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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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Let God Lead

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"Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Luke 10:38-42

Good morning, friends. It is surely a great privilege that I have to come your way another time by means of radio. We are glad to be an ambassador for the Lord. We want to be a good representative for him. I hope today finds you well and encouraged in the Lord and that you are finding his ways precious to your soul.

In choosing a caption for this message I think I will just call it "Let God lead". Did you ever hear the expression "Do-it-yourself"? There are some people like that, the "do-it-yourself" kind. Well, that is fine up to a certain point. It really takes people who are willing to be up and doing to accomplish very much. But there is another very important factor which we should not overlook. That is the leadership of the Holy Spirit in whatever we endeavor to do for God's cause. Unless the Lord leads, all of our efforts will amount to very little. Listen to this scripture from Psa. 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city,

the watchman waketh but in vain." Can't you see how dependent we are upon the Lord? It may be all right to be a "do-it-yourself" person, but unless God is in it, it will accomplish little as far as eternal value goes.

Back in the early days of the church God was working miracles through the apostles but the high priest along with the Sadduces, that is some of them, were filled with indignation. So what did they do? They laid hands on the apostles and they had them cast into prison. But the angel of the Lord was right there. You can read about it in the 5th chapter of Acts. So we read that the angel opened up the prison doors by night and brought the disciples out with the instruction to "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life." All right, that is what they did. So the next morning the high priest and those that were with him called the council together and they were really disturbed. It looked like things were getting out of hand. Here they had the apostles put

in prison, but the Lord had let them out, and they were teaching the people again. It just seemed as if they were not going to be able to stop them.

Well, there was one fellow, he was a Pharisee and a doctor of the law, whose name was Gamaliel. Now this fellow had quite a bit of understanding. So he instructed the people to be careful what they were doing. He reminded them how other people rose up and drew away disciples after themselves, but their work came to nought. So he finished up with words like these, "And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God." Now this doctor of the law was pretty smart in this situation. He realized that if God was not in this work which the disciples were doing, it would come to nought. But if God was in it, the people couldn't stop it if they tried. Haven't you found things this way in your life. If God is leading, there is not enough power on earth or in hell to stop the working of the Spirit. But if God isn't in a thing, we may as well not do it anyway.

Before I get too far away from my original scripture I want to remind you that I believe Martha was a devoted sincere servant of the Lord. She was looking out for his welfare. She was preparing something for him to eat, but she was busy, busy, busy. In fact, she was so busy that she didn't have time to sit down and listen to the words of the Lord. Don't you think it would have been better if both Mary and Martha would have listened to the words of the Lord? They could have enjoyed the things of God together. I believe

that Martha missed a great blessing by not taking time to visit with Jesus. Well, really Jesus somewhat reproved her anyway for being so busy.

In speaking of this "do-it-yourself" type of person, remember what Saul did? Saul was the King of Israel. They were having problems with the Philistines, so the prophet Samuel appointed a certain time to come to Gilgal. I suppose he was going to make an offering and would have perhaps strengthened Saul's position with the people. Well, Samuel didn't show up just when Saul thought he should. So what did he do? He got tired of waiting, "And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering." I Sam. 13:9 You see he was going to do it himself. Well, he did, but God wasn't in it. Right away after he offered the sacrifice, Samuel came. Samuel asked him what he had done. Saul explained that the people were scattered from him and Samuel hadn't showed up when he was supposed to. So he just went ahead with the offering. Notice how he said it, "I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering." I guess he did force himself. The Lord didn't force him to do it. Do you suppose there are people today that are forcing themselves to do things that God is not in? I am convinced of it. Listen here, "But Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the Lord have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded thee."

Remember this: Christ set up his kingdom. He selected his disciples and left the work of God with them when he ascended to his father. Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone and the foundation of the building. I Cor. 3:11 puts it this way, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." Now, we as members of Christ's body are workers together in this building of God. Listen to this poem:

Cumbered About Much Serving
Christ never asks of us such heavy
labor
As leaves no time for resting at his
feet;
The waiting attitude of expectation
He oft times counts a service most
complete.

He sometimes wants our ear, our
rapt attention,
That he some sweetest secret may
impart:
'Tis always in the time of deepest
stillness
That heart finds deepest fellowship
with heart.

We sometimes wonder why our Lord
doth place us
Within a sphere so narrow, so obscure,
That nothing we call work can find an
entrance;
There's only room to suffer--to
endure!

Well, God loves patience! Souls that
dwell in stillness,
Doing the little things or resting quite,
May just as perfectly fulfill their
mission,
Be just as useful in the Father's sight.

As they who grapple with some giant
evil,

Clearing a path that every eye may see:
Our Saviour cares for cheerful
acquiescence,
Rather than for a busy ministry.

And yet he does love service when 'tis
given
By grateful love that clothes itself in
deed;
But work that's done beneath the
scourge of duty--
Be sure, to such he gives but little
heed.

Then seek to please him, whatso'er
he bids thee,
Whether to do, to suffer, or lie still;
'Twill matter little by what path he
led us,
If in it all we sought to do his will.

