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# From Babel to Zion

Now to the holy city
The faithful gather home;
To Zion's mount of glory
With songs of joy they come.

Jerusalem the golden,
Jerusalem the free,
With joyful hearts and voices
The ransomed come to thee.

Now eye to eye beholding
The way-marks on the road,
All bound in love together,
They're coming home to God:

One mind and mouth possessing, They speak with one accord, And in the heights of Zion They shout and praise the Lord.

Sing glory to the Savior, High over all the world; On Zion's heights forever His banner is unfurled.

God's church can be no longer Obscured from human sight; For see, on yonder mountain, A city filled with light!

No longer Babel's bondage
The bride of Christ can hold;
God's children now are holy,
And free from Babel's fold:

For it is fallen, fallen, And it shall rise no more; We cling alone to Jesus, As did the saints of yore.

—Thomas Nelson

## Borne Above With Christ

Ephesians 1 & 2

How wonderful that we have the privilege to be lifted up above this world and to sit with Christ in the heavenly places. He said that in the world we would have tribulation, but He also said, "Be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world." We who have turned our hearts away from sin and evil and have believed the gospel of Jesus can, and will, be borne above the sorrow, trouble, anguish, distress, and strife of the world today. For we know that according to the writings of Paul in Ephesians 1 and 2 that Christ has been exalted from the humiliation that He suffered for us to the right hand of God in the heavenly places. The Greek says for this simply "The Heavenlies" which means the celestial, or beyond the sky. We are persuaded that our Saviour gave Himself for our sins, and after doing so, was exalted of God from death and the grave to a position at His right hand far above all the powers and rulership of this world and every name that has been or ever will be named. Being at the right hand of God exalted thus in power and glory, He hath poured forth the fullness of the Spirit of God into the hearts of all who love and obey Him. And through the strength and presence of the Holy Spirit we, too, can be exalted in heart, soul, and mind above this world in all of its sorrow and care.

"You hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins, wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world," etc. Oh, in what an awful state is the man that seeks the fellowship of this present evil world! How unfortunate that people do not know any better than to seek for pleasure and satisfaction in the sports, the entertainments and celebrations, the wealth and security, the styles and customs, etc., of this present darkened age! Sitting before the television and partaking of its shows and drama will not lift a soul above that trouble which is around about. Cheering and yelling at the ball games and car races will not

elevate man's thoughts and desires above the barren plain of this world. We who are saved and washed in Jesus' precious blood are quickened and made alive to things a bove, and have no pleasure in these things below. God, who is rich in mercy and according to His great love, hath quickened us together with Christ and raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. This is an experience we can have while we are yet in this world, and oh, what a wonderful blessing to have this fulfilled in us!

As we look on the earth around us and see the terrible events unfolding and behold the destruction that is threatening society and the governments, we joyfully hold dear our faith in Christ, knowing that in heaven we have a better and enduring substance. And as we see the church-world rocking and reeling as a drunk man and drifting into coldness and darkness, we are glad that Christ still abides above as High Priest. We therefore hold fast our profession, knowing that He sits above as Intercessor and King of His saints.

"Wherefore he saith, When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men." Ephesians 4:8. From His exalted position, He sheds the virtues of His life and Spirit which take form in divine gifts and spiritual functions in the Body of His children in the world. Oh, that all who profess to know Him would seek to enter this heavenly life and be sanctified wholly! Such an entrance into grace would endue a person with grace to really be a help to others around him or her. How the enemy wants to bury people in the earthly realm with never an insight to the heavenly.

Think of the influence of the heavenly bodies upon our life in this world. Where would we be without the sun, the moon, and stars? As one poet said, "Instead of the star-spangled heavens, man looks at the dust at his feet; we drain out the cup that is bitter, forgetting the one that is sweet. We mourn o'er the thorn in the flower, forgetting its odor and bloom; we pass by a garden of blossoms to weep o'er the dust of the tomb." How true this is to the blinded inhabitants of this world! See how they are buried in clubs, organizations, societies, institutions, education, pleasure, and possessions! See so many working day after day merely for a greater accumulation of earthly wealth! Are prayer and communion with God a part of their lives?

Oh, how we need to let Christ bear our souls above this world! With dope, sex, and infidelity ensnaring and blinding the masses today, we who have been enlightened by the gospel from heaven must needs draw nearer to God and heaven than ever before. How we need to guard against being, as Jesus said, overcharged with drunkenness, surfeiting, and the cares of this life. The fashion of this world passeth away, and the use we make of the things of this life must be kept in the fear and order of God.

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth." Colossians 3:1-5a. Oh, how important these scriptures are, and how needful that we guard our souls with the greatest of care. God grant that we may have vision and courage to follow Jesus in all things, and live the life of communion with Him above this sinful world.

—Leslie Busbee

#### Not A New Movement

A brother writes us reprimanding us for leaving the reformation. A sister writes asking us if we are trying to start a new movement or only endeavoring to uphold the old movement. Let us have a short, earnest talk over this matter. Let us be honest, fair, candid, and reasonable. We all recognize D. S. Warner as one of the principal agents used of God in bringing about this reformation, or of originating this present movement. We will all agree on this.

He was one of the holiest men in modern times. To come into his presence was to feel an awe for God. A heavenly atmosphere surrounded him; he constantly lived and moved in a holy solemnity. It was my privilege to be very closely associated with him for a few years. We occupied the same room and bed together many nights. The room he occupied always seemed to be filled with holy presence. You felt you dare not utter a word of lightness. All frivolity and foolishness died in his presence. In the early morning, all was hushed and still. His soul would be in silent communion with God, and such an holy, heavenly solemnity rested upon us, forbidding us to break the silence by uttering a single word. Heaven filled the room. God was there. We felt like if we put out our hand we would touch Him. The consciousness of that man's holy presence would linger with me throughout the day. It lingers with me yet. He was a reformer in every sense of the term. It was he and a few of his associates that God used in establishing this present reformation movement. It was my privilege to be with him in a number of camp meetings, and other meetings. I sat under his preaching for more than a year in a school building where I taught school. He lived in my home for several months while he was building a home for himself and family near Grand Junction, Mich. Few men have had greater opportunity for knowing the life and teaching of this holy man than we have had. The truthfulness of what we shall now say about his belief and teaching cannot honestly be denied. His writings through the paper he published will verify all we say.

He did advise the teaching of young men and women the doctrines of the Bible. He advised that young men and women who were called of God to the ministry to accompany some older and better established minister, but that he advocated or advised the establishing of a seminary for the educating and training of preachers, we deny. No writings of his can be produced that teach that he advocated such a seminary, but on the contrary he did denounce such seminaries in strong terms, often calling them "Preacher Factories." He denounced as a great evil the building of costly meeting houses, with their fine carved work, their colored windows and expensive furniture. He taught plainly and forcibly against the use of musical instruments in the worship of God. None of the congregations used them in his day. Often have we heard him denounce the organ, the pipe organ and the orchestra. All who heard him well remember his scathing words against such honorary titles as Rev., D. D., L. L. D. How would some of the present D. D.'s claiming to be representatives of this movement, feel to have this holy man come and preach on such a subject in their "First Church of God"? His teaching, both preaching and writing, abounded in denunciation of worldliness in dress. While the women in those days did not wear the short skirts and sleeveless waists as worn today, they did wear the big flouncing sleeve, and other extravagances which he denounced. They did not bob and marcelle their hair as today, yet they did "bang" their hair and wear "rats" which he abominated.

