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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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## “Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us”

Radio Broadcast for January 13, 1985

“ . . . A happy new year to all the listeners of The Mission Trail broadcast. It is indeed a privilege to be coming your way once again by way of radio. I have a scripture for you in 1 Sam. 7:12 which says, “Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” I can truly say that God has helped us through the past days, months, and years and just as Samuel did I can truly say, “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” I hope that each of you, too, may find some Ebenezers in your life, some stones which will serve as monuments where God's grace has been sufficient for your needs. As we face the new year with hope and courage consider the words of this poem:

### A YEAR UNTRIED

What shall it bring of strange surprise?  
Or joy, or grief, I can not tell;  
But God, my Father, knoweth well,  
I make it no concern of mine,  
But leave it all with Love Divine.

Be sickness mine, or rugged health;  
Come penury to me, or wealth;  
Though lonesome I must pass along,  
Or loving friends my way may  
throng, --

Upon my Father's Word I rest;  
Whatever shall be, shall be best.

No ill can come but he can cure;  
His Word doth all of good insure;  
He'll see me through the journey's  
length.

For daily need give daily strength.  
'Tis thus I fortify my heart,  
And thus do fear and dread depart.

The sun may shed no light by day,

Nor stars at night illumine my way;  
My soul shall still know no affright,  
Since God is all my life and light.  
Though all the earthly lamps grow dim,  
He walks in light who walks with him.

O year untried!--thou hast for me  
Naught but my Father's eye can see;  
Nor canst thou bring me loss or gain,  
Or health or sickness, ease or pain,  
But welcome messenger shall prove  
From Him whose name to me is Love.

"I charge thee therefore before God,  
and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall  
judge the quick and the dead at his ap-  
pearing and his kingdom; Preach the  
word; be instant in season; out of  
season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with  
all longsuffering and doctrine. For the  
time will come when they will not en-  
dure sound doctrine; but after their  
own lusts shall they heap to themselves  
teachers, having itching ears; And they  
shall turn away their ears from the

truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Tim. 4:1-8.

I believe the apostle Paul through divine inspiration knew what he was talking about concerning the things that were coming to pass in these last days. Do you notice that he mentioned the time was going to come when folks would not endure sound doctrine? So many are not interested in the Bible truths, but they prefer to have someone speak to them in a smooth way. I suppose that it eases their conscience more, but this within itself is some of the indications of the signs of our time. Surely these things are being fulfilled before our very eyes. He said these folks would be "having itching ears". Now that doesn't mean that a bug has bitten them on the ear and they have to scratch it, but that simply means they are anxious to hear these things which don't disturb them. But let us hasten on.

Remember now that Paul was writing these things in the shadow of the "guillotine" so to speak. In other words it was just before he came to the close of his ministry. And he seemed to know that he was near the end, for he said "the time of my departure is at hand". But that isn't all he said. He wrote "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith". I dare say that most of us have

never come quite this close to having our lives taken from us by the guillotine. What would you write or think or do if you knew that you were only--oh, say, one week from the end of your life? Would you begin making restitutions? Would you seek out your enemies to ask forgiveness for the way you have treated them? Or would you be on your knees seeking the pardon and favor of God? Listen to this poem:

JESUS, I'LL GO THROUGH  
WITH THEE

I have made my choice forever;  
I will walk with Christ my Lord;  
Naught from him my soul can sever,  
While I'm trusting in his Word.  
I the lonely way have taken,  
Rough and toilsome though it be,  
And although despised, forsaken,  
Jesus, I'll go through with thee.

Though the garden lies before me,  
And the scornful judgment-hall;  
Though the gloom of deepest midnight  
Settles round me like a pall,  
Darkness can affright me never;  
From thy presence shadows flee;  
And if thou wilt guide me ever,  
Jesus, I'll go through with thee.

Though the earth may rock and tremble,  
Though the sun may hide its face,  
Though my foes be strong and ruthless,  
Still I dare to trust thy grace;  
Though the cross my path o'ershadow,  
Thou didst bear it once for me,  
And whate'er the pain of peril,  
Jesus, I'll go through with thee.

When the conflict here is ended,  
And the weary journey done;  
When the last grim foe is conquered,  
And the final victory won;  
When the pearly gates swing open,  
And an entrance full and free  
Shall be granted to the victors, --  
Jesus, I'll go through with thee....



