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God's Promise Cannot Fail!

Think ye God's promise can ever fail,
Or in due time be left undone?
'Tis just as likely for the waves to cease,
Or in its orbit to falter the sun.

What God hath promised He also will do,
And nothing can the answer delay;
For 'tis just as sure the answer will come,
As the night doth give place to the day.

Think ye His promise shall ever fail,
When you have really believed—
When you have searched your heart,
And know His Spirit you have not grieved?

Nay, His promise will not, cannot fail
When His Word ye have fully obeyed,
Do not falter or despair,
Though it be long you have prayed.

Think ye His promise can ever fail
When the conditions have all been met?
Nay, but the answer is on the way,
Though it hasn't appeared as yet.

'Tis always darkest just before dawn,
And before spring comes winter's blast;
And so God's will shall be fulfilled
After faith has been put to the test.

—Byron R. Wittenborn

MAN'S GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

They pass so soon, the days of youth;
The children change so fast;
Quickly they harden in the mold,
And the plastic years are past.
Then shape their lives while they are young,
This be our prayer, our aim—
That every child we meet shall bear
The imprint of His name!

—Sel. by H. P. Huskey

The Lord Is Good

"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him." Psalm 34:8.

Once there was a small group of men together. One of them was eating an apple. Soon he began to cut it in pieces, and passing a piece to one of his comrades, said in an excited voice, "Taste this!" And when his friend had tasted it, he said in a voice of exclamation, "Man, this is delicious! Where did you get it?" This caused the others to have a desire to taste it, also. It appeared that this particular apple had a more pleasing taste than an ordinary apple, and was more appealing to the appetite. He wanted others to share in his find, or discovery. They were well pleased to be partakers of his generosity.

The Psalmist David had experience with the Lord. He had been a partaker of the Lord's benefits, which brought joy and happiness to his soul, and he wanted others to share in the same manner. So he cried out and said, "O taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man that trusteth in him."

Dear reader, you may have met with disappointment on life's journey. Losses and crosses may have been your lot. You may have indulged in many things to obtain joy and satisfaction. You may have tried worldly pleasure, frolicking and dances, smoking and drinking, worldly amusements, flirting around, night life, hitch-hiking from one place to another, taking the name of the Lord in vain, using dope, whiskey, and gin, and numerous other things, and still there is a void and vacancy that is not satisfied. But have you tried Jesus? "O, taste and see that the Lord is good!" Jesus satisfies. He is your best Friend. He loves you and has proved His love by giving His life a ransom for your sins, and He now stands with outstretched arms inviting you to come to Him and drink of the living water that will quench your longing thirst. He says, "Come unto me, all ye that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28, 29.

Jesus has the key. You can lay your burden down at His feet. And He will unlock the prison house of sin, and let you go free. He will break the chains that bind, and you can go as free and happy as a bird, singing praises to His name. Try Jesus! "O, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man that trusteth in him." —Ulysses Phillips

By God's Grace Alone

I Cor. 10:13, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." This is a wonderful Scripture of promise, but like all of God's promises, it is on condition; we must do our part and God will do His part.

Heb. 4:15, speaking of Christ, says He "was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." One may ask, "But how could Jesus have been tempted like we are because there are many temptations in the world today that were not in His day?" 1 John 2:16 says, "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world." All sin can be traced to one or more of these avenues. When Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, (Luke 4:13) he presented these three phases of temptations to Him. In Mark 9:43-48, these three ways of sin are plainly taught. By the hand, we fulfill the lust of the flesh, by the eye, the lust of the eyes and by the foot (or how we walk or conduct ourself), the pride of life. Let us pluck out the eye that offends by looking on the things of this world and have an eye that is single to the glory of God. Let us cut off the hand that would reach out for the things of this world, causing us to be selfish and covetous. Let us cut off the foot that would walk in a proud path in the way of this world. Then let us look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Let us use our hands to minister to the needs of others and serve our Master. Let us make straight paths for our feet and follow closely in the meek and lowly way that our blessed Savior walked.

If we diligently obey His Word, His promises are ours and we will be spared many disappointments. Obedience will enable us to endure whatever God permits to come our way for His glory and will make us of that number spoken of in Rev. 7:14 that came through great tribulation, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Praise our God!

Now it says, "God is faithful." Are we? This is a serious thought. Luke 18:8 says, "Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" Precious souls, how diligently we **MUST** guard our faith in these last days of such perilous times, and with a real **LIVING TRUST** in **GOD**, build up ourselves on the most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. We **MUST** have faith in God or we

cannot please Him, nor can we claim His precious promises as our own. His promise to us then is that He will not suffer us to be tempted above that we are able, but right along with the temptation will make a way to escape.

In past years, when at times the trials and tests were hard and many, I would think of this Scripture and begin to try to figure out in my own mind just how God would make an escape for my deliverance. Nine times out of ten, or I should say, ten times out of ten, it never came the way I had figured out. Many times I would really be surprised at His way of deliverance, ways I had never thought of. His ways are not our ways but are as high above our ways as the heaven is above the earth.

I am thinking of Moses when he led the children of Israel in their escape from the Egyptians. The Red Sea was in front of them and the enemy pressing hard behind them. As Moses stretched out his hand and rod over the sea, the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind and make the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. (Ex. 14:21). Bro. Trimble used to say that he could close his eyes and see them crossing over with a cloud of dust rising up behind them as they passed on **DRY** ground. Surely our wonderful, almighty God did make a way where there seemed to be none.

We come to this place sometimes and there seems to be no way out, but God says He will make a way. One day He revealed to me that there is only **ONE** way of escape and that is by His grace, that we may be able to bear it, even unto death. His grace **IS** sufficient! We do not need to worry or try to figure out this way or that way. It never comes like that anyway. All we need to do is our part and God will do His. Sometimes we try to do **HIS** part, but we cannot.

—Virginia Taylor

Testimony of George Muller

(Bro. Earl Bliss contributed the copy of the following testimony of active faith written by George Muller, widely known as the man of faith who founded and managed a large orphanage by faith in Bristol, England. Thank you, Bro. Bliss, for this is certainly a timely message and example for us yet today. —Editor.)

I have been for fifty years, by God's grace, acting on the principle of Christian giving according to the Scriptures, and I cannot tell you the abundance of spiritual blessing I have received to my own soul through acting thus: that is, seeking to be a cheerful giver; seeking to give as God has been pleased to prosper me.

Luke 6:38, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal, it shall be measured to you again." 2 Cor. 9:6-8, "But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward

you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

I began when I had comparatively very little to spare; but as I gave, God increased my ability to give more and more; until at last God has been pleased, in the riches of His grace, to condescend to use a poor worthless worm like me, and has entrusted me year by year with very large sums to expend.

Many beloved saints are depriving themselves of wondrous spiritual blessings by not giving, as stewards, what is entrusted to them. They act as if it were all their own, as if it all belonged to them, as if they were already in possession of the inheritance incorruptible and undefiled. They forget that they have nothing whatsoever which is their own. They are bought by the precious blood of Christ, and all they possess—their bodily strength, their time, their talents, their business, their money, their professions, their eyes, their hands, their feet—all belong to the Lord Jesus Christ; because He has bought them with His precious blood. (1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Revelation 5:1-9)

Therefore I affectionately beseech and entreat my beloved Christian friends to take this to heart, and consider that hitherto they have been depriving themselves of vast spiritual blessings, because they have not followed the principles of giving systematically, and giving as God has prospered them, and according to a plan; not merely just according to impulse—not as they are moved by a missionary or charity sermon, but systematically and habitually giving on principle, just as God enables them.

If He entrusts to them one pound, to give accordingly a portion; if He entrusts them with ten thousand pounds, or whatever it may be, to give accordingly. (Note: pound here refers to English money such as used in the days of Muller and is still in use in England.)

Oh, my brethren, I believe if we realize the blessing, we would give thus on principle; and, if so, we would give a hundred times more than we do now. "For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again." 2 Cor. 5:14, 15

Just as we are constrained by the love of Christ, so God condescends to use us. And as we give, He is pleased to entrust to us more and more. It is impossible for us to say what amount God may entrust to us, or how largely He may give unto us the joy and honor—the precious privilege of communicating to others.

And here allow me to refer to my own experience. The first year I began giving, God entrusted me with about fifty pounds; but this afterwards increased, until now He has entrusted me with thousands of pounds a year.

The poor man, George Muller, known by everybody as a poor man, and yet by the grace of God He has entrusted to give me thousands of pounds sterling. Of late, God has allowed me to receive one legacy after another. Yet by the grace of God I desire to be nothing but poor. I wish to be nothing else than a poor man, having nothing, no house of my own, no money in the bank, not an acre of land—a poor man altogether; day by day waiting on God for all I need, for the very clothes that I wear.

I wait on God for everything, and yet He has allowed me the great honor and blessed privilege of giving more than forty thousands sterling in the last fifty years.

