



# 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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## "Inside the Prison Walls!"

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"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High: Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder." --Psa. 107:8-16.

### THE WORLD IN SIN

The world in sin is dying,  
Yet Jesus came to save;  
With outstretched arms he's crying,  
"My life for thee I gave."  
The ransom price was given  
Redemption to insure,  
That we might enter heaven  
And be forever pure.

The world in sin is sinking  
Still lower every day;  
Vain one, art thou not thinking  
How soon 'twill pass away?  
Then down to awful torment--  
O Lord! can it be so!--  
Thy soul at any moment  
May with reluctance go.

The world in sin is careless,  
And few there are indeed  
Who love the sacred Bible,  
Who will its counsel heed.

Their ears are dull of hearing;  
Their eyes are blinded, too;  
Their hearts are void of feeling,  
Deceitful and untrue.

The world in sin grows harder  
Each day in every clime;  
Inspired with evil ardor,  
Slides down the steeps of time.

The masses madly rushing  
On sin's relentless tide,  
Where demon foes are crushing  
The souls for whom Christ died.

The world in sin is sleeping--  
Dread soul-destroying spell,  
Like palsy o'er them creeping,  
To drag them down to hell.

Infatuated mortals,  
Lured on by treacherous wrong,  
Will miss yon heaven's portals  
And hopeless die ere long.

Good morning to all! On June 14, the day before Father's Day, five of us approached the entrance gates of "Big Mac"! I have read and heard many news reports of the State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma, but this was to be my first time inside the walls! When we reached the third of the five steel gates, instructions were: "Only two at a time!" So when the steel gate slid open Bro. Jim Wall and I stepped inside. Behind us the gate closed with a click. "Remove all the things from your pockets" was the order. This we did and laid them on the table. "Now, take off your shoes" came the further instructions. This we also did. And the guard gave us the "once over" and the electronic metal detector did not squawk as he moved it up and down over our bodies, so we entered the next gate. In turn Bro. Ted Bock and Bro. Terry Madden entered the room and received the same treatment. Then Bro. Don McIntosh cleared the inspection station. The five of us found ourselves "inside" with many others. It seemed strange and different, realizing that we were "locked in" with all the wire and walls surrounding us.

It was inside these walls where riots had been staged... some years ago certain sections had been burned and destroyed. But here we were, on our own with all the other boys! Evidently, it was recess time and many were moving about in the compound. We walked out into the sunlight and made our way to the little chapel in the library building. Others soon entered and before long we were singing the songs of the gospel, reading the scriptures and expressing our thoughts to these dear young men!

Perhaps by now you know we were there for a gospel service and not because we were forced to go! It was through the

request of Bro. Richard Madden who is working with the chaplains and prisoners that I accompanied these dedicated young brethren of his congregation to be in this service during Bro. Richard's absence. After all, did not Jesus say that he came to seek and to save the lost? He came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance!

I believe I can truly say that I felt at least a part of the same anointing which was prophesied concerning Jesus: "The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;" Isa. 61:1

If I can make it clear I would like for it to be understood that the bondage here is not necessarily the bondage of prison walls in the natural sense, although sin often leads to that. But those who are in sin are bound in bondage. Listen to the words of the Jews when they spoke to Jesus:

"They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:33-36.

The result of our visit was encouraging. The young men seemed to enjoy singing. One knelt at the altar and prayed. We request that our readers remember them all in prayer.

I am reminded that there are certain

obligations upon the saints to carry out the work of God in the earth. A part of this is to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world. Listen to the words of the Lord in that final day:

"Then shall the King say unto them on his righthand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me." Matt. 25:34-36.

There may be exceptions, but I am quite sure that many of the prisons of our day do not exactly compare for punishment with those of the years gone by. The prisons of Bible times were generally dungeons, below ground; some times a cave or pit was used for the purpose. The prisoners were bound, or chained. It must be a wonderful feeling after having been in prison for years to walk out a free man, look up into the heavens and feel that freedom! But let us not get the mistaken idea that all wicked men are behind bars of iron, or that all in prison are wicked. Sometimes the wicked are upon the streets and put the righteous behind the bars! About the first mention I find in the Bible of prisons concerns Joseph:

"And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison." Gen. 39:20. This happened because a false report was told about Joseph. The account of the righteous being in prison does not stop with Genesis. It extends all the way to Revelation:

"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10. And from Genesis to Revelation it is filled in between.

Jeremiah preached the Word against Israel so he got in trouble: "Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the Lord." Jer. 20:2. Again: "Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison." Jer. 37:15. Then this third time for Jeremiah: "Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that was in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire." Jer. 38:6. That must have been a miserable place.

Sometimes God's preachers suffer persecution because they preach the truth. John the Baptist did: "For Herod himself had sent forth, and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife: for he had married her. For John had said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife." Mark 6:17-18.

Upon one occasion the apostles suffered because God had been healing: "Then the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, And laid their hands on the apostles, and put them in the common

prison. But the angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said, Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life." Acts 5:17-20. Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29.

