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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 Witness From India

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"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb."

Friends, I am glad to bring you the report today that salvation encompasses every land beyond the seas and throughout the world, if they meet the requirements of being a born-again Christian. I am glad to be coming your way again with a short message from the Word of the Lord and we hope that you will get a blessing from it. I have a special treat for you. I have with me in, we might say, the Mission Trail studio--really, it's not that much of a studio, but right here where I do my recording and the printing of the Mission Trail. I have with me a young brother from India. But I'm going to let him speak for himself. Many of you have met him as he has traveled throughout the country this summer. So, Brother John Varghese from India, could you tell us a little about yourself?

Bro. John: I am John Varghese, 28 years old from Kerala State, South India. I belong to a Christian family in Kerala State, India. I have a very good degree, eleven years in schools and six years in college...

...but this degree could not give me any rest, or any salvation from

my sin. Because we read in the Bible--the yoke of Christ is easy and his burden is very light. So now I am experiencing the rest of peace. I experience salvation from Christ, so I am now happy in spirit because I have this great salvation in Christ.

Oh, I am glad to hear that. Then in other words, you do believe in a born-again Christian?

Bro. John: Surely I believe in that doctrine. If a person being born in a Christian family, or if he is a member of a Christian church he is not necessarily a real Christian. Christian means Christ-in. When Christ comes into his heart he becomes a Christian.

Oh, that's wonderful... Now, it is good to be born in a Christian family. That's fine, but that isn't the thing that's going to make you a child of God. But if I understand it correctly, Christianity is not the native religion of India?

Bro. John: No, India is a nation of Hindus and also Moslems. Only Christians live in Kerala State. That is my

state. Of all the population of India there is only one place they have Christians. And now we have no persecution in Kerala State, but outside Kerala State Christians do have persecutions.

Oh, how much we have to be thankful for, friends, in this country. Tell me a little bit about the new birth. How long have you been saved?

Bro. John: I have been saved about seven years before, in the preaching by my father. My father was a minister of Church of God and he preached in the chapel one night about salvation and that preaching really stirred my heart. And I came to the altar with great humbleness and humility and God gave me salvation.

Oh, I am glad to hear that. Now, let's move on a little further here. You have come to the states. Is this your first trip to the United States?

Bro. John: Yes, this is my first trip to the United States and this is my first trip from outside my states. Well, how many states have you visited here in the United States since coming here?

Bro. John: Here I visited about twenty-eight states and I covered about twelve thousand miles.

Think of that--twenty-eight states and twelve thousand miles. Friends, perhaps we could say a lot of folks here in the states have never seen that much of the country. But Bro. John, what was your impression of the United States, just in general?

Bro. John: United States is a rich country beyond my expectation, a wealthy nation with all conveniences and facili-

ties. But I understand that the saints in the United States, they utilize these facilities and conveniences for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Now, let me see, you said you were how old?

Bro. John: I am twenty-eight years old. And tell us a little bit about your family back home.

Bro. John: I have a mother, five brothers, three sisters in my home.

A wife?

Bro. John: And also a wife and a one year old son.

Oh, yes, that's important too. And friends, after he's been away this long, I suspect that he may be getting a little anxious to go back. But it's been wonderful for him to be here in the states to visit so many of the congregations of the saints. He's traveled many many places and visited many of the congregations and I believe this has been a great help, not only to him but to the congregations instead. Well, how about when you go back. Any particular plans as to what you would like to do and what you plan to do, Lord willing, in regard to laboring in the gospel there?

Bro. John: Yes, when I go back to India the first thing I wish to do is I will teach the saints in India about the love of Christ, about expression of Christian love, more than they do now. And again, I wish to print tracts in my language to distribute among the many Hindus in India. Now I have some English tracts but I have to translate these English tracts into Malayalam language and distribute to many perishing souls in my state and in other states of India.

Yes, we must understand and should understand that this is not Bro. John's native language. I think he does an excellent job of speaking in English. I hope you have been able to get most of what he has said. But his native language is--let's see. Would you say it again for us?

Bro. John: Malayalam language.

All right, very good. Bro. John, do you think of any particular scripture that you would like to leave for all the listeners of the Mission Trail broadcast to remember?

Bro. John: Yes, in Psalms 34, verse 8 we read a scripture: "O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."

Oh how wonderful to taste and see that the Lord is good, and that's true. It works, dear ones. Let me tell you, it works in this language, English, and it works in his native language of India and anywhere people will really come to the Lord. There is one scripture says the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament showeth his handiwork. How true that is.

