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Jesus Arose



"He is risen!" said the angel to the women,
When they came to see Him sleeping in the cave;
Jesus burst the mighty bars of death asunder,
And arose to reign triumphant from the grave.

He is risen, surely death is now abolished:
Grave, where is thy victory? death, where is thy sting?
Jesus flashes light into the darkened valley,
Swell the mighty chorus, men and angels sing.

He is risen, let the nations hear the music,
Let the gospel truth reach every distant plain;
Let the tidings roll, that every guilty captive
May be fully free, and help to praise His name.

He is risen, hence, the fear of that grim monster
Is forever banished to the shades of night;
And the grave and death have lost their wretched terror
While we live on earth or take our upward flight.

—B. E. Warren

The Reign of Christ



I feel greatly inspired to set forth some precious truths on the reign of Jesus Christ as foretold in prophecy and fulfilled in the New Testament. "Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as an hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Isa. 32:1, 2. This is a clear prophecy of Jesus the Saviour. Notice the aspect of reigning connected with that of a refuge to the needy. Such was our blessed Christ in His ministry of love and grace to the souls of men.

From the pen of the Psalmist David, who in his own generation was King of Israel of old, comes many wonderful accurate prophecies of the kingdom

of Christ. Christ was of David's seed, and to Him was the promise made in Psalm 132:11, "The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; He will not turn from it; of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne." One must see beyond the literal throne of David to actually behold the throne which is mentioned here. Peter, in his message to the throng on Pentecost day said this about it: "Therefore [David] being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; He, seeing this before, **spake of the resurrection of Christ**, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we are witnesses." Acts 2:30-32. Then Paul in his message at Antioch in Pisidia, after declaring how God raised up Christ from the tomb, said, "And we declare unto you glad tidings how that the promise which was made unto us **their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again**; as it is written in the second psalm, 'Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.' And as concerning that He raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, He said on this wise, 'I will give you the sure mercies of David.' Wherefore He saith also in another psalm: 'Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.' For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: But He, whom God raised again, saw no corruption." (Acts 13:32-37). Here the Apostle quotes from Psalm 2, Isaiah 55, and from Psalm 16. All of these are applied to Christ, and **notice further that it is applied to His resurrection**. And truly when Christ arose from the dead He conquered a foe that no other monarch in the course of this world's history came near doing.

In Hebrews 1:8, 9, the writer quotes from Psalm 45 applying it to Christ: "But unto the Son He saith, 'Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the

oil of gladness above thy fellows.' " These and many more Scriptures teach us that Christ is now, at this very time, seated upon the throne of David, reigning over sin, the world, the devil, and death. He took His throne when He arose from that sepulchre and ascended to the right hand of God, fulfilling Psalm 110:1, "The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool." And thank God, He from His exalted position in the heavens on the throne of David wields the rod for our victory and holiness for God. Because we are delivered from the power of sin by His power, we can live triumphantly in this life over all the power of Satan and evil.

Oh, dear reader, behold the Lamb, who once was for sinners slain, seated at the right hand of God reigning with power and grace for your every need. Be no longer bowed down beneath the oppression of sin and the world. He is the King of glory. He is the King of kings and Lord of lords. The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever. Beware of the attitude and vision of men who are yet looking for Christ to take the throne. He reigns today! And if we will overcome in His name, we also can share in His triumph. Even as He spoke in Rev. 3:21, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in His throne."

In these days, when the nations about are waging war against each other for supremacy and dominion, we who have found Christ as our King have great hope and consolation. Some day our King will appear to take us Home to His glorious place of eternal habitations. Let us reign with Him now and be ready for that great day to come. —Leslie Busbee

SUDDEN CALAMITIES

Fear gripped the people of Israel at what they saw. They cried that the Egyptians were coming on all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh. They looked for a way of escape. The mountains were on one side and the Red Sea ahead of them. They were caught in a trap. Terrible thoughts haunted them. They even saw their graves being dug. Their minds were filled with confusion. "Oh, where shall we go and what shall we do?" (Ex. 14:10-31.)

Were you ever in a place similar to this? In life sudden calamities seem to come to all. It may be a sudden affliction or sudden grief. It may be a sudden disappointment, or a sudden betrayal by a friend, or an accident in a car or otherwise. Oh, how we need to know what to do in these times! Now, when things are going calmly is the time to fortify ourselves for those sudden calamities. We need to know God and know of His great power to help. We need to have our confidence and faith so settled and established in Him that we will find strength in those times. "Be not afraid of sudden fear . . . For the Lord shall

be thy confidence." Prov. 3:25, 26. Look instantly to God. Store up the Word of God in your hearts and minds so it will be your promises of help from the Lord.

The people cried to Moses and to God. The Lord spoke to them through Moses and said, "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation [or deliverance] of the Lord, which he will show you today. . . . The Lord shall fight for you and ye shall hold your peace." Now the people knew what to do for God had spoken. Fears were dispelled. Faith took hold. By faith they looked away from Pharaoh's army. They went forward calmly when Moses spoke. The Red Sea parted and they marched through on dry ground. The Egyptians were drowned as they followed them. The Israelites had found their way of escape through the mighty power of God. Jesus has told us, "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." (Luke 18:27). We want to stand on God's Word. Let God fight our battles for us. He is the God of those seemingly impossible things. He is a God of miracles. Faith will dispell all doubts. Doubts will melt like a snowflake in the sunshine when faith takes hold. Comfort and assurance will flood the soul. Thank the Lord! I know it works. Many times the Lord has done just this for me.

One morning about five o'clock a brother called me long distance. His wife had taken very sick suddenly. She thought she was dying and was filled with fear and confusion through suffering. I could hear her crying over the phone. I told him to tell her to look to God and I would go to prayer for her. I knelt in earnest prayer and the presence of the devil came into my presence. I felt his power of darkness. I began to rebuke him with all his doubts and fears in the name of Jesus. I asked God to cause the same spirit of the devil that had brought this fear and affliction against this dear one to be dispelled, and to give her the victory. I had prayed for some time and instantly I felt the power of the enemy leave. I began to rejoice and thank the Lord for the victory. I knew without anyone telling me that the woman had been healed and that the devil had moved out with all his doubts and fears, and this was true. As I began to rejoice and thank the Lord, He gave me a vision. It was just for an instant, but I saw a book extended in the air. It had "Holy Bible" on it. I could see two feet standing on that book with long robes almost covering the ankles. All around that book I saw little imps or spirits working hard to get to that one standing on the Bible, but they couldn't even get past the lids of that Bible. How my soul does magnify and praise the Lord for all the promises in the precious Bible! I know that only through standing on the promises of God's Word can anyone be safe from the power of the devil.

Dear ones, we need to get on the Word and stand on it. We need to become so settled in God with such a faith and confidence in Him that when sudden calamities come we can find grace and strength to go through, and exercise faith to help us to look to God and not to the affliction, problem, loss, disappoint-

ment, accident and its results, and all the things that can touch one who lives in this fleshly body.

The Apostle Peter speaks of "now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations." This need only be "for a season" that we have heaviness. These sudden calamities will be a "trial of faith" for us which are "more precious than gold" because it will bring honor and glory to Jesus.

—Sister Marie Miles

Holy Ghost Power

I praise the Lord for salvation. I love the Lord who died to save my soul from the enemy that had deceived Mother Eve and had me under bondage. Thank the Lord, Jesus came and set me free. He that is free in Christ is free indeed. Oh, praise the Lord! All that will come to Jesus in faith, repenting of their sins, asking forgiveness, Jesus will forgive and set them free. Before we were born of the Spirit we were dead in trespasses and sins. When we are saved, we are alive in Christ.

The Word of God says for us to offer ourselves a living sacrifice unto God. (Rom. 12:1). We are to give ourselves and all to the Lord and be willing to let Him have His way in our life. Then the Lord will give us the Holy Ghost after we have consecrated all to Him. Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Acts 1:8.

Under the Mosaic law they didn't have the Holy Ghost abiding in their hearts. They were weak in the flesh. Peter said he would stay with Christ unto death, and later Jesus said to him and the other disciples, "The spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak." Matt. 26:33, 41. Jesus also said it was needful for Him to go away but that He would send "another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever." John 14:16. This Comforter is the Holy Ghost, and gives power over the flesh. The flesh is no longer weak when we are sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Peter was weak in the flesh and denied his Lord, but after he received the Holy Ghost he had power to face devils and trust himself in God's hands. He preached boldly that Jesus was the Christ. The Holy Ghost is for all who come to Jesus and live for Him. We must have faith in God, for "without faith it is impossible to please God." God has given us many promises. Not one of them shall fail. We must come to God as He says, "with a true heart in faith."

