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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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"Good News"

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Now that the Christmas season has come and gone and we are entering upon a new year I hope that we will not forget the lessons that we have learned throughout the year 1970. May the experiences of the past strengthen us for the days and months ahead. Now just as the angel announced the birth of our Lord when he said, "behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people", even so I am glad that I have the privilege of bringing to you some "good news". And that is what I want to talk about on this broadcast. You like to hear good news, don't you? But first this poem:

A NEW YEAR FOR GOD

New hopes are ours, another year
Has dawned upon our way,
The old year now has passed and gone;
We view a brighter day.

We give to God our thanks and praise,
And hearts of gratitude;
For He in mercy and in love,
Has blessed our lives with good.

We can not cease his praise to sing,
When we His love behold,
Which through the year that's passed
and gone,
Has been more pure than gold.

The new year now is ours to claim,
And in Jehovah's might,
For Him we'll gather in the grain,
While yet we have the light.

The night shall come when none can
work,
And then 'twill be too late,
To do the deed we should have done,
We have not time to wait.

This year is new, but soon oh soon,
It will have fled away,
As other years it will have joined
A past eternity.

So when this year shall cease to be,
May we our task have done,
That to God's army in this land
Some precious soul be won.
--Ulysses S. Phillips

Now, are you ready for the good news?
Then listen to this scripture, "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country". Prov. 25: 25 Now, the good news is this: Even though at one time we were separated from God because of our sins, the Lord made a way whereby we could walk with him again. What is more beautiful than walking hand in hand with our Creator? But before we can enjoy to the fullest extent a good cold drink of water we must know what it is to be thirsty. In Matt. 5 and verse 6 we find these words, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." It

is only natural for us to have a longing to know more of God and his plan for us. And as we long to know his will and to do it, he is faithful to reveal his will to us. It is recorded in the 40th chapter of John and verses 13 and 14: "Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." Did you know that you can go longer without food than you can without water? Jesus likened himself unto the living water. How long could you exist without a drink of water? Well, not very long. Sometimes people who are shipwrecked at sea find themselves on a little life raft out in a vast expanse of salt water. Well, the salt water isn't fit for drinking. So do you know what is often their number one problem? It is a drink of fresh water. Sometimes they will take their clothing and catch the rain water and wring it out to have a drink of fresh water. Here is a verse which fits in real well at this point. It says, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God." Psa. 42:1

So the good news is, if you are disappointed and downcast there is a way out for you and that is through the saviour, Jesus Christ, who was born almost 2,000 years ago and the angels made the announcement of the glad tidings to the shepherds on the hillsides.

Then there was some more good news. An angel also gave the wonderful tidings of the resurrection of Christ from the tomb, which of course was made to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary who had come early in the morning to the sepulchre. "And they departed

quickly from the sepulchre with fear and great joy; and did run to bring his disciples word." Now don't you know that was some good news for those disciples? That wasn't the kind of news that would add to their already depressed condition, but it was something that would lift them up. It was indeed a day of great joy. Then listen to what the Apostle Paul said about this resurrection, "And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee." Acts 13:32-33

Friends, do you like to carry glad tidings? Evidently the Apostle Paul did and I do too. I am glad the Lord has called me to take this good news of salvation. There are some folks who've never heard with their spiritual ears the good news. Listen to this scripture from Rom. 10 and beginning with verse 13, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!"

Do you remember what blind Bartimaeus did when Jesus called for him and some of the folks round about the Lord brought the word to Bartimaeus. He didn't just sit there as if the Lord had said nothing. Listen to this, "And he, casting away his garment rose, and came to Jesus." That was good

news to a blind man. He was glad to hear it. Well, I reckon he was for the Lord healed his eyes and made him able to see again. Now, dear ones, what are you doing with the good news? Do you receive it gladly? I believe if you do, you will do something about it. Suppose you go and tell others too. The Lord saves us for service anyway. Let us not sit at our places and say there's nothing I can do. But let us be up and about our father's business.

