



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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Thus saith God the Lord, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house. I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will not I give to another, neither my praise to graven images. Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth, ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and inhabitants thereof. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit: let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory unto the Lord, and declare his praise in the islands.

Good morning, friends. I hope you like that scripture as well as I do. That is rich. Isn't it wonderful to be serving the God which created the heavens, and the earth? He opened our eyes to see the beauties of his creation. And more than this, he opens our spiritual understanding to see the spiritual benefits too. He opened the prison house of sin and set me free. What a wonder!

Isn't it something how the Lord caused the waters to divide and then he placed some little islands right out there in the midst of it. To add more to the fullness and completeness of his creation, he permitted many of those islands to be inhabited. People live out there.

We get so accustomed to being in a vast country with its mountains and plains

that it is easy to forget there are many islands scattered in the far-flung regions of the seas.

Let me be more specific. For this broadcast I have chosen to speak to you concerning the island of Jamaica and some things of importance there. Do you remember that in September of 1970 the Lord made it possible for us to be there in Jamaica for a few days? Well, I will say those days were pleasant ones and I believe profitable ones too. From that trip some acquaintances have come about which have enriched our lives and stimulated our interest in the work of the Lord there. Although Jamaica is only about 148 miles long and approximately 52 miles wide it is thickly populated. Among those people is a little congregation far up in the hills and a-

way from the big city of Kingston. Here Bro. and Sis. Smalling live and labor in the work of the Lord. Occasionally we hear from them through correspondence. I believe it would be pleasing to the Lord and profitable for them to make a trip to the states this summer. After much consideration I have decided to see if we can get them here to attend some of the Monark campmeeting this coming July. I have received a letter from them which I would like to share with you:

This is from Jamaica, West Indies: "Dear Brother Murphey, In the name of Him whom we do not see, yet we love (Jesus) accept our fondest greetings. "God is love, "and having Him dwelling in us we must have love whereby we love Him, also those whom we see, and especially those of the household of faith. This love is universal and without carnality. Amen. We thank you for your letter of the 19th Dec., which also portrays a picture of love. In it you wrote among other things, enquiring if we would be able to make a trip to your "country to be in one of the campmeetings in case the finances were supplied?" This is a thought I believe emanated from Divine love, and I believe it is of God. Truly it would be our great pleasure to be in these meetings. Our greatest pleasure is the fellowship of saints. Here we are at the "right hand" of God. Thus we are not pleasureless serving God. Praise Him. We are praying about this and are confident God will have His way in this matter. His Word assures us the silver and the gold are His therefore if He wills for us to be there the finances will be supplied and there will be no stopping to our coming and our hearts shall rejoice in Him. Now, as it will require some time for us to get out our papers here, we shall be happy to hear from you at an early

date on the matter. God bless you. You will be sorry to hear that a week ago brother Thomas met with a very serious accident having fallen from a high tree from which he had cut a limb. Thank God he has not suffered from any broken bone and he was miraculously delivered from falling on some yam sticks which were sticking up in the field. His condition is not now considered grave. Sister Lindsey is fairly well except for an attack of diabetis. She is still bright in the Lord. We are expecting to have a baptism here shortly. Sister Smalling and I are fairly well. Thank God. " --Israel and Olga Smalling. "P. S. The Fergusons are fairly well. Sister Ferguson says she is expecting to write to you soon." End of quote.

Now, before we go on, let me also share with you this letter from the Fergusons: They are a part of this same congregation in Jamaica.

"Dear Bro., Holy greetings in the precious name of our Lord. Thank God we have lived to see another year, still find us on the battle-field for the Lord. It's quite a while now since we have not written to you but getting the Mission Trail is hearing from you at all times. I enjoy reading them so much, please continue sending. They encourage me on my pilgrim journey very much. We can never forget your visit to us. Oh it was so nice. We wish you could find it possible to come again. We thank God for the true fellowship of those who mean to live the true way. We all are still determined to continue until we reach our heavenly home. How is Sister Kathleen and husband? I hope fine. Greet them for us, and encourage them to continue in the way and work of the Lord. I would like to get a picture of Sister Murphey and your sons. Greet them special for us also the whole as-

sembly. Continue the good work so that you can be sure of your reward. Bro. Ferguson says how he longs to see you again...All the children are out, '3 working and 2 at school. Only Andrew is here, still recognizes the pictures of you both. He is going to school and can spell and write his name. We are still going on with the shop business. Seems to be getting harder every day. May God richly bless you all." --Bro. and Sis. Ferguson.

