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### Great Peace

(Psalm 119:165)

Great peace have they that love Thy Law,  
And nothing shall offend them.  
They stand and gaze in silent awe  
On Christ who died to win them.

While trouble rolls and turns without  
Upon life's restless ocean,  
They triumph over fear and doubt,  
And live in sweet devotion.

Though oft pursued by sorrows sore  
And disappointments' bother,  
They cling to Christ, yes, all the more,  
And pray to God, the Father.

Not glancing at the dark'ning side  
Of gloom and melancholy,  
In Heav'nly love they do abide  
Above all sin and folly.

Perplexed, but not in dark despair,  
Cast out, but not forsaken,  
Great peace have they, and every care  
By faith to God is taken.

Content whate'er may be their lot,  
They triumph o'er disaster.  
They have a joy that knows no blot  
Who live to serve the Master!

This Peace so great Christ died to give,  
Our burdens gladly bearing;  
Where He in all His grace doth live,  
His Peace with all is sharing.

Peace that will keep the heart and mind,  
A Kingdom e'er increasing,  
A Treasure, one so rich to find,  
A pleasure never ceasing.

Come to Him now, confess your sin,  
Let Jesus live within you,  
Great peace is yours without an end,  
And nothing shall offend you.

—Leslie Busbee

### The Mystery of Life

Life is a great mystery. Its secrets are deep and hidden. It came out of eternity and is going into eternity. It is a serious thing to live. He, who is the Fountain of Life, while among us, said many a mysterious thing about life. He said that to gain it we must lose it, and if we would but lose it we should gain it. He said that we could be dead while we are living, or we could be living while we are dead. This is very mysterious. He said that he who loved his life should lose it, and he that would hate his life should keep it. These things Jesus taught while He was here among men.

We came out of eternity and we are going into eternity. Now we are here for a while in what is called time. This is man's probationary period. It was a great thought in the mind of God—the thought of making man and creating a period where there would be days and nights and weeks and months and years. This was in the mind of God from somewhere back in eternity. The mystery is taken out of the words of Jesus concerning life when we understand that man has a twofold life. He has a life for time, and he has a life for eternity. When Jesus said, "He that loveth his life shall lose it," He meant that he who loved this life that is for time would lose that life that is for eternity. When He says that "he that hateth his life," He means that he that does not love nor live for the life of this time-world shall keep it unto life eternal. Read John 12:25.

Are we able to comprehend the full meaning of the words, "he that hateth his life"? We ought to understand them fully for our eternal life depends upon our doing this. If we do not hate our life in this world, we cannot have life in the world to come. We will have existence, but it will not be life. Life and heaven are adapted to each other and death and hell go together. Jesus, speaking of Himself, said, "I am the life." This life is the light of men. Christ is the life, and looking upon this life, we will be lighted into the meaning of life. The mystery of life is revealed in Christ. Jesus also said, "I am the way, the truth and the life." The Holy Spirit will teach us His way,

will guide us into His truth and make known to us His life. The Holy Spirit will reveal to us the deep things of eternal life if we will not be so fussy about the things of this time-life. "Be still and know that I am God." Go out into some solitary place and there with all the things of sense and time shut out invite the Holy Spirit to remove the veil of mortality for a few moments and give you a look at life as it is in Christ. There we will see that we are not to take any thought about the time-life, not even about its sustenance and comforts, about what we shall eat or be clothed with. To hate this mortal life is not to love it, to seek its ease, its comforts, its pleasures, but to live wholly to the higher life—the life of the soul. It is to walk in the Spirit and not live to the flesh, to make no provision for the flesh to fulfill the lusts thereof. Behold the life of Jesus, study it, meditate upon it, make it the life of thy life and live no more to the flesh and things of time than did He. Consider this and may the Holy Spirit give you understanding.

—C. E. Orr

## A Pioneer Mother

The pioneer mothers endured many hardships in rearing their children and helping to develop the new lands in these United States. These trying experiences produced in them the wisdom, courage, determination and strength of character for which they are known.

My mother, Mary Ann Pruitt, was a pioneer woman. Married to my father, Fred Pruitt, in Kansas in the year of 1906, she went as a young bride that same year to the territory of New Mexico (not admitted to the union as a state until 1912) to make a home on 160 acres of virgin land on which my father had previously filed a claim for homestead purposes. They were required to live on and improve it for five years before they could obtain a clear title. The area was a vast plain or prairie with no trees and very little rainfall. The homestead was about forty miles northwest of Portales which was the closest railroad town where they could get supplies. Many hardships lay ahead of them. My father made a "dug-out" which was four feet deep, eight feet wide and ten feet long. Over this "dugout" he built a room with the floor two feet above the ground level. In winter they lived in the "dugout" and in summer in the room above. Many times my mother told me of the hardships she underwent as they faced together the many obstacles that go with that kind of life. Later, my father wrote in his book, "God's Gracious Dealings," about those days with these words: "I can hardly keep back the tears . . . when I think of the hardships that accompanied this pioneer life, and how my young wife bravely stayed with me through it all. . . ." They suffered the loss of property, loss of crops from dry years, and had to haul every drop of water by wagon twelve or thirteen miles for themselves and the livestock to drink. Fence posts, and firewood for cooking had to be hauled 35 miles from a canyon. They also buried two infants. Those first six or seven years of their married life were mostly poverty and extreme hardships.

What was the Lord doing all this time as He looked down upon these two who did not serve Him nor know much about Him? He was preparing them in the school of hard knocks for something ahead. They heard the gospel preached, and in the year of 1915 they were both

saved. Soon after, they heard the call of God to be pioneers for God in the gospel work. My father made appointments to preach at various schoolhouses as far as thirty miles from their homestead, traveling to these appointments in a Model T Ford. The Lord called for greater service and sacrifice. In 1917, they had a farm sale, rented out the farm and moved to Clovis, New Mexico, eighteen miles away, where there was a congregation of the Church of God pastored by Brother George Harmon. From Clovis, he made some evangelistic trips to other states. Then in 1918, at the Lord's direction, he and his family moved here to Guthrie, Oklahoma, where the Lord worked it out for my father to learn the printing trade in a small shop which published only gospel literature. Later, my parents sold their homestead and other property in New Mexico, and placed the proceeds in the purchase of the family home at 924 W. Mansur and the erection of printshop buildings—first, at 611 W. Mansur, and later, in 1926, at 920 W. Mansur—for the purpose of publishing gospel literature and making it available to all people. Of course, their personal funds soon ran out, and since that time it has been essentially a work supported by faith in God. In 1923, the first edition of the "Faith and Victory" paper was printed and mailed out free of charge, and continued without a subscription price for seven years.

My mother had a family of six children—three boys and three girls. She took care of the home and helped in the office when she could. She would be writing letters, helping with the office correspondence, many times at night after she had gotten the children to bed. She also had the workers, who helped in the office, living in her home. This was an added burden, as you know, their way would not always be her way of doing things. She had the washing to do for the young brethren, had to manage the buying and do the cooking for the large group. There were many times that money was very scarce and she would try to fix meals without sufficient ingredients to make certain dishes. In those years they could afford to buy only skim milk which was used only for cereal and cooking. If we had unexpected company, Mother would call one of us aside and tell us that when the eggs were passed around for breakfast not to take any, as there wasn't enough to go around. She, of course, would always do without first before she asked us to do so. She gave her company the best she had. Our home was the usual stopping-place of the readers of the literature when they were in Guthrie. Mother would sometimes tell us to dip lightly from a dish of food so our company would have plenty.

Many times I saw tears in Mother's eyes, but, of course, I didn't understand it all. She wanted us to be happy. In later years she told us girls of how it hurt her so much because we didn't have very many nice clothes. She had to buy the cheapest material with which to make our clothes. Those were difficult days for my pioneer mother, but she had been prepared for them, and she knew how to look to the Lord for added strength and grace. Sometimes an issue of the paper would be printed and in the mail sacks, but it remained there until God supplied the money for the postage, and He never failed. My parents served the Lord in their calling to the gospel work, and His work always came first.

