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Unnumbered Blessings

While sitting one day in the sunshine
That touched me with fingers of love,
I thought of the manifold blessings
God scatters on earth from above.

And seemed as I counted them over,
Far more than we merit or need,
And all that we lack are the angels
To make earth like Eden indeed.

The winter brings long pleasant evenings,
And spring brings a promise of flowers
That summer breathes into fruition,
And autumn brings glad golden hours.

The woodlands re-echo with music,
The moonbeams ensilver the sea;
There's sunlight and beauty about us,
And the earth is as fair as can be.

More precious than all are the graces
Of Christ, our Redeemer of love:
His peace that flows down like a river
From all His great storehouse above.

Untold are the gems of salvation:
The treasures surrounding His grace,
The bounteous Kingdom of Heaven
Revealed in His loving embrace.

But mortals so oft are complaining,
Each one deems his life incomplete
By draining the cup that is bitter,
Forgetting the One that is sweet.

We mourn o'er the thorn in the flower,
Forgetting its odor and bloom;
We pass by a garden of blossoms
To weep o'er the dust of the tomb.

There're blessings unnumbered about us,
Like the leaves of the forest they grow;
And the fault is our own, not the Giver's,
If we have not an Eden below.

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Thanksgiving Day

The annual Thanksgiving day of our nation is at hand. This is a day appointed for general thanksgiving to God for the blessings of the year.

"O GIVE THANKS unto the Lord." *Psa. 105:1.* Thanksgiving to God is an acknowledgement of divine goodness and mercy; it is an expression of our sense of gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon us by the gracious hand of God. Thanksgiving should be from the heart. Gratitude is a feeling in the heart, excited by the goodness of the Lord. Thanksgiving is an expression of that grateful feeling.

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." God is the Giver of every good thing. Not a blessing man enjoys but is given him of God. Think of it! Oh, how thankful we should be and what a feeling of gratitude should be in our hearts!

We are exhorted to give thanks in everything; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning us. The Christian receives only good or that which works for his good; consequently, nothing ever comes to him in life but that for which he can render thanks to the Lord out of a grateful heart. The Christian life should be one of constant praise and thanksgiving. "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Many people should be more thankful than they are. It may be that many who read this are desirous of being more thankful. They can be: "The desire of the righteous shall be granted." Too many hearts are cold, hard, ungrateful, and insensible. Every day should be a day of thanksgiving. This sweet incense should be kept arising from our hearts constantly. The greatest commandment God has given to man is to love Him with all the heart and all the soul and all the mind and all the strength. There are different phases of love. The love of the soul is the love of gratitude. Let us see that we love God with all the soul.

Thanksgiving should make up a large portion of our prayers. "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." *Phil. 4:6.*

Ten lepers were healed, but only one returned to give thanks. Man is willing to pray for hours for some desired object; but when he has obtained it, only a moment is spent in thanksgiving. Man should "continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving." Col. 4:2.

These are days of much coldness, formality, and conventionality. There is much giving thanks, but we fear that a very great amount is only from the lips. Some give thanks at the dining table regularly, but oh, how cold and formal! It is not from the heart. They go straightway into sin, using the things God gives them to the lust of the flesh.

But some desire to be more thankful if they only knew how. We will try to help you.

First: Live a pure life, and use all God gives you to His glory. No life lived in sin can be truly thankful: it is only the pure heart that can see God or His goodness. Sin veils the heart so it cannot behold the mercy and benefaction of God. Consequently, the heart that sins cannot render praise unto God.

Second. Live spiritual, and be strong in faith. Guard against all lukewarmness; carefully avoid any approaches to the sinful world; give no place to discouragements. You cannot be thankful if you allow discouragements to come in upon you, nor if you have a little affinity with the world. These are very blighting to the spirit of thanksgiving.

Third. Look at your own nothingness and helplessness; see your utter dependence upon God. Of course, it will take some time to attain the desire of your heart. If you are not willing to take time to be thankful, you can never be thankful. Is that not true in everything? How can anyone succeed in anything, to which he is not willing to devote some time? Go pray as often as you can—yes, take time to think over the goodness of God to you. See Jesus dying to save you; see Him in the temporal blessings; see Him in all His goodness—surely gratitude will begin to glow in your heart.

Now at this time, when our country has set apart a day in which to give thanks unto the Lord, is a good time for His saints to seek Him that they may be more thankful. May the Lord increase the gratitude of His saints to Him and help them make every day a day of real heartfelt thanksgiving.

—Charles E. Orr

TOMORROW

I have nothing to do with tomorrow;
My Saviour will make that His care.
Should He fill it with trouble and sorrow,
He'll help me to suffer and bear.
I have nothing to do with tomorrow—
Its burdens then why should I share?
Its grace and its faith I can't borrow,
Then why should I borrow its care?

—Selected by Effie Miller

The Pagan and Papal Origin of Halloween

There are three feast days associated with the celebration of Halloween. All Hallows Eve or Halloween (Halloweven) is celebrated on the evening of October 31. Hallowmas, All Hallows, or All Saints' Day falls on November 1, and is described by the American Dictionary as: "a feast of the Roman Catholic Church in honor of all the saints." All Souls' Day is defined by the same dictionary thusly: "The second day of November, a feast of the Roman Catholic Church held to pray for all souls in purgatory."

The observance of these festival days was first introduced by pagans about thirteen centuries ago. The Druids celebrated their harvest at this time and many strange ceremonies were performed. The participants of the "witches' Sabbath"—the notorious Black Mass—embraced horrible, superstitious, and obnoxious rituals during demon worship ceremonies held on All Hallows Eve. Having previously anointed themselves with the fat of a murdered child, neophytes (beginners) were then introduced to the devil at such meetings, where they received his mark on their bodies as evidence that they had sold their souls to him. In Germany, the witches' Sabbath was held on Walpurgis Night. Why mischief on Halloween? Because when the neophytes had completed their gory initiation, they had to prove their good faith further by performing whatever nefarious deeds their sponsors assigned.

The American Encyclopedia states as follows: "All Saints Day, a festival instituted by Pope Boniface IV early in the seventh century, on the occasion of his transforming the Roman heathen Pantheon (the present Rotunda or Santa Maria dei Martiri) into a Christian temple or church and consecrating it to the Virgin Mary and all the martyrs. It was first made a feast of obligation by Gregory IV in 835. It is kept by the Roman Catholic Church and by the churches in communion with the Church of England on November 1, and by the Greek Church on the Sunday after Whitsunday."

All Souls' Day is the day on which the Roman Catholic Church especially remembers its deceased. It was first enjoined in 998 by St. Odilo, abbot of Cluny, in the monastic order of which he was the head, and soon afterward came to be adopted by the church generally. It is observed on November 2, at which time all the souls in purgatory are prayed for.

In the north of England, Halloween is known as Nutcrack Night. In Scotland, where my father was born, the ceremonies of the eve were formerly regarded in a highly superstitious light. It was believed that children born on Halloween had the ability to converse with supernatural beings.

In the light of the foregoing historical information, which can be obtained from any reliable encyclopedia, we would conclude that if any adults or children take part in Halloween practices, they are

helping promote, knowingly or unknowingly, the observance of pagan and Roman Catholic rites.