Shall we pray,

Our Father,

We are glad for the news which was delivered by the angel hundreds of years ago that our Lord was risen from the dead. We are still telling this news today, and we ask that you would bless thy word as it goes out over the air-waves. May it reach into the recesses of every heart, as it enters the locked doors and the remote areas where there are those who still wait for good news. For that which is accomplished we will give thee the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thank you, friends, for taking time to listen. I hope you will tune in again next Sunday at this same time. If you desire to write us, you may do so by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. We certainly appreciate those who have helped us keep the message going forth over the air and of course through the mail from week to week. May God richly reward each and every one of you in a very special way even beyond your expectations.

And now this very special song, "Good news to all". The singers are Francine Fuller, Mauntel Simpson, Lesley Jones, Charles Chandler, Keith Fuller,

Patricia Posey and Catherine Posey.
"Good news to all"

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphy saying may God's richest blessings be with you and a very cheerful good-bye!

Testimonies

From N. C.: "Trust you are all well in body and happy in the dear Lord. I am not well in body. Please continue to remember me in prayer and continue to send me the Mission Trail. I enjoy it so much and hear from so many of the saints that I would not hear from otherwise. May the dear Lord bless your labors. . . ." --Stacy Biddix

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From S. C.: 'Sorry I haven't written you before now. Husband is so sick. He is not strong enough to get up by himself. . . We are so thankful for the saints everywhere. I believe in prayer. Prayer changes things. . . Pray for my husband and whatever the Lord works out we will say amen to his will. . . . Please send Mission Trail paper . . . Husband enjoys my reading it to him so much.'

--Bro. and Sis. Dan Harbeson

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From Louisiana State Penitentiary: "Dear Friends, For the short period that I have been receiving the Mission Trail I enjoying reading and studying the lessons. They have been a blessing to me and quite an inspiration. I would like to continue to receive it come 1971. In closing let me say thanks to you who has made it possible for me to receive such good news and as the new year approach my prayer is that God may richly bless each and all of you as you continue to press forward for Him. With best regards for you and yours and with kindest personal regards I am yours, In Christ," --Monsonto Nesbitt

From Ore. : "With a heart full of love and praises to our dear blessed Lord, we greet you this morning. I was awake a lot in the night and had such sweet meditations on a message the Lord gave us yesterday on 'Casting all your cares upon Him for He careth for you'. When we realize more how much He loves us and cares for us it makes it easier to cast our cares on Him and enables us to faithfully carry the kind of burdens He wants us to bear for dear lost souls everywhere. Surely the dear Lord is most precious to me and I can not find words to praise and exalt His holy name like I feel in my heart but it does help when reading the Word, especially Psalms to let my heart be lifted up in praise even as David wrote. May God richly bless you each one as you labor for Him and for precious souls. Pray for us as we do for you."

--Royal and Virginia Taylor

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From Mo. : "My heart is full of His praise this evening and I feel so near the Lord. Two days ago I promised God and myself to be a better child of God and to believe in Him really and as a personal friend. Already He has blessed me tremendously and I am sure he saved our little girl's life today. She fell from about 5 feet and hit a terrible blow on her right forehead on a cement and tile floor. I just could hardly believe that there was no mark at all and no serious after effects. She cried about 30 seconds and seemed to have a headache but tell me--what better physician could there be than one whose angels watch over children? How grateful was I that I had renewed my resolution to serve Him and could call on Him freely. . . Please pray for us to walk ever diligently for God. Wanting more than God bestows on us would surely be unthinkable. In Christian love,"

--David and Marilyn Cole

From Ore. : "We send our love in Jesus name. Hope all is well. Wife and I both have been awful poorly the last few weeks, so pray very much for us and keep the Mission Trail coming. We love it. It is food to our souls."

--Bro. Harry Davis

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From Ohio: "I can't express what the Mission Trail has meant to me. . . A dear friend of mine, Mrs. Maudie Sharp of Columbus sent my name in. They helped me so very much. Pray for me."

