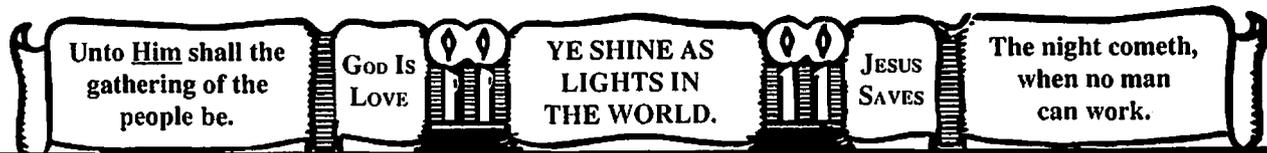


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### Racism

By Sis. Sheri Rich

Recently the question was asked, is there racism in the church? As the discussion went forth and I sat and listened, I heard the cries of our brothers and sisters in Christ as they related incidents that had happened to them or their loved ones. My first thoughts were that none of us that were present were guilty of those things, we are pure people, holy people and we love and respect all of God's children. Those offenses came from the weak among us, those still growing in the Lord, those without enlightenment. Then the Lord spoke to my heart saying, "Don't you hear the hurt and the weeping?" I answered, "Yes, I hear it Lord." He said to me "Then why aren't you weeping?" I did not speak up then but would like to now.

God began to enlighten me that it wasn't about whether I personally was guilty of the things brought forth, but could I feel their pain and weep with my brothers and sisters? Could

I comfort them and stand against the things that had unjustly come their way? Could I pray for their release from all that binds them, and from those things they fight against everyday? Could I feel their pain and their struggles to be pure and holy before God in the face of such prejudice. I realized it is about praying until God enlightens us as to how to truly bear their burden and so fulfill the law of Christ. We need the mind and compassion of Christ to know how to stand, teach and preach against all prejudice, whether it is blatant, or hidden in our attitudes and mindsets given to us by the devil through worldly concepts of conquering sinful men.

Racism is a hard topic to speak or write about and carries with it many pitfalls, of which I hope not to fall into. I recently was told by one of my children that the term "oriental" had become a derogatory term and should be replaced with Asian. I already knew that Negro was replaced with Black American, American Indian with Native American and Mexican with Spanish or you can lump them all together and call them people of "color" which leaves out "white" people who are without color and they (whites) are all divided up by their history and countries that they have come from. We, as Christians, would never intentionally use any of the derogatory, unflattering and hate-filled names the races have called each other, because we are brethren in the one kingdom of God. But let me ask you, have you ever felt uncomfortable when you needed to use Black, White, Hispanic or Asian in describing a brother

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or sister to someone? Have you ever found yourself trying to make sure the person you are talking to knows you don't have any prejudice and you love all races? Did you ever feel that you could walk right by a brother or sister of your own race while busy on an errand, but if you pass by one of another race you had better stop and speak or they might think—? Have you ever felt the sting of someone passing you by because of race or they made a special effort to stop because you are of a different race and you felt patronized? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you have become the victim of the mindset and earthly view that satan has perpetrated on mankind. He has divided us and emphasized our differences. Instead of our differences being interesting and complementary to one another, they have become things to question, fear or mistrust. Satan is hard at work trying to make us feel uncomfortable around each other, all the while accusing us that we are avoiding each other. And that we had better be careful, this or that might offend, and so we find it hard just to act normal or know what normal is.

As Christians we know that if we are in God's kingdom we cannot have respect of persons. We must be examples of God's love to all races. In this world of so much racial violence and prejudice we strive to do that. No doubt some of us have discovered places in our lives where we had respect of persons and when God revealed it we wept before Him and received forgiveness. But satan is not going to let us have our victory without a fight, because he is a divider. Divide and conquer is his motto! Whether it is division of the races, families or Christians. He is working hard in peoples minds against each other. Unity will always be our strength!

