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We see our God, He's everywhere;
All things portray His might;
From day to day we see His care,
His majesty at night.

Our hearts made pure thro Jesus' blood
His presence know and feel,
And in all things the love of God
He clearly does reveal.

The gentle sunlight from above,
In all its splend'rous reign,
Is but a token of His love,
And, too, the fresh'ning rain.

The grass so green, the sky so blue,
The spreading, tow'ring trees,
Reflect His beauty great and true
With every gentle breeze.

And when the stormy clouds draw near,
And winter's ice and chill,
We see Him then, we do not fear,
He whispers: "Peace, be still!"

What heart so hard, what eyes so blind
His image cannot see,
His pow'r so great, His mercy kind
In sky, on land, and sea?

All things below by Him were made
His power to portray;
Though sin has caused man's sight to fade,
There'll be a Judgment Day,

Where man shall stand and give account
For all his blindness here,
For disregarding Heaven's fount
Of peace and hope and cheer.

Oh, creature of the lowly sod,
Life's candle soon will dim;
Oh, mortal man, there is a God—
Acquaint thyself with Him!

—Leslie Busbee

God Is Everywhere

There is a message that the Creator of all things has written to man that is so plain and evident, and yet so overlooked by the majority of mankind. It is not written in books, nor proclaimed over the pulpit as clearly and as loudly as it is in its own setting where God wrote it. It is so obvious and so common that mankind in his pride and loftiness of heart so seldom dreams that it could be.

Of this, Paul, the apostle of Jesus Christ, was speaking when he said in Rom. 1:19, 20: "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse." Listen to this: The invisible eternal things are clearly seen. How are they seen? By the things that are made! In each and every part of God's creation is revealed the truth and goodness of God. The animal kingdom, the plant kingdom, and the realm of men are full of vivid, undeniable proofs that there is a Master-Mind, an intelligent, affectionate Being back of all things. The Holy Scripture also declares that the things that are seen were made from things unseen. See Hebrews 11:3. All the theories of evolution and the logic of mortal man are not built on truth, but all on how things appear. It is pride and blindness in the hearts of men that causes them to want to deny the force and existence of an eternal God. And then it is pride and hardness of hearts that deny His power when they profess to know Him.

Psalms 19:1-4 tells us: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." Oh, what wonderful knowledge! Surely, as we look up into the heavens and the splendor and majesty of the night, our hearts are

awed with worship and adoration and belief in that wonderful God who is back of it all.

And then we think of how the Spirit of God has been sent forth into all the earth. His presence is everywhere. If man will hear His voice and be willing to serve his Maker sincerely, he can find Him. Paul spoke these words to the proud and cultured Athenians: "God . . . hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from everyone of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring." Man is without excuse as far as God is concerned. God has done everything possible and needful to make access for man to Himself. But He wants man to seek with earnest and fervent desire.

Solomon, the king of Israel, was given a special gift of wisdom. But he wrote that wisdom stands in the midst of the concourse of men and lifts up her voice and calls to them. See Prov. 1:20, 21 and also 8:1-4. Wherever man is found, there can be heard the voice of wisdom calling and speaking to the sons of men. And then on top of all of this, Jesus, the Saviour, has come into the world and shed His blood to save man from the terrible night of sin. He has sent His word and His gospel to reprove and convict man, and exhorts him to repent and be saved from sin and evil. He said, "He that hath an ear to hear, let him hear."

We need to realize that God is everywhere and is speaking to our souls. Jesus said, "I stand at the door and knock!" And surely He is, but who is it that will listen and open up the door? How about you, dear friend? Are you living such a life of pride, greed, and selfishness that you do not hear the voice of God calling you? How sad it will be on the Judgment Day when the Lord has to say, "I called you, but you would not hear." Today, while you still have a chance, if you will hear God's voice, you should listen and give heed.

—Leslie Busbee

"Resist Not Evil"

A Christian family returned home from their vacation to find their backyard in chaos. They were shocked to see the children's play house destroyed, the shrubs and flowers pulled up. They did not know that they had any enemies on the block where they lived. They had been friendly with all of them. The Sister went over to the next door neighbor to ask about what had happened, and she shut the door in her face. On making further inquiry, she found out that the neighbor had a drinking party and all but two families in the block had been invited. During the party they had torn up this family's back yard. This was such a shock to them that they were in tears. They prayed about it and asked God to give

them grace. The neighbors mistreated them. They were told that they didn't want them in the neighborhood and they wanted them to move. They tried to sell their house, but couldn't. This went on for about a year.

Now what caused this trouble to come to those who loved God? They had not done anything to deserve this kind of treatment. How should they face this problem which was so grievous?

Dear children of God, we must realize that the devil is at the bottom of all of our troubles. We are not to resist the people, nor try to return evil for evil. Jesus has said, "That ye resist not evil." Matt. 5:39. If we can't do that, then what are our weapons? "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds." 2 Cor. 10:3, 4. We are not fighting against "flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers" (Eph. 6:12), and other means that the devil uses to work through. So our weapons are spiritual weapons. We are to do as Jesus instructed us to do. "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:44, 45. So our weapons are love, doing good, and prayer. Oh, yes, we want to be the children of God. Then if we do, we must follow His instructions and resist not evil. We must use the weapons that He has given to us. We can do this if we locate who is causing the trouble. It is the devil, so we must use spiritual weapons against him. He will try to keep us from using God's weapons, so we must resist the devil. We must not let the devil cause any ill feeling to creep into our hearts. The devil causes these things to come against us so he can kill the Christ-life out of our souls. That is his main purpose. We must guard that life of Christ in our souls. We do not fight the people, but fight against the devil that would try to cause us to lose our souls. "Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine: I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good." Rom. 12:17-21. This is a plain course laid out for us so we can keep clear before God and before mankind. This will take much watching unto prayer. But God has promised grace for us in every time of need.

This Christian family tried to be nice to the neighbors. They prayed much for grace. One day the little seven-year-old girl from the family next door came over and told the Sister that she loved her. The Sister assured her that she loved her, too. In their talking, she said she had told her mother that if she didn't love her that God wouldn't love them.

The little girl then said that all of their furniture had been taken (it had been repossessed), and they were all sleeping on the floor. She also mentioned that she hated to see their little babies sleep on the floor. (The woman had two babies about ten months apart). Now this touched the Sister's heart. She had a baby bed, furniture and also clothes in their garage that her children had outgrown. She talked to her husband about it; and in prayer, the Lord told her to give it to the neighbors. She sent a note over to the woman next door and offered her the things. Later, the man came over and apologized for what they had done and accepted the furniture. Soon the woman was nice, and then all the neighbors, one by one, apologized for what they had done and told them that they knew they were Christians or they would not have treated those neighbors so nice after all the evil they had done to them.

Now after a year of persecutions, and things were cleared up, someone came to their door and wanted to buy their house. They sold it and moved. But they did not get a buyer until the trouble was all cleared up in the neighborhood. God had used them as he wanted to before He let them move. It pays to wait on the Lord to work out things with patience. Use the weapons of God's design against the enemy—and victory will come. —Marie Miles

How a State of Entire Sanctification May Be Retained

There are many who once enjoyed the blessing of perfect love who have now lost it. Some have received it several times, and, after all, are now without it. The conditions of retaining perfect love, like the conditions of retaining justification, are the same as those by which it was obtained; namely, a complete submission of the soul to God, and simple faith in Christ for present salvation. This submission and faith, graduated by increasing light and grace, must continue through life if perfect love be retained. To retain this grace:

1. You must maintain a continuous entire consecration—a complete self-abandonment to God. "The altar sanctifieth the gift"; and it is only when our all is upon the altar of consecration that we can be in a state of sanctification. No part of the price can ever be taken back if we would retain the witness of perfect love. Your consecration must continue complete, corresponding with increasing light, through all your life; and you will have occasion to watch yourself, and guard this point thoroughly. Keep yourself, your all, submitted to God.

2. To retain full salvation, you must continue to believe. "The just shall live by faith." We are "kept by the power of God, through faith, unto salvation." As soon as people cease to believe, they lose the blessing; for "we stand by faith." Sanctified Paul said: "The life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God." Faith is the vital bond between the renovated soul and God; and by it we

are to abide in Christ as the branch abides in the vine.

3. To retain the witness of the Spirit, and continue in the light of purity, you must confess it. "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." The fear of man often hinders people from this duty. This fear, which brings a snare, must be overcome. Many have resisted the Holy Spirit when they ought to have confessed the blessing, and in this way have lost it. Confessing entire sanctification does not exalt self; it humbles the soul, and gives glory to God. The call for clear witness and specific testimony for holiness is more imperative in some places than in others, as in many places the witnesses for perfect love are very scarce and greatly needed.

