



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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"Diary Notes"

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"And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:7-11.

Good morning, friends. I am glad for our Saviour who came into the world to search out and redeem those who are willing to be delivered from their sins. Last week I shared with those on the broadcast some of the thoughts I had while on the trip to Ecuador. I want to bring you some more of these "Diary Notes". So let us begin right where we left off. I want you to hear how some of these folks spent their Sunday. So here it is:

Sunday, Nov. 14--Not long after the morning light I heard what seemed to be a musical band going full swing and that not too far from my apartment. After some little time I thought I would slip down to "Las Casas", the name of the street nearby and see what was going on this Sunday morning. And just what do you suppose it was? A band indeed, and after observing them for a time, I saw the people were lining the street and getting ready for a soap-box derby race sponsored by "Coca Cola". Later in another part of town I passed by an area

which was being used as a market. It is hard for one to imagine the variety of fruits, vegetables and other goods being offered for sale right on the street. I am reminded of Paul's sermon to the people of Ephesus when he declared unto them the "unknown God." Indeed, in reality, many are not acquainted with the one true God of the Bible.

Monday, Nov. 15--Of the many buses I have ridden in the last few days one thing is very noticeable to a close observer--usually the Ecuadorians take life as a matter of fact. There are not many smiles or much visiting as they pack the buses to capacity. Often there is hardly standing room. Some of the very small children near my apartment will say to me "buenas tardes" and I will reply with an "hola" which they seem to enjoy. I also visited with a young North American man who is an aircraft mechanic. He services a plane used by a group of Bible translators who work in the jungles among the very unlearned. These translators do not preach or



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attempt to interpret the word but only supply printed copies in the language of those who have had none before. This aircraft mechanic remarked how the word alone, without even a missionary, would bring about a remarkable change in the lives of the unlearned.

Wednesday, Nov. 17—I have been asking the Lord to direct me to the one who would be a blessing to me and to whom I could also be a blessing. He did just that today. Mentor Augustin Freire is 25 and he speaks English about like I speak Spanish or perhaps not as well. I had been visiting with him as I waited for an appointment at a certain place of business in Quito where Mentor worked. I attended the appointment, walked to the street corner to catch the bus. The buses were crowded so I had a short wait. After boarding one of the big rickety type buses, who, to my surprise, sat down beside me but Mentor. God was working so I invited him to go home with me which he did. He was eager to learn more of the Lord. He would patiently wait as I looked up a word in the dictionary. Then he, in his broken English, and I in my broken Spanish

went over several scriptures. He was glad to accept the truth. His life has not been an easy one.

His father, mother and two sisters live in the city of Guayaquil, some distance away and his 8 brothers live in Ambato. His meager wages of 15 sucres per day (equivalent to about 60¢ U. S. currency) is not sufficient for a very high standard of living as you might well know. Before he left we had prayer and I invited him to return tomorrow!

Friends, that about finishes my diary report, but I want to let you know more of Mentor. The next day he did not come back to my apartment, but the third day he did. Again, we had a good visit and he was anxious to have my address so he could write. Friends, will you remember Mentor in prayer, that God may lead him to the full light of the gospel?

Let us pray just now: Our father, bless the message to the good of every listener. Surely there are yet those who have a love for the truth. As good hunters and fishers, help us to search them out. We are glad that we have been called to be fishers of men. Bless each one now, in the way they need most and thine shall be the praise through Jesus our Lord. Amen.



Capital of Ecuador is Quito, nestled along the Andes at an altitude of about 9,000 feet.



After posing for the picture these "downtown" shoe shine boys made a rush for my business, two boys shining a shoe apiece!

Dear ones, we hope each of you will enjoy the blessings of the Lord during this Christmas season and throughout the new year. If we may be a help to you in finding the Lord, or if you would like a copy of the message be sure to let us know. You may write us by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

We certainly hope that each of you will enjoy many rich blessings of the Lord during this special season of the year, but you'll not let this be the only time you remember the Lord. Put him first in your life every day and as he leads you and directs you to work for him in the winning of souls may He give wisdom and understanding and grace--give you victory in every trial. Surely this is what we are seeking for in this world --to be victorious and in the world to come, life everlasting.

Here is a song: "Take Time to Be Holy"
The singers are Bob Forbes, Troy Gentry, Dale Doolittle, and Randall Flynn. And now, friends, let me leave this thought in poem with you:

He that is down need fear no fall;
He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.

I am content with what I have,
Little be it or much;
And, Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because thou savest such.

Fullness to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
Is best from age to age.

--John Bunyan.

