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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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"Go Ye . . ."

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Good morning, friends. I hope today finds you well and even more than that, saved and encouraged and living for God. I have for you a very special broadcast. A part of it goes back a few years and concerns the missionary efforts of the saints in Nigeria. But first this scripture, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matt. 28:19, 20

Some will recall that Bro. David Mad-den went to Nigeria. After returning to the States God saw fit to call him home. He finished his earthly work. That was in 1964. Later, that same year, Bro. Ostis and Sis. Opal Wilson went to Nigeria. It was on Sept. 24, 1964 when the Lord called Sis. Opal to her reward. She was in Nigeria at the time. Then in Sept. of 1965 Bro. and Sis. C. C. Carver spent some time in Nigeria. It seems that it has been difficult for the church to maintain a resident missionary in Africa. However another consecrated worker, Bro. George Hammond, has felt the need and urgency of the call to Nigeria. He is at present making plans to go very soon. Remember him in prayer that the proper clearances may be granted in the securing of his visa and that other matters may be cared for as he makes this trip to Nigeria. Perhaps if I refreshed your memory by some of the statements Bro. Ostis Wilson made on a previous broadcast on the Mission Trail you would know better how to pray the Lord of the harvest for this

present need. So, listen now to at least a part of those things which Bro. Ostis Wilson had to say over this broadcast in 1965. That was in the month of May, which is approximately 6 years ago. Bro. Ostis:

"Greetings to all of you out there in radioland in the name of Jesus. Bro. Willie, I surely appreciate this privilege to speak to the people that listen to your broadcast and thank you for this invitation. This program is fundamentally a missionary program and, therefore, the comments we would desire to make will be more along that line. The Jerusalem church in the beginning of this Christian era was not originally a missionary church even though Christ had given the commission to his apostles to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. It seems that they were spending their time together there in Jerusalem in the temple and in breaking bread from house to house and were finding great joy in doing so. This is not exactly a weakness in the early church

because this infant church must have time and chance to establish its roots well in the earth before launching out upon its mission to get the gospel to the entire world, but God when He saw that the time had arrived for the church to step up and fill a man's place in the world, so to speak, indicated His purpose and plan for the church by permitting severe persecutions to come among them to scatter them out of their cozy little nest and send them to other parts of the world, and they went carrying the gospel of Christ as they went.

"This is God's plan and purpose for the church, and the church today has developed into its full-grown state and, therefore, should be launching out with missionary activities in any and all parts of the world as is manifestly God's purpose for it.

"We are told in the first chapter of Acts that Jesus began to do and teach during His life and ministry. The work of getting the gospel out and teaching the millions of earth the ways of God and the way of salvation through Jesus Christ only was only begun in His ministry. When He went away, He left this responsibility on the shoulders of His church in the earth which is declared in the scriptures to be His body to carry on His life and ministry in the world to the glorious end of time.

"Then, we are told in Acts 1:11 that this same Jesus who was taken away from them into heaven will so come in like manner as He went away. How solemn and stirring this is. This same Jesus who gave us this commission to go into all the world with His gospel and let all men know that Christ died for all is coming back again some of these days to see how well we have carried out this

mission, and to reward us according as our works have been. Jesus said in His last commission to His apostles in the 28th chapter of Matthew to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things as I have commanded you and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.

"This is a grand and glorious promise, but let us ask ourselves if we have any right to claim this promise if we are falling down on the condition on which it was predicated.

"I just recently returned from a visit to the mission field in Nigeria, West Africa. I found there a great field of labor with much work to be done. I found there a great number of eager earnest souls reaching out for truth. They know very little truth as we know it in this country, and yet, there are a considerable number among the people Opal and I worked with who have considerable light on different lines of truth and are reaching out for more.

"They had many questions to ask and were eager for an increase of light and truth. I found some real sincere people there and, of course, as is always the case in our own country, as others wherever it may be, some who were not as sincere as they should be.

"There is a wide open field in this area, and we should be pushing our efforts to get the truth to these people as rapidly as possible. Doors for the gospel and the missionary worker are closing one after another in different parts of the world and we have no way of knowing how soon these things will develop in this area, but it is open now, and we should be driving hard to capi-

talize on the possibilities there while we can.

