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My Bible and I

*We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
Through all kinds of weather, with smile or with sigh;
In sorrow or sunshine, in tempest or calm,
Thy friendship's unchanging, my lamp and my psalm.*

*We've traveled together, my Bible and I,
When life has grown weary and death e'er was nigh;
But all through the darkness of mist and of wrong,
I've found thee a solace, a prayer, or a song.*

*So now, who shall part us, my Bible and I,
Shall ism or schism, or new lights who try?
Shall shadow for substance, or stone for good bread,
Supplant its sound wisdom, give folly instead?*

*Ah, no, my dear Bible, Revealer of Light,
Thou sword of the Spirit, put error to flight,
And still through life's journey until the last sigh,
We'll travel together, my Bible and I.*

This poem is in memory of Sister Vera Forbes, who would have celebrated her 100th birthday on September 27, 1993. This poem was written by her hand on the fly leaf of her Bible. "Aunt Vera," as she was known by many, passed away on June 27, 1979.
(Submitted by her daughter, Sister Sylvia Busbee.)

What Filled the Vacancy?

By Marie Miles
(Written in 1968)

A young man became engaged to a beautiful young woman. Sometime afterward he was stricken with blindness. Feeling that it was unfair to ask the young lady to marry a blind man, he offered to release her from the engagement. She accepted this offer, but her acceptance was a severe blow to him. With heart crushed, he turned to God for comfort, and in resting upon Him, he found great peace to his soul. Then he wrote the hymn of which the following is the first stanza:

"O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be."

—G. Matheson

Later I read some of this man's writings and he wrote these words: "The grandest patience in the universe is to have a vacant place in your heart and not allow that place to be filled with an inferior presence." This struck me as I thought of his experiences. He refused to let this severe disappointment cause him to turn himself over to the devil, nor let dislike, disappointment, distrust and many other things that would want to crowd in, have any place in his heart. He turned to God to fill that vacant place in his life with His love; a love that never would let him go.

We often receive disappointments, sorrows and troubles that cause vacant places in our lives, but, dear ones, we must be careful what moves in to fill that vacancy. If someone turns against you, be it sister, brother, companion, brother or sister in the Lord with whom you have walked the road of life in perfect fellowship, what are you going to let fill up that place? Will it be dislike which might turn to hatred? Will it be a grudging, revengeful feeling, or an unforgiving attitude? **You** are the keeper of your heart. Are you going to open your heart to the suggestions and the power of the devil that will try to move in, or are you going to be filled with the power of God? God does not force Himself upon you, but the devil does. He is ruthless with his tactics. But God will hear the faintest cry from your heart when the devil comes in like a flood to fill up that vacancy.

"And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with

all the fullness of God." Eph. 3:19. We need to know how Christ acted under the same things we go through. We need to know His great love and the forgiving attitude that He had and let Him be our pattern. As we turn to Him in these times of trouble, He will move in with power so we can forgive, love and rejoice in Him.

Some might ask, "Can one rejoice in these conditions?" We aren't rejoicing over the circumstances, but we are rejoicing because God has given us forgiveness, love and grace to face the conditions—rejoicing because God has moved in and filled the vacancy with hope, comfort and peace. "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Rom. 15:13.

The Psalmist David knew the battle he had because someone whom he loved turned against him. He said, "We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company." Psa. 55:12-18. He felt that if it had been an "enemy that reproached me: then I could have borne it." A vacancy had been made and he battled the devil. He said, "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. He hath **delivered my soul in peace** from the battle that was against me." In John 16:24, Jesus said, "Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." There is the secret. Ask the Lord to fill up that vacancy and He will do it. Dear ones, we can have the victory. We can let love and forgiveness fill that vacant place. We can be "filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God." Phil. 1:11.

Perhaps you have lost a loved one and you are lonely, or your companion may go to the places of the world and leave you alone. You need not let that vacancy be filled with self-pity or a feeling that you have been treated unjustly. Fill that vacancy with doing for others, or working for God. Fill it up by making others happy. Ask God to love someone through you. Send a card, write a letter, speak a cheering word, lift a weary mother's load, tell the neighbor children about God, pass out tracts, papers, or mail them to someone, teach a Sunday school class, ask God to give you a burden for a certain one and pray through to victory for that one, visit an aged shut-in, or do other things and you will find that the vacancy has been filled and your joy will be full.

Tokens from God

By Vesta-Nadine Severs

In our daily living, how precious it is to obtain honey from the rock. What joy and comfort it gives our hearts! Not long ago, I had someone to lambaste me at a public place. Then later that day someone else took me to task. Through both incidents God poured in the oil of quietness and calmness, so much so that I marvelled.

Before that day was over the Lord brought some scriptures to mind that Brother Busbee preached about a number of years ago. "For **thou**, O God, hast proved us: **thou** hast tried us, as silver is tried. **Thou** broughtest us into the net; **thou** laidst affliction upon our loins. **Thou** hast caused men to ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water: but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place." Psalms 66:10-12.

The proving, the trying, the confinement, the load, the forceful placement into a state of humility, the fire, the water; must we go through these things in order to reach a wealthy place? Evidently it is required. Read it again, and again and again. Not a word changes. The change must be in our hearts and minds.

What we endure may not be pleasant, to say the least. We may feel we are at the lowest depths of humility, and yet men continue to ride over our heads. "Bite the dust" at a lower level.

Drop down now to verse sixteen: "Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul." When Brother Sam Barton preached, he often remarked: "This may not be a shouting message, but when you measure up you **will** shout." When we come out victorious, we want everyone to know about the victory. Maybe we tell our family, our friends, the saints, and even call someone long distance.

That day, even though the trials were heavy, God gave me such great victory—beyond my expectations and anticipations. I wanted others to know what God had done for me. It is impossible to go through a trial without something being done to or for our souls.