4. You must live in the spirit of watchfulness. Watch over your heart, and keep it "with all diligence." Watch over your lips, and be jealous of your tongue, and guard against a light and trifling spirit, by which multitudes have fallen into darkness and ruin. Watch for seasons of prayer and special communion with God. Watch for opportunities of doing and receiving good. Watch against the allurements of the world, and against everything that is sensual and has a tendency to lull the soul to sleep. Watch against temptations, and resist them in a moment—steadfast in the faith. "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

5. You must be faithful to the teachings and drawings of the Holy Spirit. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." We must follow the Spirit of God, let consequences be what they may. The Holy Spirit will remind you of duty and you must instantly obey. The Spirit is very easily grieved, and you must promptly attend to all His teachings, or you may in a moment forfeit full redemption. His chosen emblem is the tender dove, and it will take its flight if its gentle monitions be not heeded.

The Spirit teaches and guides mainly by illumination, and little by impressions. He throws light upon nature and providence, but especially upon the Scriptures and our minds, illuminating the sacred page and our path, leading us to truth and duty. His teaching always accords with the Word; hence, we are not to look for dreams, visions, or impressions; these may have served their purpose in the earlier dispensation. We have now the voice of the Spirit—the Bible. We should never assume "wisdom above what is written."

6. You must read the Holy Scriptures daily. The Word of God is the voice of the Spirit. He is grieved when the truth is neglected or disobeyed. The Bible is soul-food. Perfect love will require nourishment daily. If you do not feed it with Bible truth it will die. Holiness furnishes a strong appetite for spiritual aliment. Those who have been the clearest in perfect love are those who have paid the most attention and deference to the Word of God. The Bible

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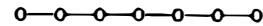
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EDITORIALS



Hearty Christian greetings to all our readers: According to our usual practice, no paper was published for the month of August, which allowed time for our faithful co-workers to attend campmeetings in July. However, activity continued here at the Lord's Printshop through most of the summer. The orders for gospel literature were filled almost every work day, and letters were answered.

Quantities of gospel tracts, papers and booklets were sent or taken to various campmeetings and tent meetings for free distribution. Your free-will contributions have made this literature ministry possible, and thereby you are laying up treasures in heaven, as Jesus commanded.



This writer and his wife were privileged again to attend the National campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri, which closed with victory on July 28. This was the 37th year that the Lord permitted us to attend this National meeting. The attendance from over the nation was as large or larger than ever, especially the first Sunday when perhaps 1,000 were on the grounds. The Spirit of conviction rested heavily by the preached Word and the long altars were filled with seekers again and again. At one night service the penitents kept coming to the altar until 2 o'clock in the morning, and the altar service closed about 3 o'clock with much rejoicing in heaven and on earth. The God-sent messages of Bible truth were designed to settle and establish the saints, and to prepare them for the oncoming spiritual conflicts in these perilous times. Divine love, unity and holy fellowship prevailed in the camp. The Bible ordinances of the Lord's House — feet-washing, the Lord's supper, and water baptism—were observed as instituted by Christ's example and command. A number of God's people rejoiced to find for the first time the true visible Body of Christ which is teaching and practicing the same Bible truths that were taught in the early days of this Church of God reformation. May their tribe increase!

Our Bible Book Store was open on the grounds where Bibles and other gospel literature were made available to those in attendance. It was our pleasure to meet many of our readers whom we had known before, as well as a number of new people who were attending the meeting for their first time.

It was a pleasure to have Bro. John Varghese, native missionary in India, with us here at the office, as well as at the National campmeeting and other campmeetings over the nation. The messages of truth which the Lord gave through him, and his humble Christian spirit won for him a special place in the hearts of the saints wherever he went. His coming has been a mutual benefit to the Church here and in India. May our enlarged missionary vision continue to expand world wide until the gospel of Christ is carried to "every creature" according to Jesus' last commission to His Church. Continue to pray for

Bro. Varghese and Bro. George Hammond, who arrived in India on August 17, that they will be able to secure and put in operation the printing press to publish the gospel in the Malayalam language, as well as to obtain the vehicles needed to carry the gospel to India's millions. In our concern for the vast field of India, let us not forget to pray for and support our faithful missionaries in Nigeria and Mexico.

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Special Prayer Request . . .

Dear saints, a very great problem is facing the Lord's Printshop, but it is not too great for our God. The problem is not a spiritual matter, but it does threaten to stop or hinder the publication of the gospel from this office. Please agree with us in earnest prayer that the attack of Satan will be defeated and that this problem will be solved for the glory of God.

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Bro. Ed Wilson, a young minister who had been pastoring the congregation at Junction City, Ky., is now residing in Oklahoma. Bro. Wilson feels the call of the Lord to the traveling evangelistic work, and in the "Testimony Section" of this issue you will find the announcement of his burden and his present address. If you desire the services of an evangelist, we recommend that you contact this earnest, young minister of the gospel.

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Congratulations to Brother Sam E. and Sister Armilda Abbott on their 50th (Golden) wedding anniversary on August 26, 1974. Both are ministers of the gospel, and have traveled and labored many years in the gospel work. Now they are not well in body, and we pray the Lord to strengthen them for His service. Their address is 3210 Mesmer Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45410.

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Good reports have come from campmeetings held at various locations—from Hammond, La., Jefferson, Ore., Akron, Ohio, Ojos Negros, Mexico, the National campmeeting at Neosho, Missouri, Myrtle, Mo., and Bakersfield, Calif. Many souls have been saved, believers sanctified, and bodies healed by divine power. At this writing, the campmeetings at Boley, Okla., and Blackford, Ky., are in progress. A number of us from Guthrie attended the Boley meeting on the first Sunday, and others during the following week. The tabernacle was filled to capacity on Sunday and the Word was preached with holy anointing.

We pray and trust that when all the campmeetings are ended for the season no one who heard the gospel invitation will voice this lamentation: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. God's Spirit may not strive with that soul again. How sad if He's gone forever!

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Christ is the Head of His Church which He purchased with His own blood, and the government is upon His shoulder. Christ rules this divine organization through the agency of the Holy Spirit who is the Executive Officer. He bestows charismatic gifts on men and places each member in the Church as it

pleases Him. This divine charisma enables the possessor to function for the benefit of the Church.

Man-rule — "the image to the beast" — has no place in God's Church, neither the rule by a board or committee in spiritual matters. The true visible Church today does not have a mission board or a tent-meeting board which exercises any authority over the spiritual activity or leadership in these various phases of God's work, neither does the Faith Pub. House claim or use any such authority. Let us continue to function by the gifts of the Spirit, and remember that a divine spiritual gift will make room for itself in the Body of Christ.

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America is experiencing the worst crime wave of teen-age delinquency ever known in the history of the world, and crime is increasing four times as fast as the population. The principal cause can be laid at the door of the movies, television and rotten literature.

Television is helping to fill the jails, the hospitals, the insane asylums, the divorce courts, the clinics for venereal disease, the houses of ill-fame and even hell itself. Television is robbing the attendance at the church services and is putting out the spiritual fires of many who once loved God. No one, without exception, can look upon TV for long and be deeply spiritual, or carry a burden for lost souls. Television employs the quickest, surest route to the polluting of the mind and the damning of the soul.

Fifteen years ago (in 1959) the ministers of the Church of God came together to consider the influence of the television in the light of the Scriptures. Here, in part, is their signed decision: "The ministers of the Church of God, seeing the spiritual and moral detriment and sinful influence of the television, definitely believe and teach from the Scriptures that the use of the television is wrong and should have no place in the home. . . . Therefore, we warn every one against its (television's) use, and advise that anyone who has professed to be out in the clear light of God's truth and has begun using the television or bringing it into the home over which they have control (1 Tim. 3:4, 5), has lowered the standard and has disqualified himself as a pattern for the saints."

That which comes over the television has gotten much worse over the years, and the true ministers of God are still crying out against the use of the television because of the soul-destroying filth that comes over it. The minister who fails to cry aloud against this great evil will have the blood of souls upon his hands at the Judgment.

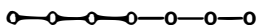
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A compromise on one principle of Bible truth will open the gate for other compromises, and on it goes from bad to worse. Now large numbers of a compromise group claiming to be the Church of God are accepting the "anti-cleansing heresy," the same false theory that was renounced by the pioneer ministers of the Church of God in 1898. It only further proves that when a people departs from the truth on one point, there is no end to the false doctrines that

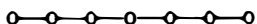
will enter. The only safe course for any honest soul is to "come out from among them," and go "back to the blessed old Bible, back to the City of God, back from the land of confusion, passing the wrecks and the creeds, back to the light of the morning, Jesus our Captain leads," back to the Bible truth that was taught and practiced by the pioneer ministers during the first thirty years (1880-1910) of this Church of God reformation. How sad to see that the so-called Church of God groups now bear very little resemblance to the victorious saints of those early years. God's truth remains the same and does not change with the passing of time like people do.