He taught against the wearing of flowers and plumes on the hat, or wearing beads, bracelets, rings, etc. He taught plainly and forcibly against the sin of sectarianism, of the joining of Y.M.C.A.'s and ministerial alliances. He taught against the use of tobacco, tea, and coffee. He taught emphatically against the shamefulness of a salaried ministry. He classed a hireling ministry with the false prophets. Some attempt to make a distinction between a salaried ministry and a hireling ministry. In any vocation in life, to arrange for a certain sum as a salary is to receive a hire. There is no difference. This holy man taught pointedly against the use of medicine, the surgeon's knife, etc. He denounced all money begging, fairs, shows, picnics, festivals, bazaars, theatres, dancing, ball games, horse races, chicken and box suppers, etc. He opposed the marriage of a saint with a sinner and the re-marriage of any divorced person. We could go on to greater length, but this will answer our present purpose.

The above are some of the things he opposed both in teaching and practice. He lived what he preached. Now I believe, teach and practice all those things I heard him teach. I cannot call to mind one single thing which I heard him preach that I do not believe and practice today. The question then is, Have I left the reformation? We will let every fair, honest, candid man answer the question. We are not starting a new movement, but keeping right on in the one that those early reformers brought in. No man can gainsay this. No honest, fair-minded man will attempt it. If Brother Warner were to be resurrected from the grave on a certain day and he were again to preach as he did preach, and I knew the day of his resurrection, I certainly would make an honest

and carnest attempt to have some one at the graveside with an invitation for him to come hold a series of meetings in our house of worship. Would all you preachers who claim to be of this movement open your pulpits to him for a month? Oh, what a clearing there would be if you would do it! Can you be fair and still say that I have left this reformation? We are not starting a new movement, but in the love of Jesus are doing what we can to perpetuate the old movement that was brought in by D. S. Warner and his associates. We love these old time truths today. They are clear Bible teachings.

Satan is doing what he can to bring the world into this movement. It is only to look around a little to know how he is succeeding in many places. We are not warring and fighting, but praying and pleading, and teaching in the love of Jesus the good oldtime truths of this reformation that brought us out of sin, sectarianism and the world. We love this reformation. We love it in its old-time teaching. We do not want it dressed up in some new style of dress so that you cannot tell it from the world. And now we appeal to all honest saints, all who love the old-time truths of this reformation, to join us in endeavoring to preserve the simplicity and purity of this glorious reform. There are many who are not willing to bow to the goddess of this world. There are many precious saints in this movement who are groaning in spirit because of the worldliness of some others and a number of the preachers. They do not want these worldly innovations brought into this pure movement. They love God, they love His Word, they love those dear reformers who sacrificed and gave their lives for the pure, plain, simple teaching of this blessed reformation. Let us unite our efforts in upholding those glorious truths and keep this reformation moving on in her purity and -C. E. Orr power.

(Editor's note: Bro. Charles E. Orr, a pioneer minister of the Church of God reformation, was co-editor of this "Faith and Victory" paper when he left for the Glory World in 1933—forty years ago. These Bible truths are still taught and practiced by God's people today, and may the true standard ever be lifted up that brought forth this glorious restoration movement.)

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—Selected

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#### **EDITORIALS**



With the arrival of this summer season, we greet all our readers, and trust that many of you will be privileged to attend at least some of the camp meetings and evangelistic tent meetings held at various places across the country. It is God's will that every person should hear and believe the gospel—the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God who paid the redemptive price for every soul. Let us be "workers together" with God and His people in this special summer effort to reach many more precious souls with the gospel message.

According to our stated policy and usual practice, this "Faith and Victory" paper will not be published for the month of August. It is fitting that our faithful co-workers would have some time off, if they so desire, from their regular duties here at the Print Shop to attend campmeetings or do whatever the Lord may direct. However, some of us will be here at the office to fill orders for literature, take care of the correspondence, etc. Pray for those who accept this responsibility.

The Oklahoma State campmeeting here at Guthrie came to a victorious close for the Lord on June 3. About 25 ministers were present, and many saints attended from several states. God's Word was preached under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Many souls rejected the Spirit's call, but some responded and found the joys of being saved and sanctified. On the last Sunday, a number of converts were baptized. The Church was edified, fortified and strengthened to hold up the shield of faith and the Bible standard of holy living in these perilous times when the whole world lieth in wickedness and is getting worse every passing day. Sin abounds in high and low places. "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Psalm 11:3. The only safe refuge for a soul is in the center of God's will as outlined in His Word and directed by His Holy Spirit.

In stock at this office are more than 350 different titles of gospel tracts to be sent free in limited quantities for careful and prayerful distribution. Any prices, where quoted, are at cost or below. Write for a FREE, 4-ounce sample to read and pass on. One tract my result in the salvation of many precious souls.

We hope to meet many of our readers at the National campmeeting to be held at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri on July 20 to 29. A supply of gospel literature—tracts, papers, books and Bibles—will be available at the book store on the camp grounds. Come in, visit and browse around.

We are still looking earnestly to the Lord to provide workers to fill the vacancies in all departments of His publishing plant, including the need for qualified printers and pressmen. Several books and many tracts are now out of stock and need to be reprinted, as well as other excellent books which have been out of print for many years, such as: the 1914 edition of "What the Bible Teaches" by F. G. Smith. The Lord knows the need of consecrated workers, and our eyes are upon Him. "Only one life—'twil soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last."

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A very profitable campmeeting at Tulsa, Okla. closed on June 17. Several state and out-of-state ministers labored in the meeting. The Holy Spirit sent conviction by the preached Word, and a number of souls sought and obtained salvation and spiritual help at the altar of prayer. A car-load of us from Guthrie attended on the last Sunday and enjoyed the messages of truth and the fellowship of the saints.

Bro. Fred Allen of Canyon City, Colo. has become a resident of the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Okla. Word has also come that Bro. Fred Cook, aged 91, departed this life at the Home on June 21. "For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." James 4:14. God gives time and space for every soul to prepare to meet its Maker.

Our sympathy and prayers are extended to and for all those in bereavement—those who have lost loved ones in recent weeks and months. May God's presence comfort and sustain every sorrowing heart.

#### Trial of Faith Worketh Patience . . . .

The Apostle James exhorts: "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." Jas. 1:2-4. Naturally, one is joyous when God brings one out of trying situations, but the admonition in this text is to "count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations," not merely from the fact that you fell in, but looking beyond to the end result—"that the trying of your faith worketh patience." And when patience has her perfect work, it produces a perfection and completeness in Christian experience.