"Even while we were there the doors pretty well swung shut for missionary work in the Congo only across two states from where we were, and several missionaries who had not left the country perished."

Now one other thing, Bro. Wilson. We have not forgotten the great loss to the church and the work of the Lord in general which we suffered when God saw fit to take your companion, Opal, home to himself while she administered to those in this mission field of Nigeria. She is not here and, consequently, is unable to speak for herself, but if she were, what do you think would be her desire for the mission fields of the world?

"Willie, Opal had the heart of a missionary. Her heart was in the missionary field for years. She has shown an avid interest in the work in Mexico ever since it has been going on, and she was extremely happy over the privilege to serve in the area where we went in Nigeria."

Then there was a question which I understand you repeatedly asked Opal during her last illness. Would you kindly repeat that question for us, and then give the answer she made to you?

"I asked her after she became ill if she were glad she came. She bounced back at me with this: She said, 'Yes, aren't you?' That jarred me a little. I'll confess I answered rather timidly for I was feeling pretty far from home at that time, but in her deepest illness, she had no thought of leaving the field. She said that our work was only begun, and we should not run because we were

having a trial, and she continued to carry the interest in that work to the last."

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Bless the message as it goes out over the air waves. Make it an inspiration and a challenge for all of us to do more in the spreading of the gospel. Remember the needs of each listener and be near everyone. We especially pray for Bro. Hammond and ask you to give him favor from those in authority and to make his missionary journey to Nigeria profitable for many souls in Jesus name. Amen

And may I add those who desire to write us may do so by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Here is a song, "Precious Name." The singers are Bobby Forbes, Leslie and Sylvia Busbee and Willie Murphey.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God richly bless you and a very cheerful good-bye!



"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people," Rev. 14:6.

Testimonies

From Ky. : "We are much encouraged to press on for the Lord. He has been so good to us, I surely don't want to ever fail Him. I got home last night from Bro. and Sis. Curtis Williams'. He is still in much need of prayer, but doesn't have the severe suffering he did have. Mart and I were over in Pa. at Bro. and Sis. Tinsley's when he took sick. Sis. Williams called for prayer. We got there Thursday eve around 5:30 p. m. We had service that night and we called Sis. Williams on Fri. eve before service to see how Bro. Curtis was and he was no better. The Akron saints came over to Sis. Tinsley's Thurs. night and also Fri. night. We all had an agreement of prayer both nights for him. We felt burdened to come back to the Williams' after service Fri. night. We left there at 11:20 p. m. and drove into Curtis' at 7 a. m. Saturday. He was resting when we got there, but still a very sick brother. His nerves got awful bad from lack of rest. So Sunday morning I brought all the children over here but the two oldest ones. He rested all day and was much better when we got back that evening around 9 p. m. . . Mart had already given out meeting in Dunmore, W. Va. for Tuesday night so he felt he should go on over there since Bro. Curtis was a lot better. . . He is supposed to start a revival meeting at Bowden, W. Va. the 30th of May. This is also a new field and the folks there are just precious. Do pray for that meeting. We have got our trailer almost ready to take off for the summer. I can see no stopping place. The Lord is so good to give us the desire of our hearts. We have been praying for a trailer for quite a while. The Lord knew just when we needed it the most. Lord willing we plan to help Bro. Cur-

tis out with the tent meetings this summer. We have always enjoyed working with the tent and the Lord always seemed so near. Bro. Williams is going to have to have some special help from the Lord to be able to work with the tent. His lungs are weak and the night air is just too much for them. . . We trust the Lord will completely heal him before their tent meeting starts the 12th of June. . . I hear you're getting a new son-in-law. I trust they will always be happy and I'm sure they will if they'll keep the Lord first. I'll be getting my new daughter-in-law a week or so later. I'm looking forward to getting her. I'm sure she will be just like my own. . . I don't guess we'll get to come to Guthrie this campmeeting. We had planned to go to Holly Hill but since Bro. Williams is not well we felt we should go over there and help them get ready for their meeting. . . Do pray for us and come to see us some time. They are planning to have a campmeeting at Blackford, Ky. at Bro. Foxes' congregation in Aug. . . ."