Bro. and Sister Gene Beisly are in the process of moving, and their new address is 1311 W. Cleveland, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.



Printing paper is still in short supply, and the price is jumping up by leaps like everything else. In July, the price increased 7c per pound which added \$350.00 to a shipment of 5,000 pounds of paper. Our trust and faith is in God to supply the means to meet these higher costs in order to keep the gospel literature going out to this perishing world. Your faithful prayers and co-operation are certainly appreciated in the work of the Lord.



Our co-workers are back from the campmeetings, and busy in their respective departments in the office and shop, printing and mailing out the gospel literature. Preparations are going forward to print this September paper, and "The Beautiful Way" paper and the "Bible Lessons" for the 4th quarter of 1974. In addition to my sister, Marie Miles, my wife Maybelle, and this writer, the present full-time workers are Roberta Hightower, Thelma and Mary Sprague, Rosalie Johnston, Mark Spinks and Randall Flynn. May the Lord bless and reward each one for their sacrificial services to advance His cause on the earth.

The Lord's Printshop is still short of skilled and consecrated helpers, such as a printer-pressman and a linotype operator. The Lord enabled this writer to set the type for this issue. Please agree in prayer that some one or ones will hear God's call.



To this writer the Lord is fulfilling His promise: ". . . and as thy days, so shall thy strength be." I am still trusting fully in the promises of God for healing, with confidence that deliverance will come in His own time and way. Continue to pray that my faith fail not, for faith is the victory. —L. D. Pruitt

AT PRESS TIME: A NOTE OF THANKS

I want to express our thanks to the dear saints for their prayers in behalf of Bro. Roscoe Wyatt, my father-in-law, during his illness and passing, also for their visits, flowers and offerings. All this meant much to him and to us. The Lord was real to us during this time. He gave the Scripture in Isa. 46:3, 4, just a few hours before his passing. . . . —Bro. and Sister T. V. McMillian, R. 5, Box 29, Neosho, Mo. 64850

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OBITUARIES



Reinhart Wollert Sr., son of Carl and Anna Elizabeth Wollert, was born Feb. 16, 1898, in the Ukrainian Valley, Russia, and passed away at Lamar, Colo., on July 6, 1974, at the age of 76 years, four months and 20 days.

He came to the United States as a young man with his parents at the age of 16 years, and settled on a farm near Russell, Kansas, later moving to the Lamar, Colo., area where he was engaged in farming and ranching activities.

He was united in marriage to Paulina Weimer, who passed away on Aug. 20, 1929. On Jan. 13, 1930, he was united in marriage to Mary Weimer.

A member of the Church of God, he was interested in the work of God and wanted to see it progress. He was a reader and supporter of the gospel literature published at this office.

Preceding him in death were two sons, Harold and Vernon, as well as three children in infancy.

Surviving are his widow, Mary, of the home; five sons, Ruben, of Lamar, Colo., Reinhart Jr., of Springfield, Colo., Dave, Sam and Richard of Wiley, Colo.; four daughters, Mrs. Harold (Emma) Miller, Fort Collins, Colo., Mrs. Dale (Ruth) Hency, Boca Raton, Fla., Mrs. Denny (Wilma Jane) Courkamp, Denver, Colo., and Mrs. Larry (Juanita) Reinhardt, Portland, Ore.; 32 grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Lamar, Colo., with his son-in-law, Elder Dale Hency, officiating. His grandsons were the casketbearers and his earthly tabernacle was laid to rest in the Fairmount Cemetery at Lamar, Colo.

Nola Pauline (Porter) Lowe, daughter of the late Robert M. Porter and Pearl Mae Porter, was born on

August 17, 1918, and passed from this life on July 19, 1974, at the age of 55 years, eleven months and two days at Springfield, Mo.

She was united in marriage to Ole O. Lowe on April 22, 1945, and to this union was born one son, Gery, and one daughter, Ruby.

Her father, Robert M. Porter, was a minister of the Church of God, and at an early age she professed a hope in Christ, and for the rest of her life she endeavored to live for Him. She had a great love and respect for the truth of the Word of God, and was faithful to attend the services of the Church in her home congregation of Springfield, Mo., as long as she was able to do so. She endeavored to please God, and when she felt that she had come short, she was humble to confess her need and ask for mercy.

Those surviving are her husband, Ole Lowe, and a son, Gery, of the home; one daughter, Ruby Davison, of Willard, Mo.; four brothers, J. W. (Bud) Porter and Leo Porter, Springfield, Mo., Don Porter of El Monte, Calif., and R. M. Porter of Temple City, Calif.; and one aunt, Verna Lawson, of Carthage, Mo. Two brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

She is also survived by one step-son, Harry Lowe, of Greenwood, Ark.; four step-daughters, Virginia Harmon of Overland Park, Kansas, Violet Harmon of Portland, Oregon, Mary Cooksey of Shawnee, Kansas, Dorothy Hanson of Humansville, Mo.; one grandson, 40 step-grandchildren, 25 step-great grandchildren, two step-great-great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Murphy Allen and Bro. Leslie Busbee at the Greenlawn Funeral Home, and interment was in the Greenlawn Cemetery in Springfield, Mo.

—Leslie Busbee

Thelma Florence LaFaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Perkins, was born on Jan. 8, 1932 in Mounds, Okla., and departed this life on July 16, 1974, in Sapulpa, Okla., at the age of 42 years, six months and eight days.

She was a member of the Church of God. Brother Madden wrote: "We remember one special quality in Sis. Thelma, that she always called on the Lord even when she wasn't saved. She also had a fear and respect for the Lord. We are so thankful that she called on the Lord in her final hours of this life. She left us a testimony that all was well between her and the Lord."

She is survived by: her husband, Daniel LaFaver, of the home; one daughter, Debbie Peek of Sapulpa, Okla.; three sons, Dennis LaFaver of Tulsa, Okla., Thomas LaFaver in the Air Force at Lubbock, Texas, and Randal of the home; two grandchildren; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Perkins of Bowden, Okla.; four brothers, Ernest of Mounds, Okla., Elmer Jr. of Beggs, Okla., Lee Roy of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Barton of Bowden, Okla.; six sisters, Quanita Welch, Francis Perkins, and Alta Bock of Tulsa, Okla., Dorothy Meek of Jenks, Okla., June Moore of Keystone, Okla., and Laretta Trowbridge of Kellyville, Oklahoma.

The funeral services were held at the Church of God Chapel on Old Sapulpa Road with Bro. Richard Madden officiating. Interment was in the Greenhill Memorial Gardens.

Hattie (Hase) Gibson was born November 18, 1885, at Siloam Springs, Arkansas. She departed this life on June 30, 1974 at Prague, Okla., at the age of 88 years, seven months and twelve days.

She had been a resident of Okfuskee County, Okla., for the past 62 years, and a member of the Church of God.

She and James T. Gibson were united in marriage on December 25, 1905. To this union nine children were born. Her husband preceded her in death on June 12, 1974. Also one son, Charles Shelby, preceded her in death.

Survivors include: four sons, Dennis of Rupert, Ida., George of Winterhaven, Calif., Woodrow of Baldwin Park, Calif., and Edward of Chandler, Okla.; four daughters, Katherine Thomsen, of Chandler, Okla., Grace Martin, of Paden, Okla., Mary Ahsmuhs, of Walla Walla, Wash., and Lois Ohlms, of Long Branch, New Jersey; 27 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Archie Souder at the 23rd Street Church of God Chapel in Oklahoma City.

George Earl Phillips was born to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Phillips in Fresno, Calif., on September 9, 1947. He departed this life on July 4, 1974, at the age of 26 years, nine months and 25 days.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his parents; one son, Dale Wayne, Fresno, Calif.; one sister, Mary Ann Stanfield of Palo Alto, Calif.; two brothers, Julius of Palo Alto, Calif., and Sylvester of Fresno, Calif.; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Fresno, Calif.; a host of relatives and friends.

Bro. E. J. Trotter conducted the funeral services. The text was St. John 7:6. He was loved by all who knew him and will be greatly missed.

Murry Baskin was born to Della and Sam Baskin on March 7, 1919 at Okemah, Okla., and passed away on June 22, 1974 at Oklahoma City.

He was united in marriage to Bessie Daniels. To this union, four children were born, three boys and one girl.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a wife, Mrs. Bessie Baskin, of Okla. City; three sons, Murry Jr., of Grand, Iowa, James, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Sammie of Oklahoma City; one daughter, Pamela, of Oklahoma City; one stepson, Ray L., of Newport, Va.; a loving mother, Della Harris, of Spencer, Okla.; one sister, Icylee Tillman, of Spencer, Okla.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted at the Church of God Chapel, 57th and Denver, Spencer, Okla., by Bro. Herman Kelly, assisted by Bro. W. Warren and Bro. M. Gaines. Interment was in the Arlington Memorial Garden.