My mother received some inheritance money. She used it to buy a new 1927 Chevrolet car and to help build the present office building. It was our first enclosed car. For several winters previously, my father had taken pneumonia from going out in cold weather to meetings and to pray for the sick in the old Model T Ford whose loose side curtains offered little protection. Again,

my mother thought of others. The car was used in gospel work.

"Children, come on now. Let us go into the living room and have worship," mother would say, when we were with her in the kitchen. My father would be waiting for us to come. Worship time was held in our home morning and night. We sang a song or two, and my father would read from the Bible or from the Bible story book. Then we knelt in prayer. All of us took turns and prayed.

Mother took time to listen to our problems. She would advise us on many lines, and taught us solid Christian principles. She also used the leather strap to remind us that we needed to obey her. She truly was a good mother.

Many times mother was called to pray for others who were sick. God honored her prayers and healed them. When we were sick, our mother and father prayed for us, and God healed us. They never thought of calling the doctor or giving medicine, but trusted fully in God. As long as I was at home, I never remember my mother bringing a meal to my bed. They would pray for us, and then we would get up and go to the table if we wanted to eat.

My parents did not leave me one penny of inheritance, but the life for God that they lived is worth more to me than millions of dollars. I thank God for my pioneer mother and father. —Sister A. Marie Miles

(My brother, Lawrence, added some extra lines of information at different places in my article. —Marie)

### A TRIBUTE TO MY MOTHER

Thank you, dear Lord, for my dear, precious mother,  
I never would want nor have need of another;  
No one could ever for me take her place  
With encouraging words and a sweet, smiling face.

I know she will soon from this life pass away  
To heavenly portals, where angels await.  
How fortunate that heaven so often might be  
A haven of rest, where saints are set free.

To others her life may seem somewhat drab:  
Just cleaning, and cooking, and cheering the sad.  
But, oh, how our country is lacking of such,  
For an example to follow—a motherly touch.

Our country is heading for chaos and ruin,  
Americans must pay for the damage they've done.  
The women around us can call themselves mothers  
While proudly they walk without proper covers.

The number one problem that we have today  
Is the mothers that lead our country astray.  
They care not for honor, or future, or others,  
How sad to behold all this land's fallen mothers!

These things lie so heavy and sad on my heart  
To see as our children are ready to start  
On life's long, dark road to the things that we've had:  
Too late, oh, too late, for these things are too bad.

Yet gleams there a ray of ebullient light  
Now flowing as ever, as on that first night:  
The great Church of God, how beautiful it stands  
Amidst darkest hours in troublesome lands.

So, as I now finish my brief commentary  
To Mother for burdens she daily must carry,  
I hope these small words can pay back for the years  
She guided and taught us through sunshine and tears.

—T. Melot

### PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

There is a great responsibility resting upon fathers and mothers. There is entrusted to them for instruction and guidance a priceless, immortal soul. Jesus died for that little soul. He has given it to the parents to direct its little feet in the way that will lead it to heaven. God gives parental authority to parents. They are to restrain their children from the ways of sin and the world. It is not enough to say to them, "I do not want you to do this wrong thing." You are to use your authority, in love, and let them know that they must not do it. Parents, be careful. It will be an awful thing to come up before God in the great day and find that your child is forever lost because you made some compromises with it. Then be sure you live holy lives. Right in your home in your daily life you are to be the best reflection of God that child will ever have. You have the opportunity of setting Christ before your child as none other can have. If your child has nothing before it but the picture of Christ in you for the first tender years of its life, that picture will be stamped upon the little heart so that it will be difficult for sin and the world to efface it.

That son and daughter will come to understand the fatherhood of God by looking upon the fatherliness and motherliness of the parents as they can in no other way. Parents have the highest opportunity of showing Divine love to their children. Let Christ shine out in your home life. —C. E. Orr

### What Sin Will Keep You Out of Heaven?

"And Herod with his men of war set him at naught, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate." Luke 23:11.

We are hearing less and less about "sin" in this day in which we are living. By that, I mean people no longer call sin, "sin." Sin is being glorified by some, excused by far too many, and called "sickness" in cases that once would have revolted and horrified the nations. Sin is being condoned by the majority as a natural way of life. I want to tell you, God's Word has not changed its position on sin. Sin will cause the loss of souls if it is accepted and continued in men's hearts. In God's sight, sin is an ugly, defiling thing and sin, unrepented of, will bring eternal damnation. God's face is against those who continue to sin after they have heard of the mercy of God and Jesus' atonement for sin.

Many people believe that God is going to excuse their sin or that they will get by in the final judgment. Humanity is prone to minimize sin when it is found in one's own heart and life. In other words, we are willing to excuse and alibi sin in our individual lives, or to make excuse for our own short-comings. Things we would not overlook, or condone in others, we per-

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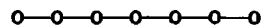
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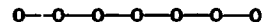


Greetings to all our readers in the all-prevailing name of Jesus Christ who said: "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:25, 26. Everyone wants to live, and Jesus was speaking of that resurrection from a dead state of sin to spiritual life through believing in His atoning sacrifice. Eternal life begins here and now when a soul becomes a "new creature" in Christ, and he shall never die spiritually as long as he maintains victory over sin by the grace of God.

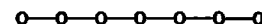


The subscription renewal envelopes from the special three-months subscription offer are still coming in, and we are convinced that God still has some sheep scattered abroad who recognize and appreciate the old-time Bible truth. God has designed that there should be "one fold and one Shepherd"—the visible body of Christ, a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. Therefore, God is calling His people out of all man-made religious systems to their "native home" in the glorious City of God. Listen to the poet, D. S. Warner:

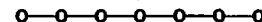
Have you heard a voice from heaven,  
Calling in a solemn tone,  
"Come, my people, from confusion,  
This is not your native home?"  
Yes, I heard, and to my vision,  
Zion's glory brightly shone;  
Then I rose and fled the ruin,  
Taking not a Babel stone.



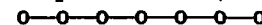
The campmeeting season is in progress again, and the Oklahoma State campmeeting here at Guthrie, Okla., is the next on the schedule, which will be in session, Lord willing, from May 24 to June 2. (See further announcement on another page.) A good attendance from several states is expected if gasoline is still available. Come praying for a soul-saving meeting here and at all the campmeetings throughout the summer. On behalf of the host pastor, Brother Leslie Busbee, we give you a hearty invitation to come and worship the Lord together in the beauty of holiness.



Bro. Herbert Probst, pastor at Loranger, La., and his wife are on an extended trip to the far west and north. Good reports have come from the meetings they held at Orland, Calif., and Jefferson, Oregon.



The 512-page, clothbound Church of God hymnal, "Evening Light Songs," is practically out of stock, but we expect to have a reprint edition available by July 1, 1974. The price will be \$3.00 each, postpaid.



May God's presence continue to abide with our two aged saints—Sister Essie Wilson and Sister Lettie West—who observed their 90th birthdays on the same

day, April 1, 1974. Neither one is well in body, but they are happy in soul, and would appreciate a card or letter of cheer. Addresses: Essie Wilson, 419 W. California, Glendale, Calif. 91203; and Lettie West, c/o Gaddis Shelter Care Home, Lovington, Ill. 61937.

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We were very pleased to have our son, Byron, his wife, Clarice, and their daughter, Genece, come and visit us over Easter weekend, but their visit was too short. They returned to their home at Loranger, La., on Monday after visiting the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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Bro. Curtis Williams, evangelist from Kentucky, recently held several days of meeting at Anthony, Ks., closing on Easter Sunday. He also brought a good message to the Guthrie congregation on Sunday night, April 14.

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### Home Destroyed by Fire . . .

Pray for Brother Clyde and Sister Linda (Weir) Parsons of Newport, Arkansas. They lost their mobile home and everything they had by fire except a chair. The fire started around the hot water tank. Of course, this is a great shock to them. Let us ask the Lord what He would have us to do to be a comfort and a blessing to them at this time.

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Lord willing, more of those excellent out-of-print books that were written by the pioneer Church of God ministers will be reprinted and added to our stock as time and means permit.

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The 5,000 pound shipment of printing paper was received in the month of April, for which we are very grateful to the Lord. The cost was much higher like everything else. More such shipments are on order for delivery in May and July. Pray that the gospel literature will continue to go forth to all the world regardless of the shortage of materials.

