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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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## *The Gospel Alphabet, Chapter Four*

H stands for HOPE and I is for INFLUENCE  
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A cheerful good morning to every listener! It gives me great pleasure to be coming your way again by means of radio. Consider the letters H and I of the gospel alphabet. H stands for HOPE! Listen:

"And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men verily swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them an end of all strife. Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil" Hebrews 6:11-19.

Don't you see from those verses, that hope is really the anchor of the soul? The expression that one has "lost heart" means he has lost hope! If one's hope

gets sick and dies, that person is really sick at heart. Life becomes so empty and without meaning or purpose. Dreams have expired and that living hope is no longer pulsating. So really, there isn't much left in life for one when their hope is gone.

Hope is a tonic that works wonders for the sick at heart. There is always that hope that tomorrow will be better. And many times it is, but hope keeps one pressing on. God intended it to be this way. There is no tree so fruitful as the ever-bearing tree of hope!

Notice also, that hope is the anchor of the soul. "Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." When the storm rages for the sailor at seas, when the sails are torn from the masthead, when the engines have quit and the compass has failed, as well as the steering mechanism of the ship the sailor may still hope that his anchor will hold in the raging storm. Likewise God's word and promises provide the anchor for the soul of the storm-tossed and weather-beaten child of the Lord when everything is swept from us. And just as long as that

anchor holds, we can be "sure and steadfast" and not be swept from our moorings and convictions. Job had a hope that held him in the storm.

Furthermore, the things we do or attempt to do, we should do in hope. Listen: "For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care for oxen? Or saith it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and ... he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope." 1 Cor. 9:9-10. It is the hope of the harvest, that the farmer sows the seed, and works the soil with his plow. The hope of victory urges the soldier to keep fighting. The hope of oil causes the prospector to drill his bit into the heart of the earth. Hope of winning the race pushes the athlete, and it is the hope of an incorruptible crown that inspires the saint of God to press on in the face of the fiery darts of the enemy. "So run that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible." 1 Cor. 9:24-25.

Hope is a triumphant power. Paul wrote: "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." 2 Cor. 4:8-10. That was hope, the thing which kept him going. To a person who has hope, trials and problems are opportunities to show the power of God in delivering. Thunder clouds are the canvas we might say on which we paint the pictures of the

unrealized ambitions of life. Yet hope keeps us going on to the final goal. "The hope of the righteous shall be gladness" Prov. 10:28. So hope and gladness go together just like cake and ice cream! The sun may set, but there is hope of a new day with the rising of the sun tomorrow.

Again, we might say hope is like a pillow of assurance for our weary heads. "And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:" Heb. 6:11. How soft is that pillow for a weary night's rest! As the evening shadows gather and the sun sinks beneath the western sky, it is a comfort and hope to commit our souls and body into the hands of God for a night of rest while we hope for tomorrow. So hope comes from God! "And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope is in thee" Psa. 39:7. That hope will give us a new outlook for tomorrow. But what of those who have no hope in God? I should think they would indeed be of all men most miserable. And again, hope comes from the scriptures. "...that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" Romans 15:4. Read and believe that you may have hope. It also gives one hope to realize that their problems are common to others. Many have passed through successfully the places of despondency. Hope brought a brighter tomorrow.

Sometimes the saw of a carpenter strikes a nail. What does he do? Quit building homes? No, he files the saw and keeps on building. Sometimes our plans of life strike a snag, but we smooth the broken places and keep on building. Hope will give us experience. Listen: "Tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope" Romans 5:3-4. We learn by ex-

periences. Experience has taught that many of the troubles we fear never come, and those we do, God will give us grace to handle. So hope in Christ is not only for this life, but reaches far into the future where we shall ever be victorious while the ages of eternity roll on and on.

Now I is for INFLUENCE. Each of us have an influence either for good or bad. It is like a breath of air. By using our breath we may kindle a spark into a flame, if properly handled. Or by the same breath we may blow out that spark. So young folks, may I give you a word of caution? Be careful how you choose your companions in life. They will affect your life and choices. There's no doubt about it. The apostle Peter wrote of the "old crowd" this way: "Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:" 1 Pet. 4:4. Here were some folks who had found a transforming power, and they no longer ran with the "old crowd". Their influence was for good and not evil. There are some people who inspire us to soar in God's love and grace and others would encase our feet in leaden shoes!