In our world some countries and their leaders have preyed on those in their society that were different or weaker to accomplish their goals. The Egyptians used the Hebrews as slaves to build their empire. The Spaniards conquered the Aztecs and Mayans for their gold. The Europeans, escaping from the tyranny of their government, and for religious freedom, came to settle the Americas with little regard to those who were already here. The Americans who fought for their freedom from the British used slaves to work their plantations, and Hitler tried to wipe out the entire Jewish race. Genocide is happening all over the world because man

believes he is superior to those around him. He still believes the lie in the garden, "you'll be as gods" and he works from that mind-set. Every nation that has risen up against another to invade and take their land feels they have the right to do it. They feel superior and more worthy than the people who are already there. All people and races have a long history of being victimized by those that feel superior to them and sometimes it comes from within their own race.

From the beginning, when Adam and Eve allowed pride to enter their hearts, satan has been busy working to bring chaos and division to God's order and creation. Something as simple as being patriotic can come from a place of pride and feelings of superiority. I recently was told by a German couple that Americans are arrogant and see themselves as superior to other countries. The Bible tells us that God hates arrogance and pride. We must endeavor to live free and clear from it in our personal lives and even in our feelings about our country. Do we think we did this by ourselves and that God had nothing to do with the rise of our nation or the fall of it if we insist on forgetting God. Which of us by taking thought can add one cubit to our stature? We are all small and undone before a great and mighty God!

In the Old Testament God called His people to be separate from the other races and not to marry among them because they worshiped idols and could turn our hearts from worshipping the one true God. In Jesus' time the Jews felt very superior to the Gentiles and it was hard for them to see God's plan of striking down every division between all of God's creation. Even Jesus' disciples found it hard to follow the commission to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. In our day we must cry out against all injustices and prejudices among God's people and in the world. Greater than that, we need to search ourselves to see if any of these places of superiority in our world history, our race history or family history are still effecting our relationships with each other. In the kingdom of God we are all equal. God looks on us as His children. God is the One Who is superior and we are to realize our nothingness before Him and our fellowman. Jesus taught us to pray that it would be on earth as it is in Heaven. It is a pure and holy place for all of those who have been washed in the blood and there are no divisions there.

I sincerely hope I have offended no one, but have challenged everyone to examine their own heart for any spots of imperfection, any places where the enemy has infiltrated our minds or hearts with his mind-sets or divisive practices.

I have endeavored to speak from the heart what God has revealed to me in the many sleepless nights since I heard that question. It may not be a perfect revelation because God is still working on me. Pray for me.

## Rewards for Helping the Needy

By Sis. Charlotte Huskey

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth:...The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing; thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness." Psalm 41:1-3.

This scripture has been so forcibly on my mind for quite a long time. Then an experience I had lately has inspired me to check the rewards God promised for helping the poor. The Bible contains many promises for those who are merciful to the needy. Consider the above promise. The giver will be delivered in time of trouble! He will be preserved! Claiming this promise, our strength, our length of life, our prosperity, and our health are blest if we are considerate of the poor. (I have read that medical doctors say bad attitudes increase the severity of many diseases and that a good attitude is a great aid in healing of many physical affliction.)

Now let's reflect on other promises. Wouldn't we all like to be happy? Here is how. "...He that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he." Proverbs 14:21. Want all your needs supplied? Listen to this. "He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse." Proverbs 28:27. Let's help the poor if we expect God to hear our cries. "Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard." Proverbs 21:13. Would you like to be always flourishing and beautiful like a watered garden even during times of drought? God says we can be if we keep the fast that God talks about in Isaiah. It is not just a day to refrain from eating food. "Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him;...And if thou draw

out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul...And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not." Isaiah 58:6-11. Besides being as a beautiful garden in drought, we will be guided by the Lord. What a reward!

Would you like for everything you touch to prosper? Remember the fairy tale about the man who was granted his wish that everything he touched would turn to gold? It turned out to be a curse instead of a blessing for even his little girl became a golden statue. Well, God isn't promising a golden touch. He is promising us something better when we open our hands and give to the poor. "...Thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: But thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need...Thou shalt surely give him, and...for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto." Deuteronomy 15:7-10. What a promise—just for lending and giving to the poor!

And here is a promise I have proved many times. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Proverbs 19:17. Not many weeks ago, I gave \$200.00 for the poor and one day after I had written the check, someone not knowing what I had given, gave me a check for the same amount. Not many days later, another person gave James a check for \$250.00. God has always repaid our giving. At different times through my life, I have written down our giving and then written the gifts given to us the following weeks. God always gave back more than we gave. Many times, He returned more than double what we had given.

Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken

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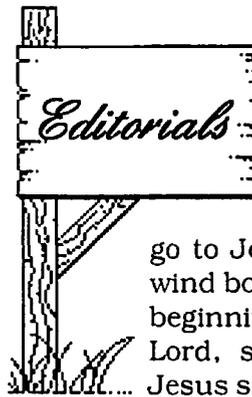
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"And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him,..." Matthew 14:28-31.

Through the years there has been much said about this familiar passage of Scripture. While the world has made many disparaging remarks about Peter trying to walk on water, there have also been many encouraging lessons given to God's people about Peter's courageous effort to go to the Lord. The phrase that recently captured my attention was his desperate cry, "Lord, save me."

We know that Peter was no stranger to water for he was a fisherman by trade and was from a fishing village on the northern edge of the sea of Galilee, called Bethsaida which means, "house of fishing." We also know that he was a good swimmer for after Jesus' crucifixion and subsequent resurrection He appeared to the disciples who had gone fishing and instructed them to cast their net on the right side of the ship. John recognized that it was Jesus who called to them and Peter immediately girt on his cloak and jumped into the water to go to Him.

It is interesting to note that Peter needed to be saved from an environment He was well acquainted with. The waves were so boisterous that even this seasoned fisherman recognized his serious plight and cried out for help to the One Who had all power in Heaven and earth to deliver. Jesus was merciful to Peter and reached out His hand and lifting him up brought him to safety.

It is easy for people, when they are in their own familiar environment, to forget about their need of a Savior. Unless things really turn bad, men have a tendency to trust in their own talents, resources and abilities to help them through the daily situations of life. The Lord is not pleased with this self-declared independence, for it excludes the personal relationship that Jesus desires to have with each individual. The predicament Peter found himself in began

when he took his eyes off the Master and began looking around him at the waves—Jesus was no longer the object of his attention. However, when Peter found himself in trouble, He quickly turned his eyes back to Jesus. If Peter had kept his eyes on the Savior from the beginning, his faith could have remained strong and his walk would have been more successful.

The success of our Christian experience is determined by our faith in a risen Savior. No matter what circumstances exist in the world around us, we can rise above the things that would destroy us if our heart is fixed on Him. Paul said in II Corinthians 5:7, "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)." For this statement to be true, our faith must be fixed on Christ. It is through our faith in Him that His power is transmitted to us.

Notice this scripture in Colossians 2:8-10. "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:" Our blessed Savior is powerfully equipped to help His people, in the midst of the most adverse circumstances, to be winners. It is imperative for the child of God to be careful that his faith in Christ is not destroyed by the high minded intellectuals of this world nor by the lustful practices, doctrines and ceremonies of those that surround them. For all of these deceitful philosophies and ungodly practices are accompanied with an influential spirit that would delight in attaching itself to the Christian. When that happens it causes one's faith to waiver and they begin to sink into the sea of worldliness. The caution is given to "beware" that these perils not cause us to lose sight of Jesus, our Savior. Be not afraid to call on Him for help and deliverance.

Man needs the saving grace of the Lord in the hour of temptation. There are times that the enemy of man's soul comes in like a flood with a roaring and vicious snarling attack that is hard to resist. Jesus also understands the strength of those attacks for He was severely tempted likewise. Because He suffered these things in the flesh, Hebrews 2:18 says, "...he is able to succour them that are tempted."—He knows how to aid, help and relieve those who are sorely tempted.

People need the Lord to save them from the torment of their fears and anxieties. There are times that dark clouds of apprehension and worry threaten the peace of a child of God. Satan would tell them that there is no way to escape the violence of the fearful things that torment their minds. But God has promised to be with His children and He is able to change the circumstances that pose the difficulty. Remember when the children of Israel were leaving Egyptian bondage and Pharaoh's army followed them in hot pursuit until they were trapped at the Red Sea. God was their Savior, He made a way for them to pass through the Red Sea and He drowned Pharaoh's army as they tried to follow the way the Lord opened up for His people. II Timothy 1:7 tells us, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." This promise should give each one courage to rise above their fears. The final words of our Savior, before He ascended into Heaven were, "...lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world." His spirit abides in the heart of His people and He will surely make a way for you and me.