Let us notice the following Scriptures: "Thus saith the Lord, learn not the way of the heathen. . ." (Jer. 10:2). "Neither be partakers of other men's sins: keep thyself pure." (1 Tim. 5:22). "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (1 Thess. 5:22). "The foolish shall not stand in thy sight." (Psalms 5:5). " . . . Let it not once be named among you as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting which are not convenient." (Eph. 5:3, 4). "Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path. . . ." —Eileen Burford

Inner Secret Security

A reservation was made on a T.W.A. four-engine jet airplane, for my brother and family to leave Honolulu, Hawaii, on a Monday in 1957. They had written me of their plans to leave, but time passed and I did not hear from them. I was troubled and surely did some praying, as I didn't know exactly how to contact them by phone. The week before the Monday that they were to leave for the United States, my brother asked his foreman for his check. The foreman, being unhappy because he had quit his printing job, refused to give it to him until Friday, along with the other employees. My brother tried to tell him that it was necessary for him to have it because he already had reservations to leave on the T.W.A. plane on Monday. But the foreman held to his first decision and my brother had to change his reservation to leave on a Tuesday. Then, because of problems at the airport, they were unable to leave until Wednesday.

The T.W.A. airplane on which he first had a reservation, left on Monday and winged its way out over the Pacific Ocean. The pilot became alarmed as one engine went out and then finally another. He had sighted a Swedish ship, signaled about his distress, and asked them to call for help. The pilot knew nothing else to do other than to "ditch" his plane. The crippled plane circled the ship until the life boats were launched and finally hit the water. They had only fifteen minutes to get the passengers off the airplane before it would sink beneath the waves. About two-thirds of them got into boats or on life rafts, and about one-third were left in the water with life jackets on, to be picked up later by boats. This is the plane that my brother and family would have been on, according to his first reservation. But prayer was made and God worked it out so that they missed such distress and trouble.

I am told that underneath the water surface of the ocean, there is perfect stillness. Though the upper ocean water may rage and the billows roll, it doesn't disturb that perfect stillness in its depths. Animal remains have been found which have not been disturbed, although they are hundreds of years old.

Life holds many troubles which come to us naturally. My brother's narrow escape from trouble on the ocean, came only through God's intervention. But troubles come to all of us. Varied problems, afflictions, and many other things touch our lives on the

surface. But, dear ones, I want to point you to a God who dwells with us in that secret inner place that is deep inside each of us, after we have confessed and forsaken our sins. Right in the presence of God we can find an undisturbed peace from the troubles in life and can find an anchor for our soul which the world doesn't have. Oh, "his soul shall dwell at ease" because "the secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." Psalms 25:13,14. There is security in Christ. Regardless of what may come, those who dwell "in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty," and they have their trust in Him. Psalms 91:1. He will never fail them, but will give comfort, consolation, and peace. Though up on the surface the billows of trouble roll and the winds of distress blow from different directions, there is secret inner security that the child of God has, that will carry him through all the trouble of life. God said, "I will give thee . . . hidden riches of secret places." Isa. 45:3. The Bible says, "O my dove, [my church, or children] that art in the . . . secret places . . . , let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, . . ." Song of Sol. 2:14. How precious is the dwelling place in our hearts with the Lord! "Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing; for God is my defense, and the God of my mercy." Psalms 59:17. "My soul, wait thou only upon God . . . He is my defence; I shall not be moved." Psalms 62:5,6. All are invited to dwell with the Lord and have sweet communion with God. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, [of his heart], I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20. In this life of trouble, we need to have the Lord dwell with us in that secret inner place of security. Then we can face the cold, dark world with all of its troubles with a peace that passeth understanding. —Sis. Marie Miles

When winds are raging o'er the upper ocean,
And billows wild contend with angry roar,
'Tis said, far down beneath the wild commotion,
That peaceful stillness reigneth evermore.

So to the heart that knows Thy love, O Purest,
There is a temple sacred evermore,
And all the babble of life's angry voices
Dies in hushed silence at its peaceful door.

Far, far away, the roar of passion dieth,
And loving thoughts rise calm and peacefully,
And no rude storm, how fierce so e'er it flieth,
Disturbs the soul that dwells, O Lord, in Thee.

—Harriet B. Stowe

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

There were ten lepers healed, and only one turned back to give thanks, but it is to be noticed that our Lord did not recall His gift from the other nine because of their lack of gratitude. When we begin to lessen our acts of kindness and helpfulness because we think those who receive do not properly appreciate what is done for them, it is time to examine and question our own motives.

—Egbert Allen

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EDITORIALS

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The ministers' meeting, which was in session at Guthrie, Okla., on October 7 and 8, 1975, was very profitable. The Bible truths were presented on various subjects and those in attendance received instruction and edification. About fifty ministers were present at this convocation.

Good reports have come from the meeting (Oct. 12 to 19) which Bro. Richard Madden, pastor at Sa-

pulpa, Okla., held in Anthony, Kansas, where Brother Willie Murphey is the pastor. God's Word will not return void, but will accomplish that whereunto He sends it.

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Bros. Mackey Francisco and Eugene Fields of California held a revival meeting at the Green Pastures Chapel, 57th and Denver Streets, Okla. City, Okla., from October 10 to 19. The meeting was well attended. The heart-searching truth went forth with Holy Spirit anointing and a number of souls found help at the altar of prayer. On Sunday night, Oct. 19, Bro. Mackey brought a message from the Lord to the Guthrie congregation. This week (Oct. 20 to 24) Bro. Mackey Francisco is in the revival meeting at Okmulgee, Okla., where Bro. Woodrow Warren is the pastor.

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The Lord blessed in a very precious way on the special day of fasting and prayer on Oct. 15. The saints across the country joined in an agreement of prayer for the many urgent needs. Many, many prayer requests came to us by letter and phone, and they were brought to the prayer group assembled at the Guthrie chapel during the noon hour. Earnest prayers were offered and ascended to the throne of mercy. Doubtless we will never know the full extent of answered prayer, but we do know it pleased the Lord to bring all our petitions to Him. He honors living, active faith wherever it is found. Let us continue to hold up the shield of faith and move forward against the opposition and imposition of the enemy of our souls.

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Bro. Jim and Sister Anecia Wall and family of Tulsa, Okla., recently flew to Libya, North Africa, where Bro. Jim is employed by a Libyan oil company. Their daughter, Cheryl, is staying in Guthrie with her grandmother, Sister Edith Wall, to finish high school at mid-term. The first of the year she will rejoin her parents in Libya.

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The Oregon State Assembly Meeting at Jefferson will be in progress from Nov. 7 to Nov. 16, 1975. The General Southern Assembly Meeting at Hammond, La., is scheduled for Nov. 23 to 30, 1975. You are cordially invited and urged to attend these services. Refreshing times will come from the Lord.

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Brother Ed C. Tombleson, aged 87, of Mansfield, Mo., departed for the Gloryland on Sunday, Oct. 12, 1975, after many years in the service of the Lord. His race is run and his crown is won. May God's presence sustain and comfort Sister Tombleson and the family in their time of sorrow. Her address is: Route 4, Mansfield, Mo. 65704.

The California State Assembly Meeting at Pa-coima and the Oklahoma State Assembly Meeting at Guthrie will be held, Lord willing, from Dec. 26 to Jan. 4, 1976. Further announcement of each of these meetings will appear in the December issue.

