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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 New Year"

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"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles." Psalms 24:1-6.

Good morning, friends. It is certainly a privilege to be coming your way again. Do you like that scripture? I do. As we draw near to the end of another year, we can surely say the Lord has been our helper. The days which are past we cannot recall, be they happy ones, or otherwise. I am sure some of them we would not like to re-live. The important question now is: what are we doing with this day? This poem says:

### TODAY IS MINE

Yesterday now is a part of forever;  
Bound up in a sheaf, which God holds  
tight,  
With glad days, and sad days, and bad  
days which never  
Shall visit us more with their bloom  
and their blight,  
Their fullness of sunshine or sorrowful  
night.  
Let them go, since we cannot retrieve  
them,  
Cannot undo and cannot atone;  
God in His mercy receive, forgive them!  
Only the new days are our own.  
Today is ours, and today alone.

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I would like to present a question to you which a certain lawyer once asked of Jesus. Listen: "But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? Luke 10:29. That reminds me of the question Cain asked of God: "And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?" Gen. 4:9.

Isn't it strange, the unconcern, that folks have for others in these days? Some people act as if the world was created for them and for them alone. But, friends, this is not the case. The world was put here for all people. There are no favorites with God. Neither is there any respecter of persons with him. He loves one just the same as another.

But back to this thought of our neighbor. Do you remember how Jesus pointed out to this Lawyer who was his neighbour? He told of the man who was traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho and he fell among thieves. They robbed and beat him, stripped him of his clothes

and left him half dead. Then there was the priest who came by, saw him, but passed by on the other side. He wanted nothing to do with this fellow who lay there by the side of the road. I wonder what thoughts passed through his mind as he saw him, at least momentarily. Do you reckon he was in such a hurry that he did not have time? Maybe he was thinking of his duties awaiting him ahead some place. One has said. "Whoever is in a hurry shows that the thing that he is about is too big for him." There may be some truth in that. To be courteous doesn't really take much time, but it does take a little. He who would be courteous must not be in such haste that he can not be sympathetic, nor so absorbed that he can not be considerate of others.

Well, these may not be the reasons at all the priest did not render assistance. He may have had others which seemed better.

But then, there was the Levite who came along. At least he stopped and looked at the suffering man. He was probably convicted of his duty to help him. I wonder if he did not secretly wish he had not come that way but had taken another way. In that way he would not have known what had happened. I suppose he persuaded himself that the case was no concern of his, and he too "passed by on the other side."

But these two men were not the only ones traveling that road that day, and well it was for the poor man who had been beaten, that a Samaritan came by. This Samaritan saw the sufferer, and he did the work that the others had refused to do. With gentleness and kindness he ministered to the wounded man. The 33rd verse says: "when he saw him, he had compassion on him," The scrip-

ture goes on to tell how this good Samaritan bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. But then on the next day he even went farther than this: He said to the inn keeper, "Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee."

Friends, if you have trouble deciding who your neighbour is, just remember that it is the one who is in need. And I am sure if you look very far you will be able to find someone in need. Isn't that a good policy to begin the new year with? I fear many today are making a mistake. They separate their duties into two distinct classes. The one class is made up of great things, to be regulated by the law of God: the other class is made up of so-called little things, in which the command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," is sometimes ignored. This part of their life is left to chance or perhaps notions of their own. There are those who would think it lowering to their dignity to minister to suffering humanity. Many look with indifference and contempt upon those men who have laid the temple of their soul in ruins. Then some people are so busy building up a "worthy enterprise" that they have little time to notice the wants of the needy and distressed.

The mere profession of religion is a-bounding in the world today, but it has little weight. We may claim to be followers of Christ, we may claim to believe every truth of the word of God; but this will do our neighbor little or no good unless our belief is carried over into our daily lives. Our profession may be as high as heaven, but it will save neither ourselves nor our fellow-men unless we are genuinely born-again children of God and put it

into practice. A right example will do more to benefit the world than all our profession.

Remember: love is the basis of godliness. Whatever the profession, no man has pure love to God unless he has love for his brother. What is needed is the love of Christ in the heart. It is not possible for the heart in which Christ abides to be destitute of love. If we love God because He first loved us, we shall love all for whom Christ died. Then the pity and compassion of Christ will be manifest in our life. We shall not need to be entreated to feel for the woes of others. It will be as natural for us to minister to the needy and suffering as it was for Christ to go about doing good. The glory of heaven is in lifting up the fallen, comforting the distressed. And wherever Christ abides in human hearts, He will be revealed in the same way. No distinction on account of nationality, or race is recognized by God. He is the Maker of all mankind. All men are of one family by creation, and all are one through redemption. Christ came to demolish every wall of partition, who would separate people from him, to throw open every compartment of the temple, that every soul may have free access to God. His love is so broad, so deep, so full, that it penetrates every where. It lifts out of Satan's circle the poor souls who have been deluded by his deceptions. It places them within reach of the throne of God.