Oh, dear ones, search the Word of God and believe the many promises that are there for us! "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." John 15:7. "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 18:19. "If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it." John 14:14. "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find." Matt. 7:7. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37. Jesus will never turn us away when we come to Him in this humble manner.

We are to do all we do to the glory of God. We are not of the world even as Christ was not of the world. We must not set our affections on the things of this world. The devil is after us and will do all he can to lead us off the narrow way. Oh, the worldly dress and hair-dos make my heart ache! The Word of God says, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." 1 Thess. 5:22. Dear saints of God, I fear that many dresses are made too short and too narrow to have God's approval. Can we puff our hair way up high and still please God? I fear not. Are we not trying to follow the world? My heart is grieved over things I see creeping in. Dear ones, let us nip the worldly styles in the bud. After a sack of feathers is turned loose in the wind, we cannot gather them up again. "Set your affections on things above, and not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Col. 3:2, 3. Then we will have Holy Ghost power to dress as holy women in modest apparel. The short, narrow-skirted dress and high-puffed hair are from pride and the world. God's children are in the world, but are not of the world.

A man was wanting to hire a driver to drive the family car. Different ones applied for the job. All were asked how close they could drive to a very dangerous precipice and still be safe. Many claimed they could go real close. Finally a fellow came who, when asked how close he could drive to this dangerous place and miss it, said, "I will stay as far away from it as I can." The man said, "You are the driver I want to drive the car for my family." God says, "Abstain from the very appearance of evil." These ungodly styles are not modest and we must stay away from them as far as we can; neither can we dress our little children in them. The Bible says, "Train up a child in the way it should go." "If a man loves me, he will keep my commandments." —Lettie West

THE RIGHT SAVIOUR FOR ME

I love the Lord because He
Keeps me happy, contented and free.
He blesses me with mercy and love;
He is just the right Saviour for me.

He keeps me each day
In the straight narrow way.
He is my peace by night and by day;
He is just the right Saviour for me.

He is so great and so good;
He blesses my daily food,
And supplies my every need;
He is just the right Saviour for me.

When I am sick or in pain,
He blesses again and again.
Oh, praise His great and wonderful name!
I am never alone, He is still on the Throne—
He is just the right Saviour for me.

—Sister N. E. Adams

(God gave me these thoughts while I was ill on February 18, 1969.)

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A sincere "thank you" and a hearty welcome is extended to the readers who became regular subscribers by returning the pink or blue subscription remittance envelope attached to the wrapper of those special "trial" copies which expired with the March issue. The response to this literature effort is very encouraging. Letters from quite a number of new readers expressed how glad they were to read these trial issues, and now they want to receive a copy every month. (Excerpts from some of these letters appear on another page.) May the Holy Spirit continue to illuminate the Bible truths on various subjects which will appear in the forthcoming issues.

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Christ's resurrection, foretold by the prophets and consummated in reality, stands as the greatest miracle of all time. The empty tomb is the strongest proof of the divinity of Christ, and evidence of the supernatural power of the only true and living God. Mohammed remains in his tomb, as well as all the founders of pagan religions, the various cults and creeds of men. Only the Christian can truthfully say that his Lord and Master is living today—not only at the right hand of the Father's throne in heaven, but also actually reigning by the Holy Spirit within the heart and life of the sanctified believer.

It is true that people have been raised from the dead before and after Christ's resurrection, but none other has come forth with a "glorified" immortal body as He did. The Apostle Paul writes by divine inspiration: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." 1 Cor. 15:20. Christ alone blazed the way and set the pattern for the general resurrection that shall take place at His second coming. "But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming." 1 Cor. 15:23. Again Paul writes: "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile [decaying] body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." Phil. 3:20, 21. This is the blessed hope of the righteous.

Jesus said to Martha whose brother had died, "I am the resurrection and the life." This truth He proved on this occasion and throughout His ministry. Jesus did not preach nor conduct any funerals. Whenever He came in contact with the dead they were resurrected to life. It is also very true spiritually that when a soul, dead in trespasses and sins, comes in contact with "the Resurrection and the Life," he is resurrected and made a new creature in Christ.

The doctrine of the resurrection of Christ and immortality is the cornerstone of our faith and hope. Without it there would be no redemption for mankind. The Apostle Paul says that Jesus "was raised again for our justification." Rom. 4:25. Again the Apostle contends in 1 Cor. 15 that if Christ had not been resurrected, our preaching is in vain, our faith is vain,

we are yet in our sins, the apostles were all liars, the righteous dead have perished, and the living saints have no hope after death. But thank God for the truth that we are serving a resurrected Saviour, the One who came forth from the tomb triumphant over death, hell and the grave. Because He lives, we shall live, also. Praise the Lord!

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The congregation pastored by Bro. Archie Souder, and which formerly worshipped on N. E. 50th Street in Oklahoma City, have moved to their new chapel at 5900 N. E. 23rd Street, Oklahoma City. At this new location for ten days (March 15-25) Bro. Mart Samons of Kentucky is holding a revival meeting. The soul-saving gospel is being offered especially to the people of this new community. The challenge to the congregation is to live out the truth that is preached and have that divine wisdom to win souls to Christ.

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We appreciated having Bro. Murphy Allen and his daughter Janice of Senath, Mo., with us in services several nights from March 4 to 8. The messages of truth were precious to all those in attendance.

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The saints of the Enid, Okla., congregation have moved their worship services to their new chapel on the corner of Independence and Hemlock Streets. Lord willing, Bro. Mart Samons will hold a revival meeting at Enid from April 1 to 12. The congregation extends a special invitation to all in the Enid area to attend this meeting, as well as their regular services, and the all-day meeting on the 4th Sunday of each month.

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Because of the extra work this month of printing the "Bible Lessons" and "Beautiful Way," we were not able to get the series of articles by Bro. O. B. Wilson on the subject, "Was The Devil Ever in Heaven?" in booklet form. However, we plan to have them available by April 10. The orders which we have already received will be filled and mailed promptly when the booklets are ready. The price is 15c each, or ten copies for \$1.00, postpaid. Order a quantity and pass out to your friends.

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More of the excellent out-of-print books are in preparation for reprinting, and we hope to announce those titles in the next issue.

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The new chapel at Anthony, Kansas, is nearing completion. The building will not be finished in detail by March 29, but the saints there plan to have their Easter services in the new chapel located on the corner of N. Penn. and Garfield Streets. Everyone is invited to attend the Easter Sunday service as well as all the following services at this new place of worship. For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Willie Murphey, Box 99, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

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Here at the Lord's Print Shop are nine full-time Christian workers, besides several part-time helpers from the congregation, who have consecrated their

services to the Lord to get the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ to the perishing millions by the printed page. Hearing and believing the gospel is the only hope for mankind, and it is encouraging to hear the machines running and see the presses turning out thousands of pages of gospel literature, and see the steady flow of packages of tracts, papers, and books going to the postoffice for delivery in all directions. The full-time workers are Clifford and Dorothy Wilson, Gene and Dora Lela Beisly, Virginia Wittenborn, Joan McIntosh, Marie Miles, Maybelle Pruitt and this writer. We are pleased to state that this group is working together harmoniously, and when special requests for prayer come in we can gather together in agreement and one accord for the needs. These co-workers are sacrificing time and talents, accepting a nominal allowance for living expenses, to advance the cause of Christ in the salvation of precious souls, but they are happy to have a part in paying "the debt that we owe" to the unsaved world. They are laying their treasures up in heaven, along with all of you who are so faithfully sending your offerings and ordering gospel literature to help pay the cost of paper, postage, and operating expense. It is a pleasure to be "workers together" with the Lord in His great cause. Let us each one be faithful at our post of duty and see the end of this Christian race with victory. —Lawrence Pruitt

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OBITUARY



James A. Jones, Sr., was born in Stennis, Miss., to Joseph and Maria Jones on February 1, 1883, and departed this life February 27, 1970, at the age of 87 years.

