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### The Resurrection



As the eastern skies were pointing  
T'ward a day all newly made,  
Very early in the morning  
With their hearts with grief o'erlaid,

Bringing spices to anoint Him,  
To the sepulchre they came:  
Weary, sad, and disappointed,  
Burdened with despair and shame.

Much perplexed they were beholding  
That the stone was rolled away,  
And two men stood by unfolding  
Words of peace and hope that day:

"He's not here, for He is risen,  
Come, see where the Lord hath lain!"  
Lo, the grave clothes lying empty  
Wrapped about Him but in vain.

Oh, what hope and consolation  
Comes to mortal man below  
In the blessed declaration:  
"My Redeemer lives, I know!"

For those portals have unfolded,  
Yes, the everlasting Door,  
Entr'ance for the King of Glory,  
Opens up forever more.

Strong and mighty to deliver  
He ascends the hill of God;  
On His holy Mount forever  
Wields in truth dominion's rod!

"I have set the Lord before me,  
At my right hand He shall be;"  
Thus did Christ inherit glory,  
Nor corruption did He see.

Pour, O risen Sun of morning,  
Light and strength for which we plead,  
Let Thy risen life adorn  
Grace our souls in time of need!

—Leslie Busbee

### Christ's Resurrection in Prophecy



I feel inspired to set forth some truths of the resurrection of Christ as foreseen by the Old Testament prophets. It is wonderful that God gave those in touch with Him a knowledge of the good things to come.

Job 19:25, 26: "For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." The Hebrew word for "Redeemer" here means "kinsman," and we get a beautiful thought from this. The Old Testament law required a man to take the widow of his brother to wife and raise up children to preserve his brother's name. This fact was a beautiful aspect of the account of Ruth and Boaz. Ruth was a widow, but Boaz as her kinsman redeemed the property of her husband and took her to be his wife. Christ is our Redeemer, our kinsman. Our first estate was lost because our father Adam died a spiritual death, but Christ is risen from the dead, becoming the firstfruits of them that sleep. He redeems us unto Himself and preserves our lives from perishing in a lost world.

Peter said that David spake before of the resurrection of Christ and quoted from the 16th Psalm in this manner: "I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad, moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance." Acts 2:25-28. What a wonderful revelation David had in the Spirit. "He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption." We should know that this term "hell" does not mean the lost world of tormented spirits, but rather it refers to the state of death and the grave. The main thought that we can rejoice about is that He was not left there in the

grave, but was shown the way of life and was resurrected into the joy of the countenance of God.

Paul, in Acts 13:32-37, quotes this same Scripture again, along with two others. "The promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second Psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David." "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee." This quotation comes, as stated, from the second Psalm which is a solid prophecy of the resurrection of Christ and His eternal triumph. "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh." "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." "Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." These quotations from this Psalm, along with the one that Paul quoted, reveal the victory of the resurrection of Christ. "I will give you the sure mercies of David" comes from Isaiah 55:3 where God said, "Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David." Paul said this was spoken concerning Christ being raised from the dead.

Another of the many prophecies of Christ's resurrection that has richly inspired my heart is Psalm 24, and I mean the entire Psalm. It reveals the eternal sovereignty and ownership of the earth and all things by God, and then puts forth the challenge of who is worthy to ascend into the hill of the Lord, or stand in His holy place. A true look at the human race reveals that only one man was found worthy to do such a thing and this man was Jesus. And in so doing, He accomplishes for us everlasting access to the portals of glory, as saith the last four verses of the 24th Psalm: "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle [overcoming Satan in the resurrection]."

Psalm 21 says: "The king shall joy in thy strength, O Lord; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice! Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah. For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness; thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head. He asked life of thee, and thou gavest it him, even length of days for ever and ever." This was fulfilled in Christ when God raised Him from the tomb and gave Him eternal life. Oh, there are many more Scriptures setting forth these truths.

Dear soul, search and find these rich treasures for your own joy and consolation. Christ is living triumphantly just as these prophecies declare. Oh, let us rise above all the fear, confusion, evil, sin, and unbelief around us and live in that heavenly place with our risen Lord. Let this risen life shine

within our very inmost beings and may it radiate out as we walk through the shadows of this dark world. Do not waste the precious hours groping in the darkness of discouragement and wonderment of what others are going to do. Rise up and lay claim to the risen life of Christ. He lives for us.

—Leslie Busbee

## Keeping Our "Leaves" Green

"Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit." Jeremiah 17:7. We have many examples in God's Word of those who trusted in the Lord in many different conditions of life. Sometimes the "heat" and the "drought" came, but their "leaves" continued to be green and they bore fruit.

Habakkuk experienced a time when God sent a natural drought to the land, but his trust was in God. He said, "Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: yet I will rejoice in the God of my salvation." Hab. 3:17,18. These discouraging outward conditions did not affect him inwardly, but his leaves were still green, and he was yet bearing fruit.

Job was another precious example of one who trusted in God through heat and drought conditions in life. When God was prospering him, he trusted in God. Then when adversity came hard and fast, still he kept his trust firmly in God. One messenger came after another, informing him of temporal losses. The Sabeans had come and taken his oxen and asses, and slain his servants. Fire had fallen "from heaven" and burned up the sheep and servants. The Chaldeans had attacked and carried away his camels, also more servants. Then came the severe blow, "Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house; and, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead." This news was heaped upon Job in a matter of a few minutes. One messenger had not finished his story before another would come.

Then Job arose, rent his mantle, shaved his head, fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, saying, "Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord." Still Job had his trust in God. He drew into his soul the water of life and still his leaves were green, and still he was bearing fruit for God.

Then Satan tried him further, smiting him with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of

his head. Oh, what suffering now! Through this blow Satan succeeded in discouraging Job's wife. When great adversity befalls a man, if a wife keeps good courage, she can be a comfort to her husband, but Job had this added weight of his wife becoming discouraged to the extent that she said, "Curse God and die." Would his leaves wither now? Would he continue to bear fruit for God? Thank God for the example that he left us in replying, "Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?"

Good friends can be a source of comfort in sore adversity. Job's three friends heard of his troubles and met together with him to mourn, and comfort him. They seemed very concerned, and no doubt they were, as they sat seven days and nights with him and wept. Sometimes Satan uses good intentions of friends to make a heavy load all the heavier, and thus it was with these three. They judged the matter that Job had failed God in some way and God had His hand on Job for correction. They pointed this out to Job, but Job knew he had been faithful in all that he had understood and this only made the load heavier. (Oh, how careful we ought to be that we truly wait upon the Spirit of God and not judge our brother in adversity!) Still, Job drew into his soul the water of life and kept his leaves green. Surely, now the heat was great and the drought was on, but he was still bearing fruit.

God knew well how deep Job's roots were and He was silent toward Job. When the heat is on and a drought is prevailing in our lives, what a comfort it is to go to God in prayer and hear His comforting Spirit whispering to our souls to be of good courage. Now Job was even deprived of this blessing, for he testified, "Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: on the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand that I cannot see him." Now he added, "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Job 23:8-10. Job was yet drinking in the river of life; his leaves were still green.

During his afflictions Job lost his honor. Even aged men had stood up in Job's presence formerly. Princes refrained from talking and nobles held their peace. Now all had changed and those who were younger than he held him in derision and he became a byword. Yet he continued holding his trust in God.

I am sure that there is room for any one of us to advance in some way while here in this life no matter how much ground we may have gained spiritually. Although these trials came to Job because Satan was seeking to overthrow Job's integrity, there was some room for advancement. When God finally spoke, He asked Job a number of questions, showing Job how much greater His knowledge and wisdom and power was than Job's, and Job felt greatly reformed. He humbled himself before God, and still brought forth fruit.

Then God spoke to Eliphaz telling him that He was not pleased with him nor his two friends in that they had not spoken the thing that was right concerning him. Oh, that fleshly zeal, how it gets people into trouble! God gave instructions to offer up a burnt offering for themselves and go to Job to have him pray for them. They obeyed and Job prayed for his friends, still bearing fruit for God.

I'm so glad that Job trusted God to the end, always drawing into his soul the water of life, leaving us such a good example. God now turned Job's captivity, restoring riches and children. May the Lord help us to do likewise—in every trial and adversity of life, to draw upon the water of life, keeping our leaves green and continuing to bear fruit.

—Fern Stubblefield

### Home In Mount Zion

Back to Mount Zion, oh, hear the sweet call,  
Back to Mount Zion, 'tis glad news for all.  
Quit ye the ruin of human's device,  
Make ye Mount Zion the home of your choice.  
Back to Mount Zion, the home of the free;  
Back to Mount Zion, there's service for thee.  
Come ye to Zion where active you'll be,  
Using the gifts Jesus giveth to thee.

