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Upon The Dear Campground



Old Time, with silent face, has made once more his annual round,
And we are met in Jesus' name upon the dear campground.

From over Erie's waters, where Aurora sheds her light,

And old Niagara's roaring breaks the stillness of the night;

From sunny southern lands, where zephyrs sing their plaintive air,

Where Winter's hand is soft and mild, and flowers bloom all the year;

From distant western vales and plains and Ozark's verdant hills,

Where's fragrance from the orchards, and there's music from the rills;

From out the land where dawns the sun and God is given glory—

They come—the happy saints of God—to tell the sweet old story.

The Word of God is being preached with Holy Spirit's pow'r,

And blessings fall from heav'nly skies in many a copious show'r.

The wretched lost are being saved, believers sanctified,

And many sick are being healed through Jesus crucified.

In bonds of love, one heart, one soul, we meet on heav'nly plane,

And shout our dear Redeemer's praise—
Oh, glory to His name!

—Charles E. Orr

THE RAINBOW

"I do set my bow in the cloud." Gen. 9:13.

The rainbow, a coloured arch seen in the sky, is an object with which we are all familiar. This bow is seen by a spectator standing between the sun and a falling shower of rain. It is produced by the sun's rays passing into the raindrops, which is partly by a change of direction in rays on passing from one medium to another, also "partly by reflection, divided into and presented to the spectator as the different coloured rays shown in the solar spectrum, viz; red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet."

This bow has a great significance, and to realize this, one should take a panoramic view of its origin. When the words, "I do set my bow in the sky," were first used, they conveyed great joy to their hearers, not because they had seen a new object and heard it named, but because of the One who named it, the occasion on which it was designated, and the meaning.

It had been a year and over (Gen. 7:11; 8:13) since Noah with his family had been shut up in seclusion in the ark, and now having been permitted to again enjoy the verdure of the new world (earth), Noah's first thought seemed to have been that of thanksgiving to God for His preserving care to himself and his family during the utter destruction of the then-known world. Having erected an altar, he offered a burnt sacrifice thereon, and Jehovah, as a token henceforward, set His bow in the cloud, thereby making a covenant between Himself and the earth (man).

The rainbow should remind saints of God's promises, while the clouds may be likened to their "dark days." When sorrows, griefs, temptations, and despondency cast a gloom over them and seem to obscure God's sunlight (promises) from their view, if they will look upward, they will see standing out preeminently God's sublime bow (promises) which reminds them that the sun is still shining. God's promises are still sure, and the pathway of His children shall soon be illuminated.

God puts His bow—a picturesque scene—in the transitory cloud. Likewise, His promises so true are placed amidst all earthly transient gloom. He has

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ordained that whatever cloud arises to cast a shadow over His people, His bow (promises) bespeaks deliverance.

Some clouds are never generally welcomed because of the fact that they obscure the sunlight. Others are indicative of storms. Some rain clouds, though they appear gloomy, are of incalculable value. If there were no rain clouds, there would be no shower, and the beautiful bow would not be seen. So, also, if there were no tests, trials, temptations, and sorrows, (spiritual clouds), the brilliant promises of God could not be realized by the saints. Therefore:

"Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take!
The clouds ye so much dread,
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head."

—Israel Smalling

"GONE THROUGH"

"I have gone through seemingly unsurmountable odds, severe deep waters and valleys and God has been precious. I have been committing to Him and am being crucified with Christ. I am dying daily," writes one dear Sister who has suffered deep heartaches from various sources.

I am sure that many of you can say the same thing. You have gone through the loss of dear loved ones who have been taken in death. You have gone through the agony that a parent suffers, by watching a daughter or son slowly taken to their death through the use of drugs and dope, or it might be through various ways of reckless living. You have gone through the torture of having to stand back and keep hands off in a situation that you are unable to help in, or your help has been refused. You have gone through the shock of your wife or your husband falling for a devilish spirit of one who wants to break up your marriage. It is such a sly, tricky, exciting, lustful, wicked spirit that it will grip an innocent person almost before he becomes aware of its clutches. It drags him down and involves a person in such deep sin, and then leaves the person crushed, wretched and in deep despair. You have gone through this and it has crushed you until you feel you could die with a broken heart. You have gone through when you were evil spoken of and lies were told on you that you were helpless to do anything about. You have gone through being persecuted for Christ's sake. Just because you belonged to the Lord, you were shunned, rejected and vilified.

Did you realize the depths of how much Jesus knows and understands all about what you have gone through? Jesus was tempted in "all points" as we are. He knows what suffering brings. Did you know that you are precious in God's sight? "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee . . . I have loved thee . . . Fear not: for I am with thee . . . Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me." Isa. 43:2, 4, 5,

10. Notice that God will be with you as you go through the deep water, rivers, and fire. It doesn't make any difference if the waters are cold, dark and black with the churning of the mud from the watershed or bottom of the river, or even if the fire is hot, and it burns deep into your very being. Remember, God is with you and you are precious in His sight. He will take you through.

What a glorious testimony it is that you can say, "I have gone through". You have gone through and were not enveloped in the cold, dark waters. They didn't overflow you. You went through and felt the closeness of the Lord. You have gone through the fiery trial and came out with victory. You went through the valleys of despair, discouragement, and came out on the mountain of victory. Praise God, you went through! You did not stay there. You were kept by the mighty power of God through faith, and came forth.

So be encouraged. Keep going through. Don't linger in the valleys or in the cold waters. Keep going on. Keep pressing. Do as the Apostle Paul said he did. "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." Phil. 3:13, 14. He went through. Commit the ones that have touched your life into God's hands and say with the Apostle Paul, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep (or take care of) that which I have committed unto him against that day." 2 Tim. 1:12.

—Sis. Marie Miles

Are You Ready For Christ's Coming?

The Promise of His Coming

In John 14:3, we read the words of Jesus: "I will come again." Yes, the same Christ who once trod the shores of Galilee, who traveled over the Judean hills, ministering salvation to hungry souls and healing to all who were oppressed of the devil, is coming again. To the disciples who stood gazing into the heavens at the time of Christ's ascension, the angels announced: "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). The Apostle Paul confirms this truth by boldly declaring that "unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time" (Heb. 9:28). James also adds his testimony, "The coming of the Lord draweth nigh" (Jas. 5:8).

Peter declared that the "day of the Lord" will come. It will come in spite of "scoffers walking after their own lusts," in spite of those who "are willingly ignorant," in spite of those who disregard the judgments of God on sin and unbelief, in spite of world-wide indifference and carelessness. Yes, "the day of the Lord" will come. The prophets foretold it; Jesus himself declared it; the angels promised it; the saints of all ages have believed it, and the kingdom of God on earth awaits it. It is the hope of the church. The Scriptures all uniformly point to "his glorious appearance," and "God is not slack concerning his promises."

The Manner of His Coming

This second coming of Jesus will not be a spiritual one, as some teach, but a literal, physical, bodily

coming. We are living today under the spiritual reign of Christ, for this is the Holy Spirit dispensation. While on earth Christ promised to send another Comforter—the Holy Spirit—who would abide with His people. This promise was fulfilled at Pentecost. Since then Christ's spiritual presence has been with us. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." We have Christ's spiritual presence with us today, but at his second coming it will be the literal, physical, bodily Christ who will come. "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner" (Acts 1:11). Paul calls this "the day of the Lord Jesus Christ"; Titus calls it "the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ"; Peter calls it "the appearing of Christ" and the "day of God."