I appreciate those encouraging letters from Jamaica. Here is what we are planning for, of course, if the Lord wills. We are looking forward to the Lord to make it possible for us to have the Smallings in our home this summer and attend the Monark National camp-meeting. This will take some planning and expense. We would like you to pray about this and if the Lord should impress you to give something to help pay for the airline tickets and other expenses, please specify when you send the offering that it is for that purpose. Or just mention Bro. and Sis. Smalling and we will know what you mean.

Let us pray. Our Father, bless the message to the good of every listener. Remember in a special way this wonderful island of Jamaica and every true child of God on it. Bless Bro. and Sister Smalling and Bro. and Sis. Ferguson, as well as all the members of the congregation there. And help us all to have a greater vision of the work of the Lord in every place throughout the world and thine shall be the praise through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Now, I want you to hear this recording of the singing there in this congregation in Jamaica... Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From Okla.: "Greeting you in Jesus' dear and precious name tonight as He has been so good to us all. I've been in bed the last 2 days with the flu I guess, but am much better, thank the Lord. My head did hurt me so badly and I coughed so hard along with other discomforts. My sister Dorothy is so much better and is able to dress herself and we thank and praise the dear Lord and she seems encouraged to live good for the Lord. He sure has been merciful to us all in blessing her as He has and thanks to all the precious saints' prayers. Sorry I never get around to write. I do appreciate the saints so much and their efforts to bless souls. May the Lord continue to bless you all in your labors of love. Christian love,"

--Frances Perkins

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From Ill.: "Greeting in the name of Jesus, our dear saviour, the sweetest and dearest on earth and in heaven. I am thankful to get the Mission Trail. I want it to still come to me. It is food to my soul and so great to read the testimonies and letters from the saints here and there. I love the Lord. He is my life, my all and all. I love his word. In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. Dear souls, the word of God is God talking to us. When we read his word, that word is God speaking direct to us, giving us his will for us, lets us know God is present with us...I think about when Jesus was in the home of Martha and Mary. Mary was not helping Martha with the serving. She was sitting and learning from Jesus. Jesus said, one thing is needful and Mary has chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her."

--Sister Lettie West

From Kansas: "Greetings in the name of Jesus. This year has not started off very happy for me because of Grandmother's passing (Willa Jane Williams) Dec. 23 and then Sis. Jimmie Williams' illness and death (my pastor's wife). In fact she suffered a partial stroke Dec. 27 on her way to Oklahoma to grandmother's funeral and less than a month later on Jan. 20 we were having her funeral. But I can say that I have the victory and was able to submit both deaths seeing that it was the will of the Father. I am very much encouraged and definitely determined to press the battle on because I do not intend to let any one take my crown. The Lord has blessed Bro. Williams in a special way and has given him real comfort and victory for which we praise God. When Sis. Williams had her first stroke the Lord gave Bro. Williams the scripture about renewing his strength and he has faithfully done just that. What a mighty God we serve and it is a real consolation to know we can lean hard on him and fling ourselves recklessly out like a chip on the ocean and let him direct our path. I exhort each saved one to keep on and be not discouraged about anything because Heaven will surely be worth it all and unless we endure until the end we cannot get there. I am sending a donation that is long overdue. I had hoped to send more but expenses are pretty high this month. I hope to send some more in a month or two. Well, keep up the good work and keep looking up."

--Shirley Knight

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From La.: "Sorry have been so long in letting you know about sending the "Mission Trail". We really appreciate receiving it and also hearing your broadcast. Please keep us on the mailing list. The Lord has been real good to us and we want to live for Him all our days."

--Jerry and Sharon Quave

From Calif.: "Please keep sending me the Mission Trail paper. I would have written sooner, but am not good at letter writing and so put it off. The elderly lady I stay with likes to read them too. She copied a poem that she liked out of one. Last summer when I started staying with her she wanted someone to stay nights, but since then had gotten worse so that she had to go to the hospital twice. I didn't know either time whether she would be able to come home again, but she has and seems to be getting better. She has another lady stay with her days while I work. I've had to miss some of the church services since she hadn't been as well and it seems I appreciate them more when I can go. Also some in the congregation had the flu, and there are so few of us we didn't always have service because of the sickness. We've had two snows which is really unusual for here. The first cold spell ruined most of the orange crop. Also we've had a lot of rain. I'm still pressing on...looking to the Lord to get where I need to be spiritually. I don't want to go down... Remember me in prayer."