Back to Mount Zion, the home of the blest,  
Come to Mount Zion, there's freedom and rest.  
Leave ye division, contentions and strife;  
Come where there is unity, love, light and life.

Back to Mount Zion, why longer delay?  
Back to Mount Zion, the call comes today;  
Hear ye the voice of the Spirit, "Come out;"  
Flee ye the ruins of Babel, then shout:

"Glory to God in the highest, I'm free,  
No more in Babel's cold bondage to be;  
Building the walls of Jerusalem new,  
Building with Jesus, the chosen and true."

—Israel Smalling

### COMPANY IN HELL???

Have you ever heard anyone laugh and say, "If I go to hell, I will have lots of company."? This will never be so. Every person in hell will be so miserable and full of anguish from bitter suffering and remorse that they will gnash on others and be full of hatred and rebellion of heart. This will not be company. The Bible says, "Them which do iniquity . . . shall [be] cast into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Matthew 13:41-43.

The devil tells people to take their lives and "end it all." This is a lie. Souls who go out of this world unprepared are just beginning an eternity of misery and unexplainable suffering.

Today is the day to get ready to die. It's a serious thing to live, because if you live and die in sin, you will land in hell. Repent today of your sins and get ready to meet your God. —M. Miles

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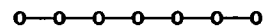
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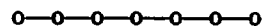
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The beautiful springtime season has arrived in God's ordered plan, heralding the end of winter's barren hold on earth's plant life. All nature is bursting forth with green grass, blooming flowers and trees, and singing birds. It is so true as the poet wrote:

"Nature's first green is gold,  
Her hardest hue to hold."

Time brings changes in all creation, but it was the Creator who said, "For I am the Lord, I change not." Mal. 3:6. Thank God for "the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." James 1:17. He is ever the same on His throne eternal and throughout the universe. Likewise, His Son, our great High Priest, is unchangeable in His office as the mediator between God and man. "But this man [Christ], because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:24, 25. Since we do have an High Priest who can be touched by the feeling of our infirmities, we are exhorted to "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:16. What a blessed privilege!



"He is risen!" proclaimed the angel . . .

The good news of the resurrection of Christ, our Saviour, from the grave is the fulfillment of the "more sure word of prophecy," completing the perfect plan of salvation which was fore-ordained in the mind of God. The Apostle Paul wrote: "I declare unto you the gospel. . . how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." 1 Cor. 15:1-4. Again he wrote: "Who [Christ] was delivered for our of-

fenses, and was raised again for our justification." Romans 4:25.

To the believer, the resurrection of Christ is the pledge of immortality. Jesus said to His disciples, "Because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19b. The Apostle Paul wrote: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. . . . For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. . . . And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." 1 Cor. 15:20, 22, 49. Our blessed Saviour came forth a victor over death, hell and the grave. Likewise, that is the blessed hope of the righteous in the final resurrection at the last day.

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Recently, Bro. and Sister Mart Samons held meetings in Enid, Okla. and at the chapel on Northeast 23rd Street in Oklahoma City. The saved and unsaved received spiritual blessings from the preaching of the Word. Bro. Samons is scheduled to begin a meeting in Kansas City on March 19. According to the Scriptures, God's Word will not return to Him void, but will accomplish that whereunto He sends it. A minister said, "God shoots no blanks."

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Saturday, March 17, was a work day on the church campground here at Guthrie, Okla. to clear the rubbish, brush and trees from the lots recently purchased just east of the dining hall. Volunteer workers came from Shawnee and Enid, Okla. congregations, as well as from the local church. The sisters prepared and brought food for the noon meal in the dining hall. Much was accomplished in clearing the ground, and we trust God will bless and reward each one for his service unto the Lord. More work needs to be done to finish the project.

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In February, Bro. W. J. Preston of Virginia arrived in Guthrie with his house trailer, and parked it on the church campground to serve as the caretaker. In the past he has been isolated from the saints, and now seems happy to be in regular church services. His interest and willingness to help in the work of the Lord is certainly appreciated.

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Bro. and Sister Ira Stover of Tulsa, Okla. have been holding meetings in Florida and Louisiana, and they report that numbers of souls responded to the gospel invitation. They plan to start a meeting in Dayton, Ohio, where Bro. William McCoy cares for the church, on April 1st, to continue over April 8th or longer. The chapel is located at 622 Tyron St. Phone 233-5393. All in that area are cordially invited to attend those services.

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Preparations are going forward to reprint the out-of-print book, "The Revelation Explained," by F. G. Smith. Lord willing, it will be available this summer in a nice cloth cover to supply the popular demand for this volume of vital truth. Other excellent out-of-print books are scheduled for reprint-

ing as the Lord permits. Watch for publication announcements in future issues. Write for our list of choice books now in stock.

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The large 512-page songbook, "Evening Light Songs," is in stock again by the blessings of the Lord, and we are prepared to fill your order immediately. The price is \$2.50 per copy, postpaid. Terms are cash with order.

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This writer would like to buy or borrow a copy of the out-of-print tract, "That Blessed Hope," by F. G. Smith. If anyone has a copy, please contact me at this office as soon as possible.

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Your servant is continuing to hold up the shield of faith in this battle against affliction. The battle has been long and hot, but I remember the Scripture which declares that the trying of our "faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, . . . might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:7. Also, the Apostle Paul wrote from experience when he expressed that "our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen." 2 Cor. 4:17, 18. Your continued earnest agreement in prayer for triumphant faith in this battle is solicited and appreciated. Live or die, our trust is anchored in God, ever remembering that this world is not our final home. —Lawrence Pruitt

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## OBITUARIES



Sister Elizabeth Monte Randles, the daughter of Jordan and Drucilla Jackson, was born on January 6, 1881, in Faulkner County, Arkansas and departed this life on February 19, 1973.

When just a young woman, she accepted Christ as her Saviour, and lived a Christian life, trusting the Lord for soul and body unto the end. She was known among the saints as Mother Lizzie Randles. Her death was as victorious as her life. The courage, faith, patience, and zeal that she manifested in her affliction was an inspiration to all who saw her in her hours of trial.

She leaves to mourn her passing: five sons, one daughter, eleven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, many other relatives, friends and saints.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Manyles D. Gaines, assisted by Bro. Woodrow Warren.

Sister Viola C. Black, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Brown, was born September 6, 1898, in Jackson, Mississippi, and departed this life Tuesday, March 6, 1973.

On May 17, 1921, she was united in marriage to Frank C. Black who preceded her in death. To this union four children were born, one girl and three boys.

Sister Black was a devoted Christian, wife and mother. From early childhood she loved the Lord. By virtue of a spiritual birth she was born into the Church of God and proved her love for the saints. During her

long illness she was very patient and kind, and remained faithful until her death.

She leaves to mourn her passing, one daughter, Mrs. Thelma Gilton; three sons, Robert L. Black and Frank C. Black, both of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Anthony James Black of Kansas City, Missouri; one sister, Mrs. Mamie Lee, Tulsa, Oklahoma; three brothers, Benjamin Brown, Tulsa, Okla., and Joe Brown and M. B. Brown, both of Calif.; sixteen grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, relatives, friends and saints.

The funeral service was conducted at the Church of God chapel on Pine Place and Norfolk, Tulsa, Okla., by Bro. Lewis Williams, assisted by Bro. Woodrow Warren. Interment was in Crown Hill Cemetery, Tulsa, Okla.

Sister Dovie Abbott was born February 17, 1909, and departed this life on February 12, 1973, at her home in Dayton, Ohio at the age of 63 years, 11 months and 26 days.

In 1936, she was saved and born into the Church of God, and lived a devoted Christian life, fully trusting the Lord all the way. Her faith in God wrought for her many victories. The Spirit of the Lord was so outstanding in her life that we sorrow not as others who have no hope. She was a true saint and so faithful in the service of God. Her love went out to all whom she met. Surely she will be missed by her loved ones, the saints and many friends.

Her survivors are: her husband, Bill, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Betty Manis and Mrs. Della Gutwein; six sons, Don, Carl, Kenneth, James, Charles and Larry; three sisters, Mrs. Armilda Abbott, Mrs. Cella Blankenship, and Mrs. Ada Brown; two brothers, Clyde and Delmar Stevens; 23 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Ira Stover, assisted by Bro. William McCoy at the Tobias Funeral Home in Dayton, Ohio. Interment was in the Miami Valley Memory Gardens. —Della Gutwein

#### Note of Thanks

The family wishes to express their appreciation to all who showed kindness and consideration in sending flowers, food, cards and letters at this time. May the Lord bless each one.

Lloyd Robert Whipple, life-long resident of Holt County, Mo., passed away on February 14, 1973. He was born May 16, 1895, the son of John and Susan Whipple.