It Will Be Visible and Unexpected

"The same Jesus, shall so come in like manner" as He went up. He went up bodily and visibly. They saw Him ascend, "and a cloud received him out of their sight." "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him" (Rev. 1:7).

Along with the certainty of Christ's return and the fact that every eye shall see him will be the uncertainty of the time. The fact is certain, but the time is uncertain. While it is true that the Word of God tells us of some things that will precede his coming (such as the world becoming indifferent as in the days of Noah, a "falling away," a restoration of the church, etc.), yet the element of uncertainty is the point stressed by the Word of God.

Many "prophets of gloom" have tried to link Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, and world events, with the second coming of Christ and the end of the world. It is mere guesswork and speculation, and has been going on century after century. When events do not turn out as prophesied—and they never have—these prophets turn to some other world character or other current events on which to base their prophecy. "Ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 25:13). "Of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matt. 24:36). God in his wisdom has so invested the return of Christ with uncertainty that none might be presumptuous and careless, that our only safety should be in obedience to his injunction, "Be ye also ready."

The Glory of His Coming

Jesus came the first time over 1900 years ago as a "lamb slain before the foundation of the world," to die upon the cross to redeem us unto Himself. He will come the second time in all the glory of heaven, as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Heaven will be emptied on that day, thousands and thousands of holy angels, gallery after gallery of heaven's hosts, the saints of all ages will come with Christ. "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him" (Matt. 25:31). "Them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him" (I Thess. 4:14). "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, to execute judgment upon all" (Jude 14-15). Saints of God, if you have passed on to the other side before Jesus comes, you will return with Him. What a glorious gathering that will be!

What of the Living at His Second Coming?

Millions of people, good and bad, will be living upon the earth when Jesus comes. These people shall not see death; but "shall be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed" (I Cor. 15:51-52). This scripture tells us when the trumpet shall sound, when the dead will be raised and the living will be changed. Paul gives us a complete picture of this in I Thessalonians 4:15-18: "This we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (precede) them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: THEN we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together WITH THEM in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Yes, the bodies of the righteous dead will be resurrected and united with their spirits, the righteous living shall be changed, and together they leave this world ever to be with the Lord.

The Purpose of His Coming

We find from the Word of God that some fast and transcending events will occur when Jesus comes. The first will be the resurrection of the dead. "The hour is coming, in the which all that are in the grave shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28, 29). While the Word of God speaks of two resurrections, the first is that spiritual resurrection that raises us up from being "dead in trespasses and sins," but the second resurrection is to be a literal one. The blast of the trumpet on the last great day will awaken the dead on the mountain, plain, or sea—all the dead of every age, every creed, every clime, every nation. The second of these transcending events will be the judgment of the world. "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left" (Matt. 25:31-33). Yes, at his second coming will be enacted the great judgment scene—a dividing time, a time of separation.

And then the last of the fast transcending events will be the destroying of the world. "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up" (2 Pet. 3:10).

If you have never known the joys of having the sweet experience of God in your soul, it is your privilege today, even now. Are you ready for His coming? —Selected

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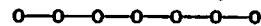
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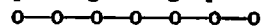
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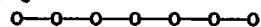
Greetings to all our readers on the arrival of this summer season: We hope that many of you will be privileged to attend at least some of the campmeetings and evangelistic tent meetings held at various places across the country.



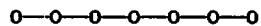
It is God's will that every person should hear and believe the gospel—the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, who paid the redemptive price for every soul. Let us be "workers together" with God and His people in this special summer effort to reach many more precious souls with the gospel message by personal witnessing and passing out gospel literature.



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According to our stated policy and usual practice, this "Faith and Victory" paper will not be published for the month of August. This omission of one issue will relieve the workload somewhat in the month of July, and allow our faithful co-workers some time off, if they so desire, during July to attend a campmeeting or two, or do whatever the Lord may direct. Since the demand for gospel literature has increased so much, it seems very necessary to keep the presses running through the summer, if possible. When one gets a God-given vision of the value of one soul, no sacrifice is too great to help rescue the perishing. Lord willing, some of us will be working here at the office all through the summer.



The Oklahoma State campmeeting, held here at Guthrie from May 23 to June 1, proved to be very profitable with a large attendance from many states. A number of out-of-state and in-state ministers were used to preach the Word under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Several souls responded to the gospel message, but it is sad to report that many did not give heed to the convicting Spirit. This is only another sign of the soon coming of Christ in final judgment. On the last Sunday a number of converts followed Jesus in His example of water baptism.

After much discussion in the business meeting a decision was made to find a more suitable location for the Guthrie chapel and state campground because of the repeated flood experience in the past seventy years and the possibility of more floods in the future in the area of the present location. This move will be a very costly and time-consuming project, but it can be done if it is the Lord's will and His people have a mind to work and sacrifice. Pray that God

will have His way in finding a suitable location and all will work out to His honor and glory.

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The ministers' meeting, in session here at the Guthrie chapel on June 3 and 4, was very beneficial to those in attendance which numbered about sixty ministers. The time was used mainly in questions and answers, especially for the instruction of the younger ministers. Some said it was the best ministers' meeting that they had ever attended. A decision was made to hold similar meetings starting the first Tuesday after the first Monday of October each year. The next meeting will be in session, Lord willing, on October 7, 8, and 9, 1975.

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Bro. and Sister James Huskey and most of their family, Bro. Tom Melot, and other saints from Oklahoma, Indiana, Ohio, and Missouri formed a company of seventeen which left Guthrie on June 6 for the interior of Old Mexico to do mission work and pass out Spanish gospel literature. Returning to Guthrie on June 20, they gave a good report of the contacts they had made in that needy mission field.

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The 512-page, clothbound, Church of God hymnal, "Evening Light Songs," is now practically out of stock, but we expect to have it reprinted and ready for distribution in September, 1975.

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A reprint edition of the book, "Bible Readings for Bible Students and for the Home and Fireside," by S. L. Speck and H. M. Riggle, is in the process of publication. Originally published in 1902, this excellent volume contains 432 pages of Scripture references and comments on many subjects for Bible study. Bound in a nice cloth cover, this book is expected to be ready for distribution by the last of July. The price is \$5.00 each, plus 45¢ for the postage and handling. Send your order with cash for delivery in the month of July.

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Sister Rosalie Johnston, one of our co-workers, is attending the tent meeting in Green Bank, W. Va. She reports that the Lord is blessing in a special way in the meeting, and that she expects to return to the office about July 1st.

Sister Roberta Hightower, another co-worker in the mailing department, left Guthrie on June 25 with the James Huskey family to attend the campmeeting (July 1 to 6) at Ojos Negros in Baja Cfa., Mexico, where Sister Opal Kelly is the resident missionary.

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Brother Bob Forbes of Hammond, La., reported that the profitable tent meeting which began in Baton

Rouge, La., on June 11, closed on June 20 in order to prepare for the General Southern campmeeting which will begin at Hammond on June 27. The tent meeting was well attended by the saints and the preaching was clear and definite. Bro. Ira Stover, minister of Tulsa, Okla., helped in the preaching of the Word in that meeting. Bro. Curtis Williams, evangelist of Kentucky, was not physically able to be in this meeting, but the Lord undertook for him and he is presently laboring in the tent meeting at Green Bank, W. Va., which began on June 20.

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First Pruitt Reunion . . .