## Testimonies

From Mo.: "May the Lord continue to bless you in the work of the Lord and in the Mission Trail work. My, how time does fly. It is said to be as swift as a 'weaver's shuttle.' It does not seem that twenty years has expired since you started the Lord's work on the radio. As you said, our families have grown up, made homes for themselves and brought to us our beloved grandchildren and we trust all will seek the Lord and the circle will not be broken on that last great day when our Lord and Savior shall descend with the trump of the archangel and time shall be no more. Some scoff at this great prophecy but we know it is a sure great day to come. All things are coming on the earth that the prophecy of the Holy Scriptures have said would come: evil men 'waxing worse and worse.' We as saints must warn the people by our word and deed. I am glad you can put the truth on the air by radio. Some may think the TV would be a good way to get the truth to the people but the devil has got that thing, and gone with it. I think the radio is still a good way to get truth to the people . . . Again, I say, may the Lord bless you and yours this Christmas time. I am, Your Bro. in Christ,"

--Amos Porter

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From Miss.: "Greetings of love to you dear children of God. We trust both are feeling well. As for us, we're up and going yet, for which we give the praise to our Lord. We appreciate you all so much for the good gospel. We enjoy the Mission Trail so much and wish we could get the sermons on the radio but can't, though we enjoy them in the paper. We didn't get around to writing last year, but we sure want to keep getting the Mission Trail... With Christian love," Burl & Daisy Griffin

From Okla.: "Greetings of much holy love to you. This writing leaves me encouraged to live for and trust the good Lord in every way I know how. I appreciated so very much the beautiful calendar you sent... I enjoy the Mission Trail and look forward for its arrival each month. Please keep it coming. I'm very much afflicted in body and my husband is very weak. I desire prayer for both of us, soul and body. We also have a very urgent business request. We need your prayers day and night... May God bless each of you is my prayer. We need your prayers. Christian love and prayers,"

--Sis. Dora Johnson

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From Calif.: "I have thanksgiving and praise to our Savior this morning, that He has kept me through another year, and I am learning more how to trust Him. You don't hear from me very often, but you and your work is remembered in my prayers. May the Lord continue to bless you both."

--Sis. Willa Oglesby

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From Okla.: "It's been quite a while since I wrote you. I am glad for the chance to write again. The Lord has given me a blessing in my soul and body this last week. I am so thankful. I am uplifted in every way. I want to remain on the mailing list. I enjoy reading the printed message and the testimonies of the saints. Thanks for the beautiful calendar."

--Sister Ethel Brown

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From Ga.: "I do thank you for remembering me with the beautiful calendar. I'm not feeling well today . . . I do thank the Lord I can do my work most of the time. I thank the Lord for sparing our lives when so many terrible things are happening. I do appreciate the papers I get as I never go any where in the winter. We need your prayers always. Love and best wishes to all of you."

--Sis. Ray Sloan

From Kans.: "Greetings this evening this dark gloomy day. But we don't have to be gloomy in spirit. Thank God I'm not... It seems as if the people of the world are growing more wicked all the time. I'm so glad God does have some good people. May the good Lord bless both of you in your labors for God."

--Sis. Mamie Norcutt  
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From Mich.: "It seems a long time since I have written to you. I guess retirement is a very busy time. I did not get to Monark last year but I sure hope to make it next year. My mother-in-law was very sick and did pass away so we are just catching up many things around home. She was ninety six years old... Yours in Christ,"

--Jim Cornell  
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From Miss.: "A few lines to thank you for the beautiful scripture verse calendar. I'm going to hang it in my bedroom, to where I can read it each morning, first thing after a good night's rest... I love everybody, not everyone's ways, but I love their soul and want them to be saved. God is love, and we will never get to heaven without it."

--Sis. Grace Gill  
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"God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God," 1 John 4:16.

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From La.: "Praise the Lord! We love Him today with all our hearts. So thankful for His great love to all mankind. So thankful to be one of His children. We did have a wonderful meeting. May we not forget the messages of truth that went forth. I told some one, 'We have much more to live up to now, more accountable than before.' We are still enjoying the Mission Trail. We want the Lord to continue to bless you in His work... Remember us in your prayers when you think of us. In Christian love,"

--Max and Lula Williamson

From Miss.: "Some one had the Mission Trail sent to me years ago. I read it all (or practically) every month. I want to share the blessings I get from reading it. I also tried to find a radio that would pick up KGGF but failed... Continue if you get the means, please. You requested hearing before '85 and dear ones, a glad and humble thank you for the pretty calendar and the beautiful Godly scenes also of nature's pictures. Dear ones, and do pray for me. I've had thousands of prayers (no exaggerating) prayed within the last 11 years for my strange affliction and with great and mighty thanks to everyone and praises to God I am gradually but surely improving. See, I can write with more steadiness. I want complete victory over self. I acknowledge my failures. Yours with Christian love and appreciation."