There is little that is more hurtful emotionally than a slanderous tongue that spews hateful insults. There are times that God's people are called on to patiently endure such malicious attacks. The stinging words and barbs often penetrate deep into the heart of a person and would seem to drain the joy out of their life. But God would not have those who are so afflicted to be mortally wounded. No, our Savior knows how to bind up the brokenhearted and He has the oil of joy—a healing balm—that He can pour on the injury. Jesus suffered many slanderous attacks when He was here on earth and He still hears the contemptible remarks that are made about Him today by evil people. He knows how to weep with those that weep and when His children are afflicted, His attention is directed to those individuals and His ears are open to their cry.

There are so many things that affect these mortal bodies that this article could not come close to mentioning them all. But we have a Savior that is willing and able to help us in all the distresses that abound in this life. Sin, trouble, grief, heartache and pain are all addressed in His atonement for mankind. Let each of His children recognize the Heavenly resource that is available to them in Christ Jesus. For He

truly is the Good Shepherd that has a sincere interest in His flock.

There have been several books completed this summer and we are grateful to the Lord for blessing us to be able to put some of them into color covers. *Stories of Homefolks*, *Jesus is Coming Again* and *The Secret of the Singing Heart* have all been bound in color covers. Sis. Patrice Doolittle has graciously designed the artwork for these books. We have obtained a Ryobi 3302 two-color press to print covers on and by the Lord's help we are learning to operate it. We feel that the new covers add extra appeal to the books and we trust they will be a means of reaching more souls with the encouraging truths they contain. We are also continuing to work on completing several more books, *The Two Works of Grace* has been printed and will be bound in a single color cover, *Biblical Nuggets for Godly Women* has been printed and will be bound in a color cover. *Heart Talks* is in the process of being printed and will also be bound in a color cover. We trust the Lord will help us to have those books available soon. Once they are finished it will clear the way for us to begin the printing process on the *Evening Light Songs* hymnal, which we are currently completing final corrections on.

*The Secret of the Singing Heart* is an encouraging book by C. W. Naylor that we have had a number of requests for. This is our first time to print this book and we are happy to be able to have it available. *Biblical Nuggets for Godly Women* is a new book that has been compiled by Sis. Brenda Wilkins and Sis. Nelda Sorrell. It contains chapters written by different sisters in the Lord on various topics of interest to godly women. *Heart Talks* by C. W. Naylor has been out of stock for quite some time and we are delighted to be able to bring this edifying book back into print. We are excited about being able to present these books to the Saints and trust the Lord will make them a blessing to each reader.

—Bro. Willie E. Murphey

## SPECIAL NOTICE

### CD'S OF MONARK MEETING

CDs of the Monark 2010 messages and singing are available for \$2.00 each. For a list or to order, contact Justin and Angela Sorrell, 447 Twilight Dr., Crane, MO 65633. (417) 844-7560  
jusangela@yahoo.com

## SINGING CD: "DOES JESUS CARE?"

The singing CD titled, *Does Jesus Care?* is available, postpaid, for \$12. Those who desire a copy may send a check made payable to: "Church of God-King's Daughter." The mailing address is: Sister Mary McDonald, P.O. Box 567, Okmulgee, OK 74447. If you would like further details about this offer you may contact me at (918) 758-0222. —Sis. Mary McDonald



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 The Mitch Taylor family  
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 Bro. Curtis Williams

## SPECIAL NOTICE

### CD'S OF MYRTLE MEETING

We thank the Lord for the good camp meeting He gave us once again here at Myrtle, MO, July 31 - August 3. Once again He was faithful to send in Saints from various states and Holy Ghost anointed ministers to feed our souls with rich messages from Heaven. On Saturday night the chapel was filled almost to capacity. The singing was glorious! Several visitors from the community came that night, as well as at other times during the meeting. The Lord blessed every service. I, personally, am still feasting on the good soul food I received.

Anyone desiring to receive CD recordings of the messages or of the singing from this meeting may contact me at the address below. I will be happy to send you a list of the recordings.

