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The NEW YEAR breaks upon our view,
The old year fades from sight.
Its joys and sorrows we passed through
Remain in mem'ry's light.

Upon a threshold stand we now,
Of halls before untrod;
Oh, therefore let us humbly bow
Our hearts in prayer to God.

Throughout the old year witnessed we
His miracles of grace,
And looking back we plainly see
Where shone His smiling face.

What heights of joy, what depths of pain,
What peace and conflict sore,
What lessons learned of loss and gain
Shall echo evermore.

Not to the swift, nor to the wise,
The Bread of Life is given,
But to the poor who lift their eyes
Each day to God in heaven.

Trust Him whose everlasting arm
The ages wax not old,
To keep thee safe from all alarm
And in His bosom hold.

Throughout this coming year be found
His glorious will to do,
And in His strength and grace abound;
The Lord will see you through.

—Leslie Busbee

Moses said to the children of Israel: "But the land, whither ye go to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: a land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year." Deut. 11:11, 12.

Did God Fail?

One winter day stands out like a boulder in my life. The weather was unusually cold and finances were exhausted. My husband was away much of the time, traveling from one district to another. Our boys were well but my little Ruth was ailing, and at best none of us were decently clothed. I patched and re-patched, with spirits sinking to the lowest ebb. The water gave out in the well, and the wind blew through cracks in the floor.

The people in the parish were kind, and generous, too; but the settlement was new, and each family was struggling for itself. Little by little, at the time I needed it most, my faith began to waver. Early in life I was taught to take God at His Word, and I thought my lesson was well learned. I had lived upon the promises in dark times, until I knew, as David did, "who was my Fortress and Deliverer." But now it was different.

My husband's overcoat was hardly thick enough for October, and he was often obliged to ride miles to attend some meeting or funeral. Many times our breakfast was Indian cake, and tea without sugar. Christmas was coming. The children always expected their presents. I remember the ice was thick and smooth, and the boys were each craving a pair of skates. Ruth, in some unaccountable way, had taken a fancy that the dolls I had made were no longer suitable; she wanted a nice large one, and insisted on praying for it.

It seemed impossible; but, oh! I wanted to give each child its present. It seemed as if God had deserted us, but I did not tell my husband all this. He worked so earnestly and heartily. I supposed him to be as hopeful as ever. I kept the sitting room cheerful with an open fire, and I tried to serve our scanty meals as invitingly as I could.

The morning before Christmas, James was called to see a sick man. I put up a piece of bread for his lunch—it was the best I could do—wrapped my plaid shawl around his neck, and then tried to whisper a promise as I often had, but the words died away upon my lips. I let him go away without it.

That was a dark, hopeless day. I coaxed the children to bed early, for I could not bear their talk. When Ruth went to bed, I listened to her prayer. She asked for the last time most explicitly for her doll, and for skates for her brothers. Her bright face looked so lovely when she whispered to me: "You know, I think they'll be here early tomorrow morning, Mama," that I thought I could move heaven and earth to save her from disappointment. I sat down alone, and gave way to the most bitter tears.

Before long James returned, chilled and exhausted. He drew off his boots; the thin stockings slipped off with them, and his feet were red with cold. "I wouldn't treat a dog that way; let alone a faithful servant," I said. Then as I glanced up and saw the hard lines in his face and the look of despair, it flashed across me, James had let go, too.

He took my hand and we sat for an hour without a word. I wanted to die and meet God, and tell Him His promise wasn't true; my soul was so full of rebellious despair.

There came a sound of bells, a quick stop, and a loud knock at the door. There stood Mr. White. "A box came by express just before dark. I brought it around as soon as I could get away. Reckon it might be for Christmas. 'At any rate,' I said, 'they shall have it tonight.' Here is a turkey my wife asked me to fetch along, and these other things, I believe, belong to you." There was a basket of potatoes and a bag of flour. Talking all the time, he hurried in the box, then, with a hearty goodnight, he rode away.

Still without speaking, James found a chisel and opened the box. He drew out first a thick red blanket, and we saw that beneath was full of clothing. It seemed at that moment as if Christ fastened upon me a look of reproach. James sat down and covered his face with his hands. "I can't touch them," he exclaimed; "I haven't been true, just when God was trying me to see if I could hold out. Do you think I could not see how you were suffering? And I had no word of comfort to offer. I know now how to preach the awfulness of turning away from God."

"James," I said, clinging to him, "don't take it to heart like this; I am to blame, I ought to have helped you. We will ask Him together to forgive us." "Wait a moment, dear, I cannot talk now," he said, then he went into another room. I knelt down, and my heart broke; in an instant all the darkness, all the stubbornness rolled away. Jesus came again and stood before me, but with the loving word: "Daughter!" Sweet promises of tenderness and joy flooded my soul. I was so lost in praise and gratitude that I forgot everything else. I don't know how long it was before James came back, but I knew he, too, had found peace.

"Now, my dear wife," he said, "let us offer our thanks." Then we began to examine our treasures. It was a wonderful box. There was warm clothing for each of us, sufficient to keep us warm through the winter. Down in the center was a box. We opened it and there was a great wax doll. I burst into tears again; James wept with me for joy. It was too much;

and then we both exclaimed again, for close behind it came two pairs of skates. There were many other needful things and a ten-dollar gold piece.

It was then past midnight, and we were faint and exhausted even with happiness.

You should have seen the children the next morning: the boys raised a shout at the sight of their skates. Ruth caught up her doll, and hugged it tightly without a word; then she went into her room and knelt by her bed.

When she came back she whispered to me: "I knew it would be there, Mama, but I wanted to thank God just the same, you know."

"Look here, Wife, see the difference." We went to the window and there were the boys out of the house already skating on the ice with all their might.

My husband and I both tried to return thanks to the church in the East that sent us the box and have tried to return thanks to God every day since. Hard times have come again and again, but we have trusted in Him; dreading nothing so much as a doubt of His protecting care. Over and over again we have proved that, "They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing."
—Selected

One Thing I Have Desired

Desire is a wonderful faculty of mankind. Desire signifies a longing or wishing. It may be a prayer, request, or longing of the soul for some spiritual or bodily good things, where it feels a need. There are two kinds of desires. One is a good desire and the other is an evil desire. The reaction to desires is to seek their fulfillment.

Larry Eck thoroughly enjoyed his first airplane ride. He desired another one. His pilot told him that if he would make an airstrip in his father's pasture that he would fly to his place (40 miles away) and give him another ride. His reaction to that strong desire was two days of hard work in the hot sun. He measured, gathered out rocks, mowed part of the strip with a hand mower and graded part. He painted old tires in different colors and placed them at the sides and ends. He put a gunny sack on the barn on a stick to show the direction of the wind. How thrilled he was one day when he heard an airplane circle three times and then land on his strip! He had his desire fulfilled.

The Psalmist David said, "One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple." Ps. 27:4, 5. David narrowed his desires down to one desire. It was uppermost in his heart. It was a good desire. Not only did he have the desire, but he also sought for its fulfillment. Jesus has told us to "Seek and ye shall find."

Most people want to go to heaven. They have a longing to go when they think of death and their desire is strong, but soon it fades with the duties of the day. They listen to the enemy of their soul who tells them that they still have plenty of time

to take care of their soul. How sad when death suddenly overtakes them or they are put in a hospital and go out under the influence of medication or from surgery! They do not have the right use of their mind to comprehend that they are going out. Isn't seeking salvation today the wisest thing to do? Are you stirred and desiring to live in heaven in eternity? Won't you do something about it today? There are two roads that Jesus tells us about. One is a narrow road and the other is a broad road that leads to destruction. To get on the narrow road we must meet Christ at the gate. There are conditions to be met. Do you desire to go to heaven enough to meet those conditions and measure to them? Then begin to seek to know the way. You must realize that Jesus died on the cross to forgive you of your sins. You were born with a sin principle in your heart and by yielding to that sin principle you have committed many sins that will keep you out of heaven. You need to ask Jesus to forgive you of those committed sins and then seek Him for a removal of the sin principle by the purifying power of the Holy Spirit.

God is a God of love, and His love for you caused Him to send His Son, Jesus Christ, who was innocent, here to take your punishment on the cross for you so you could be freed from that punishment. So when you repent of your sins with godly sorrow and turn from them, God, for Jesus' sake, forgives you and makes a new creature out of you. You have new desires—right desires. Your desires are desires to please the One who has loved you so much. But you must seek for this wonderful salvation.