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Bicentennial Year Set for U. S. Overthrow . . .

"According to several intelligence analysts, the Soviet plans for the overthrow of the U. S. Government called for this to take place in July of 1976. While their timetable may or may not be on schedule, the program of strengthening the Communist bloc and weakening the United States (the 'principal defender of freedom') has been successful beyond their own expectations.

"In an article entitled 'Threat for Bicentennial Year—Terrorists Getting Ready,' the U. S. News & World Report of July 21, 1975, reveals information concerning 'more bombings, revolutionary war plans and dozens of radicals hiding underground building up arsenals—their target date: 1976.' The article states, 'Political terrorism is on the rise again in the U. S., building toward what could be a dramatic—and possibly bloody—climax during the nation's Bicentennial year of 1976.' This statement is based on information received from state and federal law enforcement officers who warned that a new surge of violence and propaganda has caused authorities concern that the battle may be entering a more open and deadly phase.

"The Communists' plan for world conquest has been extremely successful and one country after another is falling under their control. The last nation which stands in their way is the U. S. A. and they hope to obtain control of our government during the year of 1976. It can happen here."

The foregoing facts are a clear warning of the eminent Communists' take-over of this country, and they should alert the Church of the urgency of the situation we are facing. Only God's intervening hand can delay or postpone that tragic day. Because this nation as a whole has forgotten God, it is already doomed for punishment. God's ministers—the watchmen on the walls of Zion—have seen for many years the trend toward Communism in this country, and now the point of no return has evidently been reached. Many people profess Christianity with a form of godliness, but in their works they deny Christ and place themselves in the camp of the unbelievers who crucified Christ. True believers are the small minority of this nation, and the only hope for that "remnant" is to put on the whole armour of God, watch and pray always in order to stand and have grace to seal their testimony with their blood. Jesus exhorted His little flock of disciples, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matt. 10:28. Christian pilgrim, be assured that you are on the winning side with Jesus regardless of what you will face in these dangerous times.

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

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Thanksgiving

Oh, God, as we awake to a morning so bright,
We thank Thee for keeping us throughout the night;
We thank Thee for sending blessed relief
From pain which caused such suffering and grief.

We thank Thee for being able to sleep,
For enjoying the goodness of slumber so deep;
Free from all cares and sorrows of heart,
Able refreshed for the new day to start.

So, Lord, inspire our hearts today
As we now wend our "pilgrim way";
Give us that grace we need 'mid strife,
Lord, help us to live a holy life!

—R. E. Hattley

OBITUARIES



D. Anna Marken was born October 16, 1896, near Mansfield, Missouri, and transferred her residence from her home at Twin Falls, Idaho, to Glory to live with Jesus at 4:30 a.m., Thursday, September 25, 1975, at the age of 78 years, 11 months and 8 days.

On December 21, 1915, she was married to Alvin W. Marken and to this union two daughters were born. After their marriage, they lived in Colorado for four years, and then in 1919, moved in a covered wagon to western Kansas and settled nine miles northwest of Grainfield. Here they resided until in the spring of 1931, when they bought a farm three miles south of Campus and lived there until 1939 when the "dust bowl" blew them out. In the fall of 1939, they made a trip through the west and bought a farm in Idaho where they moved in 1940. This was their residence for the remainder of Sister Marken's life, with the exception of one year.

She was a devout and faithful Christian woman and patiently waited upon God and trusted Him fully and faithfully throughout a lengthy illness in which she suffered much. We claim for her the promise of Jesus, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

One of her crowning attributes was loyalty. She was loyal to her husband, loyal to her children, loyal to her duties as a wife, mother and home maker, loyal to her Christ, and loyal to her conscience and convictions. She lived by her convictions and died by them according to the will of God.

She is survived by her husband, Alvin W. Marken, of Twin Falls, Idaho; two daughters; Ruby Marken of the home, and Mrs. Wilma Harris of Twin Falls, Idaho; one grandson and three great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Carrie Tombleson of Mansfield, Missouri, and Mrs. Amy Tombleson of Lamar, Colorado; also a number of nephews and nieces and many friends, including Elder and Mrs. Orville Scantlin.

Funeral services were conducted by Ostis B. Wilson and Orville Scantlin at the White Mortuary Chapel on September 27th. Burial was in the Sunset Memorial Park of Twin Falls, Idaho.

(Editor's note: Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Sister Ruby Marken and all the relatives at the passing of her dear mother. May the "God of all comfort" be very near in their bereavement. Sister Ruby worked here at the Lord's Print Shop from 1966 to 1969, and one winter during that time her parents were with us and helped in the office work. At present, Sister Ruby will continue to reside with her aged father, who is still active. Their address is R.1, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.)

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Reuben Eugene Daratt was born August 7, 1892, to Oscar and Ida Daratt, and departed this life Oct. 2, 1975, at the age of 83, in Wichita, Kansas. He was a longtime resident of Wichita, and over 20 years of his later life he lived with his niece, Mrs. John Weber.

A few years ago he met one of the saints who talked to him about Christ and real salvation, so he desired to go to the church services with them. When he went

and heard the gospel preached, he was convinced of his need of Christ, and sought for and received salvation, thereby being born into the Church of God. He embraced and loved the truth, and enjoyed being a child of God. He loved the songs of Zion and was truly able to say, "What a Friend we have in Jesus." He was faithful to attend Sunday services as long as he was able, which was up until about two weeks before his death. May he rest in peace.

He is survived by two nieces; Mrs. John Weber of Wichita, Kansas, and Miss Lynda Thompson of Van Nuys, Calif.; three nephews; John Weber and Robert L. Thompson, both of Wichita, and A. Douglas Thompson of Elizabeth, Colorado. He will be greatly missed by them and the saints and friends. The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams, assisted by Bro. Keith Marsh and Bro. Raymond Johnson. Text: Psalms 87:5,6.

He discovered Christ who took him in
And gave him peace and rest,
And promised him a home above,
If he would live his best.

He loved His master and did obey
The commandments He had given,
And now that his life on earth is finished,
He can live on in his home in Heaven.

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Sis. Lizzie Eck of Fairview, Okla., passed away Oct. 8, 1975, at the age of 82 years. She attended the services at the Enid, Okla., Church of God chapel for as long as she was able. She has three children to survive her: two sons and one daughter. She is an aunt to Eva Penner, Albert, Waldo, Edwin and Paul Eck, whom many of the saints know. She leaves many other relatives to mourn her passing.

REVIVAL AT HOFFMAN, OKLA.

A revival meeting will be held, Lord willing, at Hoffman, Okla., from Nov. 5 to 9, 1975, nightly at 7:45. All-day services will be held on Saturday and Sunday. We are looking for the Lord to send ministers of His choosing to deliver His Word. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Come praying that the Lord will bless in the services, that souls will be saved, and the saints revived.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Woodrow Warren, 810 N. Porter, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447, phone (918) 756-6425.

—By Sister Lorene Payne

CALIFORNIA YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

The young people of the Fresno, Calif., congregation invite you to attend their annual young saints' weekend, Nov. 7 to 9, 1975. The weekly young people's meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 7. On Saturday night, Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a singspiration. All-day services will be held on Sunday, the 9th. All services will be held at the chapel at 345 W. Jefferson, Eastern Fresno, Calif. 93706.