Peter another time was in prison, but the angel of the Lord came to him. He was in stocks and they just fell off from him. The angel had him to arise. But listen to this: "And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord; and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him." Acts 12:8-10.

Paul and Silas had experiences in jail too! Once after Paul and Silas had cast out the evil spirit in a young lady they were beaten and put in jail. Listen: "And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely: Who having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks." Acts 16:23-24. But do you know what happened? That old jail started rumbling in the violent earthquake and the doors came open. Not only were they freed, but the jailer was saved and baptized that very night.

Our Father, bless the message to the

good of every listener. Especially we pray for those behind the prison bars. Give them the faith to know there is deliverance in Thee, both in a physical way and also perfect victory over all the sins and habits of the enemy. Remember those who may be going through trials and sickness. Bless each one we ask it in the name of Jesus! Amen.

Thank you dear ones, for a few moments of your time. We appreciate those who help us keep the messages going forth. May your reward be great. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you always and a very cheerful goodbye!

### *Testimonies*

From Wisc.: "We had planned to go to Myrtle meeting but with the intense heat felt it would be a hard drive for Frank without air conditioning in car. Beside we have had severe storms here. The 15th rain was pouring in on our front porch and we had to put out tubs and pans all over the west side and get things out of the water. The top of the maple tree was on our back porch. The canopy was blown off the barn that goes to milk house and 6 sheets of steel blown off. Would have been bad to be gone. ... Shall appreciate your prayers for our children and several others here who need the Lord so badly. In Christian love," --Sis. Elsie Dietrich

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From Oregon: "I was privileged to be in two camp meetings so far this year and am looking forward to attending the Pacoima camp meeting. I especially enjoyed my trip to Prince George on the saints' bus. The saints there and at Chilliwack, B. C. were so kind and friendly to us. Some wonderful messages went forth under that big yellow tent and I enjoyed that meeting very much." --Sis. Lucille Trimble

From Pa.: "Thanks for the Mission Trail paper. I am sure it was written with me in mind, so I want you to know 'I won't quit' like the poem says. I will hold on till the Lord comes and calls us to be with Him. Yes Job had the devil to meet, so He came forth as gold and I can too. I am sure the camp meetings are such a blessing to each one. I pray for all who are there and those who can't be there. I feel this way that all the money I have belongs to God and He has given me enough to supply my daily needs, so I should give some back to Him to help send out the gospel message. So will send as long as I can. God bless you as you work for the salvation of souls for the time is really short. There is such a mess in our capital, just like the Word says "waxing worse and worse". No good news today, but we will trust the Lord to the end. Today is cloudy and we expect thunderstorms, but God will see us thru as He has always done."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Oregon: "I had a flat tire going to Union over 100 miles from my destination and on a desert area before the noon hour. I burned up a tire as radial tubeless tires don't warn you like ordinary ones. I just bowed my head and prayed and in a few minutes a nice man stopped and put my spare on for me. I went on in with no spare easily and no trouble. It was the first flat I ever had on my "Rabbit" and I have owned it 5 yrs. ... The Lord always comes to my rescue. Sis. King is able to be alone again now. Hilda Nielsen comes 3 times a week and cooks her some food. She walked down her sidewalk with a walker. Her back is very weak and it's hard for her to walk much. ... I am quite well, thanks be to my Lord. ... Well, our crater Mt. St. Helens keeps erupting ever so often. It hasn't bothered us here."

--Sis. Grace Jones

From Minn.: "The Lord bless you all and keep you in the center of His will. The weather is hot but the nights are cool so I get plenty of rest and am still able to get around good for which I thank our all powerful Lord Jesus Christ who has done so much for all His blood bought saints."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From La.: "Greetings of Christian love this Sunday afternoon. We trust you are well and encouraged in your work for the Lord. We are still enjoying the "Mission Trail." I haven't sent an offering lately and felt led to send the enclosed to be used in any needed way. We would appreciate your prayers for some requests we have."

--Sis. Veva Myers

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From Calif.: "We are so thankful for full and free salvation, also for the benefits; but most of all for the giver of all. How precious He is to us. I want to testify to the healing of our fingers. Some of the knuckles had growths on them, arthritis I guess. Anyway, they were so painful and we asked the Lord to take them off and when He did I do not know, but when we thought about them we discovered they were gone. We surely did thank and praise Him for the wonderful healing. Isn't that just like our Father. Many times when we pray He takes our mind off of the affliction and when we think of it again we discover it's gone... always keep us on your prayer list. We remember you."

--Bro. Gene and Sis. Loretta Harmon

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From Okla.: "I'm still saved this morning and living for Jesus ... We don't know what's coming on this earth... Continue to pray for my afflicted son ... pray that the Lord bless me to get to Boley to the meeting... give all the saints my love."

--Sis. Lizzie Jordan

From N. J.: "I have spent the 10 days with my sister in Ohio and I am in Camden, New Jersey with my daughter and her children. The children enjoy the Bible study each day and ask if we may have them night and morning... Thanking you very much for your prayer for my sister in her surgery... The song No. 45 in the Evening Light song book sings in my heart continually. It is my desire to grow in grace and the knowledge of God."

