



# 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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## "Shipwreck"

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"And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmovable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves. And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape. But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves first into the sea, and get to land: And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land." Acts 27:41-44.

Good morning, friends. Did you ever stop to think that sooner or later, in one way or another, we all face shipwreck? Life is not easy. There are many types of shipwreck. There are shipwrecks of health. Shipwreck is sometimes made of the home, marriage or in the training of children. There are educational shipwrecks. These desperate trials, common as life itself, are all about us. Two courses are open to us--we can sink "without trace" or we can look around for a way out. The most fortunate thing which could happen to one in such circumstances, would be to find God's way. God has a way of providing for his trusting children when to them there seems to be no way at all. But one of the worst things to happen to a person is to make shipwreck of faith.

In 1 Tim. 1:19 we find these words: "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:" Wouldn't you regret it if you made shipwreck of your faith?

In a recent prayer meeting one told of how the waters were made to stand back by the power of the Lord in order for the children of Israel to pass over the Jordan on dry land. But the question was asked: How many of us would be brave enough to commit ourselves to pass over with the water standing up in a wall on either side? Some would be too fearful to do that! So I say, the important thing is to find God's way and then go that way!

A good example of one who could have easily been shipwrecked once and for all eternity was the beloved man Job. What would have happened to his history if he had failed to take God's way? Do you suppose we would be reading of his patience which has been such a blessing to thousands? No, I am afraid not. But he said: "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither; the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." Job 1:21-22.

Friends, if you are having problems in life let me suggest something: Face all the facts calmly and bravely to see what can be done about them. Nothing? Probably it isn't quite so bad as that; but if it is, learn the lesson that millions have already learned: that what can't be cured can be endured by the grace of God. Let us learn the lesson of the cross. It was a victorious Christ who endured the pains from which his body did not escape. But he gained the victory through the power of God even in one of the darkest hours in the history of the world.

Do you wonder how "ignorant and unlearned men" could write such statements as: "In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not?" The answer is that they had the insight and power from having been in contact with the son of God. The man John who wrote this text had beheld the light and received the life of which he speaks. Light is the symbol of wisdom. The two important elements of wisdom we might say are foresight and insight. Light is also a symbol of happiness.

Did you know that Jesus really came to bring light, joy and happiness to his trusting children? Listen to these words of His: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." John 16:23-24. And again in verse 33. "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Instead of living in sin, desperation and unhappiness why don't you lift up your eyes to this light which

shines steadily above the dark muddle of human existence? Don't forget that passage of scripture which declares "where there is no vision, the people perish."

So I say ever since John the Baptist came preaching the gospel of the kingdom the gospel has been mixing the leaven of joy into the dough of human experience. For the past few weeks I have spoken to you on this broadcast of the leaven of Herod and the leaven of the Pharisees. But let us not forget there is also the leaven of the kingdom.

In Matt. 13:33 Jesus said: "Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened." In this case leaven is a symbol of something good, and desirable. The kingdom of heaven is something transplanted into us. Then important things really begin to happen. The kingdom of heaven works within us. It is a thing hidden in the very heart of our nature. And now this poem:

#### AGAINST A THORN

Once I heard a song of sweetness  
As it cleft the morning air,  
Sounding in its blessed completeness  
Like a tender, pleading prayer;  
And I sought to find the singer  
Whence the wondrous song was borne,  
And I found a bird, sore wounded,  
Pinioned by a cruel thorn.

I have seen a soul in sadness,  
While its wings with pain were furled,  
Giving hope and cheer and gladness,  
That should bless a weeping world;  
And I knew that life of sweetness  
Was of pain and sorrow born,  
And a stricken soul was singing,  
With its breast against a thorn.

Ye are told of One who loved you,  
 Of a Savior crucified;  
 Ye are told of nails that pinioned  
 And a spear that pierced his side;  
 Ye are told of cruel scourging,  
 Of a Savior bearing scorn;  
 And he died for your salvation  
 With his brow against a thorn.

