



# 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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## A Message to Parents Part Two

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Good morning, friends, on this Sunday morning which we call mother's day. I hope this day will be a bright one for all of you. Last week in my message to parents I left it with the understanding that we would continue it this week. That is exactly what I want to do. But first let me pause long enough to wish all the mothers who listen to the broadcast a very happy day. May God bless each one. We hope your children will be kind to you today and that they will remember you with something special. In fact we hope they will be kind to you every day all year long.

I appreciate the lasting remembrance which I have of my mother. Her influence upon my life cannot be valued in dollars and cents. Listen to this poem:

### MOTHER'S DAY

Each day is mother's day,  
Tempting, puzzling, dear,  
Bumps to kiss and cuts to bind,  
And sorry hearts to cheer;  
Willful ways to coax aright,  
And laggard souls to hurry;  
Holes to patch and meals to plan,  
And lots of chance to worry,  
But troubles bloom to wisdom,  
Patience grows to power,  
And love, that was the reason,  
Is the wage for each crammed hour.  
And every day that mothers make  
Diligent and sweet,  
Speeds the time till that great day  
When hope and harvest meet.

And now this scripture: "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that

he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life." Prov. 31:10-12 That's good isn't it? Then skipping on down a few verses we find these words: "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

So these verses bring me once again to the thought for the day: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6. You see, a mother has a great part in doing this. How could we expect the children to call her blessed if she had not been a good mother to them? In speaking of this child-training, let me give you the words of J. Edgar Hoover, whose death recently saddened the nation. He was an outstanding man and I am sure his words of advice will

be missed. He was director of the FBI and served in that capacity for many years. Not long ago when he was questioned as to why there is so much violence and lawlessness in the land and that despite all the measures taken to prevent it, Mr. Hoover summed it up this way: "Children are reared today with little or no discipline because parents won't and schools can't." Don't you see that his conclusion was that parents had failed and the schools couldn't manage the children after they had gotten so far out of hand.

One thing is certain--there are times when your child and my child needs discipline. Without it disaster is almost inevitable. It is not for me to say how you should accomplish this discipline or correction. Each child is different in disposition and make-up. Some will respond to one thing and others may be handled in a different manner. Some parents make the mistake of grabbing up the first thing they can lay their hands on, to strike junior with. This is tragic. If the father or mother who does this will search their own hearts, no doubt they will find they need to seek forgiveness for their own hardness of heart.

However, I am not ruling out punishment for wrong-doing. I believe in it, the correction that is. Sometimes it is absolutely necessary and should be done with firmness. Begin training the child the day it is born. Start right. Then continue the same course. Don't spoil your tiny baby. If you laugh at something he does today, don't expect him to know it is wrong tomorrow. I'm speaking of something that is wrong now. How should he know? My mother once gave me a "spanking" on my birthday. Think of that! And it wasn't for fun either. It was for real. I didn't soon forget that! It hurts while it lasts,

but it surely does bring some good results. Here is the scripture to prove that: "Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." Hebrews 12:9-11. So if you really love your child, see that he learns to reverence and respect you by obeying. And this is to be done at an early age. Don't wait until he is old enough to decide for himself which way he wants to go. It may then be too late. Set the example before him. Let your life be the first example! It is a full-time job and you must be constantly on the watch.

Another thing--parents should always work together, not apart. If there are some disagreements--settle it in private, never before the children. Learn to be a part of your child and let them know they are a part of the family. Respect their desires and thoughts. Visit with them. Tell them Bible stories. Instill right habits of thought, play, work, reading, study, thrift, giving, prayer and Bible reading. See how your son divides the apple or the quart of milk and teach them to be fair. Teach obedience as one of the prime virtues and so it is. A child learns to obey before it is a year old much more easily than later. Pray for and with your child. Scolding and nagging is not the answer nor the substitute for firmness and correction. Don't promise the child you are going to punish him and then let it go by. Don't you know he remembers

things like that? Better not promise than promise and not do. The same is true of other promises. If he thinks he is going to be rewarded, don't forget that. Reward him and commend him for his good behavior and conduct. This gives him more incentive to be an example. But see to it, that their good behavior is not purely for the reward. They should learn to do right for the sake of right.

