



# 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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## SALVATION, A Present Possibility

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Good morning and a cheerful greeting to all the listeners of the broadcast. I am so happy to be coming your way again with the good news of salvation. It is not the will of God that any be lost, but that all should come to repentance. And I want to discuss this being a real possibility right here in this present world. It was here that man disobeyed God and fell into sin; it was here that Christ came to bear the sins of many and died on the cross, and it is to the inhabitants of this world that salvation has been brought down. More on that right after this:

### MY TREASURE

I have a very precious gift,  
Presented by a loving friend;  
Its equal you would scarcely find,  
If all around the world you send;  
A gem so beautiful and rare,  
I'm sure I could not tell its worth;  
No diadem so rich e'er crowned  
A king or prince of royal birth.

Most wonderful 'tis to relate  
What this great gift has done for me;  
It makes me happy all the day;  
My life is like the tranquil sea;  
So full of peace; of love, and joy,  
I'm satisfied and all content;  
My cares and sorrows all have fled,  
Since this sweet gift to me was sent.

In poverty I once was bound,  
But now I'm richer than a king;  
The wealth of nations could not give,  
Nor to my heart such pleasure bring;  
In filthy garments once was clad,  
My clothing tattered, worn, and old;  
But now I'm dressed in snowy white,  
In garments wrought with purest gold.

In sickness 'tis a healing balm  
That drives each ache and pain away;  
It sweetens all the toil of life,  
And brings good cheer to every day;  
For all the riches of the world,  
I would not from my treasure part;  
'Tis hidden in a place secure--  
I keep it locked within my heart.

You ask me what this treasure is  
That to my life such blessings gives,  
The joy and comfort of my soul,  
That keeps me sweet and in me lives;  
It is the greatest of all gifts  
That God could give to any one,  
The brightest gem of heaven above,  
'Tis Jesus Christ, God's only Son.

Now, more on this plan of salvation. Jesus himself declared: "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost". Luke 19:10. So from where did he come? From Heaven. And to where did he go? To the planet where sin had been committed! For what purpose? To seek and to save that which was lost. Then how dare say some that his mission was a failure and

one can never know they are saved while on this earth they dwell. The apostle Paul affirms that "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners", 1 Tim. 1:15. Peter declares that God hath exalted Christ "to be a Prince and a Savior", Acts 5:31. And according to Hebrews 7:25, he is still "able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Therefore I would say that salvation must be a present possibility.

Let me illustrate it this way. A good friend of mine was in the tractor tire business. He was stationed at a place of business where he could be reached by phone, but much of his work was done in the farmers' fields where the trouble was. He was at the call of the farmer. And what a friend he was! After all, what farmer wants to unmount and load a heavy tire and wheel to take it to some faraway place where this dealer sits in his air-conditioned business who can not do the job until he orders and receives the particular tire or the employee returns from his vacation? Or perhaps he doesn't even handle the supplies this particular farmer has need for! With hay to cut and bale, with wheat to sow, cultivate and harvest this farmer wants a man who can come to the field where the tractor is, assess the needs and do the work. He doesn't want a bureaucratic committee to make a report and then discover that his tires are worn out and will not really do the work any more and he will have to wait until others are ordered from the factory which may take six months. Think of the frustration with the rains coming and the harvest going to waste. The farmer wants that tractor back in use in the least possible time. In short, he wants his tires fixed in the field, on the job so his work can be done soon.

So I don't believe it will be hard for you to see why my friend was in such great demand because he went to the fields, repaired the tires on the spot, or replaced them and soon the farmer was singing his happy song.

Now, back to this present salvation. It is great because it accomplishes so much. We read in Heb. 2:3, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" The fact that men can neglect the great salvation of Jesus proves that it is obtainable and can be had. So if it is obtainable, then it is a present possibility. The Bible throughout speaks of salvation brought to men on this earth. When the Philippian jailer asked, "What must I do to be saved?" quickly the answer was given, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:30, 31. And Paul says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth." Rom. 1:16. And again, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Rom. 10:9. To the Corinthians he declared that it had "pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." 1 Cor. 1:21. And in language still more emphatic he declares, "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6:2. This last text shows that this "great salvation" belongs in some special manner to the present dispensation of divine grace. Many people are being deceived by Satan into believing the fatal lie that in some way or other they can obtain salvation in a future age. May God help every honest soul to see that salvation must be obtained now or never.

