



# 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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## "The Lord Hath Need of Him"

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Good morning, friends. It is indeed a pleasure to be coming your way by means of radio. I hope that your life will be enriched by the scriptures and thoughts presented on The Mission Trail broadcast. I can surely say that my life has been enriched and I am glad that I have found a place in the kingdom of God where I "fit". If you feel that you are a "misfit" in life, do you suppose it might be because you have not found God's will for you? Or if you have found and know what God's will is, then are you filling that place in life? I am convinced that this is the way one finds happiness and contentment--that is, to know the will of God and to do it. Jesus said in reference to his will along a certain line, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Now, listen to this scripture, "And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, Saying, Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him. And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? And they said, The Lord hath need of him. And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon." Luke 19:29-35

One thing is so very outstanding to me about this scripture and that is found here in verse 31. Listen, "Because the Lord hath need of him." It indicates

to me that here was something the Lord needed. In other words he could use it for the moment to the glory of God. It was a rather small thing he needed, just a colt. That was small enough, wasn't it? I don't suppose this colt would have been worth very much, do you think so? It was not broken to ride because the scriptures said "whereon yet never man sat". So that colt wasn't used to hauling people around on its back and I doubt very seriously if it was used to pulling a load.

When I was on the island of Jamaica last Sept., I saw that the folks down there used many different modes of transportation. Some of them ride the bus or van. Some have automobiles and travel that way. Some of them even walk on foot or ride bicycles. Then there are those using the very fast way of flying in airplanes. In fact, that is the way we got to Jamaica on Pan American Airlines. But there was one other way they traveled too. Do you

know what that way is? Some of them rode little donkeys, often carrying heavy loads up the mountain side. One day my daughter and I walked along beside a donkey which a young boy was leading. This lad had some ice which the donkey was carrying for him up the mountain side to the boy's home. Wouldn't you say that boy "needed" that donkey? It seems to me he did. It was hard enough for me to climb that mountain without carrying any extra weight.

Now, remember this: There are some things the Lord needs today. Some of them may seem small and insignificant and yet they are important things. Are you willing to render to the Lord that which you have and he needs? Well, you might be inclined to think "I don't have anything the Lord needs." I doubt that. First of all, let me say the Lord needs the services of every person, especially every true child of God. The Lord needs you. Then really if he gets you and your heart he has everything that you have along with it.

Here is something else it might be well to remember. Do you know there are plenty of things we need in life? Sometimes, of course, we might be inclined to think that we need a lot more things which are not really necessary. Nevertheless there are certain things we need. Some of these things can come from God only. Well, really every good and perfect thing does come from God even though it may come to us through an indirect manner by other people. Yet it is God who sends it.

I believe if we are faithful to give of ourselves, time, and money for God's need and the needs of those whom God loves, that in return when we need help we can have confidence and assurance

when we call upon the Lord that he will hear us. Those owners of that colt could have said "This colt belongs to me and you're not loosing him and taking him away". But when they learned that the Lord needed him they just let the colt go. Don't you like that way of doing? As soon as you learn God's will, why don't you just say, "Yes, Lord, that's exactly what I want to do."

Listen to this poem:

### *I Need Thee, Lord*

I need thee, Lord; I need thy help  
today

To guide me onward in my pilgrim  
way.

My vision far too narrow is to see  
The rugged path of duty leading up to  
thee.

I need thee, Lord; I need thy strong  
right hand

To lead me upward to that brighter  
land.

Alone I feebly falter on my way;  
I can not do without thee, Lord, e'en  
one short day.

I need thee, Lord, to strengthen lest  
I fall;

The foes that gather round my way  
appall.

I need thy boundless grace lest I  
should fall

And be far driven from the harbor by  
the gale.

I need thee when the wakening sun doth  
rise,

And till its last beams die in western  
skies;

Still in the darkness would I have thee  
near

To hold my hand, to keep my soul, to  
calm each fear.