So--I tell you what let's do. Let's take time out. Our time is getting away so quickly, but let's take time out right now, look to the Lord in a word of prayer.

Our Father, we are so thankful for the privilege of bringing the gospel...over the airwaves. There are many out there who have heard the broadcast from time to time. Some of them have written us and they've told us how they enjoyed it and we appreciate this. Today we pray that the spirit of God may bear the words of the message today to the hearts of

everyone who hears. Bless and help them to walk in the light, do your will from day to day and we'll surely give you the praise in Jesus name. Amen. Now, let me also say that if you would like to write us or get in touch with us, you may address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. We normally have a song here on the broadcast and I tell you what I'd like to do. I would like for Brother John to sing you a song today in his own native language from India. The song you have, is--"Heavenly Sunlight"?

Bro. John: Yes, Heavenly Sunlight. I will sing it in Malayalam language. Oh, do that! All right, let's hear it in your language...Oh, that's wonderful to be walking in heavenly sunlight. But I'll tell you what let's do, Bro. John. Let's you and I try to sing a verse of this in English for the folks. They might understand that better. Would that be all right? Bro. John: Yes.

All right!...Oh, that's wonderful. Now, friends, you may hear better talent. I will agree to that, but after all you don't often hear a young man from India who has accepted the Lord and who loves Him, sing here in your own language in English. So it's wonderful to have you here Bro. John. We hope that you will come back and bring your wife some time. Any last word that you'd like to say to the listeners of The Mission Trail broadcast?

Bro. John: Dear ones, If we do not have any more chance to meet again in this earth, we will meet in heaven when the morning star comes in that morning day!

Thank you, Bro. John. And so friends, until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey and John Varghese saying God bless and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye!

Testimonies

From W. Va.: "We send you greeting in the name of our Lord from W. Va., so glad today we are still enjoying the blessings of God in our soul and encouraged to press on in this life. The Lord is still blessing us here in Green Bank with his presence in every service. Also the goodness to the congregation as a whole from the Lord has been so wonderful, that right now as we write our hearts are filled with praises and thanksgivings toward our Lord who made all these blessings possible. We were blessed with a trip to Holly Hill, S. Car., in June, so thankful to meet the dear saints down there, also attended some of the Akron campmeeting. We were blessed with two tent meetings in this part of W. Va. this summer also. The word in these meetings went forth with power and many came to these meetings who had never heard the truth before. We pray every one of these souls will let the word of God have its way in their hearts. There were some of the saints from here who attended a tent meeting in Newton, W. Va. also. Bro. Murphey, we here at Green Bank are so thankful for all the saints and ministers who have sacrificed so much to come to W. Va. to visit with us and for the prayers and encouragement of all who have been so faithful to help us to fight the battles we have had here. We are still enjoying the paper very much. May the Lord continue to bless you dear ones in every way...Your brother in the one way," --James White

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From Okla.: "Just a line to send a small gift. I am so slow, but thought I'd try and get it in before my 83rd birthday which is Sept. 5th. I am so thankful to the good Lord in blessing me so many times." --Sis. N. H. Bowles
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From Guthrie: "I have just finished reading every word of this latest Mission Trail--and enjoyed it all so much. Also count it a privilege to hear the radio messages on Sunday morning. When I lived in California I longed to hear those messages. So I'm thankful I now live where I do hear them. I'm also thankful I know Brother and Sister Murphey...My soul has been well blessed this summer while attending the campmeetings that God permitted me to attend. I trust we have all been inspired to live closer to our dear Lord Jesus. May God help us pray much in these perilous times, and be ready when He comes again. I'm very thankful to God and to the home saints for their prayers for my healing of a severe cold this week." --Sis. Vera Forbes

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From Ark: "Greetings of love this nice springlike morning. The rains have been so good and really brought things to life. The blessings of God are reviving to us in like manner. I so appreciated yesterday. Surely it was ordered of the Lord. Ethel brought a good message on our life and its usefulness. Then last night Bro. Austin and Sister Idabell were down. The goodness of the Lord is great toward us."