Roscoe C. Wyatt was born Jan. 31, 1886, in McDonald County, Mo., and passed away at his home near Neosho, Mo., on Aug. 14, 1974, at the age of 88 years, six months and 14 days.

In July, 1913, he was united in marriage with Ida Mae Brewer, and to this union three children were born, one son and two daughters. His wife preceded him in death.

Bro. Wyatt was saved and "born again" into the Church of God about forty years ago, and held fast his integrity with God until the end. For about 30 years he was one of the trustees of the Church of God which worships on Freeman Rd., Neosho, Mo., of which he was a faithful and active member. For about 15 years he served on the board of trustees of the Monark Springs National Campground. Through all the sorrows and afflictions that are common to man, his faith was firm and unmoved. At times he suffered at night, and being unable to sleep, he found comfort in reading his Bible. He held fast to the sacred truths and during the final days of illness, the Lord's presence was with him. One morning, after

being asked if he had rested through the night, his answer was that he had not rested, but had felt the presence of God so sweetly and definitely with him all through the night. His sufferings were so great at times, but God in answer to prayer brought relief.

He is survived by one son, Claude, of Kansas City; two daughters, Mrs. Merle Bowers of Purdy, Mo., and Mrs. Carrie McMillian of Neosho, Mo.; nine grandchildren, and twenty great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Neosho, Mo., at the Clark Chapel of Memories conducted by Brother Leslie Busbee and Bro. Austin McMillian. Interment was in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery just south of the Church of God chapel where he had worshipped. —Leslie Busbee

Sarah (Thomas) Reese was born on March 7, 1886, in Bellville, Texas, and departed this life on July 29, 1974, in San Bernardino, Calif., at the age of 88 years, four months and 22 days.

In 1902 she was united in marriage to Manuel Reese who preceded her in death in 1968. To this union two children were born.

She gave her heart to the Lord at the early age of 15 years and lived a faithful Christian life to all she knew and understood.

In 1946 she and her husband moved to San Bernardino, Calif., where she worshipped with the Church of God congregation. She was faithful in attending the services, and many times came when it was difficult for her to come out. She held a steadfast interest in the congregation, and enjoyed the visits of those who came to sing and pray with her, always joining in with the songs and prayers, praising God for His goodness to her. Her favorite scripture was: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." Psalms 121:1.

She is survived by a devoted daughter, Mrs. Georgia Early, and a son, Roosevelt, of San Bernardino, Calif.; a brother, Charley Thomas, of Houston, Texas; one grandchild, five great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren and other relatives.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Calvin Hobbs at Tillie's Funeral Home, and burial was in the Pioneer Memorial Cemetery, San Bernardino, Calif.

In Memory of Sister Reese

A faithful mother God has taken
To her long eternal Home—
Leaving us to watch and wait,
'Til our time to leave has come.

We have heard her oft expression:
"I thank God! I thank the Lord
For all His love and goodness
That He has shown to me,

And for a home in heaven
Beyond life's troubled sea—
That He in love and mercy
Has gone to build for me."

While here she labored faithfully
At her God-given task,
And said, "Now, saints, when I am gone,
Please see that it will last."

Her heart was on the work of God,
Her mind was stayed on Him,
And she was faithful at her post
Unto her journey's end.

—Ulysses Phillips

NOTICE OF FRESNO, CALIF., CAMPMEETING

The campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at 7249 E. King Canyon Road, Fresno, California, from September 6 to 15, 1974, inclusive.

All are welcome, and come praying for a profitable outpouring of the presence and power of God to save, sanctify and heal. For further information, contact the undersigned pastor at 811 E. Alamos, Clovis, Cal. 93612. The campground phone number is 255-9868.

—Bro. E. J. Trotter

ALL-DAY MEETINGS AT DAYTON, OHIO

On the second Sunday of each of the months of September, October and November, 1974, all-day meetings will be held at Dayton, Ohio. (Due to the hard winters in Ohio they have not scheduled meetings for the other winter months.)

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these all-day services and worship the Lord together in the beauty of holiness.

For further information, contact Bro. Wm. McCoy, 619 Tyron Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45404, phone number 513-236-5903.

ARKANSAS SINGING AND ALL-DAY MEETING

You are cordially invited to participate in a gospel singing on Saturday night, Sept. 28, and all-day services on Sunday, Sept. 29, at Prattsville, Ark. All who come will be taken care of. If further information is needed, contact Bro. and Sister E. A. Loftis, R. 1, Box 156, at Prattsville, Ark. 72129, phone number 699-4368.

AUTUMN GOSPEL SINGING AT MYRTLE, MO.

The Lord willing, the 6th annual fall gospel singing at Myrtle, Mo., will be held on Saturday night, Oct. 5, 1974. We extend a very special invitation to all who possibly can to come and worship the Lord with us in holy song. The Lord has been wonderfully blessing these fall gatherings here at Myrtle in the past, and we are looking to Him to bless us again.

The following day, Sunday, Oct. 6, there will be all-day services. Cabins and dormitories will be available for those who wish to stay on the campgrounds. Also, the saints here will be happy to take as many as possible into their homes. We trust that each one will come to get a blessing and be a blessing, and to sing in the Spirit unto the Lord. —Harlan Sorrell

HOLLY HILL, S. C., CAMPMEETING REPORT

We truly thank the Lord for another good campmeeting here at Holly Hill, S. Carolina. He gave us many blessings. Many souls were encouraged to press on in this holy way. We didn't have much altar work, but we thank God for the few who sought help from the Lord.

We thank the Lord for the ministers that were here from different states. We had a good attendance, especially at the night services.

We want to thank each and every one for their help in building our new dining hall. Yes, we truly thank God for His many blessings!

Pray for us always.

—Bro. Hudson Crummie

HOW A STATE OF ENTIRE SANCTIFICATION MAY BE RETAINED

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is a well of living water. You will need to draw water daily out of this well of salvation; you can never drink it dry. The Bible is your chart and compass, and you will have occasion to examine it daily.

7. To retain the blessing of perfect love, you must constantly aim at growing in grace; there is no standing still in grace. If we are not advancing, we are retrograding. Many people have lost the witness of the Spirit by not pressing after a greater fullness. Christian holiness secures the best possible preparation for growth in grace; and there are depths, heights, lengths, and breadths of the love of God, to which we must be constantly aspiring. If we do not press after them, we shall be likely to go backward and lose what we have attained.

8. You must live constantly under a sense of the presence of God. Always remember, "Thou, God, seest me!" You are watched and seen every moment by an eye a million times keener than the eyes of angels—the infinite eye of the all-seeing God. If you know that a legion of angels were watching you every moment, how careful you would be to act right! Remember, you are always in God's immediate presence.

9. You must lead a life of prayer. You must be a person of prayer. Pray early in the morning, and, if possible, remain some time on your knees with God. This will prepare you for the day. Pray often, and then prayer will become a delight. Stay with God in prayer—stay until He melts you, and then stay when you are melted, and plead with Him, and He will answer, and you will be transformed, renewed, and strengthened.

10. You must labor faithfully for the salvation of sinners. It is the nature of perfect love to long for the salvation of souls; and if you do not go out for the salvation of men, your love will cool into apathy and indifference, and you will lose the evidence of entire sanctification altogether. When your heart yearns over sinners, go to God and pray; then go to sinners with loving sympathy, and you will find it an excellent means of grace to your soul. It will be a holy oil that will anoint you. You must also seek to lead saints into this grace. Wesley says: "One great means of retaining what God has given, is to labor to bring others into this grace, and to profess it to all mankind."

11. To retain it, you must oppose sin of every name and kind, without any compromise. Like your Lord, you are to show it no quarter, at any time, or anywhere, either in or out of the sanctuary. In respect to sin and holiness, it is eternally true that "No man can serve two masters." You must allow no exceptions, either in high places or in low, in great things or little things, among enemies or friends. Your duty is plain—"Abstain from all appearance of evil."

—Selected

PRAYER REQUESTS



Va.—"Keep praying for me . . . cancer. Pray for my unsaved children."—Nannie Connell.

Ala.—"We are not in the best of health. My husband, Alex Johnson, had another light stroke, but is a lot better now. . . . My brother, Willie Carter, is very much in need of prayer. He may have lung cancer. He asked me to call for prayer for him."—Sister Beulah Johnson

Ala.—"I have three daughters and a son, all of whom have families of their own. . . . Some have broken homes and nearly all are having deep heartaches because of the waywardness of their children. . . . I earnestly desire the prayers of God's children for their salvation, especially for children and grandchildren. Pray that God will restrain them from making a decision that would wreck their lives."—Mrs. Leora Fink.

Calif.—Remember dear Sister Opal Williams. She hasn't been too well since her fall. She needs healing to her body.