Bro. Jones was saved in 1908 and remained true and faithful to the end. He was a deacon in the Evening Light Church of God for many years and was an inspiration to both young and old with his testimony and life.

He was united in marriage in 1906 to Cordelia Ruth Phillips who has preceded him in death. To this union thirteen children were born, six of whom preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his departure: three daughters; Mrs. Zenola R. Knight, Mrs. Lucy M. Chambliss, and Mrs. Sue R. Jones, all of Akron, Ohio; four sons, Leonard E., Ramon S., and James, Jr., all of Akron, Ohio, and Robert L., of Inglewood, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Louise Dykes and Mrs. Pitts, both of Tulsa, Okla.; 35 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren, a host of relatives, saints and friends.

I have reached old age on the King's highway,
I have crossed death's shadow, cold and gray,
I have crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Through faith I'm safe on the other side.
I have built a bridge for the feet of youth,
And pray that many will embrace the truth,
And follow me as I followed Him,
That they may be ready in the twilight dim.

Having lived a life unspotted by sin,
Thus setting an example for the feet of youth,
That others may be led in the paths of truth.
For to reach that Home beyond the blue,
My friend, this bridge was built just for you.

—Selected

Campmeeting Dates for 1970

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for 1970, and more complete announcements will appear in later issues.

- Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Oklahoma—May 29 to June 7, 1970.
- Holly Hill, S. Carolina—June 5 to 14, 1970.
- Jefferson, Oregon—June 26 to July 5, 1970.
- General Southern at Hammond, Louisiana—June 26 to July 5, 1970.
- Akron, Ohio—July 10 to 19, 1970.
- National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs) Mo.—July 24 to Aug. 2.
- Bakersfield, Calif.—July 31 to Aug. 9, 1970.
- Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.—Aug. 7 to 16, 1970.
- Boley, Okla.—Aug. 7 to 16, 1970.
- California State at Pacoima, Cal.—Aug. 14 to 23, 1970.
- Dover, Okla.—Aug. 18 to 23, 1970, held only six days.
- Fresno, Calif.—Aug. 28 to Sept. 6, 1970.

WORK DAYS ON NATIONAL CAMPGROUND

If the Lord lays it upon your heart to help on the National campground here at Neosho (Menark Springs), Mo., please note the following Saturdays on your calendar: April 11 and 25, May 9 and 23, June 6 and 20, and July 4.

As the Lord wills and good weather prevails, we expect to be on the grounds on these dates to do what we can in tree-trimming, painting, general maintenance and preparation work for the coming National campmeeting to be held July 24 to Aug. 2, 1970. Remember the dates and come. Your help will be appreciated and the Lord will reward you.

—H. A. McMillian
Rt. 5, Box 50, Neosho, Mo. 64850

REVIVAL MEETING AT GOULDS, FLA.

A revival meeting will be held at the Church of God chapel in Goulds, Fla., on April 10 to 19, 1970. The address of the chapel is 21595 U.S. Hwy. No. 1 and Hainlin Mill Dr. (across from Mays High School). Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services where the Word of God will be preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit by ministers of His choosing.

For further information, write or call the pastor, Bro. H. H. Hargrave, 10835 S. W. 221st St., Goulds, Fla. 33170, Phone 233-2472.

REVIVAL MEETING AT ENID, OKLA.

The saints of the Church of God at Enid, Okla., have built a new chapel and moved their services to the better location at 125 W. Hemlock, which is on the corner of Hemlock and Independence Streets.

Lord willing, a revival meeting will begin at this new location on Wednesday night, April 1, and continue through April 12, or as long as the Lord leads. Bro. Mart Samons of Kentucky is expected to be there to preach the gospel "which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth." You are cordially invited to attend these services each night at 7:30 P.M. The congregation welcomes you to a spiritual feast of good things from God's eternal Word.

All-day services on the 4th Sunday of each month will be held as usual. Remember that date.

For further information contact Bro. John Sisk, 1605 South Adams, Enid, Okla. 73701. Phone ADams 4-6250.

REVIVAL MEETING AT TULSA, OKLA.

Lord willing, a revival meeting will be held at Tulsa, Okla., on June 12 to 21, 1970. Bro. Lewis Williams, Pastor. —Maple Littlejohn, Sec.

ALL-DAY SERVICES AND SPRING MEETING AT BOLEY, OKLAHOMA

We are thankful how the Lord has been blessing our all-day meetings at Boley, Okla., and for the ministers who have been helping in them. Lord willing, our next all-day meeting will be Sunday, April 5. A warm welcome is extended to all.

The date of the Boley, Okla., spring meeting is April 26 to May 3, 1970. We are praying and looking to the Lord to give us a Holy Ghost-filled meeting and to send ministers of His own choosing to help in this meeting. "Come now and let us reason together." We desire the

prayers of the saints that there will be a harvesting of souls. We welcome everyone.

For further information, contact Sister Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th St., Okla. City, Okla. 73104. Phone CE 5-2270.

EVANGELISTIC TENT MEETING IN KENTUCKY

Kentucky (March 6)—Dear Bro. Lawrence, co-workers and saints: We send greetings of love in the name of our precious Saviour and Lord.

It has been some time since we have sent in our testimony, but the Lord has been very good to us and we are encouraged to press the battle on to the end. We have had a real battle with the flu, but we are much better now, thanks to the good Lord for His mercy to us.

We are looking forward to working with the tent again this summer. Lord willing, we will hold the first meeting here at our home in Clearfield, Ky., starting the 14th of June and going through the 21st, or as the Lord leads. We are looking to the Lord for this meeting with an expectation of seeing much accomplished for the Lord. We want to invite all of the saints to come and help us in this meeting. We hope to have our house finished by the first of June, so we will have plenty of room for all who desire to come and be with us in this meeting.

My dad is about the same. The Lord has surely been good to him. He loves the Lord and is looking forward to the tent meeting. He has had about nine strokes, but is still able to get around. All praise goes to the Lord. Mother suffers much with arthritis and needs your prayers.

Bro. Lawrence, we appreciate the good work you dear ones are doing there in sending out the gospel by the printed page. May God richly bless and reward each one of you for your faithfulness in His service.

We desire your prayers that we be all God would have us to be. Pray for the meeting.

Christian love, —Bro. Curtis Williams and family
P. O. Box 60, Clearfield, Ky. 40313

Prayer Requests

La.—Bro. Pinkerton, a minister for many years, is very ill and weak. Pray the Lord to come to his rescue.

Ohio—"Heart condition." —K. Patrick.

Ill.—"Eye trouble and nervousness. Husband had a light stroke and has high blood pressure." —Sister Pitts.

Okla.—"Mother Spears is real weak after having the flu."

Ala.—"Serious throat condition." —E. Mickens.

N. Car.—Serious affliction on their 8-year-old son. —Bro. and Sis. Schoenhoff.

Ind.—Need more faith for healing and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.—E. Hughes.

Mo.—Remember Sister Murphy Allen. She is afflicted with arthritis and possibly high blood pressure, also heart condition. Bro. M. Allen also needs healing strength to his body.

W. Va.—Low blood and hernia.—A. L. Bright.

La.—"I am having trouble in my home. My husband doesn't want me to go to church." —L. Casson.

Pa.—"Son who is an alcoholic and his home is broken. My heart aches for this family." —E. Leabhart.

"My son is hard drinker. He is nice when sober." A.B.

Texas—"I have eye trouble and my husband is out of work." —C. Holland.

Ark.—"Derek, our grandson, still has ear trouble so we are asking your continued interest and prayers in his behalf . . . that he be healed to the glory of God." —Mrs. E. A. Loftis.

Ore.—"My husband passed away after 2:00 A. M. today (March 16) . . . I did all I could . . . My son is taking it hard but God is helping . . . Keep praying." —Sister Grace Jones.

Ohio—"My sister-in-law has cancer of the liver and other parts of her body. She is still quite young and they have two teen-age children . . . I believe they are saved . . . My wife and I have health problems and desire prayer." —Bro. L. D. McPherson.

