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How Do You Measure The Size of A Man?

Say, how do you measure the size of a man? Is it the height of his stature, of muscle or span? Or how big is his bank account, billfold or purse; If in wealth went he forward or went in reverse?

Do you measure his size by his popular fame? Or how often the newspaper published his name? Just how fancy his car, or how spacious his home, Or how many the traveling miles he did roam?

Is his stature revealed in the book he has read? Is his wit to be gauged by the words he has said? Whether he's a Republican or Democrat, If he's good on the ball-field to kick or to bat?

Say, isn't there better a measurement found To measure a man that is more just and sound: How deep in his bosom abides godly fear, How earnestly seeks he to God to draw near?

How much does he trust in the Lord Jesus Christ, How much does he value the treasures HE priced? How lowly and meek, is he humble, contrite, Would he suffer the wrong, or get ready to fight? How pleasant his manner, how big is his smile, How easily walks he the long second mile? How many the injuries will he forgive, To whom and for whom is he striving to live?

And how strong is his faith in the trials of life? Is he steadfast, unmoveable in all of its strife? Is he joyful in hardship, patient in trial? Is he gentle and loving and sweet all the while?

How helpful to others, how quick to respond To the challenge of duty that calls him beyond? How loving with children, how friendly and kind? What thoughts and deep feelings hold sway o'er his mind?

Just how do you think that God measures a man? Remember, before Him one day we shall stand! And the rule He will use as a measure that day Is found in the Bible and its holy way.

For not on the outward and countenance fair—God looks on the heart, lays His measure-line there. Though small and despised, you can stand straight and tall, For the meek and the lowly is greater than all!

-Leslie C. Busbee

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Our Father Who Loves

(I John 4:7-12)

Bro. Clifford Wilson

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."

through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God

Wondrous Father, King Immortal, Parent of celestial mold, You who styled within Your concept, beings You would love and hold, Spake the words and into being, on a world that You had planned Brought You forth in Your own likeness, creature that You named a man.

Deftly formed into this mortal, was Your image as a God. God whose parent disposition, is the attribute of love. Heaven's love, when formed by lover, seeks a love to enfold. But love can never fill its purpose, until each both loves and holds.

Now 'tis clear why in creation, beings came who could, when held, Yield themselves to lent affection, and return their own as well. We can also see why nature, even when by man reviewed, Held no candidate sufficient, such a lofty place to use.

So was formed a special helpmeet, taken from created man, Which could bear celestial image, yet be joined as one with man. So entwined would be this union, until two should merge as one, Man and wife completely blended, by the work that love had done.

Heavenly love to earth was granted, came to join much more than two. Father's love sought to be blent with, human love that would be true. Every soul became the loved one, God was seeking to enfold, While He hopes that love would flow from, every heart for Him to hold.

Gracious Master, precious Author, Portrait of such bliss sublime, Teach us how to so embrace You, and this attribute divine, Till from us in every detail, of the life which we display, Will be found Your sacred image, borne in us in every way.

From the storehouse of Your wisdom, to these minds of mortal clay May we comprehend the meaning, of the words we hear Thee say, That of all divine instruction, issued to the hearts of men This one stands without an equal, reaching both to foe and friend.

Precious Lord, reveal the volume, of the impact love bestows. Help us see that every virtue, found in Thy celestial fold Is increased in depth and meaning, when it's crowned with heaven's love Bearing to the one receiving, compound virtue from above.

This reveals why love is foremost, for it stands above the rest. Fill us Lord, with truth and pity, make us good and kind and blest, Make us gentle, meek and patient, heaven's virtues all possess But without this crowning feature, there is no divine success.

We may love our fellow beings, cultivate a life that's clean,
Win respect and reputation, hold acclaim and high esteem,
But unless we've loved our Father, in response to love He's sent
And in turn received His image, we cannot with Him be blent.

In Thy love is life eternal; Thou alone that fountain keeps
'Tis that love sent to mortals, that will make our lives complete.
'Tis Thy life our love enhances, as we yield our love to Thee,
Heaven's love, sent and accepted, will convey us home to Thee.

Where Is Now Thy God?

A Tale of The French Revolution By James F. Cobb (Continued from last month.)

Scarcely had the doors closed behind Laforest before he sat down to his desk to write a report to Robespierre. He first mentioned Kerner. He described him as a restless and dangerous man, and accused him of endeavoring to excite a tumult against the Government in the town where he dwelt. Then he proceeded to mention Laforest's exertions to effect the liberation of this rebel, and introduced the expressions he had made use of, accompanying them with the odious meaning which he knew how to apply to them. At the conclusion, he inquired what should be done with both men.

He had not to wait long for the answer, which ran thus:—"Away with them both to the guillotine; they are both dangerous to the welfare of the Republic; and must be sacrificed. Laforest has been suspicious to me for some time. It is time that he was put out of the way."

Laforest was at his inn, and waiting for the liberation of his friend. He hoped to see him come in every moment. But instead of Kerner, ten gendarmes entered, and arrested him in the name of the Republic and the law.

"Silence, you bloodhounds!" he cried, in wild excitement, "the law has nothing upon which to arrest me."

He was forced to go with them. They led him to the prison, which was already overflowing. The two friends embraced each other.

"And it is thus we meet again!" said Kerner, painfully moved. "I have drawn you down with me into the whirlpool from which you nobly wished to rescue me."

"Yes, I too must perish in it," answered Laforest, smiling bitterly. "For a long time I have

thought it would come to this. They say it is the welfare of the Republic demands it, but really it is their own bloodthirstiness, which is insatiable."

And then he poured forth reproaches against his former friends, the members of the Reign of Terror—especially against Robespierre, whom he called a hypocritical knave and a blood-thirsty tyrant.