This writer has certainly been in a fiery trial of faith against affliction for several years, and I recognize it has worked for my spiritual progress, according to the foregoing text, for which I rejoice.

Yet I know from the Scriptures that it is God's will to heal His trusting children until the time He decides in His infinite wisdom to take them out of this world. (I might add here that divine physical healing is only a temporary blessing which pertains only to this short life, and is a foretaste of that permanent, eternal resurrection of the mortal to immortality.) As we learn the lessons and meet God's requirements, we have the right and duty to ask in faith for healing, even though the trial of faith may be prolonged, as in the case of Job, when he held his integrity and said, "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Job 23:10.

My faith is anchored in the promises of God, and after we have done all, we are commanded to stand, knowing that they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. Though the devil is contesting my healing, I am steadfastly contesting his authority to hold me under the affliction by God's written word that "with His [Jesus'] stripes we are healed." I do not want Jesus to have suffered those stripes in Pilate's judgment hall in vain for me. I am healed because Jesus says I am, regardless of sight or symptoms. Pray that my faith fail not, for faith is the victory that overcomes all things.

Some have upbraided me for an apparent lack of faith because I considered the thought of making certain business arrangements in case the Lord did not see best to hear me. If that is a lack of faith, I want that thought purged out completely.

On Sunday, June 24, the Guthrie congregation heard Sis. Essie Wilson, 89-year-old long-time minister, tell of her miraculous healing 71 years ago, in Dallas, Texas. Her tract is in stock at this office.

Bro. and Sister James Huskey and family, and others making a company of twelve, left Guthrie in three vehicles, some leaving on June 10 and the others on Monday, June 11, to meet again in south Texas before crossing the border into Mexico where they plan to do gospel mission work, pass out tracts and Bible portions, on their way to Uruapan in southern Mexico where Bro. Irineo Rama is in mission work. Pray that many souls will be reached by the gospel message in this sacrifical effort.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to all those readers who have prayed for and cooperated with this literature ministry in printing and mailing the "white-winged," silent, gospel messengers around the world. It is a pleasure to be "workers together" with you and the Lord in obeying our Saviour's last Great Commission to His Church. On that final day around the great white throne He will say, "Well done!" Nothing else pertaining to our existence is more important.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with all of you, and we hope to greet you again, Lord willing, in the September issue.

—Lawrence Pruitt

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#### **OBITUARIES**



Sister Mittie (Toles) Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey King, was born on September 8, 1885, in McKinney, Texas, and departed this life at Boley, Okla., on May 8, 1973.

Sister Mittie was married to Walter Toles at Boley, Okla. in 1904, and settled in the Rusk community. To this union five children were born—three daughters and two sons. The three daughters preceded her in death. Because of her love for children and the want of a daughter, she took into her home and cared for five foster daughters.

Sister Toles met the saints and was saved in the Church of God in the year of 1923.

In 1946, her husband, Walter Toles, passed away. In 1953, Sister Mittie was married to William Jackson in Akron, Ohio where she remained until his death in 1956. Returning to Boley, Okla., she faithfully attended the church services until her health failed. She would often say, "I want to do what I can."

She leaves to mourn her passing: two sons, Carl and Junious Toles of Boley, Okla.; two brothers, Dudley and Boley Spears, Boley, Okla., nineteen grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, six step-children, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Woodrow Warren, assisted by Brother Herman Kelly and Sister Katherine Williams. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15.

Mrs. Lucille (Dixon) Miles was born on July 5, 1897, in Foreman, Ark., and passed away in Okmulgee, Okla. on June 4, 1973, at the age of 76 years.

Lucille was married to Lethaniel Miles, a World War 1 veteran who preceded her in death.

She was a resident of Los Angeles for many years and attended the Church of God services at Naomi and Walnut Streets, where Bro. Isaac Chandler was the pastor.

Survivors include four brothers, Edward, Earnest, and Oscar of Okmulgee, Okla., and Curtis Dixon of Fresno, Calif.; two aunts, and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted at the Church of God chapel, Okmulgee, by Brother Woodrow Warren, assisted by Bro. M. Gaines and others. Scripture texts: Numbers 23:10; 1 John 3:7-10. Interment was in Northwest Cemetery.

Bro. William Perry Wright, son of Bennie D. and Frances Wright, was born in Boley, Okla. on March 14, 1911, and departed this life on May 17, 1973.

On January 18, 1936, he was united in marriage to Thresa Williams. To this union six children were born—four girls and two boys. One son preceded him in death. The family moved to Tulsa, Okla. in 1937, where he was employed as chief cook at a restaurant for fourteen years.

In 1966, he gave his heart to the Lord and lived faithful to God until death.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his devoted wife, Thresa; four daughters, Mrs. Barbara Nell Hughes, Stillwater, Oklahoma, Mrs. Jacquelyn McDaniel, Frances and Oleta Wright, all of Tulsa, Okla.; one son, Perry, Jr., Tulsa, Okla; his mother, Mrs. Frances Wright, Wewoka, Okla.; three sisters, one brother, five grandchildren, and a host of other relatives, friends and saints.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams, assisted by others, at the Church of God chapel in Tulsa, Okla. Interment was in the Crown Hill Cemetery. Tulsa.

Joseph Azef Chapel was born on June 25, 1892, and departed this life on May 31, 1973.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams, assisted by others. Interment was in the Silver City Cemetery, Silver City, Oklahoma.

Bro. John H. Williams, 75 years of age, passed away June 11, 1973, at his residence in Clearfield, Ky. Born in Elliot County, Ky. on January 23, 1898, he was the son of the late Robert and Amanda (Stevens) Williams.

He was united in marriage to Mary E. Green who survives. This is the father of Bro. Curtis Williams of Clearfield, Ky. Also, he has two other sons, Darrell and Ersille; three daughters, Mrs. Blanche Stevens, Mrs. Buelah Gray and Mrs. Ruby Evans; one brother, Wiley Williams; two sisters, Mrs. Pricey Wagoner and Mrs. Sally Fraley. There are 36 grandchildren and 28 greatgrandchildren.

Bro. Curtis would like to thank all the saints for their prayers in behalf of his father during his illness.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Mart Samons.

Mrs. Florence (Sisk) Parham was born in Mississippi in 1903, and departed this life at Enid, Okla. on June 11, 1973, at the age of 69 years.

In 1922, she was married to Jess J. Sisk. They moved to California, but later she returned to Mississippi. She married Milton Parham in 1932, and moved to Enid, Oklahoma in 1950.

Mrs. Parham seemed a very quiet person and often attended Church of God services since moving to Enid, Okla. After her much suffering, God saw best to call her from this life. A great vacancy is left in the lives of those who knew and loved her.

She is survived by three sons, Jess V. Sisk, El Cajon, Calif, John R. Sisk, Enid, Okla., and Clifton L. Parham, Marked Tree, Ark.; eleven grandchildren, four greatgrandchildren, one sister, and one brother.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Willie Murphey in Enid, Okla. and interment was in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Meno, Oklahoma.