--Sis. Verna Samons
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From Ill. : 'The Christian way is the only happy way. I do love my Christ and thank Him for all the many blessings each day. I still have trouble at nights getting normal sleep. Some nights I rest better than others. My trust is in Christ for complete victory . . .'

--Sis. Truman Pitts
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From Mo. : 'I have been sick. I didn't think that I was going to make it for a while. I guess the Lord heard my praying and restored my life for a while. I need lots of praying done for me. Well, I will try to finish this letter. It's chilly this a. m. and dry, don't get much rain, just sprinkles. The Lord is showing the people he's running things.'

--W. D. Harmon

A CRY FROM FOREIGN FIELDS

"Why didn't you tell us sooner?"
 The words came sad and low;
 "O ye who know the gospel truths,
 Why didn't you let us know?
 The Savior died for all the world,
 He died to save from woe,
 But we never heard the story;
 Why didn't you let us know?"

"You have had the gospel message;
 You have known a Savior's love;
 Your dear ones passed from Christian
 homes
 To the blessed land above:
 Why did you let our fathers die,
 And into the silence go
 With no thought of Christ to comfort?
 Why didn't you let them know?"

"We appeal to you, O Christians,
 In lands beyond the sea;
 Why didn't you tell us sooner
 Christ died for you and me:
 Nineteen hundred years have passed
 Since disciples were told to go
 To the uttermost parts of the earth and
 teach;
 Why didn't you let us know?"

"You say you are Christ's disciples,
 That you try his work to do;
 And yet his very last command
 Is disobeyed by you!
 'Tis, indeed, a wonderful story--
 He loved the whole world so
 That he came and died to save us--
 But you didn't let us know."

"O souls redeemed by Jesus,
 Think what your Lord hath done!
 He came to earth and suffered
 And died for every one;
 He expects you now to tell it
 As on your way you go--
 But you kept the message from us;
 Why didn't you let us know?"

"Hear this pathetic cry of ours,
 O dwellers in Christian lands,
 For the heathen stand before you
 With pleading, outstretched hands.
 You may not be able to come yourself,
 But some in your stead can go;
 Will you not send us teachers?
 Will you not let us know?"

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YOUR MISSION

Hark! the voice of Jesus crying;
 "Who will go and work today?
 Fields are white and harvest waiting;
 Who will bear the sheaves away?"
 Loud and strong the Master calleth;
 Rich reward he offers thee:
 Who will answer, gladly saying,
 "Here am I; send me, send me"?

If you can not be the watchman,
 Standing high on Zion's wall,
 Pointing out the path to heaven,
 Offering life and peace to all,--
 With your prayers and with your bounties
 You can do what Heaven demands;
 You can be like faithful Aaron,
 Holding up the prophet's hands.

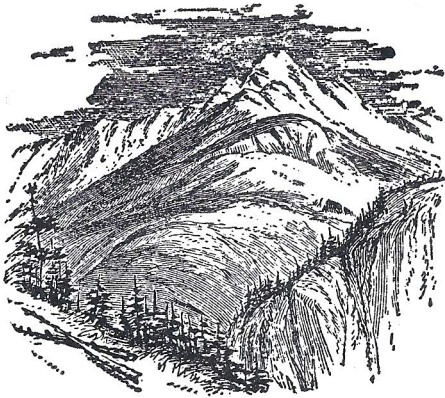
If among the older people
 You may not be apt to teach--
 "Feed my lambs," said Christ, our Shepherd;
 "Place the food within their reach."
 And it may be that the children
 You had led with trembling hand,
 Will be found among your jewels
 When you reach the better land.

Let none hear you idly saying,
 "There is nothing I can do,"
 While the souls of men are dying
 And the Master calls for you.
 Take the task he gives you gladly;
 Let his work your pleasure be;
 Answer quickly when he calleth,
 "Here am I; send me, send me!"