Jesus tells us a parable about a man whose friend knocked at his door at midnight and asked for three loaves of bread because he had a guest who had come on a long journey and he did not have anything to set before him to eat. The man told his friend that he and his children were in bed and he didn't want to rise and give him bread. But Jesus said, "Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity [continual seeking] he will rise and give him as many as he needeth." Luke 11:5-10. This man's friend's greatest desire was to give food to his guest and that desire caused him to keep knocking and asking until he received bread. Dear ones, there is a reward in seeking, striving, and working for that thing desired. When we meet the conditions that Jesus has laid out for us, then we can pray with faith for that desire to be fulfilled. Jesus said: "Whatsoever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." Mark 11:24. Believing and seeking according to God's will brings a fulfillment to our desires.

Dear ones, if you need salvation, please bow today at the cross of Jesus, give up your sinful life, seek with godly sorrow for forgiveness of your sins, believe and be saved. If your desire for salvation is not deep enough, seek God's help to receive a deeper desire. He will do that for you. Judgment is looming in sight. Time is fast coming to a close. Please arise and seek for salvation while you have the time and opportunity. —Sister Marie Miles

Man's Conscience

Many misunderstand the nature of man's conscience. They think the conscience to be a safe guide to follow. They seem to think that if a man follows the dictates of his conscience he will go right. This is a very grievous error. Conscience has but little knowledge of right and wrong. To grant unto men that liberty of conscience as to accept all men as going right if they follow the leadings of their conscience will lead into confusion and darkness. Conscience is governed by faith. If a man does what he believes to be right (though it be ever so wrong) his conscience will approve of his conduct. If a man does what he believes to be wrong (though it be perfectly right) his conscience will condemn him. To grant unto men "liberty of conscience" is, therefore, equal with the old adage, "whatever a man believes to be right to him it is right." Such teaching will bring in the loosest compromise and wildest fanaticism.

Faith is the regulator of conscience. If a man has a correct view of what is right and does it, his conscience will give approval, not because what the man did was right, but because the man believed it to be right. This is positively proven to be true. Take the same man and let him have an incorrect view of what is right and he does a wrong thing, believing it to be right, his conscience will approve just the same as when he did the right thing. You get a man to fully believe that it is right that he should steal bread to feed his starving children and his conscience will approve of the deed. You get a heathen woman to believe it is right that she should throw her babe in the Ganges River and her conscience will approve of the deed. You get a man to believe that to make such and such provision for himself or family (however wrong it might be in God's sight) his conscience will witness to him that he has done right. The Catholic finds great ease of conscience by praying to the Virgin Mary. The "Sisters" would be condemned by their conscience if they did not count their beads. Man's conscience is regulated by his sense of obligation. If a man has but little sense of obligation his conscience will trouble him but little for neglecting the obligation. "How much more shall the blood of Christ, . . . purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Hebrews 9:14.

—C. E. Orr, 1932

SIN IS LIKE THE WORM

How does a worm get inside an apple? Perhaps you think the worm burrows from the outside in. No, scientists have discovered that the worm comes from the inside out. But how does he get in there?

Simple! An insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Some time later the worm hatches in the heart of the apple, then eats his way out.

Sin, like the worm, begins in the heart and works out through a person's thoughts, words, and actions. For this reason David once wrote, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." Psalm 51:10.

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EDITORIALS

At the dawn of this New Year of 1969 we extend Christian greetings and best wishes to all our readers who, with this issue, include several thousand who are receiving this full gospel paper for their first time and will also receive it for the months of February and March. If you are a new reader, it is likely that a kind friend of yours has subscribed for you for these three months with the hope and earnest prayer that the contents of these issues will prove a special spiritual benefit to you and your family. (These trial issues are coming to you without charge, and you will not receive a bill or statement.) Please read these copies carefully with an open heart and mind, and compare the teachings with the Bible. We hope that you will become a regular subscriber at the end of these trial issues.

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We thank the Lord and our readers for over 5,700 new names who will receive this issue of the paper, as well as the issues for the months of February and March. May God bless and reward everyone who had a part in this gospel extension effort. Pray that the Holy Spirit will carry the truth to the heart of every reader. There is transforming power in believing the gospel.

We are sorry that some persons, for whom this paper was intended, will not receive their copies because the addresses were not correct, complete, or legible, or perhaps they moved in the meantime. The postoffice charges us ten cents for each notification of a change of address. If you move, please advise us at once, giving old and new address and zip code.

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Ever since its inception forty-five years ago, this publication has had as its object: The glory of God and the salvation of men; the promulgation and restoration of the whole truth to the people in this "evening time" as it was in the morning church of the first century; the unification of all true believers in one body by the love of God. Its standard: Separation in spirit from this sinful world and entire devotion to the service and will of God. Its characteristics: No discipline but the Bible, no bond of union but the love of God; and no test of fellowship but the indwelling spirit of Christ. This paper has continued to maintain the same standard of Bible truth which ushered in this "evening light" (Zech. 7:14) era of the Church of God—in its original power, purity and simplicity. God still has a visible body of people who are walking in the "old paths" and the "good way." The spiritual Body of Christ—the Church of God—includes all who have been born again and made new creatures in Christ. The experience of conversion or Bible salvation makes you a member on equal standing regardless of color, race, or national origin. The Apostle Peter said, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Acts 10:34, 35.

As we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another. (1 John 1:7.)

Divine love is the bond which keeps God's people in unity and oneness, but where that supreme grace or fruit of the Spirit is lacking, or where one is walking back of light, eventually the fellowship of the Spirit is broken. This accounts for the multiplicity of sects, schisms, factions, and carnal divisions.

Yes, Jesus came to make a definite division (Luke 12:51) in spirit and fellowship between saint and sinner, but nowhere in Holy Writ does He sanction division among His people. On the contrary, He repeatedly enjoins peace, harmony, and unity. Then in that last High Priestly prayer recorded in the 17th chapter of John, Jesus prayed for the oneness of His disciples. Listen, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; [that means believers today] that they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me." Nothing is more destructive of the Christian witness to the world than the sin of division and sowing discord among God's people. Do we really want Jesus' last earnest prayer to the Father answered in us? By our conduct, are we endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace?" You may be certain that the love and unity of God's people is the only witness that will convince the world. How effective is that witness today? The Psalmist exclaims: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

In this "evening time" of the gospel day God is calling His people out of "Babylon" into the visible Church of God, of which Christ is the Builder and Head. Hear the voice from heaven, saying, "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4. Listen to this same truth expressed by the song writer, D. S. Warner:

"Have you heard a voice from heaven,
Calling in a solemn tone,
'Come, my people, from confusion,
This is not your native home?'
"Yes, I heard, and to my vision,
Zion's glory brightly shone;
Then I rose and fled the ruin,
Taking not a Babel stone."

The deadline to receive dated copy for publication is now changed from the 13th to the 18th of the month prior to the month of issue. Generally the readers will receive the paper between the 1st and 10th of each month.

The first issue of the 64-page Bible Lessons booklet for adults and young people, covering the first three months (13 Sunday Lessons) of 1969, was mailed out to the subscribers in December. The booklet covering April, May, and June of 1969 will be mailed in March. These booklets bound in heavy paper cover, are reasonably priced at 35c each, post-

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May the "God of all comfort" be present with Bro. Stacy Biddix of Spruce Pine, N. C. whose beloved companion departed this life on Dec. 11, 1968 after an extended illness. Our sympathy is extended to all the family in their loss.

Bro. and Sister Mart Samons and family have moved from a rural route out of Danville, Ky. into the city of Danville, and their new address is 222 N. First St., Danville, Ky. 40422. Bro. Samons, an active evangelist, takes care of the congregation near him and answers calls for meetings over the country.

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Many of our readers would like to know the dates of the Church of God campmeetings for 1969 so they can pre-arrange their vacations to attend these meetings. Those who have this information please send in the campmeeting dates by Feb. 15, 1969 so we can publish the entire list in the March issue.

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting here at Guthrie, Okla. will be held, Lord willing, on May 30 to June 8, 1969, which is a change from the usual hot weather date in August.