After months of planning and preparation, the first Pruitt Reunion was held here at Guthrie, Okla., on June 21, 1975, with the presence of about fifty members of the Pruitt clan coming from Oregon, California, Arizona, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. Others had planned to come, but were unable to do so at that time. These were all the descendants (by blood and marriage) of the late Harrison and Mary Pruitt (formerly spelled "Prouhet") who were the parents of seven sons and one daughter, all of whom are now deceased. Their son, Fred (deceased in 1963), is survived by three daughters and three sons, one of whom is this writer. This gathering was a happy time together with relatives, some of whom we had never met and others we had not seen for many years. All of my brothers and sisters were present, which is the first time we had all been together in many years. A warm welcome is extended to all our relatives to come again anytime. Our greatest desire is that the circle will be unbroken in that grand reunion in heaven.

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As of this date, June 25, we have not received the final figures from the IRS, but they are expected any day. Thank the Lord that He takes care of all that we commit to Him. Please continue to pray for the preservation of this gospel publishing ministry until the final trumpet sounds.

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A car-load of workers from this office attended the first Sunday services, June 8, of the campmeeting at Tulsa, Okla., and we certainly enjoyed the preached Word and the fellowship of the saints.

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Those who make reports of meetings to this office for publication are urged to please send in their reports promptly at the close of meetings. Also, any obituary of a deceased saint should be forwarded to

this office immediately following the funeral. Thanks for the anticipated response to this note.

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This writer is still appropriating the precious promises of God for his healing in this fiery trial of faith. I am endeavoring to learn and profit by all the lessons God has for me in this prolonged test, as nothing touches our lives except for our good or for someone else. With Job of old I say, "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me: and many such things are with him." Job 23:10, 14. The Lord still gives me strength to work long hours in the office. Thanks again for your prayers, letters, get-well cards and words of encouragement in this testing time. Please continue to pray until the victory is won, and faith is lost in sight.

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May God's presence abide with all our readers to guard and guide each one on the path of life, and, Lord willing, we will greet you again in the September issue of this paper. —Lawrence D. Pruitt

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		A funeral service was conducted by Bro. Richard Madden at the Smith Funeral Home in Sapulpa, Okla., and then another service was held at a church chapel in Stoutland, Mo., by Bro. Leslie Busbee. Interment was in the Hill House Cemetery, Stoutland, Mo.	

Remaining 1975 Campmeeting Dates

Akron, Ohio—July 5 to 13.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri—July 18 to 27.

Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.—August 1 to 10.

Bakersfield, California—August 1 to 10.

Boley, Oklahoma—August 15 to 24.

Blackford, Kentucky—August 15 to 24.

California State at Pacoima, Calif.—August 22 to 31.

Fresno, California—September 5 to 14.

38th NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

This reminder comes bringing a special invitation and welcome to everyone to attend the 38th annual National Campmeeting of the Church of God which will convene on July 18 and continue through July 27, 1975, at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri.

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

Meals will be served in the dining hall on a free-will offering basis with lodging available in dormitories and tents. We do trust that no one will stay away because of a lack of finances, as we are confident that God will supply for the needs as they arise. There are several comfortable motel accommodations within a short driving distance which are available at reasonable rates for those who desire such. In addition, there will be parking areas on the grounds for trailers, campers, motor homes, etc.

Since the price of food is much higher this year, the managers of the dining hall encourage all the saints to send or bring in groceries and food of all kinds—fresh, canned or frozen fruits or vegetables. If you intend to process more fruit and vegetables this season, we could use the processed food you had left over from last year.

The campgrounds are located approximately five miles east of Neosho, Missouri, on Highway 86, the exact location being one mile east and $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south of the intersection of Highway 86 and of Alternate 71 Highway. Those coming by public transportation, such as bus or train, will need to come to Neosho and take a taxi to the grounds, or call Granby, Missouri, phone number 472-6427 to arrange for someone to meet you and bring you to the grounds.

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

The work days to prepare for this meeting are scheduled for the 4th of July weekend, and each weekend until campmeeting. Your services as unto the Lord will bring His special blessings, so come and see what the Lord will do.

Come praying for the salvation of sinners, sanctification of believers, divine physical healing for the sick and afflicted, and a drawing together of God's family in these last days.

—Bro. Kenneth Probst, Business Mgr.

R. I, Box 49, Bluejacket, Ok. 74333 Phone 918-256-5992.

MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING

The Missouri State Campmeeting will be held at Myrtle, Mo. August 1 through 10, Lord willing. This will be the 25th annual campmeeting to be held at Myrtle. We extend a hearty welcome to all to come and be with us. The campmeeting here has been growing in the past few years, and we are looking forward to seeing even more attend this year's meeting. We look forward to a great time of fellowship with the saints of God, and a rich outpouring of God's Spirit.

The expense of the meeting will be met by free-will offerings. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Bring bedding if convenient, as there is a limited supply on the grounds. Come prepared for some possibly cool nights.

Anyone coming by bus to Thayer, Mo. (the nearest station), may call (417) 938-4642 or 938-4493 at Myrtle, Mo., for transportation to the campgrounds.

For further information, contact Bro. A. J. Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo. 65778, or Bro. Edward Atnip, Myrtle, Mo. 65778.

CAMPMEETING AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

The Bakersfield, Calif., campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, August 1 through 10, 1975. The chapel address is 1802 Virginia Ave., on the corner of Virginia Avenue and Brown Street. A cordial invitation is extended to all. We expect to furnish accommodations for all who can attend. Expenses will be met on the free-will offering plan. We request your prayers for the meeting.

Those coming from the east on Highway 58, do not take the Bakersfield exit. Continue on the freeway to Cottonwood Rd. exit. Turn left at signal light (Brundage Lane-Cottonwood Rd. exit). Keep in right lane and turn right at signal light ($\frac{1}{2}$ block) which is Lakeview Ave. Go two blocks to Virginia, then right two blocks to Brown St.

From Highway 99 north or south, take Calif. Ave. exit, go east about three miles, turn right on Lakeview Ave., go about seven blocks to first stop sign which is Virginia Ave. Then left two blocks to Brown St.

Those traveling Interstate 5, take Stockdell Highway-Brundage Lane exit. Go east about 25 miles to east side of town. Turn left on Cottonwood Rd. Sign reads Cottonwood Rd. on right and Lakeview Ave. on left. Go two blocks to Virginia, then go right two blocks to Brown St.

For further information contact: Bro. A. W. Sherman, 201 "L" St., phone 327-0411; Bro. Robert Mayes, 245 "N" St., phone 325-2730. The church phone is 322-9314, area code 805.—Robena Montgomery

BOLEY, OKLA., CAMPMEETING

Lord willing, the Boley, Okla., Campmeeting of the Church of God will convene Aug. 15th and close on Aug. 24, 1975.

We extend a warm welcome to all nations to attend this meeting. Come praying that the Lord will give us a Holy Ghost-filled meeting and that souls will weep their way to the cross and get saved. We are looking to the Lord to send Holy Ghost-filled ministers and workers to help in the meeting.

There is ample space on the campground for parking campers, trailers, etc. Dormitories for both women and men are on the grounds.

"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord . . ." Isa. 1:18. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name." Mal. 3:16.

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

—Sis. Katherine Williams

BLACKFORD, KY., CAMPMEETING

The congregation of the Church of God at Blackford, Ky., cordially invites you to attend the campmeeting which will be held there from August 15 to 24, 1975.

Anyone desiring further information may contact our pastor, Bro. W. R. Fox, Marion, Ky. 42064, phone (502) 965-3320, or the Charles Knight family, R. 7, Marion, Ky. 42064, phone (502) 965-3070.

—By Mrs. Charles Knight

CALIFORNIA STATE CAMPMEETING

The California State campmeeting on the Church of God campgrounds at Pacoima, Calif., will be held August 22 to Aug. 31, 1975, Lord willing.