All of us need a challenge to urge us on to do our best! Listen to the words of the wise man: "Make no friendship with an angry man, and with a furious man thou shalt not go; Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul." Proverbs 22:24-25. Notice how he said: "lest thou learn his ways". Dear ones, let us not be filled with depression and fears, but be strong and of a good courage! By doing so we will have a good influence which will never die:

You are writing a gospel, a chapter each day; By deeds that you do; By words

that you say: Men read what you write, Whether faulty or true, Say, what is the gospel according to you?

Let us pray: Our Father, it is with thankful hearts that we praise thee for the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Give us today and always that hope to see us through all the trying scenes of life and may our influence be so strong for the things which are right, others will be attracted and drawn to Christ and thine shall be the praise through his name. Amen.

And now, friends, we send forth this short message with the hope it may inspire and encourage others to seek and obtain hope and comfort through the scriptures. Thank you for listening. Do pray for us as we also pray for you. We need each other.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey, saying God bless and keep you through the days ahead and a very cheerful goodbye!

## Testimonies

From Miss.: "I want to thank all of you dear saints for your prayers, letters and cards... I think I had pneumonia at Hammond... Some of the ministers prayed for me and God soon took all of the awful pain away... through your prayers and mine I got up this morning feeling well soul and body, did not feel a pain any where. I praise God and you dear saints..." -- Sis. Dorothy Bridges

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"I am now married and am living at the address below... We appreciate the Lord's blessings to us. We are enjoying our new home and life together."

--Richard and Nancy Sallee Bethel,  
4100 West National Road, Springfield,  
Ohio 45504

From Mo.: "Looks like 1975 is about gone. The Lord has been good to spare us another year, for which we give him thanks and he has done so many things for me, little things that mean so much and big things too..."

--Sis. Thelma Busbee  
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From Ind.: "Hope you folks are well. I am not very well this morning. I haven't been well for a good while. So remember us in prayer. It sure is cold here this morning. It is 10 above zero. We had 7 inches snow a while back. We just stay in when it gets bad."

--Bro. & Sis. Rufus Morton  
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From Mo.: "Trust these few lines find both of you well in body and in soul. Truly the Lord has blessed me with many blessings this year. He has worked out so many problems and brought me thru some trials and tests with victory in my soul. I do appreciate the Lord's goodness to me and I thank him for standing by me in these trying days. My heart's desire is to live for him and be a light in this dark and evil world. Do remember me in prayer that I'll ever look to Jesus and let him lead me. I have some unspoken requests that I would appreciate your prayers. Christian love,"

--Sis. Wanda Atnip  
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From Mo.: "Dear Bro. Willie and all the saints abroad, Greeting in our dear Lord to all. We all are just about to the end of another year 1975. Quite a few afflictions have come our way during this year. The Lord has been good to heal our afflicted bodies from time to time. More than that he has kept us saved every day of the year. Praise the Lord. We appreciate the soul food we get from reading the Mission Trail paper from time to time. A small offering enclosed."

--Bro. Alsia and Sis. Dollie Sorrell

From S. Car.: "Today finds me still in the battle of life fighting to make heaven my home. By God's help I will win...the saints here seem to be pressing on for Jesus, but we all need prayer for Satan is surely busy these days going to and fro seeking whom he may devour."

--Sis. Edna Crummie  
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From La.: "It is with much joy I can say I still am here, loving God, and my dear friends. Another year is slipping away. My sister Mrs. Miller has been a great help to me and I am glad to tell you she has come out to my home every Sunday morning this past year to listen to Mission Trail...I am so thankful to God for the Mission Trail broadcast. You do not waste the time telling about some social event, ball games and "politics". You get right on with the gospel and we sit still and listen...you have helped us so much to understand our Bible."

--Sister Mildred Spurlock  
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From La.: "I'm so glad the Lord has been blessing me and keeping me well and encouraged. I'm so glad that I have left all the world to follow Jesus. Free, free, free, I am from sin set free. This world has now no charms for me, for Christ has set me free. The Lord has surely stood by me and has comforted my heart since my dear Sam passed away. He has given me grace and courage to stay alone. Sam was quite a care for several months before he passed away... I trust the Lord is blessing the word as it goes forth through the air and in the Mission Trail. I surely do enjoy the messages each Sunday morning, also the Mission Trail. Well, you folks are left alone now since all your children are married. I trust Wayne and Mary will have a happy home and live close to the Lord and be useful in the service of the Lord."