Kerner listened to him for a long time in silence; then he tried to turn the conversation from persons to things. He called the present sad state of affairs a judgment of God upon unhappy France. "It must be so," he said; "the sins of the land and its inhabitants had long ago filled up their measure of iniquity. After God, with great long-suffering, had for a long time withheld the punishment. He at last had poured out the vials of His wrath over the country which had cast Him off, and said, 'We will not have this man to reign over us."

Laforest did not agree in his friend's opinion. He still saw the salvation of France in the Revolution alone, though he deeply felt that the men now at its head were guiding it wrongly, and were utterly unworthy of it. He still held firmly to his theories concerning the good and happiness of the people, though they had already so conspicuously failed. They conversed for a long time without being able to agree, when Kerner turned the conversation on their own circumstances.

"According to all appearances," he said, "we have only a few days, perhaps only a few hours, to live; then we must stand before God, the (Continued on page 15.)

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Fatherhood is a sacred position. It has been said that to God Himself we can give no holier name than "Father." It is the appellation which Christ Himself ascribed to God. (Matt. 6:9.) Yet sometimes the trials and mundane duties of parenthood make a person feel anything but divine. Children have a way of stripping away all of the regal facade and amplifying the humanness of parenthood through servitude.

On this Father's Day, if you are privileged to have a father still living, do something special for him. Make him feel like it was worth all the self-sacrifice it took to raise you to adulthood. If you are still at home and under a father's care, do something to lighten his load and make his heart glad. This will set a good precedent for when you are a parent looking for your child's honor and love.

Throughout the month of May, thousands of books have been reprinted here at the Print Shop to replenish our regular stock. This has required ordering 5,000 pounds of paper. The burden of meeting this expense is offset by the anticipation and hope that many will be blessed through the knowledge gained in what is being sent out. We appreciate all who stand by us and make it possible to fulfill this commitment of publishing the Gospel.

For some months, the hymnal Evening Light Songs has been out of stock. We apologize for the length of time it is taking to reprint this book. Thanks for your patience in waiting for orders to be filled.

Bro. John Varghese, his wife, Sarah, and their son, Bro. Biju, made visa applications with the American consulate in India to attend some of the summer camp meetings here in the States. Word has been received that the applications for Bro. John and Sis. Sarah were accepted, but Bro. Biju's was denied. Please

pray with us that this denial can be reversed. Also pray that the financial aspect of their trip can be met.

We encourage ministers to send in obituaries for funerals at which they officiate. Many times this is the only source we have of obtaining memorials of saints to print in the Faith and Victoru.

We ask all of you who have a love for the truth to continue to uphold this printing work in your prayers. And if in any way we can be of assistance to you, please let us know.

Yours in the interest of God's Kingdom,

-Bro. Wayne Murphey



FL—"We would like to request special prayer for a dear family friend, Allen Lucas. He is to undergo angioplasty surgery on May 25, then a serious aneurysm operation on May 26. Please pray that God will extend extra mercy on his behalf. Pray also for his wife, Carole, during this difficult and trying time.

"Also please remember another friend who is dear to the family, by the name of Helen. We are praying for God to completely restore sight to her eyes. We praise God for what He has already done.

"As always, we would appreciate prayer for my dad, Bro. Willard Underdown. He has been having a lot of heart problems. We serve a mighty God, Who is able to fill ALL our needs. Thank you for your remembrance of these requests."

—Kevin and Cheryl Smith

AR—"My sister-in-law wanted me to send in a prayer request for her. She needs prayer for her legs. She wants to be able to walk again.

"I need prayer for my knees and legs also."

—Sis. Nellie West

Standing Prayer Requests

Sis. Lydia Bennett Sis. Alscene Breckenridge Bro. Jon Busbee Sis. Mamie Butcher Bro. Nathan Carver Sis. Estelene Cramer Bro. Daniel Davis, Jr. Bro. Dale Doolittle Sis. Elaine Dunn Bro. Ben Harrison Sis. Mary Hughes Sis. Janice Johnston Bro. Louis Kimble Sis. Helen Lambright Sis. Betty Lassché The Lounds sisters Sis. Loraine Lucas Sis. Mattie McIntyre Sis. Bertha Miles Sis. Virginia Myers Sis. Dollie O'Neal Bro. O. C. Porter Sis. Melba Powell Sis. Rose Samons Sis. Myrtle Savoie Bro. Rudolf Schmidt Sis. Kay Stover The Mitch Taylor family Bro. Curtis Williams. Sr. Bro. Max Williamson Sis. Esther Wilson

Camp Meeting Dates 2000

Holly Hill, SC—June 4-11
Jefferson, OR—June 9-18
Tulsa, OK—June 11-18
Green Bank, WV—June 16-22
Alcoa/Maryville, TN—June 21-25
Fresno, CA—June 30-July 9
Northport, AL—June 23-July 2
Loranger, LA—July 2-9
National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 21-30
Myrtle, MO—August 2-6
Bakersfield, CA—August 9-13
Boley, OK—August 24-27
California State (Pacoima)—Aug. 25-Sept. 3
Wichita, KS—September 15-24

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

WICHITA, KS, MEETING REPORT

The saints in Wichita are happy to report that God blessed us with a really good meeting. The Word was really stirring and many people sought the Lord at the altar for different needs. The Lord was faithful, and the Holy Ghost successful in getting people to move when they should, and to get help to their souls in pressing on to glory with victory.

We thank the Lord that several were saved in this meeting. Seven sought for salvation. Please pray that they will let God keep them. It is such a wise move for people to change from Satan to God, and then run for their lives to stay ready to go in case death should come unexpectedly to them.

We had a number of ministers at all times during the meeting. To God be the glory. We appreciate all who came to be in the meeting and help in the battle. May they all continue to be blessed by God.