Another Psalm states: "Give me a token for good that the wicked may see and be ashamed; for thou, O Lord, hast holpen me." A token is: "A sign or symbol; something serving as a sign of authority, identity, genuineness; a keepsake; a piece of stamped metal with a face value higher than its real value, issued as a substitute for

currency, for use as a fare on a transportation line."

What tokens do saints hold which the wicked can see and be ashamed? These tokens must be granted by God because He has helped us obtain victories through Jesus Christ. The tokens are granted during this life and are redeemable at heaven's gate for entrance. Do you have any of these tokens? Do you want them? They are purchased as we go through the fire and water when God causes people to ride over our heads. "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your **patience and faith** in all your **persecutions and tribulations** that ye endure: Which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels." (II Thess. 1:3-7.)

We see by this scripture that our patience and faith is the manifest token given us by God in all our persecutions and tribulations. As the token has two sides, the face side is faith and patience, the flip side is persecutions and tribulations. Our eyes may become blinded to the fact that what is written on the token appears to be greater than what we will obtain. However, by accepting this token from God, we are able to present it at heaven's gate for entrance. Then in looking back, the token has flipped and the value has become priceless.

The Church at the time of its infancy had this token of faith and patience as they endured persecutions and tribulations. The Church now in its evening time will also receive its token of tribulations and persecutions, with its faith and patience, to use at the gate.

Having said all of the above, let me stress that though tribulation and persecutions may not appear very attractive in this life, God is prepared and well able to make them attractive to our souls while we are enduring. And in so

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Editorials

We don't take it for granted, but rejoice that God's blessings have made it possible for this work to continue in printing the Gospel. Much literature is being mailed to those in churches and homes with whom we are not acquainted, but we are assured that the Gospel will be a blessing wherever it finds lodging. We receive many letters telling how the literature is appreciated. There seems to be a broader demand than ever for the Gospel as the printed word of God in its purity is becoming more difficult to find. The financing of this work, which at times is quite substantial, is something that we consecrate to God, knowing that He will provide a way for the work to continue.



We have received notice from people in all parts of the country that their September *Faith and Victory* has been late in arriving. Evidently the bulk of the mailing was held up somewhere in the post office. We regret this delay, and if you still haven't received your paper by the time this issue arrives, let us know and we will be glad to mail you another copy.



On September 4, my nephew, Bro. Michael Smith, was united in marriage to Sis. René Sallee. Michael has been doing press work here at the Print Shop since May of this year, and has been a real help in getting books into print. René is the daughter of another of our co-workers, Bro. Bob Sallee.

Michael and René have bought a house and made their home at 1309 W. Mansur. They are both active in the service of the Lord, and we have confidence that their life together will be a blessing to many people.



"And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come." Luke 19:13. This was instruction in a parable that Christ spoke and fits the need of all who are awaiting the return of their master. Every Christian who is actively looking for the return of Christ should learn the secret of what it means to occupy till He returns; for in it is the ability to have peace and joy under the pressures of living in this complex world and not having the added anxiety of not knowing just when the trumpet will blow.

To occupy means to be busy. A Christian who is not busy is a bundle of nerves comprised of anxiety, worry and many other harassments

of the devil. Here are some ways to occupy ourselves and be ready for Christ's return.

All Christians should expand their thinking. This is not to say that there isn't enough thinking going on in the world. One scripture speaks about a people who are always learning. (II Tim. 3:7). Another scripture tells of some people whose thoughts were continually evil. (Gen. 6:5). The devil has enough of these kinds of thoughts to last everyone until this whole universe falls apart if necessary. But the prophet Isaiah said, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee...." Isa. 26:3. Many people fail to keep their mind on the Lord. They allow evil thoughts to be entertained. This brings them into bondage; a condition in which it is difficult to be contented or grateful. One saying declares, "If we stopped to think more, we would stop to thank more." That is precipitated on the premise that our thoughts are on God and His righteousness. Philipians 4:8 is an excellent guideline in that direction.

We need to broaden our looking to God. "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith." Heb. 12:2. Many people see only the faults and failures of others, and look for the bad in every circumstance. This habit very easily blends into a self-righteous attitude, like one youth who had the custom of getting up in the night to "watch and pray." One night as he was thus engaged, his father awoke and saw him. "Behold," the boy said, "thy children are lost in irreligious slumbers, while I alone wake to praise God." "Son," the father replied, "it is better to sleep than to wake to remark the faults of thy brethren."

The scriptures teach that hearing is a vital occupation. People listen to all kinds of things, but the scripture says, "Incline your ear,... hear, and your soul shall live;..." Isa. 55:3. We have the assurance that the Lord speaks to those who will listen. Despite the pressures of life we must cultivate a listening to the Lord, which many times is spoken in a still small voice.

All saints should continually look for ways to increase their talking, doing and going for God; if it is nothing more than finding someone who needs a smile and a kind word. This will encourage others, the giver will be blessed, and God will be glorified.

If we will be faithful to keep these conditions active in our lives, we will live with peace, and the coming of the Lord will be a welcome event.

—Wayne Murphey

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OR—"I have a case of shingles. It is very painful and I need earnest prayer."

—Sis. Grace Jones

CA—"Please put me on the prayer list. I am a sick woman."
—Mrs. Nellie Curry

FL—"I have a ringing in my ears."
—Kathleen Williams

CA—Sis. Ruby Parrish has requested prayer for her husband, Bro. Pawnee Parrish, who suffered a stroke.

NC—Bernice Hope has an unspoken request.

