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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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V stands for VISION

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"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." Proverbs 29:18. Good morning, friends, good morning. It is time for the broadcast and today we are talking about our gospel alphabet with special emphasis on the letter V. I believe an appropriate word for this letter as it pertains to the scriptures would be the word VISION. Victory would be good too, but let us stay with the word vision!

And according to our verse from Proverbs, "Where there is no vision, the people perish"! How true. It takes a "Looking beyond" if we would perceive the things of the Spirit and eternal values. The very theme of the Mission Trail broadcast is, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35. Too many folks are groping about with their heads down, not looking ahead to the crown that fadeth not away.

In describing the heathen and their idols this scripture in Psalms 115 says it this way: "Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them." Verses 4 through 8. So don't you see, that idols don't speak, see nor hear? And so is everyone that makes them or trusts in them. Friends, where is your God?

Is He the God of all creation or the work of men's hands?

The explanation for many failures today is that some folks have eyes, but they don't see with them. They fail to perceive. They are blinded by the god of this world. Isn't that true to the scriptures? Listen: "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Cor. 4:3-4. Don't you see their spiritual understanding was blinded, and their minds. They can't see very far; certainly, they have no vision for the things of God. Then again, we find this verse: "But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins." 2 Pet. 1:9. I would say that is a bad state to be in--blinded and cannot see afar off.

Friends, what is needed is an under-

standing with a forward look--not eyes in the back of our heads, to see after the opportunities have passed us by. It is reported that the sailors on the ship which Columbus was guiding toward a new America were promised the sight of land if they would only wait a few more hours. You see, they had even threatened the life of Columbus on this dangerous voyage. But sure, enough, land did appear in a short time. It was a case where a vision led to the exploration of a new world. This took great courage.

But think of the vision of our Lord Jesus Christ. He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature . . ." Mark 16:15, 16. Oh, that we may catch a glimpse of that vision. Think of the opportunities. Galations 6:10 says: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Too many folks are willing to trust their fate to luck, so to speak. I don't take much stock in luck. Good fortune comes to those who are seeking with a vision. They are looking for something. Jesus said: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Matt. 7:7-8. But vision isn't enough within itself. It takes a courage strong enough to rise and put that vision to work.

Think of the vision the lepers had when they came to the Assyrian camp and found everyone gone. First they satisfied their hunger with plenty of food, then they found silver and gold, went and hid it for future use, but then they decided, "We do not well: this day is

a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us: now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household." 2 Kings 7:9. They used their vision. Others were permitted to enjoy the blessings they had found.

Hebrews speaks of having our "senses exercised to discern both good and evil". To do this means we must see beyond circumstances and appearances.

Listen to the solemn warning of Jesus, referring to the prophecy of Isaiah: "For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them." Matt. 13:14-15.

It is much easier to see the truth when one is not prejudiced. When Paul and Silas came to Berea, they found that "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so." Acts 17:11. In other words, they did not allow their prejudices to keep them blinded but opened their eyes and vision to the truth. Today so many are blinded to the truth through their prejudices.

It is written of Moses: "By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible." Heb. 11:27. He looked beyond the king of Egypt.

John Bunyan so truly described that person who looks only to the things of this world instead of looking above.

Hear the report of the muck-raker as Interpreter explains to Christiana:

Quote:

"...the Interpreter takes them apart again, and has them first into a room, where was a man that could look no way but downwards, with a muck-rake in his hand: there stood also one over his head with a celestial crown in his hand, and proffered him that crown for his muck-rake; but the man did neither look up nor regard, but raked to himself the straws, the small sticks, and dust of the floor. Then said Christiana, I persuade myself that I know somewhat the meaning of this; for this is the figure of a man in this world: is it not, good sir? Thou hast said right, said he, and his muck-rake doth show his carnal mind. And whereas thou seest him rather give heed to rake up straws and sticks, and the dust of the floor, than do what he says that calls to him from above, with the celestial crown in his hand; it is to show that heaven is but as a fable to some, and that things here are counted the only things substantial. Now whereas it was also showed thee, that the man could look no way but downwards, it is to let thee know, that earthly things, when they are with power upon men's minds, quite carry their hearts away from God.