On November 17, 1915, he was married to Lula Marie Burdnett. To this union eight children were born, two of whom preceded him in death: Marie Matthews on November 27, 1965, and Sina Ann in her infancy. His beloved wife passed away on their 57th anniversary. In life they were never parted, and now in death they are together again with the Lord forever.

He is survived by five daughters, Katherine Guyer, Oregon, Mo., Florence Schaeffer, Westboro, Missouri, Violet Sinkhorn, Fairfax, Mo., Lois Sharp, Kansas City, Ks., Mary Sharp, Columbus, Ohio; and one son, Robert Whipple, of Iowa City, Iowa; three brothers, Ben, of Kansas City, Mo., Ed and John, both of Forest City, Mo.; two sisters, Cora Bathauer, Anderson, Ind., and Susie Laughlin, of Carthage, Mo.; 30 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

Brother Whipple was a member of the Benton Community Church of God. He dearly loved to sing the songs praising his Saviour. One of his favorites was, "From Death to Life," but he loved them all.

I have heard him repeat a verse from the Bible about his family and friends that concerned him a lot. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!" Luke 13:34.

Those who knew Bro. Lloyd Whipple are saddened by the absence of his presence. He was always ready with a helping hand, but they find satisfaction in knowing that he was lifted to heaven, for which he was bound, to be re-united with his loved ones who have passed on before him.

The funeral services were held at the Pettijohn-Eiser Funeral Home, Oregon, Mo., with Brother Roy Harmon officiating. Burial was in the Oregon, Mo. Cemetery, Sipes Addition.

#### With Loving Memories

God knew that children all would need  
Someone secure and strong  
To shelter and protect them, and  
To teach them right from wrong.  
Someone they could take pride in, and  
Look up to as a guide;  
Someone that they could count on, and  
In whom they could confide.

God knew as children grew up, they would need the reassurance of someone with faith and trust in them—one who would always give them love, and that's why God made our Daddy. —His children

Alan Wayne Chrisman, the son of L. D. and Lois Chrisman, was born in Enid, Oklahoma on May 3, 1971, and passed from this world on March 12, 1973, at the age of 22 months and nine days.

Alan attended church services with his parents at the Church of God, Enid. Early in life he was learning the things of the Lord, and one of his favorite words was, "Amen." The last time he was in church on Sunday night, March 11, when the time came for those who had unspoken prayer requests to raise their hands, Alan's hand went up with others, and after their hands had been lowered, his was still held aloft. Alan, with his pleasant and jolly disposition, brought much joy to others. His sudden departure to be with the Lord has left a great vacancy in the hearts and lives of his parents, Brother and Sister L. D. Chrisman of Enid, Oklahoma.

Other survivors include one brother, Curtis Lee; two grandmothers, Mrs. Ethel Chrisman and Mrs. Erma Ferguson, both of Enid, Okla.; eight uncles, eight aunts, more than 100 cousins and many other relatives, as well as a host of friends and saints who mourn his passing.

The funeral services were conducted in Enid, Oklahoma by Bro. Mart Samons, assisted by Brother Willie Murphey and Bro. Murphy Allen. Interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery, Enid, Oklahoma.

(Editor's note: Bro. L. D. Chrisman was spreading gravel with his tractor on the driveway of their home west of Enid, Okla. when his little son, Alan, unseen by his father, got in the path of the moving tractor and received a fatal injury. Many saints and friends attended the funeral services to pay their respects

to the little one now safe in the arms of Jesus, and to comfort the sorrowing parents and relatives. May the God of all comfort speak the words to soothe and sustain them in this trying ordeal. Their address: Rte. 1, Enid, Oklahoma 73701.)

### In Memory of Sister Jimmie, Departed Wife of Bro. Lewis Williams

Sister Jimmie, many called her,  
A precious saint of God was she—  
A true and faithful witness,  
As the Lord would have her be.

She loved the songs of Zion,  
And she was often heard  
Humming of the praises,  
And the goodness of the Lord.

She fought many battles,  
Holding up the shield of faith—  
By trusting in the Lord  
For His sustaining grace.

But now the war is ended,  
A good fight she has fought—  
She has won the starry crown,  
For which she had sought.

May we press on to meet her,  
When our work on earth is done,  
With all the white-robed army  
Beyond life's setting sun.

—Ulysses Phillips

### Note of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation to all the saints and friends for the prayers and all acts of kindness shown during the illness and death of our loved one, Bro. E. B. Pinkerton. The prayers of others, I'm sure, helped encourage him. His frequent advice and prayer was for all to nestle closely to God, and for Him to give enduring grace to the end for himself.

Remember me in prayer at this lonely time, for soul and body, that my family and I may meet death with the victory our companion had.

—Sister E. B. Pinkerton and family  
102 White Street, Hammond, La. 70401

### SERVICE CHANGES IN SHREVEPORT, LA.

The congregation of the Church of God at Shreveport, La., just recently sold their chapel at 7106 Southern Avenue where they had been worshipping since 1956. The building was in such poor condition that it was useless to put money into it. They desire the special prayers of God's people for His help in locating some property, and getting a place of worship built.

At present the little flock is worshipping on Sunday mornings and Sunday nights in the home of Bro. Arnett and Sister Genevieve Carver at 3608 Maywood Drive, and the prayer service on Wednesday nights revolves from house to house. If anyone should be going their way on Sunday, you will find a hearty welcome at their address, or phone 635-2214, and they will direct and welcome you to their house. Don't forget them when you pray, is their earnest entreaty.

## Campmeeting Dates for 1973

Following are the Church of God camp meeting dates for 1973, and more complete announcements of each will appear in later issues:—

Goulds, Florida—April 15 to 24.

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Okla.—May 25 to June 3.

Holly Hill, S. C.—June 1 to 10.

Tulsa, Okla.—June 8 to 17.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 22 to July 1.

General Southern at Hammond, La.—June 22 to July 1.

Akron, Ohio—July 6 to 15.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri—July 20 to 29.

Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.—August 3 to 12.

Bakersfield, Calif.—August 3 to 12.

Boley, Okla.—August 17 to 26.

California State at Pacoima, Calif.—August 24 to September 2.

Fresno, California—September 7 to 16.

### FLORIDA CAMPMEETING

Our camp meeting here at Goulds, Fla. will be held, Lord willing, for ten days—April 15 to 24. All the saints are welcomed to come and help lift up the name of the Lord.

For additional information, contact Bro. H. H. Hargrave, 22345 S. W. 117th Place, phone (305) 247-4102, or phone Bro. McIntyre at number 233-2166.

### OKLAHOMA CITY SPRING MEETING

All are invited to come to the chapel located at Third and Phillips, Oklahoma City, for nightly services beginning April 13, and continuing through the 22nd. We are expecting God to send Spirit-filled ministers to expound the Word of God. Pray with us that souls will be touched.

—Bro. Herman Kelly, pastor  
Phone (405) 427-7314

### SPRING MEETING AT OAKLAND, CALIF.

The annual spring meeting of the Church of God (Evening Light Saints) of Oakland, Calif. is set for May 18 to 27, 1973.

We are praying for Holy Ghost-filled workers to come and help in the meeting. Everyone is welcome to these services.

For further information, contact Sister Velma Smith at phone 632-8211, or Sister Doris L. Washington at phone 635-1786.

—Mrs. Doris Washington, Sec.

### SPRING REVIVAL AT STOCKTON, CALIF.

The Church of God at Stockton, California will hold a spring revival meeting from April 27 to May 6, 1973, or as long as the Lord may lead. All are invited to attend this meeting where the gospel will be preached.



The first two days of the meeting will be for the youth services, with young people's meeting on Friday, April 27, and a singspiration on Saturday evening, the 28th, at 7:00 p.m. Also, Bro. Trotter asked for a special effort of attendance of young people on Saturday, for he would like to have a youth council at 2:30 p.m.

The chapel is located at 2620 Lincoln Street (corner of Lincoln and Mosswood). If you are coming on Interstate 5, take Eighth St. exit, then right to Lincoln Street. If you are on No. 99, take Charter Way exit, then left to Lincoln Street. For further information, contact Bro. and Sister O. Fuller, phone 462-8361, Stockton, Calif., or Sister Vie Lena Ivy, phone 477-7844. Bro. E. J. Trotter is the pastor.

—By Eric Ivy

### BOLEY, OKLA., SPRING MEETING

We are asking all who can to come worship with us in the spring meeting, Lord willing, to be held April 28 through May 6.

The first night of the meeting will be gospel singing and we hope each group will bring their special songs.

Let each one pray that God's supreme power may be manifested over the devil.

—Sister Katherine Williams, pastor  
Phone 405-235-2270

### LOS ANGELES SPRING MEETING

Our annual spring meeting at Los Angeles, Calif., will convene, Lord willing, on Friday night, April 13, at 7:30 p. m.; continuing nightly for ten days, ending on Easter Sunday, April 22. There will be 10:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. services on Saturday, April 14, Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21, also on both Sundays. We sincerely desire your prayers for this meeting. All are welcome.