CA—"I would like to ask prayer for my friend and her daughter. They are in very poor health."
—Sis. Helen Carson

MO—"Please pray for my healing."
—Jane Briscoe

OK—"Pray for me, my children and grandchildren."
—Della Mustin

OK—Bro. Max Dean is severely afflicted and needs the help of God.

OR—Patricia Shirrell is in critical need of prayer for a physical condition.



MEETING NOTICES

JEFFERSON, OR REVIVAL

The congregation at Jefferson, OR, has decided not to have their regular Assembly Meeting in November this year, but feels a revival meeting would be beneficial instead.

Plans are to have the revival meeting in November, but the exact date has not yet been set. If you wish further information, you may contact Bro. Clifford Smith, phone, (503) 581-4575.



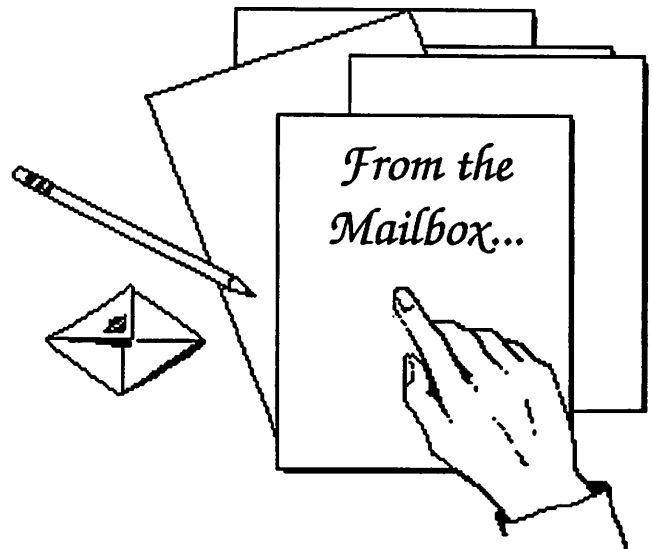
LORANGER, LA 1993 ASSEMBLY MEETING

Lord willing the Assembly Meeting will begin Sunday, November 21st, continuing through the 28th. You are invited. Come praying and expecting God to bless the meeting.

There is a dormitory for the sisters and one for the brothers. Power and water hookups are provided for those with campers. Meals will be served and expenses met by freewill offerings. From Loranger, go two miles south and about three and one-half miles east on Hwy. 40.

For those travelling I-55, the grounds are about 10 miles east of the Tickfaw exit (take Hwy. 442 east which runs into Hwy. 40).

For more information, write Nelson Doolittle, Rt. 1, Box 192, Loranger, LA 70446. The chapel phone is (504) 878-2788.



LA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings this nice Fall morning. We are still saved and enjoying the blessings that go along with salvation. There are so many good benefits.

Max has been sick since Monday. [September 13]. He took a sore throat, and has been running a temperature off and on since. He hasn't gained back what he had lost from the last sick spell he had, but our trust is still in the Lord and we believe He will soon be all right.

May the Lord continue to bless the work and workers there at the Print Shop. We get much good from the *Faith and Victory* paper that goes forth.

Remember us as you think of us,

—Lula and Max Williamson



MI—Dear Bro. Wayne, and all you precious workers in the Lord's work: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. I praise God for all our rich blessings. We "will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore." Psa. 115:18.

I am not feeling too well, but thank the Lord, He keeps me going each day. My lady friend isn't doing well. She is still in the hospital. The cancer keeps coming back. She is a sick woman, and it is very sad to see her that way.... I told her there are a lot of prayers going up for her, and that Jesus can heal her yet.

I will close for now. May God be with you all, and richly bless you in soul and body.

Much love and prayers,

—Sis. Olive Getterson



KY—Dear workers at the Print Shop: I truly thank God that you all are still publishing the *Faith and Victory* paper. At least we can still get

one publication in our mailbox that our children can read without having their minds poisoned. It seems like so many churches of today have stopped fighting sin. There is no wonder the Bible states that hell hath enlarged itself. (Isa. 5:14.)

There is a lot of suffering and sorrow going on over in the foreign countries where there is war and rumors of war, but everything on earth is small in comparison to what hell will be like. And, too, it won't be over in a short period. Hell is forever. Hell means pain and suffering that will never cease.

If everyone would just sit down and think out what eternity means, they would see the need of forgiveness and being ready for Christ when He comes. There is such a mighty need for people to turn from sin and accept our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

May God bless you all. Pray for all my family.
A sister in Christ, —Wilma Horsley

OK—Dear saints: God is so real in my life! It is my choice and determination to follow Him wherever He leads, because I know nothing outside God's will can ever bring true happiness.

On the evening of March 30th, of this year, I was stricken with a severe pain in my right lung. It was so severe that I could not lie down. I had to be propped up with pillows or sit in the recliner. I became very weak and sick. After about a month I began coughing up infection from my lungs. This terrible coughing continued for a little over three months. I want to praise God for how He has completely healed me. The infection is gone, the coughing has stopped and I feel well again.

There were so many of you who carried a burden for my healing, and fasted and prayed so earnestly for me until the answer came. I want everyone to know I deeply appreciate your love, prayers, flowers, cards and phone calls. It's so wonderful to be a part of the family of God!

Pray for me that I will be faithful to God and to the work He has designed for me to do.

Your sister in Christ, —Coquetta Elwell

AR—Dear friends of *Faith and Victory*: This month I received the September copy of the *Faith and Victory*. I enjoyed reading it. Someone had it sent to me about two years ago. I enjoyed it so much I let others read the copies. I thought it would be nice to get a copy sent to them. I wish

they could each get the September issue. My oldest son has had several operations since the 8th of December. They found he had cancer. My oldest daughter fell down the stairs and broke her knee. There is a lot of sickness about and around. I have a lot of pains and sickness. Pray for all of those and me.

