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Christ's Resurrection



The tomb was sealed that burial day
Against imagined threat of theft;
But when the stone was rolled away
Only the linen clothes were left.

Between the darkness and the dawn,
(The sentries' eyes were blind to see)
Their Prisoner of death had gone:
Lord of Eternal life was He!

The earth to her foundations shook,
And Sundered were the gates of hell;
The soldiers looked as dead men look,
Such awful fear upon them fell.

Some women came, for love and care;
"Ah, who will roll us back the stone?"
A strange, unearthly light was there—
The sepulcher with glory shone!

The women stood, and held their breath
To see an angel looking on
The place where Christ awoke from death—
Was ever such a sight at dawn?

"Why seek ye here the Living One?"
The messenger of Heaven said;
"Go, tell that God's almighty Son
Hath newly risen from the dead!"

As forth they fled, without a word,
Silent in wonder, trembling, pale—
Lo! Jesus met them, and they heard
With throbbing joy His calm "All hail!"

—Paul G. Jackson

Jesus said to sorrowing 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.

The Empty Tomb



Come, let us look into the empty tomb where they laid the body of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. "He is risen; He is not here: behold the place where they laid him." Mark 16:6. I have a card here on my desk that I have kept for over five years. It is a picture card mailed to me from our late dear Sister May Carver when she and Bro. Carver visited Jerusalem. She writes, "We are walking in a dream world. Yesterday we saw Golgotha's hill with the skull formation. We stood in the tomb where it is possible our Lord was laid. I wept at His great sacrifice for me. We saw Gethsemane with its 2500-year-old olive trees still bearing olives. We were given some drink from Jacob's well and saw many wonderful things."

As we stand looking into that empty tomb, I am sure that our hearts are deeply touched, as was our dear Sister May Carver's. What does it mean to you, and what does it mean to me? First, we think of God's great love. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." We may try to fathom the depths of that great love for us by comparing a parent being willing for his son to suffer as God knew His Son would suffer when HE GAVE Him into the hands of wicked men to be treated as He was, but yet that comparison is not great enough. God's great love for us is beyond any human love. "God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us." (1 John 4:8-10) We were helplessly lost in sin and could not help ourselves. We could not pay the penalty for sin that hung over our souls, nor lift the condemnation, but God so loved the world (you and me) that He gave Jesus, who was innocent and without sin, to die on the cross for our salvation. That is what we see in our mind's eye as we look into that empty tomb. Oh, how we love Him! We do weep because we are filled afresh with love, adoration, humility and thanksgiving to God for His great love. God so loved us "that whosoever believeth

in him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

As we look into that empty tomb we know that it is true as the angel said, "He is risen; he is not here; behold the place where they laid him." Yes, let us "behold the place where they laid him." It means that if we believe in Him we "should not perish." What does it mean to perish? What if there were not an empty tomb where they laid Him? What if the women and the disciples had seen His body there? Oh, dear ones, we would perish! We would have no hope in our souls of a home in heaven with God. We would be doomed for eternal death in hell, writhing in the flames of torment, despair and eternal remorse. That empty tomb makes us know we do not have to perish, but we can have salvation. Our sins can be forgiven because Jesus arose and completed the plan of redemption. Through Jesus we can have our sins forgiven and be ready to arise and meet Him in the air when Jesus Christ comes in the last day. "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them [those who are dead in Christ shall arise first] in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (1 Thess. 4:16, 17) This is what the empty tomb makes us know. There with the Lord we have everlasting life in eternity.

The empty tomb lets us know what Jesus suffered. Man took the Lord and Saviour and mistreated Him. "He was bruised for our iniquities," the prophet Isaiah said in foretelling His great sufferings. The Prophet also says, "As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men." (Isa. 52:14) "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; for he hath put him to grief; when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin . . . He shall see the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities . . . He hath poured out his soul unto death; and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors." (Isa. 53:10-12). Oh, dear ones, He suffered this for you and me, for He was without sin!

The empty tomb makes us know the power of God. That tomb could not hold our blessed Lord. God shook that old tomb and the stone rolled away. The seal of the governor did not mean a thing. Those soldiers who stood around that tomb fell down as "dead men." When God speaks, man has to stand back. The great stones can't stop His power. The dead have to come forth. His power is greater than man's puny power. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." (John 11:25). "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable, but now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even

so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterwards they that are Christ's at his coming. Then cometh the end." (1 Cor. 15:19-24) Thank God for that empty tomb!

Further proof of the empty tomb is that the high priest and elders gave the soldiers "large sums of money" to tell that the disciples stole the body of Jesus while they slept. They did not want it to be known through the soldiers that God shook the tomb, rolled away the stone and that Jesus came forth, and the soldiers did not know where He was.

Today we are believing in a risen Christ. He is alive and sitting at the right hand of God, interceding for you and me. "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God."

—Sis. A. Marie Miles

Christ Triumphed Over Satan

For four thousand years, sin and death held sway over the entire human family. Satan robbed man of the "first dominion"; robbed him of his God-given privilege and right to have dominion over himself, the earth, and all it contains—the right to live upon the plane of God's own holiness and to enjoy felicity with Him. As a result of the fall, sin, death, misery, darkness, and woe, yea, all the suffering, sorrow, heartaches, and wickedness that have prevailed in all nations among all people down through the ages, were entailed upon the human family. Satan, as a usurper, became the "prince of this world," "the prince of the power of the air." He held all mankind under his iron hand; hence death reigned from Adam to Christ—spiritual death, which is the result of sin. Sin held dominion, and the law was too weak to deliver. At that time all were slaves under bondage; but in fulfillment of the many prophecies which pointed forward to a better day, a day of salvation and deliverance, when the power of sin and hell would be broken and a "King" would "reign in righteousness"—and the "Lord shall be King over all the earth"—Christ came "preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled; the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:14, 15). Being born a king, He set up His everlasting kingdom of righteousness, grace, and truth, in direct opposition to the kingdom of darkness, and the result was that hundreds and thousands of souls were delivered through the exercise of His almighty power.

God "anointed Jesus of Nazareth, who went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed of the devil." Christ loosed the woman Satan had bound eighteen years from the bond of her infirmity. Not only did He minister deliverance to thousands of those upon whom bodily or physical infirmities had been imposed by Satan, but many who were possessed of demons, who were actually under the control of the devil, were gloriously delivered. Devils crying with loud voices came out of many that were pos-

sessed of them. To the penitent sinner Christ ministered salvation, saying, "Thy sins which are many are all forgiven thee." He ordained and sent forth twelve apostles, and again seventy others also, with instruction to preach, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." "And he gave them power against unclean spirits to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases." The seventy returned saying, "Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name." And He said unto them, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven" (Luke 10:17, 18).

While Satan is enthroned in the human heart, he holds the reins, and rules the man. This accounts for all the unrest, discord, anarchy, jealousy, envy, murder, and, in fact, all the wickedness that abounds in the individual life, the home life, the community, the state, the nation, and the world. The law was given to restrain wickedness until Christ should come. Satan must be cast out; not out of heaven nor out of the world, as some assert, but out of the human heart.

Jesus illustrated His own mission thus: "But if I, with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed, keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace; but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils." Luke 11:20-22. The strong man who keeps the palace refers to the devil, who rules in the human heart. The stronger than he, who casts him out, is Christ.

From this we see that Christ came to earth on a special mission and that during His incarnation, or at the time of His earthly ministry, He set up His kingdom, and began His reign of righteousness in direct opposition to the kingdom of Satan, sin, and darkness. The result was that Satan's kingdom began to tremble and fall. Jesus compared it to lightning falling from heaven; that is, as a flash of lightning falls from heaven, so He saw Satan fall and His kingdom vanish. Then to His disciples, with all authority, he says: "Behold I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you" (Luke 10:19). This was the beginning of Christ's great redemptive reign.

Its object was to restore to man the very thing that Satan and sin had robbed him of in the beginning. But in order to complete this great work and make possible the salvation of a ruined world, it was necessary for Christ to go down into death and the grave, and then be resurrected triumphantly, breaking the bars of death asunder, which was really the great work of the atonement. Since then Christ has been vested or clothed with all power in heaven and in earth: power to fully save, sanctify, and redeem mankind from the last effects of the fall. By going into death Himself, Christ "destroyed him who had the power of death, that is the devil" (Heb. 2:14). Thus man's redemption was sealed, and a multitude of captives were led forth to victory. The prophecy of

Isaiah was fulfilled in that the prison doors were opened to them that were bound. Thus, as expressed in Christ's own language, was "the prince of this world cast out." Satan's power was broken and Christ was raised up "a Prince and a Savior." In other words, Satan was dethroned from the high plane that he had usurped and held for so many thousands of years, and the everlasting kingdom of God in Jesus Christ triumphed.

After His glorious resurrection from the dead, Christ ascended into heaven, "crowned with glory and honor," and took His seat at the right hand of God, upon a mediatorial throne, there to intercede for the salvation of men, and through the Holy Spirit, to execute the great salvation-work for which He had died upon the cross. Having ascended into heaven, He shed forth the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, when the Christian church as a separate, distinct institution, the visible organic form of the kingdom of Christ on earth, was established and became a mighty working-force in the world. Thus, the first great enemies destroyed—subdued—in the redemptive reign of Christ, which began even during His earthly ministry, were sin, spiritual death, and Satan himself, the prince of darkness.