Profitable Meeting on General Southern Campground

A number of saints from Guthrie, including this writer and his wife, enjoyed the precious assembly meeting at Hammond, La. which was held Nov. 24 to Dec. 1. (Also, we were privileged again to visit with our two sons and families who live in that area.) Many saints, including out-of-state and in-state ministers, were present at this meeting in Hammond where Bro. T. H. Coffey is the pastor. On Sunday and night services the chapel was filled to capacity. The Word was preached with rich anointing as the Holy Spirit directed His messenger. Conviction accompanied the Word and many souls sought and received salvation and spiritual help at the altar of prayer. The saints were edified and built up in the faith. Bro. Effieger, colored minister from Tusca-

loosa, Ala., brought a good message which was well received by the saints.

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The annual 10-day Oklahoma State assembly meeting here at Guthrie, Okla. just closed on Dec. 29. The attendance was good from over the state and out-of-state. About 25 ministers were present to preach the "unsearchable riches" of Christ. Some messages fell like hailstones and others like a gentle refreshing rain. Souls found spiritual help and physical healing at the altar of prayer. The saints had prayed and expected that many more souls would have been saved in this meeting. This points up the need for the church to get under a greater soul-burden for the lost.

During this meeting the saints were saddened by the sudden passing of Bro. Harland Smith, faithful minister and missionary to Mexico, on Thursday, Dec. 26, at Claremont, Calif. For many months Bro. Smith had been afflicted in his back and limbs, and could hardly get around. Recently he was severely injured in a fall, but little did we think his passing was so near. His departure is a great loss to the Mexico mission field, for which he had labored so unselfishly and sacrificially during the past ten years. Our heavenly Father knows best, and we humbly bow to His will. The church joins us in extending our sincere sympathy to the family and relatives in their time of sorrow. May the Lord soothe their aching hearts with the knowledge that he had kept the faith and received the crown of glory that fadeth not away.

Sister Ruby Marken and Opal Kelly, former missionaries in Mexico and now co-workers here at the Lord's Printshop, flew to California on Dec. 30 for Bro. Smith's funeral that afternoon and to attend the Calif. State assembly meeting now in progress at Pacoima. Bro. Willie Murphey, and Bro. and Sister Ira Stover took the plane to California on Dec. 29.

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There is a general feeling among God's people, shared also by this writer, that this world is on the verge of momentous events in the political, economic and religious realms. Besides the wars now in progress, strife in many other areas is ready to break out in full scale hostilities. Violence is erupting in new places every day. Man's exploration of outer space and other wasteful projects are taking this country to economic ruin. Furthermore, the communists and the ecumenical movement (one world church) are combining their efforts to strangle and stop freedom of worship, the spreading of the pure gospel, and foreign mission activities.

The challenge has never been greater to get the soul-saving gospel of Christ to this perishing world by means of the printed page. Time is of essence, and in this new year the consecrated, volunteer Christian workers at this gospel publishing plant will be bending every effort and using all means which the Lord provides to increase the outflow of gospel literature. Your continued prayers and co-operation will be much appreciated.

—Lawrence Pruitt

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OBITUARIES



Ruth Ann Gaines, daughter of Clayton O. and Eva Lou Gaines, was born August 1, 1961 at Myrtle, Mo. and departed this life November 12, 1968 at West Plains, Mo. at the age of seven years, three months and eleven days.

Ruth loved the Lord and always enjoyed working for Him according to her ability. She was very patient during her lingering illness.

Ruth is survived by her parents, Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines, one brother, David Clayton, of the home; paternal grandparents, Wayne and Marie (Gaines) Miller of Hammond, La.; maternal grandfather, Audie Sorrell; two uncles, Junior and Paul Sorrell; one aunt, Rebecca Sorrell of the home, whom she loved dearly as brothers and sister. She also leaves several other uncles and aunts, cousins, and many friends.

Ruth always had a sweet smile and loved everyone she met.

Funeral services were conducted by Sisters Margaret Eck and Ruth Murphey at the Church of God chapel, Myrtle, Mo. Burial was in the cemetery near the chapel.

Esther Viola Plummer, the daughter of Sister Dottie Henry, was born at Romero, Texas, on Sept. 16, 1917 and passed away at Douglas, Ariz., on Nov. 16, 1968 at the age of 51 years and two months.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. O. B. Wilson at the Church of God campground, Pacoima, Calif., and interment was in the Grandview Cemetery, Glendale, Calif.

Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings of love in Jesus' name.

Esther, my daughter, took very ill with uremic poisoning and was in the hospital about one hour, too late for the doctor to help her. She was in Douglas, Arizona. Joe received the phone message and came to tell me. It was a shock, but as soon as he left the Lord gave me the scripture in John 14:2, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you, not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

When I looked at her for the last time I exclaimed, "Praise the Lord, she is smiling." Many others saw it and spoke about it. She was happy and cheerful and loved by all who knew her.

Her mother, Dottie Henry

Sister Ruth (Hogan) Biddix departed this life to be with the Lord on Dec. 11, 1968, at Spruce Pine, N. Car., at the age of 61 years.

Surviving are the husband, Stacy Biddix; four daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Bursleson, Mrs. Bruce Wise, Mrs.

Atlas Benton, and Mrs. Rex McKinney, all of Spruce Pine, N. C.; four sons, E. J., Forrest, and Wendell, all of Spruce Pine, and Wallen Biddix of Valdese; one sister, three brothers, four half-brothers, one step-sister, and 22 grandchildren.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Mart Samons at Altapass, N. C., and the burial was in the McKenney Gap Cemetery.

Lottie Jane (Glass) Hilton, daughter of John and May Glass, was born July 31, 1901 at Fremont, Missouri, and departed this life Dec. 3, 1968 at Joplin, Mo. at the age of 67 years, 4 months, and 2 days.

In 1944 she was married to John Hilton to which union two children were born.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Yvonne Newberry, Joplin, Mo.; a son, Wilbur Lee Hilton; three grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Ellen Wilson, Misses Elizabeth, Lily, and Myrtle Glass, all of Neosho, Mo., besides other relatives and friends.

She professed faith in God, and said she was ready for death.

Funeral services were conducted at Clark Funeral Home, Neosho, Mo. by Bro. Austin McMillian and Sister Ruth Murphey. Interment was in the Gibson Cemetery near Neosho, Mo.

Harland Herbert Smith was born November 5, 1920, at Wellington, Colorado, and went to live above with Jesus from his home in Claremont, California, on December 26, 1968, at the age of 48 years, one month, and 21 days.

He moved with his parents to California in 1929 and lived in that area since that time.

On June 25, 1942, he was united in marriage to Betty Jean Cocke and to this union one son was born.

He served in the United States Navy during the Second World War, and it was while he was still in the navy one night while lying in his bunk he repented of his sins and sought and found Christ as his Saviour. Since that time he has lived for Christ and developed into a valiant soldier of the cross of Christ and died in the triumphs of a living faith, trusting in God.

About 15 years ago he came to the Church of God in the city of Pomona and recognized the ring of truth as taught by the Church of God Evening Light saints and associated himself with that body until his death. He was a zealous and energetic soul in the work of God and was a great asset to the church in Pomona, as well as in other areas where he ministered. He was an ordained minister in the Church of God for a number of years.

The greatest burden of his heart was to reach and be a blessing to under-privileged souls in Mexico with the blessings of the gospel of Christ and his greatest efforts were centered in the mission work in Baja, California, where he expended much of his time, strength, and money, and accomplished a good work for God in that area.

His presence, his beaming smile, his courageous spirit, and his words of encouragement and comfort will be much missed in the church, in his family, among his friends, and wherever he was known. Perhaps the ones who will miss him most are the workers and people in Mexico where he labored so faithfully among them for several years.

He was a great blessing to the church in California in building the Church of God Senior Citizens' Home on the saints' campground in Pacoima where a number of the aged saints are now finding shelter, loving care, and comfort. From the pouring of the footings and slab, clear through until the last finishing touch, this building

was built by his hands and the hands of those who helped him in this work.

He is survived by his wife, Betty; one son, Clifford, of Pomona, his mother, Mattie Smith, of Pacoima, Calif.; four sisters, Mrs. Freda Moore, Mrs. Edith Brown and Mrs. Cleora Peterson, all of Ft. Collins, Colorado, and Mrs. Vera Eastin of Claremont, California; three brothers, Fred and Del Smith, both of Claremont, and Harold Smith of Pomona; and a number of nephews, nieces, and other relatives.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Ostis B. Wilson, assisted by Sister Laverne Manuel and Bro. Charles Smith at the Todd Memorial Chapel in Pomona, Calif., on Dec. 30. Text: Matt. 27:43. Singing was by the Elwell quartet. Sisters Ruby Marken and Opal Kelly, former missionaries in Mexico, sang the song, "Heavenly Welcome" in Spanish. Interment was in the Pomona Cemetery to await the general resurrection.