-Submitted by Sis. Shirley Knight

HOLLY HILL, SC, CAMP MEETING

Lord willing, this year's Holly Hill, SC, camp meeting will be held June 4-11, 2000. We are praying the Lord will pour us out a blessing from heaven. We need the Holy Spirit to work in convicting sinners to salvation and saints to a closer walk with God. We send a heartfelt invitation to all, either by your presence and/or prayers.

There are cabins and dormitory spaces on the grounds, and the Lord has blessed that it has worked out most of the time for us to have been able to provide lodging here for most all who have come. The Lord has blessed us to add another bedroom and bath in with our kitchen addition, which will also help to expand our lodging capacities. But for any who would prefer otherwise, there are also motels approximately 10 miles from the campgrounds: Super 8 Motel (803) 854-3456; Ramada Inn (803) 854-2191, Santee Economy Inn (803) 854-2107, and the Days Inn (803) 854-2175.

For more information you may contract Bro. Carl Shaffer, (803) 492-3256, or Bro. Floyd Crummie, (803) 496-5768, or Bro. Alvoid Pratt, (803) 492-3366.

-Bro. Carl and Sis. Becky Shaffer

JEFFERSON, OR CAMP MEETING

The saints in Jefferson, OR, warmly welcome you to their summer camp meeting which commences June 9 at 7:30 p.m. and will end June 18. This meeting is held to give people special opportunity for salvation from sin and edification for the believer. The Lord has been good to bless this meeting in the past with His presence and we certainly would appreciate your prayers and presence.

There will be two services each day at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. A 2:30 afternoon service will be included on the weekends. Lunches will be served daily. There are R. V. hookups available. Sleeping accommodations will be provided, and if you need more information you may contact the pastor, Bro. Bob Wilson at (541) 327-3621 or Bro. Clifford Smith at (503) 581-4575.

TULSA, OK, CAMP MEETING

The Tulsa, OK, camp meeting, Lord willing, will begin on Sunday, June 11, 2000, and end on Sunday, June 18, 2000.

There will be morning and night services Monday through Saturday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m., with afternoon services on both Sundays.

All are invited to attend. Please pray that everyone who does attend will receive a blessing and get the help that they may need.

The Church address is 1102 E. Pine Pl. (The nearest main intersection is Pine and Peoria.)

For further information contact the pastor, Bro. Charles Lowe, (918) 584-6838 or Bro. Charles Rhodes, (918) 272-9682. The chapel telephone number is (918) 585-2442.

GREEN BANK, WV CAMP MEETING

The annual camp meeting of the Church of God in Green Bank, WV, will be held on June 16-22, 2000.

We have two services daily at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Breakfast is served at 9:00 a.m. and the midday meal immediately following the a.m. service. A snack is served after the evening service.

The meeting will be conducted again at the White Pines Camp Ground in Arbovale, just off Rd. 28 and 92.

Lodging is available on the grounds, as well as the camper hook-ups. Motels are within a short driving distance. We would like to know in advance if you need lodging, so as to make sure space is reserved, but if you cannot do that, come when you can.

We often have cold weather at night, so bring a jacket. Of a day, you may need an electric fan in your room. Please bring your own bedding.

Lord willing, we hope to see many of you at the meeting. If you cannot attend, please pray for the meeting to be blessed.

If you have any questions, call Bro. Toney Samons, (304) 456-3017 or Bro. Marty Clevenger, (304) 456-3242.

ALCOA/MARYVILLE REVIVAL MEETING

Lord willing, the congregation here plans a revival meeting June 21-25, 2000. Services will be held nightly at 7:00 p.m. with day services to be announced. Sunday services will start at 9:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and end with a singspiration to start at 4:00 p.m.

Accommodations are limited but nearby hotels are available. Pray that God will send workers of His choosing and pray for the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

For more information contact Bro. and Sis. Jimmy McDonald, (865) 977-6997 or Bro. and Sis. Dwight Porter, (865) 984-2348. The chapel phone number is (865) 681-6838.

NORTHPORT, AL, REVIVAL

The saints from Northport, AL, wish to hold its second revival tent meeting, Lord willing and conditions permitting, on June 23-July 2, 2000.

We extend a warm welcome to each and every one who is led to come and be with us in this meeting. We are praying that the Lord will send ministers and workers of His choosing.

The meeting is conducted on a freewill offering basis. You may send contributions to Sis. Sharon Horn, 2107 3rd St. E., Tuscaloosa, AL 35404.

There will be some home accommodations and there are hotels near the campground. Meals will be served daily.

Services will be 7:30 nightly with day services to be announced. Weekend services will be 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Please pray that God will stir souls to come and be in this meeting, save souls, sanctify believers and heal bodies. We really desire to see the Lord add to His church here in Northport, AL.

For more information you may contact Bro.

Louis Kimble, 2252 Tupelo St., Kenner, LA 70062, (504) 467-9039 or Sis. Bernice Petty, 2207 4th St. E., Tuscaloosa, AL 35404, (205) 553-4450 or Sis. Jessie Shelton, 3940 28th Ave., Northport, AL 35473, (205) 339-3026.

Yours in Christ, —Sis. Sharon Horn

FRESNO, CA, CAMP MEETING

Dear saints: Greetings of flove in Jesus' dear name—a name we love so dearly.

We are sending a hearty welcome to you to attend the Fresno Camp Meeting from June 30-July 9, 2000. On the first Friday and Saturday the meeting will be an evening service at 7:00 p.m. There will be three services on both Sundays as follows: 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. general services and 7:00 p.m. evening services. Beginning on Monday and going throughout the week, there will be a 10:30 a.m. service and a 7:00 p.m. service.