May God bless the people that are sick, and that have financial and job problems. May the Lord bless and keep your paper going.

You have my prayers and love,

—Mrs. Willie Mae Davis

WA—Dear saints at the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings to all in Jesus' dear name. We truly are thankful to the Lord for His goodness to us. We trust all are well there spiritually and physically. We love the Lord and know He loves us. God's Word tells us so, and we believe His Word. I have a special prayer request. We appreciate all you folks that labor to get the gospel out to perishing souls. May God bless all.

Christian love, —Sister Violet Thomas

OH—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings to you and all the workers at the Lord's Print Shop. I am still encouraged and looking to the Lord to continue to bless the work there and all over the world. The camp meeting season is about over now, and school has started again for another year. May the rich blessings from all the meetings linger in the hearts and lives of all of those who were privileged to attend.

Please continue to pray for me and all of my loved ones, and the congregation here in Akron, OH. Also, I have several special unspoken requests that need urgent prayer. I have an uncle who is in his seventies who is very sick. Please pray for him also.

I am glad to be a child of God and have access to the throne of God by prayer. I pray day and night for myself, my family and all of the saints with their burdens and needs. Thank the Lord for Jesus Christ! He is our great High Priest and mediator to God. We can be assured that everything will turn out all right if we trust and obey Him....

With much love, —Sis. Janice Shaw

KS—Dear Bro. Wayne and Print Shop family: I am still praising God for salvation and deliverance from sin. It is so good to be free and on the ship of Zion. I am so glad the ship is indestructible and guaranteed not to sink. I feel

safe and secure in the arms of Jesus, and know without a doubt that if I remain faithful, I will have a safe landing on heaven's shore. Truly, the only safety today is in God, and I am so glad to have a safe hiding place....

I am thankful for every soul that was saved in the meetings this year, and pray they will hold fast to God and press onward and upward.

May God bless you all.

Christian love, —Shirley Knight

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KY—Dear saints: We don't want to fail to give God glory for all His wonderful mercy and help toward us. We want to thank all the saints for your earnest prayers, tender concern, cards and phone calls.

In July, I visited a nurse for a prenatal examination. I was told that I had an ectopic pregnancy, which was rupturing and very infected. This was verified by ultrasound. Unless I had immediate surgery, I was advised, I could die soon. Our decision was to pray and trust God completely. We came back to the Monark Springs, MO, camp meeting, which we were attending at the time, and I was anointed and prayed for. How encouraging it was as the saints began to share our burden, by fasting and prayer, and by giving me encouraging scriptures. One of them was II Cor. 1:8-10. Verse ten says, "Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us." God had already prepared our hearts by the wonderful meetings He had been sending down from heaven. The messages, the anointing, the songs and testimonies had inspired my faith so much that trusting God for this "big" trial was not really a big thing, just another step on the journey with His hand holding mine. Oh, trust Jesus! He is so faithful!

I had been advised by the doctor to stay in bed, which I began to do, but one of the dear saints came to our trailer and said, "The Lord says, 'Get up! Come down to the service, and don't be under the spirit of fear!'" As we prayed, the Lord gave me a FEAR to disobey the prophet. The Word tells us, "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe." Prov 29:25. I did obey, and can truly say, I began mending from that hour. I never experienced the awful symptoms that were likely to happen, but gained strength every day.

One morning a few weeks later, on our way back to Kentucky, the Lord visited me in a sweet

way. He said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Ex. 15:26. Also, "I am the Lord: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another." Isa. 42:8. Surely, I want all the glory to go to the Lord. We must not glorify ourselves, or our group, or who prayed. Christ alone is my perfect physician. He receives the honor and praise.

In healing me and sparing my life, the Lord saw fit to take care of the abnormal situation by completely dissolving it. I feel confident that He did the best thing. I thank God for the two children He has allowed us to have, and desire to raise them to fear Him. Before our second child was born, we had some real difficulty, but God ordained her to live, even when she came two months early. She is normal in every way, and God never failed us in all those hard places. My husband also has been very sick different times in the past four years, but God has always raised him up and kept him going. Oh, it is such a rich life to trust Jesus. He is so worthy! This song, by Fanny Crosby, expresses my feelings:

All the way my Saviour leads me!

What have I to ask beside?

Can I doubt His tender mercy

Who through life has been my Guide?

Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,

Here by faith in Him to dwell,

For I know, what e'er befall me,

Jesus doeth all things well."

—Angela Gellenbeck

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MO—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to you in the lovely name of Jesus, our blessed Lord. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." II Cor. 9:15.

I arrived home from the Pacoima, CA, camp meeting last Sunday evening (September 5). The Lord blessed and gave a good and profitable meeting. Several out-of-state ministers were there. The preaching was good and anointed by the Holy Ghost. The saints seemed blessed and encouraged, and some were saved and healed. We thank God for His blessings. It was good to meet and see saints from so many different places. We thank God for them all, and trust that He will continue to bless His work there and everywhere. We appreciate those who labored with their hands.

We appreciate the work there and pray that God will continue to bless and cause it to be a great blessing to many souls. Life will soon be past, and only what is done for Christ will last.

Your saved Brother, —T. V. McMillian

CA—Dear saints: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I am still rejoicing and thank the Lord for our glorious camp meeting at Pacoima, CA, that ended Sunday, September 5. The heavenly Father surely sent His power down. It is the first time I have ever been in a meeting like that. It was a wonderful blessing to my soul. I shall never forget it.

I am 86 years old and my daughter is taking me to live with her. I can see the hand of the Lord working in all of this. It has been very difficult for me, but the Lord is giving me grace to go through it all with victory and a closer walk with Him. I want to do more for the Lord, and He is providing the way for me to do it. Please keep me in your prayers, also my unsaved loved ones. You are always in my prayers for the work you are doing. The *Faith and Victory* with all the precious testimonies, is a wonderful blessing and encouragement.

