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Jesus Calls The Sinner

This world is in an awful state—
You know this to be true;
So awake, poor soul, it's getting late—
The Master calleth for you.

Unto a life of holiness,
And from a life of sin;
He's waiting now your soul to bless—
Oh, won't you let Him in?

Seek Him while He may be found,
Call ye on Him while He's near;
He'll loose the soul that sin has bound
And remove tormenting fear.

A present help in time of need,
The Lord will be to you;
He'll prove Himself a friend indeed—
He'll surely help you through.

Behold, He stands at your door to knock—
Don't turn the Lord away;
You hold the key that turns the lock—
Do let Him in, I pray.

He'll guide your soul to heaven above,
To a land of eternal rest;
Where there will be peace and joy and love,
With the ransomed and the blest.

But those who reject His offered grace,
And wander on in sin,
Will wake up in an awful place—
How sad will be their end!

In hell there'll be pain and sorrow,
No water, rest, nor peace—
No hope of getting out tomorrow,
And torments never cease.

—Charles E. Taylor

Sealed Until the Time of the End

The heavenly messenger said unto Daniel, "Go thy way Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end." (Dan. 12:9). This statement makes it clear that some prophecies were not to be fulfilled until just before the second coming of Christ.

What prophecies are yet to be fulfilled in our day? Just a very few. Surely the prophecy of Ezek. 34:11, 12, has not been fulfilled, for it is very evident that some of God's little ones still remain in spiritual Babylon. This prophecy teaches that God is going to "both search" His "sheep, and seek them out" of all places "where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day." Consider the prophecy found in Rev. 18:21, "And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great mill stone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all." This has not been fulfilled. Notice that this prophecy was proclaimed after the moral fall of Babylon was fulfilled. (Rev. 18:1, 2). "And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lighted with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and the cage of every unclean and hateful bird." All spiritual souls who have come out of Babylon can readily see that this Scripture has already been fulfilled. Babylon has suffered her moral fall long ago.

The prophecy of Babylon's fall given in the 21st verse must have reference to her complete destruction to "be found no more at all." Our dear late Bro. Fred Pruitt said that "this seemed to teach a second fall of Babylon."

Notice this fall is said to be accomplished "with violence." Dear ones, every one who is informed as to what is going on behind the Iron Curtain in every nation that has come under the power of Communism (the dragon of our day), can readily discern the fact that these two Scriptures are being fulfilled. God is

using this great enemy of Truth to literally destroy Babylon.

Great persecutions cause God's people to flow together. The dragon thought to destroy the work of God in the early days by killing all the saints. But, praise God, the more he killed, the more they increased, until it was said, "The blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church."

As that plan failed, the dragon is using another plan. This time he is working to destroy the church from within by stopping her means of growth. In every deceived nation in which the dragon has gained control, he permits a few congregations to operate in their own buildings, that is, if they will agree to co-operate with the government. This means that every sermon must be written and presented to an official of the state to meet the approval of the dragon. All ministers and priests are paid by the state, but an appointed servant of the state is to attend each meeting. These congregations are permitted to function in order to deceive visitors from other nations where the Iron Curtain has not fallen. Only adults are permitted to attend these meetings. All children and young people are excluded. The children of all parents become the property of the state and are put in nurseries at the age of one year. Upon reaching school age they are placed in boarding schools where they are trained to become loyal Communists.

All buildings of worship become government property and are used for the benefit of the state, except the very few as stated above. Soon, and very soon, the dragon will have all nations under the sun at his disposal; then all buildings of worship will be closed forever, and the second fall of Babylon will be complete.

This looks like a sad picture, but God has a way of turning what seems to be defeat into great victory. Praise His Name! All who will not bow unto the dragon because they know the Saviour will meet together in secret meetings to worship God. These are persecuted even unto death, but being willing to suffer for Christ and His gospel, they remain loyal to Him and His cause. Their faithfulness is the means of others being saved. Therefore, the gospel is being taught by those who have discarded their man-made names which have kept them divided so long, and all come together to worship in one body just as Christ has taught us to do. And when Jesus comes He shall find many more saved and perfected, ready to meet Him with joy.

Praise God, Babylon is being destroyed "with violence" and God is bringing His people into one body. In order for this to be accomplished it takes great suffering on the part of His saints at the hands of the dragon, and his angels.

Dear saints, the Captain of our salvation was made a perfect Saviour by the things which He was called upon to suffer in His body while here upon this earth. Now, in these last days, His spiritual Body (the Church) is called upon to suffer that others may be saved and brought into the unity of the Spirit.

Soon we are to lose all our places of worship and our printing press at Guthrie. We will have to suffer, even seeing many of our loved ones perishing under the cruel hand of the oppressors, but "look up, . . . for your redemption draweth nigh." And, "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried [because we were willing to suffer for His sake and theirs]; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand." Dan. 12:10.

May God give strength and courage to each of us just as Christ was strengthened in the garden of Gethsemane, when He said, "Not my will, but thine be done."

Your servant,

—H. P. Huskey

Be Filled With the Spirit

We read in Ephesians 5:18, "And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit."

There never was a time that we needed to be filled with the Spirit more than now. Every lack in the church is because of souls not being filled with the Spirit. God has ordained that we should go on to the more abundant life. There is no stopping place after one gets saved. The call is to go on and be filled with the Spirit.

Many are heard to say, "We don't see many healings. Where has the power gone?" Others say, "We don't feel that love like we used to have among us; we don't have the joy we used to have and people are not kind and loving like they used to be." We hear sayings like these among different people. Friends, I say if we will get filled with the Spirit, that will be a perfect cure for everything. We read in Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." When God can move His church to a Spirit-filled life, then He will bestow more power on us, in us, through us, and all around us.

Someone may say, "If you are filled with the Spirit, God can work through you!" My friends, God can work in a measure, but God cannot work as He desires until the whole church is humbled to a Spirit-filled life. There must be a dying out, some cutting loose, some suffering! Oh, my friends, there are too many living only for themselves. Today too many are tied to this old world. The cares of life are crowding God's sweet Spirit away. People's minds are drifting far away from God into a state of lukewarmness, where there's no power and very little desire for worship. Oh, if I could only say words that would awaken precious souls from the awful slumber that is in the world today, my heart would rejoice. But, alas, it seems in spite of all the preaching that God does through His servants, many still go on in the same old rut.

But God still has a spiritual church that is going through in spite of tribulations and persecutions, though it be few souls. Jesus asked the question, "Shall I find faith on earth when I come?" Yes, truly

there will be a few Spirit-filled souls when Jesus comes. They'll be looking and waiting for Him while many will be going along in a lukewarm condition, balking on God and failing to go on to a Spirit-filled life. They sit at ease with only self in mind; no laboring for souls, no fervent prayers, no sacrifice and the result is an empty life void of the Spirit's power. Oh, dear friends, this is where souls will land if they refuse to go on to a higher life in the Lord.

God will give power when we meet the conditions of His Word. We read in Ephesians 3:20, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." You see, the power of the Holy Ghost must work in us; then God will be able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. Power works by power being in us. If you want more power manifested, get more power in you. We read in Romans 5:5, "And hope maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." If we want more love, we must go right back to the Spirit-filled life. That is where it will come from when our hearts are filled with the Spirit. Our lives will be filled with love.

Now, one may say that there's not unity like we would like to see. Let us look at Ephesians 4:1-4, "I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Now, lowliness, meekness, longsuffering and forbearing are all the fruits of the Spirit with more added in the fifth chapter of Galatians. Oh, if every one would keep filled with the Spirit, what a powerful church God would have to work through!

Now, let us see where effectual prayer comes from. We read in Jude 20, "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost." Prayers prayed in the Holy Ghost are effectual prayers. No matter if there aren't but a few words prayed; if they are anointed by the Holy Ghost, they are effectual. They move God and all heaven because the power that worketh in our hearts touches the power that worketh in heaven. And when our hearts blend with heaven, we will be full of power from heaven. Praise God!