Christ, having been thus vested with all power in heaven and in earth, made His church on earth "a royal priesthood"—a priesthood of kings (1 Pet. 2:9). By washing "us from our sins in his own blood," He "hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father" (Rev. 1:5, 6). The entire host of the primitive church raised up to the high plane of holiness, through the abundant grace of God and the gift of righteousness, were enabled to "reign in life by one, Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:17). —H. M. Riggall

A Torn Leaf

A minister in England asked a dying Christian woman where she found the Saviour. She gave him a piece of paper torn from an American paper containing a small part of one of C. H. Spurgeon's sermons. The scrap had been wrapped around a package that came to her from Australia. The words of Spurgeon were read by her and were the means of leading her to Christ.

Commenting on this incident, a writer says, "Think of it; a sermon preached in England, printed in America, in some way coming to Australia, a part of it used as wrapping paper there, coming back to England, and being the means of converting this woman."

What an encouragement there is in such an incident for those who preach the gospel by means of printer's ink and those who support that printer in his calling! Tracts, papers, booklets, and Spirit-filled printed material are wonderfully used of God for the salvation of souls. —Selected

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EDITORIALS

Many thanks and a sincere welcome are extended to the readers who became regular subscribers by returning the blue subscription remittance envelope attached to the wrapper of the copies of the March issue which was the expiring number of this special three-months trial offer. (If any of our regular readers received a second March paper with a blue expiration envelope, please disregard it, as your subscription has not expired. You received a second paper because some one had sent your name for this special trial offer.) The response to this literature extension effort is very encouraging, as each day's mail brings in more blue subscription envelopes. Many new readers have already expressed how pleased they were to receive these trial issues, and now want to obtain a copy each month. (Excerpts from a few of these letters appear on another page.) May the Spirit of God open the hearts of every reader to the vital Bible truths which will be presented in future issues.

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Time is swiftly passing, and already one quarter of the new year of 1971 is past forever. The saying is very true that "time and tide wait for no man." The record of the past is already made and we cannot change it, but what about the present? Today is the only time that we have at our disposal. Yesterday is gone and we have no promise of tomorrow. Let us live today in the way that we would like it to appear on our record at the end of life's short day.

"So live, that when thy summons comes
To join the innumerable caravan, which
Moves to that mysterious realm where each
Shall take his chamber in the silent halls of
death,

Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon,
But sustained and soothed by an unfaltering
trust,

Approach thy grave like one who wraps
The drapery of his couch about him
And lies down to pleasant dreams."

"Life is real! Life is earnest!

And the grave is not its goal—
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul."

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In the month of March 18,000 gospel tracts (four different titles) in the Efik language have been printed in preparation to mail to the Southeast State of Nigeria for free distribution through the twenty Church of God mission stations in that area.

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In this beautiful spring season the earth is bursting forth with new life. Trees are budding and blooming, birds are singing, and the grass and all vegetation are spreading a green carpet over the earth. This transformation from death to life reminds us of the

new life in Christ when a soul "dead in trespasses and sins" is resurrected to walk in newness of life. Old things pass away and all things become new—a new creature in Christ. Thank God for the transforming power which is experienced in believing the gospel.

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Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Sister Birdie Kroker, of Salem, Oregon, and all the relatives, on the sudden passing of her husband, Edward, with a heart attack on Saturday, March 13, while they were visiting in the home of Bro. and Sister Egbert Allen at Norwood, Mo. The body was returned to Oregon for the funeral and interment. May the Lord comfort all that mourn. Sister Kroker's address is 190 Elma Ave., Salem, Ore. 97301.

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Recent Books off the Press—

A new small, heavy paperbound songbook entitled, "Gospel Anthems," consisting of 100 choice selections, all from the large hymnal, "Evening Light Songs," is now available. This small songbook in shaped notes with a "message in every song" is in response to a definite need. Price, 50 cents per copy, 5 copies for \$2.25, or 12 copies for \$5.00, postpaid.

"Shadows of Good Things, or, The Gospel in Type, by R. R. Byrum, is an excellent reprinted book dealing with the types and shadows of the Old Testament. Consisting of 144 pages, in paper binding, including several diagrams and pictures, this book is priced at \$1.00 each, postpaid.

"Just Mary," by Effie M. Williams, is another choice reprint, a true story especially enlightening to young people and interesting to older folks as well. Paperbound in 96 pages, the price is 40c each, or three for \$1.00, postpaid.

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Sister Joan McIntosh, co-worker here at the Lord's Print Shop, returned recently from Missouri where she attended the funeral on March 12 at Marshfield of her 7-year-old niece, the daughter of Darril and Patsy McIntosh who reside at Kansas City, Kans. May our heavenly Father comfort all the relatives, especially the parents who will miss their only daughter so much. She cannot return to them, but they can prepare to go where she is at rest with the Lord.

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Bro. Richard Madden, pastor at Sapulpa, Okla., desires to express their thanks and appreciation to all the saints for their prayers and concern during the critical illness of his wife, Oleta. They are very grateful to the Lord for answering prayer and performing a miracle in her healing. On March 19 he reported that she was up walking around the house some that day. Continue to pray that her strength will return to normal.

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After Bro. Curtis Williams, evangelist from Clearfield, Ky., closed a successful revival meeting on March 7 at the new chapel in Nowata, Okla., he held a profitable meeting from March 12 to 17 at the Upper

Wharton chapel near Huntsville, Ark. Sister Wall of that congregation reported that two souls were saved and several others were very interested in the truth.

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Our deep sympathy and prayers go out for Sister Pansy Stephens of Ripley, Okla., whose beloved husband, Bro. Marcus Stephens, departed to be with the Lord on March 23 after a short illness. His place in the Guthrie congregation will be vacant, as for several months they have been worshipping with us quite regularly in the Sunday morning services. Their love for God, His people and the old-time truth was prominent in their lives. The floral offerings and the large attendance at the funeral service held on March 25 in the community where they had lived over fifty years indicated the great respect for him. May our heavenly Father sustain and comfort the family and relatives in their loss which is heaven's gain. (Sister Stephen's address is above, and the obituary appears on another page of this issue.)

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Bro. Mart Samons of Kentucky held a meeting at the chapel at Norfolk and Pine Place in Tulsa, Okla. the last of February. After its close, he had about a week's meeting at Shawnee, Okla., where Bro. Charles Smith is the pastor. Following that meeting Bro. Samons held a very profitable meeting here at Guthrie from March 9 to 14. The Word was preached with the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, souls were saved, and the saints strengthened in the faith. He was scheduled to begin a revival meeting at Akron, Ohio, on March 21.

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A late report is that Brother Arthur McClain of Pana, Illinois passed away with a stroke on the 22nd of March. May the Lord sustain and comfort his wife, Vivian, and their children and relatives in this time of sorrow.

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An all-day meeting with ordinance services in the afternoon at the Church of God chapel in Dayton, Ohio on Easter Sunday, April 11, was announced by Bro. Wm. A. McCoy, pastor. The chapel is at 622 Tyron. Phone 233-5393.

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Bro. Ostis Wilson of Pacoima, Calif. will be in a week's revival meeting, Lord willing, at Jefferson, Oregon at Easter time—April 4 to 11. Services will be held at night only through Thursday, then three services daily on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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May the "God of all comfort" be the portion of Bro. and Sister E. J. Trotter of Fresno, Calif., in the sudden passing on March 21 of their youngest son, Robert, 22 years of age. Our prayers ascend for all the family and relatives in their bereavement. Their address is 4871 E. Fillmore, Fresno, Cal. 93727.

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For quite some time Bro. George Hammond of Illinois has felt a burden from the Lord to answer the

urgent call for a resident missionary in the Southeast State of Nigeria to aid the native mission workers in spreading the soul-saving gospel of Christ. As soon as he receives his visa which he has applied for, he plans to leave, Lord willing, by plane, possibly by May 1. Let the Church stand behind Bro. Hammond with their earnest prayers and support in his sacrificial undertaking to bring the gospel light to those souls in heathen darkness.

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These are truly perilous and critical times in every phase of life—morally, spiritually, politically and economically. The whole world is in turmoil, reeling to and fro like a drunken man. Moral standards are almost nil, and the masses of mankind are falling under the influence of atheistic communism. This nation of the United States, the last frontier of freedom, is facing a crisis—right on the verge of catastrophe. In these times the only refuge for the souls of men is in Christ—the Ark of Safety—while the “dragon,” the spirits of devils, working miracles, go out to deceive the nations and gather them together to compass the camp of the saints. Jesus forewarned us that “when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” Luke 21:28. Let us keep looking up and ready for our Saviour's coming.

—Lawrence Pruitt

OBITUARIES



Marcus Stephens was born in Ripley County near Doniphan, Mo., on June 29, 1899. He departed this life on March 23, 1971, at the age of 71 years, 8 months, and 23 days.

He moved to Oklahoma with his parents in 1917 and lived in the Ripley, Okla., community for the remainder of his life.

He was married to Miss Pansy Kaufman on November 30, 1920. (They observed their 50th wedding anniversary last year.) To this union were born two children: a son, Don E., of Ripley, Okla., and a daughter, Hope Reddout, of Douglas, Kansas.