Note of Appreciation

I would like to express my deep appreciation and thanks to all the dear saints who have expressed their love in such a liberal way through the many cards and offerings sent to us in our time of sorrow. The entire cost of Daddy's funeral was met by the love offerings that were given to us. Our hearts have been deeply touched by the love of God's children. We keenly feel the loss of our father, but we cannot sorrow as those who have no hope. We can only rejoice that he has gained his eternal reward and is now safe in the arms of Jesus.

—Clifford Smith and family

In Memory of our Grandmother,

BESSIE MABLE SORRELL

From our family circle now,
Someone has been taken;
Her voice we still hear somehow,
Although her place is vacant.

And she lived the life before us,
Showing how a saint should walk each day;
In the path of our dear Saviour,
And never wander astray.

And our loved one we can meet,
If we will join the Christian band;
And walk in the path she trod
Until we meet her on that Golden Strand.

—Written by her granddaughter, Neta Eck

Dear Saints, greetings in Jesus' dear name: This leaves us still saved and pressing on for the Lord.

Bro. Kelley's grandmother passed away a few days after our request was put in the paper. The Lord blessed her many times after prayer, but on the last her suffering got so great that we felt led to send in our request for help in prayer. The Lord wonderfully blessed her, inasmuch that her son thought he would be able to take her home, but the Lord saw best to take her to Himself.

We want to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, letters, telegrams, flowers, and all the kindnesses shown to us. May God bless each one is our prayer.

—Bro. and Sis. Herman Kelley

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Reformation is merely turning over a new leaf. Regeneration is receiving a new life.

JEFFERSON, ORE. ASSEMBLY MEETING REPORT

The Jefferson, Oregon assembly meeting, held Nov. 8 to 17, is history now. We were blessed with a wonderful meeting. Different ones commented on how good the meeting was. We appreciated all the ministers who were present, as well as all the saints. We especially are grateful to Bro. and Sister Mart Samons of Kentucky for the many hundreds of miles they traveled to be with us.

The Word of God was anointed richly for our souls. The messages were all timely and needed. Souls were at the altar for different needs.

We appreciated the singers who came in from Bakersfield, California, as well as all the saints, far and near, especially the isolated ones. We also appreciate those who labored in the kitchen.

Violet Cable and Earl Watson took their marriage vows on the last Friday of the meeting. Bro. Samons officiated. The ceremony was very sacred, simple, and beautiful. We will miss Violet, as she was one of the teachers here, but we are happy for them.

The Lord so blessed Sister Spaur that she was able to oversee things and keep on going through it all. We appreciate her labors.

—Sister Bea Spaur, Pastor, by Margaret Cable.

OKLAHOMA CITY MEETING REPORT

The Oklahoma City annual fall meeting was well attended by the saints. The Lord blessed in the meeting. We learned precious lessons from the Lord. Bro. E. J. Trotter from Fresno, California, was with us, also Bro. Lewis Williams from Wichita, Kansas, Bro. Francisco, of San Diego, Cal., and Sister Katherine Williams. We thank God for the presence of these ministers, also the visiting saints who were present.

Pray for us that God will continue to bless in this place.

—Bro. Herman Kelley, Pastor

—Sister Mary Harris, Secretary

WICHITA, KANSAS MEETING REPORT

We are thanking the Lord for another good meeting this fall. It was not outstanding like the spring meeting with a large number of people getting saved, but we are thankful for the few who sought the Lord for salvation and spiritual help.

We thank the Lord for Bro. Leslie Busbee who was with us throughout the meeting. We were fed well by his anointed messages. The first message of the meeting was, "Feed on the Right Things," mainly the Word of God. I believe the sentiments of all the saints attending the meeting are that we sat down to a welcome table and ate heartily of a full course meal and our souls were replenished.

We really thank the Lord for His great mercy to the just and unjust, and we are grateful for all His benefits and care for His people. Sinners seem to be asleep to the danger of sin, loving their own way too much to even consider God's way. May God's mercy be extended a while longer, especially toward the loved ones of the saints, is our prayer.

We appreciated Bro. Ira Stover, Sister Katherine Williams and Sister Eva Hardaman being with us during part of the meeting, as well as other out-of-town saints.

—Bro. Lewis Williams, Pastor

—Sister Shirley Knight, Secretary

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LOS ANGELES REVIVAL REPORT

The Los Angeles revival meeting held November 29 through December 8 truly revived the souls of those attending. We thank the Lord for its benefits and edification.

There was good attendance, and a number of souls received salvation and spiritual and physical help. Twenty-eight took part in the ordinance services.

The saints were greatly encouraged by the presence and preaching for two nights by Bro. Charles Smith. Bro. Zedo Francisco of San Diego and Sister Velma Smith of Oakland, and the local ministers and pastor encouraged and instructed all toward a deeper, more consecrated life to God. We pray that the Word of God preached might be assimilated into our hearts, minds, and lives that we may bear fruit.

—I. C. Chandler, Pastor

—Written by Ann Matthews

MIDWEST NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Midwest Nigeria (Dec. 3)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in Jesus' holy name to all who are ready to meet the Lord. "Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not" (Luke 12:40). As a writer states, "To be ready means to be prepared."

We have received your letter dated November 12, 1968, and thank the Lord for its contents.

I cannot adequately express my sadness on reading the sad news about the death of Bro. C. M. Verghese, the minister of our Indian congregations in India. We can only sum up courage in the knowledge that death is not a cessation of life, but rather it is the leaving of the body to live in another land—heaven—for those who confess and forsake their sins before their departure. With quiet courage the Apostle Paul looked death in the eye without a tremor, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." (2 Cor. 5:1) "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord." (2 Cor. 5:8) May God console the family of our departed brother and raise up quickly an able instrument of inward purity to fill his post.

As you were advised earlier, my only sister, Ashiwe Enu (Mrs. Malagu) passed away on Oct. 25, 1968, at the age of 34. Her death was deeply felt by all, and I have to praise God that she reconciled with Him before crossing over to the other side.

Work on Abbi chapel is progressing. Much as we are determined and making available the support for the chapel project, yet we need your prayers for God to supply the fund for completing all that we intend to build for His glory. War in our nation has brought on us economic depression and distress. But there is hope for those of whom our Lord says: "I know my sheep, and am known of mine." (John 10:14)

Sister Mary Efiom Enu (Mrs. Enu) traveled to Benin City on Friday, the 29th of November, 1968, and will worship with the brethren there on Sunday, the 1st of December, 1968. . . . Traveling fares have increased due to scarcity of private transport. Ninety-nine percent of the nation's transports, whether private or state-owned, are utilized for the prosecution of the civil war.

Our Asana brethren [in Biafra] are unspeakably in great physical torment, caused by utter starvation and by the civil war. They are still within the range of the war and cut off from relief supplies of the humanitarian organizations the world over. We solicit your prayers

for them for God to intervene or else nearly all will die through starvation. Pray also for us. We are in the war zone. The creeks and the Niger river between us and Biafra are the physical protection.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and all the good things which the New Year has in store.

Yours in the one fold, —Titus U. E. Enu, Pastor

LETTER FROM BIAFRA, NIGERIA

S. E. State (Biafra), Nigeria (Nov. 27)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I received your very interesting letter which you wrote to me on September 21 and seize this opportunity to thank you much for the encouragement. But I regret so much the delay to write you as I should. In fact, it is caused by lack of time. . . . One has to labor very hard before he eats; otherwise, starvation can kill him.

Your letter came to me safely and I notify you to write officially to the entire mission. This was the entire mission's desire for your answer to some of their correspondence to you and therefore expect it promptly.

For your information, there will be a three-day annual conference of the mission to be held at the main mission and at this juncture will need your message to the mission. It will be from Friday through Sunday (Dec. 20-22).

Church work is going on normally everywhere despite the domestic atmosphere confronting many of us, especially at this time of the country's civil war.