Now, let us see where our righteousness, peace and joy come from. We read in Romans 14:17, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost." Every virtue comes from the mighty working of the Holy Ghost in our souls. To have righteousness in our hearts, it must come through God's great Spirit. To have peace, we must be filled with His Spirit. To have lasting joy, we cannot get it from any other source than the Holy Spirit—a joy that will last while eternity rolls on.

Let us see where our hope comes from. In Rom. 15:13 we read, "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound

in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost." Hope within our souls tells us it is better farther on when we lay our bodies down to crumble in the ground. Hope looks beyond this fleeting life to a Home where no sorrow dims the eye.

When the church comes to the fullness of the blessing of the Spirit, there will be more effects of righteousness in every way. Holy lives in deeds, actions, and our services will be more effectual. Our preaching will be more uplifting. In olden times, men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost and that is the way God has it today. But I believe God can work in a more powerful way if every child of God will go on to a Spirit-filled life. God wants men and women that will move in the power of the Spirit. Peter preached a mighty sermon after he was filled with the Holy Ghost power. Those people realized he had something beside human power. When folks are filled with the Spirit, faith will be active to take hold of the promise of God. In fact, every grace comes through the working of the Spirit.

We trust that the church will move forward and that every soul that is not filled with the Spirit will go on to perfection. A Spirit-filled life has power in time of deep trial. The secret of the victory lies in being filled with the Spirit. When men persecute you, when they do you wrong, and when your name is cast out as evil, you still can have victory.

Dear saints, we are facing greater persecutions. Our strength must come from the power of the Spirit. One writer says, "Spirit-filled souls are ablaze for God; they love with a love that glows; they believe with a faith that kindles; they serve with a devotion that consumes; they hate sin with a fierceness that burns; and they rejoice with a joy that radiates." Love is perfect with the fire of God in the soul. The only way to eternal victory is keeping filled with all the fullness of God.

—Lottie Porter

CAN'T STOP GOD'S SPIRIT

A young preacher was holding a revival meeting in a certain town, and the Lord was blessing him. A young woman decided she would stop that revival, and boasted that she could put a stop to it herself. She went to the revival just about half-dressed. However, someone told the preacher what she planned to do. The Lord gave him a wonderful message just for her and her kind. She came in and seated herself in a very unbecoming manner. He, of course, was preaching under the anointed power of God. He said something that touched the girl's heart. The next night she was there again fully dressed, sitting about midway of the house. When the altar call was given, she was the first one to walk down the aisle. God's Spirit dealt also with others, and about ten or twelve of her friends were kneeling at the benches, in the aisles and all around.

So you see she didn't break it up, but that started the biggest revival that had ever hit that country. What a blessing!

—R. G. Casey

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EDITORIALS

With the arrival of autumn we again make our annual and special effort by the blessings of the Lord and the co-operation of our readers to reach many more thousands of people with the pure gospel messages. The summer is ended, the campmeeting season is past, and millions of souls are not saved. Shall we fold our hands and wait for another convenient season to reach the perishing? No, indeed!

The urgent need for the salvation of souls is always before us, summer and winter, and in between times. The challenge is much greater now because we are in the "gleaning time" of the gospel day, according to the prophecies and the signs of the times. Jesus plainly tells us: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:37. Very few indeed, just eight souls, took heed to Noah's warning, though he faithfully preached to them 120 years according to history. Just prior to Jesus' second coming, the same general conditions are prevailing—unconcern and indifference toward the gospel message. Nevertheless, it is the solemn obligation of the Church to carry the gospel to "every creature" and "all nations" right up to His coming. "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing." God designed that every soul would hear the gospel, whether he believes it or not. Jesus said: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. The gospel will witness for or against each hearer in the day of Judgment. He will stand there speechless, without an excuse, if he has failed or refused to obey the gospel.

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With the shortage of help, our remaining co-workers and all of us here at the office and printshop have been unusually busy, working many extra hours ever since August 16, in reprinting tracts and books which ran out of stock during the summer. In addition, in the month of September we printed and mailed out three publications—the fourth quarter "Bible Lessons", "The Beautiful Way" paper for the fourth quarter, and this October issue of "Faith and Victory." Unless the Lord sees fit to call and send

more consecrated and qualified co-workers, we will not be able to meet the increased demand for gospel literature, but by the help and grace of God we mean to be found faithfully working at our post of duty.

Now we are also anticipating the receipt of several thousand new names through this special three-months' subscription offer which will have to be processed and typed on wrappers, necessitating the help of more typists.

A large attendance is expected at the General Ministers' Meeting to be held here at the Guthrie, Okla. chapel, beginning at 10 a. m. on Oct. 5th and continuing three days or longer. The ministers are expressly urged to be here for the first session.

On our shelves are many back issues of "Faith and Victory" and "Beautiful Way" papers which we would certainly like to get into the hands of readers. If you could help pass them out, we would be happy to mail them to you at the cost of postage and wrapping—just 25c per pound. Order 4 pounds for \$1.00, or many more, and help spread the gospel message. Specify how many pounds of each publication, and various back numbers will be mailed to you promptly, postpaid.

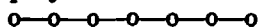
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On Aug. 25, Sister Janice Allen returned to this office with her father, Bro. Murphy Allen, who preached at Guthrie that Wednesday night, then he went on to the Dover, Okla. campmeeting. May the Lord bless and reward Sister Janice for her consecrated service, as well as all our other faithful co-workers.

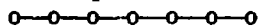
Sister Cora E. Schumm of Willshire, Ohio, a long-time reader of this paper, passed away on August 23, 1971 at the age of 87 years. This note was received from her daughter, Mary, who also enclosed a printed tribute in loving memory of their mother, written by her brother. May God comfort the family in their sorrow.

A number of obituaries appear in this issue. The Lord is calling His people Home to rest from their earthly labors. May the "God of all comfort" speak the words to soothe and sustain all the sorrowing relatives, and grant them courage to meet the readjustments of life.

This week (Sept. 20 to 25) Bro. Kenneth Probst of Vinita, Okla. is holding a revival meeting here at the Guthrie chapel. The Word is going forth clear and definite, and a number of souls have found help at the altar of prayer.



Correction: Due to oversight or mistake on our part, the title "Father" has been attached a few times to men whose names were printed in this paper over the years. Jesus commanded His disciples: "And call no man your father upon the earth; for one is your Father, which is in heaven." Matt. 23:9. In spiritual matters no man on earth is the head of the church or has power to forgive sins, and we recognize but one Father in heaven. This was the sense in which Jesus gave this command. Henceforth, we shall not print that title to a man's name lest it be taken in the wrong sense, and not in the sense of love, affection and respect for the aged in which we have always used it in this publication.



This writer is still holding on to the promises of God for complete healing. Though it is a real trial of faith, yet the promise still reads that "with His stripes we are healed." Continue to pray with and for us until the answer comes.

—Lawrence Pruitt



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OBITUARIES



Sister Lillian Meek, daughter of Marion and Nellie Light, was born on August 16, 1913 near Concord, Ark., and departed this life to be with the Lord on August 31, 1971 at her home in Guthrie, Okla. at the age of 58 years and 15 days.