I began in the year 1830 to live thus, a steward for the Lord. In the little way I could, I gave, but God increased my ability more and more, until now He is allow-

ing me to give in His service, year by year, two or three thousand pounds.

Now why do I say this? To encourage the hearts of my beloved brethren to seek to give systematically. If you have not done so hitherto, do begin now. It is a blessed thing for the soul. It is a blessed thing for your purse, and God will entrust to you more and more.

Now I do not say imitate me, George Muller; but I say, seek to give, if it be ever so little, to give systematically; if it be only the tenth part of your income, give systematically, and you will find a blessing to your soul. The blessing with regard to stewardship will be such that you will be encouraged more and more to go on in this way.

—George Muller

Musical Instruments in Worship

Ques.—Is it right to use musical instruments in worship? G. W.

Ans.—God's ear hears nothing but the music of the human heart. We are to sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord. See Col. 3:16. Make melody in your heart to the Lord. Eph. 5:19. The melody of the heart is the only worship that God hears, whether it be in preaching, praying, or singing. Eloquent sermons never reach the ear of God if they are not born in a Holy Spirit-filled soul. God will hear the ignorant man or woman's prayer if it comes from the heart, but the words of a prayer may be grammatically correct and sentiment ever so beautiful, yet if it does not come from the heart, it never reaches God's ear. The voice may be ever so melodious and well-trained, the voices of the quartet may be in the most beautiful harmony and they may sing to delight the trained ears, but many times the cracked voice of the lonely widow in her cabin home is far sweeter music in the ears of God. A musical instrument is perfectly heartless, therefore, the tones of the piano never reach God's throne, no more than a heartless prayer or sermon. It is not the cultivated voice or the soft melodious tone of the harp and viol that God hears, but the heavenly melody of the heart. Why bring anything into the worship of God that cannot worship God?

—C. E. Orr in "The Path of Life"

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EDITORIALS

Soon after this June issue goes into the mail, the Oklahoma State campmeeting here at Guthrie will be in progress. As usual, the Guthrie congregation is making preparations for this annual meeting in which we are expecting the outpouring of the presence of the Lord, the salvation of souls, the edifying of the saints, and the deliverance of those honest souls in religious confusion. New people seeking for the truth are expected to attend this meeting, and we certainly pray for and anticipate the leadership of the Holy Spirit in every service.

With grateful hearts we are pleased to report that our readers have responded very well recently to the temporal needs of our missionaries, and we extend our thanks and appreciation to every contributor who carries a burden for precious souls and the work of God in general. We are convinced that the saints will do their duty as good stewards when they know where the actual needs exist. But one point we need to keep always in mind is that the maintenance of the home and foreign missionaries, as well as all other phases of the Lord's work, is a continuing business of the King, year in and year out. The gospel workers need shelter, food, clothes, and transportation just as regularly as anyone else. Therefore, our giving should be done regularly as "God has prospered" and as the Holy Spirit directs. At times He may require a greater sacrifice on our part to meet special needs, but our consecration under the New Testament standard must be 100 per cent.

To the Church at Corinth the Apostle Paul commanded regularity in giving. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him . . ." 1 Cor. 16:2. Your income period may not be every week, but the same principle will apply. Again Paul commands in 2 Cor. 9:7, "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart [whether it be 10%, 25%, or whatever amount] so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."

During the months of April and May many additional pounds of gospel literature in the form of books, papers and tracts were mailed free of charge and postpaid to the foreign fields for free distribution.

In April Bro. and Sis. Byron Wittenborn left Guthrie and returned to California to care for her mother who is not well. Sister Virginia had worked faithfully for the Lord here in the gospel publishing work, and we pray the Lord to bless and reward both of them for their sincere concern for all phases of His work. We surely miss them at the office and in the congregation. Their plan was to do some missionary work at Rosarito, Mexico, which is some 50 miles from where her mother lives. A recent letter from them informs us that they had visited at La Mision and Rosarito, and planned to be in services

at La Mision on May 16 with the James Huskey family and congregation. Bro. Tomas Mendoza and Bro. Miguel Gaspar were to leave May 11 for Uruapan, west of Mexico City, to hold special services with Bro. Irineo Rama. May the Lord prosper the labors of all His servants. The present address of Wittenborns is 1160 San Dieguito Dr., Encinitas, Cal. 92024.

Word has been received that Sister Georgia (Morton) Zinn departed this life to be with the Lord on May 11 at Pacoima, Calif., in the Church Sunset Guest Home where she had been in very ill health for some time. She is survived by one son, Carl Morton. Sister Zinn was the widow of the late Bro. E. M. Zinn, long-time minister of the Church of God. The Church in California will certainly miss Sis. Zinn.

Sister Vivian McClain of Pana, Ill., wrote in regard to the sale of their chapel and enclosed the proceeds to be used for the "native Mexican missionaries." The building was so old, needed so many repairs, and there were so very few of them to keep it up, that the trustees decided to sell it, which they did. A number of people gave money on this building when it was purchased years ago, but since they have no record of all the people nor the amounts, they have passed the proceeds of this sale to the missionaries and felt that this decision would be satisfactory to all concerned. The money from the sale of articles in the chapel (bell, etc.) had already been given to the Mexican missionaries.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to and for Bro. and Sis. Reinhart Wollert of Colorado in the loss of another son on April 30, this time after a long illness as a result of crop spray poisoning. He was the father of a large family, and in a special way, may the Lord sustain and comfort his wife and children in their time of sorrow and adjustment.

Bro. Curtis Williams, evangelist of Clearfield, Ky., has been seriously ill with pneumonia and lung trouble for several weeks. Though improved at present in answer to prayer, he was not able to be in the scheduled tent meeting at Coffeyville, Kansas. Bro. Mart Samons of Danville, Ky., closed a meeting in W. Va., in order to help in this Coffeyville tent meeting which is now (May 15-23) in progress.

Bro. George Hammond has been waiting for some time on his visa to go to Nigeria, W. Africa, to labor in mission work. At this writing (May 19) he is on his way to Washington, D. C., to check on this delay of his visa with the Nigerian Embassy officials.

Bro. and Sis. O. B. Wilson, formerly the pastor at Pacoima, Calif., and managers of the Church Sunset Guest Home for many years, are in the process of moving to Oregon where he will be the pastor at Jefferson. After June 1, their address will be 6505 N. E. Sunset Dr., Albany, Ore. 97321. During an interim period, Bro. and Sis. James Linch faithfully served

as managers of the Pacoima Home, but they are also moving to Oregon, and on June 1, Bro. and Sis. A. W. Sherman from Bakersfield will assume full management of the Home. Bro. Francis Doolittle is the new pastor at Pacoima, Calif. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless and prosper each one in his new field of labor.

Our sympathy is extended to Sister Grace Koehler whose husband, Bro. Michael Koehler, passed away recently at an advanced age at Farmland, Ind. Bro. Koehler had lived many years at McDonald, Kansas.

This publication is not concerned with politics as such, but we do uphold law and order which God Himself has ordained. An eye-witness Washington newsman writes: "It is just such lawlessness as witnessed in the nation's capital during the past few weeks that could destroy the democracy the offenders profess to defend and extend. If they want, instead, a repressive society and eventual dictatorship, their way is just the way to get it.

"Three aspects of the 'demonstrations' have not been touched upon by the news media and deserve attention: the sheeplike following by thousands behind the few Communist-inspired leaders; the docility, confusion and sometimes acceptance by many citizens not involved in the disorders; and the undoing of the good work of the police by a few federal judges.

"Most disheartening was to find so many men and women of goodwill mistakenly assigning high ideals to the young extremists. Only a few leaders of the disorders had ideals, and that was to tear down and overthrow the American government. The other thousands followed blindly in a witless commitment to violence, exhibiting nothing short of social pathology.

"These same vandals, who say they are so concerned with the rights of individuals, were doing their utmost to deprive law-abiding citizens of their right to use the streets and get to their jobs. And still you hear tragically misguided and confused adults saying, 'Maybe the kids have a point'—again assigning idealistic motives to those who would destroy everything decent Americans hold dear.

"Among the muddle-headed apologists are not a few priests, rabbis, and ministers—explaining confusedly that while they, themselves, do not condone violence, at the same time are accepting and apologizing for those who commit it. Many of them gave food and shelter to the lawbreakers."

Another newsman observed: "Never in American history have acts of rebellion directed against our Government received such encouragement by organized groups within our midst. To deliberately mobilize in the nation's capital several thousand individuals with the purpose of halting traffic and attempting to 'close down the Government' still seems an incredible plot. The recent outbreak will long be remembered as a disgraceful chapter in American history."

Certainly every reader should be able to interpret the "handwriting on the wall" and read the "signs

of the times." They surely forewarn us of the worse to come, and it behooves every soul to flee to Christ, the only Ark of safety, and make their "calling and election sure." Now is the time to pray fervently and watch constantly, and keep a firm hold upon Christ and His eternal truth, lest we fall in "the battle of that great day" which is shaping up on the horizon.