--Sis. Lou Bray

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From Kansas: "I heard the broadcast about 'The foundation of God standeth sure--the Lord knoweth them that are his--and let everyone who nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity!' Also 'charity'. My what a big subject it is!...Well, I thank God for His wonderful salvation. I heard some good preaching at Monark, Mo. this camp meeting. Just to meet and salute my brethren is itself a means of grace. Keep me on your prayer list and I will continue to pray for you also. Your brother in Christ," --Homer W. Fee

From Mo.: "I want to tell the best I can what the Lord has done for me in the last few days. I am glad for the trial because I feel it has helped me to know how I can serve the Lord better by his help. For some time now I have felt so badly in body and felt so tired and worn out till I could hardly feel like going to church and being any help when I did go. So, sure, I got ready to go to church, was waiting on Sis. Ruth when the Lord let me know it was a trick of the devil making me feel so badly in body, so I just decided I'd resist the devil, stand fast in faith and walk by faith, not by feelings so immediately I got to feeling better and some one asked me how I was and I said fine before I hardly knew what I was saying. But the one I was talking to seemed surprised because I had been complaining about feeling so badly. Anyway I felt so happy, free that when time came to pray I just led out in prayer and that was something unusual because I had been thinking I didn't feel like praying in public. Any way it helped us all... I still enjoy the Mission Trail when I get one. I was so sorry I couldn't be in any of the camp meetings this summer. ... I'll say bye for now, requesting your prayers. We'll be remembering you all."

--Sis. Katie Gibson

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From Wash.: "Greetings of love in our dear Saviour's name. We are so thankful to him for his great love for us, and all he did while here on this earth and all he's doing today for his trusting children. He has done so much for me, healed me many times. I hurt my spine a couple of weeks ago. He has healed it and there is only a little soreness left. I thank him so much for his goodness to me. We surely do still enjoy the little paper you folks put out... May the Lord bless all of God's people."

--Sister Violet Thomas

From New Mex.: "We do thank the dear Lord for all his goodness, mercy and love in all things. He certainly is a help in every time of need. We are making it pretty good, thank and praise God for it, also thank every one for their prayers."

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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From Mo.: "Greetings in Jesus name. We trust all of you are well and encouraged in the Lord. We enjoyed your message this morning. We are thankful to the Lord how he helped us through the illness and passing of our father in law. (Bro. Wyatt) The Lord was very merciful to him in many ways in relieving pain and suffering and encouraging him. We also want to thank all the saints who prayed for him and who visited him. All this was a help to both him and us. Surely the saints showed their love and care. We appreciate it all so much. His passing was precious as we felt the Lord was near and helped him fight his last battle and gave him the victory. The Lord gave us the scripture in Isaiah 46:3-4 just a few hours before his passing. I felt this was both for his encouragement, also for us."

--Bro. T. V. McMillian

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From Calif.: "I still love the Lord and his truth. There is nothing else like the truth. We are fairly well and hope you are. I know you are busy in the camp meeting. I have thought of the meeting and prayed for it. I was glad to hear that Patsy and her family got to go to the camp meeting and also that you had the pleasure of seeing 'the grand children and all of them. I appreciate the paper and the work you are doing. I read with interest about the missionary from India. I am so glad he got to come over here... Sister Williams seems to keep encouraged and if she can keep encouraged in her crippled condition I sure ought to."

--Sis. Edith Reavis

From Ark.: "I have meant to write and tell about the Lord healing me, back some time ago. I could hardly eat but what it would give me indigestion. Well, when Brother and Sister Roberts came down I was anointed and prayed for and the Lord touched me, and any thing I ate didn't hurt me...but for a spell now, few weeks, my stomach has been giving me trouble, but I am not discouraged. I know God will take care of His own. I love my Saviour and want to live humbly before him...the Lord is coming again, maybe soon, in an hour when we think not. Are we going to be pure enough to rise to meet him? ...May God help us to live closer and live like saints, fight the fight of faith, press our way, read more, pray more and bear one another's burdens..."

--Sis. Della Anschultz
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From Okla.: "I'm satisfied with Jesus. He's every thing to me, He helps me bear my burdens; He is my victory... I have been wanting to write you but did not get it accomplished. Sat. evening, Aug. 3rd after I saw you Thurs. at the funeral I had another bad attack with my heart. It seemed it beat so weak. I could not get my breath, and I could scarcely speak. I got numb all over and deathly sick and seemed my heart got so it just fluttered instead of beating. It seemed the end had surely come. The presence of the Lord was so real and He seemed so close to me even though I was suffering so. Bro. Alton and Sis. Fern were praying and called others to pray and for some reason best known to Himself He saw fit to leave me here a while longer. I went to church Sun. morn and night... These things only make us to know how uncertain life is and keep everything ready--up to date in our experience with God. Oh! Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus."

--Sis. Nellie Poulos

From La.: "Sorry I haven't written you before now, but have just neglected to do so. I love to get the Mission Trail. Most times I read it through before I lay it down. Everything in it is so encouraging. Hope you are all well. I pray for you every day. Pray for me. I love the Lord and all his dear family."