For further information or directions, phone (209) 486-9977 or (209) 255-4429.

AUTUMN MEETING AT GOULDS, FLA.

The annual fall meeting at Goulds, Fla., will be held, Lord willing, from Nov. 23 to 30, 1975. All are welcome. We are trusting the Lord to feed us on His Word by anointed ministers.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. H. Hargrave, 22345 S. W. 117th Place, Goulds, Fla. 33170, phone 305-247-4102.

ALL-DAY MEETING AT SPRINGFIELD, MO.

On the 5th Sunday of November, which is the 30th, all-day services will be held at the Church of God chapel, 728 N. Kansas, in Springfield, Mo. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

New time schedule for night services: 6:00 p.m. on Sunday night, and 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday night.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Murphy Allen, 1808 W. Thoman, Springfield, Mo. 65803.

LOS ANGELES AUTUMN REVIVAL

The annual fall revival at the Church of God chapel in Los Angeles, Calif., will convene Friday, November 28, 1975, at 7:30 p.m., continuing nightly through December 7th. Day services start at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 29th, and Friday and Saturday, December 5th and 6th. The chapel is located on the corner of Naomi Ave. and Walnut St. Phone 746-9474. All are welcome! Come praying.

For further information, contact Bro. Mackey Francisco, 719 W. 58th St., phone 778-5669, or Bro. T. R. Summers, 711 W. 85th St., phone 752-1135.

TESTIMONY

Texas—Greetings in Jesus' dear name, who died that we might live. Praise His dear name! When I was burning some weeds in my trash barrel, some fell on the ground. The dry grass burned almost like kerosene. I tried to put it out with my hoe, but it just kept burning farther and farther. I ran to the house to get the hose. My granddaughter thought she was turning the water on, but she turned it off. About that time, Barbara Joe (Essie Moore's daughter) came. I told her to turn the water on and we put the fire out. My face felt like it was blistered all over, and under my chin were some clear blisters that had broken. I called for prayer, and thanks to the good Lord, He took the burn out of my face. It didn't even get sore. The blisters under my chin are a little sore, as well as my left eye.

Since I started to write this letter, my chest began hurting, as well as my throat and the base of my tongue. I had to lie down about 20 minutes. The Lord stopped the hurting in about 40 minutes. Praise the good Lord! I guess I had a light heart attack. I have had three. Thanks to each one that prayed for me. I still need your prayers.

I'm praying for a saint or saint family to come and live here with me. I'll live in the big room and let them have the rest of the house and share the bathroom. —Sis. Nellie Lovell

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PRAYER REQUESTS



W. Va.—“Pray for me, as my health is not good. Pray for my son. He is not well in his nerves. Pray that things will work out for him.” —Maude Clifton

Okla.—“Please pray that our son, who is an alcoholic, will be delivered, set free, and saved from the company he now keeps. This grieves my heart. Also pray for my husband and a sick son.” —A Mother

Okla.—“I have been real sick.” —Bertie Matthesen (aged saint).

Okla.—“I really need your prayers. The burden seems so heavy. My afflicted daughter is just like a baby in every way. The older she gets the worse she gets. I pray for her so much . . . I don't understand why she isn't healed . . . The Bible says, “God is no respecter of persons . . .” I lost my oldest son in June and he went so suddenly . . . I need prayer . . .”

—Sis. Venia Ledbetter

Pa.—“Remember me in prayer. I am still in the furnace of affliction.” —Sis. Virginia Myers

Ala.—“My back is hurting . . . also my left hip and foot. . . I am trying to work a few days . . . I desire prayer for my condition . . . Pray for my children.”

—Sis. Frances Everhart

La.—“I thank the Lord over and over for healing my hip and leg . . . was in bed most of the time for over a year . . . Now I need prayer for a large hernia . . . I hesitate to ask for prayer for my body as souls are so much more important. We carry a heavy burden . . . for souls.” —Sis. Myrtle Savoie

Mich.—“I have been having a buzzing in my head. It sounds like air escaping out of air vents. I need prayer.” —Bro. Floyd Hines

Calif.—“I desire prayer that the Lord will complete my healing after having this stroke.” —W. E. Bramlett

Miss.—“I had a continual pressure in my head against my brain. At times it was hard to endure . . . I called for prayer on fast day at Hammond, La., camp meeting. The precious Lord touched and relieved me, and until this day I have not been bothered. I need prayer for a crippling in my feet, a tremor in my right side, and a hernia.” —Ethel Lowery

Mo.—“Pray for husband and me. We are not well. My foot and my back has been hurting me. My husband has sugar diabetes . . . Pray for my brother.”

—Edna Blacksher

Mo.—“I desire the prayers of the saints as my neck has been bothering me.” —Sis. Howard Boulden

Texas.—“I have a very bad skin cancer on my left cheek. I am trusting the Lord for healing.”

—Mrs. L. A. Duke

Okla.—Please remember Bro. Willie McMakin in prayer. He has been having a battle with afflictions, yet the Lord has helped him in many ways. He is 77 years old and loves the Lord.

It seems that the greatest hindrance to healing is doubt—not that people doubt that God is able to heal, but they question whether He wants to heal or perhaps wants them to wait a while. Each of us has a right to understand what the will of the Lord is for us. If we seek God and find that it is His will to heal us, then we must not doubt, but steadily and firmly hold on for

healing. Some might say that they do not know the will of God for them. Then it is their privilege to stand upon God's Word. Maybe God speaks directly through His Word. Then take God's Word and stand firmly upon it. God has said, “I am the Lord that healeth thee.” “With His stripes we are healed.” Jesus often said, “Thy faith hath made thee whole.” When we find it is the will of God to heal us, then, without wavering, stand upon His Word. Healing will come to us and we can count it done. —Sis. Marie Miles

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MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

Kerala, S. India (Sept. 15)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and the dear saints everywhere: Greetings to all of you again in the glorious name of Jesus Christ, by whose help we “continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great.” (Acts 26:22).

Thank you very much for your encouraging letter dated Sept. 2, 1975, and the enclosures were noted with overflowing and heartfelt gratitude. We know the saints in the U. S. love us with their whole heart. . . .

We had very blessed and wonderful public meetings all around during the five days of our National festival. God helped us to buy a transistor amplifier to fit on the gospel car in order to use the loud speaker, and we as a group passed through many villages, stopping at each nook, corner and street, preaching Christ and distributing tracts, booklets and Evening Light magazines. Gatherings were everywhere to hear us. May God send spiritual rain in those hearts for the germination of the gospel seed.

Our all-day meeting in September took place at Niranam on Sept. 13. We had a very good attendance and received many spiritual blessings. Each month we have such meetings for the edification of the Church and for the sanctification of the believers.

Our campmeetings start from December onwards, and our general campmeeting at Karikkom will be held in January, 1976. I wish some of you from the U. S. A. would come and participate in these meetings.

Yours in the Lord, —John Varghese

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MISSION WORK AT OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO

I'm glad to report that things are looking better than they were in Ojos Negros for a while. We had a good meeting Sunday with the presence of the Lord and His blessings. Two ladies have moved away from Ojos Negros. There wasn't much secular work there for a while, and several moved, but now there is a new fruit dryer constructed there, giving people more work.

