



# 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

## "The Great and Mighty Things of God!"

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"Moreover the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying, Thus saith the Lord the maker thereof, the Lord that formed it, to establish it; the Lord is his name; Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."--Jeremiah 33:1-3.

Good morning, friends, good morning! As we know so well, we are living in a time when certain events make great headlines in the news! In fact, we find in the scriptures that at one time there were some folks, the Athenians and strangers which were there who spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing. See Acts 17:21. So they wanted to know of Paul what this new doctrine which he was preaching was all about! If it was new, if it was exciting, if it was different, if it made news, they wanted to know about it! Isn't that the way of the world these days? Quite often, after so long a time, people talk about things so much that they lose interest in it! The time was that "Watergate" was upon the lips of households scattered across the nation. But who cares about "Watergate" today? It is an old and worn-out story.

I want to save my best and final words for "The Great and Mighty Things of God," but let us consider some of the things which have made news of importance down through the ages of time:

I don't know how many people were living in the world when God sent the flood and destroyed them all. He saved eight souls, Noah and his family. But there must have been thousands upon

the face of the world. Can you imagine the rain which just kept pouring down in torrents, until the lowlands were all flooded? Can you not imagine folks clinging to things which would float, until they eventually died of hunger and weariness? That was news-making in those days, but there were no radios or newspapers to tell the story then.

Think of a few of the major disasters which have occurred since time immemorial:

In 64 A.D. fire destroyed most of Rome. Christians were blamed and executed as arsonists. Many perished from the face of the earth. Back in 542 there was an epidemic of Bubonic plague which broke out in the Roman empire killing tens of thousands of folks. Then in 558 in Europe, Asia and Africa, millions died from Bubonic plague and smallpox. It is estimated that in Constantiople 5 to 10 thousand died daily. Think of that! Wouldn't that make news in the world today? In 1038 there was an earthquake in China with recorded deaths of 23,000. Again in China on January 24, 1556 an earthquake killed more than 800,000, the largest number of fatalities from one earthquake in recorded history. But all earthquakes have not been confined to foreign countries. April 18, 1906 San Francisco

experienced one with fire which largely destroyed more than 4 square miles; there was more than 500 dead or missing and property damage amounted to about 250 to 300 millions or more. Certainly we would not forget the great Titanic, that so-called "unsinkable" ship. It was on April 15, 1912 when she struck an iceberg and sank with the great and noble of her day, some rich, and some otherwise with a loss of some 1500 dead. Chicago had her chastisement by fire on October 8th and 9th, 1871. About 3 and one-half miles was burned out and it is estimated that 250 died from "Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicking over lantern". The loss reached into the millions. How many remember March 18, 1937 when the New London, Texas school house exploded with loss of 294 lives?

Now we could go on and on, but really we don't have to go back that far to remember when the Pan American 747 and the Dutch KLM 747 jumbo jets collided on the runway of the Canary Islands on March 27, 1977, killing 579 making it the worst disaster in aviation history at that time.

But turning from disasters let us look at other things which might be great and news-making:

There was the invention of the airplane by Wilbur and Orville Wright in 1903; the Air Brake on the railroad by George Westinghouse in 1868; the Kodak camera by George Eastman in 1888; the cotton gin by Eli Whitney in 1793; the first successful fountain pen by Lewis E. Waterman in 1884; and the first commercially successful steamboat in the U. S. by Robert Fulton in 1807. Again we might go on and on here, with inventions and discoveries which were great in the eyes of the

world. But there were other historical and news events from ancient to modern times:

The Bible was translated into English by Wycliffe in 1382-84. The King James version was published in 1611. The gold rush developed as gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill, near Sacramento, Calif. January 24, 1848. The city of Jerusalem is a topic for lots of talk these days. It might be interesting to know that Jerusalem was destroyed by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 B.C.; it was returned to the Jews by Cyrus in 538 B.C.; captured by Titus in A.D. 70. But the "new Jerusalem" which is the center of God's spiritual kingdom, the Church of God, is now the seat of His government! No longer is God's temple found in literal Jerusalem, but the Father is seeking for those who worship Him in spirit and in truth!

And now, laying aside all the great and wonderful events that made history for people of this world in a natural sense, it is my opinion that the greatest thing which ever happened is described in John 3:16. Let me give it to you:

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Regardless of all who rejected God, yet He loved the people of this world. They have fought and suffered much from disasters and afflictions, yet God desires that they have everlasting life. Listen to the words of Jesus: (This is what I call history-making)-- "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by

me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." John 10:7-10.