Dear ones, I believe it pleases the Lord for us to acknowledge our need of him. We need him every moment of the passing day. Without him we can do nothing. Then here is a scripture which should bring comfort and assurance to you: "And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you." Luke 12:29-31 Here is another which is good too. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19

Then finally here is our invitation to get the grace and help we need from God. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16

Let us pray,

Our Father,

We do come boldly to the throne of grace and humbly ask for our needs and the needs of those who are looking to thee from day to day. May the scriptures and message of this broadcast fill a particular need of those who hear it. Do for us that which you see best and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thank you, friends, for a few moments of your time. Do tune in again next week at the same time and in the meantime if you have need of help or agreement of prayer I personally invite you to write us and let us know of this need that we may seek God together for an answer. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Now this song, "A child of the king". The singers are Bob Forbes, Randall Flynn, Dale Doolittle, and Melvin Doolittle.

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

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### *Testimonies*

From La.: "Just a note with a small offering for where it is needed most. We enjoy the broadcast and the paper. I trust all of you are well. I have gained some strength recently, tho I surely need grace and help to stand my affliction. May God bless all of you. Yours in Christ," --Bro. and Sis. Pinkerton

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From Okla.: "I do enjoy the Mission Trail broadcast. I think and agree with Sis. Emma Dilley that we could have more good preaching on the radio. Was with Sis. Lizzie Eck this afternoon. I truly enjoyed the Bible Lesson in Sunday School. . . Isn't it true: The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Psa. 19:7 God gave us beautiful snow, roads were closed, but we were alright."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From S. C.: "Today finds me pressing on toward heaven, praise the dear Lord, and I hope you all are still in this battle with intention to win that crown of life at the end. We sure do have a lot of sick folks down here with the flu or something. They need much prayer. . . pray for me that I will please the Lord with my life. Satan is so busy these days going about seeking who he can devour. He sure is trying to discourage a number of folks here."

--Sis. Edna Crummie

From Calif. : "I am still saved, sanctified and pressing on for I mean heaven at any cost. The Lord is so good to me, bless His holy name. I do suffer much with numb hands and desire your prayers as my trust is in my blessed Lord, come what may."

--Sis. Dessie LeMelle  
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From Ga. : "Here I come again to say to you loved ones, I enjoy that little paper. I sure hope it will come regular every week. I don't hear the broadcast but I do read the word and enjoy that so much. Also my children like it. . . the children's page is a real delight. . . Pray for me that I will overcome some day."--Sis. E. B. McNair

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From S. C. : "This writing finds me still pressing on to make heaven. I still enjoy the little Mission Trail paper. It brings a lot of good thoughts to my mind. I am so glad that I found the true church of God, born into the one family. My name is on the Lamb's book of life, looking for Jesus' return back for His saints. . . Pray for me."

--Bro. Eddie Driggers  
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From Miss. : ". . . wish you could see my dear mother that will be 92 in May. She does not have the use of her right side but she sits in the wheel chair without glasses and takes your paper with her left hand and seems to want to read all the pages. . . when she could talk better she could beat me reading and spelling. It is wonderful how God is blessing us to have a tape recorder and player with dear saints to fill tapes with good singing and sermons. Bro. and Sis. Dale Doolittle took my recorder and a bunch of tapes home with them to get them filled. Bro. Allen has been helping me some also. I praise God very much for all this. I also have a record player. I got one of the Carvers

records. Mama enjoys music and preaching and we do. I have one sermon of you on the Mission Trail. . . it was so good for the dear saints to do that for me. I praise them and God too for it." --Sis. Dorothy Bridges

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From Okla. : "I think too many preachers try and please people instead of God in preaching the truth. I believe that is part of what is wrong with the world today. . . Altho people change God's Word never changes. It's same yesterday, today, and forever. What was right in years past is right today. May God bless you in your work for Him."

--Mable Been

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From Okla. : "Fathers and mothers fail in their rearing up their children is why our young people are going way they are. They need godly parents in their homes to teach them about word of God. . . God is still on throne. Prayer changes things."