In October of 1928 she was united in marriage to Jess Meek who survives her, as well as their two sons: Troy of Fort Worth, Texas and Roy of Tulsa, Okla. Other survivors include a step-daughter, Letha Mae Roby of Corcoran, Calif.; one brother, Artie Light of Gerty, Okla.; two sisters, Nila Ellis of Gerty, Okla. and Clara Jackson of Heber Springs, Ark.; 13 grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Sister Meek came in contact with the "Evening Light" saints of the Church of God in 1946. She sought the Lord and was converted in a revival meeting at Gerty, Okla. In 1947 she moved to the Guthrie, Okla. area with her family. As a member of the Church of God, she faithfully attended services at the chapel at 6th and W. Warner, Guthrie. She took great delight in helping others, often caring for the sick and performing the humble duties of life which might be overlooked by others. Many times on Tuesday, fast and prayer day, she and a few others faithfully met at the chapel in earnest prayer for the many current prayer requests from near and far. Over the years she carried a continual burden for her relatives.

During her last illness she suffered much and relied heavily on prayer. God answered in relieving the pain many times. When her speech was failing, one of her last statements was: "I want them to pray. I'm going Home."

The funeral service was conducted at the Church of God chapel, Guthrie, Okla. by Bro. Archie Souder, assisted by Bro. Willie C. Murphey. Interment was in Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, to await the general resurrection.

(Editor's note: For many years Sister Lillian Meek was a faithful worker here at the Lord's Print Shop. Many treasures she laid up in Heaven, and even with failing health she was reluctant to give up her active work for the Lord, not only here at the office, but in teaching the primary Sunday school class, cleaning the chapel, and preparing the evening meals for the annual Guthrie camp-meetings and Assembly meetings. Hers was a busy life for the Lord and His people, and she will be greatly missed not only by her relatives and friends, but also especially by the Guthrie congregation which includes her co-workers here at the office. Her race is run and the crown is won. May God comfort the bereaved family, and help them and all of us to always be ready for the coming of the Lord.)

Elwood Meaux was born to Joe and Effie Meaux, on August 2, 1891 at Harrisburg, Ky. and passed July 31, 1971 in Okeene, Okla. at the age of 79.

When a small child he moved with his parents to Oklahoma, settling on a farm northwest of Hennessey. Here he grew to manhood and married Miss Edna Greer.

No children were born of this union, but because he was loving and considerate, he carved a place in the hearts of his nieces and nephews and was lovingly called, "Uncle Elwood".

He was devoted to his beloved wife who preceded him in death in December of 1970. He claimed a hope in Christ.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his sister, Maria Breckenridge, Okeene, Okla.; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

After the clouds the sunshine,

After the winter the spring,

After the shower the rainbow,

For life is a changeable thing.

After the night the morning,

Bidding all darkness to cease;

After life's cares and sorrows,

The comfort and sweetness of peace.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams.

Frank Cleland was born August 1, 1890 and departed this life on September 6, 1971 at the age of 81 years at Covington, La.

He was married to Ida Cowart on November 2, 1920. To this union nine children were born.

Bro. Frank Cleland had been an invalid over six years. During this time we tried to visit him at least once a month. We had visited him two weeks before he died and could see that he was failing. He always wanted prayer and desired some of the Word read.

He leaves to mourn his passing; his wife, Mrs. Ida Cleland; three sons, Julian of Ponchatoula, La., Seth and Frank of Covington, La.; three daughters, Elizabeth Cleland, Mrs. Josephine Lane, and Mrs. Mamie Ryals, all of Covington, La.; eleven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the undersigned on September 7 at Brown's Funeral Home in Covington, Louisiana. —Max Williamson

Dora Burnett Love was born to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Burnett in Bonham, Texas and departed this life at the age of 99 years, 11 months and 26 days.

She married Andrew A. Williams on April 25, 1897. To this union seven children were born. Her husband and two children preceded her in death. On June 20, 1945, she married Thomas E. Love. He also preceded her in death.

She met the saints over 60 years ago, and accepted Christ as her Savior. She was a devout Christian and mother, earnestly contending for the faith that was once delivered unto the saints.

She leaves to mourn: two daughters, Ophelia Campbell and Mrs. Burnett Love; three sons, O. A. Williams, Thomas Williams, and Alphonzo Williams; eight step-children; 14 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives, friends and saints.

Ozener (Ligons) Zachary was born August 25, 1909, at Greenwood, Miss., the daughter of Andrew and Eliza Ligons, and departed this life Sept. 5, 1971 at the age of 62 years.

On February 2, 1928, she was married to Mr. Dock Zachary, and to this union were born four daughters and five sons. Mr. Zachary and one son preceded her in death.

In 1945 she was saved and lived a devout Christian life, always striving to do her best for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of God. She remained faithful until the Lord called her to her reward.

She leaves to mourn her passing, four daughters and four sons: Mrs. Florence McClellan of Okmulgee, Okla.; Mrs. Elizabeth Glover of Oklahoma City; Mrs. Helen Gresham and Mrs. Sirley Carter of Hoffman, Okla.; Andrew and Robert Zachary of Hoffman, Okla.; Charles Zachary of Temple, Okla.; James Zachary of Oklahoma City; four sisters, Mrs. Laura Warren of Okmulgee, Okla.; Mrs. Lorene Payne and Mrs. Gustava Anderson of Hoffman, Okla. and Mrs. Odever Kelley of Oklahoma City; four brothers, James and Jessie Ligons of Hoffman, Okla.; Andrew Ligons of Wichita, Kansas; John Henley Ligons of Oklahoma City; 27 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams, and assisted by Bro. M. Gaines. Interment was in Hoffman Cemetery.

Benjamin Yoder was born on October 10, 1887 in Greenville, Ohio to David and Caroline Yoder. He departed this life to be with the Lord on August 15, 1971 at the age of 83 years, 10 months and 5 days.

Bro. Yoder was saved in 1937. He moved to Springfield, Mo., where he was united in marriage to Bertha Marie Freeman on June 3, 1939. To this union four children were born.

He leaves to mourn their loss: his wife, Bertha Marie Yoder; one son, Ronnie Gene Yoder of Walnut Grove, Mo.; three daughters, Mrs. Jay D. (Nola Pauline) Thompson, Mrs. Anthony (Mary Jane) Hubbard, and Miss Edna Marie Yoder, all of Springfield, Mo.; one grandson, and six granddaughters; two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Lizer of Bradford, Ohio and Miss Addie Yoder of Columbus, Ohio; nieces, nephews, saints and friends.

Bro. Yoder was always faithful to attend church services at 718 N. Kansas, Springfield, Mo. as long as his health permitted, and most always had a testimony for the Lord.

His body was laid to rest in the Greenlawn Cemetery at Springfield, Mo.

Bessie B. Faudree, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, was born in Bath County, Va. on November 10, 1902, and departed this life on September 14, 1971 in Richmond, Va. at the age of 68 years, 10 months and four days.

Sister Bessie was taught the Bible truths by Sister Laura Powell, a minister of the gospel who has been at rest with the Lord for a number of years. Sister Bessie accepted these truths and had lived faithful to the Lord since that time. She was greatly loved by those with whom she worked in a factory, and her sudden death came as a shock to them. She also will be greatly missed by Sister Nannie Connell who lived with her. They had their Bible study and worshipped the Lord together.

She is survived by one son, Howard E. Starke, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Bliley Funeral Home with interment in Dale Memorial Park Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia.

James W. Manuel, son of W. F. and Nannie Manuel, was born February 1, 1902 at Bristol, Tennessee.

On July 1, 1926 he was united in marriage with LaVerne Williamson of Loranger, La. To this union three children were born, two sons and one daughter.

In 1936 they moved to Glendale, Calif. where he was employed by Gladding McBean Tile Co. In 1955 they moved to Pomona, where he worked for Pomona Tile Co. until 1959 when he became disabled. Since then, he has

been in failing health, and became bed-fast in May. He passed away at his home in Pomona, Calif. on September 7, 1971 at the age of 69 years, 7 months, and 7 days.

His father, Bro. W. F. Manuel, was a pioneer minister of the Church of God.