But more and more religions of the East are spreading to the West and are becoming quite prevalent. Take for instance "Islam". This is the religion founded by the prophet Mohammed who lived from 570 to 632 A.D. He was born in Mecca in Arabia, the son of a poor merchant. Both his parents died shortly after his birth, and he was raised by a grandfather and later an uncle. As a youth he was a shepherd and worked as a conductor of trading caravans. He was married at the age of 24 to a wealthy widow who was 15 years his senior in age. He became a prosperous merchant and claims to have had a vision in which he was commanded to preach. His first converts were his wife and children. When he began to operate openly he aroused considerable hostility. In 622 he barely escaped assassination and fled ... He initiated warfare with the Meccans and eventually gained control of all of Arabia. His private life has been the source of much attention, especially his frequent marriages -- often politically inspired, and troubles with his harem.

The "Bible" of Islam is the Koran.

Hinduism is the religion of many in India today. It was developed gradually over a period of 5,000 years. Literally hundreds of thousands of gods are recognized and some forms of animal life is worshipped. Reincarnation is believed and the ultimate goal is to be released from the cycle of rebirths in various human and animal forms.

Then there is the story of Buddha who it is estimated lived from 563 to 483 B.C. Buddhism is practiced largely in China, Korea, and Japan. Confucianism is practiced largely in China. It teaches that man is good and possesses free will and that virtue is its own reward. It encourages the custom of ancestor-worship as a sign of gratitude and respect.

Friends, this information of the different religions may prove to be uninteresting to you, but at one time or another it has occupied the minds and thoughts of many men and women throughout the world. It made "news" in their lives. Where there is the "real" then there is quite often the "counterfeit." So I say, "tell me the story of Jesus, write on my heart every word" ... Listen to the words of King David:

"Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears." 2 Samuel 7:22. The Lord is still doing great things for His people.

Now, let us sum up this greatest of all events: One, "God so loved the world that he gave..." The son of God was more than human. He was God in the flesh, reconciling the world unto himself. Two: Jesus gave of himself and his very life's blood ... without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. Three: The one event which cannot be said of any other religious teacher, the resurrection from the dead with an immortal body, gives us hope. Because he lives we shall live also. Jesus has now ascended to the right hand of the throne of God, and we with patience await his coming. "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. Amen." Jude 24-25.

Our Father, bless the message to the good of every listener. Thou hast done great things for us, the greatest of which was the redemption from our sins. Help us to know how to tell the story so that others may be benefited in Jesus name. Amen.

Thank you friends, for a few moments of your time. Do be with us again next Sunday, same station and time. Those who help us keep the messages going are deeply appreciated. Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you always and a very cheerful goodbye!

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#### 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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### Faith

Faith is a living power from heaven  
Which grasps the promise God has given!  
A trust that cannot be o'er thrown,  
Securely fixed on Christ alone.

Faith finds in Christ whate'er we need  
To save and strengthen, guide and feed;  
Strong in His grace it joys to share  
His cross, in hope His crown to wear.

## Testimonies

From Pa.: "I greet you in the name of that Wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord! What a mighty God we serve. He has been so good to me and helped me thru another distress time, as in the past. I rebuke the devil and he flees, but we know he won't stop until our last breath. We are having a very beautiful day here; humid, but wind is blowing and that helps. There is so much bad news they don't talk about the heat wave out our way any more. Any relief? God knows our needs and will supply in every situation. As I read of David and one day he is praising God and the next time he is asking God to help him defeat his enemies. That is the way life is.... Your sister in Him, " --Eva Cox

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From Okla.: "Greetings in the name of Jesus. I didn't know I'd be writing so soon but the neighbor's children have broken into my house and stole food and juices. Broke in my back door and I know the Lord can work it out... Please Sis. Frances and Bro. Willie, pray earnestly that the Lord break it up... I'm not the only one they break in on. The Lord heard prayer before and they quieted down but now they are worse... I want to help save this world. Let us pray until we pray. The Lord will bring victory. I believe the work will be done. We saw the announcement of our meeting in the Sept. issue. Thanks so much. Remember my sons who need much prayer... They remembered me on my 82nd birthday which was Sunday, Aug. 31st... I want the Lord to work it out. I know the effectual fervent prayers of the righteous avail much. It has worked in time past. Our God is unchanging if we meet the condition. So pray for me. My faith is steady and strong." --Sis. Lizzie Jordan

