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"Can God?"

"Can God?" the subtle Tempter breathes within,
When all seems lost, excepting sure defeat,
"Can God roll back the raging seas of sin?"
"Can God?" the fainting heart doth quick repeat.

"God can!" in trumpet tones rings faith's glad cry,
And, David-like, it fears no giant foe,
For faith dwells on the Mount; serene, and high,
While unbelief's dark clouds roll far below.

"God can!" His Saints of old did ever give
Their fullest confirmation o'er and o'er,
And He Who made the long-dead bones to live,
E'en now can bring the dead to life once more.

"God can!" Then let us fear not, but arise!
Our motto be this word that He doth give,
If we have faith, before our wondering eyes
A mighty army shall arise and live!

—J. A. R.

God's Sparrow

By Bro. Galen Kelly

When I was driving my pickup the other day I hit a sparrow, and as I glanced in the rear view mirror I saw it roll across the road. The thought came to my mind, "...And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father." Matthew 10:29. How can it be that a God who created the world in just six days, and has continued to work out all the complexities, will take time to observe a common sparrow fall?

The sparrow is a common bird, not of any contrasting or bright colors. Usually if you have some sparrows around your place you will have too many before long. The ones I have seen make unorganized nests, overtake other bird's nesting places, and are not a real beautiful song bird.

There are probably more species of sparrows than any other single bird group, with at least one hundred different kinds in Palestine. (Fausset's Bible Dictionary.) And yet God is not so busy that one little insignificant bird ever goes unnoticed.

Have you ever felt all alone? Have you thought all your efforts were dead ends or that no one even noticed, or worse yet, even cared? Have you been unable to express yourself, or to know that if you did you might not be accepted? Have you felt like giving up faith because of past failures? Have your talents been unappreciated? Whatever your problems are, GOD CARES! He is watching you! Jesus said for us to be unafraid and to remember we are of more value than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:31.) You never go unnoticed with God. How encouraging to know we are not forsaken or left alone, but

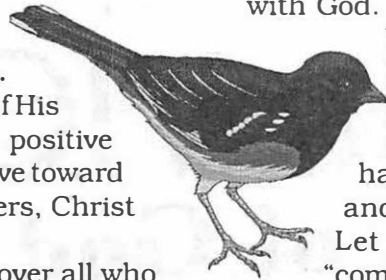
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God's ever caring arms are around us and His watchful eye is on us. He that keepeth Israel has no stop watch, no time card, no closing hours. (Psalm 121:4.) He is ever present to help. This is His business; it is His love for us. He knows that you are special or He never would have created you. He greatly desires for you to know of His love for you too. Romans 5:8 is positive proof. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

The same Father who watches over all who believe in His Christ, is also interested in those who have not believed. The all-observant God is a warm comfort to each one who has made the

choice to follow Him. However, the man in sin does not always want to be observed because his deeds are evil. (John 3:19.) The saying, "You can run but you can't hide" is altogether true with God. He is so big He is always there before you get there.



When I see something bad has happened to a sparrow, it serves as a reminder that God has taken time to observe it too, and I know He is watching over me. Let your courage mount and "comeover" any hindrances. God is there. Since He recognizes and provides for the least of His creation, He most assuredly has His eye on you. May we live like it.

Lessons From A Sugar Maple

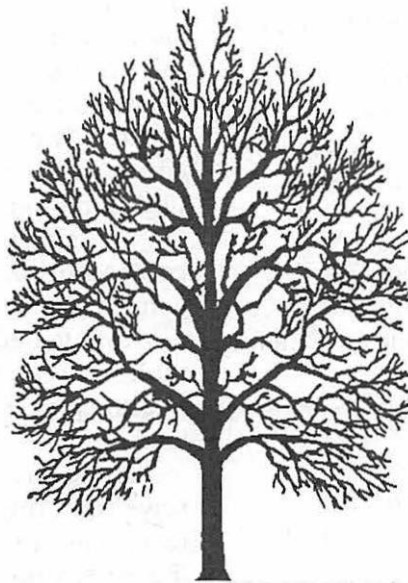
By Sis. Retha Cole

I was out raking and burning leaves today, when I came upon a very special lesson from a sugar maple tree.

As I was busy working under its branches, I kept noticing all the drips falling from it as if it were raining. I began investigating and discovered that woodpeckers had drilled holes all over it. The sap was continually running out of these holes. The Lord began teaching me some things and I hope they will bless you like they have me!

Lesson #1:

In the dead of winter, in a cold, barren, unfruitful and seemingly unproductive time, this tree was bursting with the in-



ward flow of life.

Christ within us will produce life, no matter the circumstances we are in.

Lesson #2:

The tree was loaded with woodpecker holes. Out of these holes poured sweet sap.

Many times we get "pecked" by irritations, hurt feelings

or aggravations, but may the Lord help us, just like the tree, to pour out of ourselves the sweetness of Christ!

Lesson #3:

I have seen woodpeckers going back and drinking from this sap.

The Lord can help us to be a source of strength and encouragement to those who may have at one time "pecked" at us—if we will allow the "sweet sap" to flow.

Lesson #4:

This tree is producing only what God intended it to produce.

Likewise, the Lord created us for His purpose also. Let us produce the works of the Spirit and not our own selfishness.

Did We Evolve?

By Stanley Farrar II

In considering the theory of evolution, there are a few things we must identify from the start. The first is; what is a theory? A theory is a belief that has some basis in order for one to believe it is true.

There is a certain amount of debate on the issue as to whether evolution is a theory or a hypothesis (a belief that has no basis in which to lead people to believe that it is true). Many people conclude that everything evolved from a lower level of its present state. Some feel that science has proven this beyond a reasonable doubt, and say that evolution is science's answer to our origin. But is this the case?

Let us look at the issue of whether evolution is a science. For something to be considered a science, certain requirements must be met. First of all, a thing must be observable and detectable with one of the five senses; touch, smell, hearing, taste or sight.

The next constraint is that it must be measurable. The problem with cosmology (the branch of science which deals with the process of nature and the relations of its parts) is that none of us were there when life began. So none of us observed life's beginnings. We were not there to see or measure the occurrences of the species. Thus anything having to do with the origin of life is not observable or measurable, therefore it is not science. If a belief is held by faith, it is a religion, not a science. So let us look into this religion and see if there is any basis for it.