Let us pray that God will send souls out to the services, both saints and sinners. The Lord has a rich blessing for all who attend. If you can't attend, please pray with us that the Lord will have His way and His purpose will be worked out in this camp meeting. There are souls who need to be saved, believers to be sanctified and bodies to be healed.

The directions to the Church are: Coming from the north on 99, take the Belmont exit, go east 3 miles to First St., turn right and go two blocks to Grant. The church is on First and Grant. Coming from the south, take the Ventura exit, go east to First St., turn left and go to Grant.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Charles Taylor, 3014 Helm Ave, Clovis, CA 93612, (559) 348-9029 or Bro. Charles Parrish, 1325 E. Fedore, Fresno, CA 93705, (559) 221-6808.

LORANGER, LA, CAMP MEETING

It's not too early to lay up prayers for the summer meetings, "for lo the fields are white already to harvest!" The camp meeting services here at Loranger are to convene July 2-9, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Let us search and prepare our hearts that the meeting will be the means of encouragement, salvation and "times of refreshing." We must "with one accord" intercede for our land, children and ourselves. See the last verse of Malachi.

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 traveling 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: 51367 Narretto Rd., Loranger, LA 70446. Phone: (504) 878-6111. The chapel phone is: (504) 878-2788.

50TH CAMP MEETING AT MYRTLE, MO

It was Bro. Egbert Allen who, around the year 1950, suggested having a camp meeting at Myrtle, MO. The idea seemed good to many of the brethren, so as a result, the first camp meeting was held at Myrtle in 1951. This meeting was so blessed of the Lord that it was decided to make it an annual event. As the years progressed, the Myrtle camp meeting began to grow until it became annually attended by many saints from many states. Indeed, no words could express the extent of the blessings that have been showered upon the camp meetings held here through the years and the value of the souls saved and sanctified as a result. Although many of the old saints who used to labor so faithfully on these grounds are now gone on to their eternal reward, and the meetings are no longer attended as they were 20 to 30 years ago. it is our desire to keep them going until Jesus comes. We would love to see the interest of the saints in the Myrtle camp meetings revived.

This year will make our 50th camp meeting. We would like to invite and urge everyone who can to attend. The date is August 2-6. At this time we are looking into the possibility of a tent meeting in conjunction with the camp meeting. If the Lord opens the door, a tent will be set up in Thayer, MO, about 16 miles from Myrtle, and the evening services will be held there as a special outreach to the people of this area. The daytime services will be held on the campground at Myrtle. Please pray with us about this and we will let you know definitely in the July issue of the Faith and Victory if these plans can be carried out.

It was around the year 1900, one hundred years ago, that the "evening light" truths of the gospel first came to this area. The James broth-

ers, ministers of the Church of God, held about a four week meeting at Thayer, MO. My great-great-grandfather, Eliga Sorrell and my great-grandfather, Jimmy Sorrell, attended a portion of that meeting and embraced the truth that was being proclaimed. That marked the beginning of a Church of God congregation at Myrtle. Thank God, He has preserved it for 100 years! We would love to see the torch of truth go forth again and touch the lives of many others in this area.

We thank the Lord for the temporal progress that is being made on the Myrtle campground. A work day was held on the first weekend of April and several dedicated brethren from Neosho came to help. Much was accomplished. The cabin units were painted and a new heating and air conditioning system was installed in the chapel. At the present time we are in the process of remodeling the inside of the chapel. We hope to have this work completed before the camp meeting. We desire the interest and prayers of the saints in regard to the Lord's work here, and especially that the Lord would send us a pastor.

—Bro. Harlan Sorrell

and The Myrtle Congregation

BAKERSFIELD, CA, CAMP MEETING

A sincere invitation is extended to saints and friends everywhere to join with us in our battle against sin. Lord willing, our annual camp meeting will begin Wednesday, August 9, through Sunday, August 13. On Wednesday through Saturday, there will be two services daily, 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. On Sunday there will be Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., morning worship at 10:30 a.m. and an afternoon service at 2:30 p.m. We are expecting God's presence to save sinners, sanctify believers, heal, restore, edify and encourage. Come and join us if you can. If you can't come, please pray for the meeting that God will be glorified. For more information, please contact our pastor, Bro. Hayward Cox at (661) 366-4718.

-Submitted by Sis. Janice Herring

BOLEY, OK, CAMP MEETING

The Boley, OK, camp meeting will convene, Lord willing, August 24-27. We invite everyone to come and help us in this battle. If you can't come, please pray for the meeting.

—Sis. Anna Mae Thompson, (918) 667-3648.

CALIFORNIA STATE CAMP MEETING

The 51st Annual Camp Meeting at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, CA, will convene Lord willing, Friday night, August 25, 2000. There will be three worship services daily, 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., commencing Saturday, August 26, and continuing through September 3, 2000. Come and worship the Lord with us.

For information, lodging or directions, call Bro. Herbert Clay, (818) 897-1396 or the Sunset Guest Home, (818) 899-2022.

WICHITA, KS. FALL MEETING

The Wichita, KS, fall meeting has been set for September 15-24. On both Sundays we will have three services. Monday through Saturday (18-23), we will have two services daily—11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. God has always been faithful to supply the ministers needed for our meetings and we will again trust Him to do so. There is an open invitation to anyone to come to be a help, or to receive help, or both. God will provide any and everything that we all need. We will be expecting all-around blessings from our great, big God.

For further information, you may contact Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 778-1848, or Bro. Paul Phillips at (316) 721-9557. The chapel is located at 1701 N. Ash Street and the phone number is (316) 267-9582. —Sis. Shirley Knight

NEW ORLEANS, LA, BUILDING PROJECT

Dear saints: Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. We are encouraged to press on to the finish line. Let us never be discouraged or give the battle over. The victory is ours to claim.

