



Gospel Broadcasting and Publishing  
**The Mission Trail**

Box 99

Guthrie, Okla. 73044

Willie C. Murphey • Frances E. Murphey

"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35  
VOL. 8, NO. 40 THE MISSION TRAIL JANUARY 5, 1973

## "Pray ye Therefore the Lord of the Harvest. . ."

Radio Broadcast for week of December 31, 1972

Good morning, friends. It is a pleasure to be coming your way on this the last day of 1972. We hope all of our listeners survived the Christmas holidays and are ready for the new year! Many thanks to all of you who remembered us with cards and offerings. God bless and keep you always.

Listen to this poem:

### THE OLD YEAR

I heard the old year talking,  
And he seemed to say to me,  
"I am what men have made me,  
Not what I hoped to be.

I did not bring the failures;  
My days were bright and new.  
I was the time allotted;  
The work was man's to do.

I am what others made me.  
I had no will or choice;  
Through all the day of trial,  
I was not given a voice.

I came here empty-handed--  
a year that was to be,  
And what I am in passing  
Is what men made of me.

I am their petty failure,  
Their glory, their success;  
I am the soul's advancement,  
Their shame, or happiness.

I was not born of evil,  
Or governed by the stars;  
I brought to some high honors,

To others ugly scars.

Only my days are numbered;  
I was the time for toil.  
And each has reaped the harvest,  
as he has tilled the soil.

I am what men have made me,  
Not what I hoped to be,  
And so shall be the New Year  
Which soon shall follow me."

Now, don't you like that? It points out if there are failures, it is not the fault of the year but of the one who used the time. The time is ours to do what we will with it. So here we have a new year all bright and shiny to do service for the Lord.

And as a reminder listen to this: "Then saith he unto his disciples, 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.

There are three thoughts in this scripture: First, "The harvest truly is

plenteous". How true! I say there is still a harvest of souls to be reaped. Time is slipping away from us each day and from here on it is so limited, especially for those who have already seen many summers come and go. There is plenty of work for all. Let us work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work.

Second: "the labourers are few". Did you ever see a time when there were so many opportunities for young folks to get good jobs and make lots of money? How attractive! And how few are willing to spend their lives in the gospel work. Yet the great commission remains: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations". God is still calling for volunteers to join his army. He does not draft them, but calls for volunteers. Let us be as the song says: "I've enlisted in the service 'til I die." Yes, the worldly security of good jobs and attractive pay and the comforts of this life keep many from serving the Lord as a worker in his harvest. But I am happy in winning souls.

This third thing of the text is not necessarily the least of them all, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest". Pray for what? "that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Now let's talk a little about praying. This is important. There are some who can go, others can give, but all can pray! Let me point out a few things about earnest intercessory prayer.

1--Sin must be put away. "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." Psa. 66:18. "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God and your sins have hid his face from you, that He will not hear." Isa. 59:2.

2--We must be obedient. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight." 1 John 3:22.

3--We are to pray for His glory and according to His will. "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, he heareth us." 1 John 5:14.

4--We must pray in faith. "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering; for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord." James 1:6-7. "All things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer believing ye shall receive." Matt. 31:22. "Whatsoever things ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them" Mark 11:24.

5--We are assured of answers to our prayers if presented in the name of Jesus! "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name I will do it." John 14:13-14. "Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, He will give it you." John 16:23.

6--Simplicity. Just be as a little child. Tell the father in your own words what you need. The words don't have to be those of an orator. Let them be plain words as the spirit gives you utterance.

7--Definiteness. Be specific. Ask for definite things. Get down to business. Many words are not necessary. And remember, you don't have any information the Lord doesn't already know.

8--Earnestness. "The effectual fervent

prayer of a righteousness man availeth much." James 5:16. And you might also read of Moses when he was in real earnestness concerning the children of Israel who had sinned. Exodus 32:32.

9--The Holy Spirit's assistance. "The spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." Rom. 8:26.

10--Ask boldly, largely and often. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16. "ask, and...receive, that your joy may be full" John 16:24. "They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them to drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life" Psa. 36:8-9. And how often? Listen to what Daniel did: "His windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day and prayed, and gave thanks before his God." Dan. 6:10. Another scripture says: "Pray without ceasing." 1 Thes. 5:17.