#### In Appreciation

We express our heartfelt appreciation to all the dear saints, loved ones and friends for the many acts of love, kindness, prayers and visits in the home during the recent illness and passing of my dear brother, Norris Williams.

We were very thankful for the many saints that attended the funeral services for Norris. A number of saints traveled a distance to be with us during our sorrow. Just to see your faces, and have your presence with us surely helped in a great way to lift the grief from our hearts. Thanks also for the beautiful cards, telegrams, flowers and offerings.

May the dear Lord bless each of you and reward you for you labour of love expressed to us in our bereavement. —Sister Katherine Williams and family

#### In Loving Memory of Juanita Williamson

A beautiful rose on earth has come to perfection today: Go, angels dear, and carry it away. Though she's been there a very short time, My wisdom sees best to claim what is Mine. She pleased Me in yielding day by day, When she saw My will led a certain way. She has reflected My image in her life-Now I'll give her rest eternal from toil and strife. To those who loved her I'll extend My grace. And lead them to a wealthier place. I'll give them help in this storm-tossed hour To overcome by My mighty power. Some day, as they faithfully follow on, They'll be with her where she has gone. Tell them not to sorrow as those whose hope is gone with the clay. But to lift up unto Me their eyes that are dim, and

> —By her friend and Sister in Christ, Thomasene Taylor

I never met Sister Juanita in person, but I wrote to her nine years, and she was a very dear friend through correspondence. I do miss her, but God's way is best.

# Dates for Remaining Campmeetings

Akron, Ohio-July 6 to 15.

I'll reward them some day.

Ojos Negros, Baja Cfa., Mexico — July 10, to continue as long as the Lord leads.

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.

Blackford, Ky.—August 17 to 26.

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

Fresno, California—September 7 to 16.

#### OHIO STATE CAMPMEETING

The Ohio State campmeeting of the Church of God (Evening Light) will be held July 6 through 15, 1973, at Akron, Ohio. The chapel is located at 419-421 W. Thornton Avenue.

A hearty welcome is extended to all nations! Provisions will be made to care for all—space for campers, dormitories for the Sisters, and the Brothers, and the dining hall for the serving of meals. All expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Please send your contributions to Bro. Darnell Abbage, 1436 Honodle Ave., Akron, Ohio 44306, or to the pastor, Hazel A. Clark, 555 Fernwood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44320.

Come praying that we will have a profitable meeting with Spirit-filled ministers to preach the gospel of salvation for sinners, sanctification for believers, and divine healing for the body.

For further information, contact the pastor, Sister Hazel Clark, 555 Fernwood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44320, phone 762-4432, or Bro. Adolph Robinson, 1256 Romayne Dr., Akron, Ohio 44314, phone (216) 836-6948.

-Sister Hazel Clark

#### OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO CAMPMEETING

The Church of God camp meeting at Ojos Negros, Mexico will be in progress, Lord willing, from the 10th of July, 1973, for as many days as the Spirit leads. There will possibly be out-of-country ministers present according to the Lord's choosing. The hours of service will be 10 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. daily, with a children's meeting each morning during the adult service.

We hope that you will pray for this camp meeting and carry a burden for those who will bring the Word to precious souls. Pray also that souls will be enlightened to their condition before God and find peace with Him.

—Sister Opal Kelly

Apartado Postal No. 284, Ensenada, B. Cfa., Mexico

#### 36th NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

This reminder comes bringing a special invitation and welcome to everyone to attend the 36th annual National Campmeeting of the Church of God which will convene on July 20 and continue through July 29, 1973, at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri.

We are looking forward to another time of warm Christian fellowship among those who have a love for the truth, and are willing to stand firmly in the old paths wherein is the good way. We expect ministers from various localities to bring forth God's Word under the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Meals will be served in the dining hall on a free-will offering basis with lodging available in dormitories and tents. A nominal donation of \$5.00 per tent, \$1.00 per cot, and \$2.50 for cot and space in dormitory is suggested for those who are able to help defray the cost and maintenance of these provisions. We do trust that no one will stay away because of a lack of finances, as we are confident that God will supply for the needs as they arise. There are several comfortable motel accommodations within a short driving distance which are available at reasonable rates for those who desire such. In addition, there will be parking areas on the grounds for trailers, campers and motor homes, etc.

The campgrounds are located approximately five miles east of Neosho, Missouri, on Highway 86, the exact location being one mile east and ¾ mile south of the intersection of Highway 86 and Alternate 71 Highway. Those coming by public transportation, such as bus or train, will need to come to Neosho and take a taxi to the grounds, or call Granby, Missouri, phone number 472-6427 to arrange for someone to meet you and bring you to the grounds.

Bro. and Sister Austin McMillian will be working to assist in finding accommodations for sleeping. All correspondence regarding tent orders, dormitory space, etc., should be addressed to them, c/o Church of God Campground, Monark Springs, P. O. Box 331, Neosho, Mo. 64850. The foregoing address is also the new, permanent address which should be used for all correspondence concerning the campgrounds or for those writing to persons in attendance at the meeting.

Remaining work days on the campground are as follows: Wed., July 4th; Sat., July 7th, and Sat., July 14th. If you can assist with the work on these days, it will be greatly appreciated. If other times would be better for you and you desire to help, contact Bro. Austin McMillian or Bro. Kenneth Probst for schedule of work to be done.

Come praying for the salvation of sinners, sanctification of believers, divine physical healing for the sick

and afflicted, and a drawing together of God's family in these last days.

—Bro. Kenneth Probst, Business Mgr. R. 1, Box 49, Bluejacket, Ok. 74333 Phone 918—256-5992

#### MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING

Lord willing, the Missouri State Campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo., will be held August 3 through 12. We extend an invitation to all.

Bring bedding if convenient, as there is a limited supply on the grounds. Come prepared for cool nights.

Those coming by bus to Thayer, Mo., (the nearest bus station) may call (417) 938-2483 at Myrtle for someone to come for them.

The meeting is supported on the free-will offering plan. Pray for this meeting, and ask the Lord what He would have you to do.

There will be a work day on the campgrounds Saturday, June 30, in preparation for the meeting. Help will be appreciated. On Sunday, July 1, following the work day, there will be an all-day meeting at the chapel on the grounds.

For further information, contact Brother and Sister Albert Eck, Box 706, Myrtle, Mo. 65778, or Bro. A. J. Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo. 65778.

#### CAMPMEETING AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

The Bakersfield, Calif. camp meeting will be held, Lord willing, August 3 through 12. The chapel address is 1802 Virginia Ave., on the corner of Virginia Ave. and Brown St. A cordial, saintly invitation is extended to all.

We expect to furnish accommodations for all who can attend. Expenses will be met on the free-will offering plan. We request your prayers for the meeting.

Those coming from the east on Highway 58, take the left fork on Brundage Lane about eight miles out of town. Go four miles to Lakeview Ave., then right to Virginia Ave., then right two blocks to Brown Street.