The chapel is located on the corner of Naomi and Walnut Streets, phone (213) 746-9474.

For further information, please contact: Bro. Alvin Lucas, 918 W. 62nd Place, phone 759-3962; Bro. Mackey Francisco, 718 W. 58th Street, phone 778-5669 or Bro. T. R. Summers, 711 W. 85th Street, phone 752-1135.

—Written by Sister Leon Phillips

### GOSPEL SINGING AND ALL-DAY SERVICES

Bro. Kenneth Probst announces that the congregation which he pastors will host special services the weekend of April 28 and 29. The first service is to be at 7:30, Saturday evening of the 28th, and will probably be mostly singing, but Bro. Kenneth emphasizes the fact that it will be open for testimonies, exhortations, preaching, or as the Lord may direct.

There will be lodging for those who can stay overnight to attend all-day services on Sunday. Morning services will be at ten o'clock, afternoon services at two, and their regular services on Sunday evening.

These services will be held in the Miles school house, which can be reached as follows: From Vinita, Okla., drive north 11 miles on state highway 2. At this intersection, (commonly called "Four Corners") turn west seven miles, and then south 1½ miles.

For further information, write or call Bro. Kenneth Probst, Rt. 1 Box 49, Bluejacket, Okla. 74333, telephone 918-256-5992.

—Written by Gene Beisly

### PREPARATIONS FOR TENT EVANGELISM

Dear saints scattered abroad, greetings in Jesus' dear name: We are thankful for His unspeakable gift of love to the whole world. When we take a look at what the Lord has done for us by redeeming us from sin, it makes us to humbly bow in grateful praise to Him. Surely, it is joy unspeakable and full of glory.

We want to share with you our grateful praise to God and to you who responded to the need of purchasing the chairs for the evangelistic tent work. We have on order 100 Samsonite all-metal chairs at \$3.97 each. They should be delivered any day. We are getting the equipment in readiness, and Brother Mart Samons is to pick it up soon, and be in a meeting in Mississippi in April, Lord willing. He wants to have a longer season with it this year. Do pray for them as they labor with the tent in the gospel work.

To those of you who sent an offering without a name, we want you to know we did receive it. We have been earnestly praying for you who have a special need in the family. We trust the Lord has answered prayer, and is blessing each of you.

Let us continually pray for the salvation of souls, and help carry the gospel to the lost.

Yours in His service, —Ralph and Inez Beisly

Treasurer of the National Missionary Fund, Ralph M. Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas 67337.

### NEW CAR FOR TRAVELING EVANGELIST

The congregation at Enid, Okla. has purchased a new car for Bro. Mart Samons, an evangelist from Kentucky, who travels thousands of miles each year in the gospel work. If any of the saints scattered abroad would like to help meet the payments on this car and share in the reward for the precious souls that will be saved, the church at Enid would appreciate your interest in sharing the cost. Please send your free-will contributions directly to the church treasurer, Bro. John Sisk, 1605 S. Adams, Enid, Okla. 73701, or to Brother Mart Samons, General Delivery, Junction City, Ky. 40440, and specify it for the car.

### Prayer Requests

Miss.—"Please pray for my brother, William, who is in very bad shape in the hospital, also my mother who suffers greatly much of the time. We all need prayer."

—Dorothy Bridges

Ind.—"My son-in-law needs healing. . . . He believes God heals and he has been healed."

—Alma Lee

Ga.—"I am not feeling too well in my body. . . . Pray for me."

—Sister P. R. Bowers

Ohio—"I've been sick for a year and a half. . . . I now am walking with a cane or walker. Pray for me."

—Mrs. Earnest Cox

Okla.—Sister Dorothy Meek needs complete healing.

Ark.—"Pray for my healing. . . . My blood pressure has gone below normal."

—Cherry Alba

Ind.—"I have a prayer request for my nephew, Dale Collins. . . . He needs prayer that he will walk again."

—C. Griffin

Okla.—Sister Malinda Penner, who is the matron at the Golden Rule Home, needs complete healing for an affliction upon her body. She is expecting healing.



Ida.—Remember Sister Ruby Marken's mother. She has headaches constantly.

Texas—Sister Jewel Whitley is still looking to God for complete healing.

Oklahoma—My daughter-in-law, Bertha Miles, needs healing. The Lord recently healed her of Psoriasis. Now she has scarlatina which is affecting her nervous system.

Iowa—"My feet and ankles are very weak . . . and painful. . . ." (other requests) —Jesse C. Kibler

Illinois—Sister Lettie West has an unspoken request that she desires the Lord to work out.

La.—"I have trouble in my feet. Some tell me that it's gout. . . . I also have other afflictions. . . . My husband has bursitis in his right arm. We desire prayer for our unsaved children and grandchildren."

—Sister Myrtis Alexander

Ill.—"I am better, but my body is so weak. . . . I have arthritis. . . . Remember me." —Sister Iva Boling

La.—Remember Sis. Juanita Williamson in prayer. She needs complete healing and courage.

Oklahoma—Remember Sister Annie Belle Allen in prayer as she needs healing to her body of this growth. She labors for the Lord and is needed in God's work.

Ind.—Bro. Earl Bliss desires urgent prayer for his healing of paralyzed bowels. He is fully trusting in God.

"Please pray for us. We need help bad! We are not saved." (This note is unsigned. It might be your loved one.)

The Lord has been very gracious to me. I do want to thank the dear saints for their prayers, and the many get-well cards, phone calls and other ways that different ones showed their love and care. There is not a family like the family of God, and I am glad that I can be a small member in God's family. I still need lots of rest, it seems, but I am busy at the office, since having the heart attack on February 13. Continue to pray for me that God will keep His healing hand upon me. I am depending upon Him. He is my Healer, Saviour, Sanctifier, and daily keeper. Praise His most holy name! I do want to keep busy in His service. My heart is burdened for the souls of my loved ones, and others. How sad it would be to look upon the form of a dear one and know that one did not make heaven his home. Saints, let us pray on and continue to seek God for the salvation of souls. One time I was burdened for a soul and prayed night and day for that one. In the night I awakened and was praying and weeping, asking God to save that soul. So forcefully the words came to me, "Ye would not." I continued to pray and these words came again. I began to think about the whole Scripture which says, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate." Matt. 23:37, 38. How sad it was for Jerusalem! Jesus longed for them, wept over them and tried to teach them the way to get to heaven, but "ye would not." God will not force people to serve Him, nor go to heaven.

May God bless each one who is under the hand of affliction to look up. The Bible says, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." "With His stripes we are healed." Faith brings healing to us. —Sister A. Marie Miles

It is no more foolish to think you are going home when you are going directly away from home, than to think you are going to heaven when you are minding earthly things. —C. E. Orr

## Foreign Field Reports

### NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast State, Nigeria (March 5)—Dear Brother Pruitt and saints: Greetings in the name of our dear Lord Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, Physician, and our dearest Friend, praise Him! Thank you very much for your letter of February 2, 1973, the gospel messengers, and the draft to aid us (gospel workers) and Sister B. U. Etuk. We acknowledge thanks to God and you for the kind deeds, and pray that God will repay you many fold in return, amen. We, however, hereby let you know that U. S. money is devalued again by ten per cent. . . .

We are holding the year's camp meeting at Nduo Eduo from April 19 to 22, 1973 (not April 26 to 29 as was formerly announced). The change is made in order to enable school children and teachers to attend during the time they will have a vacation. Pray much for us.

The work is growing, and we are pleased that victory is ours over Satan. We are glad we have an excellent Pilot who is worthy of our dependence, let's praise Him!

We are praying the Lord to bless you and the publishing work and to supply the needs to meet the great demand.

Your Brother in Christ,

—B. E. Udoka

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (February 22)—Beloved Brother Lawrence Pruitt and all other dear saints throughout America: Greetings again in the mighty and powerful name of Jesus Christ, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. (Revelation 1:8)

Thank you very much for your encouraging letter dated February 2, 1973, and the enclosures were noted with much gratitude.

Last week I was at Challissery, a place in north Kerala for a three-day meeting there. The Holy Spirit empowered me to speak to the multitude from the Word of God. Really it was a blessed meeting with all kinds of spiritual happiness. Our next tri-monthly meeting will be held at Thrikkannamangal on this Saturday, February 24. At Karrikkom a number of youngsters were awakened, and now they are very active, persuaded by Christian love to do house visitation, tract distribution, and hold open-air meetings. As the result of our work here, a Hindu family of eight members was converted to Christianity and now they continue to attend our meetings, tasting spiritual happiness which they have never tasted before. Please pray for that family.