--Sis. Hannah Ballard

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From Calif. : "We're yet saved and encouraged to live for God. Hoping all is well; and sending Christmas and New Year Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Pray for us as we do for you. Christian love,"

--Bonnie and Ann Matthews

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From Mich. : "My husband and I are very well for which I truly thank the good Lord and for salvation that keeps me every day. My saviour gets all the praise every year as I grow older. Pray for me that I will always surrender self, let him live through me. I don't get to church as often in winter as I would like to. We've had very bad weather, so cold, snow storms the past ten days."

--Sylvia Hovey

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From Mo. : "I thank the good Lord for salvation. Just a few days it will be fifty years since the first time I went to the chapel here. I had met the Saints as they visited my sick uncle here at this same address. I count it a privilege that the Lord permitted me to meet them. I thought they were the most wonderful people, and I still think so. How awful not to have met them, and not to know the way of salvation. But praise God, I did and I am saved by His grace."

--Sis. Lula Caughron

From Ohio: "Trust this finds all well, and still on the front lines. We got the new year started off, still encouraged and desiring to live a more Spirit filled and humble life for the Lord. The Lord has wonderfully blest us. Kenneth went back to work, I believe the second week in Dec. . . Keep encouraged and remember us in your prayers also."

--Bro. Kenneth and Sis. Lois Abbott

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From Kansas: "We still thank the Lord for the broadcast which we hear over the Coffeyville station. . . There are many religious programs on the radio but to know the truth can be heard by many too is an encouragement. Even though we hear the broadcast we still enjoy the Mission Trail paper because of the news items and testimonies of others. I know we have to consecrate to go on even if we are the only one still saved but it sure is encouraging to me to read or hear the testimonies of others who are happy as they walk up the King's highway and are determined to stay on it though it be narrow and straight. Seems like the ranks are continuing to thin but we can take heart and courage from the account in the Old Testament where the army was reduced to a small number of humble, willing and brave men but God was with them and the victory was won. So it is just good to be of the Holy Remnant and by the grace of God I intend to be true and steadfast for Christ who gave his life for us. The scripture that says the flesh is weak is well said because the fleshly desires of many people get the best of them and they just quit trying to please God because self makes them feel like they have a right to be happy and satisfied and they forget that true happiness and real satisfaction can only come through salvation. . . With Christian love,"

--Shirley Knight

From Ark.: 'I enjoy the Mission Trail and hearing from the saints. When I wrote you last spring my heart was so bad didn't have much hopes of making it through the summer. But God in mercy saw fit to make me well again and able to do all my work. I want God to have the praise.'

--Lugunia Jones

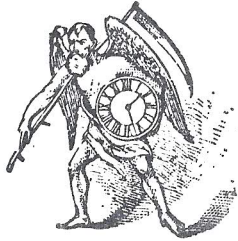
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From La.: "The past year has been filled with precious experiences. Some burdens and many blessings. So much to thank God for. We attended meetings in Oklahoma, Missouri, and California . . . Early Nov., we took Maurice on 15 day leave from Veterans Hosp., Gulfport, Miss., to Florida, where he was in service. (1955-56) He especially enjoyed the Atlantic, remembering many months aboard ship off coast. Leaving Key West, 4:30 p. m. on Friday, the crankshaft broke in our car. In a rented car, we drove 140 miles back to Homestead, near Goulds, where Bro. and Sis. Hargrave are earnestly laboring for souls. Services with them Sun. a. m., beginning Sun. eve. at Ft. Lauderdale with Sis. Savage, in special services scheduled for the week. Such sacrifice, burden, and effort we saw, among those so young in the Lord. It was a challenge to know their burdens and to share their rejoicing in Truth. We were touched as they earnestly took our burdens, and assisted in locating a used motor for our car, and in getting our car towed from Key West. Just a special blessing of the Lord, as being detained in our original plans. Our love and appreciation for the saints here, grows deeper as we labor together in the Lord. This is nearing five years with Loranger saints. We have been blessed in our souls to be with these dear ones and our desire is to please the Lord. Love and prayers,"