Friends, I hope this new year's message will inspire you to expect and receive from God greater things in the days ahead.

Let us pray. Our Father, we commit this year of '72 into thy hands. It will soon be gone forever. At the dawning of the new year, give us with it the grace to live in such a way that we may be soul winners for thee. Bless each listener in the way which they need most this day for we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

We appreciate the listeners. If you have enjoyed the message and would like to

write us we would be so glad to hear from you. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Now, this closing thought:

### DO IT NOW

It seems we have so little time  
To do the kindly things,  
Before we realize the truth  
We find that time has wings.

We plan to give a word of cheer  
To one who needs a friend;  
We plan to see someone who's ill  
Who may be near the end.

And there's a letter we should write  
To someone who is sad;  
Our words may be just what they need  
To cheer and make them glad.

It's easy to procrastinate  
And leave such tasks undone;  
But such a course will bring regrets  
When life's short race is run.

There is a cure for all these ills  
Just three words tell us how  
To bring a speedy, perfect cure,  
They're simple: "Do it now!"

Here's a song "I Know Whom I Have Believed." The singers are Lynn and Alma Carver, Arnett and Genevieve Carver.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you all through the new year and always. A cheerful goodbye!



## Testimonies

From Guthrie: "Greetings in the name of our dear Lord. Trust all are well. I have been sick the past month now. My blood pressure is so high, my head has been in a dizzy whirl so much of the time. Please pray for me...I still want to be on your mailing list for the little paper. It is such a comfort to get and read when one is all alone."

--Sister Ethel White

--o--

From Ore.: "We've had some really cold weather for Ore.--12 and 15 below zero. There was no church Sunday because of the bad weather. Hope by Sunday it's improved so we can go. We have about 6" of snow and more predicted. I do enjoy so much The Mission Trail. May the dear Lord richly bless and reward you all for your labors for Him, Would sure love to see you all, but it's a long way from our house to yours. Love to be there for the meeting. Remember us when you pray. God bless and keep you all. Love and prayers,"

--Sis. Ruby Hutchinson

--o--

From Oklahoma: "Happy greetings in Jesus name this Christmas season... My mind can't take it in how time has passed since I first met you as a young lad, now being grandad and grandma. It makes me wonder if we are using all this time for the Lord as we should. I have been moved more of late to use every moment for his glory. I was impressed to send you this offering so I could have a part in getting the gospel to the lost. Keep the Mission Trail coming. We enjoy every page. We love you. Tell those boys of yours we are praying that they will be led of the Lord in every walk or step of their lives for they do face an awful age, but God will see them through."

--Your Bro. & Sis. W. C. McMakin

From Oklahoma: "Greetings to you in the name of Jesus our Savior. Oh, how I love Him and adore Him--and to do His will is my greatest desire. Half hearted service will not suffice to bring joy in the service of the master. But when our will is surrendered to His Will--realizing He sees and knows what is best--what assurance and joy it brings to our soul...I am planning Lord willing if I am able to go to Esther's for awhile...I am not well in body...So please pray for me."

--Sister Nellie Poulos

--o--

From Mich.: "Greetings in the One who gave us His Son and His Son gave us Life Eternal... We are indeed "rich, joint heirs with Christ Jesus." I have a few problems...I said Lord you take over. The Lord led me to send this little token of love to you and to two other missions. My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in Glory. Psa. 24 says the earth is the Lord's and all that dwell therein...I do enjoy reading God's word...I pray many souls will be won for Jesus before old year ends and may 1973 be a glorious soul winning year for eternity."

--Sister Blanche Carson

--o--

From Washington: "Dear Murphey family--Greetings of Christian love in the name of our dear Lord. We are thankful to the Lord for you dear ones that labor in the Lord's vineyard, printing up the word of the Lord and sending it out to all who will read it. We certainly look forward to it coming and read every bit of it and pass it on. In case we don't get the coupon to send back, I will say now that I sure do want you to keep sending the paper to me. We are praying you will have a real good assembly meeting there at Guthrie during the holidays. May God bless all."