Be careful with whom they play, and with what they play and when and where. The rule of "hands off" between boys and girls is a good rule. Make your family altar a sacred place. Children should be taught to take part. It is good to teach the value of money but avoid greed either in children or grown-ups. Make your home a pleasant place and one to which the family will love to come. Avoid impoliteness and unkindness to home folks as well as to company. May it never be said--"We have careful thought for the stranger, and a smile for the sometimes guest, while often for our own, is the bitter tone, though our own we love the best."

So to sum it up let me put it this way: Make the ground good and plant the seed right, keep the weeds out and cultivate and enrich the soil trusting God to work through this miracle of parenthood, and pray that the yield will be some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundredfold. As a rule parents are given the first and sometimes the longest chance to get the child going right. This is our responsibility. Do not fail God or the child.

Let us pray.

Our father, we are so glad for the great plan of the creator of the universe, who gave us fathers and mothers to teach us aright. Help us to be faithful, and not

fail in our duty and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Friends, if you believe in the Bible method of teaching children and have enjoyed this message we would be glad to hear from you. You may write us by addressing your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. You might even want a copy of today's message to study it over. It is yours free for the asking.

Here is a song: "Dwelling in Beulah Land." The singers are: Bob Forbes, Troy Gentry, Dale Doolittle, and Randall Flynn.

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying a happy mother's day to all and a very cheerful goodbye.

### *Testimonies*

From S. Dakota: "Greetings of tender love to all in the sweet name of our Jesus. Praise His name! Forgive my long delay in writing to thank you for your good letter, the blessings of the Mission Trail and the precious prayers of the saints. We were so surprised and blessed by a short visit in our home by Bro. Hammond, who anointed and prayed for me. The Lord is so good to us. My eyes are very poor so this is just note. May the Lord richly bless you all and keep you strong and bold in the Lord for the precious field he has given you. Lovingly and prayerfully,"

--Sis. Olive McFarling

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From Calif.: "Greetings of love to you all, thanking you for the nice letter I received, also thanks for your prayers. I am better, continue to keep me on your prayer list. I am looking for a complete healing. God is able. I am not tired of waiting. Those that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength and find help..."--Sis. Melissa Greer

From Mo.: "We are praising God this morning May 10th, that Sister Eula Adams rested last night and feels much improved this morning. About three weeks ago we feel from all symptoms, she must have contacted tetanus from working in the soul. She has suffered a lot of pain at times, but still kept her faith in God. She appreciates the concern of the ministers, the Allens, Ecks, Fox and Stovers, and all the prayers which have gone up in her behalf... The Lord did perform many wonderful things as a result from the ministers preaching all the Word under the anointing during the last camp meeting at Myrtle, Missouri. Several received just what they needed, and that is the purpose of these meetings, that as the Word goes forth, we may see ourselves just as God sees us through the light of His Word. May we go with this in mind and put in for what ever we may be short on, in order that we can be in a condition to help others. Camp meeting season is approaching. How we would love to attend every one. If we can't go, we can pray! It was brought up about a need of a clothes dryer for the Myrtle meeting and some have already sent in offerings for this fund. Pray the need be supplied by August. Just as the ones pressed their way to Jesus to get the healing they desired, so must we press our case before the Lord. Isn't this a pressing way? Well dear ones, I must get to my work now as it will be time for David to get up for breakfast and Louie to come to dinner, etc., but I feel better that I have done this first-- the other work is always there when I return. We need your prayers."

--Louie, Evodna Marler and family,  
Route 1, Box 180, Senath, Mo. 63876

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From Okla.: "This morning as I awoke the thought of King of Peace was and is so precious to us that believe. So I

read in the 7th chap. of Hebrews. He, Jesus, is our King of righteousness, King of Salem, which is King of peace. Jesus says, I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. St. John 10:9. Thanksgiving unto our God for the blessedness of the good shepherd. Our God is blessing our countryside with rain..."