Everyone is invited. We are praying, and by faith expecting God to anoint each service for souls to be saved, bodies healed and believers sanctified. We are looking to God to send ministers of His choosing.

There are cabins and a dining hall on the grounds, and provisions will be made to care for each one that comes.

For further information, contact Bro. Robert Sherman, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, California 91331. Phone (213) 899-2022 or (213) 896-7593.

—Sister Patsy Fields

FRESNO, CALIF., CAMPMEETING

The Fresno, California Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, Sept. 5 to 14, 1975, at the campgrounds located at 7249 East Kings Canyon Road, Fresno, California.

A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this meeting. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Dining area and dormitories are located on the grounds. All meeting expenses will be met by free-will

offerings. Come praying for a profitable meeting—that souls will be saved, believers sanctified, and bodies healed.

Directions to the campgrounds are as follows: From the south on Highway 99, exit on Clovis Avenue and go right. Continue down Clovis Avenue a few miles to Kings Canyon Rd., make a right turn onto Kings Canyon and continue east to the campgrounds. From the north on Highway 99, take the Ventura exit. Turn left onto Ventura and continue east to the campgrounds. (Ventura becomes Kings Canyon Rd. after a few miles.)

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. E. J. Trotter, 811 W. Alamos, Clovis, Ca. 96312, phone (209) 291-6003 or Sis. Gladys Foster, 1226 E. Terrace, Fresno, Ca. 93704 phone (209) 224-2715 or the church, phone (209) 255-9868.

INDIANA TENT MEETING

An evangelistic tent meeting will be held, Lord willing, at Newcastle, Indiana, beginning on Aug. 1 and continue through Aug. 10, 1975, or as long as the Lord leads. The location of the tent will be between Mac's Steak House and the Newcastle Plaza Shopping Center on State Road No. 3, which is about one-half mile south of State Highway No. 28.

Everyone in that area is cordially invited to attend these services, and all within driving distance are urged to come to this meeting where the old-time gospel of Christ will be preached. Bro. Bob Forbes, pastor at Hammond, La., will bring the tent and equipment and assist in the meeting.

For further information, contact Bro. Egbert Allen, Route 2, Norwood, Mo. 65717, phone (417) 746-2840.

ANNUAL FALL MEETING AT WICHITA, KANSAS

The annual autumn meeting of the Church of God in Wichita, Kansas, will be held, Lord willing, on August 29 to Sept. 7, 1975. The chapel is located at 1701 N. Ash Street.

All are cordially invited to attend these services. For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Lewis Williams, 2643 N. Spruce, Wichita, Kansas 67214, phone 264-8481.

SOUTH CAROLINA CAMPMEETING REPORT

S. Carolina—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We trust this finds all of you well in body and happy in your soul. We would like to encourage each one to press toward the crown that is awaiting each of God's dear children. It takes a lot of God's grace to help us in these trying times.

Brother, we would like to make the report on our campmeeting here at Holly Hill, which closed on June 15. We had a wonderful time in the Lord. There wasn't much altar work, but the saints here were much encouraged to go forward for the Lord. We had a large attendance. It seems that the people wanted to hear the Word of God, but they didn't heed much of it. The people these days are lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God.

Keep praying for us here as we pray for you.
Your Brother in Christ, —Bro. Hudson Crummie

PROPOSED MOVE OF THE GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING

In the business meeting of the Church of God Oklahoma campmeeting held at Guthrie, Oklahoma on May 31, 1975, the principal issue was to come to a decision on what to do concerning the flood problem in that area. In the year 1974, there were two major floods, one of which was very destructive to the campground property. After much discussion, a poll was taken of those present as to their convictions concerning what should be done. The great majority were in favor of pulling out of that flood district and seeking to relocate the chapel and campmeeting facilities in a more desirable place. The trustees were given the authority and liberty to decide as to what course to take in the accomplishing of this decision, and the saints were urged to uphold, support, and stand back of the trustees. The move that is desired is greatly in need of the direction and blessing of God, and it is now put before the saints, especially those in the State of Oklahoma, to pray for the needed help and guidance of God in this matter. The inflationary problem and the soaring prices of material and property makes such a move seem as a great mountain, but we know that God does move such mountains if we will believe, trust, and obey His leading. May the saints take this to heart and ask the Lord what He would have you to do to be a part of this move which we feel is for the betterment of the work of the Lord. —Bro. Leslie Busbee

Secretary of Oklahoma Campmeeting
1014 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. 73044

PRAYER REQUESTS

Ind.—“My right lung is bothering me I cough quite a bit. I know God can heal.” —Sis. Dessie Wilson

Cal.—“I have pains in my legs caused from injuries The doctor says there is no help for me, but Jesus can heal me.” —Orville Mayo

Okla.—“I am still having some pains and stiffness through my shoulder and arms. The Lord does give relief I still help with the laundry [at Golden Rule Home] and like to do it.” —Sis. Katie Priem

Philippine Island—“Wife and I, also two brothers, are digging a well for water. It is now seven to eight meters [24 feet] deep. We will dig until we reach ten meters deep. It is very dangerous for us to go inside of it. Please pray that the Lord will help and protect us Please pray that we will redeem the time Souls are crying and calling for help Pray that we will have a better motorcycle to ride and for the great need of our building.” —Justo T. Granil

Mich.—“Wife is still weak in body from the flu and her blood sugar is getting high. I have been having trouble with arthritis (or something), but I am healed of that now. Thank the Lord!” —Bro. Floyd Hines

Ind.—“I am 79 years old Something seems to be wrong with me. I believe the Bible, but I don't get any good out of it. And also I pray for loved ones, but

nothing happens, so I must not be saved. I need Jesus. My husband and children do, too. I didn't feel this way when I first was saved, or I thought I was. So pray for me, and have the saints to pray for me”

—Mrs. Marion Phillips

La.—“I'm still improving from the “shingles,” but not well yet. Do remember me in prayer.”

—Sis. J. H. Brown

La.—Do pray for Sis. Lulu and Bro. Max Williamson. They need the Lord's help. Their load is so heavy with the care of their son, David, who has a mental problem, and the care of Bro. Max' sister, Queenie Williamson. They have some decisions to make that touch them very deeply. Such things are real troubles.

La.—“Pray for me I am a shut-in [her husband died about a year ago] I am lonely.”

—Mrs. G. T. Kennedy

Ark.—“I still need your prayers [for my body] I get help in one thing and then something else comes up” —Stella Steele

Terre Haute, Ind.—“If anyone lives close to me, I would like for them to visit me Pray for me. I am very deaf and have other afflictions.” —Lettie West

Nigeria—Pray for the healing of Bro. Ben Taylor, pastor at Tombia, Nigeria, who has been suffering in affliction for some time.

Okla.—Remember Sis. Frances Creel in prayer She had a stroke.

Ill.—“Keep praying for me. I am still suffering with my nerves and colon trouble. I know God can heal.”

—Sis. Lillian Center

Ark.—“I enjoy reading the paper. It is a great encouragement to me. I am asking all the saints to pray for me that the Lord will strengthen me in my body and also in my soul. I do want to be all that He wants me to be.” —Alberta Humphrey

Ore.—Pray for Sis. Evelyn Wilson. She has the shingles and is in need of prayer.

Kansas—“Tuesday morning, May 13, something hit Ralph [my husband] in his left leg and he has had to stay in bed or in his recliner since then. His days are long and so are the nights as his sleep is so disturbed. Do pray for him. We are encouraged to wait upon the Lord knowing that He does all things well. We want to get all the good out of it.” —Inez Beisly

Mo.—Remember Bro. Louis Morgan in prayer. His wife, Sue, called and said that he is still having trouble with his heart and other afflictions. He is not able to be out of bed long. His faith is in the Lord.