Then said Christiana, Oh! deliver me from this muck-rake! That prayer, said the Interpreter, has lain by till it is almost rusty: "Give me not riches," is scarce the prayer of one of ten thousand." End of quote.

LOOK AWAY

When the storm breaks over thee
And the angry billows roll,
Foaming with adversity,
'Gainst thy body and thy soul;
When the gale but wilder blows

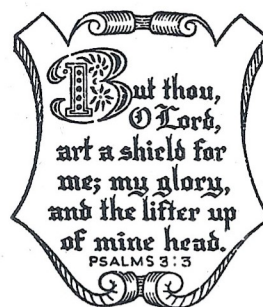
As you struggle, plead, and pray, --
Leave it with the One who knows;
Lift your eyes and look away.

If the storm is all you see,
And you hear naught but its moan,
Soon discouraged you will be,
Tossing helpless and alone;
If, instead, you look above
And in confidence hold still,
You shall prove God's care and love
While you rest in his sweet will.

When the Lord was here below,
Once he walked the troubled sea,
And one cried, "If it be thou,
Bid me, Lord, to come to thee."
"Come," and Peter firmly trod
On the surface of the deep;
For his eyes were on his God,
Who is always strong to keep.

When he saw the boisterous waves
And of them began to think,
Then he cried, "O Master, save!"
For his feet began to sink
Wherefore wherefore didst thou doubt?
Then the loving Master said,
While he watched the scenes about,
Fear had come and faith had fled.

Look away, then, look away
From the trials dark and long;
Heaven wills that every day
Hope should sing her cheering song.
Trust in spite of doubts and fears;
Heed not what the foe may say.
Angels whisper in thine ears,
"Look to Jesus, look away."



Testimonies

From Guthrie--"Dear Brother and Sister Murphey and Mission Trail readers, Greetings in the name of Jesus, "who went about doing good." When we have the love of Jesus in our hearts it is just natural to go about doing good. The Mission Trail messages, both by air and the printed pages do good each time I hear and read them. I also thank God for the faithful messengers. In the October message about Unselfishness, my soul was blessed as I thought of many who had bestowed good, kind deeds unto me. Some 40 years ago or more one morning I was hanging my washing on the line. For some reason (I don't remember the reason, but I do remember the cure) I had a very heavy heart, and tears were running down my face. Just then a man went up the sidewalk (about 75 feet away) whistling the tune to "What a Friend we have in Jesus." I looked to see who he was--but I did not recognize him. Immediately the words of that song rushed through my mind with healing, soothing virtue, that took my burden, dried my tears, and I at once began singing that song, O praise the Lord. What a little it took to bring the joy of the Lord to my soul. I never saw that man again, and he never knew the blessing he brought to my soul, just by whistling that wonderful song. Two or three months ago the message was about "Smiling". And my mind went back to "Memory's garden of flowers" again -- that's what I call God's past precious blessings. Seventy two years ago a little friend and I went to the revival meeting. My heart was touched, and I went to the altar. The evangelist talked and prayed with me, and I let Jesus come into my heart. I went back to my seat and told my friend and asked her if she wouldn't like to get saved

too. And so I went with her to the altar. After the minister talked and prayed with her she arose happy too. We were 10 years old. I look back on that as my first work for my Master. About the same time, as my sister and I "did the dishes" three times a day, we learned Bible verses and other little verses or poems. One verse was: "Smile awhile, and while you smile others smile--and soon there will be miles and miles of smiles, all because you smiled." Another of my sisters loved and sang so often the chorus of a song: "You can smile, when you can't say a word, you can smile, when you cannot be heard, you can smile. When it's cloudy or fair, you can smile any time, any where." But I am sorry to say, I didn't always smile. Because of some accidents, afflictions, trials, losses and crosses, I became quite nervous as I called it. One day I awoke to my unhappy condition that made those around me unhappy too. So I fell on my knees and cried and begged God to help me out of that terrible condition. And dear Jesus heard my prayer and saw my tears and He so sweetly said to me, "I'll heal you, if you'll never say "nerves again." I arose with a decision to obey, watch and pray and overcome that nervous condition. Praise God He helped me. His grace was (and always is) sufficient. The victory was so complete that it has often been hard for me to convince people that I was one time a "nervous wreck." And with a smile, praise God, I can sing "The victory is still mine." So if you have a special need along some line, tell Jesus. He will give strength and courage to overcome any and every problem, so that you too, can truly smile, praise God, and enjoy "Happy living" through Jesus Christ our Lord. Pray for me and I'll pray for you, for time is short."