"My husband and I have been living deep in sin for nearly a year now but just a week ago I was able to find peace with God. Oh, what a merciful God we serve! I had been reared in the truth and never allowed to follow the ways of sin, and the devil was able to paint some real pretty pictures of the pleasures that I was missing. However, when I finally was persuaded to try it, I found that it was all a mirage—the beauty of it passed away and only the desert waste left. The pleasures that sin afforded were hollow and left me feeling unsatisfied and destitute. Also, my marriage went from a happy Christian union to an unhappy arrangement full of harsh words. Oh, how my heart is aching as I write this letter! If young people could only see what a hard taskmaster the devil is! We now have a small boy who just can't understand why the home is so divided. Through sin I have almost lost my husband. We were separated for awhile but now he has come back home. Many times the past few days that I have been saved, my eyes have filled with tears at the things that happen, but even in these moments I have been able to feel that sweet peace flooding my soul! Praise God! After what we have been through, the devil just couldn't paint a pretty enough picture to attract me again. All I have to do is point out the mess he left my life in and show him that it was only God who gave me a way out!

"Just two days after the Lord saved me I became fearful that I was going to have my baby taken away from me. The only one I could call on was the Lord, which I did so earnestly, and He gave me the assurance that He was working. Praise the Lord! I feel that under the circumstances the Lord was all that worked out the situation for me.

"It just seems that I can't pass up any opportunity that arises to glorify my God who has been so merciful to me! Please pray for us in our situation. The only ray of light here at home is the ray of spiritual light God sheds on my soul. I desire so much that our home not be broken up and, of course, that my dear husband can find the Lord. I know that this is the only way that our home could be truly happy again, and the best way for our little boy to learn the truth. Sometimes the pain is very great and the burden heavy, but the Lord says that He will not give us more than we are able to bear. Always I can take them to Him and He gives me courage. Please any time you can think of it, remind the Lord that here is someone who needs and desires all the prayer she can get. Surely, if we come to Him often enough and earnestly enough He will answer." —Name Withheld.

We have received many requests of various kinds for prayer. Some want spiritual help; others are burdened for their loved ones to be saved. They are grieved as they watch their loved ones ensnared by the enemy. Let

us pray for each other's dear ones who need God so desperately yet who do not seem to realize it nor are they willing to pay the price. Mothers and fathers are concerned about their children. Wives and husbands are concerned about their companions. Time is fast coming to a close and they are not saved. As death finds them, so will the judgment. Saints, be encouraged to pray on as long as the Lord gives you breath. The soul is more important than the body, yet God did not forget that we need healing for our bodies. The Bible says, "With His stripes we are healed." Take courage and pray with faith. When we meet the simple conditions of God's Word, we have a right to expect the answer. We have a right to end each prayer with a thanksgiving. "And it came to pass, before he had done speaking . . . and he said, Blessed be the Lord God . . ." Gen. 24:15, 27.

—M. Miles

BEFORE YOU PRAY

Just before you kneel to pray,
This is what you ought to say;
Does my heart hold any sin,
Is it pure and clean within?
Is my prayer for selfish gain,
Or my spirit proud and vain?
Am I ready to forget
And forgive the wrongs I've met?
I must search my heart to see
If the way is clear for me;
If within God's holy sight
Everything has been made right.

—Hope Evangeline

—Sel. by Ethel K. Miles

REPORT FROM THE FIELD

Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sister Marie, and saints everywhere: We send greetings of love to all in Jesus' precious name. It has been some time since we have written our testimony, but God has done, and is doing so much for me I feel led to declare His doings among the people. God has enabled us to keep busy in His work at home and out on the field for more than thirty years and we see no place to stop now. We love the Lord's work and expect by His grace and help to be faithful until He calls us Home. Praise the Lord!

We were thankful to be able to attend the Guthrie, Okla. assembly meeting in December and to enjoy the sweet fellowship of God's people. We were refreshed in soul and spirit, and encouraged to press the battle on and do a little more in the future than we have in the past.

After a few days' rest at home we felt the leadings of the Lord to go to Louisiana. We had waited some time for divine leadings to go to the Loranger congregation for a meeting. Loranger is a few miles out in the country from Hammond. It was precious to be in meeting again with the dear saints there, also several from the Hammond congregation came. It was a time of refreshing from the Lord. It surely pays to wait on the Lord and let Him direct our daily path. We were sorry to find so much "flu" and sickness among the saints, and although we visited several homes praying for the sick, God did not permit us to even get a cold. Praise His dear name!

We arrived home Tuesday night, February 9. The following Saturday we attended a meeting in Columbus, Ohio, in the home where Sister Maudie Sharp lives. God richly blessed in that service and we feel some lasting good

was done. There is a growing interest among some folks there for the truth and others are desiring meetings in their homes.

During our Sunday evening service at Dayton, Ohio, I was taken with a severe heart attack—the worst I have yet suffered. It seemed that my heart would just burst! I thought my time had come to go, as the pain was very hard to bear. The saints wept and prayed quite a while before God granted relief. Then it seemed the pain and misery moved into my head. But as I sat on the altar bench the brethren anointed me and an agreement of prayer was reached for my complete healing, and praise God, He came to my rescue, took it all away, and I was able to drive home. What a mighty God we serve!

As I began to regain my strength the next few days, God burdened us to go to South Carolina. The folks were glad to see us, and we were happy to find the saints encouraged and prospering in their souls. The Lord blessed in a week's meeting in the chapel on the campground near Holly Hill. The weather was nice and the attendance was exceptionally good. We feel the good seed sown in this meeting will yet bring forth fruit unto God. There is another congregation at Ridgeville about thirty miles away and several of the saints from there attended, and indeed it was a time of refreshing from the Lord. Plans are going forward for the campmeeting at Holly Hill as these brethren work together in unity for the advancement of the cause of God.

We desire your prayers that we be able to attend other meetings this spring and summer for the time is short and the end of all things is at hand.

In the Master's sweet service,

—Bro. S. E. Abbott and wife
3210 Mesmer Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45410

CHAPEL TO BE BUILT AT DANVILLE, KY.

Ky.—Dear Saints abroad: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. It is with a thankful heart that I write these lines. It is now 5:00 A. M. It seems the Lord awakened me this morning with many thoughts upon my heart. I'm so thankful we can be awakened to meditate upon the good things of God.

In Jeremiah 51:10, we read, "The Lord hath brought forth our righteousness; come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the Lord our God." In Psalm 37:3-5, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass."

About a year ago next month the Lord laid a burden on our hearts about getting a place of our own in which to worship. It will be three years in October that the Lord burdened us to move here to Danville, Ky. There was an old meeting house sitting empty in Shelby City. There were just a few that had taken their stand for the truth, therefore, we needed a place in which to worship. We got in touch with the owners of this old meeting house to see if we could buy or rent it. It had already been sold, but in answer to prayer we did get to rent it. It was in very bad condition and had to have much repairs before we could even have services in it. But, thank the Lord, we had a desire to work for the Lord. The old meeting house is over a hundred years old and not much to look at. I'm afraid not many people of today would think of worshipping the Lord in such a run-down building. But, dear ones, it is not the building God is dwelling in—it is honest hearts He is trying to win. The

Lord has blessed our souls many times while having service in the old building. Just this past Sunday night the Lord gave Bro. Don McIntosh a message on "Light." The Lord blessed in such a way that on our way home we remarked to each other, "I feel like I have been in a good campmeeting." Praise the Lord!

As I said, about a year ago the Lord laid a burden on our hearts to get a place of our own in which to worship. Some of the brethren went to see a man about buying a certain lot on which to build a chapel. The man told them to come back at a later date; which they did. He told them he didn't want to sell that particular lot, but he did have some more lots he would like for them to see. They went to see them and asked him to price them. He said, "I will give you these four lots, 50x200 feet, to build your chapel on and won't charge you a dime for them." We were all pleased as we didn't have the money to buy them anyway but were looking to the Lord to supply our needs.

The man owns quite a lot of land. There is an airport close by and they wanted the land back of our lots. They finally went to court trying to take this land. The man's lawyer told him not to make us a deed until all the land was clear. About a month ago everything was cleared up and he made us a deed for the lots. Lord willing, we plan to start building our new chapel around the 15th of April.

Saints, it took a lot of grace waiting until we could get these lots. Many discouraging words were spoken by dear ones who should have been trying to encourage us. It took all the grace and faith I could get from the Lord to keep from giving up on this matter. I am real thankful I held on and believed the Lord would not fail us.