Let us remember those requests that were given in at the various campmeetings this summer. We know that there is victory for each one who comes to the Lord with earnest supplications. Humility of heart and a yielding to the Lord will touch our God. In the New Testament is recorded the humble approach of those who asked Jesus to help them. May the Lord help each of us to seek God with humility of heart and mind, is my prayer. We are such needy people. We must feel that dependence upon God. We hear from those who are having family problems, afflictions, financial needs, etc. We are glad we can take their problems to the Lord in prayer.

—Sister Marie Miles

MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING REPORT

The State campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo., began on August 2 and ended on August 11. The Spirit of the Lord was certainly with us all the way through. A sweet spirit of harmony and love prevailed. The devil was defeated and souls were saved, believers sanctified, and bodies healed. Our hearts are still rejoicing because of the mighty way in which God manifested Himself. Each service was surely anointed from above. Approximately 25 Spirit-filled ministers came from different states. The Lord sent His Word forth with power, edifying the saints, and convicting sinners.

Approximately 250 to 300 people attended this meeting from about 16 states. We appreciated the presence of each one and hope to see you again next year, the Lord willing, along with many more. We appreciated also the presence of Bro. John Varghese from India. The Lord used him to bring us the Word two times in the meeting. May the Lord richly bless him as he goes back to labor for the Lord in India.

We feel the Lord blessed in that several outsiders came and much interest was shown by them. At least one family says they plan to begin attending regular Sunday services here. Saints, please pray for the work of God in this place that it will continue to prosper.

The campmeeting here at Myrtle is growing. The need now evident to all is the need of a larger place of worship for campmeeting use. We trust the Lord will supply this need in due time.

We thank each one who sacrificed their temporal labors in the kitchen and elsewhere to make the campmeeting what it was. May God bless you richly.

—The Myrtle Congregation

TENT MEETING TO BE HELD IN OHIO

Bro. and Sister Mart Samons have announced that, Lord willing, an evangelistic tent meeting will be held in or near Dayton, Ohio, beginning on Friday, Sept. 13, 1974. At press time the exact location where the tent will be erected has not been determined. For information on the tent location, please contact Bro. Wm. McCoy, 619 Tyron Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45404, phone number A.C. 513-236-5903.

All who are interested in the old-time truth of the gospel and who are within driving distance are urged to attend these services. —Editor

LEAD ME, DEAR LORD

I love Thee, Lord, with all my heart—
Your Word is clear and true;
You've changed my life, my joys and all,
That I should live for You.

You've taught me how to come to Thee,
When troubled or dismayed—
That everything is in your hands,
When I knelt down and prayed.

I thank Thee for the light you've shown,
That I should never stray;
Lead me, Lord, to walk with Thee—
The strait and narrow way.

I know that you're my source of life,
Joy that will never end;
You've made me see that in this world
You are my dearest Friend.

I'll trust in Thee, walk in the light,
That some day I may be—
Worthy of that heavenly Home
To dwell eternally.

—Rosalie Russell

MISSION REPORT FROM OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO

Oklahoma City (Aug. 17)—The 1974 campmeeting at Ojos Negros, Mexico, held under the leadings of the Holy Spirit for six days beginning July 2nd, is past. The Judgment Day alone will fully reveal that which was accomplished. As to visible results, they were smaller than we had anticipated, but we know that God does all things well, so we leave all in His hands.

Although we looked much for the group which went to southern Mexico, we feel the Lord had His way and we say amen in our hearts. He did send help in the person of my older grandson, Galen Kelly, who worked much to relieve me of heavy duties and accompanied me home to Oklahoma after the meeting.

"My soul shall make her boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad." Psalms 34:2. The Lord made us able the first two days of the campmeeting to leave the house at 7:30 a.m. for La Huerta (ten miles one way), then to gather up all the folk around Ojos Negros and be back by 10 a.m. to start meeting, lead the full meeting, take some home, return and cook the noon meal, study, go get more people, lead the entire evening meeting and take all of them home, including those of La Huerta. A couple from the States took the people home on Wednesday night. We are so very grateful to Him for all. By Thursday morning, other workers

arrived to help. The provisions for meals were wonderfully provided, the Lord using a couple we know in the States to bring in about three-fourths of all. Also, at the time that there was a limit of four pounds of beans to a regular market customer, the Lord made it possible for us to buy 100 pounds and at less than half the price in the stores. We could truly see the hand of God working and we must leave the results with Him.

Continue to pray for the work there. In the absence of a resident worker, a sufficient number of taped messages have been provided for the regular attendants, and a book in their native language for them to use with Bible references for Bible study. More tape messages are being prepared to send. Pray for all the workers.

Christian love and prayers, —Sister Opal Kelly,
1006 N. W. 90, Okla. City, Okla. 73114, until further notice.

THE WONDERFUL DAYS I SPENT IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

By Bro. John Varghese

I arrived in Oklahoma City, Okla., U. S. A., from India by airline on May 24, 1974. Bro. and Sister L. D. Pruitt and Bro. George Hammond welcomed me at the airport. I felt everything different and strange here except the Holy Spirit and the divine love in God's people. I stayed with Bro. Hammond, a printshop worker, who lives next door to the Lord's Printshop in Guthrie, Okla., and he tried his best to make me feel at home. From May 25th I attended all the services of the Guthrie campmeeting which was then in progress. Though it was the first meeting that I attended in this country, it was a real blessing to me. I am very grateful to Bro. Leslie Busbee, the pastor, and all the saints in Guthrie for all that they have done for me.

After the Guthrie campmeeting, I attended a night meeting, in company with Bro. Hammond, at the congregation in Oklahoma City (N. E. 23rd Street) where Bro. Archie Souder is the pastor. I am thankful to him and the saints there for the love and fellowship that they showed to me. On June 5th, Bro. Hammond took me to another congregation in Oklahoma City (N. E. Third and Phillips) where Bro. Herman Kelly is the pastor. We had a blessed night meeting there and they also showed love and fellowship to me.

On June 7th, Bro. Hammond and I started our long trip to attend all the campmeetings throughout the U. S. in Bro. Hammond's Volkswagen van. We participated in the campmeeting at Tulsa, Okla., until June 8th, and then an all-day meeting at Coffeyville, Kansas, on June 9th. All these meetings are really unforgettable services in my life. I appreciate the love and concern of all the saints in those places. After four long days traveling on the road we reached Jefferson, Oregon, on June 14th. These were all new experiences in my life. We attended the campmeeting at Jefferson for five days which was a very profitable meeting for all those attending it. I can never forget the love and fellowship of Bro. Ostis Wilson, the pastor, and all the saints in Jefferson.

On June 19th we left Jefferson to attend the campmeeting at Oakland, Calif. On the way we stopped at Orland, Calif., to visit Bro. Pat Huskey and his congregation. There, we had a good night meeting in the home of Bro. and Sister Gene Harmon. We attended the campmeeting at Oakland until June 22, and I am grateful to the saints there also. Leaving Oakland, we returned to Guthrie, Okla., by June 25th.

The next day, on June 26th, we started the next leg of our trip in Bro. Hammond's Opel station wagon. Enroute to the Hammond, La., campmeeting, we stopped in Shreveport, La., to visit Bro. Cecil Carver and had a night meeting in his home. We participated in the campmeeting at Hammond, La., until June 30, and it was one of the best meetings that I ever attended. All the saints in that campmeeting, especially Bro. Robert Forbes, the pastor, had a great burden for the church in India, and I appreciate their co-operation and fellowship. Surely there are great rewards for the righteous works of all the saints.

On July 1st, we left Hammond for Washington, D. C., to get the visa from the Indian Embassy for Bro. Hammond. From Washington we went to the Akron, Ohio, campmeeting. It was another profitable meeting with manifold spiritual blessings. I thank God for the fervent spirit of the young people. I can never forget Sister Hazel Clark, the pastor, and all the brothers and sisters there. After leaving Akron we attended a night meeting at Kalamazoo, Mich., and another night meeting at Racine, Wisconsin, on the next day. The Wilkins and Corteway families in Kalamazoo and the Monkman family in Racine are real loving saints. I appreciate also the love of Bro. and Sister Clarence Brant. We visited a factory at Kenosha, Wisconsin, where Bro. Hammond worked last year.

On Sunday, July 14th, we worshipped God with the congregation at Sapulpa, Okla., in the nice chapel there. I do not have words to explain my gratitude for the love of Bro. and Sister Richard Madden and family and Bro. and Sister Stover and family and all the saints at Sapulpa. The same Sunday night we attended a meeting at the Shawnee, Okla., congregation. I am grateful to the family of Bro. Charles Smith and all the beloved elderly saints there. That same night we returned to Guthrie, ending the second long trip.