We find that the teaching of evolution starts with the primordial "soup." This, allegedly, consisted of every chemical needed for life. But there is a major problem with this beginning. For one thing, we cannot take all the chemicals found in a living creature and combine them and get something living. So why would this primordial combination form into a living mass, and why isn't there any such "soup" today?

Since there is no spontaneous life formation (on the contrary, there must be mitosis, the process of existing cells dividing to produce more microorganisms), we find this basic building block of evolutionary thought a very faulty foundation on which to construct a belief system.

If every living creature on the earth evolved from some lower species, then this should still

be occurring throughout the animal kingdom, even to this day. The problem is, we do not see it happening. As we look through the animal kingdom, we do not find two animals of the same species giving birth to an animal of a different species. On the contrary, breeders have made their living for thousands of years because animals give birth to others of their own kind.

In many ways the theory of evolution is like forming a pile of rocks and then expecting it, in the course of a few million years, without the sculptor's aid, to become a statue of George Washington. We can see the absurdity of this concept. We can also understand the intellect required to create such a complex sculpture, and the intricate tooling that must be done by the hand of a master artist to construct such a fine work. Any rational being knows this will not happen simply by itself. It has to be planned and worked with a specific purpose in mind. Yet, are we to believe that something a billion times more complex and intricate could randomly occur?

The fallibility of carbon and sedimentary dating in relation to the proof of evolution.

A fossil is the petrified remains of some animal or object. For a fossil to form, an object must be covered quickly and then have great pressure applied. It requires a catastrophic event, such as a volcanic eruption or great flood, to produce the necessary conditions for fossil formation. Fossils don't just happen. Yet, they are dated by means that require universal applicability. Carbon dating assumes that carbon absorption is constant no matter the conditions of the environment around the specimen. This does not take into consideration fires, volcanic activity, etc., which increase the carbon dioxide levels in the air.

Carbon dating has also proven unreliable in laboratory tests. In some of the tests that were performed, carbon dating was done on the bones of animals that were still alive. The results showed that the animals had been dead for several thousand years. Yet, the test animals were still alive.

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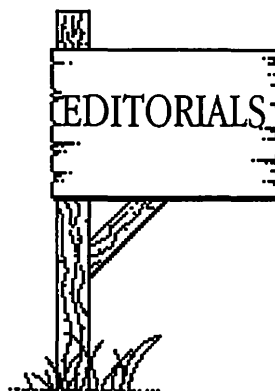
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God's mercies and grace have been extended to us throughout another month, and we are glad to be able to publish this March issue of the *Faith and Victory*.

Work here at the Print Shop continues, in spite of some mechanical difficulties we encountered in February, when we had

to do major repair on the machine which is used to fold book sections. Parts for the repair were not readily accessible, but we were finally able to secure some of the parts needed from a parts house, and have a machine shop fix and manufacture others. As of this writing, the folder is being reassembled, and hopefully will be in operation soon.

The press on which we print tracts also had a part to break. After several days of waiting, we have now received what is required to restore it to working order.

It isn't always a simple matter to keep all of the machinery and electronic equipment here at the Print Shop in good operating condition, but we are grateful for the way the Lord helps us, and for workers with mechanical abilities.

I also want to express appreciation to all of you who through your prayers and means, have so faithfully supported the endeavors here to print and mail out the Gospel. We have covenanted with God that as long as He enables us, we will give Him our best in publishing that which is Biblical, and that which manifests the spirit of Christ, as recorded in the gospels.

Let us continue to be workers together with the Lord in the soul-saving operation, for we have been assured that "...we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

For some time I have felt a need for personal contact with the saints in the Philippines. Consequently, my plans are to fly out of Oklahoma City on April 4, and land in Manila April 6. Lord willing, this will allow me to be with Bro. Matias Tangunan in the Philippines for two weeks, visiting the saints. I am looking forward to this time of fellowship, and desire your prayers for God's blessing of guidance and grace on this journey.

The book, *What the Bible Teaches*, has been out of stock for some months, but is once again in print and ready for sale. We have already mailed copies to those who had back orders.

Plans are still being formulated for a Faith Publishing House Workers Reunion on July 11 of this year. We are presently working at compiling names and addresses of former employees so that special invitations can be sent out.

Progress is also being made on the new Print Shop. We hope to have it at a stage of preparation sufficient for meeting the needs of the reunion. During the month of February we were able to get a pump installed in the water well, and water lines running into the building.

During this year of 1998, in order to commemorate our 75th year of operation, the book, *God's Gracious Dealings*, which is a history of this publishing work, is being sold for \$4.00, which is half price.

At your request we will send you a free list of other doctrinal and inspiration books which we stock, as well as a list of tracts which are available.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families of two couples who lost children recently. On Feb. 10, Jared, the six-year-old son of Bro. John and Sis. Rosalie Samons, went to be with the Lord. It was a heavy loss for Bro. John to lose his father, Bro. Mart Samons, on January 14, and then to suffer the loss of a son is indeed heart-wrenching. I am sure your continued prayers for the family in the days ahead would be appreciated.

If you would like to extend your condolences to Bro. John, Sis. Rosalie and family, you may do so by addressing your correspondence to: R. R. 5, Box 219A, Sheridan, AR 72150.

Bro. John and Sis. Diane Clement also lost a child in February. Their one-year-old daughter passed away on Feb. 12. God is wonderfully upholding them in their time of grief, but I am sure they would be glad to hear of your concern. You can write them at: 207 Iris Ave., Jefferson, LA 70121.

One of the most encouraging teachings in the scriptures, and one of which we probably hear too little, is the doctrine of Christ's return. Three times in Revelation 22 the promise of this grand event is repeated with the words, "I come

quickly." As the pages of divine revelation were being closed, God brought out this truth in such a way as to drive into the hearts of all believers an expectation of this event.

The promise of Christ's return was not just an observation on the part of John the Revelator, but he offered it as a direct quote from Christ Himself, the One who would be the center focus and catalyst of the end time occurrence.