Thank you, friends, for allowing me to have this little visit with you today in your home or car, or wherever you may hear this broadcast.

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying, God bless you and keep you in the center of His will. A very cheerful goodbye!

Correspondence

From Calif.: "Greetings of love in Jesus dear name from Calif. I'm fine, trust you folks are too. I enjoyed the plane ride and I'm sure enjoying this California sunshine! Thank the Lord . . . I've been attending some of the Los Angeles revival. It sure was a precious meeting. It was remarkable to see so many young people--tender-hearted broken up weeping at the altar! They kept coming--altar filled and re-filled again and again. It was like "campmeeting." Lord help us to pray for these dear souls that they will continue in the grace of God and go all the way with Him. Your assembly meeting is drawing near by the hour! We, here, are praying God to clear up the weather so folks can come. I, too, want to attend. So pray for us and may God continue to bless you and yours in the "needed-work" you are doing for him. We pray God to richly bless in the assembly there. Time is short and O how precious." --Sis Armilda Abbott

From Okla.: "I don't know how people get along without God. I don't know what I would do without him. I need him every minute of the day. . . Today one of my daughters and I went to Norman, Okla. and her car didn't run like it should. It would act like it was going to stop. She had trouble with it last week and they had it fixed and she drove it here in town all week. But today it was about to stop again. Believe me I prayed and thank God it started and ran just fine all the way there and back. Oh praise the dear Lord. I am still thanking him. . ." --Sister Ida Ruckman

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From La.: "We do appreciate your prayers in our behalf. The Lord has blessed and strengthened us in our body. We are trusting Him for a definite touch of healing. We rejoiced when we heard that you were going to Ecuador, again, Bro. Willie. We know some of the burden you carry for those dear people and we are asking God to richly bless you and make this a very profitable trip. It takes money to make trips and it also takes money to keep things going at home so we are enclosing a little offering for you. May God bless it and multiply it to your use. Sis. Frances, we know it takes as much (or perhaps more) of a consecration to stay home and fill our place there, as it does to go out in evangelistic work. . . so we are praying for you and the boys and we feel sure God will care for your every need as you look to Him."

--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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From Colo.: "Bro. Willie, you said in your last letter for us not forget Guthrie camp because Sis. Gibson was not there any more. No danger of that. . . we plan on being there for next summer the Lord willing. I do not think we will make it for the assembly meeting on account of snow and ice." --The McEndrees

From Kansas: "It is a pleasure to wish you and family the best of every thing that life has to offer. This is the season when most people's attention is turned to love and ways of expressing it to family and friends. How wonderful it would be if the feelings would last forever. Our God is the same God, now and always and we strive to be worthy of His love. Pray for us.

--Hurley and Etta Martin

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From Okla.: I am still pressing on for the dear Lord. I love him with all my heart and soul. He has been so good to me. When I was on my trip to Arizona I was bad sick all the time I was gone. My blood pressure was so high, just seemed like my head would burst. . . I kept calling upon the Lord for help, and I got relief. I also want to thank the saints for their prayers. I am so thankful to be living for the Lord and can call upon him for help any time, day or night. . . I sure want the little paper so keep my name on your mailing list for '72. May God bless and keep us all."

--Sister Ethel White

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From Pa.: "Yes, brother, I am saved the bible way and wish to do all the Lord lays on my heart to help in his cause. . . tho I am old I still love to read the bible and good books and papers . . . I get lonesome sometimes but when I think how Jesus lived and what few friends he had yet he went ahead and finished the work the Father sent him to do. You know the Lord gives us all something to do for him in his vineyard after we are saved. I know you miss your daughter and will miss her. We all that love our children miss them, but the good Lord will help us to carry on for him. He is a great counselor, a wonderful saviour and keeper and all in all to me."

--Sister Olive Harris

God Answers Prayer!

From Ind.: "I am glad that I have victory over the devil and Jesus Spirit in my heart, and a desire for the deeper things of God. I am thankful for God's great love toward me, and not only me but all those that love God and do His will. I have been going through the furnace of affliction but God is still blessing and helping me. He has been my helper ever since I have been saved. I was thinking over my past life the other day and could see how God's hand has dealt with me many times, even when I was in sin. . . I had a Godly Mother who read from God's Word every morning and evening and we all had prayer together. She taught everyone of us to pray and we took turns praying. This we did until we reached about 16 or 17 years of age, then finally began to taper off, as we didn't feel like praying as our heart would condemn us.