—Lawrence Pruitt

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—E. E. Byrum

## WHAT SIN WILL KEEP YOU OUT OF HEAVEN?

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mit in ourselves. Some think they are being "merciful" because they overlook sin, or excuse it in the lives of others.

God is a merciful God. His mercy is beyond our human conception. We are sometimes enabled to catch a clearer realization of it when we see it manifested toward those who have sinned, and who seek God's pardon. But God will not overlook or excuse sin if it is continued in. His Word tells us He is of purer eyes than to behold evil, and He can't look on iniquity. Hab. 1:13. God will forgive sin when it is repented of and forsaken. However, the only way God can do this is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. That is why Jesus came, suffered, bled and died on the cross—to atone for men's sins, and to open the way of forgiveness and deliverance from sin. Before Jesus came, there was no deliverance from sin as there is today. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8. He came to give us liberty and to set us free from the awful curse of sin.

The devil, hating the Son of God, thought to destroy Jesus through death, but that only brought to pass the plan and fulfillment of all God's promises for deliverance from sin. When Jesus was nailed on the cross, and delivered for our transgressions, what a defeat, what a crushing blow was dealt to Satan! Now men can be saved from sin! No longer does sin have dominion or rule over us.

Ah, but sin is still raging in this world in spite of the great love and mercy of God that opened the fountain of blood where men can be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Why? Because, like Herod and his men, people still set Jesus "at naught." What does "naught" mean? The dictionary defines it as: "nothing, zero, worthless, of little value." Jesus is considered of "little value" in the present day. He is rejected as King in the hearts and lives of mankind, even as He was in Pilate's and Herod's day.

Jesus came to save sinners. There is no sin too great to be forgiven. Let us consider some who found deliverance from sin.

Think of the thief on the cross, who was crucified at the same time as Jesus. The Bible describes him as a "malefactor, a thief." A malefactor is a criminal. Surely, the two men who were crucified with Jesus were great sinners, or very wicked men, because crucifixion was reserved for the very worst criminals. Yet one of the thieves turned to Jesus (while the other railed on Jesus) and prayed, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom." (Let us note that the thief first acknowledged his own transgressions!) Luke 23:40, 41. Jesus graciously forgave this man. Oh, what mercy and grace is opened to the sinner if only he will acknowledge his transgressions and seek God's pardon!

Think of the woman taken in adultery—"in the very act." John 8:3, 11. She was not condemned to death by Jesus. She was delivered from her sin, and told to "go and sin no more."



One time, a person, speaking to me of her belief that we could not be delivered from sin, used the Scripture, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." Immediately, the Spirit gave the answer, "Go and sin no more." Would Jesus tell someone to do the impossible?

Then there was the woman at the well as recorded in John 4:7-29. She had had five husbands and was then living with another man. But as she acknowledged her sin, Jesus gave her the water of life—salvation. So we see that adultery in the lowest degree was forgiven by the Lord.

In 1 Cor. 6:9-11, Paul lists a catalog of sins from which the Corinthians had been delivered. "And such were some of you, but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." If we look at that catalog everyone of us who is saved by the grace of God can find our past sins there. Were these not great sins? Yet we were delivered from them.

Consider the Apostle Paul, who was once "Saul, the persecutor." Ah, what havoc he wrought of the church! Acts 8:3. In his own words, he calls himself "a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious." 1 Timothy 1:13. Yet he obtained mercy. Paul's zeal as a religious Pharisee was "persecuting the church." Phil. 3:6. God forgave "Saul, the persecutor," and Saul became Paul, the great apostle, who suffered great things for the name of Jesus.

We know also that the demon-possessed people found deliverance and salvation when they came in contact with Jesus. Mark 5:1-20; Matt. 12:22, and many others.

Can we think of any sin that was not forgiven by Jesus? So we see that no matter how wicked or sinful we might be, Jesus will forgive us if we repent with godly sorrow. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." Isa. 1:18. Jesus came to seek and save the lost (sinners). No sin you may have committed will keep you out of heaven, if you confess your sin to the Lord, repent and willingly forsake your sin.

There is only one sin that can cause you to be forever lost—if you set Jesus "at naught." That will cause you to be lost forever! "At naught"—of no value, not worthwhile, despised, rejected as your Saviour. If you say as the multitude did then, "Away with him, crucify him, crucify him!"—then, you will be barred out of heaven. It's possible you may have already been doing this in your life. You haven't been interested or concerned about your soul. You have thought only about a good time; or the things you wanted to do, to get, and to be. You had no time to think of your soul, but now you realize you need something more to make life complete, satisfying and worthwhile. There is still mercy extended to you! What you have been doing, you were doing in ignorance and unbelief. God will forgive and receive you if you repent and seek Him now! If, however, you refuse again, reject, and "set Him at naught"; oh, what danger you are in! Danger of eternal damnation and of missing heaven!

Can you really think, deep in your heart, that One who loved you so, and gave Himself for you, is "of naught"? Can you read the account of Jesus' death on the cross, and not be touched in your heart? It was your sins (and mine) that helped nail Him to that cross. He died willingly for you and me, so each of us could be saved. Can you do less than love and serve Him, or will you again "set Him at naught"?

—Thelma Sprague

## OBITUARIES



Melissa L. Greer, born on July 31, 1886, in Texas, was the second of five children of March and Hattie Robinson. She moved to California in 1936 where she remained until her death on March 10, 1974.

Sister Greer was an active minister and saint in the congregation in Los Angeles, Calif. She was an example of faith and trust in God to the end of her life. She will be sorely missed by the saints who knew her.

She leaves to mourn: three daughters, three sons, one sister, a great-great grandchild, a host of great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, saints and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Grace Chapel Inglewood Memorial Park, Los Angeles, Calif., by Bro. Mackie Francisco, assisted by Bro. Alvin Lucas and Bro. Z. E. Francisco. Interment was in Inglewood Cemetery.

We extend our sympathy to the family. May the Lord grant comfort to you. Amen. —Sister Leon Phillips

### One More Sainted Soul In Glory

One more sainted soul in glory,  
There to rest evermore,  
There to sing redemption's story  
With the saints gone before.

#### Chorus:

One more sainted soul has risen  
To that home beyond the skies,  
Quit this poor terrestrial prison  
For the peace of Paradise.

One more sainted soul's departed,  
Earth will never be the same;  
Her good works have been recorded—  
The reward now she claims.

One more saint in love supernal  
Heard the Lord sweetly say,  
"Come above to rest eternal,  
Where all sighs flee away."

One more sainted soul has ceased to  
Suffer woe here below;  
Dead to earth, alive to heaven,  
Only peace does she know.

One more saint above is shouting,  
As she did on this shore,  
"Vict'ry in the name of Jesus,  
Praise His name evermore!"

One more sainted soul is waiting  
For us all over there,  
And if we will e'er be faithful,  
Blessed bliss we shall share.

—Philip Matthews



Thomas Edward Whipple, son of John Henry and Susan Ann Whipple, was born Dec. 23, 1881, near Fortescue, Mo., and passed away in St. Joseph, Mo., on March 28, 1974, at the age of 92 years, three months, and five days.

He was married to Mary Glover in July, 1944, at Monark Springs, Mo., while attending campmeeting there. She preceded him in death in May of 1967.

One of 13 children, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Cora Bathaver, Anderson, Ind., and Mrs. Susan Laughlin, Carthage, Mo.; two brothers, B. H. Whipple, Kansas City, Mo., and John I. Whipple of Forest City, Mo.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Brother Ed was converted at an early age in the Church of God and was ordained a minister in 1918. His church work always came first. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

The funeral service was conducted by Brother Roy Harron at Mound City, Mo., and interment was in the Benton Cemetery, south of Mound City, Mo.

Sister Maudie G. Sharp, the daughter of William and Laura Deacon, was born at Rochester, Ind., on Nov. 10, 1898, and departed this life to be with her Lord and Saviour at New Carlisle, Ohio, on March 2, 1974, at the age of 75 years.