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 ". . . keep yourselves from idols."

The closing exhortation of the first epistle of Apostle John reads: "Little children, keep yourselves from idols." Even as there were idols in John's day, so there are many more today. Anything we worship beside the true God or that we permit to get between us and our obedience to God's Word and will, becomes an idol. We may not bow down to images made of wood, stone, or metal, but some people worship "their church" or their preacher. Others bow down to the gods of fashion and style, and it would seem that some would rather be dead than out of style. Of course, with the present outlandish and extreme modes of dressing and undressing, most any garb is acceptable by the worldly crowd.

God wants all His people to be clean, neat, and well clothed in plain, modest apparel. The women are to have long hair, combed and put up in a manner becoming to the individual. The use of wigs and the excessive display of headdress is catering to the world. Since the Scripture says that it is a shame for a man to have long hair, then the man of God should keep his hair cut and not even resemble in any manner the "hippie" with his long hair and long sideburns. A safe-guard in keeping yourself from idols is to observe the command, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."

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 The recent increase in postage rates has substantially added to our operating costs, as most all the gospel literature published at this office is delivered through the mail. Postage has always been a large expense item, and now it is even larger as rising costs and inflated prices eat away the value of the dollar. Hitherto, our Father whom we serve has met the needs of His work in His own way, and we can safely trust Him for the future.

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 On June 6—the last day of the Guthrie camp-meeting—it will have been eight years since my father, Fred Pruitt, departed to be with the Lord in his 82nd year, after a long and active life in spreading the gospel by pulpit and press. It was also in June in 1918—53 years ago—that the Pruitt family arrived in Guthrie in a Model T Ford from Clovis, N. Mexico, and entered into the work of printing and publishing the gospel which has continued and expanded over the years by the blessing of the Lord. We know not what the future holds, but we know Who holds the future, and we move forward under His directions. Pray for me and co-workers.

—Lawrence Pruitt

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 Nancy Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Ware, was born March 20, 1879, in Morgan County, Alabama. She passed away March 27, 1971, at her home in Spencer, Okla., at the age of 92 years and 7 days.

She was united in marriage to Alfred T. Jones, who preceded her in death August 9, 1946.

In 1947 Sister Jones united with the Church of God in Green Pastures, Okla. She was an ordained minister who did much labor in missionary work in hospitals, nursing homes, in homes of the saints, friends, and neighbors. She also ministered a number of years to a little group of saints in Hennessey, Okla., once a month. She carried a burden for souls. Many were blessed by her sainted influence. One of her favorite Scriptures was, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord." Isa. 1:18. She loved children and young people. She reared three sets of children.

Sister Jones leaves to mourn her passing four step-daughters: Mrs. Ruth Gaston, Winnipeg, Canada; Mrs. Grace James, Toronto, Canada; Miss Lois Jones, Vancouver, Canada; and Mrs. Marie Whittier, Edmonton, Canada; three step-sons, Alfred Jones, Toronto, Canada; Nathaniel Jones, Edmonton, Canada; and Lyle Polk, Vancouver, Canada; one sister, Mrs. Isabel Sanders, of the home at Spencer, Okla.; one brother, Henry Ware, of Fresno, Calif., one granddaughter, a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

There is an open gate at the end of the road, through which each must go alone, and there in a light we cannot see, our Father claims His own. Beyond the gate your loved one finds happiness and rest, and this is the thought that a loving God knows best.

Abe Greer was born in Terrell, Texas, on October 16, 1892, and departed this life on May 9, 1971, at Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 79 years.

Bro. Greer resided at Silver City, Okla., where he was married to Ella Mae Davis. To this union six children were born. His wife and three children preceded him in death.

Bro. Greer's first knowledge of the Church of God was at Silver City, Okla. Later he moved to Tulsa, Okla., and then to Los Angeles, Calif., where he lived for 24 years. During this time he married Melissa Stewart.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, Sister Melissa Greer of Los Angeles; one daughter, Sister Thelma Fields of Spencer, Okla.; two sons, A. B. Greer of Los Angeles, and L. C. Greer of Los Angeles; 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, other relatives, friends, and the saints of God.

The funeral services were conducted at the Church of God Chapel at 57th and Denver, Okla. City, Okla., by Bro. Charles Smith, assisted by Bros. Herman Kelley and Clifford Wilson. Interment was in the Hillcrest Memory Gardens.

REPORT FROM THE FIELD

Dear Sister Marie and Bro. Lawrence, greetings of love in Jesus' dear name: I thank the dear Lord for His great love and concern for us feeble creatures. I appreciate being saved. Praise the Lord!

I am thankful the Lord blessed me with a safe trip to Durham, N. C., and was with Sister Nelson and the few precious saints there. It was a blessing to me to be in their presence. They are so sincere and just like old-time saints. Praise the Lord! I was only in one service with them. The Lord's anointing was surely upon it.

From there I stopped at Ft. Bragg, N. C., to visit my grandson and family, and then on to Goulds, Fla., to the meeting held April 11 to 21. The Lord blessed with a good meeting in Goulds. A few souls were saved and other help obtained. I would have enjoyed to have more visiting saints attend the meeting for the encouragement of those there. They had made preparations for a goodly number. However, the Lord knows best. Bro. Hargrave and congregation seemed very pleased with the meeting and thankful for the Lord's blessings. They are going to have to give up their place of worship—the building they now hold services in. Pray for them that the Lord will provide another place.

I stopped in Northport, Ala., on Wednesday, and was with the saints there in prayer service. I was thankful to see them still encouraged in the Lord.

This is Thursday (April 22) and I am on the bus enroute home to Oklahoma City, and on to Boley, Okla., for the gospel singing on Saturday night and meeting starting Sunday, (April 25) Lord willing, at Boley.

When I left home I was just recovering from the flu, but the Lord completely healed me of it. Praise the Lord!

We are yet holding on for your complete healing, Bro. Lawrence, and for the salvation of your husband, Sister Marie. Keep looking up. Keep encouraged. We serve a great God! Remember me to the co-workers in the Print Shop.

Christian love, —Sister Katherine Williams

PROFITABLE MEETING AT ZANESVILLE, OHIO

We just closed a very profitable meeting in a new area of Zanesville, Ohio, where Sister Gladys Swift and Sister Cleora Moffat are pastors. Bro. Curtis Williams, of Clearfield, Ky., was scheduled to conduct this revival, (April 11-18) but was taken very ill and not able to fill his appointment. Then Bro. Martin Samons of Danville, Kentucky, came in his stead, preached three evenings, but with the burden of his revival to begin on the same date at his home congregation, he could only stay this short time. Consequently, the burden of the meeting was left to us and the Akron saints. God blessed His Word to the extent that souls were saved, and souls in darkness were enlightened and came forth with lamentable crying, fleeing from Babylon's ruins. The Lord

worked in a mighty way. Souls accepted the true gospel and cried for help, even down to the last night. There was much rejoicing because souls of men and women and young people received freedom from bondage. Praise our Lord!

—Sister Hazel Clark

SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL IN AKBON, OHIO

We are praising our Lord in the words of Psalmist David, "I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me [us] in a large place. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: What can man do unto me? . . . It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." Psalm 118:5, 6, 8.

Bro. Martin Samons was with us in a week's revival, March 21 through 28, including two all-day Sunday services. The meetings were very precious. The Word went forth by the Spirit with dynamic force and power, and accomplished that to which it was sent. By its agency, some were made aware of their weaknesses, and others laid aside the weights and the sin which doth so easily beset them. The Word of God was edifying, searching, and reminded us we are now living in the last days of this "evening light" dispensation. May the children of God, the Church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth, keep watchful and prayerful, endeavoring to keep the unity of the faith.

Others that carried the burden of this meeting and helped to win battles were Bro. and Sis. Ray Key, Bro. Wm. McCoy, Bro. Sam Abbott, and Bro. Albert Glick of Massillon, Ohio, who recently took his stand for the truth of God's Word. Sister Verna Samons, of Danville, Ky., and Bro. James White of Cass, W. Va., joined us later in the week. We appreciate others who came a distance to attend this meeting; also those who helped in temporal ways. May our Lord bless you all in our prayer.