--Ethel E. Lowery  
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From Okla.: "I am working still or putting in my time. I cannot call it work. But love helping the children. I wheel a wheelchair girl as she has a bad heart. We sing 'Jesus Loves me,' and lots of children's songs. Enjoy it much. Love and prayers,"

--Pansy Roethler  
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From Mo.: "This is a busy time... One has to make time to get alone with God. I find I can and do accomplish more and do it more easily when I meet God at the beginning of the day and we have a good talk. Oh, how good the Lord is! ... our Lord just keeps blessing us and I never allow circumstances to dampen my spirit. Thank God for sanctifying grace!... May our Lord bless your work in broadcasting and publishing. Also in your daily walk with Him. Have a joyful holiday and may 1985 be blessed of God."

--Roy and Ruby Blanchard



From Okla.: "It has been some time since I have written my testimony. However, I am still much encouraged to press the battle on. I have enjoyed each message I heard on the broadcast. It has been a blessing to my soul; enjoyed the singing also. It hardly seems twenty years that you have been on the air. May God bless your continued service for Him... It hardly seems the '84' is at an end. We have had many good times and sad times this year, but I still have the victory and am not charging God foolishly. He deals fairly with every soul. Pray for us as we do you."

--Sister Theresa Gaines

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From Ore.: "We greet you this afternoon in the lovely name of Jesus. He has been so good to us in every way. I have had many battles to fight but I am claiming victory over them all in Jesus name. We desire your prayers that we stay faithful to the end. I want to serve Him in any way that I can."

--Sister Ruth Bethell

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From Mo.: "Greetings in Jesus dear and precious name, this another holiday season! The season that makes our hearts glad because of the dear Saviour's birth, the greatest gift given to mankind. And how thankful we are to know Him personally. He is precious to me. He has so wonderfully given me strength all summer and fall up to the present, since I had the two heart attacks... I do thank and praise Him for giving me a touch. I'm so thankful He taught me to trust Him for all things. I surely can recommend Him to be faithful to his trusting children; also is ready and willing to save those who are lost in sin, and are in the clutches of Satan. He will set them free if they only will seek the mercies of God. I love the Lord and all His dear people."

--Sis. Natalie Allen

From Pa.: "We are living in serious times, a great lack of love and fear of God... We know His word is truth. Not one word he has spoken shall fail. God cannot and will not lie. We are in the last days... We were saddened to hear of Sis. Ruth Murphey's passing on. She was so faithful to help care for the sick and do what ever she could..."

#### THE FIGHT OF FAITH

Christian, move thou boldly forward,  
Be a warrior brave and true;  
Trusting in thy loving Saviour,  
Fight right onward, go right through.

Fear thou not Satanic armies.  
Boldly face them in the fight;  
Great are they and strong their weapons,  
Yet stand thou in Jesus' might.

He who helped the youthful David,  
Stood by Daniel with the beasts,  
Will not let one foe overcome thee,  
Though of His thou art the least.

Lay aside thy worldly armor,  
Strip thee well to run the race.  
Have no fears, defend His kingdom,  
Till you meet Him face to face.  
Love and prayer,"

--Cora Slifer

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From Kansas: "The weather is cold and icy, but people stay inside and wait for the sun to melt the ice and snow. The Lord knows just how much we can bear so the time will pass and this weather will be a memory. He is so good to us, always near when we call on Him. We love Him."

--Sis. Etta Martin

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From La.: "The Lord is so good to us all. Surely I want to be faithful to Him as He is to me. May the Lord continue to bless you in your work for Him, making you a blessing to many. I enjoy the M. T. Thanks again for the calendar."

--Sis. Alta Flynn

## GOING ON!

Growing old, but not retiring  
 For the battle still is on;  
 Going on without relenting,  
 'Til the final victory's won--  
 Ever on nor think of resting,  
 For the battle rages still,  
 And the Savior still is with me,  
 And I seek to do His will.

Years roll by, the body weakens;  
 But the spirit still is young,  
 Breath of God--it never ages,  
 Is eternal ever strong.  
 Rather year by year it strengthens,  
 Holding fast I will not roam,  
 By thy presence lead my spirit,  
 Savior, till Thou call me home.

Things of earth decrease in value,  
 Brighter shines the light above;  
 Less the power of human hatred  
 Sweeter far the Savior's love;  
 Let me tell it to the needy,  
 Far and wide Thy worth proclaim,  
 That my closing years may praise Thee,  
 Glorify Thy blessed name.