On August 7, 1916, she was united in marriage to Howard R. Sharp who preceded her in death in 1937. To this union seven children were born, all of whom survive. They are: Edna Neff, James, Earl, Howard and Paul, all of Dayton, Ohio, Donald of Kansas City, Ks., and Melvin of Columbus, Ohio. Also, she is survived by 24 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

Sister Sharp met the saints quite a number of years ago and accepted the one true way. When she was able, she attended campmeetings, although she was confined to a wheelchair. She loved to be with God's people. In her later years, she was confined to a hospital bed, but her desire was to work for her Lord and Master. She lived with her sons and grandchildren. Although confined to her little bedroom, she there won many victories through prayer and seeking God. She loved to write letters and enjoyed the letters she received. After she had some strokes, it hindered her in writing letters, but she used her little means to buy gospel tracts and books to send and give out to try helping others in this life. I'm sure many of the saints will remember her through her letter-writing.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Mart Samons, Bro. Curtis Williams and Bro. William McCoy. Her body was laid to rest in the Woodland Cemetery in Dayton, Ohio, to await the great resurrection morning.

Mary (Macias) Sims, daughter of Modesto and Jesse Macias, was born in Los Angeles, Calif., on February 21, 1912. She departed this life to be with the Lord on March 11, 1974.

In the year of 1932, she was united in matrimony, and to this union five children were born—one son and four daughters. Years ago, she heard the gospel of salvation preached and she accepted the Lord as her Saviour and loved Him to the end. During her long illness, she always said she wanted the Lord's will to be done. She endured her suffering with great patience and faith in God's love and wisdom.

We can say of her as St. Paul said of himself, she has fought a good fight, she has finished her course and she has kept the faith.

She leaves to mourn: five devoted children, 17 grandchildren, one great granddaughter, three sisters, four brothers, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Angelus Crenshaw Chapel, Los Angeles, Calif., by Bro. Mackie Francisco, assisted by Bro. Z. E. Francisco. Interment was in Rose Hills Memorial Park.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family. May our heavenly Father grant courage for the future. Amen.

—Sister Leon Phillips

## Campmeeting Dates for 1974

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for 1974, and more complete announcements of each will appear in later issues:—

**Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Okla.**—May 24 to June 2.

**Holly Hill, S. C.**—June 7 to 16.

**Tulsa, Okla.**—June 7 to 16.

**Jefferson, Oregon**—June 14 to 23.

**Oakland, Calif.**—June 14 to 23.

**General Southern at Hammond, La.**—June 28 to July 7, 1974.

**Ojos Negros, Baja Cfa., Mexico**—July 2, to continue as long as the Lord leads.

**Akron, Ohio**—July 5 to 14.

**National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri**—July 19 to 28.

**Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.**—August 2 to 11.

**Bakersfield, Calif.**—August 2 to 11.

**Boley, Okla.**—August 16 to 25.

**Blackford, Ky.**—August 16 to 25.

**California State at Pacoima, Calif.**—August 23 to September 1.

**Fresno, Calif.**—September 6 to 15.

## OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING AT GUTHRIE, OK.

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, May 24 to June 2, 1974, at the saints' chapel located on the corner of Sixth and W. Warner Streets, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this 40th annual campmeeting on these grounds. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Dining hall and dormitories are on the grounds. Expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Come praying for a profitable meeting—the salvation of souls, sanctification of believers, and the divine healing of bodies.

Contributions should be sent directly to the treasurer, Sister Frances Deforth, Rt. 2, Box 34, Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044.

For further information, contact the pastor, Brother Leslie Busbee, 1014 West Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. 73044, phone 405—282-2421. The phone number at the chapel is 282-5499. Come and hear the old-time reformation truth, and let us worship the Lord together in the unity of the Spirit.

—L. D. Pruitt

### BOOKS WANTED

This office desires to purchase the following books:—

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If anyone has these books for sale, please contact this office, stating condition and price.

### PROFITABLE MEETING AT WICHITA, KANSAS

The Wichita, Kansas, spring meeting (March 29 to April 7) was very good. We really appreciate the faithfulness of our God. He sent a number of Spirit-filled ministers to preach the Word, and He anointed each message that was delivered. The saints received edification and renewed courage to press on with victory because time is running out.

A number of unsaved attended the meeting and the Lord faithfully sent conviction to many of them. We are glad to report that three yielded to the Spirit and were saved. We pray that they will dig deep, hit the rock and go all the way with the Lord. The enemy is raging and binding men in chains and holding them fast in the prison house of sin. However, we must be on duty praying for God to wake them up and set them free from the chains that bind.

We appreciate everyone who came and helped in the meeting.  
—Submitted by Shirley Knight, Sec.

### SINGING AND ALL-DAY SERVICES AT MYRTLE, MO.

The Lord willing, there will be gospel singing at Myrtle, Mo., on the first Saturday night in May, which will be May 4. On the following day, Sunday, there will be all-day services. We give a special invitation to everyone to come and be with us. Cabins and dormitories will be available for those who wish to stay on the campground. Let us come to be a blessing and get a blessing, to sing and make melody in our hearts to the Lord. Pray also, that if it would be the Lord's will, He will give us favorable weather.

Yours in His service, —Harlan Sorrell

### EVANGELISTIC TENT MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Ky. (April 16)—Dear Bro. Lawrence and saints everywhere: We send greetings in the precious name of Jesus, the only way from earth to heaven. We are thankful to report victory in soul and body, and that we are much encouraged in the work of the Lord. We have no other desire but to finish the work He has given us to do.

We enjoyed the meetings we were in while in Oklahoma recently, and we felt the Lord's presence in each one. I trust everyone will hold the ground he gained.

Lord willing, we want to start a tent meeting in Jasper, Ala., on May 15. This is where Sister Pearlene Whitson and family live. It is a new field for the tent, so we will need much wisdom and prayer. Anyone desiring more information on this meeting can phone Sister Whitson whose number is (205) 785-1072, or write her at 235 South Park Rd., Birmingham, Ala. 35211.

Then on May 27, we will move to Opp, Ala., in the Opine community, where we held a meeting last summer with good interest and the salvation of souls. We are looking for the seed that was sown to come forth this year. For more information, call Bro. Joe Schoefield at (205) 493-4654, or write him at Rt. 3, Opp, Ala. 36467.

Following the above meeting, we will be at Green Bank, W. Va., which will be the third year there. The saints there are looking forward to it again. We had a wonderful revival meeting there in February when eight or ten more souls were saved. This site has turned into a little campmeeting. The saints welcome all who can come. We have places for folks to stay. That meeting will be held from June 14 to 23. The tent will be located two miles south of Green Bank on Route 28. For further information call (304) 456-4408, or write to Bro. Richard Sizemore, Box 5A, Arbovale, W. Va. 24915. Other meetings are planned for Virginia and W. Va.

We want to thank each one who contributed toward the new truck which was recently purchased for the tent work and is now here at our home. We need to get the bed transferred from the old truck, then we will be ready to go. I know the Lord will bless each one who gave. This new transportation will surely be an advancement in God's work. The Lord has been working in the tent meetings over the years. God is honoring the efforts that are being put forth. Anyway, one soul is worth more than all the world. Pray for us that we always be led of the Lord. We surely need the prayers of all the saints.

Much Christian love, —Bro. and Sister Mart Samons,  
P. O. Box 89, Junction City, Ky. 40440

(Editor's note: The evangelistic tent efforts and the upkeep of the equipment are supported principally through the National Missionary Fund. If you want to have a part in carrying the gospel to new fields, send your contributions directly to the treasurer, Bro. Ralph M. Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas 67337.)

## Foreign Field Reports



### NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast State, Nigeria (March 30)—Dear Brother Pruitt and saints: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us that we may not perish, but have everlasting life. Glory be to God for the plan of salvation!

Victory has been ours over Satan during the first quarter's communion services at various centers representing about twenty mission stations. The services for Section 2 at Ukpom on March 17 were conducted by pastor M. U. Ekpo, assisted by evangelist S. U. Udo. More than 250 members observed the ordinances of God's House—the Lord's Supper and feet-washing.

On the same day, the ordinances were observed at Ikot Obio Ingyang for Section 3. Bro. N. T. Akpan conducted the services. Pastor A. J. Ubaha preached a solemn sermon and administered the Lord's Supper to more than 300.