The Lord has made it possible for me to have services with one of the ladies who moved away, and a friend of hers, and her children. Lord willing, we hope to have services this week, picking up two families and taking all to be with the third, and having meeting. Also, one, Catalina, who moved, was able to testify to some church folks who came to visit her and tell her about the gospel, that she was already saved and had been regularly attending meeting in Ojos Negros. These people had just come out of the sects, but didn't know what to call themselves, so Catalina told them some about the teachings she had received, and

they have invited me to come and preach there at my first opportunity. I thank the Lord for this open door, and I desire the prayers of everyone who can reach the throne with their prayers, that I will do the will of God in this case, and that they will realize that this is the true church, and come out and walk in the light. They seem to have open, hungry hearts. Pray for them and me.

As it is possible, I continue working on the translations of a series of messages, putting them back on tape in Spanish, for use in sending to about seven places in Mexico. Pray that his new venture will prove a profitable one, and that souls will be brought into the kingdom, and also that others will be fed the unadulterated Word of God. It has been made necessary, too, since the mission tour made recently into the interior of Mexico, to condense the same messages and mail out many copies to contacts made on the trip, and to others to whom I had already been sending literature. Pray that God will bless these efforts, and all others made in behalf of souls in all parts of the world.

Pray for each one of us workers, that we will stay at the foot of the cross and continue doing all the will of God wherever He places us.

Christian love, —Sis. Opal Kelly, P. O. Box 3770, San Ysidro, Ca. 92173

MEXICO MISSIONARY LETTER

Baja, Cfa., Mexico (Sept. 29)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: May the precious peace of God fill the hearts of each one of those who have the truth in their lives. Beloved brethren, we hope that all are well in body and very encouraged in your souls.

We are very well, thanks to God. Please pray much for me and my family. Pray for Bro. Escobar. He is very encouraged and preaching the Word of God, but he has many trials.

Thanks for the offering. May God bless you much. Pray for all the work in Mexico. —Tomas
—Tomas Mendoza

NOTE FROM MEXICAN MISSIONARY

Tamaulipas, Mexico (Oct. 4)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: May God bless you in Christ. We are in agreement with you in the gospel publishing work which God has directed you to do. We believe that, by your acts, you are a Brother who loves the Lord. I desire to meet you, and hope to be permitted to see you some day. May God bless you richly.

In Christian love, —Efrain Huerta

(Editor's note: The above correspondent is a young, single Mexican brother who is very active in missionary work in his field. Pray for him and his ministry.)

NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Midwest Nigeria (Oct. 1)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and the faithful workers scattered the world over: From this part of our Father's universe we send our greetings in the name of the only One given among men whereby we must be saved. Jesus Christ deserves eternal praises from His Church.

We have received your letter dated Sept. 2, 1975, and its enclosures of tracts and support. Thanks immensely for remembering your brethren of black Africa. The \$ sent to buy food for the needy brethren has been distributed to the three congregations. . . . The buying and selling in Nigeria is such that one does not doubt the fact that some are dying of hunger or are underfed. Nevertheless, the Lord knoweth them that are His and He provides their needs for them so long as He cares for the birds of the air It is our prayer that the Lord will bless every donor abundantly.

We acknowledge receipt of the "Faith and Victory" papers and the Sunday school Bible Lesson books sent to us recently, for which we are immensely thankful.

By our faith toward God and His Word, we continually gain victory over Satan. We pluck from His hand them that are held in bondage. Souls are being won to Christ.

At Kwale, the number has outgrown the prayer house in use at the present. As a result, many stay outside the hall during Sunday services. Brethren, pray with us for God's providence, so we can start building a chapel. At Abbi, the number is growing, too. We thank God for the brethren at Afor. There's a gradual growth there since Bro. Jonathan started taking care of them. We need your prayers on behalf of the three congregations.

Pray about my proposal to visit America next year.

Your Brother in Christ, —Titus U. E. Enu

FROM THE MAIL BOX . . .

Mo.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings in Jesus' name. The other day I was thinking about what little response is given by sinners in the face of all we can do and all the prayers we pray. Sometimes it seems our efforts are in vain. Then the Lord brought the song to me which says, "Though life may appear as a cold, barren waste, and comes no return of the bread you have cast, continue to do loving deeds as you go, the harvest is nearing—'we reap what we sow'." So let us continue to work with courage for we know that some day we will reap if we faint not.

We had a real good singing here at Myrtle on October 4. There was a good crowd and a lot of singers. The Lord really blessed.

May God bless you. —Harlan Sorrell

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Ind.—Dear Bro. in Christ: I am convinced you are doing a good work in trying to call real born-again Christians out of spiritual Babylon, commonly called the church. I have been convinced for quite some time that denominationalism has been the devil's means of causing division and strife among Christians to keep them from worshipping God in spirit and in truth and from the true unity as described in the Scriptures.

Naturally, we face much ridicule and persecution from so-called "church members," but this convinces me all the more that we are on the right road. Praise His holy name for the light He gives us in His Word as we rightly divide the Word of Truth!

Keep up the good work and keep looking to Him who is "All in all."

Yours in Christ, —Wm. Riemann

Ark.—Dear Sis. Marie, Bro. Lawrence and all the dear laborers at the Print Shop: Oh, how blessed we are to know Christ and the pure love He puts into the hearts of His trusting and obedient children! I praise Him for saving my soul, and for victory in His great name. Even in the depths of trial He gives victory, peace and joy.

I am still not well in body, but am some better. I can be up and do some things. I find His grace is sufficient at all times. Praise the Lord for ever! He moves on the hearts of others to help me. Oh, how I praise the Lord for the dear ones who help in their prayers. I pray that the Lord will bless each one. The letters and cards are more than I can answer, so I just pray the Lord to bless each one both near and far. The love and true fellowship of God's people are most precious.

Please continue to pray for me. I want to brighten the little corner where I live every day.

—Sis. N. E. Adams

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Ill.—You are in our daily prayers. I trust you remember us to God We still want to come to Guthrie sometime. It looks as though we won't get to come until we retire from farming. We are thankful God keeps us in the palm of His hand, and with the Holy Spirit to guide us. We know that if we stay close to Him and listen to His voice, we need not fear! His promises are true and He has never failed us.

We will never forget the day you dear ones visited us in our home. The time was so short, but it was truly a blessed time! When Sis. Pruitt broke out with the song, "What a Kingdom," my heart just overflowed with joy! This song expresses the very sentiments of my heart and soul. I never hear the song but what I think of all of you and that day, and also how the Holy Spirit had spoken to my heart that you would be by our house. Praise God for His faithfulness to us! We surely needed encouragement and God used you dear saints to do it.

I am so thankful for the day set aside for prayer and fasting, and I'm sure God has heard and answered prayer for many of the saints and faithful ministers. They are so few (I mean the ones that are standing for the truth), and, of course, the enemy knows that, too. God wants His saints and ministers to have well bodies, but the enemy is working overtime as the time is so short. Surely, Jesus is coming soon. We must believe God as we pray for them. It is work to serve God, no matter what He has called us to do, but the faithful ministers are working under so much opposition, stress, and strain. That is the tool Satan is using to stop the truth. I believe God has honored the day set aside for prayer and fasting (Oct. 15) and we will hear a good report from many. Let us praise God now for all He has done! Glory to His dear name! Yes, let us all sing together, "To God Be the Glory." Surely the praise is due Him! This is another song that is my testimony. —Sister Harry Romoser

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Mo.—One of your subscribers has been giving me his copy of the "Faith and Victory" paper and I found some spiritual nuggets in it, so I am enclosing an extra dollar for a subscription [3 years subscription].