The price for one Malayalam Bible is \$2.00, and at this time we need only 50 Bibles of such kind for general distribution. You asked the cost to print the book, "The Church of God" by D. S. Warner in the Malayalam language. My father had already translated and printed 1,000 copies of that book in the Malayalam language. It is a fine book of 25 pages and now we have only 30 copies on hand. God willing, we wish to print 1,000 more copies, for which we need \$50.00. We are getting requests for that book from several centers. Also, I have a great desire to translate and print other tracts in Malayalam.

Even if I forget to pray for the above mentioned matters, I do not forget to pray for your complete heal-

ing everyday. May God heal you and bless you with all spiritual graces and gifts to shine as a light in His field.  
Yours in His service, —John Varghese

### OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO MISSION REPORT

Mexico (March 3)—Dear ones: Greetings of love in the precious name of our Redeemer, Jesus.

I thank the Lord for reverses. This seems an odd statement, but I am seeing more and more how we grow through contrary things in a greater measure than we do through the smooth things of life.

It just wasn't possible for Bro. Juan's daughter, Betty, to stay with me, but I have seen a precious lesson in this, and know if it is not God's will for me to have a co-worker He will give me sufficient strength for all.

We had our first all-day meeting of sisters. We sewed all morning on comforters, ate lunch together, had Bible study, and I took them home. The fellowship was sweet, and I can see them growing in the Lord. Since I am alone again, I asked their pleasure concerning it. It was their suggestion that some help with the cooking, and others care for the children, while others sew. How I thank the Lord that He has caused them to want to help. Pray for us in this new venture. The quilts are to go to all families in the congregation.

The Lord bless each one for sending clothing and quilt scraps. We have had sufficient for a while, so I have the rest sorted ready for other workers and their congregations. The Lord alone can and will reward each one for your manifestation of love to the people here.

Bro. Juan and family plan to come in every two weeks to help, and he and a daughter will come on the Sundays between, Lord willing. The Lord has blessed him to import the green pickup and to get his driver's license.

I believe the Lord has more souls in and around us who will be saved. He is so richly preparing for the in-gathering of precious souls. We do thank Him for all, but it gives us a greater responsibility. "I mean to go right on until the crown is won. I mean to fight the fight of faith, Till life on earth is done." Pray for us all as we labor for God.

Christian love,

—Sister Opal Kelly

### LETTER FROM MEXICAN MISSIONARY

Valle de la Trinidad, Mexico (March 2)—Brother Lawrence Pruitt: May the peace and grace of my God fill your heart, is my prayer to God each day. I remember that Jesus, before He ascended, said to His disciples, "I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." And this promise is in truth a great consolation—the knowledge that He is with all those who love and obey Him. Thanks be to God!

I want to say that God blessed me very much with the recent coming of Bro. James Huskey and Bro. Leslie Busbee. It was a great blessing to my soul. I give thanks to God for all my brethren who in truth love God and their brethren. God is giving me a greater burden for souls, and I want to obey my Lord at all times. I do not want to again fall into the temptation of working for material gain, because I know that there are many souls who need to know the gift of God. And God is touching the hearts of the people here. Now some are

coming to services who were before indifferent to the plan of God. Bro. Chon's father is now coming. . . . For these reasons I am content and encouraged in my soul.

Thank you, brother, for the money you sent in order to pay for the GMC truck. Thanks to you and all those who helped in this favor. . . . Day before yesterday, when the transmission was removed from the Jeep, one could see the many broken gears. Thanks be to God who always gave us protection in traveling.

My brother, I am praying much for you and all those who work in the Printshop. Greetings from the brethren here, and from my family.

Your Brother in Christ who purifies our souls,

—Tomas Mendoza

## The Spirit of the World

(Part 2)

Consider what I shall call the "brotherhood peace movement," the forerunner of which is the World Council of Churches, but also closely aligned is the social humanitarianism of certain, lately-assassinated "heroes," who advocated seemingly good social reforms in the name of religion, and with regard for the poor and underprivileged, but who also served to bind many more securely into the damning snare of Catholicism and Protestantism.

Consider the "Jesus movement." Many undiscerning elders think it is good that youth is turning to Jesus and the Bible. But they fail to see the vulgarity, the immorality, the drugs, the promiscuity, the hard rock music, the lack of basic gospel truth concerning repentance, conversion, and holy living. The hippie does not profess to recognize God or religion, but Satan, in his age-old subtilty, knows that if you attach the name of Jesus and say you advocate the Bible, then you captivate the support of more. The "Jesus freaks" are only hippies turned to religion, not to salvation, just religion. Don't let them fool you. I have been made aware of another more recent development of this "peace and brotherhood" spirit among youth. Consider the fact of the lack of violence and militancy among young people, especially on our college campuses. The authorities were simply amazed at the peacefulness of the youthful crowds at Explo '72. But don't be amazed, saints. The devil has only switched tactics to deceive and lull more souls. The world is so tired of riots, disturbances, violence, etc., that Satan could see everyone was alarmed over the crumbling fiber of our society. If you keep trouble and alarming disturbances too long before people, they might turn to God. So Satan decided to withdraw the rioting for awhile and let peaceful assembling result. Now his tactics are to make militancy taboo, to have the young people reading their Bibles, and turning from drugs, hard rock music, and promiscuity in youthful assemblies. In this way he gives everyone the impression that things are getting better, that the moral fiber of our society is strong and sound, and that there is nothing really to be alarmed about after all.

Consider the respectable religious organizations which appeal to the clean-cut, all-American youth of our college campuses and big cities. Many operate under the name of Christian and do some good socially. Some may even find Christ through them. But the majority are caught up into a fervor of good works, with the doctrine of "all you have to do is accept or ask Christ into your life and try to get your friends to accept Him, too." Some of the organizations capture many good souls by attaching the name "non-denominational." Consider also those organizations which appeal to another large segment of our population: the secret orders and all their affiliates and auxiliaries. They are supposedly based upon the Bible. But in actuality they are a jumbled mixture of Eastern mysticism, idolatry, humanitarianism, and pantheism, with a good measure of abominable human pride, and a little measure of Western philosophy.

Let us consider closely the World Council of Churches or the Ecumenical movement. Many are donating thousands to support this organization with the hope that when all religions combine into one then there will be no more bickering and split-offs in the religious world. There is a spirit in the world now which says, "We're all brothers, created by one God. Why should we be at each other's throats? Why can't we worship Him together in a brotherhood of peace? Though you might call Him Jehovah, or Buddha, or Allah, or Love, or the Great Spirit, yet we all mean the same thing. If we could erase all divisions, creeds, and differences, and join into the unified body that Christ prayed for, then there would be peace on earth at last." Beware, saints. Any cry of "peace and safety" by man signals sudden destruction. Any thought that does not teach the Bible truth of one God, one way, one faith, one called-out, exclusive, separate, holy people which are made one only by repentance for sins and faith in Jesus Christ as the very Son of God, born of a virgin, through whose life, death, resurrection, and intercession only, we have access to the true God of heaven, any doctrine, I say, which does not teach such an exclusive (yet all-inclusive of those everywhere who will believe it) faith is contrary to Bible truth, arguments and qualifications, notwithstanding. Any doctrine which advocates peace and unity without advocating the only true means to peace and unity, namely, having the depraved nature of man cleansed by the blood of Jesus and being filled with the Holy Spirit of God, does not reach the Bible standard of peace and unity. Anything short of Bible truth is Satanic error and will lead to hell. The educated, intelligent man has been trained not to be so "narrow-minded." "Why, look at all the millions of people in the world." But Christ said, "Narrow is the way that leads unto life and few there be that find it." The one true way is just wide enough for those who will humble themselves to go the exclusive holy route which God requires through His Son. It is too narrow for those who are so broad-minded that any and every thing goes, "just so you

are sincere." The broad way is for broad-minded people. "Many there be which shall go in there at."

Saints, stand for truth though we be branded as being narrow-minded. And this leads to a point of consideration which strikes closer to home than the World Council of Churches. It is that sectarian, Babylonish spirit which lurks around our camps and which periodically captivates all those who refuse to measure to all the truth and take their stand with the true saints of God. The Church of God reaches out to include the physical presence of "every blood-washed one," for every born-again soul is a member of God's Church or body, whether acquainted with other born-again souls or not. But the Church is yet to be armed with the Holy Ghost message of "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen," and, "Come out of her, my people, and be not partakers of her sins." The message is, "Come out, be separate." But with the "peace and brotherhood" spirit loose in the world, we must be careful, lest we reach out fellowship to those who are not seeking for the one, true way. Under the guise of being full of love for everybody, we can encourage others to continue in their religious ways, rather than to forsake them and come God's way. If not careful, we will uphold some as saints on the basis of their sincerity, zeal, and hospitality, rather than on the indwelling of the Spirit of Christ and their obedience to Bible truth. If one is seeking truth, there is yet enough of it among the true saints of God to find it. "The sun shall go down no more." It will never be totally hid where the honest soul who is dissatisfied with what he is in cannot find it. One is not seeking truth if he is satisfied with the religion he already has. Don't be easily taken in by the thought of "You come to my church some, and I'll go to yours." If one is not willing to denounce the false and come out of it, then saints must view such ones as God does: "Babylon . . . is become the cage of every hateful bird." Honest hearts obey the message of the Word and come out. Those who refuse to come out after receiving the light are dishonest. And those among the saints who continue upholding some who refuse to come out are also partakers with the wickedness of Babylon. —Sister Bonnie Matthews

(To be continued)

## From The Mail Box . . .

Miss.—Dear children of God: I was very much impressed with the March "Faith and Victory" paper, and can say I truly enjoyed every word of it. The contents of the first issue were real good. I would be so glad if you could see fit to publish some of it [first issue]. . . .