Ore.—Bro. Jimmie Lynch is able to go back to work, but still has trouble with his leg. God has done so much for him and he is expecting complete healing.

Jesus will honor faith where He finds it. We read where He could not do any miracles in Nazareth because the people did not have faith. “And he [Jesus] did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.” Matt. 13:58. James warns us to not let our faith waver. “But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.” James 1:6, 7. Doubts and faith will never mix.

After my father's death, my husband and I moved out of the Printshop workers' home into our own home, which we bought. My brother, Lawrence, and his wife, Maybelle, told us that they would buy us an ironing board. My husband and I went to Okla. City to shop for household furnishings, but we did not buy an ironing board. We believed that they would get us an ironing board. We moved in and started housekeeping, but we didn't have an ironing board, yet we didn't go out and buy one because we still expected them to get us one. One day they gave us an ironing board.

We can read a promise out of the Bible and take it for ourselves because God has spoken. We do not need to do anything but just wait, with faith, and believe that it will come to pass. When the time comes for us to have the answer, it will be there. Can't we trust God as well as we can those of our loved ones? I say we ought to trust God more than man. Man can and does fail us, but God never does. Jesus said, "Have faith in God."

—Sis. Marie Miles

Note of Appreciation

Okla.—Dear saints, may our dear Father in heaven bless all of you and keep you encouraged amidst all the dark hours of afflictions, trials and temptations in these perilous times that we are facing now.

I thank the Lord and you for your prayers, cards and letters which meant much to me in my suffering. When I fell and hurt my leg, I received nice cards and letters. My words fail to express my thankfulness, but this will let you know that I received them and thank you so much. I never received so many from my sisters so often, and also my sister-in-law and my sweet little great-niece, Fay, sent me a nice letter and get-well card. She told me how much she loved me. I trust she will serve the Lord and gain heaven in the end. Thank you, little Fay. Also, my sweet little niece, Gwendolyn, was so sweet to write me and send me get-well cards.

I am much better in body and my leg is improving. I trust I will soon be able to walk without the walker. I have often said, "I thank you, Lord, for every drop of your mercy and every touch of your love". I can truly say that there is not a friend like Jesus, and His people are the most precious in the world. I thank each one for your prayers. Let us gain heaven at any cost.

Yours in Christ, —Sis. Lottie Porter

TENT EVANGELISM REPORT

Dear Saints scattered abroad: Greetings of love to each one of you in the precious name of Jesus, our Lord and Saviour. What would we do without Him? He is our burden-bearer, and fights our battles of life. He is our sunshine when dark clouds hover. Each day He grows sweeter than He was the day before.

Time has slipped upon us and we have felt the need of making a report on the tent missionary efforts. We are thankful to report that on May 1st, Bro. Robert Forbes and his son, of Hammond La., left Coffeyville with 100 folding chairs on the truck which was recently purchased for the tent work in the South. He went on to Kentucky to pick up the house trailer. We are happy to say the expense for all this has been met. Thanks be to our

God! Let us join together in prayer for the salvation of souls through these two separate tent evangelistic efforts at different places this summer. We must keep on going as there is no time to lose. Bro. Mart Samons will be in a tent meeting at Green Bank, W. Va., beginning June 20, and Bro. Bob Forbes and others are now (June 14) in a tent meeting at Baton Rouge, La. These are no easy tasks and they will need our support in every way. If anyone feels a real burden to help them in these summer tent meetings, they would surely appreciate it.

We wish to again thank every one for your labor and sacrifice of love in the furtherance of the gospel. May the Lord bless each one and help you to feel you have a part in all that is accomplished, and in the end receive a home in heaven.

Yours in His service, —Ralph and Inez Beisly

(Editor's Note: Those who want to help these two evangelistic teams may send your free-will contributions directly to the treasurer of the National Missionary Fund, Bro. Ralph Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas 67337.)

EVANGELIST'S REPORT

W. Va. (May 16)—Dear Bro. Lawrence and fellow-laborers in the Lord: We feel we should give a little report of the Lord's dealing with us during the last few months. First, we want to take this opportunity to thank all who have prayed for us. We feel it has been the prayers of the saints that have kept us going. We appreciate every call, card, and offering, and all those who visited us. All these things were such a blessing. I won't be able to put in words just how much I do appreciate it all. May the Lord bless and reward each one. I still desire your earnest prayers that the Lord will soon restore me back to health again. Peter spoke of "fiery trials" and about some "strange things" happening to us. This surely has been strange and fiery.

On the morning of Jan. 6th, I got up with a ringing in my head, which I didn't pay much attention to, but it kept on. I was already run down in my health and had been having trouble with my nerves for some time. I have traveled thousands of miles in the work of the Lord for twelve years now. We wore out four new cars and we are getting a good start on another one. Last year alone, I preached 173 times, so no wonder that this old body is broken down. I had lots of advice that I should slow down and it would have been wise if I had listened, as my nerves were getting bad. I almost had a complete breakdown. The devil tried to destroy my mind. There were times I did lose my mind, but the Lord restored it. I still have trouble with my nerves, and the ringing has never stopped one minute. One who has never had this can never know how terrible it is.

The Lord has assured me He is going to bring me out of this affliction and restore me back again. He has made me to know He is allowing me to travel over some strange land. He brought to my mind about the children of Israel who were carried off captive into a strange land. You remember how they couldn't sing the songs of Zion in a strange land. God told them to build houses, plant gardens, take wives, seek peace, and not listen to false prophets. In other words, He wants me to keep busy while I am going through this trial. God said to the

Israelites that after seventy years He would visit them, also that He had thoughts of peace about them and not of evil. He said He would give them an expected end. He told them He would bring them again to the place where they started from. Jer. 29. That is what I am looking forward to. I expect to be restored back to where I was. I do desire everyone's prayers.

Our plan is to go on with the tent work this summer, and whatever the Lord leads us to do. We will need special strength and help from the Lord. He said to go and He would go with us. I love the Lord and His truth. I have purposed in my heart to stand true, and go all the way with Him. I expect to stand for the old paths until I die, by His grace and help. I'm not interested in modernism. We covet the prayers of all the people of God.

We moved from Kentucky to Green Bank, W. Va. the last of May. We feel this is the leading of the Lord. We have been coming over this way for ten years now. The Lord has raised up a nice congregation of saints here. We feel the Lord wants us to live among them. There is a rich field of labor in this part of the country. We will still be traveling some in the evangelistic work as the Lord leads. Pray the Lord to bless our efforts. Whatever we do we want His approval on.

Much Christian love, —Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons
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MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (May 17)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, the dear ones at the Printshop and abroad: Greetings again in the gracious name of Jesus Christ, the Deliverer and the Desire of all nations. "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love which ye have to all the saints." (Col. 1:2-4).

Thank you very much for your good, encouraging letter dated May 2, and the enclosures including the F. & V. paper and tracts were noted with much gratitude. I was very glad to know that the Guthrie campmeeting commences on May 23, and it will be in progress when this letter reaches you. The Guthrie campmeeting was the first meeting that I attended in the U.S.A. last year. Dear brother, when I looked through the campmeeting dates in the F. & V. paper at various places, my last year's experiences and good remembrances of all the campmeetings in which I participated came to my heart and quickened my desire to attend your campmeetings again, Lord willing, at any time in the future. How blessed those days were for me! May God bless all the campmeetings this year with large attendance, very anointed preaching and many conversions, is the earnest prayer of the Church in India.