From Kansas: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow. I am yet saved and much encouraged to keep pressing on the upward way. I just wish everybody was saved or even one-fourth of the people ... These are times of hard hearts and it is hard to convince people to turn to God. But it is not hindering my own personal walk with God. As one song says "Though all men should forsake thee, by thy Grace, I'll follow thee." That is my testimony. August was a real busy time for me and I had to spend quite a lot of money so I did not get my offering in... Sarita's wedding was the 9th and we had out of town company. Also on the 16th we went to Mississippi to visit my elderly grandfather and on the 18th went on over to Tuscaloosa, Ala. to help get Tina over there to the University of Alabama where she is going to school this year. She has had some interesting problems and trials since arriving but has submitted to go through with victory to be a help to whatever souls she can be. Pray for her. I arrived back in Wichita on the 20th and went to Boley the 22nd for the end of the meeting there. So I had a real full month but thank the Lord for his grace and help. Sarita's wedding was real blessed and also pretty. I enjoyed that day so very much and thank the Lord for my new son-in-law. I enjoyed all of the out of town company and friends and saints. I enjoyed my trip to the south and thank the Lord for the safe trips. God is so faithful and so good to us... May God bless you both. Christian love, "

--Sis. Shirley A. Knight

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From Calif.: "Thank you for your prayers. You need not thank me for offerings. It is a privilege and a blessing to give back to Lord part of what he gives me... God be with you both and yours, "

--Helen Carson

From Okla.: "I hope you are getting along well and enjoying the blessings of the good Lord. I enjoy the Mission Trail very much, also your broadcast. Please remember Sis. Worley in prayer who was recently saved. She lost her job because she refused to wear pants on it. I desire your prayers, also remember my husband and children ... Bro. Warren's sister, Sis. Johnson, has lost her husband. They need your prayers." --Sis. Vera M. Hawkins

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From Minn.: "The Lord Christ Jesus is my Savior and very best Friend from whom I shall never roam. He is my all in all. He keeps me day by day in the Holy Way. My writing is poor and it makes it hard to write, but I can say that I love you all and thank you for the Mission Trail and its Godly lessons. God bless you all for your prayers for me and your spiritual love. It just appears that the Lord will come soon. God's richest blessings be on you all." --Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Calif.: "I will let you know I am still saved and trusting in the dear Lord. I am not well but I love the good Lord and do thank Him I am able to be up and do some things... I want to live for God. I want to see my Lord and my dear ones when I leave this old world, so do remember me." --Sis. Ada Leach

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From La.: "Greetings of love in Jesus' name. We are still happy and satisfied in Jesus. He is always so good to us. His love and faithfulness down thru our past years give us faith and courage to believe that He will never fail us. We really enjoyed having Viola and David visit us... May the Lord bless you in all your efforts for good. We appreciate all these efforts. Pray for us as we do you. Christian love, "

--Kenneth, Virgie and Kevin Flynn

From Okla.: "I can say I'm saved and would not want it to be any other way. The Lord is so good to me and I thank him ... Pray for me as I have many trials, but if I keep my trust in Jesus, and I meant to, he will see me through."

--Sis. Mary Anna Brown  
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From Calif.: "We love all the saints, and thank God for their prayers. He hears and cares for all his children, all praise be to him. We are thankful he is so good to us. Wife can't write, so I am trying to answer your letter for her. We are still in the battle, so keep praying as we are also."

--Bro. and Sis. S. E. Abbott  
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From Okla.: "Greetings in Jesus, whom we love. He loved us first. Thank you for your letter of encouragement. It is a joy in our hearts to help in helping in this broadcast of the good news to precious ones. It is dry here and trusting and looking to our Maker to give us rain. May the Lord help me to not be murmuring, also may there be no complaining. I read about this in Psa. 144: 14, 15. Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord. There are different requests for prayer. The Lord knows and understands. O, the Word of God is rich."

--Sis. Eva Penner  
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From Mo.: "We trust this finds you all well and happy in the Lord. We are very well and encouraged in the Lord to live for him. He is our all in all. He heals our body when we are sick... We are so glad we learned to trust him for both soul and body. He said he would never leave us nor forsake us... We had very good rain this morning... We are praying the Lord will continue to bless your labors in him, knowing your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

--Sis. Elizabeth Glass

From Calif.: "Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour. I am very well in body, but still very much in need of prayer. I am still needing to get an apartment. The devil is really trying me. But the good Lord has cared for me all these years and I know he won't let me down now. I really do miss saints and most of all the services."