We desire just a common building to which we won't be ashamed to invite the public. We are living in a day when people are so full of pride they won't go to just a humble-looking place of worship. Saints, we want to do our part. We know the Lord will do His and we can leave the rest up to the people. We can say, "We have done what we could."

A little over a week ago we only had about \$700.00 in our building fund. Since then, the Lord has raised it to \$2,080.60. We feel we can build a nice chapel for around five or six thousand dollars by doing most of the work ourselves. We are thankful for how the Lord laid a burden on a brother's heart out in Oregon to come help us build it. Saints, it is wonderful to live for the Lord and let Him work everything out His way. That way, we don't have to fret and worry, but just trust in Him.

Before we met the saints I never heard of such a thing as trusting in the Lord and living by faith. Oh, I've found it such a sweet life to live completely by faith! It will soon be seven years since the Lord spoke to my husband and told him He wanted him to leave his job and go out into full time gospel work. It didn't bother me at all. He was making quite a bit of money at the time and we got just about what we wanted. But we were enjoying living for the Lord so much that it didn't seem to matter about material things.

I remember one time in particular after we were living by faith. Our means were pretty low. Our bills were coming due. The Lord had burdened my husband to go to a very poor place to hold a meeting and therefore there wouldn't likely be much support there. He was talking about the bills and seemed to be a little discouraged. I told him not to worry about it. I said I had dreamed the night before that we got a check for \$200.00 in the mail. It was almost time for the mailman. Of course, my husband made light of my dream.

I told him I believed we would get that check in the mail. The mailman came and I met him at the door, and surely enough, there was the \$200.00 check. I felt like shouting, I was so happy. My husband didn't feel as good because he had been worrying and not trusting. Saints, the Lord has never failed us. If there has been any failing, it has been on our part. We didn't know whom the check came from as the Lord laid it on an individual and he sent it through a congregation. It pays to trust in a true and living God.

Different ones spoke to me at the campmeetings last year that they wanted to help out on the new chapel when we started building. We want to leave that with you and the Lord. We are thankful that when we trust in the Lord we know He won't fail us.

Saints, we desire your prayers that we will be faithful to the little work here in this community. The Lord has given us a burden for it and we want to do all we can to help every precious soul make it to heaven.

We have several unspoken requests for prayer in which we desire your agreement with us.

If at any time you are traveling this way, feel free to stop for a visit. The saints are our people and their God is our God. Praise the Lord!

In Christian love,
—Verna Samons
222 N. First St., Danville, Ky. 40422 Phone 606—236-8073.

FAITHFUL MEXICAN MISSIONARY

Valle De La Trinidad, Mexico (Feb. 18)—Sis. Marie and Bro. Lawrence: I trust that the peace of God is filling your hearts and that He is guiding you in all your ways because I know that without God's guidance for only one day we can commit many errors.

Brethren, I received your letter which Sister Virginia Wittenborn translated and she will read this one. I want to say that God is love. I have proved it, and I know He is love. God knows the hearts of all, and has an interest in all souls. He is saving souls in this day.

Here in the Valley, God is working wonders. He is healing the sick and saving sinners. Brethren, if you could only see and hear the testimonies of these brethren I know you would rejoice with me. But I know that upon reading this letter, you will praise God because it is He who has done all and I am the unprofitable servant.

Today I went to visit Bro. Mendly. He used to be a drunkard, and lived a very ugly life and was getting deeper in sin every day, but God saved him. His wife, Sofia, is an Indian of the tribe of Huicholes from the state of Nayarit. She was of a very bad disposition and would not let her husband tell her anything. One day she got angry with him and threw a chair at him. But God saved her and she is very good to her husband now, and they are very happy with God in their hearts. Pray for them that they will continue faithful to God.

We have only one little problem. It is that the people just won't fit into our little chapel. I feel very troubled because there are times when some stay outside then go back home because there isn't room. It is very sad but we are praying that God in His great love, who knows our problem, will give us a larger place. Sister Virginia can tell you what this place is like, where we worship.

Bro. David and his wife are helping in Sunday School and they have about sixty children. He is still praying for his brothers in the flesh that they might be saved. Pray for them.

You asked if the Jeep is useful. Yes, Sister, yes, it is very useful to us. In this time of much rain, the roads are very bad. We have services in the Rincon of

Santa Catarina now. We haven't had any problems with the Jeep except that it keeps throwing oil. From here to Rosarito it uses two liters. We are so very grateful for that which has been sacrificed for us. May God give you much grace in your hearts and direct you in ways of peace.

Please pray for me and for the brethren who are preaching the gospel that God may give wisdom to speak to the people and understanding of His holy love.

Your smallest Brother in Christ, —Tomas Mendoza

TESTIMONY FROM MEXICO

Valle De La Trinidad, Mexico—Dear Brethren everywhere in the earth: May the peace of God fill your hearts with His Holy Spirit. By means of this little paper, I want to make you acquainted with all that God has done for me and my family. In the first place I thank God for the salvation of my soul. He saved me from the sin in which I lived for many years. Today I have the sure promise of life eternal through Jesus my Lord. Four years ago the Lord saved me from sin. I desire to live for Him all of my life. I used to be Catholic, but now I live for God. I have nine sons, and the two oldest are studying the Bible very diligently and God has blessed them greatly in their souls now that they are saved and have no interest in worldly things. Only my husband is not saved and I am asking you to pray that God will convince him of the sin in his heart. Please pray for us.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, —Josefina Dabila

NATIVE MISSIONARY DEEP IN MEXICO

Uruapan, Mexico (March 3)—Sister Marie Miles: I am answering your kind letter. It was a blessing from God to receive a letter from Brethren in the faith. Thank the Lord, when we find salvation there is joy and peace in our soul. Thank the Lord that we have brethren who are praying for us.

Here where we are Catholicism is very strong. The brethren suffer much persecution. We must pray much for them. There are places here to reach, but many times we are not able to visit. Some of the brethren live so far away. We are praying that God will make a way that we may visit the brethren often because it is necessary to have conversation with them. We are trusting in God to work it out.

We are gratefully expecting the tracts. May the love of God dwell in each of us.

Your Brother, —Irineo Rama

MISSION LETTER FROM INDIA

S. India (March 3)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and other saints, warm and loving greetings again in the all-prevailing name of Jesus Christ:

Thank you very much for your encouraging letter dated Feb. 9, 1970, with the contents, including valuable tracts, and Feb. issue of "Faith and Victory" paper. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." In Psalm 7 we read that "the children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle." Why? One of the reasons, it is clear, is that they forgot God's works and His wonders that He had showed them. (ver. 11) But the question on us is, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?" Yes, I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord.

In the week before last, as His Holy Spirit directed me, I visited our brethren at Calicut. I spent three days with them by house-visitations, church meetings, prayer meeting and other spiritual enjoyments. All of them, young and old, seem very happy and rich in spirit, looking unto the faithful Master. They plan to conduct a convention there this month and invite your prayers for their success in this connection.

Yesterday I had a chance to visit our brethren at Niranam also. This small church at Niranam is going on fine with vehement desire and zeal, though they are facing bitter experiences and unfavorable actions. Yes, Satan by any means, will try his best to beguile the true children of God through his subtlety and to make their minds corruptive from the simplicity that is in Christ.

Please convey our loving greetings to the beloved brethren in the Print Shop who are busy with the most valuable and powerful work in the world. Reward for our endeavors is kept in heaven. Praise the Lord!

Your younger Brother in Christ —John Varghese

NIGERIAN MINISTER RETURNS HOME AFTER WAR

Nigeria (Feb. 28)—Dear Brethren in Christ, Christian greetings: For about three years you did not hear from me. This was so because of the civil war here. I was driven to a position where I was cut off from the world. I was in "Biafra" where "hell" was the experience of us all. Several thousand died because of sickness, starvation, acts of war, and other conditions. We received the direct impact of the war.

Before I ran out from Port Harcourt on May 16, 1968, I left my house intact. I mean all my belongings were securely locked up here, including my rich library. I returned to Port Harcourt on Jan. 22, 1970, to find that my home was empty to the pin. What pains me most among other things is the loss of my entire library. A preacher left without any books to read, for teaching, and for reference is a robbery indeed. All the fine books I got from you were among the lot that were lost. Those good holiness books that built me up to this standard are gone.

This is to appeal to you, my brethren in Christ, to come to my aid by sending me some good holiness and reference books to enable me to start my Christian activities again.