—Sister Hazel Clark

Prayer Requests



Ill.—"My husband has a bad heart condition . . . trouble with feet." —Sister John Matlock

La.—"I need healing. I have some trouble that gets better, but comes back again . . . I know God can heal me. He has healed me many times . . . My husband needs prayer, too, as he is not well." —Beulah Johnson

S. Dak.—"Pray for me. I have arthritis, shortness of breath, kidney infection and I am hard of hearing." —Hazel Simonson

Calif.—"I have arthritis and a spine injury . . . Pray for my sister, also." —Mrs. L. Creslo

W. Va.—"A young mother, (22 years old) has leukemia . . . I know God can heal. Remember her both soul and body." —Nancy Wagoner

Ill.—"My nerves are bothering me . . . having trouble with sore gums." She has other requests. —Mrs. T. Pitts

Ind.—"Please remember me in prayer for complete healing of my body." —Iva Brenner

Miss.—"Please pray much for me. I need a healing touch for my body. Please pray that our great loving God will touch my eye. I got it hurt while working on the job. Pray for my wife, also, for the healing of her body." —Harold Griffin

Ga.—"Pray for my son. His knee was fractured in a train wreck . . . Doctor told him that his leg will

have to be amputated." Pray for him soul and body.
—Sister P. R. Bowers

Fla.—"Pray that we will be able to dispose of our property and return to Oregon . . . The weather is more suitable for our health . . . Pray that my back will get better, also I have shingles . . . God has never failed us."

—Mrs. James H. Moore

Pa.—"Bro. and Sis. Samons had two nights' services in our home . . . I desire prayers for an affliction."
—Avis Tinsley

La.—"I thank all for their prayers for my broken arm . . . My arm is better, but still weak, and I want you to pray for the arthritis in my shoulder." —Mrs. G. B. Wells

Okl.—Sister Lillian Meek and Sister Minnie White still need prayer. They are both in the furnace of affliction, but they are holding on. It makes us know that God will give His saints grace to face severe suffering and continue to hold their faith and confidence in God. Let us hold them up to the throne of grace for healing.

Ky.—Bro. Curtis Williams had pneumonia in one lung and suffered much, but he is some better now, yet still very weak. Remember him in prayer. He is needed in the work of the Lord.

Ky.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Marie: Greetings in the name of our Lord. I am in poor health and need a touch from the Master's hand. I was touched last winter when I had nervous spasms . . . and they left me so suddenly I hardly knew when they left. I am asking you folks who know the worth of prayer to pray for me, and also my dear son, Chester Dunaway, who is much improved, but can't sleep. His arm got so much better after my daughter, Wilma Horsley, called you for prayer. Please pray that God will give him sleep. He is a good Christian boy who loves the truth and is worthy of our prayers. Enclosed find a small offering.

Yours in Christ,

—Mabel Dunaway

Let us continue to remember a Sister's and Brother's baby who needs the Lord to put flesh on its body. Several days after its birth it could not retain its food and even lost weight below its birth weight. The Lord touched it when it seemed it could not live, and now it can retain its food, but still needs the Lord to completely heal it. Truly God has been glorified and lifted up in the miracle He has already performed, so continue to pray for this baby.

Dear ones, be encouraged to pray on. The devil is coming hard in these last days against our faith. He would like for us to lose our confidence and faith in God. Jesus looked down through the years to the end of time and asked the question, "Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8) We want to stand firm and solid on the promises of God and count them for our own. It will take patience and a continual looking to God, but God will help us.

One day recently, when I was praying for the different ones who are being tried by the enemy in various ways, the Lord brought to my mind about blind Bartimeus who sat by the roadside begging. When he heard that Jesus was passing by, he began to cry, "Jesus . . . have mercy on me." Some around him rebuked him and told him to be still. Dear ones, that is what the devil would like for you and me to do today. He wants us to quit calling upon the Lord or looking to Him for help. But Bartimeus was not to be stopped. He had faith in Jesus. He knew that Jesus could heal him. We read that he would not be turned away from his faith. He refused

to quit calling upon Jesus. We read that, "he cried so much the more." In my prayer I asked the Lord to help us to keep holding on, and cry the more, and be more in earnest until we hear from heaven. We have a perfect right to keep praying until God grants healing or makes us know that it is not His will to heal or to work out the problem. We can know the will of God in matters concerning us. We have a right to stand upon His promises. Let us cry "so much the more." I believe we will hear Jesus say to us as He did to Bartimeus, "Thy faith hath made thee whole." (Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43) There is a reward to those "that diligently seek him." (Heb. 11:6) Jesus said that God will help "his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them." (Luke 18:7) —Sister Marie Miles

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.

Campmeeting Notices

OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING AT GUTHRIE, OKLA.

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, on May 28 to June 6, 1971, on the corner of Sixth and W. Warner Streets, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this 37th annual campmeeting on these grounds. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Dining hall and dormitories are on the grounds. Expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Come praying for a profitable meeting—the salvation of souls, sanctification for believers, and the divine healing of bodies.

Contributions of money or food may be sent directly to the treasurer, Sister Frances Deforth, Rt. 5, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.
—L. D. Pruitt, Trustee

HOLLY HILL, S. CAROLINA CAMPMEETING

The Church of God annual campmeeting at Holly Hill, S. Carolina, will be held June 4 to 13, 1971, Lord willing. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting, and we desire the Lord to send the ministers.

We want the young people to come and feel welcome, but there will not be any ball playing on the campground.

We do not want to offend any young person, but this matter has caused some misunderstanding among some folks.

For further information concerning the campmeeting, call or write Bro. Hutson Crummie, Rt. 1, Box 42, Holly Hill, S. C. 29059. Phone 803-496-5231.

Your Brother in Christ, —Bro. Hutson Crummie

GENERAL SOUTHERN AT HAMMOND, LA.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the General Southern Campmeeting of the Church of God at Hammond, La. Dates for the meeting are June 25 through July 4, 1971, Lord willing. The campground is located just off White Street which is in the southwestern part of Hammond.

Provisions will be made to care for all who are able to attend. Dining hall and dormitories are on the grounds. The meeting will be operated on the free-will offering plan. Come praying that the Spirit of the Lord will be poured upon the camp—for salvation of souls, sanctification of believers, and healing of the sick.

For more information and directions to the grounds, phone 504-345-4566 (Max Williamson), or 504-345-1856 (Randall Flynn). —Randall Flynn

JEFFERSON, OREGON, CAMPMEETING

The campmeeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, Oregon, will be held, the Lord willing, June 25 to July 4, 1971, inclusive. All are invited and all are welcome.

This meeting will be supported by the free-will offering plan as usual. Cabins and bedding are furnished. God blessed here in our spring meeting, and we are looking to God for another feast at Father's table. We urge everyone to attend this meeting.

We are expecting our God to send His Spirit-filled and Holy Ghost-led ministers to be with us to preach the truth of His precious Word. We are all looking forward to having Bro. O. B. Wilson here by that time to stay with us and be our pastor.

For further information, write or call Sister Hilda Nielsen, P. O. Box 34, Jefferson, Ore. 97352, or Sister Bea Spaur, P. O. Box 348, Jefferson, Ore. 97352. Phone 503-327-2855.

AKRON, OHIO CAMPMEETING

The annual campmeeting of the "Evening Light" Church of God will be held July 9 through 18, 1971, at 419-421 W. Thornton St., Akron, Ohio 44307, by the help of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All nations, kindred, and people are welcome. Come praying that souls will be saved, believers sanctified, Christians edified, bodies healed, and that miracles will be wrought in both souls and bodies, as the power of God is just the same today as when Jesus was on earth in bodily form.

Provisions will be made for all. Rooms, meals, and ministerial help will be met by free-will offerings. Bring your campers. We have parking space. All contributions may be sent to Bro. Adolph Robinson, or Bro. Darnell Abbage, or Sister Hazel Clark at the parsonage address, 555 Fernwood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44320.

—Sister Hazel Clark, Pastor

Our belief or unbelief of Bible truth does not affect it in the least, but unbelief keeps us from reaping the benefit of it.

34th NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, on the saints' campgrounds at Monark Springs (Neosho), Missouri, July 23 through August 1, 1971, inclusive.

We extend a very sincere and cordial invitation to all who read or hear about this campmeeting to attend, if at all possible. We need the Lord and each other more now than we ever have before.

The campground is located five miles east of Neosho, just off Highway No. 86 about three-fourths mile south.

As in previous years, meals and lodging will be furnished on the grounds. The usual fee of \$5.00 for camp tents and \$1.00 for cot and mattress will be charged. Also, space in dormitories will be \$2.50 per person. With the Lord's help we will try to provide for all who come. All who can, please bring bedding. It would be advisable to bring wraps, as the weather turns very cool at times. Meals will be served on free-will offering plan.

We know God will send His Spirit-filled ministers to bring us His Word. Let us pray earnestly for the ministers and the meeting, that the power of the Holy Spirit will give fresh anointing for every service, convincing sinners of their need to turn to God, that believers will be sanctified, bodies healed, and an overall upbuilding of the Church of God.

Four services will be held daily, in addition to children's meeting in the morning and young peoples' meeting in the early evening.

There will be an 11 p. m. curfew. All are expected to be in their tent, cabin, or dormitory at this time. Allowance is being given to ministers or those working at the altar or praying for the sick. We appreciate the co-operation given and want to commend our precious young people for their consideration.

It will be necessary for those coming by bus or train to come to Neosho, and either take a taxi to the grounds, or call the campground number 472-6427, which is out of Granby, Mo., and someone will come after you.