Marcus was converted in the spring of 1961, and was baptized. He was sanctified and lived a dedicated Christian life and was a lover of the old-time truths of the Church of God.

Survivors include his wife of the home; his two children; seven grandchildren; one brother, Charles, of Ripley, Okla.; and three sisters, Grace Fowler of Ripley, Okla., Opal Jauch of Stillwater, Okla., Jane Jauch of Bakersfield, Calif., and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the First Church of God in Ripley, Oklahoma by Bro. Willie C. Murphey, assisted by Bro. O. C. Porter, and interment was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens at Stillwater, Okla., to await the general resurrection.

Edward George Kroker was born March 18, 1910 at Inman, Kansas, to George and Anna Kroker, and departed this life at Norwood, Missouri on March 13, 1971 at the age of 60 years, 11 months, and 23 days.

On November 23, 1930 Edward Kroker was united in marriage to Birdie Leona Ritz in Wichita, Kansas. To this union were born six children, three sons and three daughters.

In 1964 he felt he wanted to go into the isolated homes with words of encouragement and the burden for the tape recording was laid on him for the isolated, blind and shut-in, and he maintained the tape work until his death.

He embraced the truth of the Church of God. In his last moments of most severe pain and suffering he raised his hand, saying, “I’m trusting in you, Jesus.” He then expressed his love for the saints.

His survivors include his wife, Mrs. Birdie L. Kroker of the home in Salem, Ore.; his children, Mrs. Leona Lamb of Stayton, Ore., Mrs. Ruby Chapman of Florence, Ore., Elwood Kroker of Coos Bay, Ore., Paul Kroker of Las Vegas, Nevada, Mrs. Carol Dombrowsky and Jerry Kroker of Salem, Ore.; 16 grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Anna Kroker of Lebanon, Ore.; brothers, Erwin Kroker of Calif., Dan Kroker of Bend, Ore.; sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Pope of Boyd, Okla., Mrs. Nettie Campbell of Sublette, Kansas, Mrs. Berniece Burright of Las Vegas, Nev. and a host of other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted in Lebanon, Oregon, by Bro. Charles Elwell and Sister Beatrice Spaur.

Meeting Notices

ANNUAL APRIL MEETING IN GOULDS, FLA.

The annual meeting in Goulds, Fla., will be held April 11 to 21 at the Church of God chapel located at 21595 U. S. No. 1 and Hainlin Mill Drive. Everyone is cordially invited.

For further information, contact H. H. Hargrave, 10835 S. W. 221st., Goulds, Fla. 33170. Phone No. 233-2472, or Bro. Robert McIntyre, 10845 S. W. 221st St., Goulds, Fla. 33170. Phone No. 233-2166.

OAKLAND, CALIF. MEETING

A meeting will be held at Oakland, Calif., May 7 through 16, Lord willing. A hearty welcome is extended to all. We are trusting God to send ministers and workers of His own choosing.

For further information, contact Sister Doris Washington, at 1447 72nd Avenue, Oakland, Calif. Phone 635-7679, or Sister Velma Smith, Pastor, at 2066 81st Ave., Oakland, Calif. 94621. Ph. 632-8211. —Doris Washington

BOLEY, OKLA. SPRING MEETING

Lord willing, the spring meeting at Boley, Okla., will be held April 25 through May 2, 1971. We extend a warm welcome to all. Come praying that the Lord will work in the meeting. We are looking to the Lord to send Holy Ghost-filled ministers and workers of His own choosing. Let us remember the Lord's request, “Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into His harvest.” Luke 10:2.

Lord willing, there will be gospel singing on Saturday night, April 24, at 7:30 p. m., at the Boley chapel. All are welcome to this service. “Come before his presence with singing.” Psalm 100:2.

Christian love,
—Katherine Williams
905 N. E. 15th St., Okla. City, Okla. 73104 ph. CE 5-2270

LOS ANGELES SPRING MEETING

The annual Spring Revival at Los Angeles, Calif., will convene on Friday night, April 2, continuing nightly at 7:30 p. m., through Easter Sunday, April 11. Day services will be held at 10:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m., on Saturday, April 3, and also on Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10. Everyone is welcome.

The chapel is located on the corner of Naomi and Walnut Streets. Phone 746-9474. For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. I. C. Chandler, 415 11th Street, Bakersfield, Calif. 93304, phone 805-325-6752, or Bro. T. R. Summers, 711 W. 85th St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90044, phone 752-1135. —By Sis. Leon Phillips

WORK DAY AT MYRTLE, MO.

There will be a work day on the Myrtle, Mo., campgrounds on May 1, 1971. All-day meeting will be held on Sunday, May 2. Come and help on the grounds and stay with us for the Sunday services. For further information, contact Bro. A. J. Sorrell, Rt. 1, Box 117, Myrtle, Mo., 65778. Phone 417-938-2483.

NOTICE TO CHILDREN

Sister Annie Belle Allen said that the theme they will have for their vacation Bible school this summer will be on "the Word of God." She wants all the children to especially take note of the "Beautiful Way" paper of January 3, and study it, and if possible, bring it with you to the classes this summer.

NEW CHAPEL PLANNED FOR BOLEY, OKLA.

Dear Saints and Fellow-laborers in the Lord: It is with sincere thanksgiving I greet you in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who gave His life a ransom for the redemption of our souls. Praise the Lord! This brings to my mind the Scripture we often meditate on, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" Heb. 2:3. Oh, what great price our dear Lord paid that we might enjoy this great salvation and live with Him in heaven when this life is over! Praise the Lord! Oh, what a mighty God we serve, and we love Him dearly!

We had thought of repairing the chapel on the campground at Boley, Okla., and had mentioned it in the "Faith and Victory" paper, but after checking into the cost of repairing the old building, the saints made it a special matter before the Lord in prayer and we believe the Lord would be pleased for us to build a new chapel. The campground in Boley is one of the oldest campgrounds among the saints. It is the place where our late Brother Sam Barton found the Lord precious to his soul. During his lifetime, when he was active in the Lord's service, he would often come to the meeting in Boley and preach "the old-time truth," and testify of his spiritual birthplace in Boley and how the Lord had been precious to his soul ever since. We miss his warm visits, his ministry of love in the gospel, his fatherly instructions, and his great concern for the saints, but we realize the Lord took him to Rest.

It is the desire of the saints to build a chapel to the glory of God, and have added rooms to be used for Sunday School classes and to accommodate ministers and their companions during the meetings. We sincerely desire the prayers of the saints that the Lord will supply means for this work to be done. If any feel led to help in the build-

ing, you may contact Sister Anna Mae Thompson, Route 1, Box 71-A, Boley, Okla. 74829, or Sister Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th St., Okla. City. 73104. Phone CE 5-2270.

The all-day meetings on the first Sunday of each month have been canceled for the time being.

Christian love and prayers, —Katherine Williams

Campmeeting Dates for 1971

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for 1971, and more complete announcements will appear in later issues:—

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Okla.—May 28 to June 6.

Holly Hill, South Carolina—June 4 to 13, 1971.

General Southern at Hammond, La.—June 25 to July 4, 1971.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 25 to July 4, 1971.

Akron, Ohio—July 9 to 18, 1971.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri—July 23 to Aug. 1, 1971.

Bakersfield, Calif.—August 6 to 15, 1971.

Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.—Aug. 6 to 15, 1971.

Boley, Oklahoma—August 6 to 15, 1971.

California State at Pacoima, Calif.—Aug. 20 to 29.

Dover, Oklahoma—August 20 to 29, 1971.

Fresno, Calif.—Sept. 10 to 19, 1971.

Prayer Requests



Okla.—Dear Sister Miles: I got your nice letter, also the tracts. . . . The good Lord has offered salvation to all that will come to Him. . . .

Pray for the healing of the arthritis in my knees. Pray for my son in Vietnam that God will protect him while he is over there. I have three grandsons in the Army, one is in Vietnam. Pray for our other unsaved children. —Sister Della Harrison

Tenn.—"My sister can hardly walk. She has arthritis in her leg. . . . Her husband passed away which was hard on her. . . . I haven't been well either. . . . God has been wonderful to my sister and me." —Ottie Powell.

W. Va.—"I would like for the saints to agree in prayer for me that the Lord will touch my body, for I am very sick at this time. . . . I am waiting on God. . . . Pray for my daughter who is in trouble, and my brother also." —Sister Essie Carter.

Okla.—"I have arthritis in my left arm. Please pray that the Lord will give me relief." —Sister Lizzie Thornton

Okla.—"I have been sick nearly all winter. Please pray that I will get back to normal." —Sister Iva Lebow.

Penn.—Pray for Sister Rebecca Honse who has diabetes, ulcers, sinus, and other afflictions.

Ind.—"I want to request prayer for my mother. She is 93 years old. She fell last December, and also she can't see to read very well, nor hear well. . . . She is trusting the Lord for complete healing. Mother hasn't had a doctor for 62 years and that was for childbirth." —Lula Fowler.

Ga.—Let us pray for dear Sister P. R. Bowers. Her husband passed away Feb. 13 and she is not well. She writes, "Pray for me. I am not feeling well at all. My head is giving me lots of trouble, also my side." Our deep sympathy goes out to our dear Sister in her bereavement and re-adjustment. We desire the Lord to heal her.