I also appeal to you for financial help to rehabilitate me. I have suffered the loss of all things and so it is quite difficult to recover without any outside help.

May the Lord bless you all.

Yours because of Calvary, —Evang. A. A. Alalibo

NIGERIAN PASTOR'S LETTER

Midwest Nigeria (Feb. 28)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, the Prince of peace. Your letter of the 9th of February, 1970, reached us safely. Thanks for its contents.

The Lord is marvelously blessing the work here. He is steadily providing the fund with which to pay for the parcel of land upon which our chapel for worship has been erected. It is a triumph of faith and Satan is disturbed. "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down flat after they were compassed about seven days." The early children of God were indeed a peculiar people. Their blameless deportment and unswerving faith were a continual reproof that disturbed the sinners' peace. Though few in num-

bers without wealth, position, or honorary titles, they were a terror to evil-doers wherever their character and doctrines were known. We may imagine that faith is a difficult and mysterious thing. Is it? Just think for a moment. Jericho was to be captured. It was a walled city, and it would be impossible even with a gigantic army to overthrow the walls of that city. Not with an army, but by faith, the children of Israel were simply to trust God to do it for them. We had not a farthing, but faith, that the church at Abbi could not be overthrown by the plot of Christ's bitterest foe. Satan has fallen down flat like the walls of Jericho. Victory is not achieved by struggle and by effort; it is received and experienced and enjoyed by faith. 2 Cor. 3:5, 6.

One of our faithful sisters, Sister Uponi, who is the treasurer of Abbi congregation, is about to be transferred or promoted to a better land. She has been unconscious for four days and her strength has been at a very low ebb. May the will of God be done. . . .

Evidences of yielding to God are in the congregation. He who yields to the control of the Holy Spirit is best qualified to do acceptable service for the Master. Persecutions could not change their course.

Faithfully yours in His service, —Titus U. E. Enu

REPORT FROM NIGERIAN MISSIONS

Under date of Feb. 23 Bro. B. U. Etuk, native minister working with Nigerian mission stations, wrote as follows: "Dear Bro. Pruitt: We greet all in the name of our Saviour. Your kind letter of Jan. 29, 1970, and the contents were safely received two weeks ago. We rejoice for it and acknowledge thanks to God for the untold blessings.

"Bro. Pruitt, I want to explain and let you know about the break-down of the Lord's car [English Ford] before the war broke out in this country. It has been unused for more than three years. It had been hidden from the sight of the soldiers. Good number of friends' cars were taken from them. Thanks to the Lord, it is still in my possession. I feel the repair will cost less than \$570.00. The area of my supervision is large and with poor health I cannot ride a bicycle or sit on it for a long distance, so cooperate with me and let the car be repaired at no distant date to be used again.

"We will not slack in our faith to ask God to qualify and call one or more from there to come to our midst."

With this letter Bro. Umanah sent the sheet of itemized allowances to 31 native gospel workers at the 20 mission stations.

On March 12 the following acknowledgement was received from Elder A. T. Udofia who is the caretaker of orphan children under the supervision of Pastor M. U. Ekpen of Uyo district in the S. E. State of Nigeria: "I greet all the saints in America . . . I am now with 112 orphan children. . . . Thank you for \$90.00 which you sent for feeding the orphans but I am sorry to say that this is not sufficient for even a week's feeding. I am praying that God will help you to continue to send monthly help to these orphan children. . . ."

Bro. Jackson Etuk, another faithful Nigerian missionary, writes the following under date of Feb. 2: "Thank you immensely for your most valued communication of Jan. 8 with the enclosure of . . . dollars, tracts and Jan. paper. . . . I am still a debtor to those who sit in utter darkness in this jungle, and I must surely discharge the debt, God willing, by paying the gospel Light Bill to them. This is a great responsibility that God has entrusted into my hands which needs the guidance of the

Holy Spirit. Pray for me that God will give me the strength to accomplish this great task ahead of me."

Since we have not had any recent response to the Nigerian call for a missionary to go there and teach them the way of the Lord more perfectly, some saints have wondered if it would be in the Lord's will for a gospel worker there to come to this country for a period of counsel and fellowship. Pray about this matter and write us any advice you may have from the Lord.

—Lawrence Pruittt

From The Mail Box . . .

La.—Dear Christian Workers: I enjoy your paper very much and do thank my sister-in-law for having it sent to me. I am subscribing for three years. Please send me the book, "God's Gracious Dealings."

Please remember my family in your prayers, and may God bless you all in your work.

Sincerely, —Mrs. Aaron Bryant

Kentucky—Dear Friends: I received my second copy of "Faith and Victory" yesterday, and I enjoyed it so much that once I started reading it I didn't put it down until I had almost read it from cover to cover. In my opinion it is the greatest paper I've received in many years.

I am very interested in the work you are doing, and I'd like for you to send the biography and labors of the late Fred Pruitt, also the price list and names of the old books you now publish. . . .

Thank you, and may God continue to bless you for the work you are doing.

Sincerely, —Mrs. Oscar T. Manuel

Montana—Greetings in Jesus' dear precious name: May He bless and encourage each of you and may the paper continue to declare the whole truth to its many readers. Our hearts are blessed and encouraged by the messages and good testimonies.

Enclosed find . . . for foreign missions, . . . for home missions, and . . . to be used in your work of publishing the gospel.

—Mrs. C. A. Davis

Kansas—Dear Brother Pruitt: We have taken your paper, "Faith and Victory," for several years and appreciate the articles very much. In the last issue was the concluding article on the series, "Was the Devil Ever in Heaven?" . . . I am enclosing \$1.00 for four copies of this booklet and you keep the rest of the money. May the Lord bless you in your work.

In His service, —John L. Hicks

Mo.—Dear Saints: Thank the dear Lord for soul rest! The Lord blessed me in such a wonderful way through song after song as I worked on my job. Thank the dear Lord!

Here are a few names for the Lord's paper. Our prayers go with these names. . . . —Melvin Doolittle

W. Va.—I enjoy your paper very much. Keep up the good work. I am sending money for my subscription.

—Mrs. Golden Arbogast

Phoenix, Ariz.—Dear Brethren in Christ: I want to tell you how much I enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper and all the wonderful truths you teach, which are not taught in many churches today. We need a church like

this very badly in our neighborhood and if you know of any minister called to start a new work, the "harvest" is great in our area.

I especially enjoyed your articles on, "Was the Devil Ever in Heaven?" by O. B. Wilson, and I am enclosing \$1.00 for ten copies of this booklet which I want to give out to those interested in the truth, and I want to keep some for our own use.

—Mrs. Francis P. Nelson

Calif.—Dear Sis. Marie: With our hearts full of love we come to greet you in Jesus' dear name. I am sending a little love offering to the Publishing House to use as you see fit and where it is most needed. . . .

I am glad I can report victory in my soul. I am saved and sanctified and on my way to Glory. Praise His dear name. Much love,

—Sister Dessie LeMelle

Pa.—Dear Saints: Please send me 40 booklets entitled, "Was the Devil Ever in Heaven?" Find remittance enclosed. Also extend my subscription for three years to your wonderful paper, "Faith and Victory," for which I enclose \$1.00.

Yours in the Kingdom, —Walter B. Elms

Kansas—Dear Sister Marie: I think of the dear ones at work in the Print Shop, and to me it is a good work for God. But no matter where we work or live, it will take a very careful life to make it to heaven.

When I was seeking God for sanctification, I knew so little, but God worked with me until I knew my soul was sanctified. I didn't get it overnight. One night God gave me a dream and I never want to forget it. It seemed as if there was a group of small women with me, and it was storming outside, so they thought, but I said, "No, it is the end of time." It seemed as if the lightning flashed and came right through the wall, and those women turned black and vanished through our bedroom wall. As they vanished, a mound of ashes was left at the foot of my bed, and I had such sweet peace to my soul. The devil immediately brought to my mind that those ashes were to show me that my soul was doomed for hell. I would reason within my mind, that peace as God had given me couldn't mean that I was on my road to hell. Nevertheless it bothered me for some time. One day I had the opportunity to tell Bro. Darius Gibson, and he explained to me that the mound of ashes was the cross God had burned out to sanctify my soul. When I hear preachers preach on sanctification, my mind goes back to that dream. I say, preachers, make it plainer if you can. To me, it seems we are going to have to dig deeper and live closer and closer to God if we make it to heaven. The more we learn of God the more we learn of the devil. . . .