Those coming from north or south on Freeway 99, get off on Brundage Lane and go east three miles to Lakeview Ave. Go north (a left turn) to the first stop sign which is Virginia Avenue. Then go east (a right turn) two blocks to Brown Street.

Those coming on Interstate 5, get off on Stockdale Highway and go east about 15 miles. Then this changes to Brundage Lane. Follow above directions for getting off Freeway 99. (Be sure your car is adequately serviced before traveling Interstate 5 as service stations may not be plentiful.)

For further information contact: Bro. A. W. Sherman, 201 "L" St., phone 327-0411; Bro. Robert Mays, 245 "N" St., phone 325-2730; or Bro. Z. E. Francisco, 305 South Owens St., phone 323-0747. The church phone is 322-9314, area code 805.

#### **BOLEY, OKLA. CAMPMEETING**

The Boley, Okla. annual camp meeting of the Church of God will convene, Lord willing, August 17 and continue through August 26, 1973.

We extend to all nations and people a very warm welcome. Come and be with us. Provisions will be made to care for all. On the camp ground are dormitories for the Brothers and Sisters, and large space for parking campers, etc.

We are praying and looking to the Lord to send Holy Ghost-filled ministers and workers to preach the old-time truth of the Bible—salvation for sinners, sanctification for believers, and divine healing for the body.

Come, praying for the Lord to give a Spirit-filled meeting, and that souls will be added to His great Church. Remember the Lord's request: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." Matthew 9:38.

For further information, contact Sister Ora Spears, Route 1, Boley, Okla. 74829, phone (918) 667-3376, or Sister Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th St., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73104, phone (405) 235-2270.

#### BLACKFORD, KY. CAMPMEETING

The congregation of the Church of God at Blackford, Ky. announces that their camp meeting will be in session, Lord willing, from August 17 to 26, inclusive. Come to be a blessing and receive a blessing in the service of the Lord.

For further information, contact the pastor, Brother W. R. Fox, R. 6, Marion, Ky. 42064.

#### CALIF. STATE CAMPMEETING AT PACOIMA

The California State Camp meeting of the Church of God (Evening Light Saints) will be held, Lord willing, from August 24 through September 2, 1973, on the state camp grounds located at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, California.

A cordial welcome to attend this meeting is extended to all. We are depending on the Lord to supply ministers of His choosing to preach the truth in its fullness, under the inspiration and anointing of the Holy Spirit. Come with a burden for souls and praying for a profitable meeting in the Lord.

All expenses will be met by free-will offerings. A dining hall and cabins are located on the grounds. Provisions will be made to care for all who attend.

For further information, contact Brother Robert Sherman, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, California, telephone (213) 899-2022.

#### FRESNO, CALIF. CAMPMEETING

The camp meeting of the Church of God at Fresno, Calif. will be held, Lord willing, from September 7 to 16, inclusive

For further information, contact the pastor, Brother E. J. Trotter, 811 E. Alamos, Clovis, Calif. 93612, phone (209) 291-6003.

#### THANKS FOR SHARING THE COST

The Church at Enid, Okla. thanks all the saints who have helped to meet the payments on the new car which they purchased last March for Brother Mart Samons, an evangelist of Kentucky. The small congregation there would appreciate more financial support in this worthy project. If anyone would like to share this cost, please send your free-will contribution 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.

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#### REPORT OF HOLLY HILL, S. C. CAMPMEETING

Today finds me encouraged to go forward with the Lord, not looking back at the unprofitable things of this world. I am looking steadfastly unto heaven from whence my help comes.

God surely did bless in the camp meeting here at Holly Hill this year. There wasn't much altar work done, but a number of souls said they got help, and I for one. If I am not privileged to be in another, I surely did enjoy this one. God opened up the Scriptures so plainly that I saw right where I stood with the Lord, and I believe many more saw themselves. It was like looking in a mirror at ourselves.

We did not have many preachers, but God sent His chosen ones. More local people attended than usual.

Your Sister in Christ. —Edna Crummie

#### **EVANGELISTIC TENT MEETING REPORT**

The tent meeting at Green Bank, W. Va. is in progress now (June 15). It has been a very good meeting. There have been several at the altar, some to be saved, some to be sanctified and other help. We feel it has been a very profitable meeting. Several of the saints from different places are here, and we appreciate them each one for their labors in the meeting.

We have other tent meetings in mind, but don't have the exact date and place at this time. Just pray for us that we will be led of the Spirit of God. If anyone would like information concerning future meetings, they can contact us at General Del., Junction City, Ky. 40440, phone 606—854-6617.

Christian love, -Bro. and Sister Mart Samons

# Prayer Requests

La.—Bro. Dale and Sister Dora Doolittle need healing to their bodies. They love the truth and the Lord, and even though they have been afflicted, they have done all they could to help in the work of the Lord.

Texas—Sister Jewell Whitley still needs healing. She is bedfast now in this long fight of affliction. Pray earnestly for her recovery.

Ark.—"I felt I should write and ask you to pray for me. I have a place on my body that itches. . . . I don't know what it is. I know God can heal it. . . . I have trouble with athlete's foot. . . . I can hardly stand the itching. . . . I believe the Lord is going to heal my body."

—Esther Null

W. Va.—"I have arthritis so bad in my left arm and side, so please have prayer for me. . . . The Lord healed my spine."

—Bertha Roberts

Ill.—"I am writing for prayer. I have some very serious afflictions and they are getting worse. One is that my hips and back are so afflicted. My left limb seems to be getting smaller, also my bowels are practically paralyzed. . . . I have such a battle with unbelief."

Mo.—"I have arthritis in my side and arm. I suffer greatly at times. Pray that the Lord will heal my body."
—Bea Carter

Mich.—Sister Ether Hines is badly afflicted and not able to walk. Her faith and trust are fully in God. Pray fervently for her restoration.

Mich.—"I am having trouble with my throat and hearing. . . . I am 87 years old." —Sue Wingate

Okla.—"I desire special prayer for my husband, for both soul and body. He is saved, but is going through some hard trials and tests. I desire a closer walk with God. . . . I have some unspoken requests. . . . Pray for my unsaved children."

—Lorene Payne

Calif.—"Pray for my 12-year-old son and unsaved husband."

—Grace Worley

The Lord has been very gracious to me. My soul magnifies the Lord. His lovingkindness has again been extended to me. I had several heart attacks, and on May 16, I had one that put me in the bed. I was so weak that I could not go again. I was told that at times during the attack that they could barely feel my pulse. My nervous system seemed to give way and my digestive system didn't work right. Some one took care of me until the Lord touched me and I began to amend. Since June 16. I have taken care of myself and am able to do my cooking, etc., although somewhat weak. At times my heart bothers me some, but I am expecting the Lord to take care of my body and He has never failed. I do thank the saints for their prayers. It was only prayer that brought me from death's door and let me again work for the Lord. I count it a privilege to trust Him for my body. I do thank each one for their care and concern in sending get-well cards and other kind expressions extended to me in various ways. I pray God to bless and reward each one. Continue to pray that God will strengthen my body.