Brothers Etuk and Inyang, once afflicted, are 85% well. The rest of the workers are quite well and are unshaken at their charged responsibilities. We all desire your urgent response to the general needs.

I ask for your continued prayers, as we do the same for you.

Yours in the Master's service, —Nse B. Umanah,
Mission Secretary

The following letter from the International Red Cross in Geneva, Switzerland is in reply to our request on how to send money, mail, gospel literature, food and clothing parcels to our 20 mission stations in Biafra, the seceded state in Nigeria:—

"Dear Mr. Pruitt: We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated December 9, 1968, and regret to inform you that, since the beginning of this month it has become impossible to do money transfers to Biafra. As soon as the situation improves we will be glad to contact you again.

"As for the second part of your letter, we are prepared to forward mail through our Delegation in Biafra but, for the time being, we cannot deal with individual food and clothes parcels.

"In the meantime we send you our best wishes for 1969 and remain at your disposal for any further information.

"Yours sincerely. —International Committee of the Red Cross, E. Regenass, Head of Administration and Finance."

FROM MISSIONARY AT PATZCUARO, MEXICO

(Dec. 9)—Dear Co-Laborers in the Lord: As Christmas time nears we can look behind us at the months now in history and see that God's loving care has been with us all the way through the year. I am sure that you, too, can see how the Lord has patiently led you along and can see spiritual progress in your life. How wonderful to be participants of the happy abundant Christian life that the Christ-child has brought us!

I thought of the shepherds, how they weren't content with just knowing that the Saviour had been born, but they went looking for Him. After finding Him they returned praising and glorifying God. The same is true of the wise men who were so far away, but put forth an effort to see the new King they knew had been born. They were rejoicing as they left and their efforts were rewarded. It isn't enough to know about salvation, how good and wonderful it is, but we must have a living personal experience in our souls. The Lord will never fail us, for if we from the heart are seeking Him, He will be found of us.

We have purchased 200 pounds of beans, 100 pounds of rice and 50 pounds of onions and have given a portion to each family here with a number of different tracts in each bag, telling them it was from the brethren to them for Christmas. There are 58 families, so we couldn't give each one very much, but they seemed really grateful, except one lone man. When we took his bag to him he said that he didn't want any gift or anything that we offered, that he had food and didn't need anything. Do help us pray for Felipe.

Patzcuaro is in a temporal famine because of the lack of work, but the spiritual famine is much worse. So many are deceived and so careless. Please pray for them, the saints here, and for me.

May the Holy Spirit bless you richly.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Edith Cole

P. O. Box 1425, Calexico, Calif. 92231

MISSION WORK IN INDIA

Kerala State, S. India (Dec. 7)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers, greetings again in the name of Jesus Christ who has promised to accompany His own children on the stormy journey of life and to land them safely on the other side. (Luke 8:22.)

Thank you very much for your good letter of Nov. 21 and I have noted the contents. Brother, we are really thankful to you for your kind regard toward the souls in India.

Yes, brother, I definitely feel a call from God to preach His gospel and to do His work. . . . After the departure of my father [C. M. Verghese on Oct. 19, 1968] I earnestly prayed to God to lead and direct me according to His will. In answer to my prayer, I determined to neglect all my earthly positions and interests and fully dedicate my life to fight courageously in His field as my father did. (See Isaiah 6:8). I feel that it is my duty to carry on the precious work, which my father started, with a double spirit, and I am sure that there is a living God to strengthen a Joshua after Moses and an Elisha after Elijah. Praise the Lord. . . . I always pray to God to strengthen me more and more through His Holy Spirit.

Now with regard to our temporal needs, I certainly do believe that the Lord of my father and the Apostles is my Lord also. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33) I do believe that He will fulfill His promises.

Regarding the church paper, if I get the sanction renewed, I trust that the Lord will provide all the means to get it printed. Please join with me in prayer for it. I am trying to get the sanction.

You see, "Verghese" is a name in our native language of Malayalam. When it is written in English different people spell it differently. My father used to spell it as "Verghese." From my childhood I practiced spelling my name as "John Varghese." There are other people who

have the same name and they spell it as "Varughese," "Vergees," etc. But in our language of Malayalam there is only one way to spell it.

There is sad news that one of our brethren at Mepral by name of Enoch departed this world to be with the Lord in the third week of November. He had been suffering from cancer. He was a man of great courage, and like Barnabas, he was also a "son of exhortation." I visited the bereaved family and attended the church meeting there. I am amazed to see how the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of some youngsters to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior in the meeting. Praise the Lord.

I have translated some of the tracts that you sent to us to our Malayalam language because people here do not all know the English language. One of them, "Art Thou Prepared for Eternity" is at the press now and most probably I will get it printed next week. I, with other workers, can distribute it throughout Kerala. I shall send one copy to you also. . . . I request the prayers of the saints of America for the success of these efforts here.

Dear brother, we are thankful for your valuable advice and suggestions. I plan to visit the brethren at Niranam, Trichur, Calicut, Kunnankulam, etc. (northern parts of Kerala) by next week. I pray for His presence with me in these places.

We plan to conduct our Karikkom annual convention by the first week of January, 1969. . . .

Enclosed are some of the photographs taken at the time of the funeral of our father.

We are thankful for your kind help and concern for us.
Yours in His service, —John Varghese

Prayer Requests

Okla.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am still saved and much encouraged to press on for the dear Lord.

I have a mole on my face and one night it started bleeding badly. I prayed and asked God to stop this bleeding. It stopped, but the next morning it started bleeding again. I prayed and it stopped and hasn't bled since. I give God all the thanks and praise for this.

We have some special requests we desire prayer for. My husband is a World War II veteran and is unable to work. He has been trying to get his disability check, but they won't give him one. They wanted to give him a physical operation and he wouldn't do that because his trust is in the Lord. Pray that the Lord will open up these peoples' hearts so they will give us help. Pray for my husband as he can't rest much at night. Also pray that the Lord will give us more faith and grace. Pray for our children that they will get saved before too late.

A Sister in Christ, —Sister Lorene Payne

Wash.—Remember Bro. Thomas Lambert in prayer as he suffers greatly night and day.

Tenn.—"Urgent unspoken request. Pray earnestly."
—Joyce Chante.

La.—"I would like to be remembered in prayer for my foot and ankle that have been giving me much trouble. I can hardly get around. I also have a serious problem which I would like for the Lord to work out." —Sister Effie Miller.

Ohio—Sister Leona Jenkins is in much pain. Her limbs and feet are tightly swollen. This dear mother in Israel is 83 years of age. She is in Bro. and Sister Bill Abbott's home. They need added strength to care for her.

Tennessee—"I have some unspoken requests. Pray for one daughter who has trephritis and the other who has diabetes. Neither one is saved but both believe in prayer." —A Mother.

Miss—"I want prayer for my healing and some financial needs, also for my brothers and three nephews who are not saved and have the drinking habit." —Mrs. T. J. J.

Ala—"I have to care for my mother and have stomach trouble." —E. Mickens.

Cal—"I will be 79 in January. I am afflicted. Please pray that I can continue to care for myself." —Mrs. Laura Creslo.

Oklahoma—"Pray for our son in Vietnam." —Sis. Hawkins.

La.—Pray for dear Sister Coffey who is sorely afflicted and now has the flu, also Bro. Coffey.

So. Dak.—"My eyesight is failing." —Sis. McFarling.

Pa.—Sister Dona Campbell is up in years and afflicted. She does need prayer.

Mo.—"Pray for me. I need the prayers of everyone. My eyes are failing and my hair is coming out." —Sister Pearl Logan.

W. Va.—"Pray for God to restore my eyes so I can read the Word of God." —Charles Vanoy.

Oklahoma—"I ask an interest in your prayers that the Lord help me to draw closer to Him and heal my afflictions. The Lord has heard and healed the paralytic stroke I had in my limbs. I have other ailments. I am asking the Lord to heal me." —Bro. Walter Worley.

Nigeria, Africa—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Sister Marie and all the saints: Please pray for the Lord to deliver a woman, Waite Purnch, who was possessed with devils since a month ago. —B. Ben Taylor

Remember dear Sister Sylvia Busbee in prayer. She has varicose veins which could be serious if a blood clot would hit her heart. At times she suffers greatly from them and this dear mother needs her health so she can care for her little children.

