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The Last Days

Oh, be prepared, thou church of God,
For all that lies ahead,
The dim dark future just before,
With dark foreboding spread.

Oh, not at ease in Zion be,
But up and doing still,
Be zealous for the cause of God,
To ever do His will.

Oh, all our talents, time, and gifts,
Upon His altar lay,
That with a lack we'll not be found,
On that great Judgment Day.

Oh, sad to see on every hand
The evil hordes do swell,
Anon with fervor, haste, and zeal,
Lead poor lost souls to hell.

Oh, shame that I should hesitate,
To tell good news to all,
To win those precious souls to Christ
Before the darkness fall.

—Sister C. A. McFarling

HONOR YOUR MOTHER

Children, look in those eyes, listen to that dear voice, notice the feeling of even a single touch that is bestowed upon you by that gentle hand! Make much of it while yet you have that most precious of all good gifts, a loving mother. Read the unfathomable love of those eyes; the kind anxiety of that tone and look, however slight your pain. In after life you may have friends, fond, dear friends, but never will you have again the inexpressible love and gentleness lavished upon you, which none but a mother bestows.

—Macaulay.

Even He that died for us upon the cross, in the last hour, in the unutterable agony of death, was mindful of his mother, as if to teach us that this holy love should be our last worldly thought—the last point of earth from which the soul should take its flight for heaven.

—Longfellow.

Implications of the Second Birth

Are you weary and worn with life's mad rush and bustle? Are you discouraged and tossed about on time's angry billows? Does the menace of atomic war, death and the judgment unsettle your peace of mind? Hear the voice of the loving Shepherd, as He gently seeks for you: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matt 11:28). "In the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast." "When my heart is overwhelmed, lead me to the Rock that is higher than I, for thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower" Psalm 61:2, 3.

Yes, weary one, there is rest for you, and peace of heart that passes understanding. This rest and peace of heart and mind is the heritage of all who will heed the blessed Saviour's call, and it is our happy privilege to enjoy it in this present age. That voice is as gentle as the falling dew, yet unmistakably clear. There are times when the Saviour's call to repentance comes to every one. (Titus 2:11, 12). In this respect the word "COME," to many a person has been the most beautiful word of all the languages. "Be of good comfort, arise; He calleth thee." These were the cheering words of some one to the blind man, as he called to Jesus for help. If we can fully understand the utmost need of our case, and that Christ is our only hope, His word "come" is indeed a precious word to us. In time of our deepest need of loving friendship, however sinful we might have been, and earthly help is vain, the King of the universe calls us, "Come unto me and rest." It might be in the still hours of the night, when all is quiet, except our conscience; it might be through the influence of a Christian mother, a heart-searching gospel sermon, but the Spirit's call comes to us in life's most serious moments.

It was bewildering to the materialistic mind of Nicodemus when Christ said unto him, "Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). There is danger that we, too, might over emphasize material things to the neglect of the spiritual. The Holy Spirit does a complete work in arousing us from a state of sleep in sin,

to our need of the Saviour; giving us an overwhelming desire for a pure heart, and fellowship with God. This is conviction for sin and a call to repentance. A good case of old-time conviction changes our moral attitudes, and the course of our thinking. It gives us a true sense of our guilty condition in God's sight, and brings us to a deep heart-felt sorrow that we have sinned and offended Him.

We are actuated by an impulse of earnest, penitential prayer, and we call upon Him with all our being. God hears us when we call upon Him with all of our being, and a fully surrendered life. Christ is lovingly and eagerly waiting to receive us. A sweet calm, and peace that passes understanding, now come into our heart, and we realize we are living in a new spiritual realm. New desires, purposes, and aspirations now actuate our motives. Some shout for joy, while some do not; depending on our emotional temperament. This is the second birth. This is the way we become members of God's family, God's church, God's kingdom, which are synonymous. The church of God is a divine institution and we become members of it by a divine process—the new birth.

Too many times we are pressured into a hasty profession by the minister, or other church workers, and we go away as we came, except for a dead, empty profession. Some get the blessing at once, while others might pray for days. It depends entirely on when we meet God's conditions. We should not think it is always in an assembly of people that we are converted. Some of the most glorious conversions have occurred in the home, at work, or elsewhere, but we can be sure we always know the moment when God speaks pardon to our souls. It might seem that the trees, and everything are smiling. The Bible tells us the angels rejoice at that moment.