A few months ago James Manuel sought for and accepted the Saviour also as his own, and was born into the Church of God. He had a bright testimony that all was well, and that he was ready and wanting to go. He rejoiced in the wonderful love of God shown to him, and many times mentioned how beautiful heaven would be. He was faithful, trusting God to the last, and departed this life in the triumphs of a living faith.

He is survived by his wife, Sister LaVerne Manuel; two sons, Oscar Manuel of Eugene, Oregon, and Othur Manuel of San Dimas, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Reba Voltz of La Crescenta, Calif., and 4 grandchildren; also, two sisters, Mrs. Mamie Odum and Mrs. Elizabeth Bowers of Bristol, Tenn.; a number of nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

The following are a few lines of a famous old hymn which he loved:

"My soul in sad exile was out on life's sea,
So burdened with sin and distressed,
'Til I heard a sweet voice,
Saying, 'Make me your choice;'
And I entered the 'Haven of Rest.'
I've anchored my soul in the 'Haven of Rest.'
I'll sail the wide seas no more;
The tempest may sweep o'er the wild, stormy deep,
In Jesus I'm safe evermore."

Funeral services were conducted at the Todd Memorial Chapel, Pomona, Calif. by Bro. Ira Stover. Scripture texts: 2 Cor. 5:1-6; Psalms 34:1. Interment was in the Church of God Oak Grove Cemetery, Loranger, La.

—Ira D. Stover

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Greetings to all God's children: May God bless and encourage each one. I want to thank all of you for all you did for me, for all the money you sent, for the letters and cards which were a comfort to me. I have most of the funeral bill paid now. May God reward you for what you have given. I wrote to all I could, but didn't have the addresses of some dear ones. So I want all of you to know I appreciate so much what each has given, and many thanks to all. Pray for me.

Your Sister, —Becky Barnes, Stoutland, Mo. 65567

AKRON, OHIO CAMPMEETING REPORT

The saints and friends from far and near assembled on the campground at Akron, Ohio, on July 9 through 18 for the campmeeting of 1971, to worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. The attendance was very good all through the meeting. All came with a burden to work as the Spirit led. It was a precious meeting. The Word went forth with power. Ten states were represented, besides numerous towns and cities of Ohio, Pa., Mich., W. Va., and Kentucky.

These campmeetings and services are a perfect demonstration of the Scripture in Ephesians 2:15, 16, "Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby." Also, Eph. 4:23, 24,

"And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." We magnify our Lord's dear name for the great plan of salvation (not mere religion), but an experience that is motivated by the Spirit of our Lord. And again He said in John 10:9-16, "I am the DOOR: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved . . . And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold, them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice, and there shall be one fold and one shepherd." When our spiritual eyes are opened to a spiritual vision through the perfect plan of salvation, which delivers from all sin through justification and sanctification, then we can see clearly the only one true church which our Lord died for—one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith and one baptism. Col. 1:18, "And He is the head of the body, the church." Oh, how beautiful are the working plans of our Lord! Paul said, "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out!"

During the meeting, as the gospel went forth with power, souls were saved, sanctified, baptized and the church edified. We have much to praise the Lord for.

We just closed a week of Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 126. As we behold the masses of children and young people today and see how the enemy of souls has encroached upon the homes and souls of the parents, the reflection is clearly seen in their children, which is a great challenge. We, as the militant church, must have on the full armour that we will be able to meet the challenge without a retreat. The devil is as a roaring lion, walking about, seeking whom he may devour.

We, as a group from this congregation, are thankful for the privilege of attending our National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. We received inspiration to continue in the fight for the truth of God's Word.

—Sister Hazel Clark, Pastor

REPORT OF BOLEY AND DOVER, OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETINGS

Dear saints and fellow-laborers in the gospel: It is with sincere thanksgiving unto our dear Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that we greet you in His great Name! We thank and praise Him for His great love to us in bringing us salvation. It is wonderful to be saved and encouraged in the dear Lord to press on for Him in His service. Praise the Lord!

The campmeeting season has come and gone. We thank the Lord for each campmeeting He enabled us to attend, for the good we got to our souls, and for the sweet fellowship of the dear saints. Oh, how swiftly time is moving on, bringing us all to our eternal Home! "Oh, what will it be to be there?" And what a blessed thought to be with our dear Lord forever more! We are looking forward to it with happy anticipation.

We surely thank the dear Lord for how He worked in the Boley and Dover, Okla. campmeetings. The Lord has said in His Word, "My presence shall go with thee." Ex. 33:15. Surely His presence was lowered in our midst. His precious anointing was upon His Word, and oh, how our hearts did rejoice as the old-time truth was preached and taught under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost!

A few souls sought the Lord for spiritual help. In the Dover meeting a brother was saved for whom the saints had been carrying a burden for years. There was much rejoicing in the camp as he wept his way to the cross. Praise God! The ordinance services were very precious and solemn. Three were baptized at the Dover meeting. We thank the Lord for the pre-eminence of the

Holy Spirit in both meetings, and for the ministers and workers who labored so faithfully in all phases of the meetings. May the dear Lord richly bless all of them.

I want to thank the Lord and witness how He healed my toe. I suffered with it for about a year. It started out with an ingrowing toe nail. While it was very sore I struck the bare toe against a piece of metal. This caused infection to set up. It ran pus and blood for some time. The color was changed and the suffering was severe. But, praise God, He took care of it all and healed my toe completely. I have been able to wear my shoe for a few months. Thank the Lord! I am also thankful to the dear Lord for the precious lessons He got to my soul during this suffering. I thank all the dear saints for your prayers for me during this affliction.

I desire you to continue to pray for me that I will be faithful in the Lord's service, and be all He would have me to be.

Yours in His great Name, —Katherine Williams
905 N. E. 15th St., Okla. City, Okla. 73104

PROFITABLE MEETING AT MOUND CITY, MO.

Bro. James Broker, pastor at Mound City, Mo. reports a successful revival meeting there from Sept. 5 to 12. Though some new people came out to the services, the attendance and response was not as much as was hoped for, yet it was a time of sowing the gospel seed. We pray and trust that the seed will take root and spring up unto eternal life and to the glory of God.

The ministers laboring in the meeting were Bros. Gordon Humphrey, Donald Sharp and Tommy McMillian. Bro. Broker expresses his appreciation to these brethren for their help and interest, as well as the presence of the Glen Inman and Paul Cole families on the last weekend, and for all those who called and expressed an interest and willingness to help in the meeting.

OREGON ASSEMBLY MEETING NOTICE

The annual Assembly Meeting at Jefferson, Oregon will be held, Lord willing, on Nov. 5 through Nov. 14, 1971. Ministers of the Lord's choosing are expected to be present to preach the Word in all its fullness.

This meeting will be supported as usual by free-will offerings. Cabins are available on the grounds for those who come. All who need encouragement or help in soul or body are cordially invited to attend these services, expecting the Lord to be present to supply your need. Especially, all the lovers of the old-time truth of the gospel in the Northwest should come together in this annual gathering of God's people.

For further information, write or phone the pastor, Bro. Ostis B. Wilson, 6505 N. E. Sunset Dr., Albany, Ore. 97321. Phone 503-928-7223.

WICHITA, KANSAS AUTUMN MEETING

The Fall meeting at Wichita, Kansas will be held October 22 to 31, 1971. The Church of God chapel is located at 1701 N. Ash. Come, all who can, to help us in the battle.

We desire all to pray that God will bless in a mighty way. We are trusting the Lord to send the ministers of His choosing to deliver the Word as it is needed.

If further information is needed, you may contact the pastor, Bro. Lewis Williams at 2643 North Spruce, or by phone number 264-8481. —Shirley Knight, Sec.