A person once asked D. L. Moody the secret of his success. He replied, "For many years I have never given an address without the consciousness that the Lord may come before I have finished." Perhaps this explains the intensity and anointing the hearers felt in his ministry.

My mother says that her mother firmly believed that she would be alive at the return of Christ. She passed away in 1954 without seeing it happen. Neither do we know if in our lifetime we will see it, but we must let the possibility spur us on with great expectations. Someday it **will be** reality and if it is during our lifetime, we want the heavenly light of His appearing to find each of us faithful at what God has called us to do.

—Wayne Murphey

CAMP MEETING DATES



Oklahoma State (Guthrie)—May 23-31

Holly Hill, SC—May 31-June 7

Tulsa, OK—June 7-14

Jefferson, OR—June 12-21

Green Bank, WV—June 12-18

Coffeeville/Water Valley, MS—June 21-28

Loranger, LA—June 28-July 5

National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 17-26

Myrtle, MO—July 29-Aug. 2

California State (Pacoima)—Aug. 28-Sept. 6

Meeting Reports and Notices

MIAMI, FL CAMP MEETING

The saints in South Florida will be having a camp meeting on April 5-12. There will be services nightly at 7:30 p.m. There will be two services on Sunday, 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Weekday services will be announced. Come praying for a blessing.

For further information contact the pastor, Bro. Robert McIntyre at (305) 233-2166 or Bro. Clay at (305) 235-4271, chapel phone (305) 758-0160. Church address: 235 NW 47th St., Miami, FL.

SPRING SINGING

The congregation (Enterprise Community) near Warrior, AL, is planning a singing on April 4, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. Activities will begin Saturday morning, so come early. On Sunday, regular services will begin at 10:00 a.m. The chapel is located two miles west of Interstate 65 from exit 289, which is approximately 25 miles north of Birmingham. Everyone is welcome.

For further information, call Marshall Whitson at (205) 647-6325, or Roy Herron at (205) 647-7869.

WICHITA, KS SPRING MEETING

Lord willing, the Wichita, KS Spring Meeting will be held April 17-26, 1998. We are needy creatures and always in need of God's help. He has promised to be our help, so we are looking for Him to bless the meeting in every way. Many people are in need of salvation and we want some of them to get saved during this meeting. Some need more grace, more strength and better understanding, so we ask God to send them their help during the meeting. We need the devil rebuked in every way and God is always glad to help us in that respect. So we are giving God the right-of-way, and faith says there will be victory. Come one and all and attend the meeting if you can, and most of all, please pray for it.

Services begin Friday night at 7:30. On Sundays there will be three services, and Monday through Saturday there will be two services daily, at 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. If needed, you may contact Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 778-1848, or Bro. Paul Phillips, Jr. at (316) 721-9557. The Church address is 1701 N. Ash, and the phone number is (316) 267-9582.



Two cassette tapes (90 minute) have been made of each song in the Blue Book (1-201), played on the piano by Sis. René Smith. \$3.50 will cover the cost of the two tapes, a counter index and postage. Send your order directly to Opal Kelly, but make your check payable to "Church of God." Thank you,

Sis. Opal Kelly

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Canada—"Valentine Herboth's mother shared with me that Valentine has cancer. I believe she is a believer. Her brother recently died of cancer. Also pray for Bro. Alfred Twiks who is critically ill." —Bro. Wilfried Froese

IL—"The Lord has impressed me to send in a request for prayer for my granddaughter. She suffers from deep depression. She is trying so hard to please the Lord." —Sis. Ruby Blanchard

LA—Sis. Gladys Harper desires the saints to pray for Hallie Pinkerton who has emphysema.

NC—Sis. Faye Minton has a physical problem which she needs the Lord to heal.

SC—Sis. Marie Weatherford of the Holly Hill congregation has an affliction which causes her quite a bit of pain and makes it difficult for her to take care of her young child.

CA—"Would you please put my little great-grandson on your prayer list? He was born with a cleft pallet, but there is more wrong with him than just that. He is blind in one eye and has to wear hearing aids in both ears. His muscles are also affected." —Helen Whitehouse

LA—"My uncle Arlda needs prayer for soul and body. He has lung cancer. My brother, Alfred, needs prayer for an alcohol addiction, and there is a twenty-four year-old father that I know who is dying of cancer."

—Catherine Bhramayana

OH—Sis. Juanita Blankenship has some

burdens that she would like remembered.
MO—Sis. Bertha Yoder has a very special unspoken request.

IN—"Pray for my son, Jimmy. He fell and broke his left ankle in three places. I am not so well, so remember me and my unsaved children."
—Sis. Dessie Wilson

LA—"Remember me in prayer about my eyes."
—Velma Mancil

OH—"We have some urgent requests before the Lord."
—Sis. Alberta Bruner

LA—"Diane Doolittle is real sick and needs prayer."
—Sis. Patsy Doolittle

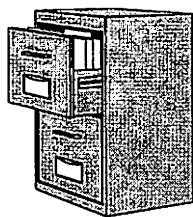
PA—"I have been ill, my son-in-law is in a nursing home and my daughter was in a car accident."
—Sis. Lorretta Boyer

TX—"Please remember my mother, Mrs. Joyce Campbell, in prayer."
—Sis. Shirley Davis

MO—"Please pray for my grandson, Oral Joseph, who has cancer. Pray also for my unsaved loved ones."
—Sis. Ruth Donnelly



From
Our
Letter
Files



CA—Dear saints: I want to say that I really appreciate the *Faith and Victory*, and I appreciate all of your labors. I know our Father will reward each and every one of you.

I thank God for being saved and encouraged. I thank Him for keeping power, and for His daily mercies. I thank Him for each breath I take, and each and every step is because of Him. I know God lives, because He lives in me.

I stand in awe of such a wonderful Savior. He has blessed me in so many ways. He is teaching me what it means to dig deep, to admit mistakes and wrongs, and to ask for daily help. He is helping me to find those hidden things. He will not accept anything less than perfection.

Please remember all my loved ones that are out of the Ark of Safety.
—Sis. Dorothy Gray



MO—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in Jesus' name. I hope and trust all is going well with you and the publishing work.