On July 18th afternoon, we started to the National campmeeting of the Church of God at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. On the way we stopped at Boley, Okla., to attend the night meeting. It was a good meeting, and I appreciate the burdened and loving heart of our Sister Katherine Williams for the souls in India. I participated in the National campmeeting during its first six days. It is hard to explain how I was blessed in that meeting by the measureless and innumerable heavenly blessings showered in that tabernacle through anointed messages and testimonies. My heart filled with a heavenly joy and happiness when I saw many young and old coming to the altar and getting saved. May God help them to walk in Christ as they have received Him, and to be rooted and built up in Him. (Col. 2:6-7). It was a great privilege for me to meet a number of saints from all parts of the U. S. A. on the National campground and to have fellowship with them. Though I do not remember the names of all, I will never forget even a single face that I met.

We returned to Guthrie from Neosho on July 25, and then participated in an all-day meeting at Enid, Okla., on Sunday, July 28th. I appreciate the concern of the saints there for the church in India.

On July 31st we left Guthrie to attend the campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo. On the way we attended night meetings, one each at Springfield and Norwood, Mo. I thank God for the burdened hearts of the Allen brothers for perishing souls. The campground at Myrtle, Mo., was also blessed with spiritual outpourings. It was the last campmeeting that I attended in the U. S. A., and we departed that ground on Aug. 4th with regret to leave the

saints. Sister Donald Eck and family sang a song of departure with tears, which was a hard time in my life. I owe much for the love and sympathy of the Eck family to me and the saints in India.

From Myrtle we visited the wife and family of Bro. Hammond at Anderson, Ind. From there, we returned to Guthrie to attend the night meeting there on August 7th. The next evening Bro. O. C. Porter of Guthrie took us to Green Pastures, Okla., (Denver and 57th) to attend the night meeting with the saints there.

On Sunday, August 11th, Bro. Hammond and I attended all-day services at Wichita, Kansas, where Bro. Lewis Williams is the pastor. That congregation was very attentive to the preached Word, and their concern and sacrifice for the gospel work in India are appreciated. The same Sunday night we worshipped with the saints of Bro. Archie Souder's congregation in Oklahoma City. They took an additional special love offering for my beloved wife and mother, for which I am very thankful.

The night meeting at Guthrie, Okla., on Wednesday, August 14th, will be my last meeting this time in the United States. The Lord willing, Bro. Hammond and I plan to fly to India from Oklahoma City, leaving on August 15th. I am sorry we were unable to visit several congregations due to the lack of time. We appeal for your earnest prayers for a safe trip to India.

We covered over 12,000 miles in the U. S. and I owe much to Bro. Hammond who drove all those miles to take me to those meetings. I thank God for his good heart and willingness to make sacrifices for the Lord's work. He also taught me four "evening light" songs which are treasures in my life.

Also, I appreciate much the deep concern and compassion of Bro. Lawrence Pruitt for the souls in India, Mexico, Africa and everywhere, and his great vision of the work of the Church of God. Surely, he is handling a most precious and responsible work. May God strengthen his hands and heal him completely, is our prayer every day. I also appreciate Sister Marie Miles and Sister Maybelle Pruitt who assist Bro. Pruitt with much sacrifice in the Lord's work at the Faith Publishing House. I cannot forget Bro. Randall Flynn, Bro. Gene and Sister Dora Lela Beisly, Sister Roberta Hightower, Sisters Thelma and Mary Sprague, Sister Rosalie Johnston, Brother Mark Spinks and all others who give their time and effort in the gospel literature work at the Lord's Printshop. "And now abideth faith, hope and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." (1 Cor. 13:13).

Dear saints, I wish to invite your special attention to the sad, recent news that the heavy monsoon rains in India have resulted in great floods and destruction, and consequently the rapid spread of contagious diseases and famine. Surely we need your urgent prayers and help in this critical time. Please remember also the families of the ministers of the Church in India. The foundation of God standeth sure and the gates of hell cannot prevail against the Church of God. "Looking unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

The devil does not like to see any life sacrificed to God, for he knows how mightily God will use that life to defeat the works of darkness. So the birds of prey come down. We must expect to be attacked and tempted more fiercely and continuously after our life has been wholly surrendered to God than we ever were before.

—Selected



Bro. John Varghese and Bro. George Hammond—shown after their return from the 12,000-mile trip of participation in the various campmeetings across the U. S. and just prior to their plane flight to India which left Oklahoma City on August 15th.

BRO. HAMMOND'S FIELD REPORT

Guthrie, Okla. (Aug. 12)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints: Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who has sustained us so abundantly this summer. Our hearts are overflowing with the blessings of God and filled with thanksgiving for His goodness and mercies to us. Bro. John Varghese and I have finished the last long trip, having traveled more than 12,000 miles over the country since June 2nd, visiting 25 congregations and campmeetings in 28 states.

I would like to thank all the saints for their generosity, love and kindness shown to Bro. Varghese and me as we traveled. I surely appreciate how God has stirred the hearts of the saints in many ways, and especially in the field of missions. God is surely trying to show us the great need in these faraway lands where our brothers and sisters in Christ are struggling against many odds to carry the gospel. As the saints found the precious spirit in Bro. John was the same on the other side of the world as God puts within His own here, their hearts were encouraged and they felt a great bond of fellowship and burden to help them.

I can say that this has been a most precious time of fellowship and getting acquainted with saints and congregations all over the country that I had never known before. Each meeting with a group of saints became more precious and more difficult to leave. Many we met again and again all around the country. No other people on this earth enjoy the sweet fellowship with each other and with God as the saints do. What a glorious day that will be when we are at last all together with our Lord and sing His praises forever! There is surely no need of any musical instruments in worship as you couldn't hear them anyhow! One visitor in the saints' meeting said, "Now I see why you don't have musical instruments. You don't need them!" A school teacher heard the saints singing and wanted to borrow some of our books to teach the songs to her children. Returning the books, she remarked, "It is no use. The songs do not sound the same

as you sing them." The songs must be sung "in the Spirit."

I thank the Lord for His mercies to me in giving me the strength in body to drive this distance. Before April, I would not have been able to have done this. A year ago in February, I felt the Lord had released me for a time from the Printshop to do some work in Kenosha, Wisc., which He put on my heart. I made a trip up there to see what could be done. On arriving, I found that my old job had opened up just the day before I arrived. I felt the Lord would have me take it and do the work He showed me, too. But I got so busy with side jobs that I did not accomplish anything for the Lord, and He let a severe arthritic pain come on my bad hip, so that I had to ride a cart around the shop. I told the Lord I would get back to Guthrie as soon as I could, but I didn't get back here until last January. God left the pain on me, even though it eased some when I came to Oklahoma. The folks in Wisconsin thought I was peculiar for not using the insurance at the shop and having the hip operated upon. It wouldn't have cost me anything, but I knew the Lord had a reason for letting it come so severely upon me and I wanted to know what He wanted to do with me. I felt strongly that He wanted me to make a mission trip down into Mexico again, so I finally arranged to go there with Bro. James Huskey in April. We were there about two weeks, visiting the brethren. I was sick with flu and cold all the time, but upon returning I found that the Lord had completely removed all the pain from my hip and prepared me for the mission of taking Bro. John Varghese around to the meetings this summer. Praise His holy name! He knows just how to work things out.

Last summer Bro. Varghese was unable to get his visa to come to the U. S., but the Lord had a reason for it. There would have been no one to take him around to the meetings. I had not planned on this, although the Lord put it upon my mind while I was down in Mexico, but I said nothing to anyone. I had planned to go back to Mexico with the caravan in June, but Brother Pruitt asked me if I would consider taking Bro. John around as there was no one else available. The Lord worked it out so we could do so according to His plan.

The Lord willing, I will be leaving Thursday, Aug. 15, with Bro. John Varghese to go back to India for four months. I surely covet the prayers of the saints as I go there that I might be as good an example of the Lord while there as Bro. John has been while among us. After returning from India, the Lord willing, I will try again to get a visa for Nigeria and spend some time with the believers in Africa. I was unable to get a visa for Nigeria three years ago, but I believe the Lord will work it out now.

We are expecting to get more transportation vehicles for Bro. Varghese in India in order to carry on the gospel work. They have two bicycles now, but need about ten more. As the Lord has supplied, we will endeavor to purchase a new car or van also, as Bro. Varghese has to travel several hundred miles in visiting the various congregations. We plan also to purchase a printing press and necessary equipment so Bro. John can print the gospel literature in his Malayalam language. There are other urgent needs, such as the construction of another chapel, or more if possible. They have two chapels now and land on which to build another. He estimates that it will cost about \$600 to \$700 to erect this chapel. Bro. John also will have to build a house for himself and family when his younger brother, Phillip, gets married, as the home of his parents will go to Bro. Phillip

according to their custom. They have one acre of land on which they raise rice for his family, his mother and four brothers. The acre will only produce about fifteen bushels. Last spring a brown hopper insect ruined their rice crop, but they are praying that the second crop coming this fall will be good. Along with the famine, which is increasing more than ever before, has come extremely hard rains and flood conditions which also spread disease. One of the newly converted Catholic families has lost a child from disease. Let us pray constantly for relief from these adverse conditions.