Foreign Field Reports

LETTER FROM MISSIONARY IN MEXICO

Ojos Negros, B. C., Mexico (Aug. 30) — Our dear Sister Marie and all at the Print Shop: Greetings of much love to you in our Saviour's wonderful name. Oh, how precious He is! I want to thank all of you for your kindness to us. It was so good to be with the saints. Some day we will not have to part any more. I am living for that day. I surely want to take as many with me as I can.

The gospel work here seems to be getting better all along. Praise our God! We had real good services yesterday here in the chapel. As I was going after the ones who live far off, one family said they couldn't come as a young mother was sick in bed. One of the children came running to us and said, "Mama feels very sad because she has to miss services." We went for them again and the sick mother got up from her sick bed and came, too, after prayer was offered for her. These people seem interested in hearing the Word. We are so thankful for the new ones in Christ; thankful, too, for the new ones we are reaching and who are coming. Tuesday we had services in a ranch home and visited in other homes. Keep praying! Your Sister in Christ, —Carrie Sheppard

LETTER FROM MEXICAN MISSIONARY

Valle de la Trinidad, B. C., Mexico (Sept. 9)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints at the Print Shop: May the peace of God abide in your hearts. Thanks be to God that through the blood of Christ we are privileged to be sons of God. I have victory above everything and thank the Lord for His love that saves me today, and for the opportunity to work for Him, though I am very insignificant. But because of His grace and love He looked my way and called me to glorify and honor Him.

I want to tell you, brethren, that God has opened another door to preach the gospel at a place close to the valley here. Please pray much for the souls that they will feel their need of salvation.

Here in the valley all are holding true to our living Lord. Sister Josefina has an affliction on her body, but she is very joyful in her soul. Pray for her healing and others who desire spiritual help. . . .

I remain your small Brother, —Tomas Mendoza

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Aug. 27)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all other beloved saints in America: Thank you very much for your good letter dated August 9, 1971, and I have noted the contents with much gratitude.

Here, our Niranam convention ended with maximum victory. We experienced many graces, gifts and blessings from heaven during this meeting. The convention was conducted under a temporary flat roof erected in front of the home of Bro. V. I. Thomas. The heavy and continuous rain produced in us a question whether we should cancel or postpone the meeting. But praise the Lord, the Lord of nature who changed the Red Sea into dry land, who rebuked winds and sea, who rebuked diseases, also rebuked the rain and made the atmosphere and sky quite clear and favorable for our convention. Thus His glory was revealed to the people. "But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!" (Matt. 8:27). The believers were strengthened by the Bible classes and the

Spirit-filled preaching from the Word. We are very happy to inform you that six young men were baptized at Niranam. Your further prayers are invited for these recent believers and all the church at Niranam.

Next week, people throughout Kerala will celebrate a famous festival known as "Onam Festival." During these holidays we wish to conduct a three-days' gospel meeting at the Thrikkannamangal chapel.

May God strengthen your hands and prosper your funds for the furtherance and progress of His work, is our prayer. I trust the Lord of Elijah shall fulfill everything at the appointed time.

With prayers, your younger Brother in Christ,

—John Varghese

LETTER FROM MISSIONARY IN NIGERIA

Southeast State, Nigeria (Sept. 2)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints: We send love and Christian greetings to each of you in the name of our dear Lord of lords and King of kings who came down from above to save us. Surely His grace is sufficient. Praise Him continually!

We received your good letter of August 9, 1971, together with the draft to help us. Enclosed you will find the distribution sheet—how it was used in the Lord's service. Sister B. U. Etuk gives thanks for the gift. . . .

We were grateful to hear the good news of the National campmeeting at Neosho, Mo. . . . We are very sorry to inform you that Bro. Nicholas J. Ekponyo, who pastored at Ikot Ebak congregation, rested from his earthly labors on Sunday, Aug. 29, after a few days' illness. The funeral service was held the same day, conducted by Pastor J. U. Etuk. He used the text for the sermon from Psalms 116:15. The burial sermon was delivered by the undersigned from 1 Cor. 15:39-44. Bro. Ekponyo stood true to what he preached until his passing. The services were attended by a host of co-workers.

God is blessing us, even though Satan fights. The gospel work is expanding and we believe by the close of the year we can publish a detailed addition of souls. . . . Time is so short that what we need to do must be done quickly. Pray for us very much as we do for all of you and the work.

Yours in the Master's service,

—Ben E. Udoka

Still Waiting on the Lord

Illinois (Sept. 21)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in Jesus' blessed name. He is our hope and our salvation. I thank God that He knows all about us and loves us with a redeeming love.

I have not received any word [on application for visa to Nigeria], so I am waiting on the Lord. I feel the Lord would have me do something by the first of October. I am ready to go wherever He wants me. . . . May God bless all of you and give us all the patience to wait on Him. Yours in Christ, —Bro. George Hammond

HUSKEY MISSIONARY FAMILY IN GUTHRIE

Dear Ones: One time Jesus told His disciples, "Come ye yourselves apart . . . and rest a while." We as a missionary family have been in Mexico for almost ten years and now we feel the Lord has led us to Guthrie, Okla. for a while. There is no time to, or wanting to, sit down and rest, but a change is what seemed good at this point, for many reasons, some of which we are not yet fully aware, but feel the Lord leading every step of the way. Our children feel it a privilege to be with the nice group of young people here, who are serving the

Lord. Also, they enjoy the opportunity of going to school here even though they are challenged much because their previous schooling has been in the Spanish language. Remember them in prayer.

It is a joy to be in the Lord's work even though there are many trials and burdens and the devil is still our fighting adversary. We are depending on the power of the Almighty as you help us pray for these burdens that we are concerned about:

1. Pray for an expanded Spanish gospel literature work for Mexico and other countries. I will be giving time toward this phase of the work here.

2. Pray for a supply of Bibles for the new converts in needy areas.

3. Pray for the progress in building a chapel and establishing a work in Michoacan where Bro. Irineo Rama has received much persecution but is gaining many followers for Christ. Also, remember the brethren at La Mision, Bro. Miguel Gaspar and Bro. Juan Cruz, who are carrying on there.

4. Pray for our foster boy, Alfredo, 18 years old, who was with us last year and was going to high school with our Bobby. He has now been given a scholarship to study for 3 years and is in a Technical Boarding School in Mexico City. He has written expressing his love for us and desires us to pray for him.

5. Pray for our young people at the different mission stations in Mexico. There are so many that want to prepare themselves for the work of the Lord. Oh, how we need a central place where they can learn to work with the saints and also to prepare themselves in some art or trade. This is still one of our burdens and we have spent much time trying to locate land and means for this center, but it seems that the doors are closed for us to do this at this time. Maybe the Lord will use someone else, or us, at another time in this project.

6. Pray for Charlotte as she hasn't been feeling very well in her body. She is happy to be here in Guthrie. The saints here have been so good to us.

Desiring to be a better servant of the Master,

—James Huskey, R. 5, Box 491, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

Prayer Requests

Okla.—Dear Saints: Sister Beulah Whiteside has improved wonderfully. She can walk around. She still has some pains in her chest, but she is not looking at that, but trusting God for complete healing. The prayers of the saints, cards and everything done for her when she was so ill are appreciated very much. Continue to pray for her that she will be able to come to the church building and walk up the steps. —Sister Vera M. Hawkins

Calif.—“My husband is sick in bed. Remember both of us in your prayers.” —Elizabeth Lima

Penn.—Pray for Bro. Richard Johnson of Pittsburgh who has a very serious stomach ailment.

Wash.—“Please pray for me. I have a bad heart and also T. B. I haven't been able to do anything for two months.” —Sister Bonnie Wilson

Okla.—Sister M. D. Gaines of Tulsa needs healing to her limb.

Calif.—“I have arthritis very bad in my limbs and cannot walk except with a cane. . . . Pray for me.”