We are writing at this time to express our sincere appreciation and confidence in all who have been faithful to invest in the building project here in New Orleans, thereby storing up treasures in heaven.

Since our last report, the building itself has been completed inside with all of its furnishings (carpet, pulpit, pews, fixtures, etc.). We have acquired a loan of \$24,000 to finalize the purchase of the property, with payments of \$256.00 per month for 14 years. At this time, however, the city is requiring us to complete the work outside, including parking and landscaping before they will do a final inspection necessary

for us to be able to occupy. We are estimating the cost to finish at \$15,000, which we are expecting our God, who "hath begun a good work," to provide. Our expectation is earnest and many have expressed interest in meeting with us there as soon as services commence.

We desire your prayers and continued support that we may be faithful to do what the Lord would have us to in an effort to reach souls in this area in these last days.

Yours for souls, —Bro. John Clement, in behalf of Bro. Louis Kimble and the congregation in New Orleans

LETTERS FROM OUR FILES



LA—Dear Bro. Wayne and Sis. Mary: Greetings in the precious Name that opens up the great storehouse of heaven to us and pours out His blessings.

It had been a very long time since I had been able to be in meeting or services with the saints, and my soul was so "hungry" to be with the people of God. I was told there was to be a gospel singing in Jena, LA, last Saturday evening, and oh, how I longed to go. A way opened up for me to go, so I began to pray earnestly that God would give me strength in body and make me physically able to go. For some time I had been doing better in body, but on Friday, before the singing, I was so very ill all day and so very weak. I kept praying, but didn't get any better, and when I retired for the night I was still very ill and in pain. I said, "Lord, I know this is only a trick of the devil to keep me from attending the singing."

So I started rebuking the devil. I didn't get much victory for several hours, but then the Lord helped me to sleep a few hours, and when I awakened I felt better. Thank the Lord! The singing and sweet fellowship of the saints was so precious to me and I am still rejoicing over being there.

I always look forward to receiving the Faith and Victory magazine, but this time I looked forward to it more eagerly than ever. I was so eager to read of your trip to the Philippines.... May the Lord bless the dear ones and you two for your burden and help to them.

In Christian love, —Sis. S. Goldsberry

KY—Dear Bro. Wayne and co-workers: I trust this finds you dear ones encouraged in the Lord. We here are being blessed, thank the Lord. We had a soul saved recently and a backslider reclaimed. It is a great blessing to see precious souls come weeping their way to God. Help us pray for these dear ones.

I appreciate your prayers for my dear mother. She was critically ill, possibly with double pneumonia. It didn't look good at all. When I was called to come, I immediately had prayer with her. I didn't ask God to heal her as she is 83 years old. Her testimony was that she was ready to go, that she just wanted all her children to be saved and to meet her in heaven. She told us to see that Dad was taken care of. Well, God healed her another time. I believe she is planning on being in services, Sunday morning, the 14th, on Mother's Day.

The dear Lord is helping me for which I am very thankful. Oh it is a blessing to trust Him for soul and body. Dear ones, our souls are going to live forever and it is our choice as to where will live in eternity.

We have found a suitable building lot for a new chapel. We made an offer and the gentleman said he would get back with us. Please help us pray this will work out. We have enough to buy if they will take our offer.

There is a famine in this world for the Word of God and I am thankful that there are still some who are preaching it just like it is. I am so happy to be free. One time I wasn't able to say this. It is so good to be free, and I intend to stay this way by the grace of our living God. Isn't He good to us? What a friend we have in Jesus. He does what others are unable to do.

I want to send Christian love to all the saints. I want to also thank you all there at the Print Shop for the work you are doing for the Lord. It will not return unto you void. I also want to thank Bro. Jason Murphey for making it possible to be able to download your Sunday morning services on the computer. Then we can hear them in our homes. It is a blessing for us pastors to hear someone else. We need to be fed too. Keep up the good work and may God richly bless you all.

—Sis. Mary Hughes

LA—Dear Bro. Wayne and Print Shop workers: Greetings to all of you in the name of our precious Savior, the Lover of our souls.

It seems like time is passing so fast, soon to end here, and then it will be eternity for all of us. Oh, thank the Lord for making the way through Jesus, His dear Son, for all, whosoever will, to be with Him forever in a world of joy, bliss and happiness when this short life is over. That wonderful place where sorrow, pain and suffering is unknown, and where God and Jesus are. It seems like everyone would want to go there and be willing to pay whatever the price would be, for truly heaven is worth gaining at any cost.

The Lord is so good to all of us, His children, watching over each one. Surely His faithful, trusting children are special to Him and He won't fail to give us anything He sees is good for us.

I trust the Lord is blessing in all the needs there at the Print Shop. I know the little paper is a real blessing to many, and is a source of light to hungry ones who don't know the truth as those who have heard and been taught all or much of their lives.

Christian love and prayers,

-Sis. Alta Flynn

LA—Dear Bro. Wayne and Sis. Mary: I was happy to have been informed about your trip the week you left, so I joined with others in prayer for you. And thank the Lord, you had a safe and profitable trip!

Recently, I was going through some trials. One morning before praying, I read in II Corinthians, the fourth chapter, where Paul gives his testimony. I was much encouraged. None of us has ever suffered as he did, but each child of God has some "suffering with the Savior" to do. Paul says in the 8th, 9th and 10th verses of this chapter, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; (Praise the Lord, He has promised He would never leave us nor forsake us!) cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body." Dear Lord, help us to be the witnesses we should be for You is my prayer.