--Sister Vera Forbes

From Wisc.: "The Lord sure has been good to us. Duane went to the Muncie campmeeting and then all of us went to the Monark meeting. You left the day before we got there. I had planned to see you folks. We sure did enjoy the good singing and the sermons. It's so good to get together with the saints from time to time. After leaving Monark we stayed over two nights at Donald Eck's. . . . Since we've been home from campmeeting we haven't spent many Sundays alone. The folks from up at Hinckley, Minn. have been faithful to come out from time to time and a man and woman also from Minn. . . . came down last Sunday. They seemed to enjoy themselves. The folks from Stanley were up 3 weeks ago and Donald Eck and family were up 2 weeks ago. Then that Sunday night some of the young boys from Minn. came down. We had such a good service. It was mainly singing and testimonies and some advice was given to the young folks. It's so good to have others come in and share their blessings and victories. Remember the work here as we desire to see others come in." --Duane, Sue LaVeau and family.

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From Okla.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name this lovely fall day with the mocking birds singing so sweetly. The seasons come and go quickly and so our lives as a shadow or a vapor appear for a little time and vanish to be no more on this earth. But the Lord has given us a precious promise, the richest gift this world holds--life eternal with him if we will live for him. We pray this finds both of you well. We thank the Lord for helping you print the Mission Trail. May the Lord give strength and help for many more years to cast bread upon the waters. The Lord is so good to us. As we get older we go much on the strength of the Lord."

--Sis. Doris Bowers

From Okla.: "I have enjoyed your alphabet sermons so very much. . . . I am sure others got blessed by reading them. Oct. 10th will soon be here, which will be my 84th birthday. I have seen many changes in the churches. So many who used to be on fire for God are cold and formal now. I am glad there are a few who hold to "the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." Jer. 6:16. I'm glad that more of the younger preachers are preaching ye must be born again or you cannot see the kingdom of God. I'm praising God for finding me very early in life. I am sure I have failed him many times but he has never failed me. When I have sorrow or sickness I turn to him and the Bible, and always find comfort and forgiveness. My hearing is bad. I have only one eye to see with, but I do what I can. I can still witness for him by living daily so my neighbors can see Jesus in me, and witness by mouth."

--Sis. Minnie Adcock

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From W. Va.: "I have been wanting to write you all a few lines after I got your last letter to answer you about my girl with cancer. She is dead . . . she was buried July 3rd at Oceanside, Calif. I never went out. I did go last summer after she was operated on and knew she had cancer, but my oldest son and daughter went out to see her just exactly one week before she died, but God was so good to her. He gave her 14 months to get ready to go, and I guess she did do everything she knew to prepare for the change. In every letter I got she testified she was ready to meet her Lord for which I am so thankful. I do have a hope now and if she had died not saved my burden would have been more than I could have stood I do believe. Bless the dear Lord." --Sis. Gladys Morgan

From Texas: "For the last week I have been pretty ill. I need prayer for further recovery . . . feel better today but a little dizzy and weak in my limbs. I am waiting upon God for healing. The previous week I've been very busy. We all have been busy. My twin daughter Jan and two boys barely escaped a house-fire. She escaped with 2 boys out on top of air conditioner. So, we've been sorting burned things and things that could be used etc. We are very thankful the dear Lord so mercifully protected them. They were pretty badly smoked up. Her husband had gone to work earlier."

--Sis. Velda Ellis

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From S. Car.: "I am still saved and thankful to all saints and our Father in heaven for hearing and answering prayer. When I was lost in sin quite some years back some one was praying for me. God answered. I have no desire for things of the world, no idea of ever turning back. So please keep me on your prayer list. We do not get broadcast here so please keep sending Mission Trail paper . . . pray for us all."