--Sister D. T. Thomas

From S. Car.: "...today find us still trusting in the Dear Lord. We have been bad sick in the body but the soul is flourishing every day, praise God. I want to thank God for the faithful few saints here. I am so glad there are a few that are still holding on to God. Satan is giving us a battle but we are winning yet for Jesus...we have some sick folks here we want you to remember in your prayers...pray for us always."

--Sister Crummie

--o--

From Mo.: "Dear Bro. Willie and The Mission Trail, As the Christmas season nears, we begin to think how we can share the blessings of the past year with others... The year has been a good one. The Lord has blessed me a lot and I thank Him. His protection has been with me and He has watched over me. The small gift included is to help show how I appreciate the work of the Mission Trail."

--Vicki Taylor

--o--

From Kansas: "Several weeks ago, I awoke early one Sunday morning--about 5 o'clock--and was meditating and the following thoughts came to me: we cannot read our way into heaven; altho the word says "search the scriptures" and study to show thyself approved of God. Our regular attendance at church and our association with the saints will not take us to heaven, and yet the word says "neglect not the assembling of your selves together as the manner of some is." We cannot buy or bribe our way into heaven and yet Jesus said "Give and it shall be given unto you." But, we can, and must, Pray our way into heaven, and if any of us get there, we must go in on our knees. "But they that wait upon the Lord, shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings as eagles; They shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." Isaiah 40:31.

--Homer Fee

Missouri--"Dear Bro. Willie, We greet you in Jesus name. We are thankful for the regular daily blessings of life. We realize how precious God is daily to give us life's daily blessings as we all have had rather severe illnesses the past year. We are very happy in the Lord as we see the promises fulfilled concerning us and our lives. We surely are satisfied and content and if any changes come our way in life, God can direct us and give wisdom to know what to do, for we hope in his word. Enclosed is an offering to keep you able to send forth the encouraging little Mission Trail."

--Leslie and Eula Adams

--o--

From La.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. Trust this finds you well and we know you are busy putting out the Mission Trail and getting ready for the assembly meeting there. We have been hearing of the cold weather in Okla. Trust you will have nice weather for the meeting. We are praying for the dear Lord to give Randall and family and Bro. and Sis. Probst a safe trip up there as they left to-day. Laverne reached home safely last nite from Calif. We are glad to have her home again. The dear Lord has been good to all of us and we appreciate his love and mercy to us. So glad we have such a mighty God to depend on... Pray for us as we pray for you. Christian love, "

--Elva and Neva Joiner

--o--

From Kansas: "Hope you are all well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. I am pretty well except some arthritic pains. I am glad I am able to wait on myself. So much of our snow melted today. I am glad for that... the Lord is giving me so much to enjoy in my old days... I enjoy the Mission Trail..."

--Milley Jane Smith

From Texas: "We send greetings in our Redeemer's name. We are thankful for his mercies he has extended to us down through the years. We missed about three Mission Trails last month and how we do look forward to them. This last one "God's Rebuke" surely is true for this very day. So few will believe the gospel. In talking to a lady this week I was made to realize how true. The time has come when they will not endure sound doctrine. One could become discouraged in trying to spread the gospel if it were not so plain as to the same problems the disciples and Jesus had to face, not all they preached to took heed. They gleaned out all who would come. I so often get out the Evening light song book which is so much encouragement to me. I was singing "I know my name is written there." I rise above all doubts and strife and read my title clear. I was made to stop at that point and think back when I was a young girl my parents bought some land. We paid cash for the land, had a deed to it, but after a while we were informed the title was not clear. The rightful heirs came in and possessed the land and we were put out. How we need to keep prayed up and see that our title is clear before us and our God. Time will soon be running out for many of us. I am doing all I know to do to be clear before God and man. We know not what another year holds for us, but I love every one. I have nothing against any one. So far as I know I am clear before God and man. May the Lord bless and prosper you and your work for the Lord through out another year, he permitting the world to stand. Yours in Christ, "

--Edith Wall

--o--

From Oklahoma: "How are all tonight? Well I hope. I am still saved and living for Jesus... I am trying to spread this truth all over the land and sea, and on

to the end of the world. You all pray for me for I can get more like Christ."