-Sister Marie Miles

# Foreign Field Reports

#### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (June 15)—Beloved Bro. Lawrence Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings again in the precious name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour.

Many thanks for your letter dated June 5, 1973, and the enclosures were noted with much gratitude. Thank you very much for the two letters enclosed for the passport authorities. These letters are a great help to get the passport and visa very soon.

Dear Brother, I have been rushing everyday to all the responsible Government offices on the state and district levels to meet the authorities concerning the issuance of my passport and visa very soon so that I might reach the U. S. A. at least by July 15. I hope and trust that all will be ready in time, if my visit this year is in the will of God. . . . I will take the plane from Cochin in Kerala state which is about 100 miles from my place. . . . I shall write to you very soon as I get more details.

Expecting your earliest reply with draft and praying especially for the healing of your illness, I extend my warm greetings to all the saints there.

Your younger Brother in Christ, -John Varghese

#### LETTER FROM MEXICAN MISSIONARY

Valle de la Trinidad, Mexico (June 4)—Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the precious name of Jesus, the Lord. I hope that all are still encouraged in the way of salvation.

We are all well and continuing faithful to God. I give thanks to my God for the Holy Spirit, and for

keeping me faithful in every trial. Please pray for me. I know that my need of God is very great.

I am very happy in my soul because God has given Bro. Antonio the victory. . . . Please pray for the Montoya family. They need much prayer.

We are praying for the camp meeting services, and we trust that God will bless richly. I want to thank you very much for the offering. . . . I am confident in my God that He will bless the givers much in their souls and bodies. If God permits, I hope to see you all in July [at the Monark camp meeting]. Please pray for me. With love and prayers.

—Tomas Mendoza

#### NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast Nigeria (May 28)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, coworkers in the Printshop, and saints everywhere: We send greetings again in the name of our Lord of lords and King of kings, our Physician, Saviour, and Redeemer who so wonderfully loved us and paid the price for us. Let us praise His name forever!

We received your letter of May 1, 1973, together with the enclosures. We acknowledge thanks to God and you for these, and pray for His abundant blessings to be yours. We in return assure you of our faithful services at our posts of duty.

The camp meeting season there has already begun. We won't forget to be praying continually for you and the laborers. We trust the past camp meetings have proved profitable. God never fails in His promises, for He said, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." The children of God are always victorious over the great dragon.

We are carrying the gospel to the empty and hungry hearts which are in great spiritual need.

We earnestly pray especially for you, Bro. Pruitt and Sister A. Marie Miles. We have insufficient hands to labour in His vineyard.

We also desire someone from there to visit us for just fourteen days. This would be acceptable with our present Government.

Your servant in Christ,

-B. E. Udoka

# From The Mail Box . . .

Mich.—Dear saints at the Print Shop, greetings in the name of Jesus: I can never thank my Father in heaven enough for what He has done for me, so I want to do a little for Him. Enclosed is \$.... Use part of it for missions and the rest wherever it is needed.

I hope and pray you are all well.

In Christian love, —Martha Ruhl

Illinois—My dear friends: May God bless you in your ministry. We all can help to spread the good news of salvation.

I will be 82 years old on June 30, 1973, and I have been a Christian since 1921.

In His service, —Ida L. Cornett

Mich.—Dear Brother Pruitt and co-workers, greetings in Jesus' precious name, our Savior, Sanctifier, and Healer: We hope and pray that each one of you there is in better health.

Wife is not able to walk now. Her knees and legs will not hold her up. . . . If she gets around in the house she uses a wheel chair. . . .

We do keep praying for Marie and you, and all the saints, so please keep praying for us. I am chief cook and dish washer, have a lot of lawn to mow, trying to make a garden and to wait on Wife, so I have plenty to do for a 78-year-old. Wife is 81.

Use the money the way you see best. We do thank you and appreciate your prayers.

Yours in the One Body, —Floyd and Ether Hines

Minn.—Dear saints at the print shop, greetings of love in Jesus' holy and precious name: Just a line to let you know that I have recovered from an attack of hiccups. This is serious for older people. I had them for three weeks, but the Lord said He would never leave us nor forsake us. I am still a little weak, but in good health otherwise. Praise the Lord!

May God be with you all and give you health and strength to carry on the work in the print shop and otherwise. We look for His healing hand to be over you at all times.

—Bro. Andrew Senti

Mich.—Dear saints all over the land: We greet every one of God's children with love. We appreciate God's wonderful family so much. The world just can't understand how complete strangers can be so united and love one another so much. They can't understand how welcome the saints are in each others' homes and all over the land. It is truly wonderful.

We want to take this opportunity to send our love to all the saints because we just never get around to writing to all those that we'd like to. Some of the saints we haven't seen for many years, but we think of those that we've met and loved along the way.

I want to thank all those who prayed for me when I was so sorely afflicted this past winter. I had what was thought to be shingles. I really did suffer, but God came to my rescue and healed me. I had them about six weeks. Then I had trouble with my nerves, numbness and what seemed to be high blood pressure. I still need help in my body as I am not strong. I am still having some numb spells, trouble with my eyes and have a tumor that is troubling me a lot. Clarence, my husband, has been feeling very bad the past few weeks. We think it is sugar problems. Continue to pray for us.

We are thankful for all of God's blessings to us, and we count our blessings daily.

All the saints are welcome to come here anytime. Clarence retired from work on March 9th. We looked forward to this time for so long. We trust God to let him live now for awhile to enjoy his retirement. We are hoping to get to be in some meetings this summer.

Your Sister in the Lord, —Margaret Brant

Wyoming—Dear friends: I would like one of the books, "Revelation Explained," and the rest in tracts. My father, Harry Vining, gave me the book, and I like it second place to the Bible. I value it, so I hate to loan it out, but would like every one to have it. So maybe now I can loan one out, especially to ministers. There is so much of this "millennial reign" teaching.

In time past (before we were saved) we were Gentiles in the flesh. At that time we were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus, we who were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Now we are no more strangers and foreigners,

but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named. Ephesians 2:11-13, 19; 3:15.

This is the first resurrection, when we are raised from the dead state of sin. And you (the Christian) has He quickened (brought to life) who were dead in trespasses and sins. Ye are come (present tense) unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God. For the vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah His pleasant plant. The Christians are made to sit together in heavenly places.

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of God. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem." Psa. 122. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compacted together. One verse says it, and the next line enlarges upon it, that the saved people and the new Jerusalem are the same. Old things have passed away; all things are become new. We are new creatures in Christ. We are the new Jerusalem. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? The tabernacle of God is with men. He dwells in us. His feet shall stand in that (gospel) day upon the Mount of Olives. He reigns now.

Sincerely for Christ, —Roberta Reese

Ohio—Dear ones in Christ, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I have not written for some time, as I have been having quite a fight of afflictions. The dear Lord has been so good to me, so real, and helped me trust Him through each affliction and keep my faith anchored in God. Praise His dear name! I am weak in body, but so thankful my trust is in our heavenly Father, who is so mighty and strong and is watching over all His dear children.