God is so real in my life that I can't thank Him enough for all His blessings to me. I thank Him for the joy, love, and peace I find in serving Him. But most of all, I thank Him for Jesus and the plan of salvation. Jesus was willing to give His life that we might be saved. I thank Him for the blood that can wash away our sins. I thank Him because He is the same today as He was yesterday, and will be forever.

I feel so sorry for the people of today who are seeking to satisfy the soul with such things as strong drink, dope, sex, and the things of the flesh, when the soul is crying out for Jesus. The power of Satan is so strong, it is hard to reach them. I have children that are not saved, but I pray daily for them.

I thought the picture of Bro. and Sister Fred Pruitt was so good on page seven. I never met them, but I have been reading the "Faith and Victory" paper for about 30 years.

May God bless you dear children there in your work. Your reward will be great.

A Sister,

—Flora P. Keller

Alabama—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the dear saints there: I received the little booklets and the letter. I was so glad and thankful to hear that you are going to reprint "The Revelation Explained" by F. G. Smith. It is a wonderful book, the only one I know of that has the right interpretation on it. We are trying to study the book and we had only two copies.

I love the little paper, "Faith and Victory," because it preaches the truth like we used to hear it. Keep sending the paper. I don't have very much of this world's goods to help, but I can pray that God will bless each of you in the printing office, and that the gospel will go to the whole world.

Thank you,

—Mollie R. Totty

Calif.—Enclosed is one dollar for one year's subscription to your paper, which I liked. I read it from page one to the last page. I really enjoyed reading it. I used to get this paper from one of your workers who supplied the box at the depot, but now the depot is no more. I never see your worker any more. I also miss the tracts. A man gave me this paper that I am writing for.

—Orville E. Mayo

Missouri—Dear Sister Marie: We are glad you are better. . . . We pray that God will leave you and Brother Lawrence here with us for sometime. God hears the prayers of His people. . . .

We enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper so much. I remember how much I enjoyed the family worship when I was in your father and mother's home in 1928. I thought, "What a beautiful scene." It seemed that God was so near. Bro. [Fred] Pruitt would read the Bible and talk about it. I had never seen anything like that before. I noticed how everyone co-operated. It was truly a sacred place. Your father and mother were truly God's children and walked in the light of the truth. I will never forget their holy influence over me. They labored and sacrificed together.

Yours for the whole Truth, —Ellen and F. E. Wilson

La.—Dear workers in the Printshop, greetings of love in Jesus' name: We want the saints to pray for us here in the little congregation in West Monroe. Bro. Arnett and Sister Genevieve Carver and children were with us about three weeks ago. Sis. Genevieve preached a good sermon and we were glad to have them with us. The saints are the best people in the world. . . .

I had an affliction, but the Lord healed me completely, and I surely thank Him. I serve the Lord because I love Him and want to serve Him, not just for healing me. Praise His dear name! . . .

Remember to call my name in prayer.

Your Brother in Christ, —N. P. Futch and family

Canada—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the name of our dear Lord and Saviour: May the Lord richly bless you and the work! The tract, "Did Jesus Wear Long Hair?" is an excellent one for our times. It has already been translated into German by Bible students of the Bible School of the German Church of God. It was then sent to us and will soon be reproduced to be distributed among German-speaking people. I wish you again God's blessing and much joy in His work.

Your Brother,

—Peter Toustiga

## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Ark.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Pruitt, and all the dear helpers at the print shop: Greetings of love in Jesus' wonderful name. Praise God for His unspeakable Gift, our only Saviour and Healer. He has touched and healed this old body once again. I had cold, pains, coughs, and such awful sneezing. The more I did sneeze and cough, the more I would resist it all in Jesus' name. It lasted five days, February 6th to Feb. 10th. I had victory in my soul, but I wasn't healed. I could not find anything in the way. I just felt so calm and peaceful. So I just waited on the Lord and asked Him to help me bear His chastening rod in love and patience. So many good songs and Bible verses came to my mind in the night. God was so comforting and precious to me and I knew He was near. I said, "I've got the victory, and the healing will come when God says the word." Praise God, He said the word yesterday morning. I feel good this morning. It's cloudy and real chilly outside, but it's a happy day for me. My soul is running over with joy and praise. . . .

I do enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper and the "Bible Lessons." I pray the Lord every day to bless His Word and workers everywhere, and to send more true workers into His great harvest field.

—Sister N. E. Adams

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie and workers at the Lord's print shop: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus who suffered so much for us that we might know Him personally and be known of Him. I truly thank Him for all He has done for me in the past two years. Two years ago today I took an awful pain and was so sick nigh unto death for so long. I cannot praise Him enough that I am able to go about and take care of myself. I thank Him for salvation and the way He teaches me day by day. I am so glad we never get too old to learn. Pray for me that I use my strength, money and the thoughts He gives me for His glory alone.

I have been sewing and mending for the [Senior Citizens] Home.

I hear you have more workers. I am so thankful the Lord came to your aid and has given you more help.

Your Sister in the Lord, —Sister Flossie Atha  
[Sister Atha is blind.]

W. Va.—Dear Sister Marie and Brother Lawrence, Christian love and greetings once again in Jesus' precious name: I trust all is well with the folks at Guthrie.

Truly, we are serving a mighty God. He knows what is best for each one of His trusting children, although sometimes we don't understand why things are different from what we would like for them to be, but He doeth all things well, and for our good. Like Moses

told the children of Israel, we must "stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Let us be patient, "for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." "Ye are not your own." "For ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's."

May the Lord richly bless you in your labor for Him.

Yours in the Master's service, —Olive Keene

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La.—Dear Sister Marie: I am so thankful the Lord ever sought after me and gave me a willing heart to follow in His footsteps the very best I know how. I don't feel worthy of His many blessings. I thought this time last year that I wouldn't be among the living another year, but I'm still here and feel better than I did this time last year. Praise His sweet name, as it is only in Christ Jesus that we are as well as we are. It surely pays to serve the Lord.

I enjoyed the "Faith and Victory" paper very much. I have been reading it about 40 years and it is just as good today as it was 40 years ago when I first began reading it. I found in the testimonies where the Lord had delivered different ones from drinking coffee and tea. I didn't hear it was wrong to drink them, only when I was a little child I had heard that my aunt did not drink either one. So I began to ask the Lord, if it was wrong to drink them, to take the desire for them away from me, and He did just that. I haven't tasted them since. Praise the dear Lord!

Do pray that God will increase our faith for complete healing.

Your Sister in the Lord, —Effie Miller

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California—Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I truly thank God for keeping me saved for 20 years on the date of Feb. 14. I have had many trials and tests, but God has never failed me. When I needed more grace and strength, I went to the Lord for it. I learned by a very hard trial that victory in any trial comes by submitting to God. . . . I thank Him for being so patient with me to teach me these things.

The year of 1972 was the most blessed of my life. I won some victories for which I had battled for some time. Some who know me might say that it would seem like the worst and saddest year of my life because I lost my mother on October 26, 1972, but it was a miracle how the dear Lord took the grief and gave me comfort.

At the Pacoima, Calif. assembly meeting, I took the flu and was very sick for two nights and one day. I pressed my way out to the chapel, was anointed and prayed for, and was healed instantly. Thank God for His goodness to me.

I have lost sight of material things and I am looking for more spiritual blessings and desiring to be a blessing to those I meet. Pray for me.

Your Sister, —Naomi Jennings

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie and saints everywhere, greetings of Christian love. I do thank God in the wonderful name of Jesus for His mighty salvation which means everything to the born-again children of God. I thank the dear Lord for life, health, and strength, and for bringing me into this new year of 1973. May His will and desires ever guide me to life's end.

I am enclosing a little offering to be used as you see fit.

A Sister in Christ, —Nettie T. Moorehead

Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Thank God, He is with me every day, helping me in every way. I've really been feeling well lately. It is really wonderful the way God can help those who will trust in Him for help.