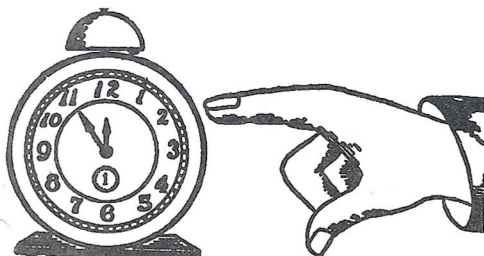
Shall we pray? Our Father, bless the message as it goes into many homes scattered throughout the nation. May thy word bring deliverance and victory to each soul. Should there be some passing through the valley of the shadow of death make for them a way of escape even though it may seem only a small board amidst the shipwreck of many who are floundering in despair and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thank you, friends, for listening. If we may be a help in some spiritual way be sure to let us know. You may write us by addressing your letter to the Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Our heartfelt thanks to those who help make possible the broadcast from week to week.

Here is a song "After All".

The singers are Lynn and Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Edgar Martens.

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying may God bless and keep you and a very cheerful Goodbye!



IT MAY  
 BE LATER  
 THAN YOU  
 THINK!!!

"My spirit shall not always strive with man,"

--Genesis 6:3

## Testimonies

From Okla.: 'I am still saved and looking up to Jesus every day, am willing to go all the way with the Lord. I don't mean to stop any shorter than Heaven. These few lines, I hope they find you doing the same.' --Sis. Lizzie Jordan

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From Illinois: "Greetings of Christian love to all the dear saints and servants of God everywhere. The ground is covered with snow and very cold here in Bement, Illinois, but I am happy, contented and free. . . I would like for you to pray for me. My eyes have been so bad, but is a little better at this writing. Then I have a very urgent unspoken request for you to pray with me about. . . I am living alone and in my 81st year. . . I want to be in my own home as long as the Saviour leaves me in this world. I am so thankful I know I am ready to go when he calls. Some day my earthly house shall fall, I cannot tell how soon will be, but this I know my all in all has now a place in Heaven for me. God has left me here for a purpose I know and oh how I want to fulfill that he has left me to do."

--Sister Bertha Gill

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From Oregon: "I greet you in Jesus dear name, thanking the dear Lord for salvation and victory in my soul, this beautiful sunshiny day. We did have a week and a little over of cold icy weather then a little rain and now some sunshine and not cold. We sure do thank the Lord for this weather. . . even with this cold Herman dug fresh carrots out of the garden and the grass is so nice and green, don't grow as fast in winter so don't have to mow it like in summer. We sure do appreciate the goodness of the Lord. He is so good to us. Herman is retiring the last of this month."

--Sis. Emma Busch

From Calif.: I am glad I am still trusting in the dear Lord. I am saved, sanctified and love the Lord and all of his people. I can't ever thank him enough for what he has done for me. . . . We are having good meeting here at Orland, not many of us, but God is with us and that is all that matters. . . . I don't want to fail God. I sure do want to dwell with him when my life is done here. We have to watch and pray. The devil is so awake night and day. But thank God we don't have to fight our battle alone. We would sure fail if we did." --Sis. Ada Leach

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From Miss.: "This world is so full of sin, I don't believe it will stand much longer. As my mother says, we just see a little of it, and how do you see that God in heaven who sees it all can let it stand much longer. I am ready for him to come, but we have love ones and friends who we would love to see saved, before it is too late."

--Mrs. Grace Gill

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From Ga.: "Greetings in the name of our good kind loving heavenly Father. The weather here is very much unsettled. We know it's the handiwork of our wonderful God. I want you to know that I am in the Lord and he is in me and by his strength and help I have victory over sin and the devil, praise the Lord. I am living to live again eternally. I am living to be able to say as Paul tells us: 'I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.' 2 Tim. 4:6-8."

--Sister P. R. Bowers

From Ohio: 'Greetings of much love in Jesus dear sweet name, the name above every name. I surely do love him this morning with all my heart and have a greater desire than ever to live for him. He surely has done so much for me, since I called you all for prayer. It was good to talk to some one who can get a hold of God when prayer is needed. Oh! the saints are so precious to me. . . . for three weeks day and night I couldn't walk or even lay down, just set in a chair or sit on the side of the bed. . . . We sure did have to do a lot of wrestling before God. I do thank God for a good saved companion, who stayed by my side day and night and prayed with me till the dear Lord heard and answered prayer and now I am up and around and helping him with the house work some. . . . Praise the dear Lord I can lay down at night now and don't have to get up one time. . . . May God bless you all in your work for the Lord, "

--Bro. & Sis. Bill Abbott

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"Today finds me more determined to live better than ever before as I seem to need the Lord more day by day."