--Sis. Eva Penner

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From Calif.: "Sorry I haven't written for so long, but I thought of you often. We have been through great sorrow since I wrote you last. We thank you for your prayers and also for the sympathy note in the Mission Trail. I am glad for the privilege of putting out the papers and tracts in the box at the air terminal and in the department store and sometimes in a car or under a windshield wiper blade and sometimes in a newspaper holder beside the road. As you know now, our darling daughter passed away on March 20. She told me before she died, 'God has forgiven me.' She also said more than once during her sickness 'Heaven is so beautiful--why do I fight so hard to live.' Our hearts are so saddened but I am sure God had a purpose in this. I face several problems and trials but my testimony is the words of Daniel, 'but if not.' I think about those words and they help me. The Lord may not see fit to move or change certain things but I don't intend to bow down and serve the devil if he never does move these trials. Sister Rada and Mae Belcher are supposed to be up here the last of this week and I am looking forward to seeing them. Bro. and Sis. Sherman and others came to visit us while Marilyn was so sick. Their prayers and singing was a real blessing to us... Please pray for my unsaved loved ones."

--Sis. Edith Reavis

From Okla.: "Trust this finds you all well and encouraged. We are so thankful that we are all well and have been all winter, and have a real desire to press on and be all that the Lord wants us to be. We are thankful for how the Lord worked out our move here to Vinita, and we surely enjoy meeting with Bro. & Sis. Kenneth Probst and all the saints at West Cabin... maybe we will see you at camp meeting."  
--Tom, Vonda McMillian and family

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From Pa.: "Greetings in the precious name of our Savior and Lord! His promises are to us who will put our trust in Him, and I do thank Him for all of His goodness and mercy to me down through the years. When I would wander away, He would draw me back. Praise His Name! I do intend, by His grace to go all the way and make heaven my home. ... Please pray that we can have our Sun. school again... God bless you in all you do for Him, keep you as you travel, give you the words to speak. He has promised that... Yours in His service,"  
--Sister Eva Cox

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From Okla.: "I am so thankful for the Mission Trail. I can't begin to tell you all the blessings it has been to me. I have read some of your messages to the people over here and told them they were from a church of God minister. I have been afflicted with a severe case of neuritis and could hardly walk... fell and broke my right arm in the wrist, stayed at my daughter's that lives in the City for 2 months, until I got my arm out of the cast. The saints have been praying for me and I am better, thank the precious Lord. I desire your prayers. I am a sister to Mrs. Lee Whitley and Lee Whitley is my husband's brother. My husband passed away in June 1970."

--Mrs. J. H. Whitley

From La.: "Greetings in the name of Jesus. Trust this finds all well with you. We are yet about the same as when you were here. We are encouraged to keep looking to the Lord for all our needs... May God ever bless your efforts. Keep holding us before the Lord in prayer. Yours in the one body."  
--Bro. G. A. Nichols

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From Okla.: "This is another day the Lord has made so let us be glad, rejoice and praise his wonderful name. I'm so glad this morning, singing in my soul and thanking Him for saving me from a devil's hell. The meeting is going on nicely in Boley. I attended Thursday night... Love and prayers."

--Sis. Vera Mae Hawkins

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From Calif.: "I received the little Mission Trail. I enjoy reading it very much because the Lord is my life, my light and strength and my salvation. In him do I trust."  
--Sis. Elizabeth Lima

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From Ohio: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night." Psa. 92:1-2. My dear ones, in the Lord, I want to send you a little offering for the Lord's work. I'm so sorry that I've not been sending any money, but I trust the Lord will give me help, and the money to send some in times of great need to help in sending forth the gospel to a lost and dying world... I love the Lord today with all my heart, soul and spirit..."

--Sis. Maudie Sharp

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From Mo.: "I send you greetings of love in Jesus dear name. How are you all... I thank dear Lord for many blessings. He is so merciful to us all."