I pray for you saints of God at the Faith Publishing House every day. May God bless you all in your prayer. Thank you very much for sending the "Faith and Victory" to me. I am so thankful to be able to read and concentrate. When I first came to the Golden Rule Home, I was too nervous. It surely is wonderful to be able to read and learn more about God and His precious ways. Thank you again for the gospel paper and tracts you send to me. May God bless all of you in His service.

Sincerely,

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—Jerome Park

N. Carolina—I enjoy the "Faith and Victory" and I preach the same. I took my stand for this truth in 1939 out of the . . . Church. I read myself out through the book by F. G. Smith, "What The Bible Teaches." I left sectism in 1939, and will not be associated with anything that doesn't have a "clear ring."

I have attended one camp meeting since 1955. I knew Bro. O. B. Wilson, Sr., who lived at Shawnee, Ok., and had a black mustache. I attended a camp meeting there one time.

—H. M. Ely

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie, and saints: Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. My heart is filled with joy and thanksgiving, because of the love shown to me by our Father. "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." Praise the Lord, I am truly glad to be a child of God. The Lord has kept me saved for nearly three years now, and my soul is filled with gratitude for His many blessings.

I was twenty years old when the Lord saved me, and I had been saved a few months when the Lord saw fit to send my three younger sisters and brother to live with me. I was living alone at the time. My mother, (Sister Jessie Douglas) consented to let my sisters and brother visit for the summer, but as it turned out, the Lord was working to get my mother and grandmother, and the younger ones settled here in California. However, the experience of a newly-saved, twenty-year-old taking responsibility of three teenagers (one was twelve) for a full summer proved quite unusual and helpful in settling me down spiritually. None of them were saved at the time. My burden grew heavier continually for their souls. Many spiritual battles were fought in my striving to become established, and in dealing with their souls. The Lord blessed wonderfully, for He saved one of my sisters, and she is still saved today. Praise God! What great victory He gives when we press through the trials. He's promised He'll never leave, nor forsake us, and surely He has proved Himself faithful each time.

Last year we started having trouble with our transportation, so we sought the Lord for another car. The Lord blessed miraculously, and sent money for us to purchase our car. I had never had a blessing like this! He simply gave us a car! He even sent enough for registration, title change, and everything. I felt so unworthy. Then, within two month's time, some other saved companions and I were in a bad auto accident. The entire front end of our car was demolished. The enemy really came against us, endeavoring to shake our faith, but the Lord helped us hold true and stand on His Word. We often thought about the scripture in

Proverbs: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart: and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." It pays to trust God whether things look good or bad, knowing that the trying of our faith worketh patience. The Lord blessed in having the car fixed, and has kept it running.

One of my best experiences is that the Lord has blessed me with a saved companion. We're both happy in the Lord, and truly thankful for His love shown to us.

We appreciate the prayers of the saints. Our desire is to be real pillars in the Church of God always letting the Lord use us for His purpose alone.

Yours in Christ, —Sister Segatha Matthews

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Mo.—Greetings to the saints everywhere: I have been intending to tell of some of the things God has done for me. It is wonderful to be able to serve a God of such love. I love Him more and more. I can't complain about His dealings with me. I think of the past and there are more blessings than I can tell of—healings, and other answers to prayer.

Yes, I am still needing prayer, but not giving up—just waiting and expecting. I am rather spoiled after so many years of receiving the blessings sought for.

One late healing was a weakness I had for about four months. I do thank my heavenly Father. God has done some rather unusual things. . . .

My lavatory in the bath room stopped up over a long period of time until water just seeped out. I could not open it with anything I tried. Also, I didn't have any pressure in the hot water line in my kitchen. My washing machine stopped. I couldn't get it to start. I talked to the Lord a little, and they were all fixed at about the same time. It's been about two years and all are working fine.

This last fall my three electric blankets had all quit working on one side. I was having company soon and needed them. They wouldn't work because I tried sleeping under them. One of my sons tried to fix one, but couldn't get it to heat. One morning I prayed a little, and believed that if I would try them they would work. I plugged all three in and waited a few minutes and every one was warm on both sides. One of them is about 14 years old and had not worked for sometime.

There are so many things to tell of God's goodness to me, but I'll try to leave some space for some others. I love to read the good testimonies in the little papers from Guthrie. May God bless all of you that labor so hard for the gospel work. Pray for me as I pray for you.

—Sister Goldie Knapp

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Wisconsin—Dear Sister Marie and saints scattered abroad: It is with a grateful heart that I write to thank those who have remembered me with prayers, cards and encouraging letters through this great fight of affliction. I surely appreciated the interest of the dear young people there at Guthrie in sending a card. I marvel at the young people. Even here, three young men have come in to see me during my affliction. It helped to lighten the load.

It was such a blessing to have Bro. Richard Madden come to pray for me. I had thought of having someone come, but because of being so far distant, I hesitated until he wrote of his burden to come. His prayers, encouragement and help were much appreciated.

It is difficult to be on the shelf when there is so much to do. I miss ministering in the nursing home

here. Some have called by telephone. One dear soul called every few days as long as she was able. One day she said she had been reading of the beautiful home the Lord was preparing for us. Recently while her daughter sat with her, she stopped breathing and went on to enjoy what she had looked forward to. It was my privilege to pray with her for salvation about ten years ago when she was deeply convicted of sin. Since then, she loved her Bible and the things of God. Her relatives are Catholic. She was 91 years old.

I am so thankful I am able to walk with the aid of a cane, help prepare meals, and recently the fever in my legs subsided so I can cover up when I lie down.

We have had a beautiful winter—so mild with lots of sunshine—often between thirty and forty degrees. We do have enough snow for a covering.

Frank, my husband, has had charge of the church services. We have Sunday evening services and prayer meetings here at home. His sister, Alice, is with us each Sunday and usually his cousin from Chippewa Falls, and the children usually come up every two weeks. We always look forward to these visits.

Enclosed is a check from the church for India. . . .

I shall appreciate a continued interest in the prayers of the saints. At times I still have lots of pain, and of course, stiffness.

In Christian love, —Sister Frank Dietrich

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La.—Dear Sister Marie: We have been hearing about your recent illness, and how God so wonderfully came to your rescue, and delivered you seemingly from death. We are so thankful for what He has done for you, and the many times He has come to His trusting children and spared our lives a little longer.

I am now in my eighty-first year, and I can recall several times in my life that I came near crossing over, but the good Lord raised me up and left me here a little longer. How I do thank Him for His many blessings upon His trusting children. We could never count our blessings, but we surely can and do thank Him every day for them.

We are enjoying having Bro. and Sister Ira Stover with us for a few days. They were with us last Sunday, and he gave us two good messages. They have been going over to Baton Rouge for a few nights' meeting where Audrey and her husband [Steve Henry] started the work. . . . How we do miss Steve! He was a real worker for the dear Lord and was an encouragement to all, even up to the last. What a blessing it is to our souls when we know one has made the crossing with victory. We do not feel like weeping for them, but thank God for every one who has gained this victory.

I am so thankful for salvation. I do love our blessed Saviour, and thank Him over and over for the way He cares for us, not only us, but all His trusting children.

We do miss Randall and family. They are a sweet little family. I feel sure you workers at the printshop appreciate them. May the richest blessings be with each of you is our prayers.

—Sister Elma Forbes

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Ontario, Canada—Dear Sis. Pruitt and all the saints: Greetings of love through Jesus Christ. What a wonderful Saviour! No wonder we love to bring greetings through Him. I see Him as He goes about touching humanity. We can see Him and feel the great throb of His compassionate heart as He sees the multitudes as sheep without a shepherd and is moved with compassion for them. He still goes among suffering, sin-



cursed humanity. He is never too tired to hear the sinner's cry for help when the sinner is tired of sin, for I know He says, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." And in the sick room where there is faith, He heals the sick, for He even met the leper and made him whole. He has given sight to many blind people, and the deaf He has made to hear. In the death chamber He has raised the dead, even going to the cemetery with the sorrowing sisters and with compassion He wept with them, then called their brother forth from the dead and gave him back to his loved ones. Oh, what a compassionate Lord!

Those whom this world would scorn, my Lord forgives when they repent. No wonder we love Him, for He is not willing that any should perish. God so loved this world, "that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16. What a loving God! Praise Him, oh, praise Him! My eyes fill with tears as I pray for those for whom my Saviour died, and arose in victory.

There is only one foundation, which is Jesus Christ. All others will fall.

People hate to think about death. Even the undertaker does everything to camouflage it. He takes the body of the dead, smoothes out wrinkles, fixes the hair, dresses up the corpse, colors the skin, and people say how nice and natural they look, but they are dead. They go to the graveyard and again camouflage the grave, but why not bring home to the hearts of the people the reality of death, which none can escape, for there are many facing death without Christ. What have we done about it? Yes, we have reached a few with the Word.