I am thankful that God has blessed both wife and I in our bodies. He has healed us of the flu. I have been able to go to church services the last

three services. I have felt stronger each time. Wife still has a heart condition that hinders her from being able to go to service. Please continue to remember us both in prayer....

Your brother in Christ, —T. V. McMillian



NC—Dear Bro. Wayne and all at the Print Shop: We send greetings to all of you in the matchless name of Jesus. How thankful we are to know Him.

On Sunday night, February 15, 1998, I heard a song that I feel in my heart, entitled, "I've Got Something To Praise God For." And surely I have.

As most of you know, I was very sick with pneumonia for about 2 1/2 weeks. Elaine had the flu at the same time that I had pneumonia, so we weren't really able to care for ourselves, or each other, so we just lay there, she on the sofa and I in the recliner, and looked at and prayed for each other.

She became fearful that she was going to lose me when I was delirious for a couple of days, but praise the Lord, He touched me, and I feel completely well now. I have even regained my strength.

Elaine has recovered from the flu, but is still in great need of prayer. She has a problem with her head. She stays dizzy and has a lot of pain through her head, and even down her neck. We don't know what the problem is, but thank God, we know the "Problem Solver" who is our great Physician.

We appreciate each one of you so much for bearing us up in prayer. I don't know what we would have done if it weren't for all of you being there to listen when we called, and for being faithful to pray. Thank You, and may God bless you. Thanks, too, to all the dear saints who prayed for us. It means so much to have a great big family we can depend on.

Very sincerely, —Margaret and Elaine Dunn



MI—Dear Bro. Wayne and Sis. Mary: Greetings in Jesus' holy and precious name to all of you dear ones. I pray you are all well and happy in the Lord. I praise God for our many blessings.

I am so glad that souls are being won through the *Faith and Victory* paper. There are many souls that need to give their hearts to the dear Lord. Time is going very fast and the end is very close. Jesus will be coming soon. What a great day that will be for all of the saints.

I thank all of you for your prayers for me. I

haven't been feeling too well, but Jesus is with me. He is so sweet and kind, and I know He can heal me.

I love my Jesus, and I know He loves me too. And I love all of you also. Your prayers mean a lot to me.

My love and prayers, —Sis. Olive Getterson
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IN—To the saints and workers there at the Faith Publishing House: I want to thank you so much for the work you are doing. Keep sending out the good news of salvation to a lost and dying world.

I was sorry to hear of Bro. Mart Samons' death. It has been years since I had heard him preach. He lived a good life and helped lots of people, I am sure.

I think of how good the Lord is to us in America. We have plenty to eat, and in many ways more than we need. I want God to help me to be more thankful and to not ever complain....

May God bless and keep all of you there in His care.

Your sister in Christian love,

—Mary Rogers
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KS—Dear saints: Glory to God in the highest! We cannot praise Him nearly enough for His loving kindness and His everlasting love to us. One song lets us know we could not possibly use words to fully explain the love of God. But we can certainly be the recipients of His love and can do our utmost to love Him back, and prove it by keeping His commandments. It is glorious to be able to serve and follow the Lord, and I truly wish we could persuade and convince the whole world that what they really need is a born-again experience of salvation. A holy life is the only intelligent life we can live. Let us serve the Lord with all that is within us, and continue to try to get people to see that Jesus is the answer.

—Sis. Shirley Knight
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LA—Dear Bro. Wayne, Sis. Mary and workers at the Print Shop: May the rich blessings of the Lord be upon each and every one of you as you fill your place and labor faithfully for souls.

I have been blessed this morning in reading some in an October 1982 *Faith and Victory* paper. Usually I give my papers for others to read, but a few I keep as I am blessed by reading them again. Oh, I appreciate the little paper and all you dear ones who work there. I pray often for each of you.

The dear Lord is so good to me and blesses me with many things that my soul can feast upon, as I am isolated and so seldom able to be in church services. I have many preaching and singing tapes, as well as most of the books that have been printed there since we have been acquainted with the truth.

Please remember me in prayer. I have a very sore and inflamed toe. I can hardly wear a shoe at times. I also have some unspoken requests.

Yours in Him, —Sis. Sybil Goldsberry
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KS—Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord: I greet you in Christian love. I thank the precious Lord for His gracious dealings toward those who name His name.

My Lord has been such a special friend since the passing of my husband eighteen months ago. Many have been the times I have had to rely heavily on Him. As in the reading, *Footprints In The Sand*, the Lord carried me in the heaviest part of the grieving period. It was so strangely precious, but I emotionally *felt* His arms around me and the security they afforded. I did not deserve that special attention, but, oh, how sweet! During Donald's illness, as I wanted to know what the future held and the way was holden from my view, a song rang over and over to me, "...I'll be so near that you'll love to walk one step at a time with Me." It has surely proven true.

The love the saints have shown to me and my family has not gone unnoticed, nor will it be unrewarded. Much concern was expressed and many prayers went up to God on our behalf during the past three sorghum making seasons, as we faced many difficulties that sometimes seemed overwhelming. "Thank you" to each one who held us up in prayer. There were some who even came to give of their time. We certainly need each other.

Now, in the time of my father's passing, once again I am on the receiving end of the love of the saints, and of my precious Lord. Thank you for the cards and phone calls. You were already dear to me, but you are dearer still. You are my people; here is where I want to die. I am satisfied.

I would like to encourage each one of us to *perfect* our love of God. The Word tells us that "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment." Oftentimes knowledge of a direction from the Lord calls forth from our bosom a desire to be obedi-

ent, and yet, the flesh recoils. God knows that our frame is but dust, but His promise to us is the same as Paul counted it to be, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13. Let us be found faithful and obedient as He never calls us to do anything but what there will be His Divine enablement provided.

In Christian love, —Marilyn Eck
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SC—Greetings in Jesus' name: I am truly thankful today to be one of God's little children. He has blessed me again and again. My heart cries out with thanksgiving for His only begotten Son which He gave to die for me.

The saints here at Holly Hill are all still encouraged to press on and keep the faith. There are just a few here, but the Lord said where there were one or two gathered together in His name, He was there also. Praise the Lord.... —Sis. Judith Crummie
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CA—Dear saints of God and workers at the Print Shop: We send love to all in the precious name of Jesus. We are praising the Lord for His love to us and our family. We are so thankful we hearkened to the Lord and are enjoying His love and mercy. Proverbs 1:33 says, "But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil."