Friends, have you found this well of everlasting water springing up within your heart? Let us pray: our father, bless the listeners of the broadcast, wherever they may hear the sound of the good news. There are those in their homes, or cars, who need a touch of the master's hand. For those in trouble or sick, we especially pray thy blessings

may be near. Give us all grace to live this new year which is dawning in a way that will bring no regrets and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friends, if we may be a help to you in some spiritual way be sure to let us know. You may write us in this way: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

And now, here is a thought worth pondering:

You are writing a gospel,

A chapter each day,

By deed that you do,

By words that you say.

Men read what you write,

Whether faithless or true--

Say--what is the gospel

According to you?

Here is a song: "Where Could I Go"  
The singers are: Bob & Dorai Forbes,  
Randall Flynn, Melvin Doolittle and Dale Doolittle.

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

## Testimonies

From Okla.: "Yes, I want to continue receiving the Mission Trail. I enjoy reading the Mission Trail very much and I pray a prayer for every testimony, the message of God's word, and all missionaries everywhere. I thank God daily for all the good people in the true works of our dear Lord. I don't know what I would do without him. He is a good God. I love him very much. . . I am so thankful that I have found a friend in Jesus. He is our only hope of eternal heaven. He is our comfort in sorrow."

--Margie Stidham

From Okla.: "I enjoy the Mission Trail. It's like a letter from home. I love to listen to the broadcast. Was so pleased that you had a safe trip to Ecuador and can tell us about a lot of things. I'm enjoying the truth and all the dear saints. . . . I am very well. God is so good to me. . . . Wishing all of you health and happiness and that all of your needs will be supplied.

--Sister Minnie Slinkard.

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From La.: "I am encouraged to press on for the Lord. This world has nothing to offer. The Lord is so good to me. He blesses me with a reasonable health and strength. The world is full of trouble and heartaches, but in Jesus there is peace and contentment. . . . I enjoy the Mission Trail and surely want it to keep coming."

--Sister Mary Bush

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From Wisconsin: "Glad to hear Bro. Murphey arrived home safely. Doubtless the assembly meeting will be on. Wish we could be there but yet this year we have to keep the home fires burning . . . at nursing home the 14th. . . between 40-50 present. They seem to enjoy, not only the tracts, but the gospel message and program as well. . . . I visit and do personal work and give out tracts every two weeks. There are many precious souls there and it is a joy to see how they appreciate the gospel message." --Bro. & Sis. Frank Dietrich

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From Okla. "I am so thankful God ever called me to be one of his peculiar people. I feel like Jacob who said, "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercy and of all the truth thou hast shewed me." but oh, I am so grateful He proved his love and mercy to me and reconciled me to Himself thru Jesus the pure Lamb of God."

--Sister Ada Scanlan

From Calif.: "Greetings of love in Christ's name. I do praise God for His marvelous workings in the hearts and lives of his creation, especially His saints. I'm so thankful that the gospel and the Spirit of God has worked to the saving, sanctifying, and keeping of my soul. We would like to continue the Mission Trail for 1972. Pray for us, as we do for the work of God."

--Bonnie Matthews

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From Mich.: "Greetings in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He is so good and Precious to us. We thank Him for all of the blessings and loving care he bestows on us. He is our Saviour sanctifier and healer and comforter."

--Floyd & Ether Hines

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From Ark.: ". . . just rejoicing because the presence of the Lord means so much to me, was thinking when the shepherds were told by the angel, of the saviour--they said "Let us go now" and they made haste to find Him and did. The sinful world is making haste wasting each precious day, but not trying to find the Saviour. "The sweetest thing in the world the fewest people have."

--Sister Lou Bray

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From Wisc.: "Guess perhaps I should sit down and write you folks a letter but we, too, wish we could sit down and have a visit. I surely do get lonesome for the christian brothers and sisters. We seem so far away from most of them. If we stay faithful we can some day meet and never be separated again. Watching sin on every side and seeing the reaping even here on this earth is very depressing. . . . I feel so sorry for the young folks. So many many do not have christian parents and some never see a Bible. It's no wonder so many of them go the downward road."

--Mrs. John La Veau

From Arkansas: "Here it is the Christmas season again and we are again reflecting upon the meaning of Christmas, and what God's great gift has done for those who have accepted it. It seems to me that the gift of His Son has a fuller, deeper meaning to me than ever before. It is like a valuable diamond with many facets, each facet reflecting a brilliant and beautiful and unique light. There is love, joy, peace and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which make life fuller and richer for us. We could name so many things which came to us with the birth of the Christ child. I am so thankful that God has led me to see His holy way and His plan of salvation. . . Your diary (on Mission Trail program) is interesting, only 15 minutes is too short!"

--Sister Ethel Worrall.