—Mrs. Edith Caulkins

Texas—“I take weak spells. My husband has high blood pressure and is a diabetic. We know God is our Healer. He has healed me many times.” Mrs. C. A. Amos

Mo.—“My head hurts and I have hay fever. I am some better but desire prayer.” —Becky Barnes

Penn.—“I am very weak physically at this time. . . . Have the saints there to remember me in prayer. I enjoyed my visit among the saints. . . . Send me the book, ‘The Poorhouse Waif.’ . . . I must read it again since it is the life story of a man from my state and not far from my home. May the Lord continue to bless you workers in the Lord's Print Shop.”

—Sister Sara M. Aldinger

Ky.—“Curtis Williams is feeling much better. (Sept. 14). He is getting real hungry to get in some good meetings. We went to Junction City last week and the Lord helped him to bring some of His Word. Although his weak lung didn't permit him to talk very loud, still God's anointing was upon him and the Lord blessed. . . . No matter what kind of a problem we go through, there is a promise in the Word of God that will bring the victory if we will accept and believe it. . . . We are so glad that we have our trust in such a mighty God and have the privilege of being a member of this great family of God. The saints are so dear to us. Just recently two sisters drove between 150 to 200 miles to visit us a few hours. . . . When Curtis was sick, some drove hundreds of miles to pray and visit him.” —Sister Curtis Williams

Ind.—Continue to pray for Bro. Earl Bliss that the Lord will deliver him from this long-standing affliction.

Okla.—Sister Geneva Ray still needs prayer for complete healing. As most of you know, she was in an auto accident in August, was picked up unconscious and taken to the hospital. They set her arm, but now since the cast is off it is found to be crooked. She is also having trouble with the fracture on her head. Something drains into her eyes and she has been having fever. We are thankful for all God has done for her, and we are expecting the Lord to completely heal. We appreciate Sister Geneva. She has helped here in the office work for many years, and still helps part-time and carries a burden for the gospel printing work. She is worthy of your earnest prayers.

Okla.—Sister Minnie White of Guthrie still needs healing. She suffers much, so when you pray, do remember her that God will do a special work in her behalf.

Many times people will give up when they have an affliction and give in to it. But everything we get from God will come to us after a conflict with the enemy of our soul. He is decidedly against all of God's work and strives hard to hinder it. So be encouraged to “fight the good fight of faith.” Resist the devil and claim victory through Jesus' name. One time in a long period of suffering I had to fight continually against the enemy, but I kept holding it firmly in my mind and heart that God was coming soon to heal and deliver me. He did just that—but it was a battle. —Sister Marie Miles

HAVE FAITH

Faith when days are bright and sunny,
Faith when hours are dark and long!
Faith when things are going nicely,
Faith when everything goes wrong!
Faith when friendships are a blessing,
Faith when some may prove untrue!
May God grant His special blessing
Of enduring faith to you!

—Jon Gilbert

From The Mail Box . . .

Kansas—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all at the Print Shop: We surely thank God for His faithful help to our souls. It is our decision to ever follow His leadings to all we understand. I trust all of you are holding the faith line in all your trying hours. The old song says, "Triumph forever, believing in God." What have we to fear as long as we know that His everlasting arms are underneath us? Though the earth be removed and nature may crumble and decay, He is the same. His years shall not fail. It is for us to simply keep our affections on heavenly things and live for Him.

We are beginning to get more settled now in our new location . . . I am endeavoring to listen to the voice of God. We have a lot of responsibility with our family at home. The few that meet at Coffeyville seem to appreciate us and we are blessed in being with them. We are looking to God to direct us in His service and lead us to hungry souls. As the Lord leads, we are expecting to be able to go other places also. So do remember us that we always be that vessel unto honor, cleansed and meet for His use.

Yours in Him,

—Bro. Leslie Busbee

R. 1, Box 29B, Bartlett, Kansas 67332

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La.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all at the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. I hope all are well in body and encouraged to press on for the glory of God.

We are about as usual. Wife seems to hold about the same. We are trusting our Father to work all things for His glory and our eternal good. We desire the Lord to have His way with us in whatever He may see best. Many things we don't understand, but by His grace and strength we mean to yield to His will and follow on to know the Lord more perfectly. Just keep praying for us. Trust you are better, Bro. Lawrence. We pray for you often.

Enclosed is an offering to the Lord's work. Use it as the Lord directs. With Christian love to all,

—Bro. and Sister G. A. Nichols

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie: We have been thinking of and praying for all of you. Trust all is going well with each one.

We surely enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper. It seems to be getting better and richer for our hungry souls. If everyone could read and digest it, that surely would help them to become more like God designed for them to be and prepare them to meet Him in peace. Surely the time won't be extended much longer. So many are losing out with God and don't seem to realize it. The end will be a sad disappointment for them.

I want to always be willing to bear my cross. We do not know what the cost will be for us to get to heaven, but we know God's grace is sufficient for us, so that encourages us to press on.

Yours in His love,

—Bro. and Sis. F. E. Wilson

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Okla.—Dear Sister Miles: I greet you in the name of Jesus, our dear Redeemer. I am so glad I can say I am still on the winning side with my life hid in the Lord. We thank God for a church triumphant all pure in this world below.

Please pray that my nerves will get better. Find enclosed \$. . . for the missionary fund.

Your Sister in the One Body,

—Hattie Hines

Ark.—Greetings of love to all of you at the Print Shop and to all the saints abroad: I am really enjoying the "Faith and Victory" paper. Some to whom I had the paper sent are also enjoying it much. I hope to help others see the true way to eternal life. Many today are deceived and led out of the way. I pray the Lord will bring them to the acknowledging of the truth. I feel like the Apostle Paul expressed himself in Rom. 10:1-3. Oh, yes, they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. May the Lord help people everywhere to look to themselves and save themselves from the snares of the devil.

Find an offering enclosed to be used wherever it is needed. A servant of Christ,

—Cherry R. Alba

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Okla.—Dear Saints: I want to thank you for the "Faith and Victory" paper that you send to me. They are so wonderful to read and to learn how much the Lord has blessed others.

I want you to pray for the good Lord to help me carry a certain burden. Sometimes it gets so hard for me to bear.

—Sister Martha M. Brown

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Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I have been reading "Faith and Victory" for about four years now and must say I enjoy the paper very much. I am now seventy-six years of age and still able to get about real well, for which I am very thankful to God. I heard the Church of God message as heralded by the early pioneers. I read "The Gospel Trumpet" for about fifty years.

Bro. Pruitt, I see a lot of preachers today who delight in being called "Reverend" and I don't see that, for I do not read about Rev. Paul or Rev. Timothy in the Bible. Glad I do not see the word used in your paper about the ministers of the Church of God.

Pray for me and my family. Pray that I may continue to live for Christ through this dark world.

Your Brother in Christ,

—Grant Hammond

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La.—Dear Sister Marie and workers at the Print Shop: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I'm so thankful for the wonderful gift of salvation which He brought to me. I love Him with all my heart. I want to prove it by putting Him first in all things and doing those things that are pleasing in His sight. Some things may not be classed as sin exactly, but are they pleasing to our Lord, or are they expedient? . . .

Enclosed is a check for the work of the Lord there at the print shop—in whatever way needed.

As ever,

—Myrtis and Angus Flynn

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Minn.—Dear Saints at the Print Shop: Greetings in the love of God who reigns supreme. This leaves me well in soul and body, although I am growing old and I feel it. But I praise God for all He has done for me in times past and am looking forward to the time I will meet the Lord who has done so much for me in this life and has prepared a Home everlasting in the heavens.

The weather is cooling off, so I can again distribute gospel tracts to those people who need them most, and I know God will give the increase.

Love and prayers,

—Bro. Andrew Senti

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Canada—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints: I take great joy in studying and also distributing your literature. There is a great blessing for everyone who reads these books and tracts with an open heart and mind for the

truth. I had ever been seeking the truth and peace of mind, and did not find it until I found Christ and His truth. It was given more abundantly than my hungry heart could absorb it.