Then at the end of the chapter, verses 16, 17 and 18 give a "lift" to this 80-year-old-pilgrim— "but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light

affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; (Just think, these are <u>light</u> and are but for a <u>moment</u>, though they seem so heavy and lasting at times.) While we look not at the things which are seen, (What terrible things we see and hear about today!) but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal." We must keep our sights high—on Jesus and His promise of the place He has gone to prepare for us.

After reading the above, I was much encouraged to press on and suffer with my Savior!
Yours for the Lord,

-Sis. Audrey Henry Carver

OK—Dear Bro. Wayne and family: Greetings to you in the lovely and mighty name of Jesus. I am so glad that we find in Him our all and all. I am glad that we have found a home for the soul while here in this world and then a brighter home over there. The poet has said that we will "sing a sweeter anthem" over there. But we can have an anchor for the soul, which is Christ, while here. (Hebrews 6:19.)

We appreciate the fact that the gospel is going forth and trust that God will continue to bless and anoint.

Your saved brother. —T. V. McMillian

Switzerland—Dear Bro. Wayne: We made it to Zurich after a generally sleepless night, which is unsual for us. But Bro. Paul Fischer came and took us to Siloah, the guest house that the church has in a small town nearby. We stayed in this place when we came in January. They had a nice room for us, and we crashed immediately after a quick bite to eat. Friday and Saturday were restful days, and we enjoyed the place and scenery nearby. Saturday we did a bit of shopping and met with Bro. Paul and his wife. We thank the Lord that we overcame the jet lag quite easily this time....

On Tuesday we leave for Brindisi, Italy. God willing, we'll arrive there on Wednesday afternoon. The church has graciously provided a car, a station wagon with a rebuilt turbo diesel engine. I saw it a few days ago, but I haven't driven it yet. We'll have a lot of luggage, so we'll tie some of it on the luggage carrier on the top.

All of us are well, thank the Lord. We remember the last time we were here. Anna had a

terrible cough which lasted a long time. We're thankful that everyone is in good health.

-Bro. Joe Fine

Serbia—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in Christ's name! I want to thank you for sending me your magazine, Faith and Victory. I have just received the last issue.

Your magazine is a great source for the Church of God doctrine and way of thinking. I have placed all previous issues in my library according to the subject of the articles. I find that material very helpful in my preparation of sermons, lectures, etc.

Once again, thank you so much for your ministry and may God bless you.

Sincerely,

-Bro. Obrad Nikolic

OK—Hello: I want to give thanks to the Lord for what He has done for me. I feel I would be failing Him if I didn't.

Last winter, and for much of the summer, I had a bad cough and infection in my lungs. I was not sure what it was. I was anointed and prayed for at the healing service at Monark, MO. God touched me and healed me that day. I have not had one touch or sign of it since. Thank the Lord for His healing and many wonderful blessings to me. God is wonderful. He has truly blessed me countless times.

May God bless, —Sis. Sandy Elwell

AR—Dear ones at the Faith Publishing House: Greetings and love to everyone.

I want to send in a little testimony of God's great love and mercy to me. God watches and cares for me and all of His saints. He is so good to all of us.

Please remember me and all of my dear children and loved ones.

I will be ninety years old on Dec. 29. The Lord has given me a good life. I love Him and want to press on to the end.

I would like to come to one of the camp meetings, but I'm not able to get around, so pray for me.

I love all the dear saints. —Sis. Nellie West

WI—Dear Bro. Murphey: May God bless you and all the saints in the Print Shop. When I read the foreign mission reports in the Faith and Victory I think of how wonderful it is for saints to be taking God's Word to other people. The Lord is still working before His second coming,

and this makes my heart to have joy. There are so many who need the Lord.

Thank you for having Rudy on the prayer list. Our minister and a sister are going every Sunday after service to sing and pray with him. Rudy always asks me which day is today and will we be going to church. Oh, may God bless his soul until the end of his life.

I am very weak and tired. Next month I will be 82 years old. I know the Lord is with me every day, and He leads me in my life. Thanks and praise be to Him.

Best wishes and the Love of God to you,

—Sis. Martha Schmidt

LETTERS FROM THE MISSION FIELDS



From India...

April 25, 2000—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: Greetings to all the dear saints abroad in the precious name of Jesus Christ.

Our convention at Chaypankuzhy during the first week of April was a very blessed and victorious one. God helped us to conduct a five days Vacation Bible School at Karickom. One hundred and thirty children attended. It was real good. Fasting and prayer meetings on Easter day in different congregations resulted in the revival of the Church.

One of my sisters, Susamma Richard, passed away on April 17th at the age of 60. She laid in bed for three weeks, paralyzed, and died in hope as she was a born again child of God.

There is drought in different parts of India. Many wells are dry. People walk many miles to get water. We thank God for His provision for us.

Yours in Him, —Bro. John Varghese

Honduras Report...

May 5, 2000—Dear Brethren: Greetings to you in Jesus' name. We returned from Honduras, April 5. The primary purpose of our trip was to do foundational work for the proposed school in Politilly, Roatan, Honduras. The following brethren went: Bro. and Sis. Jim Wall and friend, Harriet, Bro. Toney Samons and Bro. Keith Fuller.

After some delay due to ticketing, we arrived in Honduras, Sunday, March 26, where we were met by several from the congregation. We had a profitable service Sunday with the brethren. On Monday morning supplies were obtained to begin work on the school desks. Work began immediately under the leadership of Bro. Wall and Bro. Toney. Most of the week was given to completing the task of putting the desks together, building shutters for the windows, and electrical work. By Monday, April 2, all of this work was completed. It was a blessing to see the site looking more and more like a school.

During the week, Bro. Fuller and Bro. Tony Hamilton visited with the Director of Education for the Islands, Mr. Olivera. The purpose of the meeting was to obtain a permit for establishing a school. What we learned was profitable. There is a great need for English schools and English teachers. Mr. Olivera was very open to the idea of starting an English school. In fact, there is a cry coming from Honduras for the teaching of English. We heard this request more than once.