--Edna V. Murry

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From Mich.: "This finds us still encouraged to serve the Lord. He has been so good to us in every way. First we sought the kingdom and now we are enjoying all the benefits--praise the Lord! We are getting some winter now--an unusually mild winter up 'til now. We have quite a lot of snow now and pretty cold, but not many bad days. It's 8 degrees above this morning. We are enjoying being in town. We have such a nice little place and we do appreciate it so much. Seems almost too good to be true, We don't forget to thank the Lord for all of it each day."

--Sister Margaret Brant

From Mo.: "So glad for the good Word of God, exhorting us to pray without ceasing, to give good heed to ourselves, to think upon such precious and sobering truths as--If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His, etc. This we can do when not feeling too well. So glad the Word becomes more precious and real to us as we journey further along in life. . . Would it not be wonderful if great numbers could sing with victory--I've paid the price and obtained the prize, He saved my soul that was lost; and now my treasures are in the skies, I'm glad I counted the cost. . . my Lord is nearer and dearer than all else--so good to know I'm writing to those of 'like precious faith' --oh, to really exercise living faith in God--means more than to write about it or talk about it. To truly sing--In my affections first he'll be, and first His righteous will. We pray the Lord's richest blessings upon you as you joyfully serve Him. We enjoy hearing news of the family of God by way of the Mission Trail and every source. . . let us pray much for each other. . ."

--Sister Rosella Scott

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From La.: Guess you have heard of my hip being broke? And after I was home about two weeks from the hospital I had a stroke and my daughter had me put back in the hospital--was sent to a nursing home for three months. I would still be there if I hadn't made up my mind to come home. Pauline was with me also, as she had no one to take her. I'm still walking with a walker and have some pain and still feel effects of the stroke, but very thankful that I'm as well as I am. I'm sending the small amount of 2 dollars and praying for the work to prosper. I have cataracts on my eyes, sight is growing dimmer. Please pray for them. Yours in Christ," --Lula Ochsner & Pauline

From Mo.: "We are so thankful for all of God's many blessings to us. It is wonderful to be free from sin and serving the Lord. He gives us joy and peace. The Lord will go with us all the way. We will not have to fear what might come our way. His grace will be sufficient for every trial."

--F. E. & Ellen Wilson

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From Ohio: "We send greetings of love to all once again. We want to let you know that we do want you to continue the Mission Trail our way. We do trust this finds all well and still much encouraged. We still love the Lord and His cause. We enjoy the Mission Trail, and our prayers are for God to richly bless your labors of love to the good of every soul. . . The Lord is blessing the saints here. He has wonderfully blessed our dear Sis. Sharp. She is able to talk again. What a mighty God we serve. Kenneth's mother is much better, but still has a need in her lower left limb. Do pray for us all as we do you."

--The Kenneth Abbotts

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From Colo.: "I am thankful to the Lord for hearing and answering prayer. Guess I had the flu a while back, was pretty sick for 3 days or so, passed out, but God came upon the scene and answered prayer. I am alright now but awful weak at times. I am glad we are serving a mighty God. Our grandson Willie is in the navy. He left the 17th of Jan, is at San Diego, Calif., so please pray for him. Also pray for me that I will gain my strength back."

--Mrs. R. A. Tombleson

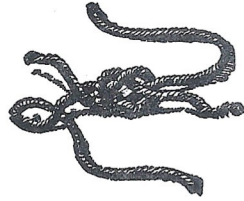
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From Calif.: "Thank God for victory in my soul and I am encouraged to see the end of a Christian race. Do remember me. I suffer much with numb hands" --Sis. Dessie LeMelle