We would appreciate receiving your orders for tent and dormitory space as soon as possible so we will have plenty of time to erect your tent and get cots set up in it before the meeting starts. Please send tent orders and offerings to Bro. H. Austin McMillian, Rt. 5, Box 50, Neosho, Mo. 64850, who is the business manager. His home phone is number 451-3692 —H. A. McMillian

Special Work Day—June 12—on Campground

Some time ago a used dish washer was purchased for installation in the kitchen on Monark campground. Since there was already a need to move or enlarge the kitchen to permit more dining area, the trustees decided to add a room 22x26 feet to the dining hall for the kitchen which would allow space for the dish washer. The concrete foundation for this room is already in, and now the cement blocks are ready to be laid up to the floor level. A special work day is set for June 12 when all volunteer help possible is welcomed, especially carpenters, plumbers, and electricians. If anyone can come and help in block laying and general work before June 12, contact Bro. Austin McMillian at the campground phone number 472-6427 as he plans to stay on the grounds from May 31 until campmeeting time.

Bro. McMillian advises that practically all of the present campground fund will be required to complete the new addition, and more funds will be needed for the routine expense in preparation for the campmeeting. Let us all ask the Lord what He would have us to do, and

send our offerings directly to Bro. McMillian for the campmeeting expense.

Remember the work day—June 12. Come and work for the Lord and He will bless you in a special way.

—Editor

ANNUAL TULSA, OKLA. MEETING IN JUNE

The annual revival at the Church of God chapel, Pine Place and Norfolk, Tulsa, Okla., will be held, Lord willing, from June 11 to June 20, 1971.

—Bro. Lewis Williams, Pastor
By Maple Littlejohn, Sec.

OKLAHOMA CITY MEETING ANNOUNCED

The Church of God, 800 N. E. Third Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will hold a meeting, Lord willing, June 25 through July 4, 1971. Everyone is cordially invited. Please pray that souls will be saved and blessed of the Lord. May we all be like David when he declared, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1.

For further information, contact Bro. Herman D. Kelley, Pastor. Home address, 2304 N. Everest, Okla. City, Okla. 73111 Phone 427-7314.

ALL-DAY MEETING AT SENATH, MO.

You are cordially invited to attend the all-day meeting at the Church of God chapel near Senath, Mo., on Sunday, June 6. Come and hear the Bible truth and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

For further information, contact Bro. Murphy Allen, Rt. 1, Box 161, Senath, Mo. 63876. Phone 314-738-2551.

Foreign Field Reports

MEXICO CAMPMEETING REPORT

The campmeeting at Patzcuaro, Mexico, during Easter week has come and gone, but we feel much lasting good has been accomplished and feel that the messages are living still and will continue to do so, for God's Word will not return void. There was some altar work, but, oh! how we wished for more. We indeed are glad for the help that souls received from the Lord. The Lord blessed us during the ordinance meeting. There were about 20 women, plus children, and about 10 men. There were four baptized. We were well blessed and the presence of the Lord was very near us. The saints were happy.

There were close to forty people who came from other places here in Mexico, but none from the States. We had the tent out under some salt pine trees for the services. We slept just about everywhere—some in car seats, pickups, in the chapel, and some in the saints' homes.

The cooking was done at Bro. Raul Gonzales' home under their big enramada (like a porch). The stove they used was what they call a jugon, similar to some barbecue set-ups. The young women did the cooking with the young men bringing wood and water, and they also helped out with the dish-washing. The food we had was strictly Mexican with their hot chili sauce, beans, rice, macaroni and tortillas. There was plenty for all, and we are indeed grateful for how the Lord supplied. No one went hungry.

On Easter, three carloads of us went up on the volcano mountain here, called Cierro Prieto, where we had service. It was very pretty up there, and we could see many, many miles. The day was beautiful and the Lord blessed our souls. Nearly every person who went testified that morning. Oh, how wonderful to serve a risen Saviour!

—Edith Cole

FROM INTERIOR MEXICO MISSIONARY

Michoacan, Mexico (May 10)—We greet you in the love of Christ in whom we find the peace through which we are saved. We are thanking the Lord for such great love that He has for all of us.

Brother, please pardon me for not answering sooner. I had an accident and hurt my right hand, but God healed me and now I am able to write this letter. We were praying for you although I was not able to write to you.

I received a letter from James Huskey and Tomas Mendoza. I believe that they are going to visit us this month. We are praying for their journey that God may open doors for them in all things.

Pray that we may not lack the expense to build the church building on this location. Pray for all of us. We are depending on your prayers.

—Irineo Rama

FROM HUSKEY MISSIONARY FAMILY

La Mision, Mexico—Dear Ones: David prayed, "In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: Let me never be put to confusion." Psa. 71:1. Jesus commanded, "Go ye therefore, . . . and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" Matt 28:19, 20.

Feeling it good to write at this time, for the glory of the Lord, I want to tell something of our experiences in the last eleven days.

Thurs., 6th of May: I went to Ensenada. An Indian brother and two sons that we have known for a while came back with me and to services Thursday night. Good interest and attendance, and a good spirit in the services. A neighbor, Raymundo, came and gave his heart to the Lord.

Fri., 7:—I went to Raymundo's home; he was reading the Bible. I went to San Diego as the Lord had given me peace in going for the weekend to Oakland with the Randalls. Friday afternoon Charlotte had services with the children in La Mision.

Sat., 8:—Nice day in Oakland, Calif. Word went forth in new chapel. Bro. Lucas:—"Our decision must be firm, so we won't be swept off foundation." It was good to be with the saints there. We felt love and unity and a reaching out to others was manifest. Sat. evening the young people had services in our house at La Mision. Interest is building up among the young people.

Sun., 9:—Dedication service at Oakland with touching salvation message. At La Mision, they had good interest in Sunday school. Bro. Juan Cruz took part. Bro. Miguel hitch-hiked out to Ojos Negros to help Sis. Carrie Sheppard with services.

Mon., 10:—I jetted back to S. D. with Bro. Randall. Had to get radiator fixed in Tijuana before returning to La Mision. Found Charlotte and children preparing church house for Mother's Day service. (Mother's Day in Mexico is always on the 10th of May.) The children gave recitations and Bro. Miguel preached to a nice crowd. An old lady, Dona Maria, who has expressed that she wants to be saved, came to the services. As Bro. Manuel was taking her home in his pickup, the door came open and Dona Maria fell out, hitting her head very hard on the

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NATIVE NIGERIAN GOSPEL WORKERS FROM SEVERAL CHURCH OF GOD MISSION STATIONS

Picture taken May 2, 1971 on the last day of the campmeeting at Ikot Esen Akpantuen, Nigeria, in Africa. Seated from left to right: District pastor, M. U. Ekpo; Vice chairman, Pastor B. E. Udoka; Dist. pastor, Jackson U. Etuk, and Elder Nse B. Umanah, field secretary, just to identify a few.

Southeast State, Nigeria (May 6)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the brethren: We greet everyone of you in that part of the globe in the name of our Great Physician, Lord, and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Thank you immensely for your kind letter of April 14, together with the contents—"Faith and Victory" issue of April and draft. It has been a real blessing and comfort to us all in this trying time. The Lord miraculously helped us and we thank Him for everything. It is good to put God first ahead of anything we have to do.

Many thanks for your faithful prayers sent to the Throne of our Father during the last campmeeting at Ikot Esen Akpantuen. Victory has been ours. Praise Him forever! Both indoor and outdoor services were held from Thursday, 29th of April to May 2. We are thankful and enjoyed spiritual food sent from above through the mouths of those He chose to deliver the precious Word. All the messages were awakening to our souls. During the open air services at four different locations, we prayed for 197 atheists. . . .

On the last day the Lord's feast was served to 665 souls. White-winged messages were scattered. It is worthwhile to say that God arrested Satan when he tried to torment two children with cholera. God came down to fight for us. Praise Him!

Yours because of Christ,

—Nse B. Umanah, Field Secretary

PASTOR'S LETTER FROM NIGERIA

Midwest Nigeria (May 4)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the all-prevailing power of Jesus: Your letter dated April 14 was received and its contents noted with many thanks.

The sad news of Bro. B. U. Etuk's passing was conveyed to us of Abbi congregation by telegram and we have since sent a telegram and a letter of condolence to the Asana group of congregations and the family of the late brother. We called his death a promotion or transfer to a better land. His family will always be remembered in prayer. Sunday, May 9, has been fixed at

Abbi for free-will offering and the proceeds will be remitted to Asana for transmission to our late brother's family.

We look forward to receiving in our midst Brother George Hammond.

Sincerely yours in Him, —Pastor Titus U. E. Enu

SAVE THE LOST AT ANY COST

Souls are crying! Men are dying!
 Won't you lead them to the cross?
 Go and find them, help to win them.
 Win the lost at any cost!