I'm sending a missionary check. May God bless each one of you is my prayer.

With love —Mamie Norcutt

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of holy love in Jesus' name. I am writing you from my bed through Sister Madelon Reynolds.

I trust this finds you all well there and happy in the Lord. I am doing as well as can be expected, and still holding onto God, trusting in His great wisdom and power. I know He loves me still and in due time He will take me. He said He had gone to prepare a place for me and I'm waiting for that place. I'm still trusting in the saints' prayers, and still remembering your Carl [Sr.] and my Carl in prayer.

Remember me to the saints there.

Love and prayers, —Georgia V. Zinn

N. Carolina—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour: This leaves me as well as usual and encouraged in the dear Lord. Thank His dear name for the many blessings He has so richly bestowed upon me and for the many times He has heard and answered prayer in my behalf. If I had ten thousand tongues I could not enough my blessed Lord adore. It is wonderful to be a child of God and to have the Holy Spirit abiding in us in these terrible times in which we are living. I am glad I have a settled peace that the enemy of our souls cannot disturb. Thank the dear Lord, we can be more than conquerors through Him that loved us and died for us.

Bro. Pruitt, we were happy to visit the dear sister and her husband, Bro. and Sis. Schoenhoff. Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons came, and went with us to visit them. They were precious to us, and we are sure they are saints of God. Others there were hungry for the truth. We had two precious services with them and it looks like a good prospect to start a work there. Surely we all need to work while it is day, for night will soon come when no man can work.

Pray much for me that I will always be all that the dear Lord would have me to be, and for my lost children. In Christian love, —Stacy Biddix

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Kentucky—Dear Sister Marie: We send greetings of much love in Jesus' dear name—our only hope of salvation. I have been thinking on the love and mercy of God. There is just no end to it. Where would we be without it?

I trust you can read this as I am propped up in bed. The family are all about over the flu but me. I have had the flu several times in my life, but I never had anything like this before. About two weeks ago I started taking it. I stayed in bed the day I had fever. The next day I thought with the Lord's help, I would be all right. . . . On Sunday I came down with something like the strep throat. I had quite a time, but thank the Lord, I am better today. I can swallow much better, but when I raise my head off the pillow it hurts very bad, also I'm very weak. I find it a good time to talk to the Lord about myself for a change. I have kept so busy and so concerned about Curtis and the children while they had the flu, I had little time for myself. Curtis had a real battle with it. Bro. McCoy and Bro. and Sis. Ray Key came and anointed him. The Lord gave him a touch and he got out of bed and was able to be up most of the time, but his lungs still haven't cleared up. We are still holding on to God for his complete healing. He desires to be able to go to Decatur, Ill. this week end. . . .

We desire your continued prayers.

Christian love,

—Sister Curtis Williams

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THE CROWNING GRACE

Having, therefore, a clear conviction, that upon the preaching, and testimony of entire sanctification as a distinct experience, subsequent to justification, more than upon all else besides, depends the salvation of immortal souls, the safety of converts, the purity and consequent power, peace and prosperity of the church and the glory of God: and perceiving that this "second grace" is the ultimate end of Christ's death, and the great burden of the apostolic ministry, I was constrained to dedicate, forever unto the Lord, all the energies of my being, for the promotion of this great salvation.

—D. S. Warner

Testimonies and Answers To Prayer



Ohio—Dear Sister Marie and workers at the Print Shop: Greetings of love in the sweet and lovely name of Jesus. I want to tell how the dear Lord has been answering prayer for me. Johnny, my husband, called the Print Shop the 5th of March for prayer. Dear Sister Joan McIntosh answered the phone. We could feel the prayers of the saints in our behalf. This has been my first hard test for my own body. We know God heals and has all power because we have seen it manifested many times in behalf of our son Jeffrey. The Lord has wonderfully helped me. . . . I had been feeling bad for some time and then I took a bad cold and flu at this critical time. I had a hard cough. We feel that is what caused the trouble.

We are so thankful for our dear mother and dad who took us in and gave us their own room and cared for me and Jeffrey so Johnny could keep working. . . . We appreciate all who helped us at this time.

Yesterday I was able to be in service again, thank the Lord! We were late getting there and the saints were singing, "Jesus Is Good to Me." I couldn't keep back the tears. I had missed two Sundays and two prayer meeting nights. Then the song, "To God Be the Glory," was sung and again the tears flowed. The services yesterday were precious to me. The Lord has surely strengthened my body and soul. Last night in the message the minister read Psalm 145:19, "He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him. He also will hear their cry, and will save them." This made my heart rejoice. Surely He is good to us. I have received many precious thoughts and Scriptures through this sickness. My heart's desire is to please the Lord and to glorify Him. Many are looking on, and I don't want to fail God. He has surely never failed me.

I am not doing all my work yet, and I still have a condition in my body that I would like for the Lord to heal. He is able! I desire your prayers as you think of me. I thank you for your prayers in my behalf.

Also I would like to say that the Lord is wonderfully blessing Jeffrey day by day. He is progressing well. We can really see the hand of God upon him. Our prayer each day is to be worthy of God's blessings to us.

We trust all there are well in body. We are still praying for Bro. Lawrence. We would like to see God heal him completely. He is on our prayer list in Dayton, also all the dear ones who are working so faithfully there.

Christian love, —Sister Della Gutwein and family

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Ill.—Dear Sister Miles: The very day I wrote to you for prayer for bursitis in my arm the same afternoon my arm began to get easy. It was paining so much when I wrote to you that I had to stop several times and groan before I finished the letter. That night I was able to rest, although I still had some difficulty in moving my arm, and was not able to dress nor undress, or comb my hair without help. The next morning I could tell it had improved more, and Sunday morning much more, but I still had to have my daughter comb my hair that day. On Monday morning my arm was normal. I combed my hair, hung up four loads of clothes on the line, pressed some things, and in general worked as I would have normally, all the while with much thanksgiving for what the Lord had done for me.

About six or seven years ago I had a similar attack of bursitis in the same shoulder. At that time I took aspirins to relieve the pain. I called some dear ones for

prayer and I did amend, but it was a long time before I could hang clothes without taking my left hand and lifting my right arm up to grasp the line. This time I did not take anything for pain. I prayed and trusted the Lord to help me. I did not apply any heat or any kind of rub. If I am going to trust God I intend to go all the way by His help and grace. I know He will not fail those who look fully to Him and who are obedient to His Word. I thank God for His healing power!

I heard yesterday on the radio that once you have arthritis you can expect to have it again. I do not believe this is true when we fully trust God. I know He can completely heal all manner of sickness and disease. I am glad there is no limit to what the Lord can do. I am thankful for the privilege to trust Him and to take my every need to One who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can think or ask. Praise His name!

I do hope you are all fine and that the work is going well at the Print Shop. I think of you often there, and pray for God to bless your work.

With love, —Thelma Sprague

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Oklahoma.—Dear Ones: Nearly every winter since I had Asian flu I've had severe colds, flu, pleurisy, and/or pneumonia. This winter we were expecting the arrival of our fifth child the latter part of December and with my past record of winter illnesses many of the saints and I were quite concerned about my health. . . .

Everyone would like to be healed instantly and miraculously and if we are possessed of an active imagination, we can "map out" how, when, and where we'd like to be healed. I believe God likes to work without any strings attached to Him or to us.

Sometimes we must resist or rebuke a sickness as we feel it pervading our body. Once we become ill there is a two-fold duty which is ours. First, yield to God to heal us as He sees fit, be it slowly or instantly; second, "fight the good fight of faith" by resisting the affliction. There are times we must rise up and go in faith; there are other times we must remain still. There are different lessons to be learned each time.