There was discussion in the business meeting this year concerning the date of the Myrtle camp meeting. Some feel the date follows the Monark meeting too closely and would like to see the Myrtle meeting held a little later, like maybe over the Labor Day week end and holiday. Others prefer the date to remain the same. It was decided to put this matter before the Saints and ask all of you who have an interest in attending the camp meetings at Myrtle to send us your ideas concerning this. We will try to do according to what would benefit the majority. Please send your ideas or suggestions to me as soon as possible and I will present them to and discuss them with the trustees.

We also want to announce that we are planning a meeting here from Thursday night, October 7 through Sunday morning, October 10, 2010. Bro. Michael Smith plans to be here with us. Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday nights. A work day on the campground is planned for Saturday, October 9, with a singing following at 7:00 p.m. on that night. The meeting will conclude with a 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday morning, October 10. Everyone is invited to come and be with us.

For further information, to order CD recordings from the recent Myrtle camp meeting, or to send your suggestions regarding the Myrtle camp meeting date, contact Harlan Sorrell, Rt. 1 Box 118A, Myrtle, MO 65778; email: hsortrell@wildblue.net phone 417-938-4336.

—Bro. Harlan Sorrell

## MEETING DATES

**Baldy Mesa, CA (Fall Revival)**—October 8-10  
**Myrtle, MO (Fall Revival)**—October 7-10  
**Myrtle, MO (Fall Singing)**—October 9  
**Dallas, TX (Fall Meeting)**—October 13-17  
**Okmulgee, OK (Fall Revival)**—October 15-17  
**Springfield, MO (Fall Revival)**—October 20-24  
**Loranger, LA (Assembly Meeting)**—Nov. 24-28  
**California State (Pacoima)**—Dec. 26-Jan. 2  
**Oklahoma State (Guthrie)**—Dec. 26-Jan. 2

## MEETING NOTICES

### BALDY MESA, CA, FALL REVIVAL

It is with anticipation of the blessing of the Lord that we look forward to our Fall revival at the Church of God Baldy Mesa, CA on October 8-10, 2010. Please pray with us for our community and God's will to be accomplished. Minister's Fellowship Breakfast Saturday morning, Oct. 9. In His Service,

—Pastors Travis and Alice Johnson  
 (760) 261-2564

### DALLAS, TEXAS, FALL MEETING

The Church of God Dallas, Texas Congregation located at 11501 Ryliecrest Drive, Balch Springs, Texas welcomes you to their Fall meeting on October 13-17, 2010.

Service times will be: Wednesday-Sunday evening service at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Sunday Morning Worship at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday Afternoon Service at 2:30 p.m.

For lodging arrangements contact Sis. Linda Montgomery (972) 286-6239. For other information contact Bro. Calvin Frentrup (972) 237-1538 or Bro. Henry Grimes (972) 222-7249. The chapel phone number is (972) 557-1591.

### OKMULGEE, OK, FALL REVIVAL

The Church of God congregation at Okmulgee, Oklahoma invite you to join them in revival services October 15-17. Bro. Hayward Cox has a burden to be with them in this meeting. Evening services on Friday and Saturday will begin at 7:30 p.m. Sunday morning services will start at 11:00 a.m.

For more information contact Bro. Robert Warren (918) 733-1306.

### SPRINGFIELD, MO, FALL REVIVAL

The Church of God Congregation, 444 East Evergreen, Springfield, MO. invites you to join us

in our Fall Revival Wed., Oct. 20 through Sun., Oct. 24, 2010. Bro. Ken Elwell has a burden to be with us in this meeting.

Evening services will be at 7:00 p.m. Wed. - Fri. at the chapel.

The Sorrell's Fall Hayride will begin at 2:00 p.m. Sat., Oct. 23, at Spring Creek Dairy in Galena, Mo., with a Hilltop service at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School will begin at 9:45 a.m. Sunday morning with Morning Worship Service at 10:45 a.m.. Dinner will be served at the chapel after morning service. An afternoon service at 1:30 p.m. will conclude the meeting.

We give everyone a very special welcome to be with us!

Accommodations will be made for all who wish to stay. For more information contact Bro. Michael Smith (417) 725-2243 or Bro. Randy Sorrell (417) 224-4341.

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**LORANGER, LA, ASSEMBLY MEETING**

Lord willing, the Loranger, Louisiana Assembly Meeting will begin Wednesday evening, November 24, with morning and evening services daily through Sunday, November 28. If you can join us, come praying for a blessing.