FROM HUSKEY MISSIONARY FAMILY . . .

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ground. The car was going very slowly. They carried her to her house as she lost consciousness for a while, then went into shock. I found Charlotte, our children, and Bro. Manuel praying for her. She had a big knot on her head and soreness in her body. The Lord gave us the assurance that she would be well. She came over to our house the next day, and the next day she went about half a mile and brought back a large bundle of sticks on her back. Praise God!

Tues., 11:—Bro. Tomas Mendoza came about 8:30 a. m., and told us that he was ready to go to Michoacan to hold a meeting there with Bro. Irineo Rama as planned. I had wanted to go, but the Lord told me, no, and gave Bro. Miguel Gaspar a burden to go with Tomas on the bus. As we had prayer together in Tijuana, I had great joy in my heart and confidence in these two brothers that the Lord had chosen for this mission. We are all anxious to hear their report. Bro. Tomas' family and Bro. Miguel's family seem to be happy that they went, not knowing how long the Lord will use them there. Bro. Miguel left his family without any provisions. We help them out as we can, and not complaining, brethren, but our cupboard is empty, also.

Wed., 12:—This is my usual day for dental clinic, but I had to let my patients wait, as it took almost all day to make needed repairs on Tomas' Jeep so I could take it out to his family Thursday. Had good prayer service in our house in the evening.

Thurs., 13:—Bro. Manuel and I took the Jeep to Trinidad. Found Sis. Edith Cole there for a visit. Had services, house full, a lot of young people.

Fri., 14:—We went with Sis. Edith to Mexicali, then got a bus on home.

Sunday, 16:—Had good services. Bro. Byron and Sister Virginia Wittenborn came from Encinitas, Calif. It was good to see them again, and they enjoyed and took part in our services.

Brethren, we are encouraged to work and pray more for souls. In these times of much evil and coldness of believers, we should not believe that the harvest is over. If we are the saints of God, we should shine brighter in this evil time. We should be using every possible means to get the truth to the confused millions and lay aside every tradition that hinders the effective propagation of saving truth and holy living.

A study was made to find the reason for the success or failure of movements and organizations. This was the conclusion: "The expansion of any movement is in direct proportion to the results obtained in mobilizing and employing its total membership in constant propagation of its faith." Are the children of this world wiser than the children of light?

Trying to be a humble servant of His, —James Huskey

MISSION LETTER FROM INDIA

South India (May 5)—Dear Beloved Bro. Pruitt and other saints in America: Thank God for the privilege to greet you once again.

I have received your letter dated April 14, and noted the enclosures. Thank you very much and thank God who can and will direct you and other dear saints there to give cheerfully for the gospel work here. We walk by faith as you do. May the Spirit of God direct and guide us to move forward in His will.

I trust you received my two letters with the photographs and other details of the newly-purchased chapel . . .

It is with great regret that we heard from you the sad news of the sudden departure of Bro. B. U. Etuk, our brother in Nigeria . . . " . . . merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come." Nothing happens against the plans of God. The urgent call of Bro. George Hammond of Illinois to Nigeria at this particular time shows the accuracy of God's plans . . . Our earnest prayers are for the bereaved family of late Bro. Etuk, and also for the promotion of the church there through Bro. Hammond. We believers in India also wish for a saint from America to come over here to visit and to encourage us. I trust our heavenly Father shall fulfill it at His appointed time.

As I mentioned in the last letter, the opening services in the newly purchased chapel at Thrikkannamangal were conducted on April 18. A good number of believers gathered in the hall and the meeting was a blessed one. From that day onward the believers there continue to assemble in that hall every Sunday to worship God and other days for special meetings. They still appeal for its necessary maintenance work, which I mentioned to you.

I made a three-day visit to the northern parts last week. Bro. L. K. John at Calicut is affected by severe illness (diabetes). Your prayers are requested for his complete recovery and to continue in His vineyard.

Here all the gospel activities are going on with great success by the grace of heaven. The convention at Niranam is postponed to August. We move on with faith undaunted. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchmen waketh but in vain." We together shall agree on earth in prayer for all our needs.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

From The Mail Box . . .

Tenn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all: Greetings once again in our Saviour's dear name. I hope this finds all well with both the work and workers there. We are thankful to be as well as usual. The Lord has been good to us.

I was privileged to be in a few services with Bro. Fox and the saints at Blackford, Ky., recently, with Bros. Murphy Allen, Mart Samons, and Curtis Williams doing the preaching. It was a good little meeting and I enjoyed it, along with the others.

My check is enclosed for the good work there. May the Lord bless and keep each of you encouraged to follow closely and continue in His will and way.

Christian love, —Chas. B. Williams

Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the holy name of our blessed Lord Jesus, and to all the saints everywhere: I surely pray the Lord has touched your body and you are much better. I hope everyone is fine and happy in the Lord's work at the print shop, for surely we need the truth sent out to the people today.

I found a man the other day so hungry for the truth that he could hardly stand still while I talked to him. I gave him four "Faith and Victory" papers, and haven't seen him since as he lives at Bloomington, Ind. But I hope he has prayed through by now and found the Lord.

As for us, we are pretty well. As we are not young any more, we have our good days and bad ones.

Bro. Pruitt, I am sending you an offering to be used where you need it most toward the saving of the lost because I believe that Jesus is soon coming. . . .

As ever in the service of our King, —Nathan Mobley

Arizona—Dear Sis. Marie, greetings of love in Jesus' dear name this beautiful Sunday morning: I've studied the Sunday school lesson, prayed and sang songs, alone, but not alone—the Lord has been with me and has really blessed my soul. Oh, how I thank and praise His name!

I have also received much good from "Faith and Victory" for May, especially the article, "Is God In Everything?" It is so easy to look at causes, which are really taking our eyes off Jesus and not seeing what God has for us. I had never understood fully to the extent of God being in everything as the article brought out, but I pray God for faith and understanding to live daily that the presence of God will shield me. As you wrote in your letter, we are always needing God. I do appreciate your letters, Sis. Marie, as they are such a help to me. I thank God daily for the saints and the printed literature going out which is good for my soul. I truly want to be what God would have me be. I need and appreciate the saints' prayers. By the grace of God I mean to go right on.

I'm enclosing a check for the books . . . and the rest of check use as needed for work there in the print shop. Christian love, —Sister Ferne Laub

Worthy of Commendation . . .

Dear Brethren: I'm sending you part of a letter I received from a dear friend, who recently had a full time evangelist to hold a meeting in his place of worship. The note follows:

"Dear Bro. Reynolds: I was privileged to attend a campmeeting in North Carolina through the generosity of an evangelist who held a meeting which lasted about two weeks, in which our offering amounted to \$109.00, so we gave him \$125.00.

"The last Sunday that they were here happened to be our Building Fund Sunday, and the Brother put in a check for \$100.00, then he gave me a check for \$20.00 because he wanted me to attend this camp meeting. While he was at our place of worship he also sent a check for \$20.00 to a certain missionary in a foreign land, then he gave a check for 10 per cent (tithe) of the \$125.00 we gave him, back to the church here."

How could God help from blessing this? "It sounds like the morning light to me." Would to God we could see more of this. The church would be encouraged, God's blessings would fall and I am sure more men, laymen, and ministers would be ready for His coming and the land again would be turned up-side down, for workers would be multiplied, sinners would be brought in, and the sick would have faith to be healed.

Now, I don't expect the ministry to give all the money back, for the laborer is worthy of his hire. But generosity is one of the attributes of Jesus, and I believe giving is the "Supreme Beatitude." I have learned from experience we can't out-give God. Every time the Bible says "give," it also promises a reward. We all like rewards, don't we?

Leaving the rest to Him who is able to inspire others, too, and hoping ever to be faithful, I am

Yours in Him, —Guy I. Reynolds, Essex, Maryland

Mich.—Dear Sister Miles and all the laborers at the print shop and saints everywhere: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name.

This leaves me still saved and encouraged more than ever to live for God. I received your kind letter, the lovely calendar, and tracts. You saints surely are doing a wonderful work for the Lord, and I want to help all I can to get this wonderful truth out to the people.

My daughter, Doris Lee, passed away on March 30. This leaves the family and me very lonely and sad, but we are looking to the Lord to help us get adjusted to life without having Doris with us.

I am sending a donation to use as the Lord leads. Please send me fifty tracts, "When the Last Day Comes." May all the saints there keep praying for me and my loved ones. —Mrs. Lela Stewart

Indiana—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name, who saved us from a life of sin and keeps us by His divine grace.

I am truly thankful for His tender care and protection to me. I arrived home safely on Tuesday night, April 13, from your place . . .