Let us pray, Our gracious Father,
We ask that the spirit of God may
bear the words of the message to the
hearts of the listeners and the readers
of the Mission Trail. Bless each one
in the way which they need most;
strengthen the weak, heal the sick, and
encourage all those who have a love
for the truth, and thine shall be the
praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thank you, friends, for sharing with
me some of the thoughts which I hope
will be a blessing to you. And if they
are, would you please let us know?
This in turn is an encouragement to
us. You may write us by addressing
your letter to The Mission Trail, Guth-
rie, Okla. Here is a song, "Kneel at
the cross". The singers are Lynn
Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry,
and Edgar Martens.

Until we meet again this is Willie Mur-
phey saying may God's richest bless-
ings be with each of you and a cheerful
good-bye!

Testimonies

From Mo.: "I was looking through the Mission Trails and was reading on the talents of June and July of 1970 and it helped me to know what to do. I have been asking Jesus to give me a work to do for him. Please pray that the Lord would show me what his will is for me. I want to work for him more than I have been. I praise the Lord for giving me victory in my soul today. It is so wonderful to know that the Lord loves us all. . . I love the Lord so much. I want all the saints to pray for me. I have a need that is a burden to me right now. With Christian love,"

--Mrs. Mary McPherson

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From La.: "Greetings to all in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour. O how our hearts do rejoice and praise him for his goodness and mercy to us. We want to share some good news with you dear ones. . . God has caused the cyst on my face to open. . . What a wonderful blessing! My soul was thrilled to feel the mighty working power of God. The soul blessing previously during the time and after was even to me a greater blessing! Surely I can say as the song says 'The half has never yet been told'. . . In December our baby, Cheryl was very ill. One Wednesday evening we realized that she must have help soon as she was so weak and pitiful. . . it was so marvelous how quickly the change was made in her when God touched. To me it was just miraculous. In just a few minutes strength came into her little body. She wanted to eat, drink, and play. O how God's great love thrills my soul. How it encourages us to trust him all the way. We know that God still lives and has control. 'He will not fail us now.' Pray for us that we will be faithful and be all that God would have us to be.

We do love him and want to please him in everything. Christian love,"

--Dorall Forbes

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"So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Heb. 13:6

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From Calif.: 'I didn't know Sis. Artie Bettis. So sorry her passing away. . . Yes! I still remember Bro. and Sis. Abbott in prayer. Sorry they not well and Bro. Abbott got cut so bad and thumb maybe stiff. . . do request prayer for my son and wite, and family, and my youngest son and family. . . I have had so many manifold temptations and trials and troubles. . . but I thank God he had the ministers and saints pray and help by writing me and encouraging me.

--Sis. Opal Williams

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From Calif.: "I am thankful for salvation. I am sure glad that I have my trust in the Lord in these perilous times. I thought of the song, If it wasn't for the Lord what would I do. If I didn't have my trust in the Lord and if I hadn't had trust in him in many years past, I don't believe I would be here today. I believe I would have gone the way of all men long before now. I sure thank the Lord for his goodness and mercy to me. I enjoy reading the Mission Trail. It's real inspirational to me, so I sure want you to keep sending them to me. I read them soon after I receive them. Some of them I reread at later dates. I enjoy the poems, etc. and the song It will matter but little at last. It was several months after I first read that paper, when I was rereading it and got such an inspiration from that song that I learned it real quick and was impressed to sing it in public which I don't usually do, but by the help of the Lord I tried it."

--Geneva Pierro

From Kan. : 'I'm glad for that verse in the Bible, 'Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.' I Peter 5:7 We have had sickness and other difficulties, but through all could see God's great power manifested. The following verse, I Peter 5:10, 'But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you,' has encouraged us to press on for the Lord. May God richly bless you and your family in your service for God.'--Carol and Paul Cole and family

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From Missouri: "We are glad we ever found the Lord. He is a present help in every time of need. He never tires of our often coming to him for help day or night. . . Bro. Willie, here is a little poem I read:

Three men were walking on a wall,
Feeling, Faith, and Fact,
When Feeling got an awful fall,
And Faith was taken back,
So close was Faith to Feeling,
He stumbled and fell too
But Fact remained,
And pulled Faith back
And Faith brought Feeling too."

--Bro. and Sis. F. E. Wilson

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From Ala. : "I am praising the dear Lord for saving my soul. Something I could never do for myself. I love Jesus more each day. Jesus will help us as we look to him for help. I enjoy my salvation, the peace, joy, comfort, and love he gives me daily. But the Bible tells us to pray that we may endure until the end, so altho we enjoy our salvation, there are some things we must endure such as trials, temptations, persecution, but with God's help, if we will look to him he will carry us through. Just like when we got saved. We had a free will to come to him or reject.