--Barbara Severs

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From La.: "We trust you are well and encouraged in the Lord and your work. We enjoy the Mission Trail and thank you for sending it. I am enclosing a little offering to help out in any needed way. Please remember us when you pray. I have a request and there are several afflicted ones down here."

--Veva Myers

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From New Mex.: "Thank you very much for your prayers. Truman is better about walking but now another request for him. He is in hospital pretty sick, has inside bleeding so please remember him...I thank and praise the good Lord for all goodness, love and mercy."

--Sister Ruth Doolittle

From Oregon: "Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. Please keep us on your mailing list... We have been suffering with flu. But God has been so good to us and helped us so much. Dennis (our youngest son) has had the best winter of his life (health wise) this year... Although he has been sick with flu (this is his 2nd week home from school) and it looked quite severe for him one night I just left his care with God. The next day he was noticeably better and had a better night that night also. Since then he has been better each day. He gets a little wheezy from time to time but God is good to touch his body."

--Harvey and Beverly Wattenbarger

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From Okla.: "Well, thank the good Lord, I can say I am still saved and sanctified, kept by power of God... people just laugh at you if you tell them Jesus is coming soon. Of course, they think they are all right. They sit before their TV with their children and they see all these ungodly pictures. The first they know some of their children are out trying to kill someone or else rob some one. Well, it's the way parents raise them or else mothers go to their clubs and leave their children at home. They don't know what it is to be loved and treated like God intended for them to be... God bless you all in the work for the Lord." --Della Harrison

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From La.: "I heard your sermon this a.m. which I listen to every Sunday and always enjoy it, of course, on the radio. Would it be possible for you to send me the recipe for the New Year--that is so true; also the man's who found the Lord even tho late, never too late. I would like his statement. Not complaining at all but I am an old lady of 70 years, a widow but I do try to be very active in church work as the Lord permits and always will." --Mrs. Clarise Berteau

From Okla.: "Another year has come and we have many things before us to be done. My prayer is that I be led momentarily and find something to do for the Lord each day of my life. I pray that my thoughts do not become cluttered with and about selfish things that I have no time for the Lord. For he has said in his word he keepeth them in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on him. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths... We do need the leading of the Lord in these evil days. On the 29th and 30th of January we had two night revival. Bro. Lewis Williams preached a short sermon on "Peace." It was very good. But he became ill with the flu and had to sit down. After being anointed and prayer for he felt better and was singing again. Bro. Gaines preached more about the same subject. Praise the Lord. The enemy did not defeat us. The service went on... I enjoy the Mission Trail very much."

--Sis. Vera M. Hawkins

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From La.: "hope all is well with you and finds you pressing on with courage. We are happy to be saved with victory today over the flesh and the devil. We enjoy the broadcast also the paper. Keep sending it to us... Keep praying for us. Wife needs earnest prayer."

--Bro. and Sis. G. A. Nichols

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From Okla.: "...my daughter fell and broke her hip during ice and snow storm. Please pray for her recovery and pray for me and my loved ones, have unsaved loved ones."

--Tennie Dotson

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From Calif.: "I'm going to do my best to live for my Savior and do the little things that God calls on me to do and be contented and appreciate and help my loved ones and friends when I can."

--Sis. Opal Williams

From Calif.: "Greeting on this new year. I thank God for keeping me saved and in the true way. I am glad I know the truth. So many don't know it. I hope all is well at your house... I don't know what I would do without my Lord. He knows all our needs and wants to carry our troubles if we will let him. I want to be able to hear him say well done and it will take a straight walk and a fight with the devil... would so much love to see our loved ones saved but have to keep praying for them and have faith. So will close for this time. May God bless all of you and keep the good news going over the air. I love to read the little paper. It encourages me so much." --Sis. Ada Leach

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From Okla.: "Greetings, again so soon... we do appreciate your labors for the Lord, also your interest for us and our burdens in the work of the Lord. It is true, we are workers together. The Lord has given me special strength the last few days. I have certainly needed it to help me be able to help others as Oleta mentioned who are very poorly in body. Continue to hold us up in prayer..." --Bro. Richard Madden

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From Calif.: "our heart is full of love. We come to greet you in Jesus' dear name. I am sending a little love offering from our blessed Lord to use as the Lord directs. This is a beautiful day to rejoice and be glad in, do so much need your prayers... Much Christian love," --Sis. Dessie LeMelle

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From Ark.: "Please keep me on the mailing list. I enjoy the paper very much. Please remember us in prayer. We are both very poorly. I am a diabetic and sick a lot, hardening of the arteries, and arthritis. Husband is blind and unsaved and sick too. Thank you." --Mrs. W. E. Bryan