--Sister Lizzie Jordan

--o--

From Calif.: "I have been very weak in body for two or three weeks. Some nights I did not know if I would live. I did not have any pain, just weakness and such heavy feeling in my chest. I told our Lord if it was His will for me to live give me strength to go to my daughter in San Diego, if not I was ready to go. I can do so little any more, only write to a few who need encouragement. So today I am quite a lot better and feel perhaps our God will let me stay a while with my daughter and her daughter and family. I know I do not have many days left and I want to be faithful to the end. You dear ones remember me. This may be my last letter."

--Mary A. Halfhill

--o--

From Miss.: "Dear Christian friends, Just a few lines to say we do have a blessing reading the Mission Trail. The words you prayed... went like this: Our Father, we pray that you would give each one of us the courage to do your will regardless of the cost. I want to say this is the need and this is my prayer too. A friend, "

--Rosa Watson

--o--

From Ark.: "Greeting with Christian love in the name of Jesus, the wonderful Saviour. How are you folks this cold weather? We had quite a bit of ice on the streets for 2 days but it's off now but still cold and cloudy today... I am thankful I am able to be up and able to get around in my stroller. My daughter Zelma helps me all she can... hope you and your family are well and are still encouraged in the work of the Lord and the benefit of lost souls and encouragement of the saints. Keep me and my family on your prayer list..."

--Sister Katie Dotson

# at press time

we understand:

From Ark.: "It is once again time when our thoughts go back to the manger at Bethlehem, when God sent us His Son. How thankful we are for His great gift! ...I had a card from Sister Cook's daughter. Sister Cook is sick in bed with high blood pressure and arthritis. Louise asked us all to pray for her."

--Sis. Ethel Worrall

--o--

The death of Sister Willa J. Williams of Hennessey, Oklahoma is a great loss to the church as well as her loved ones. She was so faithful down through the years to attend the services and witness for the Lord. Sister Williams was an inspiration and we are sure her influence for the truth will live on. The funeral was in Hennessey December 27.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." How true!

--o--

From Mo.: "Dear ones, I now have a new mailing address, as I haven't been receiving all of my mail. The new address is P. O. Box 187, Webb City, Mo. 64870...My testimony is "Jesus is good to me."

--Ruth Murphey

--o--

From Ohio: "I want to say we are encouraged in the Lord. We need your prayers...due to the uncertainty of weather conditions in winter we feel it best to discontinue the 2nd Sunday all-day meetings until April here at Dayton, Ohio. We will be so glad for you to visit the congregation any time. It gives us courage to know some one cares."

--Bro. & Sis. Wm. McCoy, 5252 Wadsworth Road, Dayton, Ohio 45414.

The sudden death of Brother Lloyd C. Wilson, Route 1, Okeene, Oklahoma 73763, on December 26, came as a great shock to those who knew him. He and Sister Wilson had attended the assembly meeting on the three previous days in Guthrie. Bro. Lloyd displayed his usual good nature and seemed to be in good health. He was stricken with a heart attack and the Lord called him home within a very short time Tuesday morning. He was 77 years of age. The funeral was in Okeene Friday, Dec. 29. Bro. Lloyd's life for the Lord, his cheerful disposition and patience will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him. Remember Sis. Cassie in this hour of sadness.

--o--

Oklahoma: "Dear friends, Have enjoyed receiving your paper for another year. Hope to continue through 1973. We haven't written since last year, have tho't of your work many times. But it's so easy to let the cares of life crowd in and time passes with very little accomplished. The Lord has been very gracious to us this year for which we are thankful... Pray for us."

--Anna (Fetters) Swan

--o--

The coming of the saints to the assembly meeting was a blessing and many truths went forth from the pulpit. The Lord blessed in many ways and for the most part the weather was good. As we begin a new year, let us put first things first and seek to please God in all we do. God bless and keep you. Happy new year to all!



THE MISSION TRAIL, originating in Guthrie, Okla., is broadcast by radio and published in printed form by Willie Murphey with the help of others. Its principal support comes from the free will contributions of its listeners and readers. Those who are led by the Lord to assist may do so by sending their offering to:  
THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma 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
KGGF	Coffeyville, Kansas	690 kc.	Sunday, 8:00 a. m.
KCKW	Jena, Louisiana	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a. m.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.

**The Mission Trail**

Box 99

Guthrie, Okla. 73044

Return Postage Guaranteed