--Sister Nettie Harbeson

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From Mo.: "We thank the Lord for salvation more than everything. Full salvation means so much. It seems so few know about it. Seems I'd like to do more. I pray the Lord will send more out into his work. It's sad to know the devil has more workers than the Lord has. But his word teaches there will only be a few that will find the one true way, because they are not interested enough to search the scriptures and find the pearl of great price."

--Sis. Katie Gibson

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From N. Mex.: "I have an unspoken request I want you to put before the saints, please." --Bro. E. B. Weir

From Ark.: "I truly thank the Lord today for his many and wonderful blessings that he has sent my way. I could not begin to count them nor remember them all. I'm happy I can say I love the Lord and I'm a child of God. I have no desire for the things of this world. I want to draw closer to the Lord and feel his presence. These are pressing days, but they are a joy when you feel the presence of the Lord walking with you. There is sufficient grace for every trial and test, if we will just come boldly to the throne of grace. I desire prayer that I will always put God first in all things. . . In Christ," --Wanda Atnip

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From Minn.: "I am still happy in the Lord and desire to do His will at all times. This finds me well in soul and body. I am going on till the battle is won. . . I thank you for sending the Mission Trail. I love to read it and also the Bible, the Word of God. God bless and keep you all in the center of God's will."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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" . . . contending for faith once delivered to saints. Thank God for his healing power and keeping power. I can't let the enemy defeat me for I know God is with me for ever and ever."

--Sis. Opal Williams

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From Wash.: "Greetings of Christian love in the name of our dear Saviour. We are thankful to him for all he has done for us and will do. We are thankful for salvation, and for his leading and guiding us along life's way. We enjoy the Mission Trail paper and read it all and receive blessings from it. This is early but keep us on your mailing list for it next year. May the Lord bless all. Remember my unsaved loved ones in prayer and we do pray for you. Christian love,"

--Sis. Violet Thomas

at press time

we understand:

AT DAY'S END

Is anybody happier because you passed
his way,
Does anyone remember that you spoke
to him today?
The day is almost over, and its toiling
time is through;
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly
word of you?
Can you say tonight, in parting with
the day that's slipping fast,
That you helped a single brother of the
many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what
you did or said,
Does the man whose hopes were fading,
now with courage look ahead?
Did you waste the day, or lose it?
Was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness
Or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber
Do you think that God will say,
"You have earned one more tomorrow
By the work you did today"?

--Sel. by Dorothy Wilkins

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Congratulations to Marshall Whitson
and Melonie Marler who were married
October 16. We wish for them God's
richest blessings and much happiness.

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Many thanks to those who remembered
my birthday on October 22, as well as
those who continually stand with us in
prayer and support in sending out the
messages. This last birthday brought
me into the golden era of the 60's! "So
teach us to number our days that we may
apply our hearts unto wisdom."--WCM



Bro. Floyd and Sis. Ether Hines

Congratulations to Bro. Floyd and Sis.
Ether Hines on their 56th wedding an-
niversary Sept. 22. Their children had
a family dinner for them on Sept. 26th.
They have nine grandchildren and twelve
great grandchildren. Bro. Floyd wrote,
"There were 28 there, so we had a nice
time anyway." Bro. and Sis. Hines live
in Hudson, Mich. and love to have the
saints stop by to visit them.

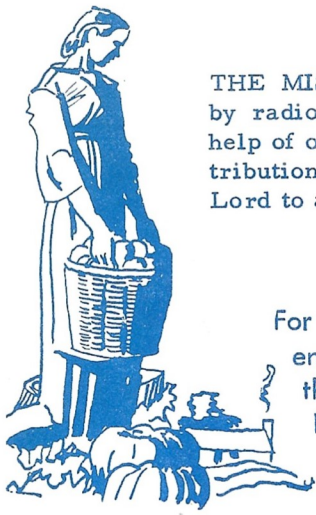
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Congratulations to Sister Eva and her
husband Abe Penner on their golden
wedding anniversary. There will be
open house for those who would like to
visit them in their home in Fairview,
Oklahoma Nov. 14, 1976.

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Sometimes saints desire to call us for
agreement of prayer and "Information"
tells them either that we do not have a
phone or the number is not listed. We
do, too, have a telephone and the num-
ber is listed. It is the same now as it
has been for years: (405) 282-1101.
Try it and see if it brings results!

--Willie and Frances Murphey



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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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