But perhaps the greatest proof that sal-

vation is a present possibility is the fact that some have already obtained it. In 2 Tim. 1:9 the apostle Paul affirms that God "hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling." Peter writes to certain brethren to this effect: Ye have received "the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." 1 Pet. 1:9. In Titus 3:5 Paul refers to the work of grace in the heart in this way, "According to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." Here is one more scripture showing salvation can be had in this present life: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." 1 Cor. 1:18. One of the most effective ways to help open the eyes of one blinded by sin is for them to see the results of this work of grace manifest in the life and actions of another who is really born again!

But the question invariably arises as to what "salvation" really means. What does the term signify? Well, its literal meaning is deliverance. So its spiritual significance would be deliverance from sin. This is what Jesus came into the world to do, "save his people from their sins." Jesus is like my friend going to the field to work on tires. He came right where the trouble was, where the sin was committed, corrected the problem for man and set him going again, singing his happy song. There is no plan for future redemption in heaven. That is the place where the redeemed will gather to praise their Savior while the countless ages of eternity will roll on. The Word of God is so very plain and yet so many misunderstand its teaching on this point. It is the happy privilege of every guilty soul to receive at this very hour, a free and perfect deliverance from all sin.

While salvation consists of two definite works of grace, justification and sanctification, let me reserve the term sanctification or "heart purity" for another time. In the scriptures the first work of grace is described by different terms, as justification, conversion, new birth, etc., each of which conveys a certain special idea relative to the subject. I would like all the listeners and readers, however, to understand that all these terms being used now relate to but one work, the first work of grace. We are not justified at one time, converted at another time, receive the new birth at another time, but these terms only express different aspects of the same work. Now, take justification, for instance. This is the legal aspect. It means to be absolved of guilt. Because Christ took our guilt we go free.

There are many scriptures to substantiate this. Look at the term conversion which means the art of being changed from one state to another. Bible conversion signifies a real change of heart and life. The term "born again" signifies a new life in Christ. Jesus said, "Ye must be born again." This is fundamental and imperative, for without being born again no man can be truly called a Christian. The thought presented here is that of bringing into existence a new life. Colossians 2:13 tell us, "And you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins."

Yet some folks teach that we will be born of God in the next life. In my opinion of the Scriptures I say this is a false assumption. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God." 1 John 3:9.

Our Father, bless every listener and may they honestly search the scriptures and know the truth which will set them free in Jesus name. Amen.

*Others*

Lord, help me live from day to day  
 In such a self-forgetful way,  
 That even when I kneel to pray,  
 My prayer shall be for "Others."

Help me in all the work I do  
 To ever be sincere and true,  
 And know, that all I do for You  
 Must needs be done for "Others."

And when my work on earth is done,  
 And my new work in Heaven's begun,  
 May I forget the crown I've won,  
 While thinking still of "Others."

"Others," Lord, yes, "Others!"  
 Let this my motto be,  
 Help me to live for others  
 That I may live for Thee.  
 --Sel. by Sis. Mary A. Brown

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From Calif.: "Dear Bro. Murphey,  
 After so long I will try to say a few  
 words. God bless you dear ones for  
 your faithfulness in His service. We  
 are here again in the Home, but some  
 times so lonesome. Our blessed Lord  
 is so good to comfort and help me to  
 press on. It will not be long until we  
 can meet our loved ones for evermore.  
 Praises be to God for his loving son--  
 Jesus, his great mercy and love to us  
 all. It looks like we are learning very  
 fast. Well, brother, keep up the good  
 work with courage. Our labor is not in  
 vain. We will get our pay. God bless  
 all saints is our prayer."

--Your brother Sam Abbott

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From Okla.: "The Lord is so precious  
 to our souls. His eyes are over the  
 righteous and ears are open unto their  
 prayers. Trust this finds you all well  
 and encouraged in the Lord. He is ever  
 near His trusting children..."