I surely thank the Lord for all the blessings He has given us in this country, and I pray that I might be of some help and encouragement to our brothers and sisters in other lands. Thank you again for your prayers and concern for us, and as Bro. Varghese said, "We can't remember all your names, but we can never forget your faces nor the great love you showed us."

May God's richest blessings be upon each one of you, and may His mercy and grace surround you and carry you through every trial.

Your Brother in Christ,

—George Hammond



Unfinished chapel building of the congregation at Ikot Ofon Ikono in Uyo Section, Nigeria, West Africa, where they expect to hold their campmeeting in April, 1975, if sufficient building material is provided to finish this permanent structure. Though few in number, the believers are putting forth their best efforts.

Nigeria (August 5)—Dear Bro. Lawrence and saints everywhere: Greetings of Christian love in the most wonderful and adorable name of Jesus Christ who rules in heaven and on earth.

Dear Christian brethren, the above picture shows the unfinished chapel building of the Ikot Ofon Ikono congregation in Uyo Section under my supervision. The Nigerian superintendent (Pastor Ben E. Udoka) is seen standing in the middle, myself (district pastor, A. J. Ubaha) is standing at his left, and Brother A. Ibanga, the local preacher, is standing at my left hand.

Dear brother, I appeal to our Christian brethren and friends to pray for the saints of Ikot Ofon Ikono congregation, as the Lord has put His love into a few souls

there to do this good work for God's glory. Praise God!

I also call upon you to let you know that a greater part of the work has not yet been done. They always worship there in a corner of their new chapel. The materials are not sufficient. See the heaps of sand are laid out, but other working materials are not available. I pray to God and appeal to my brethren to call upon the Lord who will surely send them spiritual and financial help to support this wonderful project, as the number in this congregation are few, but firm in the work of faith in God's glorious and victorious name.

May the Lord richly bless all of you, is our prayer.

Your Brother,

—A. J. Ubaha, district pastor.

REPORT FROM NIGERIAN MISSION

Southeast State, Nigeria (Aug. 7)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints, greetings in the name of our dear Lord Jesus whom Judas Iscariot betrayed into the hands of the Jews for thirty pieces of silver. He was crucified, and His innocent blood was shed on the cross of Calvary which washed away our sins. Praise Him for that wonderful work!

Thank you indeed for your encouraging letter dated July 2, and the July "Faith and Victory" paper with the extra leaves that carried the news of the activities of the Indian missionary. All these delighted our hearts, and we all went on our knees praying to God for you and everyone there.

We noted with joy Bro. George Hammond's willingness to return to India with Bro. John Varghese and then come here. We pray fervently for them, and are waiting to welcome him into our midst. We look forward to having more reports of the activities of Bro. Varghese.

Our gospel work is advancing. The last order for Efik Bibles was received in today's mail and we plan to distribute them very soon to those in dire need. You will be furnished with reports of the distribution in our next mail.

Efik tracts have run out of stock at this office. . . . [Editor—Twelve pounds of Efik tracts were just recently mailed to this Nigerian mission station to replenish their supply of tracts in their own language.]

The draft to aid us in July was received and disbursed faithfully to every person concerned as shown on the enclosed sheet. May God richly bless everyone of you for the love to help us know the truth and to tell others about Jesus, too, until the final crown of life is won.

Yours in Christ Jesus, —Ben E. Udoka

From The Mail Box . . .

Ohio—Greetings to all in Jesus' dear name: I do pray that God will richly bless and make you able to keep the truth going out by the printed page, which is so badly needed. Not many care for the strait and narrow way, but thank God, there are a few. I want to be in that number. I love the truth and my trust is in the Lord. I am not very strong in body, but Jesus has promised me strength for my day. He is so good to me, so I know He will see me through.

Enclosed is a check for the publishing work and for the missions wherever it is needed.

May God bless and keep you true to Him and His work. A Sister in Christ, —Adah Smalley

La.—Dear fellow workers: Just a few lines to let you know how much we appreciate your efforts on behalf of our Lord. Thank you for the true Church of God literature that you publish and send out. The truth is sorely needed at this time in history.

Enclosed please find a check to be used in any manner you see fit to further God's work. . . . Send me some tracts. —Jerry Crain

California—I found your tract called, "Not a Word," lying in the street. I picked it up and found it to be very enlightening. At the end it gave your address for samples of more gospel tracts and also the paper, "Faith and Victory." Please send these and I will be very grateful. Thank you for your kindness and for spreading the Word of the Lord. Sincerely, —Miss Kelly Despot

Ind.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Just a line to let you know how I do appreciate your paper. I love to read it. I saw the true Church of God fifty-three years ago. By the grace of God I mean to see inside those pearly gates. I am now 78 years old. Jesus has kept me through the years. Praise His dear name!

Forty-two years ago, Husband and I moved from Lima, Ohio, and started a Church of God work here in It went good for ten years, but then the Anderson, Ind., students were sent in and they were so worldly that we had to leave the chapel.

I lost my husband fourteen years ago, and I am a widow with a small income, but I am enclosing a check as an offering. —Sister Mable Fuller

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Wisc.—Dear ones in Jesus, greetings to one and all at the office: How good it is to know we have a wonderful Saviour who is interested in our sojourn in this world. It makes us glad to realize that His leading hand is in all of our coming and going. How we do praise Him for His leadings in so many ways! . . .

May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon His own especially, for they must take the slurs of those who hate the ones who will follow the Lord. We, too, are glad to be among that number, trusting and resting in His love. There is just no other way to be happy while waiting for Him to come.

I would also like to ask for prayer for our family who are far out in sin and seemingly satisfied.

Yours in Him, —Florence Knoll

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Arkansas—Dear Sister Marie and saints everywhere: We certainly do appreciate all that the Lord has done for us, especially since April 20th when our home was burned. It has melted our hearts and lives to see how the Lord will take care of us when things get dark, if we can only turn loose of our ways and desires and let the Lord have control of our lives. The love of the Lord and that of the saints shown to us have touched our hearts and lives, and it is so precious to us. We want to thank each one.

The fire that destroyed our home started at the hot water heater which was between the bedrooms and burned into the girls' room first. We could have lost our dear little girls, and maybe all of our lives, had it happened at night. It pays to be ready. We know the Lord is coming as a thief in the night. We are glad that the Lord has everything under His control. We have learned so many lessons through this experience that, I'm sure, we couldn't have learned any other way.

In Phil. 3:13 we read, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." I know this has a spiritual meaning, but it is such a challenge to us at this time.

Love and prayers, —Clyde and Lynda Parson

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Minn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in Jesus' name: I am still in good health and strength, for which I thank the Lord. Time is swiftly passing away, and we will soon be at Home with the Lord, at least I at my age.

May the Lord bless all of you and keep you in good health. Much love and prayers, —Bro. Andrew Senti

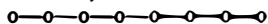
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W. Va.—Dear saints, greetings in the precious name of our blessed Saviour: The tent meeting held near Monterey, Va., which began on June 26, came to a close with

victory. We are so thankful for God's people who came to help in the meeting. We truly thank the Lord for leading Bro. and Sister Mart Samons this way with the tent. Quite a number of local people came to hear the messages. We feel in our hearts that the gospel seed has been sown. The Lord is still showing His mercy upon the people.

Please remember my dear unsaved loved ones that the Lord will deal with them continually. Remember me in prayer that I will be the example that the Lord would have me to be, and let Him have His way in my life.

Much Christian love, —Elaine Landis



Calif.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt, greetings of love in our dear Saviour's name: This leaves us encouraged and with a greater desire to follow more closely to our Lord each day.

We trust this finds you much encouraged, and we surely pray and trust that Bro. Pruitt is much better in body.

Bro. Mark Spinks is here in Fresno. He brought a wonderful message on Wednesday night on "being a faithful steward of God." He plans to go on south this weekend. . . .

May the dear Lord continue to richly bless you loved ones in every needed way. I have surely been praying for the Lord to send help to work in the Printshop. This is such a wonderful work for the Lord.

Christian love, —Sister Hazel Cones

Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

True Thanksgiving

Missouri—My dear children: Here we are late in the year of 1974. I feel that 1973 was a good year for me. I was able to eat, sleep and wait on myself quite a lot. In fact, it was another year of thanksgiving for me. Ever since I have been able (after years of helplessness) to go to the bathroom and wait on myself, every day finds me saying, "Thank you, Lord!" I had always thought I was thankful until I got down, really helpless. I would wear everyone out waiting on me. When God, in His mercy, made me able to get up and down by myself, God only knows how thankful I am made to feel in the last few years. I have really learned the meaning of thankfulness and praise unto God. When we are up and going, it is easy to accept these blessings without thankfulness. When we are brought down, then we have to pray down our help from God. We can then begin to realize how dependent on God we are. When God gives us help, we know how to be thankful. So if I don't get any more out of these more than seven years of affliction, it has taught me thankfulness. So, dear ones, today finds me happy and filled with thanksgiving to God.