Christian love, —Sis. Ruth S. Donnelly

KY—Dear friends: Please help me praise the Lord for helping my wife to be better. She has been very sick.

—Earl Reid



FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS



From Mexico...

August 24, 1993—Dear Bro. Wayne and saints: I greet you in the holy and precious name of our beloved Savior, Jesus Christ, hoping that you are doing well in health and enjoying the rich blessings of our God. This is my desire and prayer.

I write this letter with much love to God, and to you, thanking Him for His blessings that He has bestowed upon us and the work here. We thank Him for salvation and sanctification. We also want to thank Him for the encouraging services. We thank and praise Him for all these things.

Dear saints, I hope that when you receive this letter you will be completely rested from your trip to the Mexico meeting. The meeting was beautiful and you were a great blessing and encouragement to the saints in this place. Two of the young ladies that got saved were saved because of the love and modesty of the young

people and of the saints that came. They shared that with others, and they also told me that they wanted to be like them. This was of great joy to me. Maybe in the natural language there was not much communication, but there was some in the spiritual. The young people showed the love, character and the power of Christ. Thank the Lord for the example and testimony that they gave. The young people here are very encouraged to live for the Lord.

I also want to express my appreciation to each one that prayed and supported the meeting, especially those that made the sacrifice to come and be with us. You were a blessing and we were very happy to have you here. We pray that if it is the Lord's will we will get to see each other next year. We pray that God will bless you and give you the victory over sin.

The saints here send their love to the saints. We pray that the Lord will bless us and use us to the honor and glory of His name and that we will finish that which we have started.

Once again, thank you for your support to the work here.

Yours in Christ,

—Mayarino Escobar and family

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From India...

August 30, 1993—Dear Brother Wayne Murphey and saints in America: Greetings in the holy and precious name of our beloved Jesus Christ.

With a thankful heart I write these few words for His glory. The Lord is so good to us. Even though both of my kidneys are damaged, God is wonderfully keeping me safe and carrying me in His mighty hand. I trust that the Lord will do a miracle in my body if it is His will.

As saint Paul states, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." I Cor. 16:9. In Northern Kerala, where I am mainly ministering, it is a time of great separation from man-made rules and sects, and from the world and its attraction. Our responsibility is to bring them back to the Bible truth. Once more I dedicate myself for such truths and practices of the Church of God reformation.

Trusting in the Lord, we have decided to go forward and fulfill His great commandment as we see in Matt. 28:19-20. We have formed a committee of twelve members, out of the general body of the saints in Trichur, to put them in charge of this great task. We will try our best

with the Lord's help to enlighten people with the truth.

Your earnest prayers are requested for the efforts that are being made to spread the gospel.

If it is God's will, I will be in America until November 15, 1993. Your earnest prayers are requested for me to keep my soul and body safe and sound, so that I may be used by the Lord to His glory wherever He leads me.

Your brother in Christ, —P. D. Mathunni
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Honduras, C. A. Report

September 11, 1993—Saints and fellow-workers: We wish to give you an update on the work in Honduras and the plans for a coming trip.

First of all, we were glad to have Sis. Liurie Saunders, from Roatan, visiting in the states this summer. She was able to attend several campmeetings and also visit her family. I am sure the little flock in Politilly missed her while she was away. Bro. Tony Hamilton reported that the saints were encouraged in spite of her absence. Sis. Saunders has some physical needs we would like for you to remember in prayer.

Secondly, Bro. Benjamin and his wife, Sis. Betty, from La Ceiba, were able to attend the Monark Springs, MO campmeeting. Their report was that they enjoyed the meeting immensely. Their spirit and eagerness to learn bound their hearts to the saints that met them and we look forward to working more closely with them in the future. Please pray for their efforts in the mainland. Their building is not completely paid for and I'm sure they would appreciate any assistance toward that effort.

This October, 15-26, another trip is being planned for Honduras. Bro. Louis Kimball, wife and daughter, along with some of the Samons family, are all planning to go on this trip.

The first part of the trip we plan to go to the mainland for a few nights services, and also have a meeting on the island of Utila. This is a new field that Bro. James has been working in and desires us to go and help him.

On the second part of the trip we plan to go to the island of Roatan to do some catching up on the work there. We probably won't have time to do any work on the building this trip, but hope to do some planning for future projects.

The tickets for the trip, around \$400 per person, will be the major expense of this trip. Anyone desiring to help out can send donations to: Church of God Missionary, P. O. Box 73835,

Metairie LA, 70033. Please pray for the saints in Honduras and other foreign fields, that truth will find honest souls wherever they are.

Yours in Christ, —Bro. Toney Samons



Tokens from God

(Continued from page 3.)

doing, by some mysterious workings of His Holy Spirit, He is well able to cause the unsaved, or heathen, to be ashamed of their treatment to us. At the same time, we want to collect as many of these tokens as possible so our joy will be great now. Then we will tell others, "Look what God has done for my soul. The riches of His presence are mine. The joy of His salvation is mine. The peace of His abiding is mine."

Now, let me relate another happening which soon followed the above related victories. At my work we changed offices and someone offered a nice little two-drawer file cabinet for me to use in my new location. The drawers were wider than the old one so I was looking forward to using it. It was several months before the actual move, but I went ahead and moved a few pieces down to that location. Included was the file cabinet which I soon filled. When everyone was settled in their new areas, my employer asked if he could use my new file cabinet. I indicated that I really didn't want to give it up if I had my rathers. He said he didn't have to have it for a couple of days. I supposed he would try to find another one.