I was thankful to be able to spend the winter in Calif. with my niece and family. The climate there seems to agree with me and I get along real well out there. I was also glad to visit with some of the saints at the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Okla. I appreciate every one and was glad to see their faith is still in the God of the universe. I was privileged to attend Easter services with the saints at Guthrie for which I sincerely thank the Almighty. We accept all these blessings as coming down from heaven and from our Father who loves us. May I ever be found faithful. I surely would appreciate your prayers. Christian love, —Earl Bliss

Mich.—Dear Saints everywhere: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I enjoy reading all the good testimonies and all other writings in the "Faith and Victory." I have so much to be thankful for. He has healed me of so many afflictions, and is giving me health and strength to do my daily duties. By the dear Lord's grace I intend to do more for His cause.

Inclosed is . . . for the missionaries.

Remember me in prayer.

Christian love and prayers, —Sister Martha Ruhl

Testimonies and Answers To Prayer

Kentucky—Dear Ones in Christ: We want to take this time to thank the Lord for His wonderful love. We thank Him daily and thank all the saints for their prayers for us.

We always enjoy the paper very much. We want to renew it. May the Lord bless whoever turned in our name.

Our baby had been very sick and looked as though she might die. Her fever was real high. She was born with a rattle in her chest. This was so bad she could hardly breathe. We sat up day and night holding her up so she could breathe. Her face became a solid sore. We didn't know what the trouble was. We asked the Lord to show us what to do, but nothing seemed to help. The day she was her worst with such a fever, she refused her bottle, and her face seemed to look a lot better. I noticed that every time she took her milk her face became worse. We changed the milk in different ways. We started giving her juice because she wanted the bottle. She was five months old, and we carried on for two months, but nothing would stay on her stomach. Finally her food started hurting her.

However, we never thought of a doctor, but the saints began to really pray and hold on for her. One asked if I would like to try some goat milk. This was very hard to find, and expensive, but we got some that was canned. The first bottle she took brought about a great

change. Her eyes were so much brighter and she was lively again. She sleeps well at night and is eight months old now.

We thank the Lord and every saint who sent prayers to heaven for her, and for their help in every way. We have five other children who are all doing well. Thanks unto the Lord for this. May every true saint of God remember us in prayer. —The Charles Knight Family

Calif.—Greetings in Jesus' name: I am glad for the "Faith and Victory" paper and the good testimonies which make my soul rejoice. I can say the Lord has really helped my eyes and hearing. Then my kidneys gave me real distress, so I was anointed and prayed for, and God touched me.

I send greetings to all God's children. Dear saints, remember me in your prayers, and come by to see me . . . I will be 91 years old on June 29.

Your Brother,
2861 McBryde Ave., Richmond, Cal. 94804
(A greeting by card or letter would certainly cheer Bro. Littrell.)

Missouri—Dear Ones: Our three-year-old son started coughing, but we just thought he had a cold. Then our baby started coughing and whooping, so then we decided they had the whooping cough. They both would cough and whoop, and then sometimes vomit, especially if they had just eaten. Our boy never got real sick, although he whooped quite hard at times when we would wonder if he would get his breath.

One night I woke up and the baby was breathing real hard and fast. I awoke Sam and we had prayer for her. The next morning she had a high fever. She would start to whooping every time she would start to eat. . . . just cry as it hurt her so much. We kept praying for her and the fever was down that night. For about three more days she would start whooping every time she would start to eat. She would take about one bottle a day. We got quite concerned, and had special prayer that night, asking the Lord what to do. Every time she would start whooping, we would start rebuking it. . . . She started eating and now we can't even tell she was sick. We learned much from this sickness as it brought us closer to the Lord. It seemed so good to be able to call on the Lord any time—day or night.

We have some requests before the Lord that we desire His guidance in.

Yours in Christ, —Sam and Sharon Sorrell

Calif.—Dear Sister Miles: Thank you all very, very much for your prayers. I find Jesus a wonderful Saviour. His Word is forever settled in heaven. He said, "Before you call, I will answer." He is all, and in all to me.

My affliction (the shingles) was rather severe. They lasted three weeks, and they left only a few bluish red spots, which are fading away. All honor and praise goes to my Saviour. Bless His name forever! Thank you again. The Lord's servant, —Tammie Severs

Oregon—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of Christian love to all. All of us here at Jefferson were praying about having a meeting and the dear Lord sent Bro. and Sis. O. B. Wilson from California. The meeting started Sunday, April 4, and continued over Easter Sunday. We had good attendance and interest at all the night services and the three days of all-day services. The dear saints came in from Seattle, Tacoma, and Yakima, Wash., also some from different parts of Oregon. It truly was a precious gathering and such sweet fellowship! All were

so glad to be together to hear the precious Word and rejoice in the Spirit. Bro. Wilson did the preaching, but God surely blessed and anointed every message. We all praised the Lord for His love and sweet presence with us. Some new people came at different times. We feel that much good was done. Our meeting is over, but all that came are still feasting on the precious truths which stirred our hearts to press on to greater things as we let our God work in us to do His will.

We appreciate our Bro. and Sis. Wilson, and feel very humble that our Lord would send these dear ones to be with us. Yes, our God knows our needs and does all things well.

It is precious to be in the family of God, and how this family walks together in love, submitting ourselves one to another as God's humble children! I am afraid there are too many like the Pharisee Jesus tells us about in Luke 18:10-14. What a lesson! I don't want to have a spirit like that Pharisee had, looking on others with a "holier than thou" attitude. I feel that we, as saints, need to be watchful on this line. I do not believe in compromising the truth, but I believe that Jesus taught us to extend mercy and love to all. I pray the Lord to help me to be more like Christ.

I also think of Peter and how it took the Lord some time to make a rock out of him. But when the Holy Spirit filled his heart, he was able to stand firm for the truth and write the two epistles that teach us to be humble and to suffer with the Lord. Thank the dear Lord for the precious examples we have in the Word. Truly, His Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

May the Lord bless all the dear children of God is my prayer.

Your Sister in this family of God, —Beatrice Spaur

Oklahoma—Dear Saints: Today finds me still on the Lord's side. I thank the dear Lord I can report victory. I have been having some afflictions in my body, but am able to get about and take care of myself.

I got moved to my new home, and feel God directed the change. I still have plenty of room for visitors. I could have used a smaller house, but small houses are getting to be past memories. I live next door to my son and his family. I felt it would be easier for them to see after me. I attend services every Sunday if I am able.

It seems my life for the Lord has almost come to a close. But as I see it, I have got myself to keep subject to God's will concerning the life I live. A prayerful life is a source of strength to a life of obedience. After all, if we keep self centered in God's way, we have done a big job. So I covet your prayers that I live a life to please my Master. . . . I am still a child of the King and the King's daughter has all she needs, and stays happy in her soul, and I feel healing will be added to me, also.

Your Sister in the Lord, —Sister Sam Barton
7415 E. 34th North, Tulsa, Okla. 74115, phone 835-0893

Fla.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of love in the name of our dear Lord. I hope each of you are well in body and encouraged to go on with the Lord. This leaves me up and about, thank the Lord!

We want to thank all the saints for their prayers and support for the annual revival just recently held at Goulds, Fla. May God richly reward each of you for your thoughtfulness of us. We appreciated Sister Katherine Williams and Bro. H. P. Effinger being with us in the meeting. Surely the Lord's anointing was upon the messages of truth. Some came forward to the altar for

spiritual help. Five young people testified to salvation. Continue to pray for the congregation there. . . .

We are having street meetings here in Lauderdale on Saturdays. We need the prayers of all the righteous that the Lord will save some souls in this wicked place.

Do pray for me. May God bless each of you as you get the gospel out by the printed pages. Keep up the good work. You have our prayers.

Yours in Christian love, —Sister M. B. Savage

N. Carolina—Dear Sister Miles, greetings in the name of our dear Saviour who hung and died on the cross for our sins: As new babes in Christ we have come to enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper along with the tracts.

We thank the Lord for how He called us out of darkness into the marvelous light, and Sister Lennon for telling us about the truth. After hearing the truth we came to Christ. We enjoy worshipping with the saints.

God is real. We love this kind of life, serving and trusting the Lord for everything. He has healed us and the children many times and we give God all the praise.

We desire the prayers of all the saints everywhere that we will keep the faith and be all the Lord would have us to be.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. and Sis. Jimmie L. McDonald

Oklahoma—Dear Sister Marie and Bro. Lawrence: I have praise to God in my heart today. We are serving such a great and Almighty God! I've been praising and thanking God for my healing for the last few days. I had a severe attack again with this gall bladder trouble, or whatever it is. Anyway, I swelled up on my right side until, to turn in bed was more than I could endure. I would cry out, for the pain was so severe at times. But God has been teaching me more about divine healing, and during my sickness God inspired me to take my healing by faith. From that time on I have improved steadily, blessed be the name of the Lord! Though I'm not completely well, I'm counting it so, by faith in God.

I want to thank everyone who was so concerned and prayed for us during these last few months. All the phone calls and cards of encouragement were greatly appreciated. May God bless everyone for the love that you have shown to me and my family. I know I'll never be able to repay some that were so faithful to help me, but I know God will bless them.