From Ky.: "I had a five day case of a virus epidemic, followed by a five day battle with intestinal flu. Then three weeks of walking pneumonia... along with a case of flu. I never experienced any thing like it... For two or three days I could not read or write. I asked the Lord if it was his will to take me for I was ready. Then I said what you want is my will, Lord... I could hardly eat any thing... Now I eat anything I want. Even wrote one letter without my glasses. What a mighty God we serve... I have had three definite answers to prayer for others while here, so the Lord has more work that I can do here." --Sister Alpha Baldrige

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From Mo.: "This finds me still encouraged to follow on in the Lord. He means more to me than I can tell, so by his help and grace I can fight the good fight of faith for the Lord. I'm so glad I ever found him... remember us in your prayers as we do you all. Bye bye..." --Sis. Myrtle Glass

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From Okla.: "I'm sitting here listening to "The Mission Trail" this morning. I appreciated the privilege of hearing the message you preached this morning. I really want to live faithful and true for God instead of being a hypocrite. Hearing that message made me think of when I lived in Pennsylvania. I saw a lot of people living on man-made doctrines etc. that had people going to church on Sunday, but that was all. They didn't really know what true salvation is. God has really helped me a lot since I came to Oklahoma. I've really been encouraged a lot to trust in God for help in all things since I came to the Golden Rule Home. I am getting better physically too. Please pray for God to have His own way with me in everything and to use me in any way He wants to do so!

--Jerome Park

at press time

we understand:

Sister Rebecca Robertson's name was incorrectly spelled in last issue of Mission Trail. She wrote concerning the death of her son: "I wanted the readers to hear about Allen's death, the ones that knew him. He was raised near Hammond, La. and has a lot of friends and relatives there." Pray for her in this time of sorrow.

--Rebecca Robertson 8344 E. Alameda St., Apt. D, Downey, Calif. 90242.

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From Ill.: "Hope this finds all well and enjoying the good things of God. We have just come in from the all day meeting at Myrtle and I feel so good in my soul. Sister Eck brought such a good message. I am so thankful for Linda and Delmar for taking me as I was hungry for a good spiritual meal... Pray for me that I will always stay true and have a closer walk with God and always put him first in my life... I do thank God for all the blessings he gives me every day, and he has supplied my every need. I do get lonely but God is with me and said he would be until the end... I am not much on writing... but I felt like I owed you a letter, so now I'll say good night and may God bless and keep you is my prayer." --Mildred Snell

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From La.: "Juanita is better some days for which we're very thankful, also Ruby is doing better. Sis. Probst came and stayed several days with them to help out which was a great blessing. They still need help from the Lord and we're hoping and praying for more. Christian love," --Manuel and Marie Mitchell

"Please tell the dear saints through your paper that I can not well write to them now as my mother has congested heart trouble--bad spells. So often she gets better and then worse. I think she has started passing out a few times. I would call for prayer and she would soon get better, for which I praise God... Thanks so much for your prayers and good letters." --Sis. Dorothy Bridges

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From Mo.: "We are all very well and still living for the Lord. He is my shepherd, I shall not want."

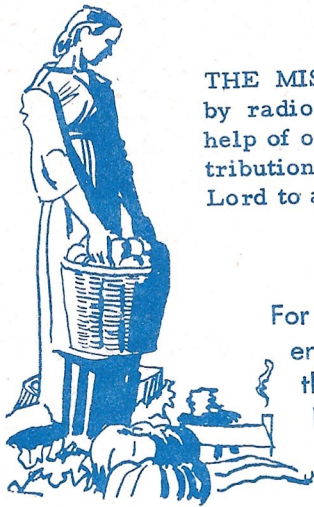
--Lily Glass

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From La.: "...when I hear your message and songs my heart is made to rejoice. It sounds just like old time preaching, although our hearts have been made very sad. Friday night our nephew was called home with heart attack. He was so young, just forty-seven, but a very wonderful boy I think. I ask prayer for all of us... Love always," --Mrs. Lillie Evans

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We hope readers will take notice of the effort which is being made to have Bro. and Sis. Smalling from Jamaica come to the states this summer and be in the Monark meeting in Missouri. It would be worth so much to them and the work of the Lord in their homeland. We would like for them to enjoy the fellowship of the saints in the USA. If the Lord should move on your heart to help them make the long trip you may send your offering to this office. Please specify it is for that purpose.



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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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