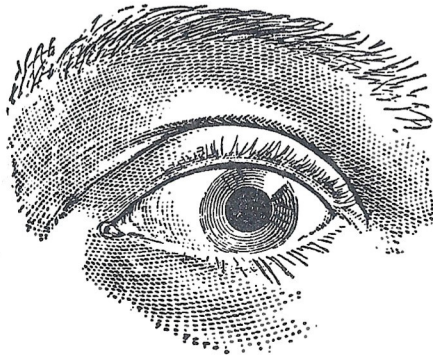
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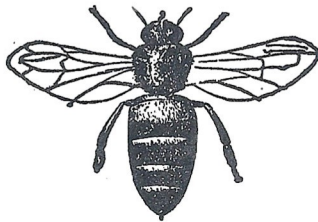
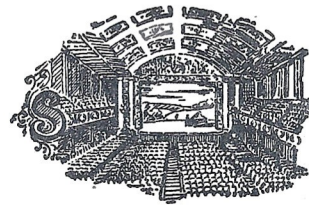
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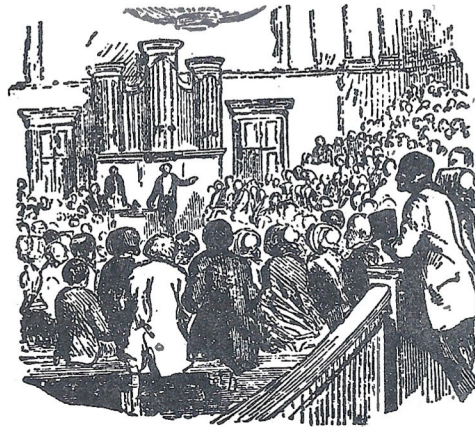
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LUKE ii, 8-15.

# at press time

we understand:

Bro. O. C. Porter has been conducting nightly Bible study services in Guthrie dealing with the prophecies and fulfillment of them with special emphasis on the book of Revelations. These were illustrated with many charts and drawings which are very informative and bring out the teaching of the church.

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"My highest aim is to please the Lord above all."

--Avis Tinsley

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From Calif.: "I just had to write to tell what God has done. As you know I have been requesting prayer for our baby. We had a baby specialist examine him. He wanted a lot of tests run on him including to have a eye specialist examine his eyes because of the draining of the eye since birth. Well the appointment was made and I asked the saints to pray while I was there . . . this is what was wrong--tear ducts drain into a tube in the nose. There was no hole in Daniel's tube for it to drain out at the bottom of the tube. The doctor said either drops would flush it open or they would go down with a wire to punch the hole through. I said God can do that without either. Well praise God it has only been less than a week since we've seen the doctor and God has healed this eye. Oh how we praise God. Thank all the saints for their prayers. We appreciate them. . . God is so good. Please continue to remember the baby. . . Daniel is 11 months old and still cannot sit alone and is very slow in his progress, but our trust is in God."

--Bro. K.C. & Sis. Candice Rich

From Kansas: ". . . the Lord has entrusted us with another child. This is our third. We do appreciate the goodness of God. We do, indeed, desire to be a vessel of honor, sanctified and meet for the master's use, prepared unto every good work. Do pray for us"

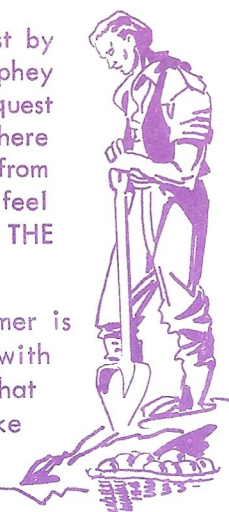
--Bro. & Sis. Harold Reed

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On Wednesday, Feb. 17, I felt a little sad as I stood in my driveway and saw the '62 Oldsmobile driven away from our home which might well be for the last time. This was the car which had given us such good service. We bought this one used more than five years ago. If it could talk, many interesting things could be told of happenings along roads which were scorching with the summer sun or roads which were covered with ice and snow in the freezing temperatures in the dead of winter. Sometimes we traveled together in such far-a-way places as California, Oregon and Idaho. At other times it would carry us to such pleasant places as Louisiana, Florida and other sunny southern states. Travel at other times took us into such states as Wisconsin, South Dakota or Ohio and Pennsylvania. Now with a speedometer reading of more than 230,000 miles with never a ring or valve job it was thought best to replace it with a later model. We now have a '66 Oldsmobile (used one) which the Lord has provided and we hope it will see many miles of service in the gospel! The Lord surely lengthened the life of the old car and I am quite certain we got the best years of service from it, for it sold for only \$100.



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