On March 24, the same observance was held at Ikot Ezen Akpan Ntuen congregation for Section 1B. Evangelist T. H. Udo taught the Sunday school lesson from Mark 1:1-15. Bro. J. S. Ukpom conducted the services. Evangelist S. Akpan preached a sermon on "Repentance" from Hosea 2:7. Pastor B. E. Udoka administered the Lord's Supper to 200 members, assisted by pastor J. U.

Etuk and evangelist M. A. Uko. The services were very good and souls were refreshed with the Bible truth.

We are all happy to belong to the Church that Jesus bought with His holy blood, and go telling the world about Him.

We don't forget you in our daily prayers, and ask of you the same.

Yours in Christ's service, —Elder N. B. Umanah

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (March 21)—Dearly beloved Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ, the Mighty God, the Morning Star, and our Pass-over. "Thou wilt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Psalm 16:11).

The suggestion and call to fasting and prayer on each Wednesday really helped our hearts to awaken, and so we in India also determined and announced fasting and prayer on each Wednesday. . . . Last Wednesday we assembled in the Bethel Chapel at Karikkom and prayed for various subjects, including the complete healing of Bro. Pruitt from all the symptoms of the illness. It was a very happy day for us. . . .

Here is sad news. An insect by the name of "brown hopper" appeared from somewhere in the paddy fields throughout Kerala and spread out as a plague. They destroyed the paddy rice fields, completely sucking the milk out of the plants. All the farmers are desperate. As you know, we depend mainly on rice for our food, and this loss of the rice fields has resulted in unlimited famine. Pray that God might save us from this famine and pestilence.

May God bless your work in printing and mailing out the gospel literature.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

(Editor's note:—The round-trip airline ticket for Bro. John Varghese to come to the States from India has been purchased at the cost of \$1,007.70. Coming to attend the campmeetings in various states, Bro. Varghese is scheduled to arrive in Oklahoma City on May 23 in time to be here at the Guthrie campmeeting. At press time, we do not know whether he has received his visa. Pray that every hindrance will be removed, and that his coming will be in the order and will of God.)

### TRIP TO PATZCUARO, MEXICO, CAMPMEETING

On Saturday morning, April 6, Roberta Hightower, Tim Huskey, Mary and I left Guthrie, Okla., for Patzcuaro, Mexico, to attend the campmeeting there. We arrived on Sunday evening, as the service was in progress. Needless to say, Sister Edith (Cole) Lara and the others were most surprised to see us walk in the door. They were not expecting anyone from the States.

I, being the only one who could not speak nor understand any Spanish, required an interpreter. Sister Edith translated for me when Bro. Raul Gonzales, Brother Tomas Mendoza, Sis. Opal Kelly, and Paulino (Edith's husband) spoke. I thought the messages were good. When Sister Edith preached, I was left mostly without an interpreter, but the others said her messages were very good.

It was quite an experience to be in Mexico. My heart went out to the people. They need the Lord so much. It is wonderful what the Lord has done for those who are saved. None of those now living for the Lord in Patzcuaro would have been saved if Sister Edith had not been

consecrated enough to go there. We need to appreciate, pray for, and support our missionaries who are willing to go. Not many would give up our conveniences here to go to such a barren, desolate, poor place.

We were so glad to meet Sister Opal Kelly and her group from Ojos Negros, Mexico. Sister Opal had made the long trip with 23 in her camper, including young mothers and many little children.

We left there early Friday morning and arrived here safely on Easter Sunday. We were able to attend the morning service here in Guthrie. Thank God for His protective care! —Thelma Sprague

### PROFITABLE MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO

Dear saints scattered abroad: Greetings in the precious name of our living Savior and Redeemer. How precious it is to my soul to be among the redeemed of God who are not afraid to stand in the truth which God has given us in His divine and ever-faithful Word!

I would like to report to all of the faithfulness and goodness of God to us on our trip which was completed this morning (April 23) at 5:30. He was ever faithful to protect and keep us and bring us safely over some 4200 miles of very dry and rugged country in visiting the several native missionaries in various sections of Mexico.

Bro. James Huskey and myself, being led of the Lord to visit several new workers as well as other contacts and native missionaries in Mexico, left Guthrie on Friday morning, April 4, in my VW camper which the Lord helped me restore from the accident in Baja, Mexico, a couple of years ago, when it was badly damaged. Brother Huskey felt impressed of the Lord to visit a new Brother, Efrain, who lives in a small town about six miles south of Ciudad Mante, 284 miles south of Reynosa, where we crossed the border. We found Bro. Efrain at home with his father who also is devoted to the Word. His mother, also a lover of the Word, came home later. Efrain is only 19, but truly devoted to the Lord. We visited one family, who worships with them, living a couple of miles out of Celaya, and they, too, are holding family worship regularly, but desire more victory. The Lord again impressed us to speak to them of growth in the Word which we found they needed very much. We hung our gas lantern on a post in the yard and sat around there and discussed the Word for about four hours. Others who saw our light came in. About ten young people were there listening also. When we got back to Celaya, there was a young man who wanted prayer for a special problem.

The previous night we had a meeting with Efrain's family in the yard and several, seeing the light, came in. (There is no electricity in Celaya.) On Sunday, we heard of one village which had literally chased previous missionaries out and were ready to tie them up when they came back, but one man who was interested in the gospel went down the road and warned them. We were impressed to go see this man as his 28-year-old son was in the hospital from an accident. The father had sought out Efrain before, seeking the truth, so we went up to the village. We found they had put up a barbed wire fence and gate, but the Lord got us in with no difficulty and we found the man and talked to him; later visiting his son in the hospital.

We traveled on to Uruapan and found Bro. Irineo Rama and family encouraged. They have a new baby, three weeks old, their fourth boy, Noe. They also have one little girl, Olga, about three years old. We bought enough roofing to finish the roof on the chapel and ce-

ment to pour one-half of the floor. We were able to hold Easter services in it on Sat. and Sun. Three families came down from San Lorenzo, a couple families from another town and some neighbors came in. We had a very precious time. (Bro. Irineo is continuing the work to finish the chapel, mainly the floor, partition and doors.)

We had a couple of incidents indicating the power of a tract. Brother Efrain picked up a tract that had been thrown out the window of Bro. Huskey's van a couple of years ago and wrote to this office for information. He said to me, "There is something different in you folks from these other missionaries here."

Another incident, we were going from Uruapan to another town to have a meeting and picked up a family. We gave them a tract and the woman immediately became interested, wanting to know where she could learn more. She came over to the meeting that night, as she lived in that town.

We went over to the west coast of Mexico and Bro. Huskey flew over to La Paz to see Bro. Miguel Gaspar who is living there now. He has had some very severe trials with the loss of his oldest girl in an accident and another child who broke her arm. The baby has been sick, mostly due to malnutrition, but he was not discouraged and felt there were a number of opportunities there to serve the Lord. He has a job paying about \$4.00 a day and lives in a small house (more like a shed), but has hopes of building something for the family.

We were unable to take the car across to Baja and continue up the peninsula, as previously we wanted to do, because of the flu I developed, so we returned home by way of the mountains and through Piedras Negras, stopping to see Bro. Sanchez and family. Their 21-year-old boy had had an accident and was in bed. We had a chance to talk to him about his soul and he wants to follow the Lord.

We surely want to thank the Lord for a safe and profitable journey for the Lord. There is much Catholic opposition to the gospel there yet, but the Lord is opening up many opportunities for planting the truth of His Word. Pray for these faithful workers there, and for the many who are seeking the truth that God's Word may be more abundantly applied.

Pray for the endeavors of the Huskey family, myself and others who feel led to go this summer to help our dear brethren in Mexico. We want to take windows for the chapel and used hand tools for the carpentry shop. We are also looking to the Lord to lead and supply equipment for gospel radio programs in the interior area of Mexico.