Surely God has proven His love and goodness so many times. His love constrains us to follow Him all the days of our lives.

Pray for us when you pray, and I will do the same.

Christian love, —Bro. E. V. Davenport
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KS—Dear ones at the Print Shop: I would like to thank the Lord for healing me of the flu and virus that I had for five or six weeks.

I am thankful that we can call on the saints for healing. I would like to thank Bro. Wayne, Sis. Mary and Sis. Margaretta Kennedy for their prayers.

Please keep me in your prayers, that I will stay true to the Lord. —Sis. Dorothy Huston
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LA—Greetings of love from Shreveport: I thank the good Lord for His mercy and love to all of us!

This morning on tape I heard some little children singing a special at Loranger, LA. The title of the song was, "God Is So Good." The last verse says, "I'm going to heaven because He's so

good." In the background I could hear Bro. Mart Samons' praises to God. The emotions involved would be hard to explain. However, I will endeavor, with the Lord's help, to give my testimony of God's abundant mercy which includes Bro. Samons.

I, Catherine Mae DiDio Bhramayana, daughter of Wanita and Salvatore DiDio, was raised in a Christian home by God-fearing parents. However, due to the traps of satan, I lost out with Jesus at the age of fourteen. From the ages of fourteen to seventeen I made decisions that still affect my life. Today, in order to support my children, I am working at three different jobs and have two applications in process for other jobs.

Around the age of sixteen, I became engaged to marry Potong Bhramayana, a foreign student from Bangkok, Thailand. During this time the Lord kept dealing with my soul, so I went to the altar at the Hammond, LA, Church of God, with my older sister, and our boyfriends. At this time Bro. Samons advised us to not marry. Bro. Samons' advice was not taken. Young people, listen and honor your elders that love you and have wisdom. I Timothy 5:17 and Titus 2:3-4 are worthy scriptures to look up in the Holy Bible.

In June of 1998, my children will have been raised fourteen years by a single parent. I want to encourage all single parents that God's grace is sufficient. Jesus told Paul, "...my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness...." II Corinthians 12:9.

Single parents, there will be numerous times that you will be weak physically, emotionally and financially, however, there is HOPE. There is a hope that is steadfast and sure and founded on the promises of Father's written word. (Song #198, *Evening Light Songs*.) "Because He lives, I can face tomorrow."

Yes, even Bro. Samons had a bleak future before Jesus came into his heart—the doctors had given up on him and his marriage was suffering. In came Jesus and out came a *A Beautiful Life*. The song says, "...While going down life's weary road, I'll try to lift some traveler's load; I'll try to turn the night to day, Make flowers bloom along the way."

The way gets lonely when you are not free to get married again, and it gets pretty dark when your bills are never ending. (Especially raising teenagers with their needs in a modern world during high school.) However, with Jesus in

your heart, your nights turn to day and you actually have flowers along the way. (My flowers have been my Christian family and their golden deeds in helping those who are in need.)

The good Word instructs us in Acts 20:35, "I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Lately, I have been on the receiving end, so I want to thank you, Bro. Wayne, for extending me credit on my *Faith and Victory* papers. The tape ministry is another one of my rich blessings. A big "Thank You" to all who contribute to the tape ministry with your special songs, messages and experiences.

A special insert here is needed. As dorm mother in West Virginia in the summer of 1997, I felt I had died and gone to heaven. Each night the young girls sang and prayed before sleeping. It was like hearing angels singing all around me. Thank you, young people, for this special memory. Your flowers are blooming!

Most of all, thank You Lord for saving Bro. Mart Samons and Bro. Lynn Carver and for the blessing they have been to me.

Love and prayers to all,

—Catherine DiDio Bhramayana



Honduras, C.A. Report...

February 18, 1998—Dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. I hope that this finds you encouraged to keep fighting against our adversary, the devil. Surely we are engaged in a tremendous spiritual conflict in these last days. This tends to put us on the defensive, but the Lord would have us to continue working aggressively against the forces of evil on all fronts. I believe the Lord would have us engage ourselves in the battle.

We would like to update you on the work in Honduras, and to make you aware of near

future plans to go there. My family and I, along with a couple of young people, are planning to leave March 18 and return on April 1, Lord willing. We hope to be able to encourage the saints there as well as visit some new places on the mainland. We hope to do more teaching while there, also.

The saints in Honduras are under direct attack from the enemy, also. Many discouraging things seem to be happening, and they are begging us to please come and help them. Please pray that we can help renew them in the Lord. It seems that there have been so many demands here that the work there has been somewhat neglected, and we feel badly about that. We are still praying that the Lord will send someone there full-time to help them.

The van is broken down and Bro. John Clement and Bro. Kimble were planning to make a quick trip preceding ours to get things in order; however, with the recent death in that congregation and family, we are not sure about those plans maturing. We want your prayers that the will of the Lord be done and we can take this trip. It seems that attention needs to be given in Honduras immediately.

We want to thank each of you who have sent funds for the Honduras work. We have been applying it to that cause. Anyone else that would like to contribute can send their contributions to our address: Toney Samons, P.O. Box 173, Green Bank, WV 24944 or Church of God Missionary, 2752 Tupelo St., Kenner, LA 70062.

We again desire your earnest prayers that this trip will be made possible in the Lord's will. Pray for the saints in Honduras that their faith will fail not.

For the Honduras missionary work,

—Bro. Toney Samons

From India...

January 20, 1998—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear saints in America: Greetings again to all the dear saints everywhere in the precious name of Jesus Christ.

Our 33rd General convention ended with many spiritual blessings and victories. Bro. Ed and Sis. Roberta Wilson and Bro. Clifford and Sis. Patsy Smith were a real blessing to the people gathered to attend this convention. Bro. Ed Wilson preached several good messages and Bro. Clifford testified. Sis. Roberta and Sis. Patsy preached in the sister's meeting. When

they come back to the U.S.A. they will explain their wonderful experiences here to the church there.