We have a free will to stay with him or not. He does not force us to be saved, or to stay saved, but if we have a willing heart he will keep us if we keep our eyes on him. . . I am so thankful for the day he opened my eyes and caused me to see. He gave me a new heart. I am so thankful for every prayer, each kind word, and their time that Christians have spent in my behalf. I do want my life to shine for Christ, that I may lead some poor lost soul to him. How I wish every one would turn to him before it is too late, for the Bible tells us after death the judgment. So let us be about our Father's business, trying to feed every one the true bread of God. For in the past I know I have just grasped even the crumbs that fell from the Master's table. . . In Christian love,"

--Sis. Silas Whitson

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From Ark. : 'I hope this will find you and yours all well and happy in the Lord. He is blessing me in soul and body, keeps me able at the age of almost 83 to do what needs to be done, and go to meeting and visit a little also. Praise his holy name for ever. I do enjoy the Mission Trail. This last one 'Search the scriptures' is really good. I do pray the Lord to ever keep his hand upon you all to carry on the good work, to bless you in soul and body, to bless his word when ever it is sent or preached. Please find enclosed an offering to help in spreading and sending the truth, that others will know what is required of them if they want the Lord to be pleased with their life and be ready to meet him in peace. Sister Della Anshultz still needs special help from the Lord, so let's all be faithful in prayer for her and remember me in prayer as I do each one of you, and let's keep hid away in Christ, where that wicked one can not touch us.'

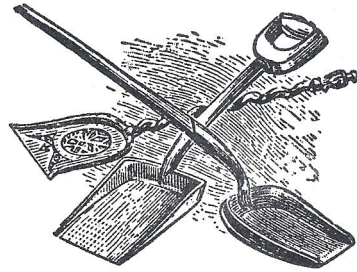
--Sis. N. E. Adams

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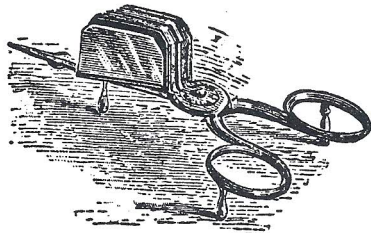
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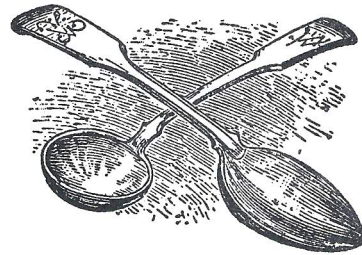
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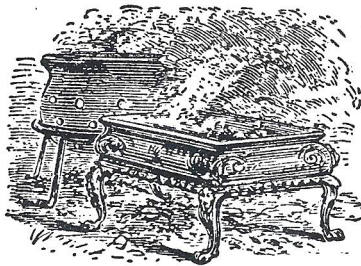
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at press time

we understand:

Don't forget those special opening services with the saints in their new chapel at Nowata, Okla. Sunday, February 14. Sunday school and preaching in the morning, followed by a basket lunch, then gospel singing in the afternoon. The chapel is at 201 S. Cedar.

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Last week on Feb. 4 Sis. Annie Bell Allen, Bro. Woodrow Warren, his wife and two daughters, came to the little Mission Trail printshop and helped with the publication of several thousand copies of the leaflets to be used in Bible school this year. Sis. Lizzie Jordan came with them also. We are glad to have a part in printing this literature which we believe is a worthy cause and trust that much good will be accomplished as Sis. Annie Bell reaches many children and young people in the Bible School. With the food which Frances and Kathleen prepared and that which Geneva Ray brought over to go with our lunch, there was plenty for the noon day meal. After much of the work was finished, several boxes loaded into the gospel van, although there had been a little snow and freezing temperatures they began their homeward journey toward Okmulgee. While Sis. Annie Bell was here we learned that she has also been working with some classes of retarded children as well as some deaf and mute folks. Pray the Lord to continue to bless them in this endeavor. If God should move on your hearts to help them you may write to them directly: Sis. Annie Bell Allen, 1002 E. McLagan, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447

"We appreciate the family of God, and am glad the Lord invited us to be one of his children."

--Andrew and Thelma Reineking

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From Calif.: "Trust all are well and enjoying the good things of life. I am pretty well and am planning a trip back there next week if God permits. Hope to see you then. Hope to be there a month or so."

--Edna Murry

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From La.: "I still have a deep settled peace in my breast, still looking for our soon coming Lord and would rejoice to see his appearing. I dreamed of the end and all was well. Keep lifting the standard high. Love to all,"

--J. M. Mitchell

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From Okla.: 'I got quite a few cards from saints Christmas. They saw my name in little Mission Trail paper. It is real good to hear from some saints . . . I want you all to pray for me and my children that God will save them all. Pray for my son in Viet Nam that God will protect him.'

--Sis. Della Harrison

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Sister Sallie Sweat from S. Ca. is thanking the Lord that he did not allow her home to burn down while she was away on a trip to visit her daughter who was sick. Bro. Archie Sweat, who was home, received burns on his right hand, but it is better now. They did sustain some loss from the fire. She wrote: "I ask the good saints to pray for Archie to gain strength. He is weak."



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.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.

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