also have Mima Jose who cooks on weekends and we are very pleased with her. She is on a vacation now. . . One of our good dependable workers has been off for several months now with a broken hip and an arm so we ask your prayers that she will be back on the job soon. She is Effie Mosley. Also Jimmy Linch keeps up the maintenance work and some in the yard as he goes to college in the day time. We do appreciate his work very much. He is pretty handy to have around when something breaks. A new girl, Patricia White, comes in after school and helps with the evening meal. She is taking over very nicely. We do want to thank each one of the workers for their help and

appreciate each one very much. Keep up your good work, folks. Anneta Luehring also helps when some one is absent so we want to thank her as she fills in. . . All the Luehring girls are goodworkers. Happy new year to all."

--Evelyn, Ostis Wilson of the Sunset Guest Home

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From Oregon: "Greetings of love in saviour, Lord Jesus, who is the giver of all life and also is the sustainer of life. I am so glad this morning that God ordained it that way, Acts. 17:28. For in Him we live and move and have our being. I find it a great privilege and blessing when I stand in need of something either soul or body, I can come boldly to Jesus for that need with confidence knowing He knows before I ask what I need and that he will not withhold any good thing from them that walk uprightly. The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. I am well pleased with God's plan of salvation. I don't wish to change it in the least. All I want to do is live to please Him by his grace, and be thankful at all times for everything. May the dear Lord richly bless you dear saints at this Yuletide season as before and more. . . Your sister in Christ,"

--Dolly L. Locker

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". . . it looks like people are in turmoil. They don't seem to know which way to go. Many are called, but few are chosen. . ."--Mrs. Ben Harrison

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From Louisiana: "Greetings of love in Jesus name. Just a few lines to let you know we are all well in body and doing fine in soul. Bro. Willie, we got your broadcast the first time. . . we can pick the station up, thank the Lord. . . Pray for us here at Monroe, Your brother in Christ,"

--N. P. Futch and family

at press time

we understand:



Bro. Stacy and Sis. Ruth Biddix
Spruce Pine, N. Ca.

Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Stacy Biddix as well as their children and other relatives and friends who are left to mourn the passing of Sis. Ruth Biddix who died last week. Kathleen and I visited Bro. and Sis. Biddix last November and although very weak and frail Sis. Biddix was patiently waiting on God. The Lord saw fit to take her home after many weeks of suffering.

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The assembly meeting here in Guthrie begins Friday, Dec. 20. The chapel is located on the corner of West Warner and 6th St.

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The California assembly meeting in Pacoima begins Dec. 27. The location there is 12312 Osborne Place.

Congratulations to Don and Lana Johnson of Kansas City on the birth of their daughter, Lisa Rane, on Dec. 4th.

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Earnest prayer is requested for Laura Goldsberry who is past 90 years old. She fell and has a broken right leg and right arm. If you desire to send a get-well card address it to her c/o Welch General Hospital, Welch, Okla. 74369.

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". . . I am so happy in my Saviour. It is truly a wonderful salvation--to be saved from sin."

--Eva Penner

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". . . He is so good to all of us. We are encouraged to press on."

--Bro. and Sis. Howard Hill

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"Praise God for such a wonderful saviour. I love him this morning for what He means to me."

--Emma Dilley

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"O! I am glad to be in His service though it doesn't seem I do much. God sees everything."

--Opal Williams

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"Greetings in the name of our redeemer this Christmas season. The gift of God means so much to us today."

--Clara Wahl

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We wish all of our readers a joyous Christmas season and many rich blessings throughout the new year. If you have not already done so be sure to return the coupon which we mailed last week if you desire to remain on our mailing list for 1969.



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.

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

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