--Sis. Audrey Baumgartner

## SHINE WHERE YOU ARE

Don't waste your time in longing  
 For bright, impossible things;  
 Don't sit supinely yearning  
 For the swiftness of angel wings;  
 Don't spurn to be a rush-light,  
 Because you are not a star:  
 But brighten some bit of darkness  
 By shining just where you are.

There is need for the tiniest candle,  
 As well as the garish sun;  
 The humblest deed is ennobled  
 When it is worthily done.  
 You may never be called to brighten  
 The darkened regions afar;  
 So fill, for the day, your mission  
 By shining just where you are.

Just where you are, my brother,  
 Just where God bids you stand,  
 Though down in the deepest shadow,  
 Instead of the sunlit land;  
 You may carry a brightness with you  
 That no gloom or darkness can mar,  
 For the light of a Christ-like spirit  
 Will be shining wherever you are.

--Selected by Sis. Lou Bray

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From Miss.: "I want to say we enjoyed the best assembly meeting at Hammond. I went down there a sick man, but praise God I came back well and saved. Praise the dear Lord. We certainly do want you to keep the little Mission Trail coming. Give all the dear ones our best wishes and a happy new year."

--Bro. John E. Watson

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From Mo.: "...isn't or doesn't it hurt to see people going in such a mad rush shopping for gifts and seemingly forgetting the real Christmas gift, our blessed Saviour and master. He is the real gift. The very spiritual part of Christmas seemingly is forgotten by so many."

--Mrs. J. Edw. Leach

From New York City: "I'm still saved and walking in the light, and am much encouraged to press on until the crown is won. Jesus Christ, our Saviour, is our only hope of escaping the wrath of God at the final judgment. Pray for me, as I pray for you. God bless you all. I'm sending \$1.00, I hope you can keep the Mission Trail coming to me in 1976.

--Sister Ella Hemphill

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From Mo.: "We are thankful for the joy and peace the Saviour brought to earth when God sent his beloved son, to ransom all who wish to be made free. How great and how wonderful a gift! Oh, that troubled people would turn to God, in these days of uncertainty. We are so glad you folks have continued on with the broadcast, sending the good news over the air... We would love to receive every week, a printed message, but know the expense is great. We enjoy the paper and the good broadcast. Please keep our name on your mailing list. The Lord has been good to us in this year of 1975. God has heard and answered prayer many times, when the grandchildren were so sick through the summer. Also some of the children were very low at times. Our great physician came to the rescue! Thank the Lord."--Sis. Eunice, Bro. Pat Cole

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From Ark.: "We certainly appreciate the Mission Trail and surely want it to keep coming our way. Thankful for the goodness and mercy of the Lord that has so freely been bestowed upon us here throughout this year of 1975. Surely when we think how good the Lord is to us the best way for us to honor him would be for us to submit to do his will in all things. We pray the Lord will keep your hearts encouraged in all your labors and efforts you put forth for the cause of God."

--Bro. and Sis. E. A. Loftis

From W. Va.: "...just want you to know I am receiving the paper and read it all the way through before I lay it down...I do love real preaching. We hear so little of it today. Hope each and all of you have the best Christmas ever and much success in your work in God's kingdom in this world. I need your prayers. Some times I feel like I'll just have to turn it all over to some one else. I feel so bad in body but I've had my day, I guess you might phrase it, going on 74 yrs now, still have enough strength to keep a place to call home, drive my own car and take care of my every day business. I guess at my age that's a lot to thank God for and he knows how much I do thank and praise him for keeping me thus far. I just put my little hand in his big hand and walk trustingly along where'er my steps shall lead me. I want my God to get glory out of my living be it ever so short. Lovingly yours in Christ, "

--Sis. Gladys Morgan  
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From Mo.: "I trust all is well with you. I'm still afflicted with arthritis and some other bad afflictions but am happy in knowing that I still belong to God and he knows and cares. I would not exchange Him for anything of this old world, even if I suffer till He calls me home. The enemy cannot take away the joy and peace of serving God nor can he give anything to compare with it, so I'm happy in the Lord. I have been slow in writing but I do want you to continue to send me the Mission Trail. Pray for me and my loved ones."

--Sister Zella Dollins  
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From Oregon: "Please continue sending the Mission Trail to me. I like it very much. I appreciated your son and his wife singing at my mother's funeral but I didn't even get to see them."

--EvaLee Stice

From Pa.: "This leaves me trusting the Lord soul and body and encouraged to follow the Lord all the way. I would like for you to remember me in prayer as I am not well in my body."