—A new Subscriber

S. Carolina—Dear Brother Lawrence: I am glad today finds me still with victory in my soul over sin and the devil. Praise the Lord!

We are now living in an evil time. The devil surely seems to be turned loose. He is trying to deceive everyone. But if we keep true to God and His Word, we will gain the final victory. Praise His name!

I surely do enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. It brings me a lot of good thoughts in these evil days. I enjoy reading the testimonies of the saints of God.

Bro. Lawrence, I am still praying for you and all of the saints at the print shop, that God will supply your needs in the printing of the gospel and sending it out, so people will see the full truth. May God bless and keep you with good courage until Jesus comes.

Pray much for me. —Eddie Driggers

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Calif.—How I love the old way directed by the Holy Spirit. I was saved some 69 years ago. I will be 80 on Dec. 17, 1975. The Lord willing, Wife and I will observe our 59th wedding anniversary on January 16, 1976. I have seen many wonderful works of God in answer to prayer. —Wesley S. Wringer

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Ark.—"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." I do enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper, and also the "Bible Lessons." They are so helpful. I get so much out of them, for I am isolated from any of the true saints. I am aged and afflicted in my limbs, so that I can't walk very far, or stand on my feet very long. I do request prayer of all of you. There is nothing too hard for God. —Cherry Alba

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Idaho—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt, Sis. Marie, co-workers and saints scattered abroad: Greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus, the One who brought salvation that all might enjoy if they will accept the Bible way.

We, the Marken family, wish to thank each and every one for your prayers for Mamma while she was with us and for us who have been left behind at her passing. She suffered much and the road was long with many hills and rocks to climb, but praise the Lord, we believe she has made it Home to weep no more. We want to thank all who sent get-well cards and letters of encouragement to Mamma while she was living, and also for the sympathy cards after her passing, the gifts of money and the floral offerings.

The last couple of days and nights Mamma ate nothing and drank little, as she choked so badly. The last 34 to 36 hours she was in this world, she was in a coma, so she knew little of her suffering. She took two short breaths and one long one, and was gone to be with her Lord—no struggle or movement. It was such a blessed passing.

On Tuesday evening, the 23rd of Sept., about 6 p.m., she asked to go to bed and never got up again. We wondered at the time if this was not drawing close to her leaving us, as she would never go to bed. After going to bed, she said, "Babe, turn me loose and let me go." When I was able with my whole heart, I gave my consent. Then about 9:30, when my sister, Wilma, got

up to take her shift of caring for Mamma, she asked Wilma to turn her loose and let her go. Daddy and Alvin had already released her, and need not give their consent. Wilma and I had no idea that we had not let her go, but she did. We are sure that if she had not had a vision of her future Home that she never would have begged us to let her go.

At the time of Brother Ostis Wilson's last prayer, He asked the Lord to comfort us beyond our expectations, and surely the Lord has answered that prayer. Yes, we are lonesome and shed many tears of self-pity, but we cannot shed tears for her. She is far better off than we are. She has made it Home, but we still have that battle to fight and the race to win.

We shall always miss her, but by the help and grace of God we mean to meet her over on that Shore and shout the praise of the Lord through eternity with her.

We covet the prayers of the saints, that we will be faithful and run this race successfully.

—The Marken family, by Ruby Marken

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La.—Greetings in Jesus' name to each of you at the Lord's Printshop: I trust everyone is well in body, and happy and content in the Lord's work.

As for Wife and me, we want to thank the Lord for every blessing that we are enjoying today. Wife's condition remains about the same. Thank the Lord, He gives me strength to care for her daily. He lightens my load because I count it a privilege and a pleasure to be able to minister to her needs and to try to make life as pleasant and comfortable for her as possible.

We truly thank everyone here in the states and others abroad for the faithful, fervent prayers in our behalf while going through this long and heavy trial. May God reward each and every one for their love and concern.

Bro. Lawrence, we thank our Lord for holding you up, and the strength He gives you to keep on in the Lord's work. We thank our God for the print work, and we do appreciate the good it is doing throughout the world. Eternity alone will reveal the true extent.

Brothers and sisters, let each one of us be at our best for the Lord, be faithful to the end when Jesus comes, and ever keep in view the crown of life with a resurrected, immortal body like unto His glorified body.

Your Brother in Christ, —G. A. Nichols

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sisters Maybelle and Marie: Our fervent love in the Lord and heart-felt greetings in His name to you and all of the dear ones who are so faithfully laboring in the spread of the Good News of the Gospel. We truly hope and trust all are well, encouraged, and "looking up" unto Jesus in the race that is set before us.

We have appreciated the good report of the camp meetings held in various places during the past summer. Though we did not get to attend any of them, we did exercise the blessing of praying for the salvation of souls and the building up of the faith of the saints in these times of peril.

We were somewhat surprised that the amount of tax imposed on the work there was so large, but we praise the Lord with you, that He provided the means, though on the surface it seemed unjust. However, "The earth is

the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein." To man's way of thinking, God often does what is impossible, and He has done it for you.

We were blessed by having the privilege of Lawrence, Ruthe, and Gwenda Taylor, bringing Bro. Ira and Sister Ruby Stover to see us for the day, recently. We enjoyed their short visit very much.

We feel that Lois is improving. God is so good to her. Yes, indeed our faith is tested and tried, and that wily enemy tries to impose on her. Some days ago, or at night, rather, I was awakened by the wonderful Scripture in James: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you . . ." I got up and told Lois how the Lord had brought this to me and we took a fresh stand and hold of His great promises and faithful hand. We want to thank you for your agreement in prayer for Lois. Bro. Lawrence, we are especially praying for you in your need, too. Thank you for sending the last quarterly of this year.

In Christian love to all, —Robert and Lois Longley

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Ga.—Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus who has done and is still doing so much for me and the whole world. I am happy to be able to report victory over sin and the devil. The work here is going on nicely. We three are much encouraged in the Lord. Oh, how we get much joy out of our good rich "Bible Lessons!"

I feel and believe that those things which come over the television are the worst evils that have ever been put out. This is just a trick of the devil. That is why the Lord warns us with His holy Word in I Pet. 5-8 and Eph. 6:10-17. I love the Word of God. Let us pray much for this lost world which is so restless and corrupt. There are many false teachers just like the Lord said there would be. The Bible is certainly being fulfilled.

Please keep me before the God of heaven. I am not strong in my body, but I am holding on to God's unchanging hand. I am on the highway of holiness and in the narrow way.

I thank our God for all those who are doing that good work for the Lord in the Printshop. I know your reward will be great. —Sis. P. R. Bowers

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Mich.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We hope and pray that God is blessing you there at the Print Shop with good health and finances, so that you can print and send out God's holy Word. Oh, if all souls would accept it, but not many want it! Oh, how sad!

My wife and I are having a cold or the flu, and we are coughing and sneezing. It surely does hang on.

We received the "Faith and Victory" paper yesterday. We certainly enjoy it . . .