Yours in the Master's service,

—Bros. James Huskey and George Hammond

## Prayer Requests

Ill.—"Pray for my eyes and my ears. I desire God to heal them. . . . I am thanking Him for salvation and for His healing power." —Sister Lettie West

La.—"I have been going through severe diabetes again. The enemy put it back on me with all force. The Lord touches me daily. My faith is strong, and I work and help people. . . . I covet your prayers." —Sister Rubye Quave

N. Jersey—Remember Larry Walters who is very ill. He can't walk or move his arms. He is 12 years old.

Okla.—"Please pray for my complete healing. I had an heart attack the 2nd of March. It left me very weak

and nervous. My trust is still in the Lord. Also pray for my sister, Sister Lottie. She has a loss of appetite and is very nervous." —Sister Carrie Woods

Mich.—"Please pray for my father, who is not feeling well. Pray for my dear cousin in New York. She is dying with cancer of the intestines." —Sister Olive Gettersson

Colo.—"Mrs. David Vaher lost her husband. . . . She is in need of prayer, physically and spiritually. Remember Elmer Vaher and family, also Melvin Vaher and family. They need help spiritually and physically. My nephew's wife left him for another man. They have two children. I have another nephew who is an alcoholic." —Mrs. M. G. Young

N. Car.—"An infection set up in my husband's ears. He lost his hearing. . . . I have an [affliction]. We are asking special prayer that the Lord will heal us, and also our daughter, who has convulsions." —Bro. and Sister Jimmie L. McDonald

Colo.—"I am not very well at this time. The sores on my face are worse. My eyesight is failing. I need the prayers of the saints. My trust is in the Lord." —Bro. F. Kutra

Ill.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rodemyer have a very serious unspoken request. They are grieved about this problem. They desire earnest prayer for God to work it out.

Md.—"I have not been well. . . . Please pray for me to have better health." —Mrs. J. I. Rambo

Missouri—Remember Sister Pauline Lowe in earnest prayer. She has dropsy and other afflictions.

Nigeria—Bro. B. Ben Taylor needs healing that he may continue in the gospel work.

Texas—Continue to pray earnestly for Sister Jewel Whitley who is in a great furnace of affliction.

Mo.—Remember dear Sister Emma Rhoads in prayer. She is seriously afflicted.

Mo.—Sister Mildred Swain desires prayer. She has a serious nervous condition.

Okla.—Remember Sister Della Perry. She is troubled with her nerves. She isn't able to rest. She needs earnest prayer.

La.—Bro. Doyle LaCroix has been having trouble with his back.

La.—Bro. Angus Flynn needs complete healing. He has been having trouble with his heart and is very weak.

Mich.—Remember dear Sister Eva Wilkins. She has been so short of breath and not well in body.

Okla.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings with love in the name of Jesus. I certainly do appreciate and feel the effects of the prayers of the saints of God. I feel assuredly that it's a great miracle that I am yet alive. I'm seriously afflicted, but my trust is in the Lord. It's recorded in His Word that, "many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." (Psa. 34:19.) Praise the Lord!

When I was just a little girl, possibly three years of age, an iron-wheeled wagon, pulled by a team of horses, ran over my head. It buried my head in the sand. Very often now I have great misery and hear a cracking sound in my head. My husband has heard this sound, too. It seems that some bones didn't knit together. We think this could possibly be cancer. No matter what it may be, our trust is in the Lord. We are looking for complete healing. God has come to our rescue in the past. Many times He has brought me from death's door. I certainly

do desire the earnest prayers of the saints for my complete healing. It is so hard for me to properly perform the duties of a wife and mother in the home. I have two pre-school children and six children that are in school. Surely, I need the Lord's help. Please remember me in your prayers. Your Sister in Christ, —Lucille Johnson

Mo.—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints at the Lord's Printshop: Greetings of holy love in Jesus' precious name, who is so good to answer our prayers.

I have not felt well today. I prayed for the Lord to send someone to help me out. About noon, the children of my son, Louie, stopped by to see me. I was so glad and happy to see them. . . .

My husband, Asa, has been suffering quite a lot with his back. He has lost a lot of weight. He has diabetes also. He still seems stronger than I am. I feel some days that my body is just worn out. I don't know how long I can go on. I think a lot about what I have heard you say, Sister Marie, that it takes a lot of grace to grow old. I realize more each day how true that is.

Sister Marie, I do enjoy all your good letters to me. I read a lot of your writings in the papers. I remember how I loved to read the good letters your dear mother wrote to me. I would just read them over and over. I let my friends read them and all would wonder how she could write such good letters. I still have two of her letters she wrote me. All the literature from the printshop is food for the soul. I would hate to have to do without this good reading. I hope it goes on until Jesus comes. We pray for all of you there. I desire your prayers for me and for my unsaved children.

Love and prayers, —Sister Katie and Bro. Asa Gibson

Dear saints, do remember Lawrence Pruitt, my brother, in prayer. He has been suffering at times with severe headaches. We feel it might be caused from that place under his ear. We do not know, but God does. He has pains from that place. We are still looking with faith for his permanent healing. We need him to be in health to do the work that God has called him to do here in the office. We appreciate your prayers and love that you have shown to him. We know God will reward you for this.

Our hearts are touched as we receive the prayer requests from various ones over the world. Mothers are weeping over their wayward children, wives are heart-broken because of their drunken husbands who abuse them. Husbands are grieved because of their wayward wives as they see their children suffer, saints are burdened for unsaved loved ones and friends. The church is burdened to get the gospel out to souls, and the missionaries see their labors of love refused so many times. Surely, we need to carry a burden of prayer for the saints and those who need God. Be encouraged, for we have a great big God. Our God is not a god that we can carry in our pockets or that sets upon a shelf. Our God is holding this world in His hand. God is to have the last word in everything and in every person's life. Look up to Him, dear ones. God instructs us to "Come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Heb. 4:16. He will not fail. God will heal, save, deliver, work out problems, and change circumstances if we will get our eyes off the affliction, the problem, the depth of sin to which one has gone, and look to His great power. —Sister Marie Miles

The ruler of the darkness of this world holds a false claim. ". . . Now shall the prince of this world be cast out." John 12:31.

## From The Mail Box . . .

Pa.—Dear Sister Marie and all saints everywhere: Greetings in the name of our Wonderful Lord. He is my all today. Without Him, I can do nothing, and He stays ever near. I am glad for the saints who live for Him, and teach the one true way. There is no other Name whereby we must be saved.

I pray God to be with you in all you do there and all who work there. I am so glad you are better, so you can help in the office. An offering is enclosed. I surely do enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper. I read it through at one sitting and then go back and read it over.

Your Sister in His service, —Eva Cox

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Oregon—Dear Brother Lawrence and workers at the Printshop: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We are rejoicing in the Lord and His blessings at the present time. We trust all are doing well there.

It looks like the Lord will be sending us your way to attend the Guthrie campmeeting. . . . We feel that He would have us to go to as many as possible this summer. We will be searching for souls that God may add to His kingdom, and we will go wherever He leads us. . . .

We still stand for the old-time truths that Brother Warner preached. The world is in very great need of those truths now. Millions about us are sinking in the mire of sects, division and confusion. A great need exists for the clear, pure water of life from the throne of God to wash away the impurities of man's own prescribed way. . . . We trust to see you at campmeeting time.

Yours in Christian love, —Dan J. Kroker

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Mo.—Dear Brother Pruitt, Sister Marie, and all the workers: Greetings in the name of the Lord. I trust all is going well with each of you there and the work. I am thankful for all of God's many blessings and all that He does for me.

I am mailing you \$. . . to be used for the work there to the glory of God. May the Lord bless and encourage each one in the work you are doing for the Lord.

Continue to remember me in prayer.

Christian love, —Edith Torrance

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La.—Dear Sister Marie and Bro. Lawrence: In the most wonderful name of Jesus, I greet you and all at the office once again on this side of eternity: I enjoyed your letter so much. I appreciate your prayers for me as I fight this diabetic condition again. The Lord loves me and has been pouring out His blessings upon me! I know He will bring me through!

I am happy the Lord has healed and put you on victory's side. I pray earnestly that our Bro. Lawrence will also receive the touch of God's hand upon his body and will be healed completely. We can learn precious lessons in afflictions. When we suffer greatly, it might be our last test. The Lord doesn't fail us as we walk in the light, or keep loving the truth. I love the Lord. He has surely healed me at different times through the years since I was 36 years old. I have had several serious diseases, too. But there's not a thing too hard for Him to do! We can lean heavily upon Him. We don't need another prop. I love all the saints and do desire their prayers for me.