I remember back when I was just 4 years old, my mother was baking bread in an old cast iron cook stove on a claim out in N. Dak. As she got a pan of loaves to put in the oven, she kicked a little lever at the bottom of the oven door that swung open the door. Just at the time she did this I came running out of another room and touched the back of my hand on the designs that were upon the oven door, and the skin stuck to the oven door. Needless to tell you how I screamed as the back of my hand was raw. But Mother, being of a calm nature didn't get excited nor did she grab for some salve, as I don't think we had any, we were too poor, but she told the older children to take me in the bedroom and get down and ask Jesus to make it well and stop the hurting. They took me screaming into the bedroom and we got down beside the bed. I was in too much pain to pray, being only 4

years old. But my older Brother and two older sisters began to pray and ask Jesus to heal my burn and stop the hurting, which He did instantly. As it didn't hurt anymore I got up and went back out in the kitchen where Mother was still taking care of her bread. She looked at me and said, Why didn't you stay in there and pray? I replied, Jesus already made it well. It doesn't hurt anymore. Mother began to praise the Lord as the tears flowed down her cheeks. . .

The Kingdoms of this World are getting farther and farther from God and his plan for man on this earth, but the 'Kingdom of God' is getting closer. All things are being fulfilled according to God's Word. This is one of the reasons we are coming to the end faster and faster. As the intelligence of this world increases, Sin increases with it. As production, travel, and our way of living speeds up, so does sin and wickedness, and the end speeds up also. So man, by his evil deeds, are bringing swift destruction upon themselves. The education of this world is not real wisdom. That knowledge is mere information handed down by someone before you. Job said, Whence then cometh Wisdom? and where is the place of understanding? And unto man he said, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.' Job 28:20 & 28. . . God is so good to us, unworthy as we feel. I surely enjoy your messages in the Mission Trail. The message in the week of Oct. 24th is wonderful Truth. I got a blessing from reading Bro. John W. Patton, Sr. letter. I heartily agree with him as this is truth and the Bible will bear this out. I think of you often and wish I could visit with you now and then. I pray for you and the work everyday. . . Christian love, " --Earl Bliss

Children's Page

READ THE BIBLE BY SYMBOLS.

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at press time

we understand:

From S. Carolina. "Brother Willie I am sending a request. . .I am in bad shape with gland trouble. . .so I am asking you and the saints to pray for me to be healed." --Eddie Driggers

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From Ojos Negros: "Hi there. Do hope all is fine with you. Thanks for your much encouragement to us through the year. Love and prayer,"

--Sis. Carrie Shepherd.

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"Was good to see you folks this summer. The Lord is blessing in Ojos Negros. Some have a real good testimony. We are encouraged. Christian love,"

--Sis. Opal Kelley

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From Idaho: ". . .we will extend to you the old old greetings in Jesus dear name. How are each one? We hope that health has been your companion and that His everlasting arms have been under each one. He has been so very good to us and we do thank and praise his dear name. . .We haven't had much winter yet, it has snowed a little just to make the ground white but does not stay on long. Up in the south hills, at the ski lift the snow is 45 inches deep so that is deep for this time of the year. We should have plenty of irrigation water at this rate. We get ours from Jackson Hole in Wyo. but this helps us here also. . .We are looking forward to the next Mission Trail. It has been so long since one got here. Often we are a week or two behind but knowing Bro. Willie was gone we know none was sent out."

--Ruby Marken

From Mo.: ". . .am eager to know about your trip to Quito. I came back with Paul, Carol and family and daddy and mother. We got back Sun. morning 4:30 a.m. It's good to be home but feel a little sad without my Mexicans. Seems something is lacking. . .Bro. Kenneth Probst is here in Neosho holding a meeting. Has sure been good. May God bless you all. Christian love,"

--Sister Edith Cole.

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From Okla.: "We are enjoying each broadcast and every Mission Trail paper. We're pressing on for a closer walk with our Saviour. We thank him for the precious gift he freely gave. . .We pray all are well--that the assembly meeting truly be a wonderful blessing to all. . ."

--Sis. Doris Bowers

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Special prayer is requested for Debbie Eck, who needs a healing touch to her body. She is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ years old. Her parents are Lloyd and Judy Eck, R. 3, Box 147E, Edmond, Okla. 73034.

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Many thanks to those who have returned their coupon requesting to remain on mailing list for 1972. In last week's edition we asked those who received them to return them. If you have not done so, return yours at the earliest possible time. There is no charge. We prefer to trust God to move on the hearts of those whom he can use to support this work of faith. May this Christmas season be a joyous one and bring many warm blessings as well as the new year to follow.



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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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