Please take this offering from a lover of the truth to further the cause of our beloved Saviour.

Yours in Christ, —Reinhard Mueller

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Kansas—Dear Sister Marie: We were so happy to get to see you at the National campmeeting, although it was only for a short time. The messages we heard were precious to our souls. They made me to understand about the trials of life plainer than I ever have. We surely have to stand guard against the enemy of our souls . . .

I'm anxious to get to go back to Coffeyville, Kan. for all-day services . . . Tomorrow is my first day of school teaching under a new situation. Please pray for me. God is so good to us, but I pray, "God make me more worthy of your blessings."

I was glad to hear the missionaries at campmeeting. I'm sure you understand their ways of living much better after being in their campmeeting.

Enclosed is the missionary check. . . . Remember each of us in prayer, and we do you.

With love, —Mamie Norcutt

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Illinois—Dear Christian Friends: I enjoy reading your paper. Enclosed you will find a small gift of \$2.00. Keep the good work going, for it is very much needed in these days we are living in.

Your Sister in Christ, —Dorothy Landis

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Ky.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We send you greetings in the dear name of Jesus. Thank you so very, very much for your kindness to us, and may God ever bless you and keep you in His care. Yes, we had a real good campmeeting. The Lord blessed in so many ways. Thanks again.

As ever, standing for the truth and right, —W. R. Fox

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Testimonies and Answers To Prayer



Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, greetings: We trust you are receiving the benefit of the blessings of the Lord through the prayers of the saints. We have been visited by His mighty healing in behalf of our daughter, Olive, who became seriously ill Monday morning, Sept. 13, about 10 o'clock, and was in awful pain and misery until about 2:30 in the afternoon. I had been to the store for some groceries, and Sister Hobbs saw me and told me of her condition. She went for Olive's mother, Sister Davenport, and later called for Bro. Hobbs, the pastor. Many prayers were made in behalf of our daughter. She was anointed and prayed for again, but still the pains persisted. More prayer was offered. She was moved from bed to chair, and from chair to bed, with deep pain and shortness of breath. Bro. Hobbs began singing, "Arise, take up your bed and walk." I believe he sang the whole song through and then the chorus a time or two. About 3:30 P. M., all at once, Olive raised up both her hands, and said in a deep clear voice, "It's done, it's done—the work is done. Praise the Lord, it's done." I tell you there was rejoicing and praising the Lord in the house. Her mother, Ella Phillips, had been brought to Olive's home. There was leaping, and shouting. After the spirit of rejoicing had somewhat subsided, Bro. Hobbs suggested that we all kneel in prayer and offer up our sin-

cere thanks to God for the manifestation of His great love and power in our behalf. "Go, tell what the Lord has done for thee." God is still on the throne.

—Ulysses Phillips

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Mich.—Dear Ones: We are surely thankful for God's rich blessings to us. He is certainly a present help in time of trouble. We surely enjoyed being at the campmeetings again this year. The Lord surely blessed in the meetings. We enjoy so much being with other young people. It is really an encouragement. Pray for me and all the young people as we go back to school that we'll be all God wants us to, and that we can help someone along the way. My desire is to live for God and to live in a place where He can use me to His glory.

Christian love, —Nancy Wilkins

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S. Carolina—Dear Bro. Lawrence: This leaves me still pressing on to make heaven. I am so glad that I found the one church before it was too late. Praise His name! It is so good to know we are in the one family of God, the church that the gates of hell cannot prevail against. Thank God for a church like that!

I like to read the "Faith and Victory" paper so much. It surely is a big help to me in this Christian life. The testimonies from the saints are so good. We are glad to hear from one another because we love one another. God is so good to hear when they call upon Him for anything in faith and believing.

In June when I was at the Holly Hill, S. C. campmeeting, my daughter had a cancer and went to the hospital, but the doctor would not operate because she would not live. So all the saints at the campmeeting prayed to God for her healing. She is up now, and doing fine. So I thank all of the saints that prayed for her healing. I am so thankful that God does answer prayer when the saints pray. Praise His name!

I am sending you a little offering to help in the Lord's work. May God bless you and all of the saints that have a part in that work. It won't be long until your crown will be won in heaven. Pray much for me that I will be there, too.

Your saved Brother in the One Family of God,

—Eddie Driggers

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Mo.—Dear Ones: In the afternoon of the last Friday of the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting, I began to feel extremely tired, so I went home to rest. (I live about three miles from the campground.) I didn't realize anything was wrong with me until I started to make a left hand turn, and I hadn't slowed down. I was about half-way delirious, and the rest of the way home, I would come to myself and then wander into deliriousness again. After I got home, I was very nervous and I couldn't rest for worrying about having to drive back to the campground. I realized that I wasn't in any condition to drive, yet, I had told my parents that I would be back at a certain time and I knew that if I didn't make it back at that time they would worry about me. I know that it was just the mercies of God that I didn't have a wreck.

When I got to the campground I went to the dormitory and lay down. By this time I had a high fever. I went to sleep, and when I woke up about one and one-half hours later my fever was gone! Mother had told me that the saints had had prayer for me. (I had told mother that I was sick and she had requested prayer.) I was so completely healed that I was able to go to church that night. I do not know what was wrong with me, but I do know that the Lord healed me! —Eldonna Rhoades

Kansas—Dear Bro. Lawrence and the saints abroad: Greetings of love and peace in the name of our wonderful Saviour. We find Him an ever-present supply to all our needs.

We have received many spiritual and temporal blessings since our move to Kansas City, Kansas. Our spiritual blessings are valued more highly since they work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. After much prayer and waiting upon the Lord, He showed us definitely to move to our new location, opening up ways where there seemed to be none. We felt like our work in Coffeyville, Kansas was finished after five years of laboring for the Lord there. We had received valuable lessons and experiences which otherwise we would have never received. We do miss the dear saints there and at Nowata, Okla. with whom we had labored.

We also thank the Lord for healing our dear wife and companion of a very serious affliction. To God be the glory!

We do appreciate the work at the Faith Pub. House. You have our prayers that the truth may continue to go forth in the printed page. May God bless you and the workers who share in sending the gospel messages to a lost and dying world.

We are mindful of the words of Jesus, "I must work the works of Him that sent me while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." John 9:4. The night is fast approaching. Soon the midnight cry will be heard, "The Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet Him!" In Gal. 6:9 we read, "And let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Pray for us that we will fail not. Your Brother and Sister in the one true way, —Donald and Lois Sharp and family, 2522 S. 48th St., Kansas City, Kansas 66106.

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Alabama—Dear Saints of God: I thank God for saving my soul last week. A few years ago I had put my trust in God, but did not give Him priority in my life. I allowed myself to be led astray by compromise—shortening my skirts, wearing a little make-up, and other things that I thought were not so bad at the time. I finally realized I had completely turned away from God, and therefore gave myself over to sin. The results of my turning from God and leading my own life proved more misery than I had ever known. I socialized with the worldly crowd, lowering myself into the pits of sin. I suffered in body, spirit and mind. At last I reached the point of a broken spirit, as I saw only a sin-stricken unhappy existence ahead. When I was completely brought down and begged God for mercy, He, in His all-forgiving love, saved my soul and healed my body. He gave me life when I had ruined mine by going my own way.

I am determined to exert every effort to do God's will and to follow His calling wherever He leads me. It is my desire to fellowship with God's children, especially with Christian young people. Please pray that I ever continue submissive to God and for the salvation of my loved ones.

In Christian love,

—Sandra Whitson

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Marie: I thank the Lord daily for His many blessings unto me. He is a present help in every time of need. It is certainly a privilege to know the "evening light" truth. When I view this dark sinful campus, I fear to think what my life would be like without a knowledge of this truth and an experience of salvation.