W. Va.—Sister Queenie Luzader phoned for prayer for her niece who has an affliction that reduced her weight to 74 pounds. She is 17 years old and a sweet tender-hearted girl. Pray for her that the Lord will show mercy to her.

Mo.—"We are concerned about the work that you are all doing for the Lord. We enjoy the publications. It is all just the Lord's work. . . . We are in need of prayer, so please remember us. We are fully trusting the Lord. Do be agreed for us for our complete healing. —Bro. and Sister E. C. Tombleson.

For several months, Sister Lillian Meek, co-worker here at the office, has been suffering with pains in the middle of her back and down one arm to the tips of her fingers, also her limb has been giving her some trouble. She has been "fighting the good fight of faith," so let us be agreed that the Lord will give her complete victory.

Sister Minnie White of Guthrie is still looking to the Lord for complete healing. We thank the Lord for how He does help her again and again. We are thankful that her husband, Harry White, gave his heart to the Lord in our recent meeting when Bro. Samons was here. She had prayed for his salvation for about thirty-seven years. It does pay to keep praying. Do pray for both of them.

Bro. Waldo Eck has been going down in body for some time. He now weighs less than 106 pounds. He seems to have colitis. He is trusting the Lord to heal him. Pray much for him. He has carried a burden for the work of the Lord in helping to support it for many years and is worthy of your prayers and encouragement.

There are many more who are in need of prayer, so let us pray for one another. Remember the "whole household of faith" in prayer, and the work of the Lord in the various fields where missionaries and ministers are laboring. Also, we need to pray that the saints will live such lives, walking before the Lord in such carefulness, that Jesus will be lifted up in their lives and that will cause others to be drawn to the Lord. People are not reading their Bibles today, but reading the lives of those who profess religion. Sorry to say that many are not living up to Bible standards and that is discouraging many in seeking God. But this does not excuse anyone, because every person has a duty to read the Bible for himself and measure to it. —Sis. Marie Miles

MEETING IN NEW CHAPEL AT NOWATA, OKLA.

Dear Ones in Christ: We want to express our love to each one of God's children. We are encouraged in the things of God. We find God's way is best, and are looking to God to lead us in His way.

We are thankful for how God has blessed in giving us a new chapel here at Nowata, Okla. We want to thank everyone who had a part in it. We want to thank Bro. Burditt for coming and working so hard here on the building. I don't know what we would have done without his help.

I'm glad how God does work; then on the opening day (Feb. 14) to see all the saints coming in! It made us to rejoice in the Lord. We were glad to see our

neighbors and friends come to be with us. Some here are still talking about the wonderful service and how beautiful the singing was. How we do thank God for it!

Then the Lord sent Bro. Curtis Williams here for a meeting with us. He was here ten days, closing the meeting March 7, and the preaching was rich to our souls. Bro. Murphy Allen and Bro. Mart Samons were here one night.

We ask all the saints to remember us in prayer that the Lord will keep us humble in His service.

—Bro. and Sis. Clarence Fry

SUPPORT THE TENT EVANGELISTIC EFFORT

Dear Saints scattered abroad: It is with thankful hearts that we greet each one in the lovely name of Jesus. We are thankful to know the Lord today. We find it precious to serve Him and trust His wisdom in all things. Surely to have Him near us warms our hearts with His love.

In all of our travels the last year we were made to realize the need all the more for the gospel to be preached and lived throughout America, and the Church to be in travail before God for the salvation of souls. We feel our need of drawing closer to God, so that He can feel our love to Him, and be moved with our burden for new babies in the family of God. Too many are confused by the many winds of doctrines, and Satan's destructive devices used against the saints.

We feel it needful to bring before the Church the need of again supporting the tent missionary effort throughout the coming summer. Bro. Curtis Williams feels the burden, along with others to accompany him, to again take the tent. He has several places in mind, so let us pray that God will direct him, and those who will labor with him. Each pastor should encourage his congregation to support this missionary effort. Time is fast closing in, and many are not becoming involved in the things of God. The result leaves them cold and soon numbered among those that are lost. Let us work for the night is coming, and pray the Lord of the harvest for more laborers in His field.

We are thankful for those who have supported the Church of God National missionary fund throughout the winter. It proved a blessing to those who received aid by your contributions. They all expressed their thanks to God and to whomever was responsible. May the Lord richly bless each one.

We are praying for the Lord to give us a tent revival here in Coffeyville, beginning May 15 through as long as the Lord leads, and send in laborers of His own choosing. We are entreating the Lord to begin His work now, in preparing hearts to receive the truth, and that He would direct us to souls hungry for the truth, also those desiring to be free from the bondage of sin. There is much to be done, and we want the Lord to direct in all our efforts. Pray for us.

Yours in the Lord's service, —Ralph and Inez Beisly

(Editor's note: In support of the tent evangelistic effort this summer, please make your contributions in favor of the Church of God National Missionary Fund, and send directly to Bro. Ralph Beisly, Treasurer, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas 67337.)

"A fellow ought to do things worthy of praise and be embarrassed when it comes."

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Foreign Field Reports

REPORT FROM MEXICAN MISSIONARY

La Mision, Baja Calif., Mexico— (March 16)—Dear Brothers in Christ: My thanksgiving to God is for the salvation of my soul and the pardon of my sins. My soul was rescued from the hands of Satan in November, 1956, and now with my wife and family we serve the Lord.

I do thank the Lord so much for His blessings on a trip just completed which I made by faith as I only had four dollars when I left home. I was away from home 35 days; went first to Mexicali and Sister Edith Cole's mission station and held meeting there for most of one week. Then as I felt it necessary to go see my unsaved parents, the Lord made it possible for me to go on to La Paz, Baja Calif. The Lord filled my soul with joy as I testified to those that I met on the train, bus, and boat, as I passed out tracts and New Testaments. In La Paz I made contact by telegram with Bro. James Huskey and he desired that I go on to Uruapan, and the Lord made it possible, and led that way. In the small villages close to Uruapan, our Brother Irineo Rama is working with much success for the kingdom of God. Brothers, let us pray much for our brethren there that the Lord will bless them and that they will be able to finish soon the meeting house that they with very much enthusiasm have started. The day I arrived we had services with them all and laid the first foundation stone. The Lord is saving souls and we see that they are very hungry for the truth. As I was walking over the mountain with Bro. Irineo and Bro. Mateo, I thought of the Scripture (Romans 10:14, 15) that says, "How beautiful are the feet of those that carry the gospel of peace."

Pray that some of the other brethren and I will be able to go again to Uruapan in the month of May as they would like to have special services before the rains start, but after they finish their chapel. There are now five married couples who will want to be baptized then.

Now pray for me as I have a responsibility to pray and write to all those that showed an interest toward the gospel where I visited in homes, on the train and bus, and on the boat as I crossed the Gulf of California.

Your Brother in Christ, Miguel Angel and Alice Gaspar and seven children.

LETTER FROM INTERIOR MEXICO

Mich., Mexico (Feb. 15)—Sister, I am writing this letter to greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, trusting that all there are well. Thank God, we are well, too.

I wanted to let you know that the house of prayer [chapel] is well begun. We have the excavations ready. We are waiting on the Lord to continue forward with the work. We keep on praying for all things needed.

May the Lord Jesus Christ be with each one of His children. —Irineo Rama

MEXICO MISSION REPORT

Ojos Negros, Mexico (March 5)—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We have been in earnest prayer in behalf of the people here with a hope of reaching more of them. The valley is large and houses are far apart and it is hard to reach all. We began Sunday going in one direction and another to bring in the people. . . . We did have thirty-nine in service. It was

too cold to have services in the chapel as we still don't have a stove working, nor a ceiling in, so we met in the kitchen. We were crowded, but the Lord blessed. There was real good attention given.

We are trying this week to put up a ceiling of plywood, and hope to get the fireplace redone correctly and finished, then we will have ample space.

We also are contemplating a little trip through many ranches and villages, and other mission stations, Lord willing. He has been helping us print quite a bit of literature and Bible lessons with pictures to leave with each. We will have services as permitted, also. Please pray for us in this new venture. We desire to reach new souls with the gospel, also to refresh the minds of those who have had services in the past, and we need much wisdom in these new and old contacts. Our aim is to win them to Christ. We are encouraged to press on.

In my own experience the Lord is still teaching me some precious lessons. Always when we desire to draw closer to the Lord, it means hard things ahead. If we will only recognize them as they come from the hand of God, and not fret under them, God will give us that desire.

Love and prayers,

—Sister Opal Kelly

MISSION NOTE FROM MEXICO

Patzcuaro, Mexico (March 12)—Dear Fellow-Laborers: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. I never tire of thanking the Lord for this great salvation that we have the privilege of enjoying, and for the sweet peace it brings to the soul. . . .

Rarely do I have company here, but since I last wrote to you, Sister Carrie Sheppard and Sister Opal Kelly came and spent a few days with us. It indeed was a real blessing to me and the saints here. . . . While Bro. Tomas Mendoza and family were here last week we had several nights' meeting and the Lord wonderfully blessed in them. We feel that possibly we can have the campmeeting during Easter week. We trust you will begin now to pray for this meeting and come be with us if you are able and the Lord directs you this way. There are many needs in this village and these surrounding areas. Some have gone back on the Lord, others seem cold and indifferent, but others are on fire for God. Please pray for me and the saints here that we will be able to help the fallen and weak ones to come to the Light of Life.