Bro. Curtis Williams had another backset Dec. 28, with chills, sweating, etc. He had sat up more than usual that day and his father had had another stroke. On Jan. 2 he sat up again, but his nerves were bad and he had a severe headache. He still had a burning in his chest. Sister Williams isn't well and the children have the flu. Ruthie had cried with an earache most of the night.

We do desire the Lord to heal and bless those who have taken this flu that is raging. I had it several weeks ago and the Lord was very precious to me in answering prayer. My fever was high one night and my chest so tight that I kept resisting pneumonia. I am glad we have the Lord to help us in times of need. Since then I have gone right in and prayed for others who had it and the Lord has kept me from taking it again for which I do thank Him.

We thank God for all He has done for dear Sister Jessie Taylor. She has been out to meeting but she still needs complete healing so continue to remember her. We thank God for those prayer warriors who take these requests to the Lord in prayer. God is hearing and answering.

We are thankful for all that the Lord does for His trusting children. Sister McNair writes from Cal. that the Lord has delivered her grandson from the mental hospital and she thanks all for their prayers.

Sister Della Gutwein writes from Ohio: "We know God does answer prayer. Our baby hasn't had any of those seizures since you put a request in the paper (Nov.

1st) for his complete healing. We surely thank the dear Lord and the saints for their prayers."

We know that healing is part of the gospel. Salvation and healing went right along together in the early church. When Jesus gave the commission to the disciples, He said for them to go into all the world and preach the gospel. He also stated that "they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Mark 16:15-18. Healing did not stop when Christ went back to heaven, but has continued on down unto this day. All that have active faith to believe shall be healed. It takes faith to receive from the Lord healing as well as any other blessing that we need.

"With great compassion Christ was stirred
While He the plea of suffering heard;
He spoke the great life-giving word,
'I am the Great Physician.'

"He saved the soul from sin and shame;
He healed the sick, the blind, the lame.
I know His power is just the same;
Christ is the Great Physician."

How precious it is to know our Saviour who will be all to us that we need. He is truly the Keeper of our souls and Healer of our bodies. —Sister Marie Miles

From The Mail Box . . .

N. Carolina—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and family, greetings in the name of our precious Lord: Thank you so much for the sympathy card you sent. The few words you had written on it meant so much to me at a time like this. I surely thank the dear Lord for the precious saints of God who are the family of God. They have been so precious to me through my sorrow and the loss of my precious companion. I want to thank each and every one for the nice sympathy cards and for the beautiful flowers and every kindness that was offered. Thank Sister Marie for her words of comfort.

I am very lonely. Only God and the ones who have had the same experience know how I feel, but I am not discouraged. I am encouraged, for I know God's way is best. Continue to pray for us here and the work of the Lord we are trying to carry on.

Yours in the family of God, —Stacy Biddix

Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt—We were pleased to note you will publish Bible Lessons every three months, and we will be recommending them when we have opportunity. We would like to have copies so have enclosed our check for two Bible Lesson booklets for each quarter in 1969. . . .

In Christ, —Bro. and Sister David Hughes

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie: I'm so thankful you are feeling so well—it is wonderful with all you have to do. The dear Lord is so good to me, too, to give me health and strength to work as I do at the Home [the Home for the aged on the Pacoima campgrounds]. Everyone marvels and I do, too, but I give my dear Jesus more and more praise. [She is over 75 years old.]

I'm sending a check to you to divide between all of you workers there at the Print shop. . . . I just wish it were more. I love all of you and appreciate the sacrificial work you do for the Lord and His great cause. May God bless you more and more as the days come and go. . . . Ivan's family and I went down to La Mision, Mexico and took turkey dinner to the Huskey family. We had a lovely time with them and a lovely trip. . . .

Enjoyed hearing Bro. Charles Smith at Los Angeles chapel for two nights. . . . Bro. Harland Smith's mother perhaps had a light stroke, but she is fully trusting the Lord and He has healed her. Praise His name! Bro. Harland was over at her bedside. . . . —Sis. Vera Forbes

Canada—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sister Marie, and all workers at the Lord's Print Shop: May God richly bless your labor of love toward all of God's people as well as to many lost sinners.

I received the books, pamphlets, and calendar all in good order, for which I am very thankful to you. May God give much grace in distributing the same to souls in need of comfort, strength, or salvation of their souls.

Please pray for us here in Winnipeg that we might be a blessing through lives fully consecrated and filled with the Holy Ghost.

The literature which flows out of Faith Publishing House has deepened our appreciation for your dedicated service. Our prayer is that God will give everyone of you much strength and grace to continue.

Now until we meet again by way of the printed or written page, I remain your brother, through God's wonderful gift of Jesus Christ, —Alfred Lange

Mo.—I wish to thank all the good people who sent and gave me birthday cards and gifts for my 90th birthday. I received cards and letters from 16 states.

Bro. Amos Porter wrote my testimony for me in the December paper as I can't see well enough to write or read.

I did want to go to the assembly meeting at Guthrie, Okla., but I decided the cold weather was too much for me. I hope and pray they had a good meeting.

I miss my ability to read very much, but my good niece reads and writes for me. I have such a good home here with her. She takes care of four grandchildren, as well as myself, and also works at a factory.

I ask all the saints and those who read this to pray for me as I do for all them. —Bro. Charles E. Stites

Okla.—Happy New Year to every reader: "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together." Psalm 34:3.

Now please bear with me and let us talk a little more about this paper, its mission and our responsibility as Christian readers. In short, I would say its mission is to carry the unadulterated gospel to the ends of the earth, if possible. You might ask, what do you mean? I would reply, look at the front page. Note the scroll with the five messages thereon and the Scripture texts, all revealing the glorious light of the "Evening Time." And if we will study our Bibles along with this paper we will find ourselves growing in the knowledge of the Lord.

Now we are not to exalt this publication and call it the head of the Church as many human organizations do their papers. The Church of God has a divine head. Col. 1:18 and Eph. 5:23 make it clear and plain that our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, is our Head, and we born-again believers are His body. Isn't that wonderful? However, to fully represent His body we must walk in His steps. In that way we can portray to a lost world that Jesus saves, keeps, and heals.

Many souls have never heard the pure gospel. Let us give them a chance to read it by supporting this paper and increasing its circulation. Much valuable missionary work can be done by individuals handing the literature here and there to whomsoever will take them. There is a beautiful song which says: "If we labor on for Jesus,

And to every dying one Tell the glad and joyful tidings,
Till life's fleeting day is done; When we stand before the
judgment While our hearts with rapture swell, We shall
hear the Saviour saying, 'Ye have done exceeding well.' "

—Ethel K. Miles

Wisconsin—Dear Bro. Lawrence and friends at the Faith Publishing House, Christian greetings to all: . . .

It is now three years this December since my wife had a severe stroke. Yes, she was nigh to death, but by the grace of God she is still here with us, and how we thank the Lord daily for His kindness, love, and mercy in sparing her life. She is now quite well again. We also want to especially thank you for your prayers in her behalf. We just praise the Lord for everything. . . .

Our children are now both married and my wife and I are home alone, doing farming here in Wisconsin, but the winters are so awfully cold here we would like to sell out and move further south. . . .

Bro. Lawrence, we are enclosing a Christmas gift check for the Lord's work. . . .

We enjoy the paper, "Faith and Victory" and are always glad when it arrives. We usually read it from cover to cover immediately. Keep up the good work.

In Christian love, —Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Schilling

Missouri—Greetings to all the dear saints in Jesus' dear name: May God comfort and bless you in every problem you meet in life.

After much prayer and meditation we have moved from Carterville, Mo. to near Senath, Mo. We feel perfectly in the will of the Lord. We will work in this small congregation some and out in the field some as we have in the past. We need your earnest prayers as we have some special problems at this time.

We will be glad to hear from any of the dear saints, and glad to have you come our way any time. We mean to hold up the truth by God's help. Look up, dear ones, for our redemption draweth nigh.

Our new address: Rt. 1, Box 161, Senath, Mo. 63876.

—Murphy and Natalie Allen and family

Wisconsin—I'm enclosing a dollar, so please keep sending me your paper. I enjoy it. —Gary E. Howell

Ind.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings once again in Jesus' dear name. It seems I am kept so busy that time gets away too fast. I think of the sermon Bro. John Wilson preached on "Time" at the National campmeeting. And also what Jesus taught by the parable of the sower. "And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful." Then He said, "For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." This makes me to know that we have to be on guard or we will be snared by cares of this world, that we feel are important and have to be done. . . .