One night in December before Diana Ruthe's arrival, I awoke after midnight having a hard chill. I tried resisting and rebuking it, but the situation became worse. The bed shook from my chilling so hard. After about an hour I was partly warm but still shook and realized I needed more prayer. I phoned Sister Wright. At that time our pastor had been up considerably and I didn't want to disturb him. Immediately I stopped shaking and in a little while I became warm. How thankful I was! Later in the month I caught cold and sounded terrible when talking or coughing, but somehow God undertook and kept me from being ill with it. I am confident the saints were praying it wouldn't develop into something worse. Whenever the doctor checked me at the hospital he was quite concerned about the cold. He inquired whether I wanted a shot or pill for it, and when I declined he asked, "Are you sure?" I replied, "Yes. I know I sound terrible, but I'm not sick with the cold; it doesn't bother me at all." He never mentioned medicine again. Each morning as he visited the patients he'd say, "You sound better today." Before dismissing the baby and me I had him check my lungs and he said he couldn't hear any congestion in them.

Remember us that we might draw ever nearer to God. We'd like to see Edward saved and have our children in services regularly. —Vesta Nadine Robertson

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La.—To the precious Saints everywhere, greetings: Praise and honor to our King of kings and Lord of lords!

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Psalm 103:1, 2.

Our God is on His throne and He is not overlooking any of His trusting children. He hears us when we pray and He will answer if we faint not. Do not feel that you are cast off nor forsaken. God cares for everyone. If we are little in our own eyes, this can be health to our soul. "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows." Luke 12: 6, 7.

Dear saints, do not fail to pray. If we don't carry a burden for precious eternity-bound souls, no one else can. Just think how sad it will be when we come to the realization that our time and opportunity to help souls has ended. One may say, "What can I do? Each one has to repent for himself." Yes, this is true, but read Isaiah 66:8b, ". . . for as soon as Zion travailed she brought forth her children."

There is power in agreement, praying in the Spirit. We experienced this when Bro. Samons was here at Hammond in meeting. We were in one accord in prayer for the Lord to fill one of our dear sisters with the Holy Spirit, praying to the Lord to give her a witness of her sanctification. As we held a rebuke against Satan and sought the Lord around 10:15 P. M. on Friday, Nov. 13, the Lord poured out His blessings on that place and we had a glorious time in Zion. There were shouts and praises going up to God. The sister said, "Nobody can make me doubt it now. I've got it, praise the Lord!"

There are individuals who would come to God if the proper burden were carried for their souls. If you have a soul on your heart that you are burdened for, let them know you are praying and seeking God for their salvation. Get someone to be in an agreement with you. Pray—not allowing the enemy one inch of space to work, but hold on to God day and night until victory comes. If we do this, victory will come. But we must believe. James 1:6-8, "But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." Picture souls forever lost in eternity and pray, dear saints, pray!

Yes, my God is alive and I know He answers prayer. He also heals our bodies. Praise the Lord! Here are a few things He did for me this year. He took a little growth off my face. I brought this to the Lord several times on my knees. Then during the day when it came to my mind, I would say, "Lord, I want you to take that thing off my face." I believed He would, and praise God, He did! It is gone, scar and all!

When I had the flu and coughed so hard, I felt that I ruptured my side. I was very concerned about this and I earnestly begged the Lord to heal the place which was so very sore and He did within two or three days.

An infection came on my nose Saturday and Sunday, but I called for prayer and by Monday morning it was clearing up.

This week a window fell all the way from the top and hit my hand with a very hard blow. It felt as if my hand were crushed, but in a marvelous way God answered prayer and I can use my hand. I know the same God can heal my back and knees which are so crippled, and I desire you to pray with me for this need.

You who are still in sin, come to Christ today. He loves you and we love you and want you to come and go

with us to heaven. Let the saints know if we can help you. We want you to enjoy the salvation that has brought joy to our hearts. Our God is real and liveth forever. Praise God!

—Sister Gladys Cashio

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Kentucky—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Pruitt, and the dear saints of God everywhere, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I feel like sending in my testimony to let you know that the dear Lord has been good to me. We often don't understand why God deals with us as He does, but He knows what is best for us. Often He permits us to go through sore afflictions that He might bring us closer to Him and that He might teach us things that we would never learn in any other way. Such has been my experience since January 6, 1970, when I fell, by slipping on a throw rug and I broke my right arm, sprained my left wrist and hurt my chest. We sent at once for Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons to come and pray for me. After their earnest prayer I felt assured that God had heard and answered. I could move my hand and forearm a little, which I could not do before. But for some reason my complete healing didn't come. God only knows what I suffered the following weeks. Prayer was offered time and again for my healing, and I would get much help and relief. I received much encouragement from the dear saints, but God had other plans for me; perhaps to test me out and see if I really would trust Him and Him alone. Praise God, I have, and intend to continue to trust Him until my healing is complete. I am improving a great deal, and can use my arm quite a bit. The hurting in my chest is completely gone.

How good the dear Lord has been to me! I feel that I have been greatly repaid for all my suffering. God has become very real to me and my trust in Him has grown stronger in spite of the many who opposed me for not having my arm X-rayed and put in a cast. I am told that I will never have complete use of my arm, and from all appearances it looks that way. But, praise the dear Lord, He knows and He cares, and I am sure that in time He will complete the healing He has begun. I am asking all the dear saints to pray earnestly for me that I may be completely healed and have the full use of my arm again.

Also, I am greatly burdened for my children that they may see the true church and be willing to walk in the light and come out from the false churches as the Bible says, "Come out from among them and be ye separate." Please help me pray for them.

We do have one dear daughter (Elizabeth Davidson) and family who have accepted the true way and come out into this blessed "evening light." We thank the dear Lord for that.

My heart's desire and determination is to serve the dear Lord and trust Him to the end.

A Sister in Christ

—Mrs. Wilbur F. Jarvis

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Okla. (March 10)—Dear Ones, greetings this side of heaven: God is still good to us. We are thankful for all His blessings. It takes much grace to keep us encouraged, but He says His grace is sufficient. Husband is so pitiful it makes our hearts sad to see how great his suffering is and how uncomfortable he is. He can hardly eat at all. Most of the outer edge of his mouth is gone with very little lip left. He can't eat solid food. All food has to be in liquid form. He weighs only 88 pounds now. He has been bedfast since the Christmas holidays. I am glad to say the hard pains are less, but he says his mouth burns all the time. Only

God can keep anyone alive when the body is so frail. He isn't able to talk much. It seems his jaws are drawn.

If he lives until March 25, we will have been married 62 years, and if he makes it until June 7, he will be 82 years old. I feel God has been good to let us stay here so long. If I live until the 21st of June, I will be 77, so you see I've outlived what the Bible mentioned. That is only God's mercy. If I get to my June birthday, I will have lived longer than all my folks except one of my grandfathers. I feel that is only a God-given record.

I have been sorely afflicted the past month. I've had sciatic rheumatism which is painful. Some thought I may have a bone fracture—God only knows. I have managed to hobble about, and I told some of the saints if God didn't heal me I would just hobble on into Glory. I still count it a privilege to trust God and have my heart fixed on heaven. I want to ever keep heaven in view. We have only one family, but we so desire they all make heaven. I would be so glad to see them saved. I carry a burden for others' children, too, so I must commit them to God.

Yesterday I had Frances Perkins hang out the clothes before she went over to my daughter-in-law's to work. The wind was blowing so strong that one sheet was nearly on the ground, so I prayed the Lord to send someone to gather them in for me as Frances wouldn't get home until after four in the afternoon. Do you know whom the Lord sent? He heard my prayer and sent Sister Evelyn Gibson. We thank the Lord for being mindful of us.

We surely appreciate getting your letters. They mean so much to us in our shut-in days. May the Lord bless your sacrifice.

Sister Ruth Murphey was here in meeting for several nights and we enjoyed having her.

Bro. Leron West is still faithful to come every day to do what he can for Sam. We appreciate it very much. Frances called him Brother Faithful. He said he intends to be just that. Pray for him in his efforts to stay true to the Lord. We trust you and yours are well and encouraged in the Lord.

—Sister Sam Barton

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READING GOOD BOOKS

Good books are good companions. We have here at the office books that will do you good if you read them over several times. They contain deep spiritual food and will build you up in the faith.

Recently a brother wrote us the following: "I keep a good book handy all the time and when the devil comes around I get my book so I can fill my mind with good things. The Lord blesses and keeps me this way." What a wonderful secret the Lord has revealed to him! The Apostle Paul has told us what to think on in Phil. 4:8. We are to think about those things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report, "if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." The Bible and good books help us to do this. They help us to "gird up the loins of our minds" and keep them from running out upon gossip, frivolous things and things that drag us down, or just plain accusations from the devil.

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—Sister Marie Miles

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