There are separate dormitories for the brothers and sisters. Electrical and water hook ups are available for those with campers. Meals are provided 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. (At the exit, take Hwy. 442 which runs into Hwy. 40.)

For more information, contact Bro. Carlos Doolittle at (985) 878-8122. The chapel phone is (985) 878-2788. Please do support this meeting with your prayers.

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**CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING**

The annual California State Assembly Meeting will be held, Lord willing, from December 26, 2010 through January 2, 2011. The first service will be Sunday morning with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. There will be three services daily throughout the remainder of the meeting at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The campground is located at 12312 Osborne Pl., Pacoima, CA 91331. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Your presence and prayerful support will add much to the success of the meeting. Three meals are provided daily as well

as accommodations for those needing them. Expenses are met by freewill offerings.

For more information you may contact: Sunset Guest Home (818) 899-2022; Bro. Paul Phillips (661) 251-6956 or Bro. Herbert Clay (818) 897-1396. The chapel phone number is: (818) 899-9021.



**LETTERS  
 FROM  
 OUR  
 READERS**

OK—Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Neta: We would like to thank the good Lord for His love and mercy to our daughter, Rhonda Welch, during her long stay and rehab at Mercy Hospital.

During the period of approximately March 10 through March 25, she was operated on four times to relieve blood leakage and infection in her skull, followed by six weeks of in-hospital rehab. We now have her at home where she continues the rehab process.

The doctors that worked on Rhonda were at wits end, but we knew through prayer and God's love, God would intervene if He so intended. We want to thank all the Saints for their prayers, cards, food and visits while we stayed close to Rhonda's side.

May you all be blessed by this miracle, to see her able to talk and communicate and so much better. This is truly a miracle sent from our heavenly Father. Please continue to pray for her complete healing.

Sincerely, —Geraldine and Robert Dean

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**Philippines** September 23—Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Neta: Greetings to you in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I thank God for His wonderful promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. I keep on looking to the Author and Finisher of our faith, despite the many challenges. Praise be to Him and to Him alone. He is worthy to be adored. His provisions are an indication of His love, care and protection.

The mission work in the Philippines is prospering and we are continually propagating His Word, as Jesus Christ commanded us to go and

to do the great commission. For the past days of missionary work in the field, there were many souls who sought and found their salvation and they humbled themselves to the Lord for water baptism. As babe Christians, we continuously nourish them with spiritual food through house to house devotions and prayers. We have really felt the intervention of the Holy Spirit as He guided and taught us what to do in difficult times. Also, the Holy Spirit has helped us to overcome the evil forces in our missionary journeys. Please pray for us, and the other ministers as well, to fulfill our vision of bringing the Gospel of salvation to other islands of the Philippines, the Visayas and Mindanao areas. We give to Him all the glory and praises.

We would like you also to know that we put up a Pre-School, and Elementary School in Cabanatuan City, Nueva Ecija and we named the school Ebenezer Christian Educational Center. We started the school only last June, 2010 and in its humble beginning God gave us 10 students, 5 Nursery and 5 Preparatory. We are so thankful to our God for helping us in the preparation of the school requirements for its government permit. We now have the permit and we are in full operation. God has put me here to lead and direct the school. I am staying here from Tuesday to Friday and then returning to oversee the mission work in Montalban, Rizal from Saturday to Monday. This is how I divided my time for the moment until such time God will put somebody who is qualified to look after the operation of the school. Please pray for us here and we look forward to its success and victory.

We know you are also busy in your missionary work. We are praying for you always and your loved ones that God will give you good health, care and protection.

Please give our love and warm greetings to all the Saints there. We love you all with the love of the Lord.

In Christ, —Bro. Paterno C. Tangunan

**Philippines** September 5—Dear Loving Saints: All praises to the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ! Our thanksgiving and fourth church anniversary went well with the Lord's blessing. There were special hymns of praise rendered by our brothers and sisters.

After our service, we had a Bible Quiz, Bible Drill and Bible Quotations. At the Bible Quiz

and Bible Quotations, I gave P10.00 each for every correct answer. At the Bible Drill, I gave P5.00 to the one who found it first. We were all blessed. Food was more than enough and we thank God. Every family brought their own recipe and really, God is our good Provider.