Our convention at Kothamangalam will start on February 12 and continue for four days. I plan to visit the northern region congregations next week. Please remember us in your prayers.

Yours in Him, —John Varghese

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(Editor's note: Bro. Ed and Sis. Roberta Wilson and Bro. Clifford and Sis. Patsy Smith, visited in the congregations in southern India where Bro. John Varghese has the active oversight. The following report is from Bro. Darrell Johnson, of Dallas, TX, who visited the congregations in a region to the north of Bro. Varghese, where Bro. P. D. Mathunni is laboring.)

Upon arriving in India I found it to be a land of contrasts. It is hurried, yet slow. Modern, yet ancient. Rich in natural resources, but a land of poverty. Tropical beauty amid urban chaos. Rich men and beggars live side by side. Pedestrians, autos and animals jostle for their portion of the road. Tents and shanties rival homes of magnificent architecture. This cacophony of contradictions settle into an harmonious balance that makes this a truly unique land. My experience there was equally as unique.

I had come to this country because God had given me a specific burden to do so, although I had previously felt that being a missionary was not a part of my ministry. Having been to another country and seeing the great need of promoting the gospel there has enlightened my understanding and added a new dimension to my ministry. I am thankful to God for having given me the inspiration to go.

I was moved by the hospitality of the saints, their love for the Lord and their zeal to spread the gospel. They diligently work with the little God has given them. I saw that they are sustaining the work of God out of their poverty and not out of their abundance. They are truly living by faith.

I was also inspired by the pastors of the congregations. Many have literally built their congregations from nothing. In order to reach the people, they work five to seven days a week conducting house visitations, Bible studies, cottage prayer services and regular church services. Some of the pastors are very young. I asked one twenty-two year-old pastor what compelled him to work for the Lord. His re-

sponse was, "I was living a sinful life and God saved me, and I wanted others to experience the same happiness."

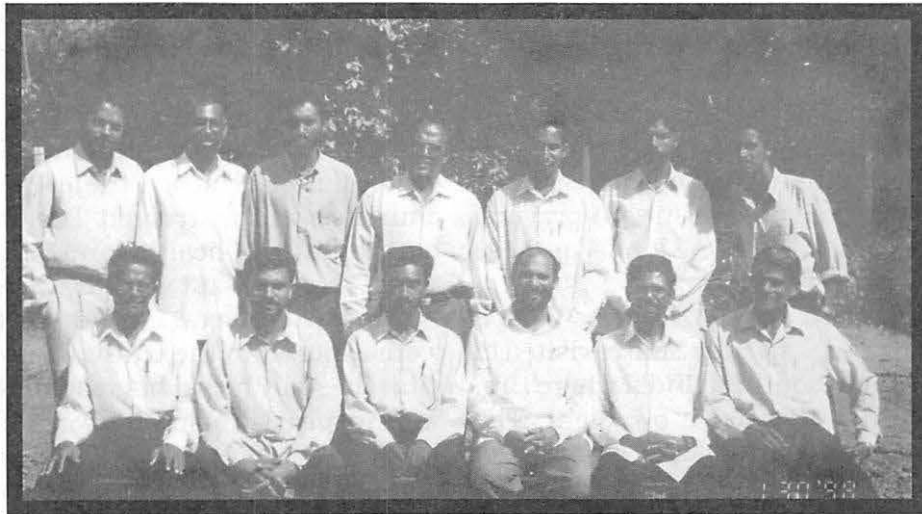
I saw that God has given Bro. Mathunni a gift that is needed in the Church today. I was vividly reminded of how the apostle Paul planted churches and instructed Timothy and others how to nurture healthy and vibrant congregations. I saw this gift working in Bro. Mathunni. I talked with several individuals as to how they were exposed to the truth. Many were in other churches but heard his teachings of truth and were inspired to follow the ways of holiness. God has blessed him with a gift to be able to teach and inspire others to work for the Lord.

There is a great need in India. The pastors are full-time pastors having no outside job and must support their families from meager incomes.

Most of the church services are held in homes because they have no funds to construct church buildings. The homes are small and very congested and the crowd has to sit on the floor. Some of the rooms where they hold regular worship services are no bigger than 10x10. In almost every cottage service, part of the crowd had to sit in an adjacent room or hallway, or stand outside and look through windows. I was able to preach in 14 different locations and many times there was not enough room for the crowd. I was touched by this.

Though cars are available, most cannot afford them. Many had to walk an hour or two just to attend service. At each service there were forty or fifty people or more. Many were unable to attend because the services were held during the weeknights and their work schedules did not allow them time to walk to service.

I had the privilege of preaching the dedication service for the church recently constructed in the Thrissur area. This is the area where Bro. Mathunni lives. This service was attended by more than 450 people. The congregation there has been worshipping in the home of one of the saints for more than seven years. The church building was greatly needed. The building is still unfinished but is far enough along to hold services in. It was built by the joint effort of the saints there. As the Lord supplies funds, their desire is to complete this structure and to build for the congregations that do not currently have meeting houses. There are about twelve congregations in that area. Only four of them actually have church buildings to worship in. Those



Front row, left to right: P. D. Mathunni, Ninan Parajidatin, M. C. Johnson, K. V. Jose, M. N. Sasi, M. C. Kuniakkose

Back row, left to right: Jose Madassery, P. S. George, C.R. Cherian, M. T. Varghese, K. V. Oommachan, P. M. Babu, C. J. Saji

buildings are very simple, having only the bare necessities.

One congregation has services under a make-shift tent in the yard of one of the saint's homes because no other place is available. In order to get to this location we had to go by jeep with about 16 people packed into it. We traveled by dirt trails and had to stop on several occasions to allow goatherds to clear their animals from our path so we could continue. This was up in the mountain area and no other houses were in sight. It seemed that we stopped in the middle of nowhere. When we arrived, dusk had settled in but there were already about forty people sitting on the ground, in the light of three kerosene lanterns, waiting to hear the gospel. Others were on their way. Many of them had come out of the Hindu religion and had to sever strong family ties in order to become Christians. They had to walk more than an hour to get to this remote area. As I looked at their shadowy faces I was moved and challenged by their hunger for God.