Here is good news to share with you. God opened one more station for the Church of God in India. That place is named Thevalappuram, about twenty miles from Kottarakara. We rented a small house there and started the worship services last Sunday, May 11. Six families are now there to assemble for worship, and we expect a

very profitable work in the future in that new area Three chapels, one located at Niranam, another at Kalayapuram and a third at Thevalappuram are urgently needed now, and I hope the saints will pray for these needs in all the campmeetings. We are always thankful to God and the saints who, at last year's campmeetings, provided offerings for a printing press, a car, and to build a chapel at Avoor and a parsonage at Thrikkannamangal. Prayer is the greatest relief and answer to these present problems.

Here the church activities are going on with much progress every day, though the devil is always acting against us. We must have the authority to appropriate the promises of God and we must have the authority to apply the power of God. When the Church of God wakes up to see her great authority, the Church will be set aflame and souls will be delivered and the sick will be healed. God's river is in flood stage and why should we stay dry? We have the ownership rights which Christ has. Then why sit in gloom, despair, and frustration? Let us go down and possess it. Everything that God has is given to Christ, and everything that Christ has is given to His Body, the Church. Praise the Lord!

We must get the register number for our magazine, "Evening Light," before it is published. This we expect to get soon.

We continue to pray for your complete healing. With love and prayers, I am—

Yours in His service, —John Varghese

LETTER FROM NIGERIAN MISSION

Southeast Nigeria (May 27)—Dear beloved Bro. Pruitt and saints: Greetings in the name of our Lord, King and Master who freed us from Satan's oppression. Let's be glad and rejoice to belong to the same family—all one in Christ!

Thank you for your letter of May 2 and the enclosures, particularly the recent copy of the "Faith and Victory" paper

I declare as Joshua did, "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Thank you very much for the confidence in me and I must live up to the expectation to reap the fruits of my labours in heaven. I have missed much of these earthly benefits, but I hope to gain the more in the heavenly kingdom which will last forever!

Be praying constantly for me and the mission work. I am praying unceasingly for all of you and the gospel work.

Your saved Brother, —Nse B. Umanah

OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO, MISSION REPORT

(June 2)—Dear Ones: Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. The Lord certainly has been good to me to give me strength beyond my expectation since returning to the field this time. I knew it was some time yet before the campmeeting, but with so much to do, and so few to do it, it seemed necessary to start early to prepare for it, and I am so glad I did. I need to keep regular services going and do personal visitation, going each week to each house of those who were not in service on Sunday, to either preach the message again,

or ascertain the cause of their absence, and, of course, every other minister knows that messages don't just come floating down. There is time involved, as well as effort in prayer, so I do truly thank the dear Lord for all He has made me able to do.

We went to a funeral this morning of a new-born infant, in the cemetery at La Huerta, which is an Indian reservation. It opened our eyes wider than ever to realize of what sort are the people of this vicinity, and with whom we are dealing to win them to Christ. Some of us had gone first to the clinic to visit the mother, and took her some food, and though they hadn't mentioned that they wanted a Christian funeral, I surely was desiring that they would, and was prepared. I felt the Lord had definitely given me something simple in the early morning, as it was for an infant. As I was visiting with the mother, I asked her if there was to be a service, and she said, yes, that the people of La Huerta had told her not to worry about it, that they would take care of it all. I left it all in the hands of the Lord, and we went to La Huerta for the burial. As soon as we arrived, the father opened the casket long enough for the grandma to put in a few rosebuds, then screwed the lid down with a screwdriver, jumped down in the place prepared, left the casket there, and motioned to a young girl to start the procession of throwing dirt on the top of the casket in the form of a cross, and nearly all followed and did the same, and that was the service. I felt like crying, yet I knew that no power on earth could take the baby out of the arms of the dear Lord, and there I left it. Hardly had they finished putting dirt in by handful, when several, including the father, lighted up cigarettes and smoked while different men helped to fill up the grave. In Mexico, no one leaves the grave, or cemetery, until the grave is filled. We stayed, and the women relatives put flowers and candles on the grave before leaving. As we left La Huerta, I realized I was humming a hymn and the Lord made me to know what it was. The first few words were, "Ye have done what ye could", and I knew it was so. The mother of this baby comes regularly to services, but I realized as we were there at the grave side, that it will take a long time to get these Catholic customs out of their lives. I submitted all into the hands of the Lord, and by His help, I desire to be faithful to the mother, and family, and all others here who are professing to serve God. Pray for me and all the workers on the fields.

With Christian love, —Sis. Opal Kelly

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FROM THE MAIL BOX . . .

Mo.—Dear Sis. Marie, greetings of love: I trust this finds you much encouraged. I enjoyed the Guthrie campmeeting. May the Lord help us to measure to the Word as He gives it to us.

I was thinking last night about enduring unto the end. I've read and heard that verse many times, but one time it really struck me as to what it really meant. It's our last breath that is going to count. We may live ever so close to God, but if before we draw our last breath, we give up, our former life will be of no avail. The devil knows he has hope as long as there is breath in our body, and we have our mind. Surely he is trying hard—harder than ever before. May we strive and pray harder than ever to keep the victory.

The Lord has been so good to us. If we wanted to, we could look on the dark side and see the many sorrows and troubles that have come our way, but oh, the Lord has blessed us so much that we would be foolish to dwell on the dark side and miss out on the joy of God's blessings. At different times, someone in our family has been at death's door and God has so mercifully and miraculously spared. I can never thank God enough for how He so miraculously spared my dear daddy's life and mind. It was only through God's mercy. We can always find something for which to thank our God. May we not fail to thank Him. —Rebecca Sorrell

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Wisc.—Dear ones at the Publishing House: Greetings in Jesus' name! We have chosen to do all we can to help spread the truth as He directs, knowing that time is growing shorter and we must do all we can while there is time.

We are still in the army of the Lord, doing the best we can in spite of the blocks and stones placed in our pathway. We are looking ahead and expecting great things from God. The devil keeps on fighting and trying to discourage us in every way possible, but I'm glad to say, we are not looking back. There is too much going on behind us to try to clean it out. Only the Lord can do that.

The Lord has seen fit to keep us reasonably well, for which we give Him all the praise. As we look around and see the people running to the doctors and going from bad to worse, we remember it is God's good will to keep us on the firing line and we just keep following wherever He leads. We are glad we are in the army of the Lord. His service grows sweeter every day. Praise the Lord!

In Christian love, —Sister Florence Knoll

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Ark.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. It is wonderful to know that He is our Lord. There are many things in this world that we call ours. The word "ours" shows possession. Family, friends, lands, houses, health, and wealth are things we possess and call ours. They can be taken from us against our will and in spite of our best efforts. This is not so with our Lord. He is ours and we are His as long as we do His will.

The revival at Prattsville, Ark., was profitable for the congregation, and a few visitors from the community attended. The Spirit used Bro. Tommy Melot, Bro. Cecil Carver, Bro. Leonard Roberts, and Bro. Mancil Doolittle to preach the Word of truth. There was at least one family of visiting saints at each service. We appreciate all those who came as well as the prayers of each one.

Sister Loftis' mother died on May 2 and was buried on the following Tuesday. This sad event was upsetting as far as the meeting was concerned. Also, strong winds blew down trees on Bro. Clarence Bennings' two automobiles, as well as that of Bro. Junior Sorrell. The damage wasn't very bad, and all could see that the Lord had prevented worse misfortune. There was a full day of work just clearing away some of the debris at his house.