I also have an unspoken request I hope you will pray with me about. May God bless you. —Edith Cole

LETTER FROM NIGERIAN PASTOR

Southeast Nigeria (March 3)—Dear Bro. Lawrence, greetings in the precious and most adorable name of Jesus Christ—the only Gateway to heaven:

Thanks so much for your last communication dated Feb. 11, and the contents noted with all pleasure. Indeed, God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform. He makes no mistake in anything He does. Praise Him forever! The information that you have mailed my usual cash monthly aid through the central offering is accepted in good faith.

I had received a letter from Bro. George A. Hammond, our intended missionary from Illinois, telling me that he had a burden for the Lord's work in Nigeria, and it looks favorable that he may be with us, Lord willing, by the 1st of May. He asked me some questions which I had answered him. He will have to fly from New York to Lagos, . . . then to Calabar, our state capital, where the

field secretary and I will meet him at the airport to escort him to Asana. I hope you, too, will contact him on these points. Thank you.

The gospel work is still on the "go," and the Lord is leading in all ways . . . Pray with me for the arrival of the missionary soon.

Yours for the cause of Christ, —J. U. Etuk

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (March 8)—Beloved Brother in Christ: Greetings again in the precious name of Jesus Christ, "who is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them" (Heb. 7:25).

God willing, we wish to conduct a convention at Twikkannamangal in front of this new chapel after its purchase. May God make that place a convention center and a center for the expansion of our work around it.

As I mentioned in the last letter, our work here is being expanded by our Wonderful Counsellor after this year's conventions. By the grace and help of God, we started a prayer group at Karikkom aiming at the spiritual progress of the youngsters throughout this place. This prayer group assembles on each Friday evening. Four meetings are over. There is very good attendance, including many Catholics and other Episcopal denominations. It is a very good chance for us to speak to them about the gospel of Christ and to point out to them the way of salvation, which is strange to them. Much time is separated for prayer, and in the last meeting some of them, who were convinced and convicted, prayed with broken hearts and contrite spirits. "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." 2 Cor. 4:3, 4. May God bless and prosper this group to "pull many out of the fire" while it is day because the night comes when no one can work. Your valuable prayers are requested. The night meetings, Bible classes, etc., are also progressing with good attendance.

Last Sunday I had a chance to visit our brethren at Niranam and to participate in their assembly. God willing, a convention must be arranged there in April, which also is a subject of our prayers.

Now the general election is going on in India and no one knows the future of India. One thing is sure, the world is and shall be against us always, but the powerful hand of God shall always be in favor of the children of God. Praise the Lord!

Our prayers are with you, your family, the valuable work there, and also for all the beloved brothers and sisters in U. S. A.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

The Chicago Vice Commission stated: "Of three hundred prostitute girls asked, 'What led you to become such a sinner?' eighty-five per cent replied: 'My first wrong step was caused by the dance.' " "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness?" 2 Cor. 6:14, "It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband." 1 Cor. 7:1, 2.

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"Lift Up Your Eyes, Look . . . !

Christ's spirit is a missionary spirit, and to lose that concern and burden for those perishing in sin is to lose the spirit of Christ. Think of the supreme sacrifice our Saviour made for you and me. He left the joys of heaven with His Father, took upon Him the robe of flesh, went about doing good, forgiving sinners, healing the sick, had no place of His own to lay His head, finally rejected by His own people and crucified on that cruel cross to atone for our sins. What greater price could be paid for our redemption?

In turn, the Lord imparts that same spirit of sacrificial concern for the lost in the hearts of His true children. We become debtors to the unsaved—we owe them the gospel message of salvation through Christ.

This message is from my heart, and I must state frankly that the gospel work in home and foreign fields is suffering in a great measure from a lack of concern, generally speaking, of the church as a whole. Some saints are praying earnestly and giving sacrificially for the gospel work in its many needs, but every member of the Church needs to "lift up his eyes, look on the fields" and get a true vision of perishing souls at stake at home and abroad. The challenge is indeed great, but if every child of God would get a vision of the debt he owes and a greater love for perishing souls, he would not only pray for the lost, but also put wings to his prayers by sacrificing his time, talents, and money regularly for the all-important gospel work. Cheerful giving regularly and prayerfully as "one purposes in his heart" and "as God hath prospered him," is the New Testament plan that will keep God's work moving forward and prove to the giver that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Every congregation and isolated saint should maintain a missionary fund for home and foreign missions if they really want to prosper spiritually.

I would not in the least minimize the great needs on the home mission front for gospel literature, evangelistic tent work and home missionaries in new fields, but at the moment our attention is called to the urgent needs on the foreign mission fields for more gospel literature in their own languages, and for more financial support for those missionaries who are now on the fields in Mexico, Nigeria, and India. In fact, some are destitute and nearly forced to take up secular work to support themselves on the foreign fields.

As an example of this tragic situation, I will take the liberty to share with you some excerpts from a personal letter from Bro. Tomas Mendoza which was in answer to my letter counseling him not to get involved in work or business that would hinder him in the gospel work. Bro. Tomas is highly regarded as a faithful and effective native missionary in Mexico, and the Lord has blessed his labors. Though he has a family—a wife and six growing children—to support, he has not wanted to be a burden on the Church. Yet the fact is that he has been hindered many times in reaching the souls he was burdened for because of a lack of means. Here is a part of his letter:

"My brother, I want to answer your letter, and I appreciate very much the counsel you gave me . . . because I know that you love me and desire the good of my heart. . . . Look, my brother, only . . . [two sources regularly] are the only ones who are helping me in the work, [that is, just recently] and hard as I try, there are times that I have no money for gasoline to go to new places. The other day I was thinking to leave for the

south of Baja . . . and in the end I could not. This is why I want to work—to help myself and to have something to use in the work. Another thing, the clothing I have now, the best is two shirts that were Bro. Jim's, and the others I have had three to five years. All are about full of holes . . . But don't think that I am discouraged because of these things . . . I believe that God will care for us. I only ask that you pray much for me, and if God permits me I want to go south [below Mexico City] in the month of May."

This is the problem of just one missionary family, and there are several other missionaries in Mexico who often face like circumstances, in addition to several native missionaries in India, and about thirty native gospel workers in Nigeria. The Missionary Fund here at Faith Pub. House, from which we have endeavored to send allowances each month to these mission workers in these three countries, is almost down to zero, and unless the fund is increased promptly we will not be able to send allowances from this source for the month of April. This is telling it like it is, but now you will know the plight of our foreign missionaries. Let us each one do our duty toward precious souls in home and foreign fields.

Please make your free-will contributions in favor of "Church of God," specifying for what purpose, and remember that "this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God." 2 Cor. 9:12.

—Lawrence Pruitt

FURTHER EXHORTATION ON ABOVE PROBLEM

In the sixth chapter of Acts, we find that some Grecian widows had been neglected in temporal care. This was evidently not deliberate, nor intentional, but because this matter needed attention, they looked to the Holy Ghost, and Holy Ghost-filled people to take care of the matter.

We have the problem of neglect of mission work today. The dear brethren would not intentionally neglect any duty, but there is a great need of Holy Spirit direction in ALL that we do, so that the dear Lord Himself might govern, and that that government might be effectual and glorifying to Him in every way. We need to co-operate together with the Holy Spirit. Each congregation should pray together earnestly concerning their duty and their part of the work as a whole.

There is a general fund for missionaries maintained here at the Print Shop. The funds are distributed prayerfully, and also according to how the writer specifies that his offering should be distributed.

It has been suggested that unless the Spirit specifically guides differently, that the missionary offerings for foreign missions be entrusted to those who by Holy Ghost guidance will distribute them carefully and prayerfully, always mindful to observe special instructions for persons or places. There are several good reasons for this. One is, that this office keeps in very close contact with all the mission stations, and will know directly if any letters with checks have been lost in the mail, and can stop payment on checks, etc., also through prayer and the cooperation of God's people, there will be no need of any being neglected. In all of this, of course, the Holy Spirit must be the Director, and there will certainly be times when He will direct individuals to send directly for some particular purpose or need, but in general, for the daily needs of our missionaries, if we consider this giving as a regular habit, just as we regularly do our own

grocery shopping, I believe God will bless and prosper His work at home and abroad. —Virginia Wittenborn

(Sister Wittenborn, presently a co-worker here at the Office, writes from personal experience of mission work in Mexico, and is well acquainted with the Mendoza family and the present missionaries in Mexico. —Editor.)

From The Mail Box . . .

Ore.—Dear Sister Marie: I greet you in Jesus' dear name. I can report victory in my soul. I am thankful for all the Lord has done for my body, too, and the way He encourages me in His Word. We had a real good Bible study last night. It was about Jesus' trial and His sentence to be crucified. It makes us rejoice when we realize how much He loved us. He suffered so much for our salvation. We surely should do our best to please and honor Him in all we do. Truly it is my aim and desire to please Him and obey all His commands. . . .

May the Lord bless you all. Our special prayer is for Bro. Lawrence. Love, —Sister Emma Busch

Canada—Dear Sister Miles: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I just finished reading the book, "The Poorhouse Waif." I cannot explain what it has done for me, nor how my heart goes out to little children left in this cruel world to the mercy of people who do not love them. This is happening all over the world. One seldom sees an animal leave its young, nor have I ever seen an animal mistreat its young. How can people do such a thing? Poor dear wee souls! I have taken children in and cared for them, from parted parents, until the parents came back for them, sometimes for months and years. Now I am sponsoring 26 children in a Christian orphans' home in India. . . . God has blessed our home ever since, yes, and years before. God is wonderful! His ways are past finding out. I give Him all the glory for what we are able to do. Only He could have done in our hearts what is being done.