We also had our Church Business Meeting. We had many plans but the Lord is the one who blesses them. Cabuyao, a town of Laguna province is now ready for evangelism. Las Palmas, in the province of Bulacan, is also ready. Please lift these plans up to the Lord. We need workers. Please continue to remember us, including us in your prayers. We pray for you too. We love you. God bless you.

Your Sister in His Gospel-field,

—Nellie Tibayan

*(The day following this anniversary service, Sis. Nellie began having chest pain, difficulty breathing, coughing and then chills and fever. They believe she has pneumonia and possibly a form of TB. Please remember her in prayer that the Lord will give a healing touch and raise her up to continue in the service of the Lord. —WEM)*



**Andre Emmanuel Gracey (Dre)** was born at 4:25 on the afternoon of his brother Mark's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday, February 15, 2005, and went to be with Jesus, July 18, 2010. When he was a few months old, Dre loved to smile, laugh and growl, and his family was eager to see how his personality would develop. As he grew, they learned that he was quiet, mischievous, and ornery. In his silences, he often seemed to be thinking, which may be how he came up with his mischievous ideas like decorating the walls, furniture, and himself with markers and pens. He also

loved to test his family's reactions by doing things like poking people just to see what they would do.

Although he took pleasure in doing "boy" things, like wrestling with his dad and brother, Dre still had time to hug and be held. He also enjoyed fishing with his family despite the fact that he often tangled the lines then abandoned them to play in the sand and throw rocks.

Andre's favorite colors were blue and red. One of his favorite songs was "Only a Boy Named David," and he loved stuffed animals. He liked Jaguars the most. Dre was a night owl. He preferred staying up late, even if no one else was up, and sleeping in. He was good at sneaking food from peoples' plates, and his desserts of choice were brownies and his mom's chocolate cake.

Andre attended pre-kindergarten at Mueller Elementary School and was ready for kindergarten in the fall.

He leaves to cherish his memory his Daddy and Mommy, Mark and Audrey Gracey; his brother Mark Gracey (Marco); his sister Debrian Gracey (Debbi); his Papa and GanGan, Roy and Debra Cargile; his Grandpa and Grandma, Emmanuel and Beverley Gracey; His Great-grandparents Haywood and Veota Cox, and Betty Gracey; His uncles Roy and Brian Cargile, Daniel Gracey and Maurice Mavia; his aunts Marcia and Gloria Gracey, Dian Cargile, and Alicia Mavia; his special cousins Deonte Cargile, Davion and Jevon Mavia; and a multitude of great aunts and uncles, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Church of God chapel at Wichita, KS on July 30, 2010. The service was officiated by Bro. Emmanuel Gracey, Bro. Charles Chandler and Bro. Hayward Cox. Interment followed at Old Mission Funeral Home cemetery, Wichita KS.

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**James Irvin McMurrin** was born in Hamilton County, Nebraska on November 30, 1913 and departed this life in Harrison, Arkansas on August 22, 2010.

As Irvin grew up on the Nebraska farm his parents, James and Nancy Florissa Peck McMurrin taught him about the Lord and farming. He enjoyed the farm and thought that he would be a farmer; however, when he was a young man he moved with his parents to Arkansas. It was in Searcy County, Arkansas that he married Opal Ann Scott on September 16, 1942.

Irvin loved the Lord and it was his desire to please Him with his life. In 1948 he worked for a brief time for Faith Publishing House in Guthrie, OK before returning to Arkansas. Irvin had a gentle spirit that was demonstrated by the quiet, faithful way he loved and cared for his family.

Irvin was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Opal, of the home; three sons, Alvin and wife, Kathleen, Donnie and wife, Wanda, David and wife, Sherlene, all of Harrison, Arkansas; five grandchildren, James McMurrin, Janet McMurrin, Sharon Kindrix, Carla Staggs, Jason McMurrin; and five great grandchildren, Kasia, Kaylee, Jackson, McKynlee and Rylee.

Memorial services were held August 25 at Coffman Funeral Home; interment followed at Maplewood Cemetery, Harrison, AR.