I am praying and believing God has answered prayer for Sister Miles and Bro. Pruitt so they can carry on His work of sending forth the truth by the printed page, which is so badly needed in these perilous times.

I am sending \$ . . . to be used in God's work at the print shop and \$ . . . for missions.

May the dear Lord richly bless all, give health and strength to carry on in this great work of getting the truth out to precious souls. Remember me in prayer as I remember you.

—Sister Adah Smalley

Mich.—Dear Christian friends: Please find enclosed \$..., for which send me the Faith and Victory paper for three years and ten copies of "The Gift of Tongues, What It Is and What It Is Not," by G. E. Harmon. Use the other \$.... where it is needed.

A friend sent me the May issue, and it's just like I always have believed. I have known the Church of God since 1908, but it hurts me so deeply that so many have wandered away from the truth. . . .

In Christian love, —Mrs. Wm. Fischer

Calif.—Dear Christian friends: I want to congratulate you dear and faithful folks for carrying on your work for 50 years. I look forward each month for this precious little magazine and read it from cover to cover. I don't know of another magazine quite like it

I, too, need your prayers. A few days ago I fell and have a sore on my right limb. It is still quite sore.

Enclosed is a small donation to use in your print shop.

—Mrs. E. J. Zwink

S. Carolina—Dear brothers and sisters: I send praise to our heavenly Father for the provision in His work that He has made for us all. I am glad to say I am yet fighting and pressing on. I am surely thankful to the Lord for everything He has done for me. I want to thank all the saints for their prayers in my behalf. I thank the Lord for the truth and ask Him everyday to help me grow spiritually.

Our camp meeting is over, and God surely did bless the ministry of His Word in the meeting. I was blessed and encouraged to press on. I do appreciate those who came and helped in the services.

Your Brother in the Lord, —Archie Sweat

Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the One who so loved us that He gave His life that we may have life more abundantly. As I write this letter I rejoice in the midst of all the sin, sorrow, confusion, hate, deception and all the other tricks of the enemy against man's soul.

I rejoice again when I look at your father's and mother's picture in the March issue. I could not keep back the tears as my mind went back to the times I worked with Bro. Fred in and around New Castle when a number were saved and baptized.

The offering you will find enclosed is to be used as the Lord directs, and may the good Lord bless you and Sister Miles and the co-workers at the publishing house, and the saints throughout the land.

Your Brother in Christ, —John R. Floyd

# Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Okla.—To all the dear saints, greetings in the precious name of Jesus, who has done so much for us, and is still blessing His trusting children upon the earth today. Oh, how we do thank Him for the great and wonderful provisions He has made for our souls, just to know and have the experience of living- in the fullness of His grace through the power of the Holy Ghost.

David said, "O taste and see that the Lord is good." In another place he said, "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." Also we read in Paul's writing to Timothy, "That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us." 1 Tim. 1:14.

We thank the Lord for salvation, for being saved, sanctified and healed and kept through the Holy Ghost whereby we are sealed unto the day of redemption. I have been so graciously encouraged of late to know that God gives us good things, and then He has given us the power of the Holy Ghost to keep the good things. When God has given us salvation, keep it! When He gives the Holy Spirit, keep it! When He has given us healing, keep it! He doesn't want doubts, fears, feelings, unbelief, persecutions, pain and suffering, or any kind of ideas from the devil to take our "good things." Again we say with Paul, that good thing which was committed to us keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.

I want to write my testimony of the miraculous healing the Lord recently did on my body. On the night of March 3, 1973, I found a knot on my body about the size of a small egg. It brought quite a concern and burden to my heart. I didn't tell anyone until about four or five days later, at which time it had grown quite a bit.

The Lord inspired my faith with this scripture, "Ask, and it shall be given you, seek and ye shall find, knock,

and it shall be opened unto you." Matthew 7:7. We did just that. We had the saints here at Shawnee, Okla. to anoint and pray for us. The next morning the growth was much larger. It was about the size of a mediumsized orange. Soon, two more knots appeared. I told the Lord that this growth was gaining momentum, but immediately I said, Lord, by your help my faith is gaining momentum, too! I went into earnest prayer and fasting, seeking the Lord to help my faith. I had a great battle with Satan through suffering, but I was determined to gain the victory. Toward evening, the Lord gave me a visitation of His Spirit, flooding my soul with a chorus of a song which says, "Strengthened by the mighty power of heaven, we shall conquer, we shall conquer, till the raging foe afar is driven, press the battle on." I said, "Lord, what is this mighty power from heaven?" Just at that moment I said, "God, it is You! I've been strengthened by God in heaven!" My soul was overjoyed, and my faith had gained momentum so that it seemed I could nearly look into heaven. Oh, praise the Lord! The Lord reminded me of the scripture which said of Jesus, "He looked up into heaven and prayed." What a boost that gave to my soul!

I was afflicted 21/2 months, had much swelling, throbbing pain, hurting, and burning, and aching like a tooth ache. The above song and looking up into heaven by faith were the weapons we used all through this trial. The Lord healed me on May 17, 1973, completely of what was, no doubt, a large tumor or cancer. Praise His dear name! My suffering was great at times and the enemy would press hard against my faith. During the time of suffering, I would weep and pray until all suffering and the enemy was rebuked. God always was faithful to visit my soul. I would never get off my knees until the pain left and I was helped and encouraged in my heart. So often I would tell the Lord, "You said, I was strengthened by the mighty power of heaven!" Oh, the many, many times I used that song during this battle! It took me through, and it works! Thank the Lord!

I learned many lessons during this trial which are real precious to my heart. Time and space would not allow me to write all that God has given me, but surely He wants us all to have living, active faith in Him. God doesn't want us to look at the conditions, but He wants our faith to look unto heaven. That's where our strength is, and comes from.

In this affliction, one night God reminded me of the Israelites when they met the Philistine, Goliath, the giant, became afraid and drew back, wondering what would become of Israel and who would kill the giant, Goliath. They were looking more at the giant than to God, but thank the Lord, God had a young shepherd boy who gave Israel victory through the strength of the Lord.

I thought of the dreadful disease of cancer. Maybe sometimes it seems as a big giant, but God wants us to keep our faith and eyes on heaven. He is our victory. Let not any of us be fearful or draw back. God has the victory for us.

Many times I would want to feel of the tumor or cancer I had and God would impress me, "Not by sight or feeling, but by faith." I thank Him for His faithfulness to me. He has been so good to me. I feel I owe Him my whole life.

This past year He also healed me of low sugar, as I hardly had strength to go. Thank the Lord, now I eat anything I want and work just like anyone else.

Also, He has wonderfully healed my feet. I suffered much with broken arches. My feet pained and hurt so I could hardly walk on them. I had to wear specially made supports in my shoes as my ankle bone had dropped because of the broken down arch, but thank the Lord, I wear just the shoes now and feel wonderful. God still heals today, but we must have faith to believe.

I love Him supremely. I know He loves me. I am glad I belong to God and am enjoying His blessings. The Lord impressed me many times that the saints of old overcame by the word of their testimony. I testified again and again what God has done and is doing. I have the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Praise His dear name!