I am having a wonderful time getting books out to the glory of God.

Please keep praying for me and ask the saints to pray, also. I am much better, but still there is pain at times. Yet, I know God is working.

A Sister in Christ Jesus, —Mrs. Leslie Smith

Iowa—Dear Editors: Someone must have sent my name in for the "Faith and Victory" paper as I've received two papers. Please find enclosed a check for \$1.00 for the paper for three years. Thank you and who ever sent my name in.

In Christian love, —Mrs. Verna Brown

Oregon—Dear Sirs: I am enclosing \$1.00 for a single copy for three years of the "Faith and Victory" paper. I enjoy it very much. —Mrs. Geneva Kennedy

Ind.—Dear Christian Friends: Enclosed is the money for renewal of my paper for three years. Keep it coming. I enjoy it very much. There is nothing like the old-time religion and there is not much of that in the world these days. People have gone so far from the Word of God. . . . —Mrs. H. L. Testerman

Colo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all at the Lord's Print Shop, greetings in our Saviour's name: It has been a long time since I have written to "Faith and Victory."

From my last letter printed I have received several letters in reply to my request for letters from anywhere, and the biggest surprise was a letter from Bro. J. U. Etuk in Nigeria, Africa. I appreciate it and all that have written to me. I was desirous of becoming better acquainted with the saints, and these letters have helped.

In Christian love, —Fred B. Allen

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: I hope you and all the ones at the Print Shop are feeling fine. We think of you often and remember you in our prayers.

I want to thank you for the letter you wrote to the local draft board for me. I surely appreciated it. The Lord really worked it all out for me, and I got my 1-O classification without having to go before the board. I surely thank the Lord for His many blessings to me.

Pray that we will be what the Lord would have us to be. Your Brother in Christ, —David Marler

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Ark.—Dear Sister Marie, and all at the Print Shop and to all the saints scattered abroad, greetings of love to you: I thank and praise the Lord for what He is to me. He is my source of everything that I need.

The Lord has appointed me to lead and teach a few of His isolated children. I mean to do my best, for I know that the Lord will direct me in the way I should go. Truly, I mean to go all the way He leadeth me. Pray for me that I may be pleasing in His sight.

You will find an offering enclosed to be used whenever needed. May the Lord bless all is my prayer.

Yours in Christ, —Sister Cherry R. Alba

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Minn.—Dear Saints at the Print Shop, greetings: The Lord is my Saviour, and I shall not want. He keeps me day by day in the heavenly way. Praise His holy name!

Sister Amanda Price departed this world to be with the Lord on February 22, 1971, at 87 years of age. She was in a nursing home for at least two years. Now we are only three left in this meeting.

I am in good health and strength, and draw closer to the Lord as time passes on. We know not the day nor the hour, so it behooves us to be ready with oil in our lamps so we will not find the door closed when our time is up. Praise the Lord who has done so much for us in times past, and for that Home everlasting in heaven.

May God bless and keep all of you in the center of His will. Your labor of love is not in vain.

—Bro. Andrew Senti

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La.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: Again we greet you in Jesus' dear name. We hope this finds you feeling better in body and encouraged in the Lord. If there ever was a time to take courage and stand firm, it seems it is now. Dan. 7:25 speaks about "wearing out the saints." It seems that surely is Satan's tactics now. So many of God's people, it seems, are being tried to the limit, but it is no time to let down. By His grace and strength we mean to press on. We are holding you up constantly before the Lord in our prayers. We know what it is to be in the furnace, and there are some trials it seems that are harder to bear than bodily afflictions, but by His grace we mean to make heaven. Pray for us.

We appreciate the paper and pray that it may ever continue to the end. Also, we appreciate you dear ones who are laboring to keep the gospel message flowing out to a lost world and pray God to bless each and every one.

Enclosed you will find an offering to be used in the work of the Lord.

Up to this writing there seems to have been but little change in wife's condition since you were here. On April 2, it will be seven years of this affliction. We may never know why all this, but we know God knows best. Our faith and trust are in Him, and we humbly say, "Lord, have your way."

Love to all, and may God ever bless, is our prayer.

—Bro. and Sis. G. A. Nichols, Loranger, La. 70446

(Editor's note: Ever since Sister Nichols suffered a stroke seven years ago, which left her practically a helpless invalid, Bro. Nichols has faithfully cared for her in the home with the help of their daughters who live near them. Sister Nichols will be 66 years old on April 2. Kindly send them an encouraging card or letter, using the above address, and you will have done a good deed.)

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Texas—Dear Bro. Lawrence, and all the dear saints at the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. It has been a long time since I have written you . . . I am still saved and want to go all the way with God. Praise His holy name! . . . The Lord knows what we need before we ask.

You will note that I have changed my address again. I am working at the hospital here at Perryton and I see many go out into eternity without God. I talk with souls and help in every way I can to bring them to Christ. May God bless you and yours.

Christian love, —Bro. Harvey Johnson

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Okl.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings in Jesus' name. I'm still happy in the Lord. He has answered many prayers for me. It really pays to put God first, ahead of our own personal desires. I may be timid or backward, but God's Holy Spirit can locate the honest heart. The Lord is helping me to live a book of battles and victories. . . . It is better to live it than write it. I am happy to be a jewel in God's hands, yet I am not the least exalted. . . . I desire His will in my life. Pray for me that I faint not. Christian love, —Sister Minnie Penner

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Calif.—We are saved and thankful to the Lord for His many blessings to us and others . . . May our dear heavenly Father continue to bless you and yours, as well as all of His dear children, is our prayer.

I am now taking time to order some books . . . The remainder of the money is for the work of the Lord.

Do you stock a Bible cover for the "New Chain Reference Bible" (Thompson) that Bro. Ira Stover is selling?

—Bro. and Sis. James Pierro

(Yes, we carry in stock a Bible cover that fits this large Bible. The price is \$4.50, postpaid. —Editor)

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La.—Dear Saints: Warm greetings of love to each of you there. We are thankful for the love of God in our heart that makes us love and be concerned about our fellowman, and especially those who are our sisters and brothers in the Lord. The Word of God tells us to bear one another's burdens. In these busy times in which we live, we don't find very many who will take time to bear another's burdens. There are so many lonely people who are discouraged and unhappy who need someone who will take the time to show love, or write them a letter of encouragement. Sometimes God may talk to our heart and stir us up about visiting or writing, but we are so busy we put it off until the voice of our conscience is quieted and the poor lonely hearts are not helped. I pray God each day to help me to take time for others and to be prompt in visiting, writing a letter or whatever little

thing I can do to help lift the burden from some precious soul. At the most, it is very little that I can do. I have more time than many others who are out in the harvest fields laboring for precious souls.

We were blessed with the privilege of going to Jena, La., on Sunday, Feb. 14, and being in services there. Bro. Curtis Williams brought a good message in the morning. There was some good singing in the afternoon.

Bro. Lawrence, we are still holding you up in prayer each day that God will heal the places on your face. And Sister Marie, we are still asking real often that God will save your companion. We call his name often in prayer. We would appreciate prayer for our unsaved children. May God's rich blessings be upon each of you who labor there.

—Sybil Goldsberry

Miss.—Dear Friends in the Lord: . . . I received your paper, "Faith and Victory," and I read it from cover to cover. It is encouraging to know there are a "faithful few" who still believe and preach the Word of God in its purity and fullness which will stand the Judgment shock.

It is my one desire that my life would be a light to those who walk in darkness to help them find their way to the Lord.

May God bless each of you who are giving your all in His service.

Faithfully in His service, —Mrs. Olen Williamson

Canada—Dear Friends in Christ: We receive your "Faith and Victory" paper every month and must say we enjoy reading the articles written therein.

I would at this time like to subscribe to the 6-page paper for children, "The Beautiful Way."

We would appreciate it if you would kindly let us know when your campmeetings will be held in the various places and the dates. We are thinking, Lord willing, to come that way for our holidays and would like to take in a campmeeting. . . .

May God bless you in His work for Him.

—Mrs. E. Moritz

W. Va.—Dear folks at Guthrie: I am sending you a check in the amount of \$1.25 for a 3-year subscription to "Faith and Victory," and the 25c is for postage for the free book, "God's Gracious Dealings." Reading your paper is like reading the "Gospel Trumpet" 50 years ago. . . .

Keep praying for my healing. Yours in His service,

—C. D. Spaur

Colo.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sister Marie and co-workers: Greetings of love in the name of Jesus, our blessed Saviour. . . . This leaves us both well in body and enjoying salvation. We are determined to press on to the Glory land. . . .

Enclosed is a check to help spread the gospel.

In Christian love, —The McEndrees, Ed and Addie

Illinois—Dear Ones in the Lord's work: I praise the Lord for salvation, for the many other blessings, for all the saints all over the world, and for all the work each saint is doing for the work of the Lord. I love the work of God and pray the Lord to send more laborers into the work.

Enclosed you will find . . . to be used in the Lord's work wherever you feel led to use it.