I do hope this finds you happy, for our days at the longest are so short.

Love always, Your mother, Ersa Carrick



Okl. (Aug. 16)—Dear Bro. Lawrence and co-workers: We greet you in Jesus' dear name, and send you these few lines of testimony. We have asked our heavenly Father to requite you a blessing.

During January of this year, the Lord saw fit to allow me to be afflicted with an attack of influenza. In the latter stages of the affliction, the condition seemed to be overcoming the natural defenses of my body, and at last it became apparent that only Divine intervention

could preserve life. At that time we were living in Danville, Ky., and Bros. Samons and Williams, the local ministers, were quick to answer the requests for prayer, and came to be with us in the battle, as did my parents; also prayer was offered on our behalf throughout the camp of the saints. Surely we are persuaded that God delights to hear and answer the prayers of His children. We are convinced that He does all things well. Prayer is ever effectual to shut the enemy out of matters such as these. We will have victory if we are faithful, for we are not victims of coincidence in afflictions when walking on the King's highway. And surely the prayers of God's children wrought a blessing on my behalf, for He touched my body and restored me to life. In continued answer to prayer, the Lord has since brought me back to full health. Therefore, I hereby make another public expression of my gratitude to my Maker for His mercies, which I find indeed to be "new every morning," and to my brethren who have been so faithful to call my name before the throne, and who remembered my needs when I was unable to provide for my own.

Since the time of this affliction—even while in the midst of it—my wife and I both began to feel the leadings of the Lord, as nearly as we have been able to understand them, to a different field of ministry in the work of the Lord. We have tried to be diligent to search the matter out before speaking much of it, but now feel it wise to communicate the matter to the saints that they may deal with it as they see fit. I find a Scriptural precedent for this expression in the person of John the Baptist, who "confessed, and denied not; but confessed, 'I am not the Christ.'" (Jno. 1:20). He was thus bold to declare his place in the work of God. For he called himself "the voice of one crying in the wilderness . . ." Our Lord also was plain in saying, "I am the light of the world." (Jno. 9:5). When the Lord sent us to pastor a congregation, we told them our burden, and it was proper that we should. Now my wife and I both feel that God has led us to a traveling, evangelistic ministry, and we tell it to you, and state that if we know our own hearts, we are prepared to make the necessary sacrifices for such a calling, and earnestly covet your prayers. We can be reached at 536 S. Pine, Nowata, Okla. 74048, phone A.C. 918, 273-3383.

Your servants in Christ, —Ed and Roberta Wilson



New York—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Sister Marie: I am enclosing an order for books, also one dollar to keep my "Faith and Victory" paper coming, and a little to help where needed. I am praying that the Lord will send help to keep the good work going. I pray for good health for you both.

I asked prayer for my hip some time ago. God has healed me and I can get around good. My legs look like alligator skin from infection of the veins. I guess it is my "thorn in the flesh." Thank God, I can get around. Some people at my age can't do anything. I still do my house work, clean, cook, bake and wash. Please continue to pray for me. I am praying for all of you.

Yours for souls, —Mae E. Smith



Mo.—Dear Sister Marie and dear saints everywhere: The Word of God says, "Ye must be born again." I don't know what happened, but I have had a great battle, and I am a different person. I have patience and I am kind. I don't feel like griping at every thing. I am not selfish any more, and I don't stuff my stomach so much. I have given up the things that once I couldn't give up. Praise God! I can now sit by and watch the flowers and orch-

ards dry up without worry, if it be God's will. I have little concern for material things any more, knowing they won't take us to heaven.

This road I have traveled has been rough. I have had a little taste of heaven, and a little taste of torment. I want to make heaven my home. I want everybody to make heaven their home also.

Sometimes God lets people go through some terrible things in order to mold them as He wants them. Pray for us, that we will live the true way, and not miss heaven. Pray that God will save my girls, husband, and the whole family. My nerves are bad, so pray for that also.

—Sister Pearl Logan

Calif.—Our dear Sister Marie and saints, greetings in the name of our dear Saviour: Thanks be to our precious Lord, and thanks to you dear saints there who were so concerned about the healing of my grandson. He is doing fine.

I was very ill from an accident, along with heart trouble, chest trouble and a nervous condition. God had healed me, but the back of my legs would not heal. I have been on crutches. At times I suffered untold pain. I couldn't stay away from my bed because my legs were too weak to carry my body. This was my condition when I opened the letter which contained the anointed cloth which you sent. After we prayed I felt the power of God. I put it on and the healing began. Now I sleep, get up early and do my house work. Praise to the Lord! He came and did a good job of healing on this poor, little one. May God ever bless all of you!

Christian love, —Sister Margaret Hall

Ark.—Dear friends: I hope this finds everyone feeling well. As for myself, I am slowly getting back to normal after the bad fall I had five weeks ago. My left wrist was sprained very badly. Some urged me to go to a doctor, but I just prayed and God stood by me. I can use my left hand fairly well now, although my wrist is still sore and hurts a little at times.

I want to say again that I truly enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper. I wouldn't want to be without it. It has much soul food and spiritual help.

May God bless all of you there and help you in your work for Him.

—Belva Howard

La.—Dear saints: May God ever bless and help you in the good work you are doing. God surely did hear and answer prayer when I wrote for prayer. I know God is still on His throne.

My husband needs a healing of his body. He suffers so much. We also have a very urgent request for prayer. The old devil certainly is at work, but we must resist him steadfastly. Christian love, —Alex and Beulah Johnson

Ark.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence, and all the dear ones at the Printshop: Greetings in the most precious and wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the precious Lamb of God.

I praise Him for healing this body once more. I had such awful pains for several days and nights. My whole trust and confidence was fixed and settled in God. Several were praying for me. The pains about all left, yet I was so weak.

I went to the Myrtle, Mo., campmeeting on Aug. 8th. Bro. and Sister Albert Eck came for me. They and others were so good to help and see about me. It was precious to be there once more and to hear the Bible truth. The singing and prayers were so encouraging, and the fellow-

ship of the dear people of God was precious. I came home on Sunday, the 11th, tired, but happy. I had some pain. It kept getting worse in my right side, shoulder and arm. It would hurt in my side to even swallow or lie down. I prayed, "Dear Lord, Thou knowest all about this. . . I resist the enemy in Jesus' name. . . ." On the 16th, the pains were so great that I called Bro. and Sister Eck for an agreement in prayer, but the pain was still there. Again, I renewed my firm stand on the promise of God. The next morning it was better and got better each day. Now for three days the pain has been all gone. All praise, honor, and glory be to the Lord!

Trustingly,

—Sister N. E. Adams

I have given up all for Jesus.

This vain world has nought for me—
All its pleasures are forgotten
In remembering Calvary.

Though some may despise and forsake me,
And to me the world looks cold,
I've a Friend that will stand by me,
And keep me in His fold.

His peace is far more than riches,
Far more than silver and gold.
Just to be one in His keeping,
Just to be one in His blessed fold.

Oh, this precious, loving Jesus,
He is all and all to me—
Just to be with Him in glory,
And His blessed face to see.

—Sister N. E. Adams

N. Carolina—To all the saints and workers at the Printshop, greetings in Jesus' name: We thank all the saints for their prayers. The Lord has healed our child. She suffered with convulsions. We truly give God the praise and honour for answering prayer.

Pray for us, because we know there is only one true church and we don't mean to miss heaven. The Lord has done so many things for us. First, He called us out of darkness. Secondly, we accepted the truth and now we are on the winning side with Jesus. Praise the Lord! God is our helper in time of need. In order to get His help we must live for Him.

Christian love, —Bro. and Sister Jimmie McDonald

Mo.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence and all the co-workers: Greetings in the name of Jesus, our King and Redeemer, the One who suffered and died to redeem our precious souls back to God, our Father, and cleanse us from all sin. Praise His holy name! I thank the Lord for His love and mercy to me.

I did not get to attend any campmeetings. I am confident you had a wonderful meeting at Guthrie and Monark Springs (Neosho, Mo.).

I am better in body than I was, and Lyman is about the same. Bless his heart, he needs the Lord. I am still praying. You all remember us both in prayer, and all my dear children and grandchildren. I am getting along fairly well.

Keep the "Faith and Victory" coming. I do enjoy it very much. May God bless you, Bro. Lawrence. I am still praying for you and all the rest. —Sister B. Rumpf

"Whether the cost of living goes up or down, the cost of sowing 'wild oats' remains the same."