--Sis. Eunice Joiner
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From Calif.: "...this leaves us feeling pretty good, thanks be to our dear Lord whom we love. My husband had his 96th birthday Sunday and eats well and sleeps well, much to be thankful for..."

--Sis. Elizabeth Lima
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From Okla.: "Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who saved us and washed us from our sins in his own precious blood. We are still able to thank him for this wonderful salvation and encouraged to press on to the end. He has blessed us in many ways too numerous to mention. We do hope that you and family are well and encouraged to keep up the good work of sending out the message of salvation. We do enjoy reading the Mission Trail. It has so much good plain truth in it. Pray for us as we pray for you."--M. F. and Rilla Wadley

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From S. Car.: "I am writing to let you hear from both of us. This day finds me pressing on within God to live a clean holy life before my people that they may look upon my life and see Jesus shining in my everyday life...I sure do enjoy reading the little Mission Trail paper and all of the testimonies from the saints of God. I sure did enjoy every service at Monark Springs camp meeting. My cup ran over. It is so good to be with the saints of God sometimes because it draws us more closely to Him... Pray much for me as I am praying for you."

--Bro. Eddie Driggers

at press time

we understand:

GIVING

"Go give to the needy sweet charity's bread,

For giving is living," the angel said.

"And must I be giving again and again?"

My peevish Petulant answer ran.

"Oh no," said the angel, piercing me through,

"Just give till the Master stops giving to you."

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"The Bible tells us that it is the little foxes that spoil the vine. We think people don't know some things, but God surely knows all about it, even our very thoughts." --Sis. Eva Cox

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Our heart-felt sympathy and prayers go out to the relatives and loved ones of Marvin Knapp who was accidentally electrocuted on Friday, Aug. 30. This has been a great loss to his mother, Sis. Goldia Knapp, Forest City, Mo. 64451.

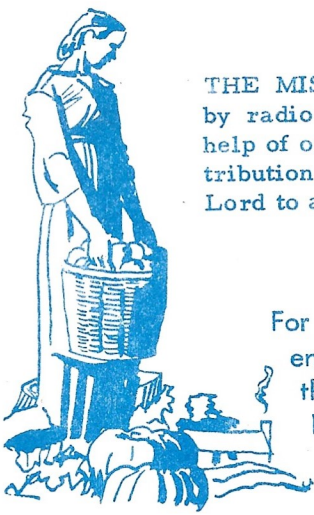
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"I am always glad to get the Mission Trail and read it through always... It is a great help... We know not what the results will be but we know God gives the increase." --Bro. Andrew Senti

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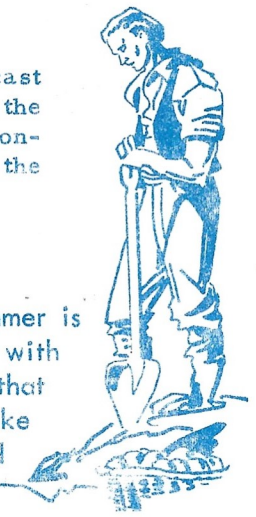
We have learned that Bro. George Hammond and Bro. John Varghese made a safe trip to India. Bro. Hammond's suitcase was lost in transit, so he of necessity is learning more quickly to wear the native clothing! Pray for them as they seek means of transportation and machines for printing the truth in this needy field!

The blessings and protection of the Lord were freely given on the evangelistic trip which was taken during the latter part of August into Minnesota and Wisconsin. I was permitted to visit and have service with our new-found Bro. Adolf Tocholke near Hinckley, Minn. Also a brief stop-over and service was held with the saints in Forest City, Mo. where Bro. Jim Broker is pastor. Great hospitality was shown by Duane and Sue LaVeau along with their four children in their farm home near Shell Lake, Wisconsin. They are actively engaged in their community in the Bible study lessons with their neighbors. Bro. John and Sis. Bertha LaVeau who live some distance, came to be in the services there. Then for Saturday night and all day Sunday I was once again permitted to be in services with the dear ones of Stanley, Wisconsin! We thank God for Bro. and Sis. Deitrich who labor in this field. You may be sure they find plenty to do too! Several carloads came to be in the Sunday service. Ordinances were observed in the afternoon. An extra blessing was received from a visit with Bro. Andrew Senti who lives on the eleventh floor of the 20-story high rise apartment building overlooking the city of Minneapolis. Bro. Senti is past 87 and lives alone but he informed me that he never felt alone. How wonderful to know that God lives with his saints wherever they may abide! And so to our brothers and sisters to the north of us, and others scattered abroad, may your light shine on for God and souls!



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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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