I know the Lord has healed the cataracts on my eyes. Praise the Lord! The Word says that when you pray, believe and you shall have it, and it says, believe, doubt

ing nothing. When we pray, we are praying to God who has all power. His Word says He will answer before we call. Praise the Lord! What a mighty God we serve!

—Sister Lettie West

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Arizona—Sirs: Do you have a catalog of books they used to sell from the Gospel Trumpet office several years ago? If so, I would be glad to have one. I am anxious to get some of these books. I would like to have the "History of the Church" by H. C. Wickersham, also the book, "When The Trumpet Sounded."

I was present when Bro. D. S. Warner prayed for protection from a storm and the Lord miraculously answered. I was eleven years old. That was about the 7th or 8th of June, 1886. My house burned a few years ago, destroying all my books.

Yours truly,

—S. E. Puterbaugh

(Editor: If anyone has the books for sale mentioned above, please contact this office.)

Testimonies and Answers To Prayer



Okla.—Dear Saints: I feel like the Lord would be glorified in my sending in our testimony concerning the illness of our baby boy. The Lord is due all the praise in healing our child, and I do hope it may encourage some other young parents in trusting the Lord completely for their families. It seems we are living in a time when medical aid is so available and science has discovered so much concerning the human body that the enemy tries to discourage our confidence in God's healing power. But man can go only so far and their wisdom concerning our future in what God may be teaching us is limited to healing the body only. God has rich blessings to be received from each trial.

During the Guthrie meeting in December, our girl took the measles and was sick two weeks. Then our boy took a bad sore throat and ran fever off and on. We expected him to break out with the measles, but he never did. For three weeks he went from bad to worse, but the Lord heard prayer and touched his body many times. It appears now from all the symptoms that the measles went in instead of breaking out, and complications set in causing pneumonia. For two weeks we could get no definite answer from the Lord as to whether he was going to heal or take him. As far as we knew, we had him consecrated either way. On the third Sunday of his illness, the saints here were agreeing with us in fasting and prayer. That morning the Lord gave me a Scripture in Numbers 14, "Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it." And concerning the giants in the land, Joshua and Caleb said, "they are bread for us . . ." This was very encouraging to me. That evening the Lord witnessed to me that He was going to heal the baby. But He also showed me that the worst of the battle was before us. It came to my mind about the children of Israel in possessing any of the land before them, that they first got the mind of the Lord about it, and then the battle of taking it was yet before them.

We were up most of the night with the baby. By Monday my body seemed to give out, and I felt I must have help. The Lord sent our mothers over to help—one each night for the rest of the week. The baby lost weight and was hardly taking a bottle of milk a day. By Tuesday night he was coughing hard and had hardly slept for 48 hours—just short periods of sleep. We called our pastor and he came over in the early morning and prayed with us until the Lord touched the baby and he slept. From

that time on, he started to improve. We then asked the Lord to heal him speedily and let him gain fast. The congregation here and other places were agreeing with us concerning this. And the Lord surely answered prayer. Our baby gained weight fast, and now, a month later, he seems normal in every way. Through it all we learned much, and never has the Lord been so close to us. He seemed to say from the first of the battle that He cared more than we could care, and was touched about our infirmities. I am still feeding on that "bread" in the land of the giants. The Lord gave the battle over into our hands.

My desire is to serve the Lord better than ever. I set up a memorial from this battle and want to look back on it often and let my heart be encouraged in serving the Lord for future battles. Remember us when you think about it. We want to be faithful to the end. We do appreciate every prayer and call in our behalf. The saints became more precious and we are so glad for a people we can fellowship and worship with.

Christian love, —Roberta and Ed Wilson

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Mich.—Sister Marie: Greetings in our dear Saviour's precious name. Yes, He is dear and precious to us. Our hearts are made to rejoice when we think of all He has done for us. Bless His holy name! I love Him more and more each day. I think we are getting older in years, but our Saviour cares for us, just the same as when we were young. I think of what the poet has said, "E'en down to old age, all my people shall prove, My Sovereign, eternal unchangeable love." I am glad to know that He changeth not.

I love to read your writings. They really are food to my soul. Your letters are inspiring. We enjoy Bro. Pruitt's writings, too. We are burdened for his healing. We feel that the Church should get under the burden for his healing. We read John 15:7, "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you," and so many other promises that God will hear and answer our request. I know Bro. Pruitt knows all the promises, but the Church needs to awake to its duty. When someone isn't healed, we need to go to God and see if there isn't something for us to do.

One healing of our little daughter helped to increase my faith. She was seven years old. She had ugly warts come on one of her hands. She and I counted them and there were 23. Her hand was very ugly. They had been there a year or more. One day she came in to me crying. She said, "Mama, I don't want those warts on my hand." I told her not to feel so bad about it. She said, "The children at school make fun of me and tell me I've been playing with frogs. I've done everything they tell me to and they don't go away." I asked her what they told her to do. She said they told her to take a pin for each wart and pick it until it bled and then hide the pin; also to rub each wart with a grain of corn. I said, "Well, have you tried prayer? You know God says that if you ask anything in His name He would do it." She just turned and ran upstairs to her room. I wondered why she didn't ask me to pray with her. The next day about the same time she came in and held her hand out to me and said, "Look at my hand now, Mama." I asked if that was the one that had the warts on it. She said, "Yes." I said, "Why, they are gone." She said, "Yes, every one of them." I asked when they went away. She said she didn't know, that she had just noticed and they were gone. She said, "But, Mama, I would like to have seen them go." There was not a scar. Her hand was as smooth as if there had never been a wart on it.

When doctors take them off there is always a scar. She was happy and glad to show the children what God had done for her.

The flu left her deaf in one ear when she was just a baby and the Lord healed that, too.

In Christian love. —Bro. Floyd and Sis. Ether Hines

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Pa.—Dear Sister Marie: I wish to thank you for the books you sent me, also for "The Beautiful Way" papers. The children like for me to read to them.

I also would like to tell how the Lord healed me of a bad ear condition I had for quite awhile. I had told the Lord one night while I was in a lot of pain that I would tell about it in the paper if He would heal me. The devil has tried to keep me from writing about it. He has told me I didn't need to testify to a small thing like an ear ache being healed, but I know, even if it was a small thing that the Lord helps me with small things. We also want to thank Him for the small things as well as the large things. I am sorry I ever listened to him and put it off this long.

I had suffered for several nights and I wasn't getting any sleep. I was praying much for relief so I could sleep a little and get some rest. Finally, around three or four o'clock in the morning I took an aspirin so I could sleep. It seemed like the old devil was telling me that I was only taking them so I could sleep and that I was still trusting God to heal me. I see now it was just a way for him to sneak in a little at a time. I felt so bad for not trusting God for everything. I decided I would call for prayer from someone and I would not take another aspirin. A few hours before going to bed I called my mother and told her how I was having so much pain and not getting any sleep. While I was still on the phone, I knew I was going to sleep that night. I went to bed early and I slept all night and woke without any pain. Thanks be to our good God! I had a ringing in my ear for about two weeks, but I had no more pain as I had had. My husband couldn't understand why it lasted so long. The ringing was so loud I couldn't even hear out of one ear. I had just decided I was going to trust God, no matter how long my ear rang. I was just thanking God. He had taken the pain away. He has healed me of this, also. This was in January, and I haven't had any trouble since. I truly thank Him. I want to always trust Him.

Pray that He will save my husband. Pray for me that I will have grace enough so he will see something in me that he will want.

Love and prayers, —Mrs. Virginia Myers

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Ky.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, greetings in Jesus' dear name, the One who saves us from all sin and heals us of all diseases: I felt like I wanted to testify for the Lord as I promised I would if He would heal me. We came here to Grubbs, Ark., to be with the congregation during Bro. and Sis. Albert Eck's absence, and I became very ill with fever and a sore throat.

On the 19th of February it became worse. On Saturday, the 20th, I felt some better in the morning, then Saturday night was the worst night for me. I didn't know if I would be able to preach the next morning. I was hardly able to talk or to swallow. I was praying silently and told the Lord He would have to touch my body if He wanted me to preach Sunday morning. I told Him if He would heal me I'd send my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper. Then it wasn't long until I went to sleep. My wife said that before our son Jonathan went to bed he knelt by my bedside and prayed earnestly for me. The next morning when I awoke the Lord had touched my

body and healed me. Ever since then I have felt better than any time since I've been here. I surely thank the Lord. Only the Lord knows the suffering I endured those two nights, but He healed me. I've heard people say that God doesn't heal as He used to, but I can say "He is still the same today!" The Lord is good to His people—those who trust Him and obey Him to all they know and understand. He is yet "stilling the tempests and the storms," as the poet has said.

Lord willing, we will be going home [in Kentucky] the first of March. I hope all of you are fine.

—Bro. Gordon Humphrey and family
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Mo.—Dear Ones at the office and readers of the "Faith and Victory": We have been enjoying the articles, testimonies, and poems in the paper very much. I might never write a testimony if I waited until I could do as well as most people do, but in our way we will thank the Lord for the work there and for His goodness to us. It is marvelous how God anoints certain ones to proclaim and write His Word under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

It always refreshes us to be in the good Assembly meetings at Guthrie, and it seemed the last one was unusually good. We didn't want to leave so soon, but had responsibilities toward some unsaved loved ones. It is so easy to just stay close to the saints. It takes real pressing to get out among the worldly crowd, which we sometimes do, to let our light shine and show our concern for lost souls. We don't want to get too taken up with just a few and neglect Jesus' command to "Go ye—"

We are eagerly looking forward to warmer weather, hoping we can get out and do more personal work and distribute papers and tracts. The devil works to hinder this type of work, so he must know it is profitable. Pray for us.