Most of our congregation attended the last weekend of the meeting at Myrtle, Mo. The spiritual food was rich and strengthening to our souls.

Three carloads of us journeyed to Jasper, Alabama, for the first weekend of the tent meeting there. The Lord saved three souls that weekend. Bro. Samons is better in body, but still needs the prayers of all. We enjoyed our stay there, and as it always is, we hated to go back home.

The Lord surely has been good to us. We travelled many safe miles. He has seen us through some recent sickness with victory. He has blessed me with sweet peace in my soul during some troublesome times on my job. I cannot praise Him enough for His goodness to me. He does so much for me and it seems I do so little in return.

We pray that the work at the Printshop will progress under the Lord's favor. Many who may never hear a message preached can be reached by the printed page. Congregations, such as ours, rely much on the quarterlies ("Bible Lessons") and "Beautiful Way" papers It is our prayer that the Lord will strengthen you and all the other workers there in body and spirit.

—Bro. and Sis. Doug Walters

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Ga.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and the helpers in the Printshop: Holy greetings to all. I am still happy in the Lord and truly saved. My eyes are still doing fine so far. I am continually praising and thanking our good heavenly Father for what He did for my eyes, and for what He is still doing for me in body and soul.

We continually keep all of you before the Lord. Let's all keep praying hard for this corrupt world.

The gospel work here is going on very well in the Lord. We are keeping encouraged in the Lord and we are praying God to give us a good revival this summer. —Friendly Green

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Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We send you greetings in the name of Jesus, who is our hope of eternal life.

We trust this letter finds you much encouraged in the work of the Lord, with a deep desire to press on to the high mark. This leaves us with a deep desire to do the will of the One who died for us. Even though we gain eternal life we will not be able to praise Him enough in eternity.

We can testify that God, for Jesus' sake and His love, has been to us just what He said He would be, and He will be the same to all who trust Him and call upon His name.

Many times we knew not what or how to pray about a certain thing, or trouble, but before we could get it straight as to what to do, God saw our desire to please Him and worked it out to His glory and our good. To Him be all the praise and glory

We pray the blessings of the Lord upon you and all there. May the Word of the Lord go forth in truth and boldness.

The summer weather is coming upon us here in the North now. We enjoy planting and watching things grow; also we can get many spiritual lessons from these things. —Bro. and Sis. Milford Parsons

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Minn.—Greetings of love in Jesus' name: This leaves me well and happy in the Lord. I am enclosing an offering for the work. May God bless all of you until He calls us home. —Bro. Andrew Senti

Ore.—Dear ones in Christ: Thanks for the nice letter and for your prayers, as I'm old and not much use any more; however, I will do my bit. I also pray God's blessing upon His work.

I heartily agree with the tract on dress, or should I say "Undress". May God awaken the preachers to preach the Word clearly. Sometimes it makes me ashamed I'm a woman, when I see faces without a blush. They are stripped of the necessary covering. May God awaken them, I pray, and also the weak-kneed preachers. Do keep the truth going and may God bless your efforts, is my prayer.

—Lottie M. Asling

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La.—I appreciate your work for Christ, in spreading the gospel and proclaiming the good news through many books and tracts Be encouraged to press the battle on, always remembering that the prize isn't given to the swift but to those who endure to the end.

—Sis. Christine Marie Burns

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W. Va.—Dear Sister Miles and all the saints: Last Sunday morning we had five precious souls here. Sister Queen Luzader and her husband from Burnsville had never been here before A girl that was saved in April got out for the afternoon service. Please do pray for her.

In our afternoon service, a 14 year old girl got saved. She plans on going to campmeeting. There are none of her family saved yet, but her mother was here once and I feel she is under conviction

Sister Miles, you little realize what you have meant to me. Keep praying that the Green Bank meeting will be a real blessing and that the Lord will send some experienced worker here to help in this work.

At a little store a woman looked at me and said, "Do you know me?" I said, "I don't know! Do you know me?" She said, "Yes." She is younger than I but came to church when I was here before, She had not seen me since the spring of 1943. I remembered her maiden name. We had so many here in services when I was here before. She told me about some neighbors of hers, that I remembered real well. When I came home, I called these dear ones and had quite a visit on the phone. They are both coming to see me soon. Please pray for them.

This spring I was thinking about a family that attended church at 10th Street, which was over on the other side of town. People did not travel then, in 1933, like they do now I saw the boy's name in the telephone directory and called the home. Yesterday, I was resting when a rap came on my door. When I looked, he was smiling and said, "You really are Sister Hinzman." He was only about 7 or 8 when I saw him last. His daddy and mother died several years ago. He told how he had been in service and was an alcoholic but got saved and had been busy with his work and also lecturing to poor souls, helping them to straighten their lives up Sister Miles, you little realize how happy I was to see that precious boy again. He attends services right by his home, but said he would be out sometime.

How glad I am that the Lord opened up the way for me to come back here. This chapel was completely

closed, but my faith takes in that the Lord will have a little clean work here again.

I came to Fairmont in 1927. The Lord knows how He led in the prayer meetings in homes. Then that little building on Tenth Street was donated to us and was brought here. Some dear old souls that stood by us came out of other churches. They have crossed over now. I do expect to meet them but desire to help others. Please pray for me that I'll have the strength to do what He wants me to do. God bless you all.

Yours in Christ, —Flora Hinzman

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Mo.—Dear ones: Greetings to all in Jesus' precious name. I am enjoying the messages in the "Faith and Victory" paper and the letters of testimony of each precious one. I find a name very often of one with whom I enjoyed fellowship, when I was able to attend the campmeetings. Many times I meditate on the blessed services I was able to attend. I sit here isolated, and read and re-read the writings of the pioneer saints, as well as the present writings from your Printshop

May God bless you as you labor in His service. Christian love to all the workers. —Lucille Richey

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W. Va.—Dear Sister Marie: I hope this finds all of you well and the grace of God in each heart. I endeavor each day to do the right thing and to live my life for Christ. That is my greatest desire in life.

I think of so many others in the world who need Christ. I don't know what is in the hearts of other people or what their dealings are with Him, but my prayers are for all that He may bless them abundantly.

Love and prayers, —Gertrude Smith

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Tex.—Dear Saints: This leaves me quite well, . . . still saved, and trusting the Lord for soul and body. Request pray for me. —Ever Batts

Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Ohio—Dear Saints of God: I first want to thank you dear ones for praying and carrying a burden for my salvation. I count it a miracle which the Lord performed in my behalf. I am glad that today I can be counted among the righteous and have no spot in my life, and I am free from the bondage of that terrible master, the devil.

I can never forget how good God was to me while I was out in the world. His loving arms of protection took me around many dangers. I can recall how God would visit me, but I would only procrastinate. Then, thank God, on May 22, 1975, at about 5:30 p.m., the Lord sent His Holy Spirit again to visit me. This time it was very vivid that this was my last and only chance to repent, and so I humbly submitted to the will of God. I called Sis. Clark, the pastor in Akron, for prayer. She and Sis. Fuller came and had seasons of prayer with me, and the Lord saved my roving soul. The enemy tried to show me that relations with my children and husband would not be as before since the devil had me tied up in his vineyard for two years. But, thank the Lord, He not only saved me, but the same night my husband also met the Lord and he was wonderfully saved. Our family is

reunited, and everything is as if nothing ever happened. We can never thank the Lord enough, and also the dear saints who had me before the Lord in their prayers. The Lord has fit every piece back together as you would solve a jig-saw puzzle. My children have accepted me so well, and my heart is rejoicing.