Then my immediate supervisor, that very day, had my file cabinet moved out and my old one brought back. I was surprised. But more than that, I was surprised at what was in my heart. I found my peace was bothered. So I tried singing under my breath; no success. I tried praying; no success. Minutes went by, but I wasn't getting the victory. And I thought about my other glorious victory and it troubled me to find that a metal, two-drawer file cabinet, was such a big thing.

I thought, "My, I didn't know I put such store into that cabinet. It's just metal." But victory didn't come. So I rebuked the enemy and said that I was not going to miss heaven over a two-drawer file cabinet and for him to get out and leave me alone. **That brought the victory instantly.**

The Lord brought back to me an incident which happened several months before that. I'd had victory in some large trial, but then a small

something came up and almost tripped me. How Satan wants to snatch away our victories, whether large or small. If he can't get us one way, he will try another tactic. If you've tried praying, singing, etc., and no victory—try rebuking the evil one.

So if you have a large trial, watch for a smaller one tucked away some place. If men ride over our heads, and we go through fire and water, there will be tokens from God. And remember, there are large, wealthy places in Christ which are waiting for us.



HOME LIFE

Parents and Children

Taken from *Home Health and Success*
by Thomas Nelson

What are your children to you? What are you, and what should you be, to them? Upon the right understanding of these important questions and upon your acting accordingly, hinges the happiness that you may reap from your children, as well as their good and future usefulness. Or rather, it hinges upon the last question; for if we are what nature and God intended we should be to our children as parents, they will hardly fail to be what they should be to us. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it" is the saying of the wisest man that ever lived. I am sure he is right about it.

Very few realize to the fullest extent what they should be to their children, and for this reason many children are not what they should be to their parents and the standard of home is lowered from one generation to another. Every father and mother should apply themselves diligently to learn their duties and privileges in this matter; and when we become pupils, it pays to employ the very best teachers that we can find. There are two sources from which we can draw reliable and useful information more than from all other sources combined. Those two are nature and the Bible. These we shall always find in full harmony with each other in all their teachings; for the same God is author of both. Other teachers may, and generally do, disagree, thus leaving us to wonder who is right or whether any of them are really correct; but when we make nature and the good Book our

teachers, we know that all the lessons we learn in their school are good and correct. We, therefore, recommend them to parents as the best and only reliable source of information in regard to the rearing of children. The question, therefore, will be, What does nature and the Bible teach that parents should be to their children?

When a child is born, the foundation for a life has been completed. Upon this foundation a structure, high or low, broad or narrow, strong or weak, will be reared, according to the home training in childhood and youth, and the after-life of the man or woman.

It is clear that although the child possesses every member that makes up the man or woman, yet none of these members are developed so that child can make use of them on its own responsibility; and this development is a gradual process carried on until full maturity is reached. It is also both natural and reasonable that the parents should supply what the child lacks in this development, in order that it may be safely carried through the periods of childhood and youth, or until it is able to fully do for itself.

This really shows the duties of parents to their children as well as the duration and extent of these duties. This is a very particular point, however, and much wisdom will be needed in order to determine how much responsibility to hold to and how much to turn over to the child. It can be determined only according to our discernment of the constant development of its different faculties. To an infant the mother must really be everything—hands, feet, ears, eyes, will, mind, etc. True, the babe possesses all these faculties and members, but they are undeveloped and therefore can not be used; and it is easy to understand that the Author of nature intended that the parents supply the lack of the helpless infant.

But this helplessness does not continue long. In a year or so the little feet begin to walk, the tongue to speak, etc. To the extent of development the parents can and should let the child make use of its physical and mental faculties; but, remember, no farther. The undeveloped mind and will of the child is not to have the say-so about this matter, but it must be determined by the mature mind and good will of the parents. No parents should ever let the child have its own way when contrary to what they understand to be good and wise. Some parents are entirely too slack in this respect, to the ruination of home and children. The parents are not to be in

subjection to the children, but the children are to be in subject to the parents; and right here it might be well to let the Bible determine how far this subjection and obedience shall go—"Children, obey your parents in all things." Col. 3:20. This is spoken to the child, but it is the duty and privilege of the parents to see that it is carried out; and it is for the very best interest of the child, not to govern, but to be governed. A good servant makes a good ruler, but one who has never learned obedience will never know how to bear rule. The wise man says, "Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child!" Eccl. 10:16. And we will add, woe unto the home that is governed by the undeveloped mind and selfish will of the child!

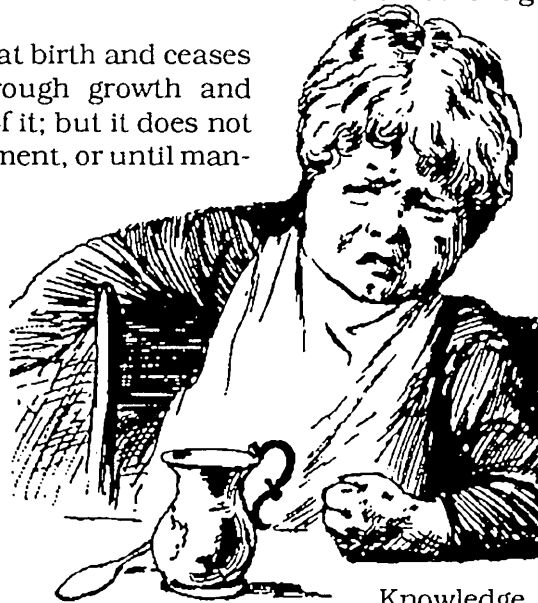
This government begins at birth and ceases gradually as the child through growth and training has no more need of it; but it does not fully cease until full development, or until manhood or womanhood is reached; or, to make it a little plainer, not until the children leave the parental home to found homes of their own.