Love and prayers, —Sister Rubye Quave

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N. Mex.—Dear ones at the Lord's printshop: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I trust everything is going well in every way, and all are in good health.

My husband is still improving, but not entirely well. We surely thank each one for his prayers in our behalf. We thank and praise God that He is our help in every time of need.

I am sending an offering to help where most needed. May God bless you each one, for all the gospel truth sent out to so many. I love to read it very much. It encourages and helps me.

Christian love, —Sister Ruth Doolittle

Pa.—Dear Sister Marie and Bro. Lawrence, greetings of love in Christ Jesus: I am enjoying "Faith and Victory," and I can testify to both in my own life.

Bro. Lawrence, I am still trusting God for your deliverance. He is able and has done much for this poor child of His. He is no respecter of persons.

I now have some trouble with my eye—a ruptured vessel, and I need prayer. My step-son died suddenly, and the weeping was hard on my eye. . . .

Soon it will be campmeeting time there at Guthrie, and during the meeting, on May 29, I will be observing my 80th birthday. I will not be there, as I do not travel as well as formerly. Remember me in prayer as well as all the isolated of God's children.

Thanks again for your kindness and fellowship while I was with all of you a few years ago.

Forever His and yours, —Sister Sara M. Aldinger  
332 Wynwood Rd., York, Pa. 17402

Calif. (April 16)—Greetings to the children of God everywhere: We have one Father and Creator, the only One to trust and obey.

I am enclosing my birthday contribution. I am 94 years of age and going toward 95. Every breath is a "Thank You" to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus' last words, "I am with you always, even to the end," are very comforting. Pray for me as I do for you.

Love in our risen Lord, —Mary J. Ramsey  
669 South Union Ave., No. 216, Los Angeles, Calif. 90017

## Testimonies and Answers To Prayer

Ohio—To the dear saints: The recent passing of our dear mother, Sister Maudie Sharp, is a great loss to all of us, which can't be expressed in words. She was an instrument in God's hands trying to help her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and others to see the need of getting saved and being ready to meet God. I know she carried a heavy burden for lost souls, and right down to the last, before she went into a coma, she was burdened for her loved ones. Her life was beautiful with God's graces bestowed on her. She was so kind and patient in sickness and afflictions. Her life is a mark that will live with me. She enjoyed working for the Lord in whatever way He could use her.

None of her loved ones will hear her prayers any more in this life. I, for one, by the grace of God have made sure that one of her prayers has been answered. Last summer, while I was visiting her one day, mother was talking to me about the Lord and I made her a promise that I would get right with God and meet her over there in heaven. I believe these words are as near as I can remember. Well, at different times she would remind me of the promise I made her. The last Sunday she was alive I went to visit her. She felt so bad in body that day, but every once in a while she would say, "The Lord will make a way somehow," or, "Praise the Lord!" I

told her that day before I left that I had not forgotten my promise. I am so glad I did because she was in a coma the next day when I was called from work. She died the following Saturday morning at 4 a.m. I was there at her bedside with others when she took her last breath. The last enemy to be destroyed (death) came, and time and eternity met at that bedside. Mother had met her appointment. She had lived for this moment and her victory was won. Her spirit had gone back to God who gave it.

The day after mother was buried, I told my wife that I was going to start going to church again. I kept that promise and went the next Sunday morning. I didn't know what was going to happen that morning, but I found God that morning. I forsook the ways of sin at an old-fashioned altar of prayer. That was on March 10, 1974. I had lived for the Lord a number of years after I was first saved in 1952, but the devil worked inroads into my life. I made several starts after that, but I didn't get settled as I should have. I mean this time, by the grace of God, to get settled and established in the true way. I've kept the promise that I made to Mother to get right with God, and I want to live faithfully that I might be counted worthy to be in that number of the redeemed that will enjoy the bliss of heaven when this life is over.

Dear saints, I desire that you would pray for me that I will be a true child of God and keep saved. None of my family is saved, but I hope that God will help me to so live before them that they will see their need of God before it is too late. I desire all the saints to forgive me for letting you down in the past and for my failure to live for God. May God bless all of you. —Bro. Earl Sharp

832 S. Maple, Fairborn, Ohio 45324

Texas—Dear Sister Marie and others: I am very happy. The good Lord has so graciously healed me of all the suffering I was in last year and part of this year. Oh, He is so good to me! I'm more determined than ever to do His will, and to be ready when the last call comes.

I have found so much pleasure in reading God's Word. I've always read it, but never as I have this past year. I'll soon have read it through. There are so many things I didn't even know were there. Thank the Lord, I'm learning a lot. I wish I could remember all what I have read, but you know, a 76-year-old person doesn't remember as she once did. With God's help, I'm trying.

Pray that I will live for Jesus every day.

—Mrs. J. W. (Lessie) Speed

Mich.—Dear Sister Marie and all the dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I'm saved and happy to be a child of God. I am grateful for all the dear saints and their prayers. The Lord has healed me of many afflictions. I thank and praise Him. I give Him all the glory. When we are ill, it is good to know that we have a Great Physician. I am not now feeling well in body. I am trusting the Lord for my healing.

Enclosed is a check for mission work. —Lela Stewart

La.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of love. I am so thankful to report victory in my soul. I also am very much improved in my body. The dear Lord has surely come to my rescue again. Thank the Lord! I love and appreciate the saints so much. I felt the burden that they carried for me when I was so afflicted. I am able to walk again. Praise the Lord! Oh, it is so good to trust fully in the Lord for soul, mind and body. He has done so much for us. Truly, He is a present help in every time of need. Our prayer is, "Lord, what can we do for You?"

Time is surely running out. What we do, we must do quickly.

Bro. Curtis Williams recently held a meeting in Hammond, La. One sermon was about "being a good soldier of Jesus Christ." It's so easy, and surely is a snare, to become so encumbered with the cares of this life that we fail to hear the call of the Lord to work for Him.

Christian love, —Dora Doolittle

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Ariz.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of love in Jesus' name: I do enjoy the "Faith and Victory" so much, and I'm so thankful for the help it brings into the home each month.

I was so very sick last month [March] with the flu, but the Lord came to my rescue and healed me. I was off work a week. . . . Oh, the Lord is so very good to me! I do thank and praise His dear name. I surely want to keep faithful to God and I desire the prayers of the saints.

I yearn to be with the saints. I thought this might work out as my husband put in for a transfer to El Reno, Okla., but he didn't get it. I had prayed so earnestly for God's will to be done, so I just say "amen" to His will. God knows best. We may not understand, but "God's way is best—I will not murmur." That song comes to my mind.

This leaves me encouraged and determined to live for God, even though I may have to spend the rest of my years in isolation from the saints. God's grace is sufficient! Praise God!

I desire the prayers of the saints; also, pray for my unsaved loved ones.

Christian love and prayers, —Sister Ferne Laub

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Ohio—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of divine love in Jesus' precious and most holy name. I'm rejoicing in the great love of God, and am much encouraged to press onward and upward in this good way.

It was a great blessing to receive your good letter of encouragement. The battle of affliction has been long and the furnace hot. Praise the dear Lord; pure gold comes out of the hottest furnace.

The Lord healed me of this eczema last summer. I had been witnessing to it everywhere I went. I was born with this affliction and had suffered untold misery with it all my life. I had been praying for a genuine faith that nothing could move—mustard seed faith that moves mountains. I had also told my companion that I knew I was healed and the devil couldn't make me doubt it.

1 Peter 1:7 tells us that the trial of your faith is much more precious than gold. Oh, how true this is! God's Word tells us that He will have a tried people. "Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried." (Dan. 12:10). Last Nov. 15th, the Lord allowed the affliction to return. My faith was sorely tried and tested. I humbled my heart. I began to pray and search my life, and ask God, "Why?" I knew He had healed me. He said, "It's a severe test of faith. Stand firm!" That was my whole heart's desire, to prove true to God and to be a true witness for Him.