--Sis. Della Harrison  
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From Calif. : "I'm pressing onward in spite of trials, troubles, persecutions and afflictions. I am searching the scriptures and endeavoring to love and be kind and patient."

--Sis. Opal Williams  
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From Mo. : "I greet all in Jesus dear name, hope all are well. We are able to get around. It's a warm rainy day here. The trees are budding out, looks like springtime is here, praise the Lord. I love the Mission Trail and the testimonies. They give me a great lift and the Coffeyville broadcast."

--W. D. Harmon  
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"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."  
Matthew 10:32

From Jamaica, W. I.: "During last month Sister Smalling and I had not been well, but thank God for His healing touch by which we are made well again. Recently some thoughts came to me which I should love to share with you, and if possible readers of The Mission Trail. They are as follows: Since the reformation of 1530 there exists a spirit of religious group forming. . . rather than the desire of getting back to the Spirit which gave spiritual life to the morning church. In 1880 God broke the true light calling men and women to embrace that Spirit. Some accepted and continued for a brief time, but alas the spirit of religious group forming subtly crept in and again the objective for which God desired his church to be was soon lost sight of. Nevertheless there are some who have seen this objective and desire to see it accomplished. The spirit of religious group forming is not of Divine origin and has caused contentions and spiritual divisions. . . a family God intends to be united and loving. How subtly the devil works with the spirit of man to accomplish this! I pray that God will break the light of his church to man so that it will fully be known that God's church does not exist only in a single group and that 'Christians all should dwell together in the bond of peace.' Religious group forming is denominationalism in embryo. Every group has a different spirit and so there is no real unity among the various groups even though some maybe called church of God. A religious group spirit limits the vision of its members. . . We are happy to know that our feeble efforts to entertain you while you were here, have been so much appreciated by you and trust that if God so wills, we shall meet again. . . Always remember us and the church in your prayers."

--Israel and Olga Smalling

## *A Prayerful Meditation*

O dear Lord, in love and pity  
 Help our souls to know thy grace  
 May we see thy gracious favor  
 As we look upon thy face;  
 May we see the marks of suf'ring  
 On thy brow, in hands and side,  
 And remember they were given,  
 That in thee we might abide.

If thou lov'd us thus so dearly,  
 And in thee we ever dwell,  
 Sure it is that thou art willing  
 To our hearts thy love to tell--  
 By the bearing of our burdens,  
 By the healing of our pain,  
 By thy witness of thy Spirit,  
 That thy suf'ring brought us gain.

By thy stripes is perfect healing,  
 In thy wounds are life and strength,  
 From thy pierced and wounded body  
 Flows the stream whose breadth and  
 length  
 Covers earth with richest blessings,  
 And contains the healing balm  
 For our sins and sore distresses  
 That our sorrows thou shouldst calm.

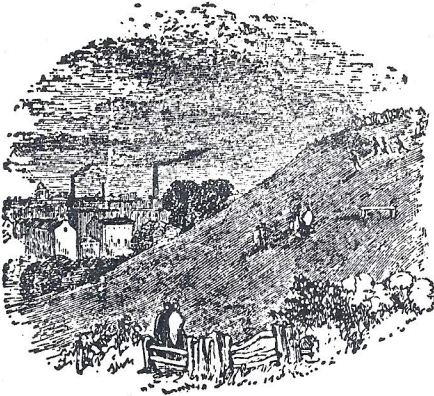
Come we then with perfect freedom  
 To the fount of living power,  
 Lay we down our sins and sickness  
 And rejoice in thee each hour;  
 For thou art our Great Physician  
 And our souls' and bodies' health,  
 Thus we praise, and give thee honor  
 And esteem our heav'nly wealth.