--Sis. Theresa Gaines

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From Wash.: "We send greetings of love in our dear Saviour's name. We are thankful to our Lord for friends like you folks and all saints everywhere. The Lord has been so good to us, and we are thankful to him for salvation. He is truly a very present help in every time of need... We are well at this time... we desire you to continue to send us the Mission Trail. --Sis. Violet Thomas

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From Mo.: "My faith is still in God. He has done so much for me. I want to be true to Him. He is the only one who can help us out... I'm praying for you and work there. God bless you."

--Sis. Lily Mae Glass

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From Calif.: "I am still in the battle with keeping saved. We have to fight but our leader never fails... I am very good in body but want to keep up to date with the dear Lord. Dear ones, I need you to hold me up. I get so lonely... I thank God I can still get around. He is so good to me."

--Sis. Ada Leach

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From Calif.: "My prayers are with you in this wonderful work. May God bless you real good... I am very shaky and that keeps me from writing as much as I would like, but I am still trusting the good Lord for my help and he has never let me down."

--Sis. Edna Murry

From Oregon: "I took very very sick the 16th of June. But God had mercy on me and healed me. I surely praise Him, let my nurse go the 31st of July, very weak yet, but I am able to stay by Sis. Nielsen coming and cooking enough to last me 2 to 3 days at a time."

--Sis. Allis King

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From Okla.: "Thankful to be here yet in the land of the living. It is God's mercies to us, that he spares our life a little longer. I can't thank him enough for his goodness. I enjoy the Mission Trail."

--Sis. Mentie Nurse

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From Calif.: "I was glad to hear from you again. Yes, I remember when you were behind the Bars! and I sure prayed for you too! I remember I used to go with Bro. Chandler and some saints to visit a "girl's prison". I felt mighty good when I could hear those locks "click" and I was on the outside."

--Sister Armilda Abbott

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From La.: "Greetings in the name of Jesus who daily loadeth us with benefits. Oh, it is wonderful to know, and be able to trust in one so mighty, and yet so mindful of little unworthy me. He has been so wonderful to help and bless in so many many ways since being left alone... I enjoy reading the "Mission Trail" each month, so am sending this little offering to help keep it coming. May the Lord bless and keep both of you well and able to carry on with His work is my prayer."

--Sis. Myrtis Flynn

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From Mo.: "Greetings to all this real hot humid day, another day and temperature has reached over 100 degree mark. Seriously we have had a large number of senior citizens dying from the heat... I am thankful God has blessed me so good..."

--Sis. J. Edw. Leach

# at press time

we understand:

## *A Message From Prison Repent*

There is a word for some that is the roughest,  
The word is none other than the word of Justice,  
This word to me has meant years spent,  
Behind Prison walls trying to repent.  
Trying to repent for crimes committed,  
With the hopes that freedom will soon be permitted,  
Freedom in which to prove to family and friends,  
That this last mistake is truly the end.  
The end of a life of wasted time,  
Spent in payment of committed crime,  
Crime which is Commandment violation,  
Against God and his salvation.  
Salvation he offers both you and me,  
But believe me, before I could not see,  
That wonderful light from heaven above,  
Soft harp music, or his everlasting love.  
So listen people and please hear me well,  
Sunday morning when you hear that bell,  
Go to church and with your whole heart pray,  
That your slate is not as mine on Judgment Day.  
On Judgment Day it will be too late then,  
So change your life now, while you still can.  
Seek that eternal home with all its grace,  
Repent now and avoid that other place.  
You have not as far to travel as I now do,  
But I now pray for that eternal home too,  
That home where there is nothing to bother,  
United with Jesus and our Heavenly Father.

--Roy Kimes

## ANNUAL FALL REVIVAL MEETING Okmulgee, Oklahoma

Lord willing, our meeting will start Monday night, Oct. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and will continue nightly through Sunday, Oct. 26th. There will be noon day prayer services all week and all day services Saturday and Sunday. All are welcome. Come expecting a blessing in the name of the Lord. He will work for us.

--Sis. Erma Johnson

For more information write or call Bro. Woodrow Warren, the pastor at 810 N. Porter, Phone (918) 756-6425, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447.

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It is with deep sorrow we announce the death of Bro. Forrest Norcutt on July 30. Bro. Forrest had been sick for some time but manifested great faith and trust in the Lord. Remember his companion in her great loss and time of sorrow: Sis. Mae Norcutt, R. 6, Box 10, Shawnee, Okla. 74801.

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Congratulations to Sarita Knight and Paul Phillips Jr. who were married August 9th, in the Church of God chapel, Wichita, Kansas. May God's blessings be upon them continually.

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From Okla.: "Sorry I'm behind or late as my daughter in Calif. lost her husband, so I went out to be with her a while."

--Sis. Mary Anna Brown

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Thanks to those who have stood by us during the long, hot and dry summer. Pray for us as we approach the autumn season.

--Bro. Willie



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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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