I called Sister Clark in Akron, Ohio. She had prayer for me on the phone, which was so precious and encouraging. She and the congregation began to fast and pray for me. Then she called the Guthrie, Okla. assembly meeting that was in progress at Christmas time. She requested special prayer for me. I appreciated that so very much.

I have suffered much since last November 15. It was all for the glory of God. The depths of humility I have found and the strength I have gained spiritually, I would not exchange for the whole world. 1 Peter 5:10b reads,

"After that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."

This morning, when I was at the barn doing the work and praying, the Lord said, "I want you to send your testimony of complete and permanent deliverance from this affliction to the 'Faith and Victory' paper."

Thank God, the blood has been applied. Genuine faith in the blood of Christ, my precious Saviour, has given this perfect victory over all the power of the devil. "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." (1 John 5:4b.) What a mighty God we do serve! All praise, glory, and honor be to His precious holy name. "If I had ten thousand lives in which to praise Him, I could not enough my blessed Lord adore."

I want to thank every one that has prayed for me also. The letters and cards I received have all been so deeply appreciated. I earnestly pray God to help me to live in the dust of humility, with a perfect heart at all times.

May God bless each one of you at Faith Publishing House in a special way, and help you keep the whole truth going out to the whole world. —Sister Sadie Stamm

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Ark.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence, and helpers in the Printshop: Greetings in Jesus' great and powerful name. May the blessings of our risen Lord be upon each one of you. Oh, praise God for raising His only begotten Son from the dead! He is alive for ever more! In Him we have life eternal. Oh, how we ought to love and serve Him with our whole heart. He is the bright and morning Star. He has healing in His wings. He is a present help in every trouble. He gives peace and comfort that this world can never give. He has kept my soul and body for nearly 86 years. I am still doing almost all that needs to be done in my home, and some things outside. I am thankful I can read, write, and sew without glasses. Oh, praise God for victory, health and faith to live for His glory every day!

Please find a check enclosed to help take the gospel to others far and near.

We had a nice all-day meeting at Grubbs, Ark., on the 7th of April. Bro. W. R. Fox was with us all that week-end and several others from other places. The Lord withheld the rain until in the night so all could get home.

I love the "Faith and Victory" paper. It's a blessing. I love all who labor to send the truth forth.

Trustingly, —Sister N. E. Adams

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Okla.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in Jesus' dear name: This evening (April 17) finds me yet pressing on with joy and gladness in my soul. I'm thankful for your prayers for me. The dear Lord has wonderfully blessed me. Truly, I am so thankful for His love and mercy. I could feel another heart attack was coming on me the day I had my sister, Lottie, call all of you to have special prayer for me. It wasn't long before the dear Lord really touched my body. I was glad my children were here to witness that your prayers were being answered. Praise His dear name!

Sister Marie, I was so glad to get a letter from you. I told Lottie that I surely have been praying for you to write me a letter and, thank the Lord, my prayers were answered. Your letter was so much help to me. It encouraged me. It is so true that we are a help to one another. I do want you to write again, if the Lord wills. I know you keep busy there. I am so thankful how the Lord has blessed you through your spell of sickness. Oh, the Lord has been so good to all of us!

Tell all the dear saints to continue to pray for us



both. I surely thank them all for their prayers. I love all of you. Pray for us that we will stand firm and true. May God bless all of you is our prayer.

—Sister Carrie Woods

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Oklahoma—Dear saints scattered abroad: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord. It is my privilege to write to you from the Lord's Printshop in Guthrie, Okla. I am very thankful to our Father, that by His unmerited favor (and that alone), I can report victory and godliness with contentment over the enemy of my soul. As I review in my mind the leadings of the Spirit that led me here about seven months ago, my heart wells up within me with thankfulness to Thee, O Father, who careth for me. I am so unworthy of the tender care and lovingkindness of the Father. And I am also unworthy of the many earnest prayers that you dear saints have sent before the throne. Know that your cries were not, and are not, in vain. (Read Psalm 116:1-19.) Thank the Lord for victory. For "the Lord preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me."

I recall the afternoon that I lay on my face before the Lord in my trailer in Hammond, La., and wept before the Lord. I begged Him to lead me and guide me in the way He had marked out for me. I remember vividly how I begged Him to walk over my desires, to hurt me if necessary, if only I might follow Him. How precious has been the counsel of the Lord! How His ways are above our ways, and His thoughts above our thoughts! The dear Lord graciously assured me of the validity of the strong impressions that I had had to labor in that place, but showed me plainly that He now desired me in the Printshop. Then the struggle commenced, but I must die. It was necessary that I leave those whom I had grown (in the short time I was there) to love so dearly. I knew that many would never understand. I knew it would seem a reproach. But how could I disobey the Lord? And now I know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord, who are the called according to His purpose. How these furnace flames have perfected my faith and strengthened my patience! "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son." Here, words fail me; I can only say that I am very glad things have gone this way.

I am making no plans for the future, but have rested my life on the truths that "as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God," and, "a good man's steps are ordered of the Lord, and he delighteth in his way."

I continue to need your prayers.

Your servant in the gospel,

—Mark Spinks

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Mich.—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints: We thank the Lord that we have the saints, and that we are still able to contact each other. . . .

We want to praise God for salvation, sanctification and our healing. Husband and I were taken suddenly very ill, with fever, etc. . . . We were in bed most of the time. We don't know what it was—the flu or worse. We could hardly sleep for several nights. Different saints were holding us up in prayer or I don't believe we could have come through as we have. On Monday, Husband was better and went back to work, but I awoke feeling worse, so mother called Guthrie and different ones here for prayer. I know God heard as that morning my temperature was normal. . . . Praise the Lord, He is just the same today!

I asked our son, Mark, to read me something from God's Word. He read Psalms 43. When he came to the fifth verse, I knew I had my healing. I felt the power of God pouring strength into my body. Oh, I do praise Him! This really impressed Mark, to see me so ill and then to see this temperature change before him. Pray for our unsaved children.

Time is truly drawing to a close. We need to tighten our armor and move forward. I have much to thank God for, and I want to help others find Him, too. Pray for us that we may stand true in every test.

In Christian love,

—Bro. Hubert, and Sister Aneita Corteway

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Okla.—Dear saints: I feel impressed to tell of how the Lord has helped me. As some of you know, I have had an affliction on my body for five years, with hurting in my chest. At times it is much worse. A year before last, at Monark Springs, Mo., campmeeting, I had a severe attack, while battling a headache that also has been my lot in life. The Lord surely blessed me and I had been much improved. On Sunday evening, March 31st, of this year, I was at church services. I was not feeling well, but wanted to be in meeting. Our son got sick, so I felt I should bring him home, not realizing I was as sick as I was. When I got out into the entrance to the chapel, I had an attack with this hurting in my chest. When I came to, the pain was great in my chest and down into my left arm. After prayer, the Lord helped me and I was able, with help, to get to the car. Ted, my husband, brought me home and some of the saints came with us. The pain and sickness became greater. I blacked out time and time again. Each time I came to, I would be so sick. The saints were so faithful and remained with us until we felt we had the victory. I was in much pain and unable to lie any way but on my back for a couple of days. I felt the Lord gave me a touch Sunday night. It was around 11:00 p.m. when the saints left, but they were so faithful to call, and I knew they were praying.

I thank the Lord for being able to trust Him. He is the One who made our bodies, and even though we don't know what is wrong with us we have no doubt that He knows. I desire to get the good out of this that He intends for me to get. I'm thankful to be in God's family.

I also want to thank the Lord for His mercy and the saints for their prayers. God surely sustained us during the loss of our dear brother in March. He blessed me with strength to help care for our dear mother, who is still very sick. She has been a bed patient since Oct. 8, 1973. Please pray for her and the rest of the family who care for her. I would be thankful if the Lord would bless me in such a way that I could help her again.

Pray for us. We have children and we need wisdom to rear them the way the Lord would be pleased.

I would like to quote something I read while confined to the bed for a couple of weeks: "Jesus Christ is no security against storms, but He is perfect security in storms. He has never promised you an easy passage, only a safe landing."

Your Sister in Christ,

—Alta Bock

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