I have been feeling a lot better in body and haven't missed a day in three weeks. I have a sore spot in my throat that gives me some trouble and I cough up a white phlegm. I would like you to be agreed with me that God will clear this up. . . .

I am well pleased with the way God took care of me and brought me through the affliction and gave me extended time on earth. I truly appreciate it and cannot thank Him enough. Keep holding me up in your prayers as I do you.

Christian love,

—Earl B. Bliss

Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Dear Saints, greetings of love: We are grateful for the love and mercy of God shown to us. Surely we have found Him to be a present help in time of trouble. We have gone through many things this past year. If we had known what we were facing in the beginning we would have felt we couldn't go through it, but when the time came, God's grace was sufficient as we kept yielded to Him. At times it seemed we had gone as far as we could go, but we looked to the Lord and He gave more grace. We thank Him for it.

Now our hearts are lonely and sad, but we are looking to the Lord to help us get adjusted to life without Ruth. We rejoice for her as we know her victory is won. We felt so assured that it was the Lord's will to heal Ruth, even when the head nurse said, "This is it." I stood there and kept looking and looking for Ruth to breathe again. But Ruth had gone! I had told the Lord at different times I didn't want Him to heal Ruth just because I had faith for her healing, but I wanted to see her healed if His name could be glorified. We trust that God glorified His name in all that He allowed to come our way. By His grace and help we are committing to Him things we don't understand.

We wish to thank all the saints for their cards, letters, love offerings, prayers, and every act of kindness and love shown to us during Ruth's long illness and death. Ruth enjoyed getting mail when she was able to respond. May the Lord richly bless those who were so faithful to send cards and letters. Ruth received many cards for her birthday and she seemed very happy that day. Many sent dollar bills. We had only spent a few of them in buying things for her. We thought we would use her birthday money toward buying a tombstone for her. May the Lord bless each one for the love shown to us.

The last two or three weeks before Ruth passed away she seldom had her eyes open. We weren't sure whether she knew anything or not. But on Sunday morning before she passed away on Tuesday, she had her eyes open and seemed to know everything. We read a Bible story or two to her, said Bible verses for her, sang for her. As I was singing, "This Little Light of Mine," Clayton took her finger and lifted it up. Ruth smiled. Soon after that we had to leave the room so we came home and went back early that evening. That was the last time we saw Ruth with her eyes open.

Keep praying for us. We are pressing onward and upward.

Christian love, —Clayton and Eva Lou Gaines
Rt. 2, Box 51, Thayer, Mo. 65791

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Dear Saints of God everywhere: I praise God for how good He is and has been to me. I felt that I was about to take the flu, but as I was up and around, I kept praying in my heart, and by the time my two children and I were ready to have our evening prayer and worship, my head trouble and bad feelings were gone. I feel it is very good for us to tell and explain to our children how God can hear our prayers when we aren't always on our knees, and we should teach our children all we know about God. Out in the world they hear less and less of His mighty works.

As I was washing dishes today I had a thought which was very encouraging to me, so I feel like passing it on. I was washing a small pitcher which I hardly ever use. I didn't have many dishes, so I thought I would use it to rinse my dishes by pouring real hot water over them. I couldn't use a pitcher any larger and I didn't want one

any smaller. It was just what I needed. Then the thought came to me concerning the Lord's children. We may sit on the shelf many years and feel we are doing nothing for God, but if we keep doing His commandments, then there will come a time when we are just the one He can use or needs. He needs you and me. We surely need to wait and fulfill what God has for us to do and keep our lives measured up to His Word. He says, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4:4.

Pray for me that I will obey all His Word.

A doorkeeper for God, —Sharon Wilson

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Okla.—Dear Ones: Greetings to all who receive these good testimonies and messages. They are a blessing to my soul.

On Oct. 26 I became ill and gradually grew worse, suffering intensely. I called the saints at Neosho, Mo. The dear Lord heard and came to my rescue in answer to prayer. A carload of the saints came to see me. It encouraged me and I enjoyed their visit in the Lord.

It is an untold blessing to be able to call the saints and to know they will go to the throne of grace with faith that God will hear and answer prayer. Praise His name forevermore! What a mighty God we serve!

I want to live closer each day and be ready when the Saviour calls.

Love to all in Jesus' name, —Doris Bowers

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Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We send you and all at the Print Shop greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. We surely praise Him for His mercy toward us when we didn't know Him, also that He called after us and saved us and now He gives us keeping grace each day.

We pray daily for the work there that the truth might go forward to a lost and dying world. We know that many others are praying, too. May the Lord bless you dear ones.

The boy we requested prayer for is much better. We are waiting on God to do a complete work.

May God bless you and the work there.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. and Sister Milford Parsons

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Okla.—Dear Ones: I feel much better in my body, only weak and tired. It seems that my nerves and body have really been through a storm. I can't describe what it was like. I guess I was near another stroke. My blood pressure went so high that it was a shock to my body. I have lost a number of pounds and am on a strict diet. I want to stick to it for my health's sake.

Surely the dear Lord has been good to me and helped me and has given me rest to my body. Rest was what I needed more than anything else. At times I was nearly out of my mind. The Lord has surely been good to me and helped me in a special way, but I still need prayer.

I want to thank all of the dear saints for their prayers, cards, letters, and for the lovely bouquet of yellow mums sent to me while I was ill. May the dear Lord bless and encourage each one is my earnest prayer. Still remember us as we do you.

Christian love, —Sister Beatrice Eck

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South Carolina—Dear Workers at the Print Shop: We send our warm greetings of love to you with a word of testimony. I am still living for the Lord the best I know how. I don't get to services as much as I would like, but I read and pray and ask the Lord to keep me in His will. I have no one to look to but the Lord. I love Him this day with all my heart and I want to do more for Him. I feel I don't do enough for Him for

what He has done for me, but I do thank and praise Him for what He has done.

I would like to be close where I could attend services all the time, but the Lord knows all about it. I have a request that I want the saints to pray about. Pray for me that I may ever stand true. I want to trust Him to the end. Pray for my children that they will get saved before too late.

Yours in the Lord, —Sister J. D. Winter

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Texas—Dear Readers and lovers of the gospel: I am so thankful for the privilege of good literature in our homes. What we feed our mind is a sort of digestive tract to the soul. Sharing our experiences also renews our courage to "keep on keeping on."

One morning I felt something in my neck seem to jump out of place. It was quite painful and troubled me all day. I kept it committed to God. I told Him He had made these bodies and knew where each joint, muscle, nerve, bone, etc., belonged and it would be nothing for Him to correct the trouble, and it would mean much to me. He answered prayer, thank the Lord!

While we were on vacation, our older son, Robbin, turned his ankle while mountain climbing. It swelled double or more, and by bedtime he was in much pain. The family gathered around and had an agreement of prayer. The next day he could walk on it. The swelling was there for several days, but he used it without pain.

One night our older girl, Lorraine, had a severe ear-ache. I was up several times praying for her until at last she slept the remainder of the night. The next morning she said, "Mother, my ear feels good."

Do you remember hearing the legend where the king placed a heavy stone in the middle of the road? People walked by it, stepped over it, pushed angrily at it, mumbled and grumbled, but no one removed the stone. Finally, one man stopped, picked it up and put it out of the way, making the way easier for others. In so doing, the man discovered a purse the king had placed there. Inside with the gold coins were words of wisdom: "Any man who makes the way of others easier discovers a better road for himself."

May the Lord bless each one. Keep your eyes on the goal, which is above. When we begin to look down, we see circumstances and situations which bring discouragement. Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Why should we worry and fret when we have one to bear our burdens for us? This is one precious secret that leads to a joyful experience.

Christian love to all, —Wilma L. Meek

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie: Just a few lines in Jesus' dear name. I am glad to have a Saviour like Jesus. He is one who cares for us, comforts and keeps us in this sinful world. He heals our bodies.

Sister Marie, I have had very little trouble with my nose. I am healed. I have all confidence in Jesus. I am so glad that when I write you for prayer I know God is going to work. Also, my knees are nearly all right. I am healed. I won't give up. I am always glad I have suffered for God after I am healed, but I just don't believe it is good to be content to be afflicted always when we have the promises that we have.