We are planning to come to the Guthrie campmeeting, the Lord willing. Pray for us. —Oleta Madden

S. Carolina—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and all the co-workers: Greetings in Christian love. I want to thank Jesus for the plan of salvation. I love Him with all my heart. I love Him because He first loved me. Without Him I could do nothing, but as Paul said, we can do all things through Him that strengthens us. I pray for that strength. I want to live so the Lord can use me any time and anywhere.

I have an unspoken request that I would like the saints to help me pray about, and also pray for my unsaved family. I would like to see them saved, but it will take the Lord to do it. So I'm asking the prayers of all the saints. Remember me when you pray. I love the Lord and I want to trust Him to the end.

Yours in Christian love, —Sister Minnie Winter

Ark.—Dear Ones at the Print Shop: Greetings in the most blessed name above all names, the precious name of Jesus. When we listen to the news on the radio, it

is mostly so sad, but when we listen to the voice of God's Holy Spirit it brings peace and comfort. Thank God, there is something real good to listen to. Truly the peace that Jesus gives is more than all the world can afford. We can have peace and joy even in sickness, and all other troubles. Oh! what a mighty God we serve! If only more people would turn to Him with all their heart, how happy they could be.

I love the "Faith and Victory" paper. I read the prayer requests, and ask God to bless, comfort, and heal each one in His own precious way. It is good to read the testimonies, learning what God is doing for His children.

Please find check enclosed to help in the good work you all at the Print Shop are doing. Every day I ask God to bless, help, and encourage each one, and to give healing as needed. Dear Sister Marie, I thank you for your good letter and tracts.

With love and prayers, —Sister N. E. Adams

Fla.—Dear Sister Marie and co-workers at the Print Shop: Holy greetings in Jesus' dear name. I have never sent in my testimony, but I feel it will be encouraging to those who are weak.

I was afflicted with palsy for eight years. My speech was broken, and I did not have the use of the right side of my face and my eye would not close. But the Lord has healed me of this condition. My husband and I were separated for eight years and the Lord has restored my home. I surely praise the Lord for His goodness to me. Psalm 27:14, "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord." —Sister Kathleen Williams

Penn.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and Savior: Today He is sending down the rain we need. Oh! how precious He is to me today. He holdeth me up and I shall not be moved. Praise His name!

I just received your lovely letter yesterday with the tract on "Divine Healing a Reality" by Sister Abbott. I am sending it on to my sister-in-law . . .

Mother [Sister Dona Campbell] said this morning that she felt so much better than she had for a long time, so we do praise God for all of His goodness to her and to all of us.

When we look at the condition of our world, it makes us stop and wonder, how long, oh! Lord, how long will His mercy be extended to a godless generation? It is only for the saints to work harder and do more to win some for Him.

May God bless you each day in all you do for Him. I get hungry to hear the saints preach, but will fill my corner where He has placed me and read the sermons as they are sent in. Bro. Chas. Smith writes a letter with a sermon each month, so that gives us a big lift. Mother reads her Bible constantly. I am so thankful her eyes are good enough for her to read . . .

Your Sisters in Him, —Eva Cox and Mother Campbell

Ind.—Dear Saints: I have been in the Church of God reformation movement sixty-three years and more. I attended the first campmeeting held at Anderson, Ind., in 1907, and have not missed attending one since. . . . There have been lots of changes since 1907, some for better, but lots more for the worse.

Some of us have been endeavoring to collect original copies of the first books published by the pioneers of this reformation to make a library in Japan. . . .

I was 84 years old last March 26, and am endeavoring to be faithful through life's remaining days. If there would be no heaven or hell, I would far rather live with a clear conscience than live the life of sin that I did until February, 1906. I'm through with a life of sin forever, by God's help and power.

Don't compromise or turn to the right or left. Straight truth can't be made straighter, or it becomes crooked.

Your saved Brother, —Dennie M. Lyons

Kansas—Dear "Faith and Victory" readers: I want to testify that the Lord has helped me a great deal. For a little over a month I have had much suffering and many trials. I doubt if I would be alive today if it had not been for the Lord hearing and answering prayer. Many were praying for me, and I am very thankful for each prayer and very thankful for our mighty God who hears and answers our prayers. I am still weak and need your prayers for a complete victory. I have been getting a little stronger each day, then yesterday I didn't feel very well. By bedtime I ached and had much pain. I prayed for the dear Lord to take away the pain and after awhile the pain began to leave and I was able to get some sleep. Today I am much improved. I give the Lord all the glory and praise.

Several weeks ago a little boy was at our house. He got his leg badly hurt and screamed with pain. I knelt and prayed for him and in less than a minute he stopped crying.

I have several requests before the Lord. I have many unsaved loved ones, some here in my own home, and brothers and sisters and other loved ones. It seems Satan is working hard trying to cause trouble between members of my family. I also have unspoken requests before the Lord.

Please pray much. The dear heavenly Father knows each need and each request. I am looking for Him to hear and answer them just as He did last night and many times before. —A Sister in Christ

Okla.—Dear Sister Miles: Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus who hung on the cruel cross, bled and died for you and me that we all may have a right to the Tree of Life. Praise His holy name! I am so glad that I can say that it included me. I am yet saved and pressing on in the name of Jesus. Although I don't feel so well in my body at times, I feel rich in my soul. I am much encouraged to press on as never before because sin is so great. Please pray for me as I pray for you. By the grace of God I am determined to press on until the crown is won. I need your prayers at all times. . . .

May God bless you and keep you until we meet again. Your Sister in Christ, —Sarah F. Brown

Okla.—Greetings in holy love to all the saints far and near: I thank God for salvation and a desire in my heart to press my way on to heaven. I am more determined today than ever before to make heaven my home. The Lord has blessed me in so many ways I want to be always found trying to fulfill the purposes for which He has left me here.

I want to thank all the saints for their prayers for my healing. Some time ago the Lord wonderfully healed my head of an abnormal condition I had suffered with for a few years. Almost every night since the latter part of 1967 up until the Lord healed me, I would wake up in the night with my head so heavy that I would have difficulty in raising it. Sometimes I would put three

pillows under it to get relief. One Wednesday I suffered very much and didn't feel like going to prayer meeting that night. The Lord brought to my mind what I had heard my mother say many times, "When you don't feel well, church is a good place to go because you can get help there." With this in mind, I pressed my way to meeting. I explained my feelings as best I could to the saints and put in a request for my body. The Lord blessed me during the season of prayer. All the next day it seemed like I was bothered more than ever. But, thanks be to God, that night in my sleep the Lord healed my head of that condition, and to Him I give all the glory! I'm reminded of the writer who said, "The darkest hour is just before dawn."

I thank God that I have learned to trust Him for both soul and body. I desire your earnest prayers for other afflictions on my body—arthritis, weak joints and limbs. Just as the Lord healed my head, so can He give complete healing to my whole body. I believe He will. Pray that I ever be found doing my bit for the Lord at all times.

Enclosed you will find an offering for the Lord to be used as you see fit.

Yours in Christ, —Sister Dora Griffin Johnson

Wash.—I was gloriously saved at the age of 17 years. The blessed Lord changed my bitter tears of repentance and sorrow for sin to tears of joy. As I walked home through the woods, I never saw the world so glorious. It seemed that I was not walking on the ground. The birds were filling the woods with their sweet melodies. I was baptized in the Missoula River in Montana. I had not read the Bible. I was working in a placer mine in the mountains. There was a crew of 18 men, a sawmill, a shop, a cook house and a large bunk house, and a few old magazines to read, but I became hungry to read the Bible. One week-end I climbed over a mountain to get a Bible. I got up early on Monday morning and climbed back over the mountain and arrived in time for work. At noon after lunch I got the Bible and started to read the New Testament. As I read, the letters became bright, and I said, "Lord, this is the most wonderful book I have ever seen." Then the blessed Holy Spirit flooded my soul, and I became so happy that I wept with joy. At work time Billy McIntire and I were cleaning bedrock close together. The blessed Holy Spirit was flooding my soul, and suddenly in a vision I was taken up and was rejoicing, I suppose, secretly. Surely my cup was running over. Then I was let down, and I said, "Lord, don't leave me!" But I was left standing by myself. I looked around and I saw Billy cleaning bedrock, working fast, and I wondered why he was working so fast. Then I saw my body close to Billy cleaning bedrock and working fast, also. Then the vision was over, and I was in my body and saw the big scope of bedrock that my body had cleaned.

I looked at my watch and it was nearly 3 p. m. For about two hours my soul had been in the Glory world, and my body had been working, but I did not know one thing about doing the work! Neither man nor devils can make me doubt the reality of the soul and God's infallible Word, and He warns us to search it for our own good. I did nothing but to put forth an effort to read God's infallible Guide and He did the seeming impossible. I have witnessed twenty miracles. "Oh, how great Thou art!"

—G. Elias Brickley