I am pressing on, and praying God will guide me as I go. I have many to pray for. Please pray with me that my prayers will be answered.

Your Sister in Jesus Christ, —Clare Smith

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Ohio—Dear Sister Marie: I am sending greetings of divine love once again in the lovely name of Jesus Christ our wonderful Saviour, the name that is above every other name.

My heart overflows with praise and gratitude to God as I think of His tender mercy and what He has done for me. I thank Him for His promises that are a substantial foundation to stand on. He gave me the witness in my soul when I was praying about my affliction that I was healed; that all I had to do was claim it. Later, when I was praying, He gave me the witness in my soul that complete and permanent deliverance was mine. Since that time I have been doing my best by God's grace to claim it. Divine healing to the world in general is foolishness. God's Word says in 1 Cor. 2:14 that the natural man cannot receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him.

I was born with eczema, and I have suffered so much all my life. When I was a child my mother took me to every skin specialist around. This one doctor that she took me to told her there were 13 different kinds of eczema, and that I had the most stubborn case he had ever seen. One remedy after another was tried, but none of them gave much relief.

I thank God that He has the same power to heal today as when He was here on earth, healing all manner of sickness and disease. As the song says, "On the Word of God I calmly rest, With a sweet assurance in my breast; for I know it is His holy will, each promise to fulfill." Praise the dear Lord, His promises are true. I am so thankful to know that we can be more

than conquerors through Jesus Christ, for He came to destroy the works of the devil, and He is so willing to help His trusting children. The Lord has brought me a long way. I thank and praise Him for healing my body, and I am looking to Him for complete and permanent deliverance. I know it is mine and He will not fail me. Revelation 12:11. "They overcame him [the devil] by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony."

I earnestly pray God to help me from day to day to walk before Him with a perfect heart, humble and obedient to His every command.

I thank the dear saints for their prayers. May God repay each one a hundred fold.

Pray for me that my faith fail not, and that I keep steadfast upon the promises of God at all times.

In Christian love, —Sister Russell Stamm

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the workers at the Printshop: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I want to tell what the Lord has done for me.

I worked in the lead and zinc mines here about 16 or more years. They are very dangerous, but the Lord had His mighty hand upon me all the way through them.

I have a bad place on my back. . . . The Lord has wonderfully blessed me, although I suffer with it. I am so glad the Lord helps me to keep saved.

I often think about the strait and narrow way. If we will strive, watch and pray, I believe the Lord will take us through. . . . —Asa Gibson

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Ky.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of love in Jesus' dear name: I guess you have been wondering about me. I was on the border line for several days. I am improving just a little bit. I did not ask the Lord to heal me, but to hold my hand and give me grace to go through with Him.

I have been meditating while eating the leaves of the tree of life, and digesting its blessed truths. I am assured I will live forever. Of course, you know the leaves of the tree are the leaves of the Bible, and the blessed tree of life is Jesus Himself. What more do we need? Just remember me in prayer.

Love and prayers —Sister Alpha Baldridge

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Illinois—"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving." Psalms 116:12, 17.

I do want the sacrifice of thanksgiving to be continually ascending from my heart to the Lord, but I feel it would be to the glory of God to offer this praise sacrifice publicly. Maybe it will be an encouragement to someone else, for I've heard different ones tell what bad headaches they have had. For about a year I was afflicted with headaches that became increasingly frequent and severe. They would start with just a little ache in the morning and gradually intensify until by evening the pain would be so awful that I'd have to lie down. The only way I could get relief was to sleep. Usually when I awoke, I would be better. The headaches were accompanied with an awful sick feeling and vomiting. It got so frequent that I was almost afraid every morning when I would awaken, wondering if I'd have a headache that day. Our little group at Grand Tower, Illinois fasted and prayed for my healing, and the Lord heard and delivered me from my affliction. Psalm 34:19.

The enemy endeavored to frighten me a few times with returning symptoms, but I would just resist him and the symptoms would leave. Then I had a harder



test. This time the symptoms didn't go, when resisted, as they had before. Instead, they grew worse and I even began to feel nauseated. My husband and I prayed and resisted together, but still I was sick. I wanted to lie down so much, but felt it would just be giving in to the enemy; so I just went on and got ready to go to mother's house as we had planned—just resisting all the while. Halfway there, my head felt much better, and when we got there, it was well! How thankful I was, and what a good lesson in trusting this taught me! I believe that if I had given in, lain down, and waited until I felt better, I wouldn't have been healed. I learned not to look at the symptoms, but the promises.

As I wrote this testimony, my head began to ache. I know it was just opposition from the enemy to hinder my faith and silence my testimony. Surely the devil hates for God to be praised. This was the first recurring attack since that trial about three months ago. It was really a battle for me. Thoughts came like, "How can you say you're healed when you feel like you do?" Feeling disheartened and downcast, I suffered quite a while before realizing it was just an imposition of Satan. I prayed for the Lord to encourage and help me lift up my shield of faith, and began to strengthen my faith on the promises. The enemy had to flee when the sword of truth, God's unfailing Word, went forth. What victory the Lord gave me; what a blessing that trial was! The enemy meant it for a hinderance, but the Lord worked it out for my good.

"I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live." (Psalms 116:1, 2). —Linda Craddock

Kansas—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, Sister Marie, and other workers: I greet you as a fellow member of the Family of God. I am glad to be able to report victory and can boldly proclaim that I have enlisted in the service till I die. I am very much encouraged to press the battle on, for I know God's grace is sufficient for whatever we face.

I would like to say how much I appreciate the "Faith and Victory" and how helpful and encouraging it is to me. It is a wonderful means whereby God's family can keep in touch with each other. The messages and articles written by the saints of God are so helpful, encouraging, edifying, and needful. I do thank and praise the Lord for how He has blessed this publishing work for half a century. Many souls have been helped in many ways during that time. I believe the Lord is going to help this work to continue on until the end of time, which the saints proclaim is near. May God continue to bless the work in every way.

Bro. Lawrence, we are still begging the Lord for your complete healing, and may He grant it to you soon.

Sister Marie, we surely thank the Lord for hearing and answering prayer in your behalf. We trust He will continue to bless and renew your strength speedily. God is so good to His people and I praise His dear name.

I believe it is proper to say, "Congratulations" for 50 years of printing in God's work. In honor of this special milestone, I am sending a . . . donation. Please use . . . each for the foreign missions in India, Africa, and Mexico. Use the other . . . wherever needed in the publishing work. —Shirley Knight

Oregon—Dear Sister Marie: God has been so good to us. So far this school year Dennis has had very little

asthma. We have found we must keep him on goat's milk instead of cow's milk.

This has truly been the best winter of Dennis' life. He is ten years old. I surely do thank the dear Lord.

We (Dennis and I) have been down with London flu. Dennis has been home from school three weeks now. Lord willing, we will be back to a normal schedule next week. One night Dennis was quite bad and I wasn't too sure about him. That night sometime, a comfort from God came to me and I went to sleep. He was better the next day, and was better from then on.

Harvey and Irwin had a touch of the flu, but didn't get down with it. Pray for us.

Love, —Harvey and Beverly Wattenbarger

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Maryland—Dear saints of God the world over: I'm a widow, but I have a hope of meeting my dear ones when life is over. I am so thankful for God's wonderful love and mercy. God has been so good to me. I am glad He said we would know the truth and the truth would make us free.

Down through the years I have been glad for the "Faith and Victory" paper.

The city of Washington, D. C. is a wicked city. We live near it, and we can't get out at night. I pray that some saint of God will come my way.

It won't be long until we all can go Home. What a grand Home-coming that will be! I want my unsaved friends and neighbors saved.

May God be with all of you until we meet above.

—Sister Betty Lawrence

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### "BE THOU NOT FEARFUL . . ."

I have a question to pose to you—

A good question, no doubt, so answer true.

The day you were saved, did you feel fear?

Or, rather, did you feel the power of God near?

Be honest, don't hedge, think clearly, think hard!

When you were converted, was your soul by fear marred?

Or, rather, did you feel the power and love

Of our powerful God beaming down from above?

I think if you're honest, you'll surely admit

That in that moment—if you did truly submit—

Not a shiver, not a quiver, did your soul once feel;

But, oh, you felt clean—felt free—that was real!!

So, now that you've lived for Christ for some time,

Is there any reason to spend your time

Quaking, and fearful because of some "test,"

When you know, and I, too, that God's Way is best?

So, why be fearful, quaking, and shamed

When around sinners "God" is named?

Be bold! Be strong! Be fearless and wise—

Knowing that upon you are God's knowing eyes!

So, denounce all fear and its deceit,

And it'll never again your purpose defeat!

You'll then stand tall in the testing hour,

Depending and trusting in God's great power.

—Ronald E. Hattley

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