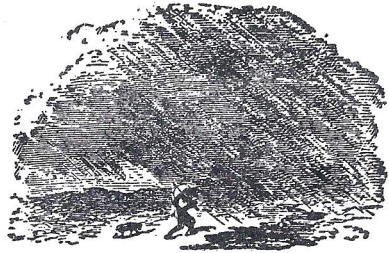
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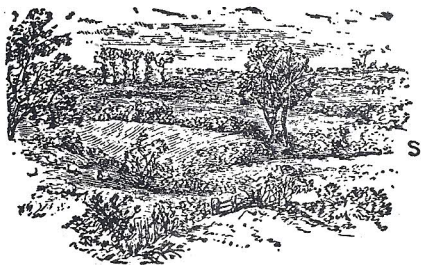
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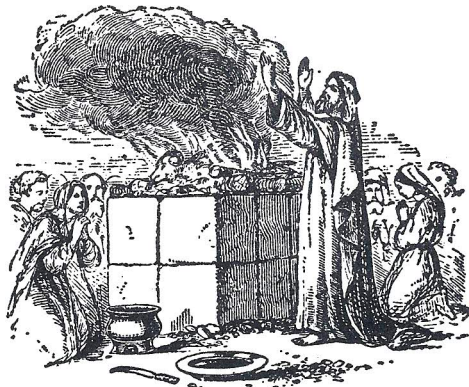
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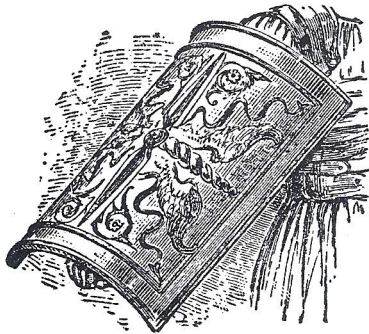
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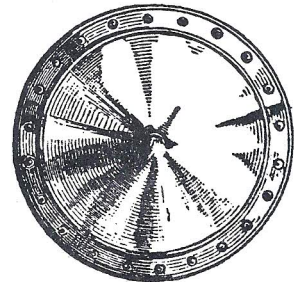
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we understand:

"Bro. Gordon Humphrey and Bro. Leslie Busbee was with us yesterday on our all day meeting. The services were good. Bro. Gordon stayed with us for services tonight (Mon.) too. He plans to go to Nowata, Okla. for service Wed. night and then to Guthrie. Well, I will close for this time hoping to see you at Guthrie."

--Bro. T. V. McMillian
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Many thanks to God for his unspeakable gift and all those who help to make this work of faith a reality from week to week. We appreciate so much the way one dear sister expressed it when she wrote: "God bless you in your work, protect you in your travelling and give you wisdom of what to preach, so that souls will heed the call to come to God and be ready to work in His vineyard and live for Him and to win precious souls."

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From Ore. : "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We are so thankful for His goodness and blessings to us. We are in Oregon now. . . and hope to be moved up here by the middle of June. Jim has a lead on a job and has gone out this morning to see about it. We are trusting the Lord to supply one for him. Trust all is well there and encouraged. We do thank the Lord for you and your labors of love in getting out the message of truth. Find enclosed some of the Lord's money to help carry on your endeavors to spread the truth. . . Much love and prayers,"

--The Linchs

From Pa. : "I enjoy reading the Mission Trail and do look for it every week. May the Lord bless you all in keeping it going for the benefit of all who read it. I live alone. I am 85 and still enjoy my Bible and good reading."

--Sis. Olive Harres
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After much preparation, clean up and getting things in order for the camp-meeting daily services began here in Guthrie Friday, May 28th, as the saints came in from far and near to attend the campmeeting. Some new lights were installed for the parking areas at night. The meeting continues this week through June 6th. Come and hear the old time gospel preached under the anointing of the Spirit.

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Public schools in Guthrie closed last week for the summer vacation. An added responsibility now rests upon the parents as more time is given them with the children.

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Recent rain brought welcome relief to the prolonged drouth to Oklahomans. Let us not forget that every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variable-ness neither shadow of turning.

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As harvest time draws near again I am reminded of the question Naomi asked Ruth, "Where hast thou gleaned today?" Let each of us be a gleaner in searching out for the Lord those who will accept the truth.



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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:

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KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
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