I have been having a buzzing in my head for a long time, which sounds something like insects buzzing or air escaping out of the air vents of our steam radiators. Pray for us. —Floyd and Ether Hines

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Indiana—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. I am thankful to say that I have the victory in my soul and God has been wonderful to me . . . I am so glad and thankful for the health that God gave me during the past summer. I attended three good

meetings this summer, which were food to my soul. The last was the tent meeting at New Castle, Ind., that Bro. Bobby Forbes and Bro. Egbert Allen held the first of August. The attendance was good. I was there every night and all day the last Sunday. It blessed my soul. Bro. Allen preached a wonderful sermon on the true Church of God. Then Bro. Tom Melot came and he preached a good sermon on the church. Then Bro. Herschel Hargrave came and he preached another good sermon on the church. So God surely wanted those that attended to know the difference in the so-called Church of God and the true . . .

Recently I have been having a lot of trouble with the ulcer in my stomach. I didn't sleep well last night on account of the pain and nerves quivering in my stomach. So remember me also, that God will completely heal this ulcer. I had been getting along very well all summer . . .

Love to all. —Earl Bliss

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Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings to you and all the saints at the Printshop. I hope all are well and happy in the Lord.

As for wife and me, we have some ailments, but we are praising our blessed Lord for His goodness to us.

Bro. Pruitt, I am sending you two cloths, one for my wife and one for myself, for you folks to anoint, lay on hands and pray over. I will wear it on my body, as I have afflictions. But I know the Lord can heal me, and I believe He will. "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." Psa. 34:19. Praise God for His saving, keeping and healing power.

As ever, your Brother in in the one body, the beloved Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood. (Acts 20:28) —Nathan Mobley

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Mo.—First of all, I want to say that we enjoyed the Monark Springs camp meeting at Neosho, Mo., the few times we were privileged to attend. My husband has a severely afflicted body. He has phlebitis in both limbs, and before camp meeting a blood vessel broke, called, I believe, a vein ulcer, resulting in much inflammation and almost unbearable pain. He finally became bedfast. I had all the chores to do, errands and caring for him, and the burden became almost too great to bear, but God came to my rescue time and again. We have never doubted the power of God. He has been so good to us. One night Delmer got worse and it seemed he was going in spite of all our prayers and pleadings. We are so thankful for the years God has given us, but I felt I still needed him. His fever came up and a terrific headache, different than any headache he has ever had. Severe pains went through his chest. A hard chill followed with intermittent, severe jerking, caused probably by blood clots which formed in his other leg and tried to pass through his heart. My husband hasn't been free of pain for over twenty years, but this was so different and much worse than anything he has ever gone through. After agonizing before the Lord, He did send relief and we praise Him for it.

We then called Nadine, our daughter. We didn't know it, but she contacted some saints and we began to get out-of-state telephone calls and some saints came

quite a distance to encourage Delmer, and pray. We have been healed instantly in the past; sometimes not all at once. So it was this time. When he was able to get out of bed, with my help, he walked a bit at a time. During the weeks of concern and caring for him, my body became so weary that I could hardly carry on. The devil said, "You are going to go down under the strain; you know you can't make it alone." But the Lord did give me strength a little at a time. Some vegetables and fruits went bad, but I couldn't neglect my husband. Again Satan spoke, saying that we needed the food for the winter, but I knew how God cared for us when we were first married and work was scarce.

There has been a good deal of sickness in our Neosho congregation during and after camp meeting, and with the smaller children also, but I think all are better now.

We wish to thank everyone who prayed. It is impossible to write each one, as we don't know all who prayed and were concerned, but we did appreciate it. —Mrs. Delmer Severs

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie: I just wanted to tell you we are enjoying the Bible Lesson quarterly in Sunday school, and I have appreciated the "word definitions" you give following the lessons.

In the August 24th lesson about forgiving, you gave the definition of "forgive." It means to give up resentment against or the desire to punish; pardon; to overlook an offence. I read it over and over and meditated on it for a week before I began to see that I was short on that line. There was an individual who had been quite a trial to me at times, and I could see that a little resentment had built up in my heart against that one. As soon as I realized this, I went on my knees in prayer until God took it all away. It means much to have a forgiving heart. The enemy will slip something in if we don't watch carefully.

I truly believe the end of time is near, and I do want to be ready for that day . . .

I appreciate all of you there at the Print Shop. I surely enjoy the "Faith and Victory" and tracts, etc. May the Lord reward each and everyone of you in His work. —Sis. Thelma Busbee

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Ark.—We here in Grubbs are doing very well and are still saved and trying to draw closer to our dear Saviour each day. We don't know if you heard or not, but the all-day services on Sept. 1st were wonderful. Bro. Gordon Humphrey held meeting here all the week following. My husband got saved, and it made me so happy. Oh, the many times I prayed that he would give his heart to God! Those who are praying for lost loved ones, don't give up. Keep living for God and praying. Our prayers will be answered some day.

We do need someone to come and preach to us, if only once a month. That would help, so we are praying for God to lay it on someone's heart to come and be with us.

My husband and I, Sister Nellie West, and Sis. Dorothy Critcher and son went to Myrtle, Mo. today (Oct. 5) for the all-day services and heard a soul-stirring message from Joel 3:9-10, by Bro. Curtis Williams, on "Prepare for War." It was surely encouraging.

Please remember me in prayer and pray for my husband, that God will give him grace and the help he needs in all things. Sis. West, Sis. Opal Bradley and Sister McCoy need prayer for their bodies. Everyone has burdens. We are still praying for you, Bro. Lawrence. God won't fail you, for nothing is too hard for Him. —Della Anschultz

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Ohio—Dear co-workers in Christ! Just a line to let you know that we are wholeheartedly with you. We are enclosing a contribution for the most important work in the world today. —Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sedlar

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Wisc.—I hope all are well in soul and body, and watchful always for the hungry, but deluded souls of men, that the Lord may be able to use all of His own to be real ensigns for Him. . . .

May God help each and every one to push the battle of the Lord on, as many souls are choosing the easy way to hell, even though they think differently.

We are well in body and doing what we can, but as usual, the door seems to close when they hear the Word. Of course, it's the devil's job to do these things and entice the hungry ones on the broad way and assure them it's all right, since it is heard from the so-called churches.

May the Lord bless and guide each of us to the end of the way and not let the enemy of our souls fool us.

Pray for us. God knows how much we need it. All praise and thanks to Him! —Sis. Florence Knoll

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W. Va.—Dear Sis. Miles: Four of us started church services on time at 10 a.m., Sept. 28. After the second hymn was sung, one asked about a Bible verse and we had prayer and took up a study, thinking we would have a Sunday school lesson in the afternoon. Our morning lesson was so good. The 12:30 whistle blew too soon. The Lord blessed our study. For the 2:30 service, the folks drove out three miles and got the woman that was saved here in April. The five of us started services, and then five children came, from 5 to 8. They had been here week days for Bible stories before school started, and now the five were in the church services, which was so good. It was nearly 5 p.m. before it was over. . . .

Sister Miles, I was real sick, but the Lord touched my body, for which I am thankful. My greatest concern is for the Lord to send some dear ones this way who will be interested in souls being saved. . . . —Flora Hinzman

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Calif.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings of love to you. Jesus is my Saviour and I am His child. I am so thankful for His saving grace and love to me in many ways. "In thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore." Ps. 16:11.