## The Promise of an Angel

By Sis. Lana Johnson

Exodus 23:20-25

*When we don't know what to do  
 And we don't know what to say  
 God has promised to send an angel  
 To keep us in the way.*

*We are told to be aware of Him  
 And to obey His gentle voice.  
 If we'll serve the Lord and honor Him  
 He'll bless us for this choice.*

*He'll bring us into the place  
 Which our Father has prepared.  
 He's promised to fight our battles,  
 And from enemies we'll be spared.*

*His Word also says in St. Matthew  
 That our angels do always behold  
 The face of our Father in Heaven  
 And to Him our troubles are told.*

*So when the offences come,  
 As we are told, they will  
 Let the angel of His Spirit  
 Help us to be calm and still.*

# Rewards for Helping the Needy

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together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6:38. If we give little the return is little. If we give freely, God (through people) gives back freely.

Now let's consider some sad things that happen to those who keep their possessions for themselves. "There is a sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. But those riches perish by evil travail;...As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand....and he hath much sorrow and wrath with his sickness." Ecclesiastes 5:13-17.

"... Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow,...if ye will not hear these words,...this house shall become a desolation....Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; *that* useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work; That saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and *it is* ceiled with cedar,...Shalt thou reign, because thou closest *thyself* in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, *and then it was* well with him? He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then *it was* well *with him: was* not this to know me? saith the LORD. Jeremiah 22:3-5; 13-16.

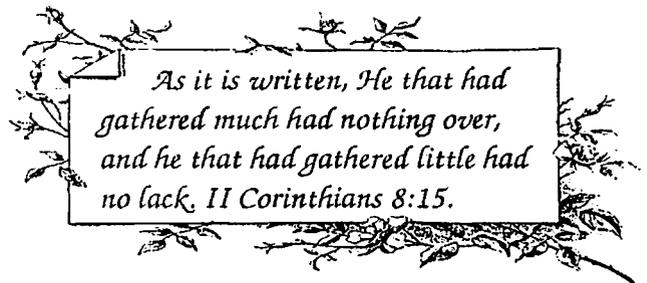
Many people take advantage of their workers, paying low wages, working them overtime, or depriving them of rightful benefits. This verse shows us that doing such things will not profit in the end, however by being just and helping the needy a person will be blessed.

Even John the Baptist, when he was asked, What shall we do? "He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise." Luke 3:11. Don't we all like to receive gifts? Sure. Listen to what Apostle Paul said about gifts. "I have showed 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." Acts 20:35.

Since Jesus said, "...It is more blessed to give than to receive" and we have so many good promises of receiving from our heavenly Father when we give to the poor, I hope we will all pledge to extend our hands more to the needy around us.

Apostle James puts a clincher on these thoughts by telling us that "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit (help) the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.



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## CONSEQUENCES

A traveler on a dusty road  
 Strewed acorns on the lea;  
 And one took root and sprouted up,  
 And grew into a tree.  
 Love sought it's shade at evening time  
 To breathe his early vows,  
 And age was pleased, in heats of noon  
 To bask beneath its boughs;  
 The dormouse loved its dangling twigs  
 The birds sweet music bore;  
 It stood a glory in its place,  
 A blessing evermore.

A little spring had lost its way  
 Amid the grass and fern;  
 A passing stranger scooped a well  
 Where weary men might turn.  
 He walled it in and hung with care  
 A ladle at the brink;  
 He thought not of the deed he did,  
 But judged that all might drink.  
 He paused again, and lo! the well,  
 By summer never dried,  
 Had cooled ten thousand parching tongues  
 And saved a life beside.

A dreamer dropped a random thought  
 'Twas old and yet 'twas new;  
 A simple fancy of the brain,  
 But strong in being true.  
 It shone upon a genial mind  
 And lo, its light became  
 A lamp of life, a beacon ray,  
 A monitory flame.  
 The thought was small, its issue great;  
 A watch-fire on the hill;  
 It shed its radiance far adown,  
 And cheers the valley still.

A nameless man, amid a crowd  
 That thronged the daily mart,  
 Let fall a word of Hope and Love,  
 Unstudied from the heart;  
 A whisper on the tumult thrown,  
 A transitory breath  
 It raised a brother from the dust,  
 It saved a soul from death,  
 O germ! O fount! O word of love!  
 O thought at random cast!  
 Ye were but little at the first,  
 But mighty at the last!

—Anon.

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