--Bro. Herbert and Sis. Eva Probst

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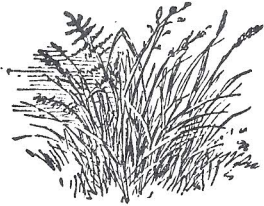
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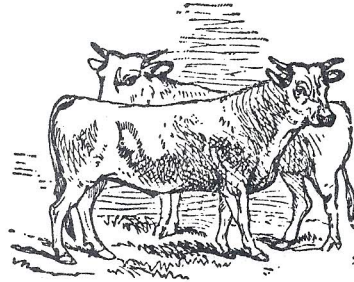
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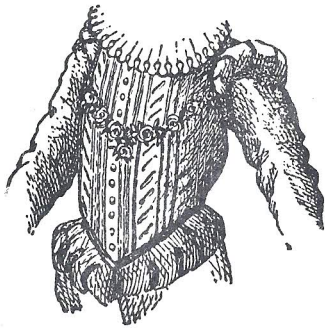
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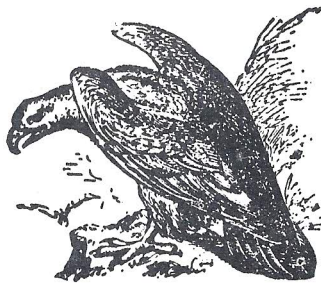


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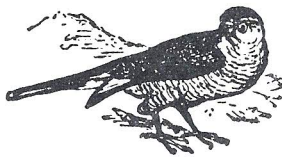
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we understand:

"We still enjoy receiving the Mission Trail and will enjoy receiving it in 1971. Every year seems to vanish quicker than the one before. The Lord has been everything to us and we desire to live closer to him and be more like him in every way."

--Don and Juanita Williamson

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Remember in prayer Sis. Marie Miller whose husband, Bro. Wayne Miller, recently died. She sends the following letter of thanks: "I first want to thank each and every one there for their prayers for us in any way. If it were not for the love of God in my heart discouragement might take over. But praise God for his mercy and love concerning us at all times. The saints have been wonderful, even gave of their selves and time which I desire the Lord richly bless each one for. So far the Mighty God we serve has been near and dear to me and made it possible I have been able to stay alone. I have problems of course but nothing God is not able to help us solve and I'm looking his way depending on his mercy in my behalf. I cannot see the good he has in some things for me but I do believe what he allows is for my good some way and desire I get what he has for me. Please continue to pray I stay in the center of God's will. If I have forgotten to write and thank anyone for their services and kindness please accept it thru the little Mission Trail paper. I love all the saints but don't have many of their addresses. Much love,"

--Sis. Marie Miller

Continue to pray earnestly for Bro. and Sis. Sam Abbott. She is still very frail and to add to their problems Bro. Sam had an accident with a power saw and his arm was severely cut to the bone near his wrist.

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"Well, we are entering a new year and for myself I want to say I will try to do more for the Lord than I did last year still believing in him for the things that I stand in need of. Most people just believe on the Lord but I don't think that is enough. If you believe in him it won't wash off for he has come into you and you into him." --C. A. Stone

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Okla.: "Husband and I had been caring for his uncle Dave Hutchens the last 3 1/2 mo. He passed away at our home Dec. 15th at the age of 98 yr. He was the brother of Artie Bowers and Jennie Brooks. The last of that family. His last words were 'There's Artie' and he went to sleep. . . We will say a happy prosperous new year to you and yours."

--Sis. Doris Bowers

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As we begin this new year our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise to God for his many blessings. And many thanks to each listener and reader who has made it possible for us to continue with the broadcast and publication of the Mission Trail. This month of Jan. will complete six years on the air. We give thanks to God for any good which may have been accomplished. I am not at all sorry that I gave myself wholly to God to use as he sees best. --Willie



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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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