Though I could not understand their language, I could clearly understand the fellowship of the Spirit and I felt at home. The saints there are not just our brothers, they are part of our body—the body of Christ. We need them. They need us. "For the body is not one member, but many. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be

more feeble, are necessary." I Corinthians 12:14, 21-22.

I am encouraged to do more for the Lord and more for missionary efforts everywhere. If I cannot personally go, then I feel it is my responsibility to support those who can; both with my means and with my prayers. By my support I take an active role in spreading the gospel to all the world.

One thirty-four year-old pastor summed it up very poignantly. He said, "The main purpose of our ministry is for sinners to be saved. We must take the truth to the people."

May each one of us be found doing just that—taking the truth to the people.



Ruth E. Godshall, of Perkasio, PA died Tuesday, January 27, 1998, in the Quakertown Manor, Quakertown, PA. She was 81.

She was the wife of the late Earl H. Godshall, who died February 28, 1997.

Born in New Bloomfield, PA, she was a daughter of the late Charles L. and Grace (Burd) Houck.

Mrs. Godshall had worked in the Food Service Department of Grand View Hospital, West Rockhill Township. Prior to that she had been employed by the former Perkasio Silk Mill. She also had been a homemaker.

She was a member of the Church of God, Perkasio, PA.

Surviving are two daughters; Carol A., wife of Barry L. Kuhn, of Sellersville, PA; and Lillie G., wife of Glenn W. Fretz, of Green Lane, PA; two sons; Arthur E., husband of Paulette E. (Miller) Godshall, of Warrington, PA, and Norman E., husband of Lois (Hager) Godshall, of Quakertown, PA; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister, Grace, wife of Warren E. Myers, of Telford, PA.

Interment was in St. Andrew's Union Cemetery, Perkasio, PA.

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After a lengthy lung illness, but for us much too soon, our beloved wife and dear mother, **Elsie (Ilse) Froese**, went home to be with her Lord on January 12, 1998. She was born January 4, 1931. The Lord gave her and her husband, Bro. Wilfried, 39 years together.

She is cherished and sadly missed by her husband, Wilfried, and children, Klaus, Norbert and Carla.

Funeral services were held on January 17, 1998 at the German Church of God in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

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Ralph Minter Beisly was born May 31, 1908, at Roll, OK, to Reuben Wesley and Lillie May (Minter) Beisly, being the fourth of ten children. His strong desire to "go home" was granted January 25, 1998, at the age of 89 years, 7 months and 25 days, after a two week illness. He died at his home in Coffeyville, KS, remaining faithful to God until the end.

In 1929, Bro. Beisly married Martha Booth, and to this union were born two sons and two daughters. Sis. Beisly died in 1957.

In 1943, Bro. and Sis. Beisly repented of their sins and the Lord led them to the Church of God where they truly found a good home in the fold of the Lord. A few years later they labored together in filling the role of business manager of the national Church of God camp

meeting at Monark Springs, MO. Regular worship services and Bible studies were held in their home for several years until the chapel was built in Coffeyville, KS.

In 1959, Bro. Beisly married Inez Eck, and they, too, labored faithfully in the work at the camp meeting. Sis. Inez died in 1995.

Bro. Beisly had a burden to see the work of the Lord go forward in purity and frequently challenged each one to be faithful, reminding us "my soul is continually in my hands."

In addition to his two wives, he was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and one sister.

In Coffeyville, KS, he was well known for his gardening expertise and as the man on the John Deere tractor.

Those missing his presence are his two sons and their wives, Ralph E. (Gene) (Alice), Jena, LA, David G. (Leora), Coffeyville, KS; his two daughters, Marilyn Eck, Bartlett, KS, Janice Williamson (Wesley), Loranger, LA; twelve grandchildren and thirty great-grandchildren. Additionally, Bro. Beisly is survived by one brother, Jim, of Vinita, OK; three sisters, Lorene Gaut, of Vinita, OK, Pauline Tucker of Afton, OK, Amy Imel of Dayton, OR; and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by grandchildren Michael Williamson and Ivan Eck, with Curt Williamson and Eileen Motley giving the eulogy. Bros. Stanley Dickson and Emmanuel Gracey officiated at the graveside. Interment was at Restlawn Cemetery in Coffeyville, KS.

(The setting of the beginning of this memorial poem is November 1957, at the quick passing of Bro. Ralph's first wife, Martha.)

Grandpa Keeps Moving

1957-1998

They tell me she's gone...

And the shock is too great!

I fear for my saneness of mind!!

But the world is still turning...

And time won't stand still...

Lord, help me to keep moving on.

Another sweet wife You've given to me
She's wonderful, faithful, and good.

Dear companion in life,

To walk by my side,

She helps me to keep moving on.

My children! My children!

They don't understand!

We are at a loss for words for what the saints mean to us. We truly thank everyone for their love, concern, prayers, phone calls, cards, offerings, support, flowers, comfort...everything! We miss our little Ana so much, but the God of all comfort, who giveth peace which passeth all understanding, is with us. This has endeared the saints (our family) to us more than ever before. From the depths of our hearts we thank each of you, and ask that you continue to keep us in your prayers. —The Clement family

Did We Evolve?

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Carbon 14 breaks down completely to nitrogen in approximately 5,580 years. So even if carbon testing were accurate, it would not be able to date anything older than 5,580 years.

Another method used for dating is the sedimentary method. This is done by measuring the amount of sediment above an object and calculating the age of the object from the average yearly buildup of sediment.

This technique is based entirely on the uniformitarian hypothesis, which states that the forces of nature, i.e. erosion, sedimentation, etc., function in the same basic ways as exist currently in the region where the specimens were found.

This does not take into consideration sudden massive catastrophic events such as a worldwide flood or volcanic eruptions, meteor impacts, etc. It also doesn't take into consideration thermodynamic metamorphism, (change in the mineral, structural, or textural composition of rocks under pressure, heat, chemical action, etc.) Thus we are left with no accurate dating system to determine the age of fossils, and no explanation as to why there are fossils of sea creatures on top of some of the highest mountains in the world. The only possible explanation is that these areas had to have been covered by water.

Most ancient religions speak of a worldwide flood. But the Bible offers the only detailed explanation given.

"And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day." Gen. 1:6-8.