--Lily Mae Glass

# Children's Page

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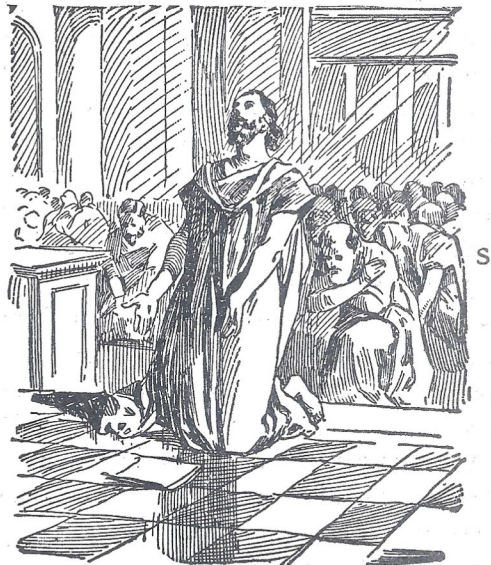
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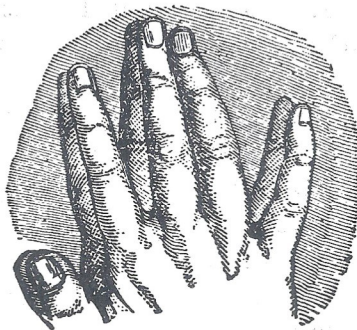
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# at press time

we understand:

From Oregon: "I greet you all in Jesus dear name. It is with a sad lonesome heart I write you. The dear Lord in his



love and mercy saw fit to take my dear brother Nona home April 25, just 4 days less than 5 months after he took his wife Bonnie Wilson. He was just bad sick a very short time, should say a few hours, but that was the

way he wanted to go so the children wouldn't have to wait on him like they did their mother. She was bad off for a long time. The Lord spared her so I could go to her funeral. ...Christian love and prayers."

--Sis. Emma Busch

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Remember in prayer Sis. Dolly Locker of Jefferson, Oregon. She is improving from what appeared to be a stroke. Also pray for Bob and Geraldine Dean's 4-year old daughter, Rhonda. One side of her body is affected with paralysis.

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Congratulations to Bro. Roy Harmon's father. An interesting note from him says: "...today is the 10th of May. I am 82 today. I've seen and heard a lot in 82 years. Thank the Lord for it."

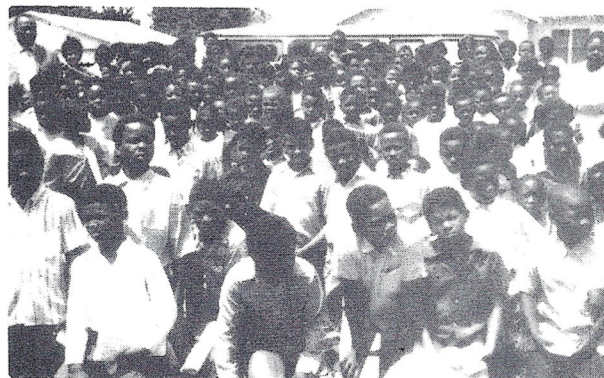
--W. D. Harmon, 910 S. Main St., Bolivar, Missouri 65613

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Announcement has been received from another high school graduate. Congratulations Mancil Earl Doolittle, 807 S. Olive, Hammond, La. 70401. Others were mentioned previously.

## Missionary Outreach

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



The above 228 children and young people who attended our Okmulgee Vacation Bible School last June, 1971 are from the Okmulgee and Beggs area. Many were brought in by bus. We had 3 routes in Okmulgee and 1 route in Beggs transporting interested souls. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Matt. 9:37-38. Here is a great mission too great for us. We need the prayers of the righteous that God will help each labourer who endeavors to instill the Word of God into these tender hearts. Let us not wait until these children and young people become robbers, drunkards, dope addicts, adulterers, etc. before we get a burden for their souls. Hundreds of children and young people are being reached each year. Thanks to the Mission Trail for the printing of Vacation Bible School material. --Sis. Annie Bell Allen, 1002 E. McLagan, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447.



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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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