It is clear that both nature and the Bible teach that parents must be the governors of their children; therefore it is the only right way to have it in any home, and to have it otherwise will prove disastrous to both parents and children. You can and must govern your children, insomuch that you will never let them have their own will or way in a single thing that your judgment tells you is not for their good. To say that you can not is to acknowledge yourselves weaker in mind and body than your undeveloped child. It is not love, but weakness of manhood and womanhood, that causes parents to let a child have its own way to its hurt; and yet how often do we find parents that time after time yield to their children's stubborn and rebellious wills rather than be firm and do their duty towards them, as parents should.

We will relate a little incident that came under our observation some years ago. A fond mother of an only child, a bright little boy, who was at this time about five years of age, heard some lessons on parental government, and seeing that she had been very slack, she determined to do better in the future. However, this

was not so easily done, for the little fellow had already developed more in self-will than in mental comprehension. One day we were visiting the home. Just as we had sat down to a table well spread with many good things to eat, the little fellow took a notion he wanted certain things that his mother thought not best for him to have. This at once brought trouble, insomuch that the child got a very stiff backbone and slid under the table. The next thing was screaming and kicking, and pounding of a little head against the floor, which only increased every time the mother told him to stop and come out from under the table. The whole affair ended with the mother's giving in and coaxing the child

out by telling him he could have the things he wanted. There are no doubt hundreds of similar cases in our land, either to the fullest extent or in a less degree. We will say to such parents that you are cultivating something in your children which may some day put them behind prison-bars, and that you can and must do differently if you really love your children and desire to do your very best for their good.



Knowledge, wisdom and government are three things indispensable to parents, and you should do your very best to possess them to the extent needed. If you are Christian parents—if not, you should be—you have this good promise: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5. If you are determined to do your part and to make a success of rearing your family, you will find need of asking for wisdom; and the Author of home and family is always ready to give it, for He is interested in children.

Remember, then, you are to be to your children all that they can not be to themselves because of a lack of development of body and mind. You must labor for them, first wholly and then partially, until their hands are strong enough to labor for themselves. You must think and decide for them until they are able to rightly and wisely decide for themselves and therefore no longer need your help. At the same time, do

not forget to let them exercise their own faculties in every line; and let your guiding and training help the development that nature carries out through growth. It must not be forgotten that the mind and understanding do not, for several years at least, develop so fast as the body, and that the whole being in every part must be trusted according to development. Let me also say that more time and more efforts than are usual with most parents will have to be spent in learning and doing our duties so that we may do well our main work in life. And again let me say, it is a well-paying work and is therefore worth doing well.



Holy Ghost Leadership

Taken from a message preached by
Bro. Ostis B. Wilson

I would like for you to turn to the 14th chapter of John, verse 26. "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." The Comforter; the word "comfort" is a compound word, being composed of the Latin prefix *com*, meaning *with* or *to be with* and the Latin word *forte* or *fortem*, meaning *strength* or *to be strengthened*. The literal interpretation of it is *to be strengthened by being with*.

Now the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, has the particular office work to bring you and me into a close, sustaining, strengthening, comforting, helping relationship with God and the Lord Jesus Christ. We are in the Holy Ghost dispensation today. All the work of God that is going on in the world today, in the church or in our individual lives, is under the auspices of the Holy Ghost. God isn't doing anything outside of the Holy Ghost today. We must learn to reverence Him, respect Him, and look to Him for the strength and the grace that we need. Now Jesus said, in His sermon on the mount, "Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted." Here is the same word again, *comforted; strengthened by being with*. As you and I enter into the burdens of humanity, and of our fellow members in the body of Christ, we are strengthened by the Comforter, the Holy Spirit. As we are helpers one of another, and as we participate in the general work of God, or the congregation we are associated with, we receive strength by being "*with*."

Jesus knows what temptation is. He never knew that before He came down here. Jesus learned a lot of things while He was down here about humanity that He never knew in heaven, and one of them was what temptation is. He learned to be tempted. The Bible said He went through that so that He might be able to succour us, or strengthen and help, or comfort us when we are being tempted. As we bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ, we come under the canopy of the work and influence of the Holy Spirit, and He strengthens us by bringing us in contact with Him who toiled up that same road that we toil on, and went through the things that we have to go through. That was His mission here, to learn about humankind. The Bible says that He learned obedience through the things that He suffered. He didn't know anything about suffering and He didn't know anything about obedience. Everything was just in full general flow up there where He came from, and they all participated in the same atmosphere and the same element, and He never knew anything about obedience. There were no commands given up there. He learned that down here. He learned what humans have to go through down here, by living among humans, occupying a human body and meeting the problems of life just like we meet them. He saw that there was a need for a Comforter and that was in the plan.

It was in the plan from the beginning that God would have a dispensation in which He dealt with people directly. It would be the dispensation of the prophets under the direct supervision of God. Then the Son had His mission here; the mission of redemption. When He went away He sent the Holy Ghost, and He's having His administration now. This is the Holy Ghost dispensation, and this is the last dispensation of time. There is no other in the Godhead to have a dispensation. This is it. When this is over, it's all over.

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things...." The Holy Ghost is a teacher. Let me advise you that He is going to teach all of us exactly alike on every general point that we all have in common. Now some of us have different circumstances in life, I'll grant that, and the Holy Ghost teaches us individually how to handle those things, but in the general, overall scope of everything, the Holy Ghost teaches us the same things. There is no

disagreement between Him and the Godhead. He is the teacher, and if we will respond to Him, He will teach us the truth.

"He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." I don't know what you think about this, but I think it is wonderful that the Holy Ghost can bring to our remembrance the things God's Word has said. That is our defence. Our way of dealing with trials and temptations in life is that the Holy Ghost will bring to our attention some of God's Word which deals with that situation, and lead us in the way everlasting. Now that is important.