--Sis. Mary Johnson  
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From Minn.: "Great are God's tender mercies. I am still in good health for which I thank the Lord. Some folks like to tell how long they are going to live. I tell them I do not know what tomorrow will bring. I am ready when the Lord calls and if I can be a shining light in this world He will decide, not me. So, Bro. Willie, let us live for Him who died for us that we might have life more abundantly. Have a happy holiday season in the Lord."

--Bro. Andrew Senti  
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From Mich.: "Sending Holy Greetings of love for you at this Holiday time. We are thinking of you with fond memories of the times when we have been permitted to see you--here and there... I haven't been very strong the past few years... Afflictions seem to be our cross but it keeps us depending on God. We still feel encouraged in our souls and are pressing on. We trust the Lord is blessing you there. Sure would be happy to see you come our way again... I wish some young folks would come here and find employment and help out with the work here. I would so like to see the work grow... Keep us in mind."

--Bro. Clarence & Sis. Margaret Brant  
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From Okla.: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in need. I find it so. Time is getting short. We must do what we are going to do. It will soon be too late. We must live every day as though it was our last day. It may be sooner than we think. We enjoy the broadcast, also the paper."

--Sis. Emma Dille

# at press time

we understand:

The Assembly meeting in Guthrie got off to a good start Friday, Dec. 26. Services will continue through Sunday Jan. 4th and if the weather permits we expect large numbers of the saints to be here to enjoy the services.

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From Wisconsin: "Just a note to tell you of our new baby girl. I stayed at home and had her and the Lord was faithful to once again take care of me. I ha<sup>d</sup> one bad hip, too, back a few months ago and I was healed of this. We enjoyed the Mission Trails and would like to have you keep sending them." Tammy Dawn born Dec. 9, 2:30 p.m.

--Duane and Sue LaVeau

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From Okla.: "We are a steady listener and really enjoy the Sunday service on Sunday by the Mission Trail and hope this small donation will help to keep you on the air at Coffeyville. Yours truly,"

--Geo. Seidle

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After the Sunday morning service in Anthony, Kansas we were pleasantly surprised to receive a gift from the congregation of a title to a 1969 model Buick having a little more than 32,000 miles on it. Although several years old, this car has been well cared for, and should give us many miles of service in the work of the Lord. The older car we have been driving, a 1967 model has more than 126,000 miles on it. We thank the Lord and each one who had a part in this gift of love to make it possible for us to travel many more miles in the gospel work!

## ANOTHER RADIO STATION

We are happy to announce the broadcast will be heard on another station beginning January 4, 1976, KBOA located in Kennett, Missouri operates on a frequency of 830 khz and the time will be 8:30 to 8:45 on Sunday morning. We understand this station covers parts of 4 states, Ark., Tenn., Ill., and Mo. This means that Senath, Myrtle, Grubbs and others in that area should be able to hear. We would be glad if those living in these areas would let us know how well they are able to get the broadcast. The other three stations, KGGF, WFPR and KCKW continue to carry the message. Pray the Lord to bless.

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From Ind.: "Pray for my hearing and for my eye trouble. I see little and hear but little. I know I am getting old, almost 92 years old. The Lord knows why this came on me."

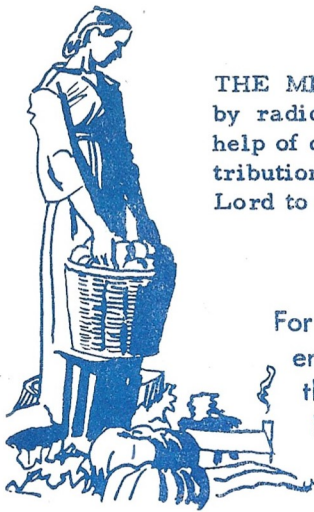
--Sis. Lettie West

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Thanks to each one who has remembered us during the holiday season with cards, letters and offerings and those who have let it be known they would like the Mission Trail to continue coming their way. Your support is appreciated and we desire to always be worthy of your confidence and fellowship.

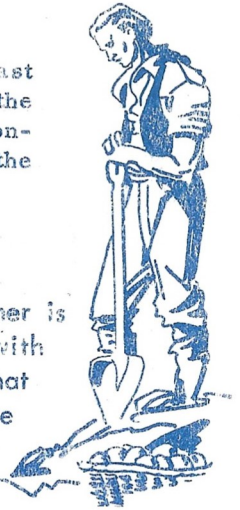
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"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever."



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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."

## Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following stations:

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