Bro. Fuller also flew to the Capital, Tegucigalpa, to visit with the ACE Coordinator for Honduras. We received valuable information about the school system of Honduras, and how to work the ACE system there. We also learned we can order our curriculum through the coordinators, Mr. and Mrs. Mejia. While at their school, we found their staff busily engaged with 170 students. Their school is also in need of English speaking teachers.

On the last weekend of our stay we held services nightly in the chapel. Sis. Wall also conducted sister's meeting and children's meeting on successive days. The congregation is growing and is full of children. The saints seem to be encouraged, with several seeking the Lord for spiritual growth and help.

As of this date, we have 31 children preregistered in the school. This number could be larger as there is interest from others outside the congregation in the school. We are viewing this as an opportunity for further outreach and believe the Lord has something more in mind. Several parents expressed strong interest in taking evening classes. Most of the adults have less than a 6th grade education.

Now that much foundational work has been completed, we have made a list of accessories needed for the school. We will need the support of the saints at large. The families in the congregation are struggling financially. We are working on a system where the school could be financed by the parents based on what they can afford and freewill offerings from the states.

Some of the immediate needs in getting started are: chairs, tables, computers, curriculum, file cabinets, etc. The curriculum is primarily paces. Each pace is \$2.00. Normally a child completes 15 paces per quarter. The cost can be partially or fully underwritten. You may request an accessory list and sign next to an item which you wish to underwrite totally or partially. You can get this list from Bro. Toney Samons, P.O. Box 173, Green Bank, WV, 24944.

Our target date for opening the school, Lord willing, is January 1, 2001.

In Christian love, —Bro. Keith Fuller

Words Matter By Mary Murphey

The derogatory phrase a political pundit used recently to describe the process of mothers giving birth shocked me. How has the miracle of new life come to be spoken of with such disrespect? I wondered, recoiling from his obnoxious choice of words. I bemoaned his disregard for the sensitivities of others, and you would too if I shared what he said. But if I did, you might bemoan that also.

As I think about it, the lack of restraint in our choice of words is getting to be all too common. Speaking with little regard for how our words affect others is an alarming trend.

I've known people who were actually proud of the uninhibited ability to "speak their mind." Usually they do, and most ungraciously. I've never known it to make them particularly popular.

"Words from a wise man's mouth are gracious," the Bible says, "but a fool is consumed by his own lips." (Ecc. 10:12.)

Countless examples could be offered to support the truth of that scripture. Farley, a stalker in California, killed seven people because of being ridiculed by a girl and her friends. School children frequently seek violent revenge because of the tormenting taunts of classmates.

"Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me," is a lie. Words matter.

They matter to God too. So much that He says, "But I tell you that men will have to give account on the day of judgment for every careless word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." (Matt. 12:36-37.) That's a scary

thought—enough to make me pray, "Put a muzzle on my mouth, oh Lord!

Sometimes we don't realize just how harsh our speech becomes, especially when we're hurt or feeling outrage at some injustice or error. Even Christ's disciples fell prey to this weakness. They wanted to "call fire down from heaven" to destroy those who would not welcome Christ into their city. But Jesus rebuked them and said, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." (Luke 9:54-56.)

What gracious words, even in response to rejection! Such grace is a characteristic worth attaining, especially since Christ modeled it for us. In fact, it should typify Christian behavior. "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt..." the apostle Paul said.

I remember the pleasing effect of gracious words once while assisting with a speech program at a school. The students in the class began to get a little rowdy. In response to this, the home room teacher lectured them into a cowed and sullen silence which made most everyone uncomfortable, adults included.

Sensing this overall discomfort, one of the speech instructors began to praise the students for the good things they had accomplished. Her words were like sunshine spilling into the room. The whole atmosphere changed and the class ended on a positive note.

"Kind words shine in the memories of others like the morning stars," someone said. Such is the power of gracious speech. Words do matter. They matter to God and they matter to the people around us. Let's keep that in mind when we open our mouths each day.

"Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me,"



When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have him around. But when I got to be twenty, I was astonished at how much he had learned. —Mark Twain

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This is what a father ought to be about: helping his son to form the habit of doing right on his own initiative, rather than because he's afraid of some serious consequence.

—Terence

Train up
a child in
the way he
should go, then
go that way thyself.

-Selected

Whoever makes his father's heart to bleed, shall have a child that will revenge the deed.
—F. Randolph

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Live so that your son, when people tell him that he reminds them of you, will stick out his chest—not his tongue.

—Selected

You don't raise heroes, you raise sons. And if you treat them like sons, they'll turn out to be heroes, even if it's just in your own eyes.

-Walter Schirra, Sr.

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The most important thing a father can do for his children is to love their mother.
—Sel.

If fathers took their sons fishing when they were young, they wouldn't have to go hunting for them when they are older. —Selected

A man ought to live so that everybody knows he is a Christian...and most of all, his family ought to know.

—D. L. Moody

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And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart; And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. —Deut. 6:6-7

Where Is Now Thy God?

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supreme Judge. Are you prepared for this, my friend?"

Laforest turned pale, but he quickly recovered himself, and replied,—"With death all is over. There is no God. But let us leave this subject and talk of something else. Did you see my mother before you came here?"

All Kerner's efforts to engage his friend in a serious conversation were fruitless. In this he could not succeed.

The next afternoon they were called before the tribunal. They left the prison, not to return to it again. Judicial forms were scarcely regarded; these appeared unnecessary to judges who had already made their decision. Laforest wished to defend himself and his friend. They would not allow him to utter a word.