I was taking note a day or two ago of how the disciples never remembered a lot of the things that Jesus taught them while He was here. When He was resurrected from the dead, they couldn't comprehend a thing like that. It was gone from them that He had said He would do that. When He died, they weren't expecting Him to die, even though

He had been telling them all the time about His death, and how things would happen. It was gone from them. They didn't have it. There were two of them walking on the Emmaus Road on a certain day, the day Jesus arose from the dead, and He joined them. As He walked along with them they were sad, confused and disappointed. They didn't know how things were going to turn out. He walked along with them, opened up the scriptures to them, and taught them, but they never grasped all of that until they sat down to break bread. Jesus broke the bread, gave the thanks, and gave to them. Their eyes were opened and they recognized who He was.

Matthew, Mark, John and Luke wrote the first four books of the New Testament. They did not write all the same things. I don't mean that what they wrote disagreed with anything that any of the rest of them wrote, but there are some things in Luke that aren't in Mark, and there are some things in John that aren't in any of the other gospels. But there are no disagreements in them. It's just the fact that some remembered some things that others didn't remember, and

so on, but when you get it all together, you've got the whole story. The Holy Ghost brought to this one's mind certain things of importance to him, and to another's mind certain things of importance to him. Even though some of them didn't write everything that some of the others did, what they wrote agreed and covered the whole story. He brought it to their minds. They didn't have it in their minds. They didn't understand what was going on when Jesus was arrested. They didn't understand what was going on when He was crucified. They couldn't grasp that. They didn't know what was going on when He was resurrected, but the Holy Ghost taught them and brought it to their remembrance. On one occasion they were handling some particular point, and it says then they remembered

what He had said unto them. They didn't remember it until just that moment. The Holy Ghost brought it to their mind. But this is us, that was them, and I am concerned about us.

"We need the Holy Ghost abiding in us, filling us, refreshing and reviving our minds over and over again; to remind us of the things that are valuable to us in the time of trials..."

We need the Holy Ghost abiding in us, filling us, refreshing and reviving our minds over and over again; to remind us of the things that are valuable to us in the time of trials, tests and temptations, and leading us in a plain path. That is the work of the Holy Ghost. God sent the Holy Ghost here for that purpose.

I recall a time when I was holding a meeting. This has been quite a lot of years ago, in Glendale, California. I brought a message that night, and I don't remember what it was, but after I got home from the meeting, a young sister wrote to my wife and told her about this message, and how she tried to grasp it and wanted to remember everything in it. She said the next morning when she got up she couldn't remember what the text was or what the sermon was about. It had all gone from her. About a year later she wrote and referred back to that message. She said that all through that year she had been trying to resurrect that message in her mind and get ahold of the points that were dealt with. She said, "Just last week I was involved in some situations that that message dealt with,

and it just all came up in my mind. In a moment of time I could almost preach it like the preacher preached it that night." Now there is a secret there folks. The Psalmist said in the 119th Psalm and verse 11, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Now this woman was receiving that message, and it registered in her heart, but it wasn't in her mind. She couldn't resurrect it. She couldn't bring it to her mind, but it was hid away in her heart. When the time came that she really needed it, it was there.

The way I think about this is that the human heart, our soul, is a vast storage space. The Holy Spirit is the supervisor of that storage space. As we open our hearts and minds in reading God's Word, or when we are hearing it preached, or when it comes to us through conversation, or however it reaches us, the Holy Spirit takes that Word and hides it away down in our hearts. Maybe we have forgotten it for a long, long time, but the Holy Ghost has everything catalogued and indexed, and when we come into contact with some kind of a situation where we need some of that word, He goes right down there and gets it in our heart, where it's stored away, and brings it right up to our mind. This is important because it lets us know how sincere we need to be when we're handling God's Word. When we are listening to it being preached, when we are preaching it, when we are reading it, or when it is handled in our conversations, we need to be on the receiving end. If we are, the Holy Ghost will take that particle of truth and deposit it in our souls and catalogue it. Maybe it will go from you, and you'll not remember it, but if you have your heart and mind open, and submitted to the truth that's going forth, when the time comes that you need it, the Holy Ghost knows right where He put it. That is a great thing to me. Hide God's Word away in your heart. Every time you look into it, pray that God will anoint your mind and heart to comprehend what you are reading, and to preserve it unto you. He will do that through the operation of the Holy Ghost.



Blessed Assurance

Even though the enemy may come in like a flood, we have the blessed assurance that the Spirit of the Lord will lift up the standard against him (margin, put him to flight), therefore there is no need of our being overcome in the time of testing.

—J. W. B.



Excerpts Taken From October, 1943 Faith and Victory

"I often wonder why many times, we as the dear children of God will begin to be fearful because of something that's not going just as we wish or think it ought to. Dear child of God, the eyes of God are ever over you and He is guiding your soul to its final resting place. He sees many times that it will be necessary for us to go up some mountains and hills and sometimes He sees a few tears will help us on. They will water the next hard pull, thus we need everything that comes our way. How blessed it is to have this great contentment when seemingly everything is going wrong."

—Lottie Joiner



"About two years ago, plans were made to build a dining hall on the National Campgrounds at Monark Springs, MO. At that campmeeting, offerings were given and pledges made for that purpose. Most of the pledges have been paid, and a part of the funds received were used to purchase foundation material which is now on the grounds ready for use. However, since other building material is so expensive and some not available, the trustees decided it would be better to wait awhile, perhaps until after the war emergency, to complete the building.

"The present construction plans call for a three-floor building—full basement for storage purposes, ground floor for dining hall proper, and a story above for sleeping quarters."

—L. D. Pruitt