But dear Lord, there are so many  
 Out of Christ, in sin and pain,  
 And they know not love and mercy,  
 Nor unite in glad refrain;  
 That we ask thee to endow us  
 With thy wisdom, love, and grace,  
 That we may so wisely teach them,  
 That they too may see thy face.

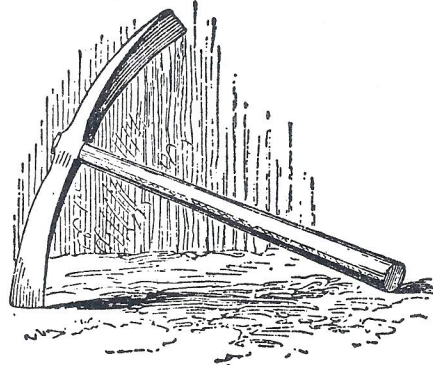
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# Children's Page

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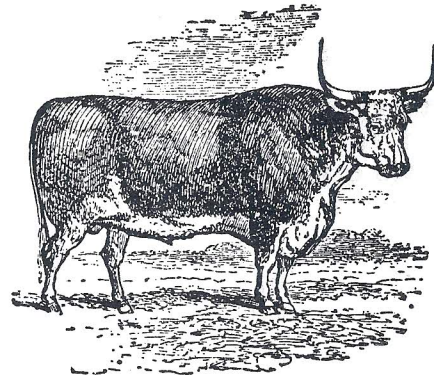
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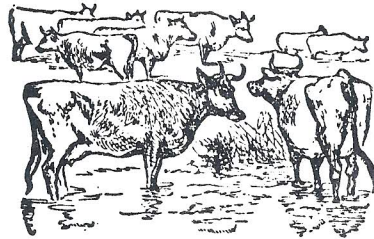
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# at press time

we understand:

From Calif.: ". . . yesterday was our 50th anniversary--a long time."

--Sis. Ada Leach Congratulations to both of you! Their address is Route 3, Box 293, Orland, Calif. 95963.

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"Aunt Nell Casteel passed away last Wed. afternoon about 1:30 p. m. Perhaps you remember meeting her when you preached in my grandparents' home. She was 83 and lived alone but had been able to care for herself very well until about Feb. 14 when she was taken to the hospital while I was away and committed to bed for the final time. She was anointed and prayed for while Bro. Samons was here and said she surely did receive help. It was encouraging how she tried to tell others and get them to put their faith in the Lord and request prayer and anointing. She also requested prayer many other times and we were kept pretty busy the last three weeks visiting her and praying with her and others there. Her last request to me was that I just ask the Lord to have His way and either heal her or take her on as seemed best to Him. She did not seem to feel able to live with the afflicted body any longer and looked real peaceful when we laid her to rest down by the chapel Friday afternoon." --James F. Broker, Mound City, Missouri

Note: Bro. Jim Broker is much interested in having the Mission Trail broadcast heard over a local station in his area. If there are others with this same desire please contact us for more information.

Our love and sympathy is extended to Darrell and Patsy McIntosh of Kansas City in the loss of their young daughter who died Monday, March 8. The grandparents are Leo and Mildred McIntosh of Springfield, Mo. The funeral was Friday, March 12.

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"A few lines of greetings in the name of Him who gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Am so thankful I ever got to be numbered with them. We are still enjoying the little Mission Trail. We are too far away to get the broadcast with these powerful stations around us here. Still enjoying God's presence and love in our midst. We are planning on all day meeting Easter Sunday with ordinance service in the afternoon. I understand Bro. Dale Doolittle and family is to be with us. . . May God continue His blessing upon your work of faith and labor of love," --Bro. William A. McCoy, pastor. Chapel: 622 Tyron, Dayton, Ohio Phone 233-5393

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**DON'T FORGET:** If your address is changed, be sure to send us your new one. We no longer request the post office to furnish new addresses of those who move when your Mission Trail is returned.

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We observe by the budding of the trees that springtime is near. Can we also discern by the signs of the time that the coming of the Lord draweth near?



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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."



## 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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