Since God has been so gracious to us we hesitate to ask for any more blessings, but we do have needs that we know He will help us in if we just humbly put in for them.

Please pray for us when you think of us—as we do for you.
—Louie and Evodna Marler

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Okla.—Greetings of love to all the dear saints scattered abroad: It has been some time since I have put my testimony in the paper. The dear Lord impressed me to write, and I want to obey Him. Truly, I am glad I can report victory in my soul. I am much encouraged to press on in Jesus' dear name. I can say, as the song says, "Jesus has been so good to me." The dear Lord has blessed me, soul and body. I give Him all the praise. I am thankful for the strength He daily gives me. I mean by His grace to keep humble and submissive to the will of God, and be a real example every day, walking in the light of God. Truly, it takes much watching and praying to keep victorious, and keep a burden for the lost.

We were thankful for the week's revival that the Lord blessed us with at Tulsa. Thank the Lord for sending Bro. Mart Samons our way. It was held Feb. 22 to 28. Every message was anointed and filled with the Spirit of God. Our souls were strengthened by the power of God. Souls went to the altar for help and prayer, even though the devil was busy. One night several batteries were stolen from the saints' cars. The Lord was working inside and the devil was busy on the outside, but thank God, He helped the saints to get more batteries and come back the next night to be under the sound of another anointed message from God. Precious souls continued seeking for help. Truly, the Word was rich and power-

ful. It gave me a deeper desire to press on for the Lord. We had snow and rain, but good attendance every night. Thank the Lord for ministers who preach under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for me that I will ever keep heaven in view.
—Carrie Woods

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Calif.—Greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus: I'm thanking the dear Lord for His wonderful love, saving and keeping grace that I'm experiencing in my soul, also the sweet peace, joy, and happiness and the healing touch to my body at times. It all comes through the goodness and merciful kindness of our dear heavenly Father and Jesus Christ, His Son. Praise His dear name!

I noticed that this is the 49th anniversary year of our precious little paper—the "Faith and Victory," which has always given us divinely-inspired Biblical truths. They have inspired our souls to a deeper understanding of God's eternal Word, and helped to guide us into a richer and fuller life of faith, love, and joy, and service for our Master.

My husband was one of the first subscribers to the paper, and we have never missed a copy, that I know of. For many years, and up until his death, my husband ordered 50 copies a month and enjoyed passing them out, sowing the gospel seed, also passing out the "Beautiful Way" papers since its first publication in 1949, as well as tracts.

The other day, when I read Matt. 12:49, 50, the Lord gave me some beautiful thoughts. Jesus said, "Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven . . ." What does that mean, but perfect obedience? And He said, "The same is my brother, my sister, and my mother." That means just one big family with Christ as Head. It means LOVE. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." It means oneness. Jesus prayed "that they may be one as we are." Oh, the sweet fellowship we have in the Spirit! Jesus said, "If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." It means togetherness. We are "heirs together of the grace of God," "knit together," "built together," "quickened together," raised up together, and made to "sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," "live together," and at the last, "caught up together." "And so shall we ever be with the Lord." Praise His name! Oh, I could just go on and on and never tell it all! As the poet said, "The half has never yet been told."

I pray God to continue to bless the dear consecrated workers at the Lord's Print Shop, and help us all to be "workers together," endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

In Christian love,
—Vera Forbes

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Mich.—Dear Saints everywhere: Greetings in the name of Jesus. The Lord told me to send my testimony to the paper, as there were so many saints praying for me during my severe illness, and I want everyone to know how much I appreciate God's children.

I was very near to leaving this world. I don't know what it was, but God did. I couldn't walk, and had excruciating pain all through my stomach, back, and left limb. . . . On Monday morning I felt the presence of death near the foot of my bed. I could barely move in any direction, but I wanted to get right with God above everything else, even if God didn't see fit to raise me up. I did all I knew to do to make all right, and said the last yes to God. (If there is anyone, anywhere who knows anything I've said, done, or thought that they felt I should

make right with them, please, please forgive me!) The prayer of faith was prayed. I was anointed in the name of Jesus and God raised me from that bed. Glory to God! I have been getting stronger each day. Oh, it is wonderful to know God has cleansed my soul for heaven! Please pray for me each step of the way that I may please Him and do His good will.

Sincerely in the Lord, —Sister Aneita Corteway

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Ohio—Dear Sister Marie: It is good once again to send greetings of divine love in Jesus' precious name—the Name that is above every name. He is the one who came to seek and to save the souls of mankind. I am glad He included me. Praise His name! Oh! that souls would come to really know Christ as their personal Saviour and get a real experience of salvation. . . .

I am still praying and pressing on in this good way. I am completely dependent upon God—the strength of my life, my all in all. I do want to please Him with my life.

I surely do thank everyone who prayed for me when my affliction was bad. There is a little rash on my hands and arms now, but the swelling is all gone. You remember I told you on the phone I was born with eczema. I do thank and praise God for what He has already done for me and I'm still looking to Him for complete healing. Many things, Sister Marie, I don't understand. But Romans 8:28 says all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. I pray God to keep me humble and submissive to His precious will and way. I have done all that I know to do, and just keep praying and waiting on the Lord.

Bro. McCoy and some of the saints from Dayton have been holding meeting in our home once a month since January. The next meeting will be April 17. How I am praying God will send souls out to hear the truth of God's Word! It seems not very many want the truth. We are planning for another tent meeting when Bro. Williams brings it to his place. I am praying much lasting good will be done for God's glory.

I surely do pray Bro. Lawrence is much better and I will continue to agree with you in prayer until complete healing comes.

May God continue to bless each one of you at the Lord's Print Shop. We appreciate the good work you are doing for the Lord.

When you think of me, lift me up in prayer.

Christian love and prayers, —Sister Sadie Stamm

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Kansas—Dear Readers: I'm rejoicing in my soul. I've been reading the "Faith and Victory" paper we received in the mail. It has truly blessed my soul to read of the goodness of God in the testimonies.

Truly this Christian way is a life of "Faith" and, praise the Lord, "Victory"! Sister Abbott's testimony about the Lord's healing really encouraged me. She said, "I am thankful the Lord found me worthy to suffer for His sake." Though she had suffered long and lingered between life and death, her ringing testimony—"Discouraged? Never!"

We also have had our faith tested through sicknesses and other difficulties. But thank the Lord, faith always brings victory.

Last spring, I had injured my back pretty bad between my shoulder blades. This caused me to have a lot of trouble breathing, and made me very weak from these attacks. Sometimes, I would have to be in bed for several days, and others had to take care of my work. Having four small children, I really felt the responsibilities

resting heavily upon me, and desired to fulfill my duties as a wife and mother. I told the Lord about this, but I learned a sweet lesson in being still and letting God work. I found that inner struggling robs one of soul rest and peace. Only when we completely submit our will to God, can we find rest. Though circumstances may remain unchanged, we can "Rejoice evermore." The joy comes in when we have it submitted.

However, I am glad to report that God has wonderfully helped me in my body. I feel like He is going to completely deliver me, but whatever His will is, I want my testimony to always be, "Discouraged? Never!"

Dear ones, this can be your testimony, too, regardless of what your problems may be. This is the testimony that will always bring victory.

Christian love, —Carol Cole and family

Rescue The Perishing

A man in a New England town walks about always with his head bent down as if in sad dejection. Once this man was captain of an ocean vessel. One day, as his ship was speeding through the waters, a signal of distress was observed some distance away. A glass was turned to the spot, and it was seen that there was a man on the piece of wreckage. To go to his rescue the ship would have to be stopped and turned back, losing much time. "No," said the captain, "some other vessel will pick him up." He speeded on and was in port in good time, and was commended for his swift passage.

But the captain could not get out of his mind the memory of that signal of distress out there on the wild sea, and the sight, through the glass, of that one man on the piece of wreck—left there to perish. By day and by night that picture haunted him. He has never gone to sea since; and when he walks on the street, people know him by his downcast face, and remember the pathetic story of his last voyage.

As we are hurrying on these busy days, do we see no signals of distress on life's broad sea? Do we hear no cries—no wails of anguish from souls that are out on the angry waves? Do we heed the signals and hearken to the cries? Do we turn away from our business, our pleasure, our ease, our money-getting, our personal ambitions, to carry rescue to those who are perishing? Or do we hurry on and say that we have no time for these things—no time to try to save our brothers, to lift out of sin's pits those who have fallen into them, to wipe away a tear? If we do not reach out our hand to help, may not our sorrow in eternity be the memory of cries of distress unheeded? May not the visions of perishing ones neglected haunt us forever?

Listen to the words of Scripture: "If thou forbear to deliver them that are drawn unto death, and those that are ready to be slain; if thou sayest, 'Behold, we knew it not'; doth not he that pondereth the heart consider it? and he that keepeth the soul, doth not he know it? and shall not he render to every man according to his works?"

—From the book, "The Story of Joseph."