We truly desire your prayers. My mind and heart is to press the battle on to higher goals in the Lord. I am on the battlefield 'till death.

Again I am happy to be able to say, "I'm happy, redeemed, and free". I desire to keep my whole life on the altar for our Lord. —Sis. Henrietta Jones

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Ark.—Dearest ones: Greetings in the most lovely name that we can ever know! Jesus only and Jesus forever! Glory be to Him. Oh, how blessed to know, love, and trust in Him only.

I trust all are well at the Printshop. My daily prayer is, "Oh, Lord, bless, help, and keep each one in Thy care." Oh, how sweet to trust in God and not be afraid. His chastening rod is precious. Lord, help us all to bear it in love and confidence in the One that knows and does all things for our good and for His glory. He has touched me with His healing compassion several times and I am so much better. Those awful pains and suffering are gone and my strength is increasing each day. My heart is full of thanks to all who have stayed with me in prayer. I pray God to bless each one in His own blessed way. Thanks for the lovely cards and letters sent in this time of need from you dear ones.

—Sis. N. E. Adams

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Okla.—Dear Editors, other saints at the Lord's Printshop, and all readers of this paper, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I have so much to praise the Lord for. I am happy in the love of Jesus, our dear Saviour. I'm also enjoying good health for one of my age (83), and was thankful that I was privileged to attend 3 services each day of the good campmeeting here in Guthrie, and to hear the Spirit-anointed Word of the Lord. I was thankful to see dear ones find soul help at the altar of prayer, and I enjoyed the sweet fellowship of the precious saints, among whom were some from other states who have been dear to my heart for many years.

I also desire to give thanks to God that the book "Bible Readings for Bible Students, and for the Home and Fireside" is being reprinted. A number of years ago, several couples of us in the Perlita Ave. (Los Angeles, Calif.) Church of God congregation, felt the need of getting together one evening a week for Bible Study, some of whom had been saved only a short time. We used the above named book as a foundation for our lessons, and with the Holy Spirit as our Teacher and Guide, the precious Bible truths became real soul food. Our minds were greatly enlightened, and we were drawn close together in sweet fellowship of the Spirit.

Just recently, the Lord released our dear Sister Virginia Wittenborn from all earthly duties and has rewarded her with peaceful rest in Jesus. Several years ago, two others of that original study group were also called from labor to reward: Bro. Tex Elwell and my husband, Erle Forbes.

I believe most all of the others of that group are happily living for the Lord, and following the teachings of

those ministers who compiled the precious, enlightening lessons of that study book, which so clearly brings out the deep, doctrinal truths preached by the early ministers of the Evening Light Reformation.

In Christian love, —Sis. Vera Forbes

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Mo.—Dear Brother Pruitt: Greetings of Christian love to you and all who love our Saviour in sincerity and truth! I pray that the light of His love is glowing ever brighter and brighter in the temple of your heart, leading you onward and upward unto that perfect day. He has been near unto this unworthy servant, teaching me wondrous things of His righteousness and wisdom and I would like to add my testimony to that of the growing number who find Him completely sufficient for all of life's needs.

A few weeks ago He gave me the idea of having an open air meeting which we called a "Christian celebration" at Big Lake State Park near our home at Forest City, Mo. We advertised it for two weeks in two local papers and prayed during that time that our Lord would have His way and glorify His name and move the hearts of the people that He wanted to come. There seemed to be a pretty fair interest in the meeting, but on the day advertised (Sunday, May 25) clouds and rain prevailed. I knew the Lord had stirred my spirit and given me a message for the people, so I would not cancel the meeting. I went to work at the railroad station and as soon as I was left alone, I went into the waiting room, fell on my knees and called upon God to stretch forth His arm of power in answer to our faith and glorify His name that day. The clouds continued to fill the sky all day with light showers until 4 p.m. came and my relief man came to take my place, so I could go home. Then the enemy shot a dart of discouragement at me. This young man had occasionally talked with me of my faith and knew of the meeting we had planned. He brought the weather to my attention and the fact that my desire was to spread the gospel of God and asked in effect, "If these things you teach are so, why does God allow the weather to defeat you? You are going to get rained out." I replied that I was not sure that we would, and he said, "Yes, you are. You are going to get rained out. Why?" I told him I was not ready to admit defeat, but God knew best anyway. Then on the way home, the enemy seemed to try to use this as a lever against my faith, but I went on and loaded the folding chairs during a light rain or mist, and went in and got ready to go. When I came out the rain had stopped, but the dark skies still prevailed. It looked discouraging, but my wife had already gone on ahead to get things ready, so I got in the pickup and went on over to the park. Several of the folks had sent word that they were not coming now, but when I arrived there were several people already gathered. We talked a while, then had prayer and ate our lunch and started singing. Then what do you think happened? Praise God, a little sunbeam found its way from heaven through the obstructions and fell upon me, causing me to look up, and suddenly we were bathed in warm spring sunlight and our hearts were enraptured to sing His glory who had so wonderfully answered our prayers. —And the people came. The Nazarene church at Oregon, Mo., cancelled their services to come be with us, some Methodists came, one Pentecostal family, and someone

said the Baptist church must not have had many in their services that night for we had most of them with us. Our dear Lord richly anointed His servant with a message on "Heavenly Music," telling how that the pure and holy harmony of heaven that existed between man and God in the beginning now can be restored in full salvation and we can now, in this present time, regain the paradise lost. Glory to God! And there were no objections, for God seemed to have so melted the hearts of the people that it was not found in them to deny the truths of this message, but they requested aloud that we might soon have another meeting like this. Praise God! He so lifted me out of the valley up on to the mountaintop that night after I got home that I called the young man at the depot long distance and asked him what he had to say then, and if he noticed the sunshine, and he said, "Yes, your point is made." Oh, glory to God, who wouldn't want to serve a God like that? He loves and cares and is able to make all nature obey His every command.

Saints, this is a lesson to us. We might be tested right up to death's door. All things may look black and desolate. We may think that God has forsaken us. The enemy may come in like a flood trying to discourage us and ask, "Where is your God now?" Oh, but praise God, He's just behind the clouds watching to see what we will do. Will we trust in Him or give up the battle and turn to man? God is our Father. He loves and He cares for us, but we have to be tested, for so His divine law has decreed. All who have gone on before on this holy highway have been tested and tried, and I wouldn't want to get by without it even if I could. All I ask for is grace and faith to endure, for I have found a real meaning in the words, "How sweet is the victory". Praise God! When we are in the valley, it looks rough, and we might be inclined to feel sorry for ourselves if we're not careful. Oh, but how beautiful it looks from the mountaintop of victory! How real God is to your heart then! It is an old saying but it is very true, "No cross, no crown". If you want the crown, then bear the cross with patience and willingness.

I can hear some saying, "It's easy to speak of victory when you're not in the trial". Well, you pray for me, for I have a long-standing throat affliction that seems to be growing worse and sometimes it seems it is about to end this earthly existence. The enemy whispers oft in my ear the word 'cancer'. I have close relatives trying to persuade me to go to a doctor, but thank God, I can tell them that I already have the best doctor there is. They ask me if I am not concerned about my wife and children and I tell them that they are committed into God's hands. The same God that transformed my life is able to take care of them. I desire to stay with them and work for my Master in this world, but live or die, I am His to do with as He pleases. Pray that I will remain true and faithful unto the end. Pray for the work here.

—Jim Broker

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"Be good to as many as we can, as much as we can, as often as we can, and as long as we can."
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(Sorry we are out of space for other good testimonies for which the type has already been set. —Editor)