"Be silent!" cried the president. "Citizen Kerner and Citizen Laforest, you are accused and convicted of having willfully transgressed against the laws of the Republic, and you are therefore condemned to death. Lead them away."

They were taken into a courtyard, where they found many fellow-sufferers who were awaiting a like fate. More and more continually arrived. At last the tribunal concluded its sitting, because it found no one else to condemn. Not one of all the prisoners had been acquitted.

Soon an officer of the tribunal appeared with a list of the victims. They were all called out by name, and their hands tied behind their backs by two gendarmes. Then the gate was opened. They walked out, and were surrounded by a regiment of soldiers. The procession at once began to move towards the great marketplace. about a quarter of an hour's walk from the prison, in the center of which the instrument of slaughter was erected. An immense mob joined in the procession and quite surrounded it. They rejoiced and shouted as if they were proceeding to a festival. They even found pleasure in the bloody spectacles so frequently enacted before them, just as the citizens of Rome formerly delighted in the sufferings which the faithful Christians had to endure when they were cast to the wild beasts in the amphitheater.

The two men who had been such friends from early boyhood walked along together on this sad and solemn road. Laforest was very pale, and looked dark and gloomy; but sometimes a bitter smile played round his lips.

Kerner seemed quiet and composed. His lips moved too, but it was in prayer. He had indeed very much to say to his God. He had his own soul and that of his friend to commend to Him. He had his dearly beloved wife, and his little innocent children, so soon to be orphans, to lay upon the heart of Him who is the God of the widow and the Father of the orphans. He had, too, words of earnest supplication to plead for the poor misguided people who thought themselves so happy, and yet were really so unhappy. Thus occupied, he scarcely attended to what was passing around him. Suddenly he heard his name called out. It was the voice of his friend, for whom he had just pleaded for mercy. Laforest addressed him with great bitterness of heart in the words of the enemies of the Psalmist in the 42nd Psalm:-

"WHERE IS NOW THY GOD?"

"Thou hast served Him faithfully," he added, "and now He has forsaken you in this trouble. But *there is no God.* If there was one, you would not be here."

"Stop," cried Kerner, deeply and painfully moved; "Do not reproach Him whom you do not know." And then with solemn earnestness, he repeated the verse of the same Psalm which immediately follows the question Laforest had quoted: "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God."

"Yes, I shall yet praise Him," he added, as if inspired, "because He is my God now, as He has been from my youth up. I shall praise Him before His throne, for bringing me here too. Even now, if it be His will, it is not impossible for Him to preserve our lives, and to save us from death in the very presence of that instrument of death. He has done greater things than that."

"If He did that," said Laforest, with a scornful laugh which penetrated to the depths of Kerner's heart, "I would then believe in your old-womanish fables of the one eternal God who concerns Himself about the fate of mankind, but—" Here he was interrupted by a loud and ever-louder repeated cry of "Halt!" The cry had begun behind the procession, and was now taken up by all those who accompanied it. The procession stood still; the soldiers who marched before had already stopped. The commanding officer called out with the voice of a lion, and yet only those nearest to him heard his command,—

"Forward! Forward!"

He was about to ride back to urge on the soldiers, who had not heard his orders, when a courier, on a horse covered with foam, waving a white handkerchief, and continually calling out, "Stop! Stop!" dashed into the midst of the crowd. The officer pulled up his horse; the courier did the same. "Robespierre is dead! The prisoners are free!" he cried, in a voice hoarse from exhaustion, "Take this and read it!" He handed the officer a printed proclamation. The officer hastily took it, and ran his eye over its contents. Then with a strong voice he demanded silence. The noisy mob was suddenly quiet; the most eager attention and anxiety reigned around, whilst, in tones so distinct that all the prisoners heard, and the people too, far behind in the procession, he read the proclamation:-

"IN THE NAME OF THE FRENCH REPUBLIC "Liberty! Equality! Fraternity!

"It is herewith made known to all citizens that yesterday vengeance overtook the bloody tyrant Robespierre, and that today sixty-nine of

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his companions will be executed. The reign of terror has ceased to exist. The land is free again. Henceforth the law will govern, not arbitrary will. The revolutionary tribunals are abolished. All death warrants are remitted. The prisoners are henceforth released. The worship of God is free.

"Long live the Republic! "Paris, July 30th, 1974."

"Long live the Republic!" sounding from a thousand voices, seemed to make the earth tremble. The mob rejoiced, and threw their caps into the air with the same pleasure with which they had been accustomed to witnessing the executions. The commanding officer made a sign. There was silence again.

"Citizen soldiers!" cried he, "loose the bands of the prisoners, and then turn back. You," said he, to the latter, "are free, and can go whither you like. You were indeed very near to your end."

He turned his horse and rode away and the soldiers followed him.

If the joy of the people had been great when they listened to the words of the proclamation, it became, if possible, greater when the soldiers departed and left the prisoners free. Many rushed forward to embrace them, and to assure them of a welcome in their houses.

"Come citizens," said they, "refresh yourselves after the terrible fear you have had."

Kerner and Laforest were led away with the rest. They scarcely knew what happened to them. Kerner, however, soon recovered his composure, and a fervent thanksgiving arose from the depths of his heart.

Laforest was pale as death. He trembled, and would have fallen to the ground if his friend and the citizen who had invited them to his house had not taken him by the arms and more carried than led him along.

Meanwhile the mob rent the air with their exclamations of wild delight. Then a well-dressed man stood on a step and made a signal. Silence immediately followed.

"Citizens," cried he, "to the tribunal! smite the bloodhounds dead! They have murdered long enough. It is high time for their turns to come."

(To be continued next month.)

Word has been received just before presstime, of the death of Bro. Titus Enu, native missionary in Nigeria, West Africa. He passed away on May 18, 2000.