—Sister Malinda Penner

La.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in Jesus' dear name: Husband and I are doing much better than we were when I wrote you asking for prayer. His arm is doing lots better, thank God, and my afflictions are better, too. Oh, what a mighty God we serve!

I read about your affliction in the paper. I do hope and pray you are doing all right now. . . .

May the Lord bless you in your efforts there at the Print Shop. —Sister Myrtis Alexander

Georgia—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Pruitt, and the helpers in the Print Shop: Greetings to everyone in the name of our kind heavenly Father. I am happy to be able to report victory over sin and the devil which are causing so much trouble in the world today. The Bible is certainly being fulfilled.

I thank the God of heaven for the healing He gave to your body, Sister Marie. We are still praying for Bro. Pruitt, you and others.

Please keep me before the Lord, also our loved ones and others who are so far away from God and so close to hell. It is so sad to see the majority of the people so careless and unconcerned about their own souls.

I am praying along with you that the Lord will send helpers to the printshop as help is needed.

Bro. Friendly Green's eyes are fine, and we are giving God all the praise for healing him. My brother's eyesight was just about gone. He couldn't see how to read, but now he can see and read about as good as ever; and he is so thankful.

Christian love to all, —Sister P. R. Bowers

Okla.—Dear saints, greetings in Jesus' dear name: We do appreciate the goodness of God to us, and we can't thank the Lord enough for what He has done.

In May, last year, a horse fell on my daughter and broke her leg and cracked her pelvis in several places. About three days after this accident, the doctor called and said fluid had collected in her lungs due to the crushed bones or something, so a very serious condition developed. We called our pastor, Bro. Warren, also Bro. Kelly and some other saints. My daughter called Bro. Gaines and some of the saints in Tulsa, Okla. Bro. and Sister Warren, Bro. Gaines and some of the other saints went to the hospital. They found her in a very serious condition. The saints prayed and the Lord did work a miracle. To Him I give all the praise! So I can say to all who think the Lord doesn't work miracles, that He still does. He has healed my body many times when it seemed like I was at death's door. Thank the Lord for His goodness to us!

I want to thank the many saints for their prayers in our behalf. I can truly say with the song, "The Lord is so near and His saints are so dear."

Our daughter went back to school in January. She is walking with hardly a limp. She is still unsaved, but I am still looking to the Lord to save her, as well as my husband and other children. I ask the saints to remember us in your prayers.

Your Sister in Christ, —Gustava Anderson

Illinois—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sister Marie, greetings in the precious name of Jesus: Oh, how great He is to us! When we are going through deep troubles of any kind, we can look and see our dear Saviour dying on that cruel cross to win the victory for us. Glory be to Him, He bought us with His own blood. We are not our own.

Glory to Jesus, I have victory over the awful trial I passed through. I am thankful for every prayer that was prayed for me, and I thank every one that wrote to me. I take this way to thank each one. I was sick so long, but the Lord has done great things for me.

Continue to pray for me. I am getting very hard of hearing, and have cataracts on both eyes.

-Sister Lettie West

La.—Dear saints: It is with a very thankful heart that I write this today. Surely the Lord has been a very present help in time of need. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your prayers in behalf of my back injury. Previously, I had strained my back and then later I again strained it; not all at once, but a little now and then until I had to take my bed. For almost a week and a half, I spent more time in the bed than I did out of it.

The plant where I work closes down for one week each year for vacations. I had planned to take this week and go to Ohio and visit with my in-laws, the Sallee family, and I knew that I could not do this unless I received definite help from God. The week before vacation, I was not able to work and was in bed until two days before I was to start on the trip. Thank the Lord, He did help me and I am now here in Ohio and feeling quite well! What a mighty God we serve!

I have taken this as another one of the "all things," and I have received good from this trial. The Lord knows just what we need and by the grace of God I mean to use my back and my all for the glory of God. There is still some weakness in my back, but I know complete deliverance is near. When you think of it, remember me in your prayers.

Your lesser Brother, —Don Williamson

Ark.—Dear Sister Marie and all the dear workers at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' great and holy name. Oh, let us exalt Him together.

I trust all is going well with each one of you. The Lord is wonderfully blessing me in soul and body. Praise be unto Him forever!

Sister Marie, I trust you and your brother are gaining victory every day over the afflictions, trials and all that come your way. God's grace is all-sufficient.

There are only two ways that lead to eternity. One is the narrow and holy way that leads from earth to heaven. It is the highway of holiness, peace and love. It leads to heaven and to God where all is peace, love and joy, where we can see God and His dear Son in all

of their glory. Oh, what a blessed place that must be, where all the pure and holy will be forever!

Then Jesus told about the broad way that leads to destruction, sorrow and pain, and no hope for any thing better. No cool breeze, no cold water, no shelter from pain and suffering, and to be forever with all who forgot God and left Him out of their lives while here on earth. Many will be there who were nice, good neighbors, honest in many ways, many that professed to be Christians, but never were born again. The most evil and wicked will be there. Oh, how sad! My soul cries out to God that many will wake up, and turn to God while the door of mercy is open. Jesus said, "Come unto me, . . . I will give you rest." He is still pleading, "Come unto me; I will forgive. I will bless and pardon. I will blot out all your sins, and make you a child of God." Oh, how great is the love and goodness of God!

I am contented and satisfied with this blessed holy way. There is peace and joy in the fold of God.

With love, —Sister N. E. Adams

Ohio—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of love in Jesus' precious name: This leaves me much encouraged to press on in this good way. By the help and grace of God I mean to make heaven my eternal home. His love is the satisfying portion; and we are complete in Him. He saves, sanctifies, heals and keeps. Praise His dear name!

Last summer I noticed a growth in my throat. Of course, the enemy tried to make me think of cancer, as one of my brothers died with cancer of the throat four years ago. But I took it all to God in earnest prayer and left it there. All praise to His precious name, it is completely gone. What a mighty God we serve!

Pray for me that I'll be all for God in this life that He would have me to be. My prayers are with you dear ones there.

Christian love, —Sadie Stamm

Mo.—Dear Sisters Marie, Maybelle, and Brother Lawrence: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am so thankful for our dear Savior and His wonderful healing power. He has healed me of those terrible headaches I had, and so many other things. I am still having trouble with my back. It is better, and I believe the Lord will heal me of that, too. Do remember me in your prayers.

I trust you are all feeling better. I know there are many prayers offered for you and Bro. Lawrence. I pray that God will completely heal you both. I think of you often. . . .

May God bless you all in the work you are doing for Him. I am including an offering for the Lord's work. Use it as you see fit.

With Christian love, —Sister Mamie Butcher

Ark.—Dear friends at Guthrie: I still enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper and receive much spiritual help from it. I wouldn't want to be without it.

No doubt, you've heard about the terrible storms we have had in Arkansas. The one that hit Jonesboro came near McCrory, but God saw fit to spare us. We are so thankful for all His help and we do try to prove our gratitude day by day.

A Sister in Christ, —Belva L. Howard

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