"In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights." Genesis 7:11-12.

As we can clearly see, the Bible teaches that there was a water envelope around the earth before the flood. It also states that the founda-

tions of the great deep were broken up. Thus the water above the earth fell and the springs under the earth gushed forth, and this would have been more than enough to break the continental plates and alter the entire face of the earth from what it had been before, giving rise to enough sediment to account for the entire fossil record. For more information on this point, please review the New Diluvialism, by Harold W. Clark; Angwin, CA: Science Publications, 1946, pages 12-13.

In Conclusion

So we find ourselves looking at a religious hypothesis based in part on a flawed dating system and an illogical premise. While scientists spend millions of dollars and many hours of collective thought to prove that life started without an intellect to guide it, they have only proven that man is not intelligent enough to prove such an hypothesis.

While science seeks for the statue of George Washington to appear by itself, logical minds can see the need for a sculptor, for it is far too difficult and complex a matter to leave to mere chance. Yet, is not man infinitely more complex than any statue? How can any rational being not see the need for the great sculptor, God Himself, to create such a marvel? While there is an obvious lack of scientific support for evolution, a ton of support exists for believing in creation by God.

God made us and formed us. Therefore, He has the right to tell us how we should live our lives. Will you live yours for the Creator today? It simply takes accepting Christ as your personal Savior. Ask Him to forgive you of sin and to guide you through life.

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A TESTIMONY
 By
 Sis. Katherine Williams

Recently a question came to my mind that is also being voiced by many as of late. The question is, "Does God still work miracles?" To this question, I respond with a hearty affirmative! It is a fact that God is still working miracles today!

There are definite verses of scripture that are proof, and that verify that God does still perform miracles in this day and time. There are two verses in particular that I want to share. One is found in St. Mark 9:23-24. "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him

that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

The second verse is found in Luke 1:37. "For with God nothing shall be impossible." Amen!

I would like to tell of a burden that the Lord laid upon my heart. In the year of 1969 I had the opportunity to come into contact with a group of people that, prior to our meeting them, had separated themselves from a certain church group. They felt that God had called them to do this. After separating themselves they were more or less just left to themselves, without a leader or anyone to guide and instruct them. They were endeavoring to serve the Lord acceptably, and were living to all that they knew and understood. These dear people were very sincere and loved the Lord.

However, after becoming acquainted with them, I noticed that there were different things that they were doing in the conducting of their worship services that were contrary to what we knew and understood to be proper and correct. Thus, the Lord laid a burden upon my heart to humbly teach and instruct them in the way of truth. This place was Goulds, FL, and the pastor was the late Brother Herschell Hargrave.

Through the dealings of the Holy Spirit in my life and soul I felt that I must do my best to teach them, and they were eager, willing and ready to learn. **Many times my pillow would be wet with tears as I would cry and pray to the Lord, seeking to get His mind on just what He would have me to say and to teach.** In my seeking the Lord for guidance, the Holy Spirit was able to show me that these dear people definitely had a true experience of Bible salvation, but were just in need of more instruction. I felt as Aquila and Priscilla when they were led to "expound the Word of God more perfectly to Apollos." I humbly imparted what God gave to me to give to them.

Bro. Hargrave's spirit and attitude was just as receptive and open as was Apollos'. After the teaching and instructions, he took a stand for the truth and cast his lot with the "saints in light." (Colossians 1:12.) He then left the decision to the remaining congregation as to whether or not they too would accept and embrace the full truth and light of the gospel. However, he let it be known that as for himself he fully embraced the gospel and the teaching of the Evening Light saints. Marvelously, the entire group of people accepted and embraced the truth and followed in the footsteps of their pastor as he humbly endeavored to follow Christ.

The Lord worked mightily. What an encouragement this was to me. It certainly made the responsibility and burden the Lord had given to me easier to fill. The burden of my heart was lighter! The pastor's instruction to the congregation was to get a notebook and pencil and to take down all of the instruction that they could. The Lord truly

will bless His people when they are humble and have gentle, obedient spirits.

A few months later, these saints were fully measured to God's Word and had become an established congregation in light. I thank the Lord for His goodness and mercy, and for the way that He leads if we will keep submitted to His will.

My reason for relating this testimony is to tell of the Lord's recent dealings. Not long ago the saints in Florida contacted me and expressed a desire to see me once again on this side of eternity, and to be able to care for and return some of the love and kindness that had been shown to them down through the years. Well, I didn't see how it would be possible at all, seeing that I am not physically able. Well, the Lord took care of the difficulties and impossibilities, and ordained the trip for His honor. He had something in mind. It amazes me how He sustained me and made me able. After the Lord dealt with my heart, I contacted the saints to let them know that I would come. I had been really sick in body for two years, but the Lord told me, "Go! and I will see you through." The Lord was there to encourage me every step of the way, and to let me know that it was His will for me to go.

One night I had a severe backset with the affliction that had been troubling me. It was in the wee hours of the morning. I attempted to call for prayer but was not able to get the call through. I then had the most unusual experience of God's care which I will relate.

After I was unable to make the call, an operator attempted and was also unsuccessful. She then asked me if I was in trouble. I told her "Yes," and that I was trying to call for prayer. The operator then said to me, **"I KNOW THE LORD. I WILL PRAY."** She then proceeded to pray. After prayer she offered encouragement and said to me, "Eat well, and drink plenty of fluids. I will continue to pray for you. The Lord cares!" She then told me to be true and said, "I will see You over There!" What an encouragement this was to me. I went to sleep and slept soundly.

God answered prayer and healed me. I was able to take the trip to Florida. The Lord blessed and I had a safe journey. The saints were all so glad to see me. The Lord strengthened and enabled me in my body. Thank the Lord. We had a weekend meeting with the saints. It was a blessed time in the Lord. A lady who was so kind to help was saved in the meeting. The Lord truly blessed and upheld us, and it was soon time for me to prepare to come home.

When I arrived back at my home, the full realization of the trip hit me, and I realized it had indeed been a miracle of God! The entire time that I was away, I had not experienced any sickness or aching. It seems that as I returned home, so did my affliction!

Well, I thank God for His goodness and thanks to the saints for all the prayers and expressions of love.