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From Okla.: "I'm still saved and encouraged to go the Bible way. I don't mean to stop any shorter than Heaven. . . . The world is in a bad fix and getting worse all the time. We need to stir ourselves more than ever before for Jesus. I heard Bro. Murphey preaching this morning over the air. This truth needs to be spread all the time. . . Pray that I'll get to the Christmas meeting if the Lord wills. I mean to run for Jesus. Pray earnestly for me, soul and body. . . Continue to remember Sister Hines in prayer. Let us stay true to God and at the last hour our reward will be great. This is all for this time. Your sister in Christ."

--Sister Lizzie Jordan.

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From Oregon: I can report victory in soul and body. My dear sister in law Bonnie Wilson passed away Nov. 29. Sis. Frances may remember her and my brother. They were at the camp meeting last summer when she was here. She suffered so much. Now her suffering is over."

--Sister Emma Busch

#### A TEACHERS PRAYER

When morning breaks and I face the day,  
This dear Lord, is what I pray,  
That when the same day fades to gray,  
Some child of yours may happier be,  
May find himself more close to Thee,  
Because I lived this day.

--Sel. By Lou Bray

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From Arkansas: "The Lord is wonderfully blessing me every hour. He heals me when I need healing and keeps me able to do what needs to be done. He sent high winds that put the pecans on the ground for me, and sent help to gather them and people who want to buy some. This all is blessings in a material way. He supplies all my needs, praise his great name for ever."

--Sister N. E. Adams

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From Mo.: "Greetings of Christian love to one and all. As we are at the closing days of this year of 1971, we look back over the year thinking of the many blessings and how good the Lord has been to us. To him we give all praise and honor. We love to read the little Mission Trail paper. Receive a lot of good from reading it. So enclosed is the coupon and a little offering. Would like to say we are so thankful to have Bro. & Sis. Eck here with us. May the Lord bless you all. Christian love,"

--Bro. Alsia and Sis. Dollie Sorrell

#### A LITTLE FELLOW FOLLOWS ME

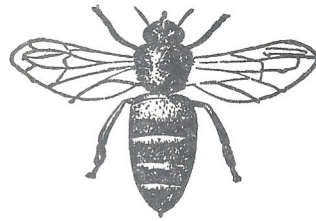
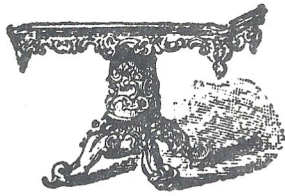
A careful man I ought to be;  
A little fellow follows me.  
I do not dare to go astray  
For fear he'll go the self-same way.

I must remember as I go  
Thru summer sun and winter snow  
I'm building for the years to be  
That little chap who follows me.

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# Children's Page

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# at press time

we understand:

Remember Sister Katie Dotson in prayer. She needs special help to her body and God's grace and comfort in this time of sorrow. Her husband, Oliver Dotson, died Nov. 6th after much suffering. Sis. Katie wrote: "the Lord was so good to us, let us stay together so long. I sat by his bedside and we spent our 71st anniversary together on Oct. 18, although it was sad." Those who write her may address their card to P. O. Box 304, Huntsville, Arkansas 72740.

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From Mo.: "The Lord has been so very good to me. I love to look back and trace His goodness down the years. Was fifty years ago He permitted me to meet the saints. I met them in 1920. God saved in 1921."

--Sister Lula Caughron.

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From Okla. "Greeting to you. How are you this lovely holiday season? How glad I am to know this child for myself. I want to ever keep heaven in view. Our weather has been so dark and gloomy of late till it is depressing, but I know the sun is shining some place. I hope I am never like this pencil, hit or miss. But some folks serve the Lord just that way. . . O Lord, help me to live a better life. . . I manage to attend church each Sunday, but hardly stay able to get out. . ."

--Sister Sam Barton.

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Our limited space does not permit printing of all the good testimonies we have received lately. Only a few have been selected. We hope you will understand.

It is with deep sorrow we announce the passing of dear brother Ed McEndree, of Lamar, Colorado. Early Christmas morning Sister Addie called to let us know he died about 3:30 a.m. that day. He was delighted to have saints visit them and have service in their home. Remember Sister Addie McEndree, 504 N. 11th St., Lamar, Colo. 81052.

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The Oklahoma State Assembly meeting was off to a good start in Guthrie, Friday December 24. A number of Ministers and many saints were looking forward as they came to enjoy the blessings of the Lord in these services which continue until January 2. Meals and sleeping quarters are provided, and the meeting is operated on a freewill basis. Plan to attend.

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From Mo.: "We are encouraged in the Lord. We have been in the furnace but we are pressing onward. . . May the Lord bless you and the work there."

--Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines

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Many have already returned the coupon for our 1972 mailing list indicating their desire to receive the Mission Trail. Thank you so much. It helps us to know whose names should be left on our mailing files. There is no charge or obligation, however some have sent offerings. This is much appreciated. If you have not done so, return your coupon at once. If you have misplaced the coupon or do not have one available a letter will do. Give name, address and zip code. A happy new year to all!



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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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KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
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