--Sis. Elizabeth Glass

From La.: "I've been listening to the  
 news where the Egyptian ruler, Sedat,  
 was killed. Thank God for a ruler in  
 that blessed Holy City who cannot be  
 killed. We are so thankful that He gives  
 us courage, strength and grace to ever  
 press onward and upward toward our  
 prize. Whitefield said: "I pray to God  
 this day to make me an extraordinary  
 Christian" and that is often the prayer  
 of my heart also. I read that we can-  
 not do good to others save at a cost to  
 ourselves, and our afflictions are the  
 price we must pay for our ability to  
 sympathize. He who would be a helper,  
 must first be a sufferer... We some-  
 times seem to forget that the only way  
 to the resurrection life and ascension  
 mount is the way of the garden, the  
 cross, and the grave. After we have  
 patiently endured, we shall receive the  
 promise... I had some excitement yes-  
 terday morning when I went to arise  
 from my bed, looked down and there  
 was a small water moccasin snake  
 stretched out just a few inches below  
 my feet--how he got into our tight house,  
 I haven't the slightest idea, but there  
 he was. Thank the Lord for causing  
 me to look down before placing my feet  
 on the floor! A neighbor man came  
 and killed it." --Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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From Pa.: "Greetings in the name of  
 our wonderful Lord! He is so precious  
 to me. When I see people going on just  
 wanting the pleasure of this world, my  
 heart is sad and I want to tell them  
 about Jesus who gave his life for our  
 sins, but they don't want to hear it.  
 They watch my life and that I don't do  
 the things they do, so I have asked God  
 to give me the words to speak when He  
 wants me to say them... I put your Mis-  
 sion Trail paper in the laundry. When  
 the cleaning lady did her work in there  
 everything is thrown away."

--Sis. Eva Cox

From Calif.: "How I would love to just walk up to your door and surprise you and have a good visit and be able to go to church at different places there in Oklahoma and meet different ones that I've never seen before. This is a beautiful fall day, only a pretty strong north wind. The colors are turning and it's my favorite time of year, only it still makes me lonesome for my childhood and teen-age years, when I was home. Makes me so lonesome for Papa, Mama, grandma and so many others that have gone on. My desire grows stronger all the time to live for God, and do what I can to be a help, to win others to him. How sad it makes us to see the world in such an awful condition and such few people giving any heed to be ready to meet God. My burden stays so heavy for the unsaved every where and extra heavy for the ones of my family. But my faith and trust is in God for every need and I do thank Him so much for all His daily blessings to us. I love all of God's children everywhere and pray much for the work that His children are doing...I do enjoy The Mission Trail and pray that it will be a great blessing and help to all that receive it. With love and prayers," --Hazel Savage

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From Okla.: "I'm still saved and living for Jesus and don't mean to stop any shorter than heaven...For the rest of my life I mean by His grace to live a victorious spirit-filled life to be ready when He comes." --Sis. Lizzie Jordan

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From Guthrie: "Thanks be unto our God. We know He is still on His throne and still answers prayer. I don't know how people get along without the Lord. He is so good to us. I can't thank Him enough. God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble. I have found Him so."

--Sis. Emma L. Dilley

From Colo.: "Jesus has been so good to me all summer. I felt tired this morning but believe I feel better this evening. I wasn't sick, just did not care to work much...Oh it would be so good to be where I could go to meetings. It's hard to not go to services...it was so good when the 3 different ones stopped and we could have a little service together. Thanks for all your prayers... Keep us all on your prayer list. We all need Jesus to help us."

--Sis. Addie McEndree

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From Kansas: "I enjoyed the broadcast this morning. I'm glad your time is of the morning. All that I listened to of the afternoon is off and old trashy music has taken their place. God is surely merciful to us to spare the world and let time go on." --Sis. Mamie Norcutt

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From N. Mex.: "Hope you both are just fine today. I am 80 years young. I really don't feel that old. We are as old as we feel though. I am thanking and praising God to feel as good as I do. The sun is coming out and is pretty. We have been getting lots of rain. We thank God for it so very much, but the children have their corn to harvest. It has been so wet to get in the field. It is hard to get to town. It sure rained hard at times yesterday."

--Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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From Okla.: "Happy and thankful to get the Mission Trail paper...This morning I read about Jesus being crucified... also in Gal. 2:20, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." To God be the glory. God bless the Mission Trail Broadcast is my prayer. Pray for us."

--Sis. Eva Penner

## THANKSGIVING-- *Count Your Blessings!*

"O COME, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God;" Psalms 95:1-7.

### THE THANKFUL HEART

For all that God in mercy sends--  
 For health, children, home and friends;  
 For comfort in the time of need,  
 For every kindly word or deed,  
 For happy thoughts and holy talk,  
 For guidance in our daily walk--  
 In everything give thanks!

For beauty in this world of ours,  
 For verdant grass and lovely flowers,  
 For songs of birds, for hum of bees,  
 For the refreshing summer breeze,  
 For hill and plain, for stream and wood,  
 For the great ocean's mighty flood--  
 In everything give thanks!