I wish I could be there in the meeting. I pray God to bless and encourage everyone of you as you labor for Him, and keep you well.

I remember Bro. Lawrence in prayer. I believe God will heal His face. There are so many who need prayer. With prayers and love, —Sister Goldie Knapp

Ill.—Dear Sister Marie and all the workers there: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am slowly improving from the fall I had recently. My ribs and hip are still sore. This caused my back to be weak. It hurts me when I sit or bend over. It will soon be two months since I got hurt. I am very, very thankful I did not break my hip. I am thanking the Lord for all He has done for me. I now can do all my light house work and can walk up town . . . for little things. . . .

I will be glad to get started back to meeting in Decatur the first Sunday in January, the Lord willing.

Today (Dec. 27) is our 63rd wedding anniversary. Still pray for me as my back is weak.

—Sister Lettie West

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Calif.—Dear Saints of God everywhere: I want to testify of God's healing power which He manifested to me.

A little over two weeks ago I fell from the truck I was unloading to the concrete below, a distance of about four feet. I landed flat on my back. It knocked the breath out of me for a while. I soon felt the numbness and pain in my back and hip. My arm hurt badly just below the elbow. With help from God I was able to get up by myself. I started back to work, calling on God each step I took. God heard and answered prayer. I finished that day's work. It was difficult to walk. I got home and called for prayer. The next day I felt better. I went to work stiff and sore, pain eased some, and trusting God. Our mighty God was with me through the day and blessed me with healing by the hour. Praise His name. At the end of each day, except for being tired from a day's work, I felt better in body than when I started in the morning. The pain, soreness and stiffness all over my body are gone. Oh, praise our dear God!

He sees the sparrow fall. How much more the fall and injury of His dear children. How wonderful to be a child of God and trust in Him. I am much encouraged and intend to live for God all my days.

May God have all the honor and glory for the miracle of healing. Praise His name forever! —Bro. Jim Kutra

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Okl.—Dear Sister Anna Marie and Saints: I want to take this opportunity to thank the Lord for what He did for me. In October I became very ill. At first I thought it was only stomach flu; therefore, just omitted one day of school. However, a severe pain developed in my abdomen which did not leave. It seemed I couldn't stand upright, so walked in a stooped manner nearly all the time. Later, it seemed I got some better, so decided to attend a funeral. I was still weak as I hadn't been able to retain very much food. Upon coming home from the funeral, I was much worse, so we called the saints for prayer and some came to my bedside. The Lord surely answered prayer and I started improving from that time.

From the symptoms, I am sure it was an attack of appendicitis, and I sincerely thank the Lord for healing me. It is surely a blessing to trust Him all the way.

I want to thank each one for the prayers, cards, kindnesses and love shown to me.

Enclosed find a small offering for the work.

Christian love,

—Gary Eck

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Texas—Dear Saints of God, . . . The blessed Lord healed me of arthritis that I took in 1958. I did all I could do and all that others told me to do, so I gave up and turned to the One who knows what to do. In 1962 my arthritis was all gone. Today I can say of a truth that the blessed Lord knows how to heal.

I am asking the saints to remember me in prayer.

—Sallie B. Tucker

Mo.—Dear Sister Marie and all at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We are truly thankful for a God we can trust and put all our confidence in. We are thankful for salvation and are determined to press on for Him and be true to the One who is so faithful to us.

As I was reading the "Faith and Victory" paper, I was impressed to write my testimony for the Lord. I certainly appreciate what the Lord has done for me. . . .

The Lord performed a miracle in my body the first of November and I can't thank Him enough for it. I appreciate what He has done for me very much and I want others to know about it.

Please pray for me as I intend to trust the Lord completely all the way. This experience has truly encouraged my heart to trust Him even more. I know for sure He can bless me at the moment of need and my faith is fixed in Him.

A Sister in Christ, —Lana Johnson

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Pa.—Dear Ones: I send greetings of love to all in Jesus' precious name. I am so happy that the dear Lord ever saw fit to call me from a life of sin and adopted me into His family. We were once slaves, but God in His pity and love heard our cries for mercy and pardon and took us into His own royal family. Surely we have much to thank Him for. There is nothing in all this world so sweet as salvation. When we consider what it cost Jesus our Savior and where we could have been if we had continued on in sin, also what our final judgment would have been, then think of our wonderful blessings and privileges in Christ, we realize that only in eternity's endless ages in heaven will one ever be able to begin to praise and thank Him just as He deserves. I wish every soul would open wide his heart to Jesus and let Him have His way in their life. I know they would never, never be sorry. They would have to give Him first place in their hearts, but it would be worth so much more than the vain things they would have to forsake.

We have been having some battles, but are comforted to know that Jesus has promised never to leave nor forsake us. I was desiring something from His Word to comfort me and I opened to St. John, the 14th chapter. The 14th and 15th chapters are very encouraging for anyone seeking comfort and faith.

My grandfather, Bro. Charles Houck, still needs much help from God. We are very thankful for those who are praying and holding him up before the Lord. May God bless each one.

We are still burdened for other saints who are suffering affliction and hardships. We are trusting a great God and are looking to Him for help and deliverance.

Pray for me that I will please God with my life. I also need physical help as I get weak and nervous at times. I am trusting in the Lord. I know He won't fail me.

Your Sister in Christ, —Norma Houck

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Okla.—Dear Sister Marie, I am very thankful for what the Lord has done for me. He has healed me so I am able to take care of myself and can even help others. I still have some arthritis, but it is much better than it has been for some time. . . .

—Sarah Hoffman

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and saints everywhere, greetings of love in Jesus' dear name: The dear Lord has laid it upon my heart to send in my testimony with a few thoughts that are heavy upon my heart.

We are thankful for victory in our souls over sin and the devil. We realize that Jesus is to be praised for this. "Not by works of righteousness which we have

done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost." Titus 3:5. Oh, how sweet to rest upon His promises! The dear Lord has been good to us. As we seek to tell of His goodness, words fail us.

We are thankful to the dear Lord that He enabled us to be in the last part of the Hammond, La., assembly meeting. It was precious to us to be able to meet so many of the dear children of God whom we had not met before, also to see many of the dear people of God from different places. We feel so unworthy of the love and consideration with which the saints there received us. The dear saints there labored for God so faithfully. Oh, the beauty of God's pure church! Our hearts were made to rejoice as the pure gospel went forth. It was good to see God move on hearts to save souls and touch bodies, blessing as He did.

May we not forget how good He is to us. As we seek to count God's blessings to our souls I am reminded of standing by a railroad track, trying to count the cars as the train moves along. Suddenly the cars become one continuous line. So is God's goodness to us. . . . We know that He has said, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.

I want to follow the dear Lamb of God anywhere He may lead. I think of Hebrews 11:5, where it says that by faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death and was not found, because God had translated him. Oh, if we could be more perfectly translated into the light of the kingdom, then would our souls sweetly rest in His sacred pavilion. May we be found walking so close by His side that we, too, cannot be found, but rather that Jesus might be found in our lives.

Yours in the one true way, —H. A. McMillian

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Okla.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in Jesus' sweet name: Glory to God in the Highest for salvation through the free gift of the Son of God. Now we can be a child of the King.

I'm thanking God today for all His blessings to me; most of all, for His presence in my life. He has taught me a great deal through my trial of affliction. Sometimes God permits us to go through the wilderness, or journey in the valley or over the desert that He may enrich our experience in Him. When we come through these places we have a praise and a song to glorify Him. The Israelites journeyed in the wilderness toward the sunrising. . . .

One night recently about thirty young people and two sponsors came to the "Golden Rule Home" to sing Christmas carols. Their singing was beautiful with good harmony. I invited them in and we are glad we did. The saints rejoiced and a few said, "Praise the Lord," "Thank the Lord," and "Amen." Some of the youngsters giggled. Probably that was the first time they had heard people praising the Lord. I don't believe they will ever forget their caroling at the "Golden Rule Home."

Sister Whitmore is very weak and frail. The cancer on her face hemorrhages a great deal. She surely is courageous and brave. She tells us often that she won't be here long. Bro. Earl Bowden is helpless with crippling arthritis. [Pray for him.] Everyone else is about as usual. . . .

We keep real busy, but I am still able to sleep all night. God is very good to me. I feel real well, but do tire easily. . . .

—Malinda Penner

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"Heaven is a holy place, filled with glory with grace,
Sin can never enter there."