I also thank the Lord for protecting me from any serious injury in my auto accident on July 23, 1971. It

is difficult to comprehend the "why" of the accident, but I know that according to the Scripture, it must have been the best thing for me. I hope that I may soon understand and receive every needed lesson from it.

I desired to write quite some time ago, but due to my summer job, a correspondence course, and a new semester at the university, time has not permitted. I read some articles in the Sept. F. & V. last night. They meant so much since I have not been able to attend services for several weeks. Thank you for your prayers.

Yours in Him,

—Gary Eck

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Illinois—Dear ones in Christ: Greetings of Christian love in the name of our blessed Saviour, who gave His life for us, that we could have that abundant life. I want to thank you for your prayers and the labor of love you are doing there. May the God of mercy and love bless you and keep you and supply every need. I called your office for prayer last evening, and God heard and answered. Praise His dear Name! He is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

I have a grandson who is mentally ill and has been for several years. I know God can heal the mind, too. I have another grandson who is 17 years of age. Remember him in prayer. His father is a preacher.

God has to deal pretty severely with us sometimes to break our stubborn wills. His will be done, not mine. I am terribly grieved over some of my family, but am aged and live alone. Oh, the sorrow the mother has borne over this one who is mentally ill! He used to be a jet pilot. Remember me when you pray. I am a needy creature, but have been born again. Praise our God!

—Sister Bertha Gill

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Okla.—Dear Saints: I feel very thankful to the Lord for His many blessings to us. I want to especially thank the Lord for healing my body at the National campmeeting at Neosho, Mo. I haven't had that awful hurting in my chest since then. I have had some tests with my nerves and have had to stand fast, but the Lord has been real good to me. One night it looked like it was more than I could bear, and Ted, my husband, called Bro. Richard Madden, as we needed much help. Even though he was sick, he came and prayed until we felt the victory was ours. I didn't get complete rest, but we stood on God's promises and won the victory. I seem to require quite a bit of rest and quietness, but that gives me time to think about the Lord and often read His Word, tracts or some other good material. I know God makes no mistakes. I want to be an example in my life for Him.

Please pray for us. We have four children and we desire to rear them in the way so God would be pleased.

I do want to thank each of you that prayed for me and for your concern. I am thankful to be in God's family.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Alta Bock

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Canada—Dear Ones, greetings in the name of Christ our Saviour: When I came home your Sept. issue was on my desk, and for the last few hours I have read it right through to the last couple of articles . . . Then I went on my knees and praised the Lord first for salvation.

When I was about 14 years of age, there was a revival meeting in a room on a farm in the old country [in Germany]. At the end of the meeting the question was asked who would like to commit himself to Christ. I was sitting on my father's knee, and my father asked me: "Wouldn't you like to give your heart to Jesus?" My

cousin and I went into the next room and someone prayed with us. God forgave me of my sins, and I still see my cousin grabbing me under my arm, full of joy. Later, at home I remember my heart was full of peace and joy, and I was ready to die . . . I cannot describe the peace and joy which still fills my heart today . . .

Bro. Alfred Lange got married in May this year, and both now serve the Lord and are of special blessing to the saints and the young people here. All our services are in German. Today is Wednesday and you also will be remembered in our prayer-meeting tonight.

Your Brother in the love of Jesus, —Wilfried Froese

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Texas—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am glad to say that I am saved, sanctified and living for the Lord to all I know. I am glad we are serving a just God, who does all things well. Sometimes we don't understand, but we can say that God knows what is best.

I'm not much better in body than I was, but I don't worry much over taking care of any business. My oldest daughter and family live here, and they surely are good to me. My nerves are bad. I can't hear too good anymore, and I lost my voice, so I can't sing. I will just stay at home and read my Bible and pray. Pray much for my healing. I believe with all my heart the Lord is still on the prayer-answering throne. He is still the same today as yesterday. He healed every one that asked for healing when He was here on this earth, sinners and Christians, and He has healed me instantly of bad colds; also my youngest daughter when she was small. This nervous breakdown is the only time I have been sick in all my life. I have always been a God-fearing girl. I always pray the Lord to show me if there is anything between Him and me, then I get it out of the way.

Christian love,

—Sarah Hoffman

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Fla.—Dear ones of the "Faith and Victory": We still love the Lord and love all the saints. We want to report how the Lord healed when we went to Holly Hill, S. C. campmeeting. Bro. Lindner had not slept much, either night or day, for twenty-one days. He had a very bad pain in his hip and it went down into his leg. He felt if he could go to Holly Hill and be anointed and prayed for, that the Lord would heal, so we went. Bro. Amos Davis came and prayed for him. The dear Lord touched him and took away the awful pain and he slept all night. Praise the Lord! He has not had any pain since. His leg is weak, but no more pain. We do want to thank the Lord for His goodness.

Hope every one is getting along good there. Remember us when you pray.

—Sister Clifford Lindner

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Ark.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings in Jesus' blessed name. Oh, how great and good the Lord is. He is worthy of all praise and honor.

I do thank Him for victory over the enemy of my soul. How blessed it is to know, to love and trust in Jesus who tasted death for each one and is now alive forever more. His grace is sufficient in every trial.

The Lord has healed me again of a cold. It was real bad for two days and nights. The more that I would have to sneeze, the more that I would praise God, resist the enemy and claim victory in Jesus' name, and healing came. Praise the mighty name of Jesus forever!

Then last week I helped a lady pick a few peas, and I fell real hard on my left knee and arm. It was difficult to get up, but the dear lady helped me. For about thirty minutes there was quite a lot of pain. The lady was

scared, but I told her not to worry, that the Lord would take care of me, and He surely did. The pain was all gone in about an hour. How I do praise God over and over! He keeps me able to do all that needs done in the house and some outside.

I went to Grubbs yesterday for Sunday school. Bro. and Sister Murphy Allen were there that night. It was good to be there. We are expecting a good day in the Lord on Sunday, Oct. 3, which is the all-day meeting at Grubbs, Ark. We have no pastor yet, but thank the Lord, He is with us.

Please find check enclosed for the gospel work. . . . May the Lord bless each one of you, is my daily prayer.

—Sister N. E. Adams

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Oklahoma.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I am really thankful for all God has done for me, to save me from sin, and to bring me out of the "wilderness" to live among His people. I am so thankful to be able to go to church services and hear the truth. Thank God, I've learned a lot since I came to the Golden Rule Home. I only want to keep loving, trusting and obeying God so He can have His way with me.

I pray for you folks every day. I appreciate the tracts and the gospel paper you send to me every month.

God has touched me so that I can study His Word and concentrate on it while I read. When I first came to the Home I "blacked out" as high as thirteen times a day. Now it only happens one or two times a week. I claim my healing and am trusting in God. Please pray for God to qualify me for what He wants to use me for.

—Bro. Jerome Park

WORK WHILE IT IS DAY

Dear Lord, please help me to find
More of your dear children true and kind,
That in this world together we can be—
A dressing place for our Home in eternity.

There are so few that know the true way;
Be with them a few minutes, you can hear them say
More about medicine and the doctors you will hear,
With scarcely a word about the Saviour so dear.

I wonder what has happened to our young people today
When so few meet at the house of the Lord to pray?
The elderly, too, seem so little concerned someway;
About the work of the Lord they have little to say.

The largest crowds you find in church for years
Is when death visits, then folks come with tears.
They talk of the good deeds, fair speeches they make—
As if the departed was ready his journey to take.

All the great preaching to the soul that has gone
Cannot awaken after death has come.
Now is the time to help, if only they will hear—
Please tell eternity-bound souls about the Saviour so dear.

—Flora Hinzman

"Be content with such things as ye have." To be contented with just what you have is to not be wishing for something you do not have. Paul said, "For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content."

—C. E. Orr

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