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### A THANKSGIVING PRAYER

I am thankful for my health and for the strength to bear the burdens of the day; for all the friends who have made our little world brighter and better by their presence. I am thankful for the prosperity I have known, and for the splendors I have seen; for the glad voices I have heard, and for all the happy yesterdays. I am thankful for life, with all that it means of service and sorrow; for the peaceful roof which shelters us, and for the love and laughter of our children. I am thankful for the blessings which have come to us and for the promise which the future holds. I am thankful for all which has made life so far a pleasant journey; for our book of happy memories, and for that faith which has sustained us in the shadows. O Lord, lead on until the close of day.

### BEAUTY OUT OF UGLINESS

There is a species of century plant called the maguey or American aloe. It grows for years, sometimes as many as ten to seventy, according to treatment, before flowering. It has coarse leaves, as thick as your two hands, broad as three, and long as twenty. It puts out sharp thorns, and is as ugly a thing as most any plant. And it gets worse all the time. But suddenly it shoots up a flowering shaft as thick and big as a telephone pole, coming from the center of the leaves, which grows rapidly until it reaches a height of 15, 20, or even 40 feet bearing in its upper portion a large number of flowers. So humanity grows through the centuries getting more ugly and savage, putting out thorns that are bayonets, and swords that slay, and with no promise but that of getting worse, until suddenly some willing life is surrendered without reserve to the Master, and output is marked and distinct yielding flowers and fruit. It makes no difference how ugly and depraved a man may be, once he reaches the place where he is tired of being ugly his life can be filled with fragrancy. The coming of Jesus brought the fulfillment of Isaiah 35: "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall bloom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon..."

# at press time

we understand:

From Mo.: "I am writing to tell you my grandmother, Lena Edwards, passed away Sept. 4, age 83. We miss her greatly, but know she is out of pain now and happy with her Lord Jesus. Grandpa lives with us now. He seems happy and content. He is 84."

--Juanita Wrathner

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"We are so grateful for all God's blessings, and want to thank all the saints for remembering us, birthday times, and other times."

--Lavina Martens

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From Ore.: "My brother and I attended five camp meetings this summer. We went to the Singspiration at Bakersfield last week-end. It was very uplifting. We enjoyed the California fruit."

--Sis. Lucille Trimble

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From Calif.: "I was over to see a friend on Palomar Mt. who had a beautiful large avocado tree in the front yard shading the side of their home. She felt sick because the tree was dying of root rot. I asked her if she had taken it to the Lord in prayer and she said, 'I wouldn't bother God with a thing as small as that.' I told her I would pray for it and I took everything to Jesus big or small in prayer. All of life is a prayer and the fact because we live in an open relationship to God, we could turn to Him about everything and anything as simple and naturally as breathing...will be remembering you in our prayers for the great loss of your loved one so dear to you."

--Sis. Lucille Allen

From Calif.: "We came for the Pacoima camp meeting and are still here in the Guest Home. Bro. Gene is so frail in body...don't know just when we will be going home, as I don't feel able to continue caring for him alone at home. Earnestly pray for him. We had a real good meeting. The Lord blessed and quite a number of souls sought help and obtained it at the altar of prayer..."

--Bro. Gene and Sis. Loretta Harmon

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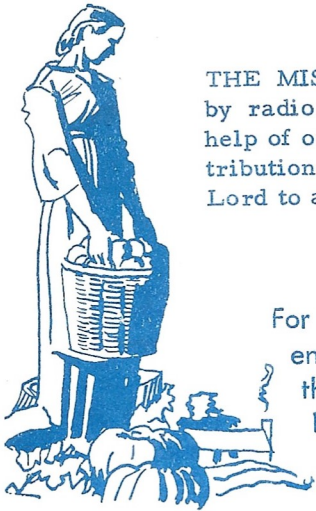
From Okla.: "I'm saved and thankful for the goodness and mercy of the Lord; encouraged to continue in the way of the Lord. We appreciate your service in the Lord's work... Remember us in your prayer."

--Sis. Joy Williams

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## A REQUEST TO WRITE

Another year has almost sped away and 1981 is swiftly coming to an end. Our heart-felt thanks goes to each and every listener and reader who has helped us keep the messages going out. We hope you have enjoyed them and they have served their purpose of encouragement. In order to update our mailing list we need your assistance. If you should happen to be one of those who have not written all year long we ask that we hear from you at once. Let us know if you would like your name to remain on the mailing list. Especially is this true for overseas readers. This does not apply to those who correspond regularly. So the request is this: A letter or postcard at least once a year. It will help us serve you better. And do pray for us as we also pray for you.



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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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