How deeply satisfying it is to live in intimate fellowship with Christ! Although David experienced many ups and downs throughout his career, he also had a heart that was keenly sensitive to the Lord. In Psalms 16 he praised God for giving him a wonderful place in life, sweet counsel each day, and a blessed sense of His presence at night. Yes, to know Christ and to be conscious of His gracious presence is to have joy here and pleasures forevermore hereafter!

I was privileged to be in the camp meeting at Pacoima, Calif. It was a joy to have my daughter, Betty, and two granddaughters there, too. To be with my mother (McKinney) even for so short a time was precious.

I enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper and pray for all of you in the office. May God bless all of you in your labors of love. —Sis. Lucille Allen

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Minn.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: The love of the Lord passeth all understanding, and I love the Lord who has been so kind to me. He supplies all my needs and keeps me in the center of His will, also in health and strength to this very day. We know not what tomorrow will bring, but it will be something good, because God is good. Glory to God in the highest! I can report that I am well in body, soul, and spirit.

Now may the God of heaven bless and keep you in health and strength for your faithfulness.

—Bro. Andrew Senti

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Kansas—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus this beautiful morning. I love the name of Jesus for He is so good to me. I know He is good to those that do not love Him, and I often ask God to cause me to follow Jesus' example.

I thank God that He has sent you some extra help. God never fails us. . . .

May the good Lord bless you and the workers. I don't forget you in my prayers. —Mamie Norcutt

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



Mo.—Dear Ones: In Psalms 66:11-12, we read, "Thou broughtest us into the net; thou laidst affliction upon our loins . . . , we went through fire and through water; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place."

This past summer was a real testing time for us, but thank the Lord for the "wealthy place," where the blessings of the Lord mean so much to us. Our children had just gotten over the old-fashioned measles, when they took the whooping cough. Then shortly after the Monark camp meeting, I, too, became very ill, to the point of death. My relatives took our children into their homes to care for them, while my mother cared for me. It was during the time that I was bedfast, that our youngest child, two years old, went into convulsions from such hard coughing. It was so severe that he stopped breathing. Prevailing prayer was offered, and God saw fit to spare his life and he is now restored to health. Soon after God had heard prayer for our little boy, I, too, began to mend rapidly. Thank the Lord, I am now well and strong. But I certainly want to say that the saints and our relatives were so good to us during our time of affliction, and God taught us many precious lessons. Our love and faith in God have been increased even more.

How important it is to have faith in God! Faith is the foundation of our salvation. We read in Heb. 11:24-26, "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of

God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward."

Each one of us has this decision to make. Will we choose to suffer some adversity and dying out to self, or "enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season?" For without faith, it is impossible to face adversity with victory. If Moses hadn't had faith in God, he would not have asked Pharaoh to release the children of Israel. Moses could have reasoned that it was Pharaoh's own daughter that had reared him, and that he could not displease them, nor lose all the glory and honor that was sure to be given him if he remained in Egypt.

So it is today. The enemy of our souls presents many excuses to remain in Egypt, or sin. But we have a mighty weapon to defeat the devil with—the shield of faith. And that is a weapon we'll have to carry with us through life. Faith is as great as our diligence to read the Bible, meditate, and pray. So let us be very diligent, for if our faith begins to waver, the enemy will immediately cause us to reason ourselves right out of faith.

With Christian faith,

—Carol and Paul Cole and family

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Calif.—Dear Sis. Marie: Oh, how happy I felt when I called some weeks ago and got Sis. Pruitt on that end. She encouraged us in this time of the illness of our oldest grandson, who had a blood vessel break on his brain. She got in touch with you right away and the saints there. We felt so secure in the Lord and rested on the saints' prayers. The anointed cloth came at once, as Sis. Pruitt told me you would send it. Oh, praise our wonderful Lord, He was there and had control. The boy is up and going to services . . . God is working out everything for him. Praise our great Father of love! . . . His parents looked toward all of you for help. They wanted me to call you dear saints. They too, thank you very much.

May God bless all of you there and the printshop family real good and supply your every need.

—Sis. Margaret Hall

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Oregon—When I think of the people in other lands who are going hungry and starving, I only wish I could share part of my canned fruit and vegetables with them. We live in a country of plenty and food is so easy to get. Since the gardens have yielded so well, I've had many vegetables given to me.

It was only last Sunday that Bro. and Sis. Ostis Wilson stopped to see me. He earnestly prayed for me, as I had been feeling bad for several days. I had a lump, like a hernia, that I had for the past ten years. It seemed to be getting larger. After prayer for healing, I believed the Lord would take it away. I kept my eyes off the lump. Praise the Lord! He has taken that lump away. —Sis. Lucille Trimble

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Oregon—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings of Christian love to you and all those who labor so diligently in the publishing work. How precious your paper is, and I leave them along the way as I travel. None are destroyed, and I hope someone else will enjoy them as I do.

These 3½ years I have lived in my home in Jefferson have really been happy ones. I came here broken-hearted from the loss of my companion and found real peace and comfort from the dear saints. I am able to attend services and have a part in the church. I do love the family of God here. The dear Lord has opened up His hand to me and supplied my needs physically and spiritually. Not one good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly, and He has kept His promise to me. When I needed jar caps, which were so hard to obtain, I simply asked Him to supply them, and He did. My car gave out and He enabled me to get another. So I've found that if we seek first the kingdom of God, all things will be added unto us. He gave me brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers in the Lord. We are like one big family. When we are afflicted or burdened, someone is always ready to pray with us and encourage us. So I feel I have a little heaven to go to Heaven in. We all share with each other. I think Oregon is a beautiful place to live, so I am contented and blessed. We invite any of you to come and see for yourself, and you will want to stay here.

May God bless each one as He has me.

—Sis. Grace Jones

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La.—I have my dinner cooking, which is late already, but while walking around in the kitchen with no pain in my hip or ankle, I was thanking the Lord over and over again for healing me, and decided it was time for me to write my testimony. So I turned the burners down. No one but God knows how much it means to me to be able to be up after over a year of being in bed most of the time. There are not many steps I make that I'm not reminded of all the pain that I had day and night, in bed or up. The Lord had so blessed that we went to the Myrtle, Missouri camp meeting. Soon afterwards, I improved more and more. I surely want to thank all of the saints for their interest and prayers for me.

Also, Bob had something like a small bunion or corn on the bottom of his foot that had been very painful for several months. Then, all of a sudden, he realized that it was gone.

We surely want to live a life of thanksgiving to the Lord. When I awaken at night with hardly any pain, and sometimes none, I just lie there thanking the Lord. There were so many nights spent almost sleepless.

Now, I need prayer for a large hernia. There are so many things to pray about that I hesitate to ask for prayer for my body. Souls are so much more important. We carry heavy burdens for our sons and families, and we are thankful that Donna is living for the Lord.

Christian love, —Bob and Myrtle Savoie

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Colo.—I am thanking all who prayed for me. The dear Lord did undertake and answered prayer on Monday evening when I called. I was in so much pain that I just could hardly stand it, but thank the Lord, He answered prayer. I had encephalitis, and oh, what suffering! I am getting along real good now, but am awfully weak and nervous. If it hadn't been for the dear Lord, I wouldn't be here now. I do appreciate all of your prayers, and I still need prayer. —Mrs. Roland Tomblison

(Sorry the space ran out for other testimonies.)