--Sis. Edna Murry

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From Oregon: "Received your paper to-day and read it thru. It is so wonderful you could go into the prison and preach Christ. One has to really be consecrated to go into those places as there are so many riots in them and one never knows when one may break out... Our weather is nice, was 89 today, but we were glad for it as our humidity was good and we haven't had enough to ripen our tomatoes and other fruits. Peaches are late and blackberries slow... May God bless you in your good work."

--Sis. Grace Jones

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#### LITTLE CHILDREN

Said a precious little laddie to his father one bright day, "May I give myself to Jesus, Let Him wash my sins away?" "Oh, my son, but you're too little, wait until you older grow. Bigger folk, 'tis true, do need Him, but little folk are safe you know." Said the father to his laddie, as a storm was coming on, "Are the sheep safely sheltered, safe within the fold, my son?" "All the big ones are, my father, but the lambs, I let them go. For I didn't think it mattered, Little ones are safe, you know." Oh, my brother; oh, my sister; have you too made that mistake? Little hearts that now are yielding, may be hardened then--too late. E'er the evil days come nigh them, "Let the children come to me, And forbid them not," said Jesus, "For such shall my kingdom be."

# at press time

we understand:

From Colo.: "One of our sons in law was in an accident last Saturday, was killed and died before he got to hospital. He was directing sand trucks and a truck backed over him... It was a big funeral, lots of beautiful flowers... Keep praying for us all here." -- Sis. Addie McEndree 504 N. 11th St., Lamar, Colo. 81052

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"It seems mother has suffered a stroke, and has lost the use of her right arm and both legs. She is either in bed, or in her recliner chair, most of the time... Daddy is feeling pretty good. He is able to help care for her and of course the nurses here are so good... Mother is encouraged and also resigned to the Lord's will for her."

-- Sis. Alberta Cook for Sis. Abbott

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From La.: "We are so thankful to be saved and sanctified, satisfied in this true and Holy way. The only way from earth to heaven is the Bible way. I just read a scripture in the Bible 2 Thess. 3:3-- "But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil." Isn't that a wonderful promise. I like to put "me" where it says you, bringing this promise right down to unworthy me... Well here it has been another year gone by since I have written you dear ones, but I haven't forgotten you. It just reminds me how time flies. Time is so short, eternity is so long. What we need to do we need to do quickly as the night cometh and no man can work... The saints here are starting a Christian School and we trust it will soon be in working order." -- Sis. Effie Miller

Lord willing, Bro. Clifford and Sis. Dorothy Wilson plan to come Oct. 5th to begin a meeting to go through the 12th. Pray for the salvation of souls in this meeting."

-- Bro. Albert and Sis. Margaret Eck, R. 1, Bluejacket, Okla. 74333

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From Okla.: "The Lord is so good to me. Pray for me that I stay in the place where God can use me."

-- Sis. Ophelia Campbell

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Congratulations to Pat and Jane Sallee on the birth of their son Sept. 2nd.

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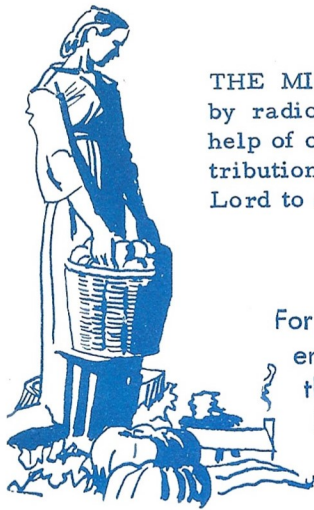
Sis. Mae Norcutt is having some trouble getting adjusted since the death of her husband, Forrest, and is not well in body. She desires prayer.

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It was good to be in service with the Pea Ridge, Ark. congregation Sunday, August 31. Bro. Jim McMillian brought good message on wisdom. Candice Wilson, Joan Martens and two of their girl friends, all from Shreveport, La., were visiting there also.

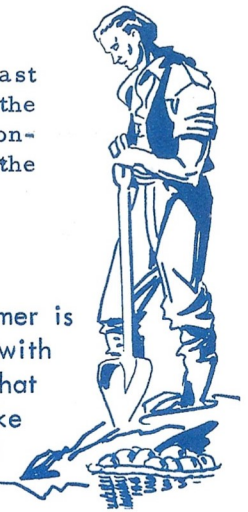
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As The Mission Trail goes forth to the readers again, it is with the earnest desire that it may enlighten, and comfort each. We are approaching the end of sixteenth year of publication. Many thanks to those who have helped us to surmount the rising cost of broadcast time and supplies. The cost of film took a sharp rise, and so have living expenses. Our faith is strong in the Lord and His saints.



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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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