Let me labor in Thy harvest,  
 More than ever in the past,  
 Reaping in what Thou hast planted,  
 Till I dwell with Thee at last;  
 That before Thy throne eternal,  
 I may have some fruit to bring,  
 Not my own, the fruit of Calvary,  
 All are Thine, my Lord and King.

--Sel. by Sis. Grace Jones

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From Okla.: "I trust you had a nice Christmas. I went to my sister's... Janie P. Hill. Please keep her Mission Trail going to her...She is 88 years old and not very well. You folks pray for both of us. I'm not as well as I ought to be at my age of 92. God has been very good to both of us. We are the only ones left of our family. I pray you are both well..." --Minnie Adcock

From Calif.: "A very happy new year wish is sent your way today... Even though I don't have the privilege to hear the broadcast it is a blessing to read the Mission Trail. And a great big thank you is sent to you today. Life in our home goes on with the hurry, scurry type of getting off to classes on time. There are 8, I mean 9 in classes still and off to work. We still go to Mexico when we can and have services where and when we're invited. Sometimes we leave really encouraged and, other times our hearts carry heavy burdens. Some who give Satan an opportunity and he takes every advantage. That is why we must ever watch and pray." --Sis. Edith Cole Lara

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From Okla.: "We enjoy receiving your paper each month. It has been a great help in our daily Christian growth. We have found it is truly a daily situation. The Lord has truly blest us as a family and we want to give Him all praise to all things in our life. Our prayers are with you in your work for the Lord. And so glad to read how the Lord has blest you thru these years of work for Him. May God continue to bless you as long as He needs your life here with us. In Christian love,"

--Velvetta and Richard Madden

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## THE BEST OF LIFE

May there always be work,  
 for your hands to do;  
 May your purse always  
 hold a coin or two;  
 May the sun always shine,  
 on your window pane;  
 May a rainbow be certain,  
 to follow each rain;  
 May the hand of a friend,  
 always be near you;  
 May God fill your heart with  
 gladness to cheer you.

--Sel. by Sis. Grace Jones



# at press time

we understand:

From Calif.: "We are still thankful to God for being saved and encouraged to press on until the end ... I enjoy the paper very much. It is encouraging to hear how others are being blessed and the rich word of God from time to time."

--Sis. Mable Carter

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From Ore.: "I'm getting stronger but still feel a need of complete healing. Just waiting on the Lord, praying He guide us into His perfect will... We would appreciate your prayers."

--Bro. Charles Elwell

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Congratulations to Marvin and Colleen Probst on the birth of their son, Andrew Jordan December 20, 1984.

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Also to Pat and Jane Sallee on the birth of their daughter, Rachael Diane on January 8th, 1985.

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Word has been received of the death of Sis. Bessie Metcalf. Many of the saints will remember when she and her family lived in Guthrie. In more recent years she has lived in Walla Walla, Washington. Her daughter, Helen, wrote us: "Also want you to know my mother passed away Dec. 22nd. She had suffered so much since breaking her arm and hip in the fall in July, but passed away peacefully. My sister Ruth was with her. She did have labored breathing, from bad lungs. Funeral was 24th. I didn't get to attend...I was ill. Am feeling some better, but need prayer for bad stomach and back pain."

--Helen Carson

"It seems like so small what we can do to help throw out the life-line. Yet we realize that God multiplies the small things to suffice the need. So it is with love we do our little, and pray it will bless ... We pray the new year will be a good one to bring peace and understanding to the troubled world and food to the hungry."

--Sis. Lavina Martens

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"I surely do appreciate the rich blessing of God on soul and body. His word says, 'The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it.' Praise his name, for his great riches."

--Sis. Lavern Manuel

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From Ill.: "This leaves me fine and I thank the Lord. Every morning I thank Him for the strength he gives me and for a good warm home..."

--Sis. Mildred Snell

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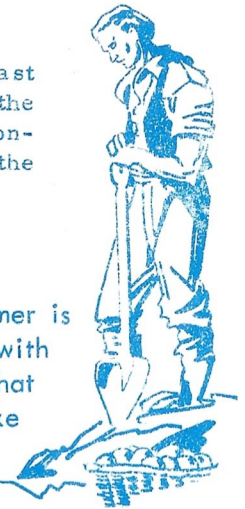
Through the great mercies and love of God we are permitted to enter another new year, 1985! Who can tell what joy or sorrow awaits each of us? What an assurance we have that the God of all wisdom is guiding and directing the steps of the righteous. He has brought us safely through the dangers and temptations of the past and we trust Him for the future. And many thanks again to all who have stood by the past years with their prayers and support. For all the good or encouragement which may have been accomplished we humbly render all praise unto the Lord. It is our sincere desire that we may be clean vessels through which He may work.



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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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