After we become Christians, one of Satan's main tactics to discourage us is to tell us God does not love us, and has left us alone. But we have Christ's sure promise: "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Heb. 13:5). Just keep believing, trusting and praying, dear ones. In James 1:2-4 He admonishes us to count it all joy when we fall into divers temptations. This might seem a little difficult, until we come to know, as Christians, that God allows nothing to come to our lives except what is good for us, if we follow His will.

When raw gold is produced, in order to remove all the alloy and foreign substances it must undergo a process of intense heat. Nothing but the pure gold can stay, and that is purified and made more brilliant. "Now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations, that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than gold; though it be tried [tested] by fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:6, 7). Our faith can shine at its brightest, and be unwavering even unto death, only when it has passed through the white heat of severe trial, and all the "alloy" has been removed. We have God's sure promise not to allow us to be

tempted beyond what we are able to bear. He has a purpose in it all. Greener pastures most often lie beyond thorny paths. When we start to walk with Christ, the first place we come to is Calvary. "When he hath tried [tested] me I shall come forth as gold" (Job 23:10).

Is it pleasure we seek after? There is more solid, satisfying pleasure in a life hid with Christ in God, than can be gained in a hundred lives spent in pursuit of this sinful world's pleasures. Sinful pleasures have a hidden sting which brings disillusionment, sorrow and remorse; while the pleasure of the Christian way increases as the years roll by, as a mighty flowing stream. God bless that noble young man or young woman, or older person, who may be now making Christ their everlasting choice.

—J. Rolley Self

The Love of God

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16. "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 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" 1 John 4:9, 10. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" John 15:13. "And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God" Eph. 3:19.

Dear reader, these few verses are written in holy love to you, and if you haven't considered the great love that God has for you, won't you take time to do so? He loves every soul, and died to save yours as well as mine. Find a place of prayer and call upon that One who loves you with an everlasting love.

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20. Isn't that a precious promise? But we are the ones to open the door. Please do listen for His voice!

In Christian love,

—Ruby Hutchinson

Praying Parents

"I have not been able to find a single and useful institution which has not been founded by either an intensely religious man or by the son of a praying father or a praying mother. I have made this statement before the Chambers of Commerce of all the largest cities of the country, and have asked them to bring forward a case that is an exception to this rule. Thus far, I have not heard of a single one."

—Roger Babson

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"Wells Without Water"

In 2 Peter 2:1-3 we read, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways, by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not." The apostle goes on and tells us more about these false prophets, and then in verse 17 and 18 says, "These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever. For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error." Of whom is the apostle speaking when he says, "wells without water?" It is the false prophets. Some have said, "Well, I thought that everyone who claimed to be a preacher is sent of God to preach the Bible." This is a false idea about the many who have gone out into the world today preaching and teaching. The Bible tells us that there are many false prophets (teachers, preachers, D. D.'s, priests, etc.). The foregoing Scriptures describe them. Many are "denying the Lord who bought them." Some might ask, "Do you mean that there are preachers in the world today who are denying the Lord?" Recently we printed an article, which is now in tract form, that told us that out of the poll of 700 preachers (wells without water) 24 per cent rejected the atonement, 12 per cent rejected the resurrection of the body; 27 per cent did not believe that Christ will return to judge the quick and the dead; 48 per cent denied the complete inspiration of the Bible. These false prophets use "great swelling words" to make others think that they are sent from God. They learn how to play on the emotions of those who listen to them. They know just the words to use and at what time to bring them in when the audience has been built up so they will believe what they say. They then tell them about their own merits, how many years they have studied the Bible, how many degrees they have and that they should listen to what they tell them. Oh, how tricky the devil is and how he will work to deceive the people! The Bible tells us that the "wells without water" will "allure [or draw] through the lusts of the flesh, . . . those [God's saints] that were clean escaped from them who live in error." These false prophets or "wells without water" will "promise them liberty" while "they themselves are the servants of corruption." 2 Pet. 2:18, 19.

Oh, beware, dear ones, because the devil is loose and is cunningly and craftily spreading his net. Be sure that there is a "well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14) in your soul. Keep that well clear so the water from heaven can flow clean and fresh. Keep your hearts with all diligence

then you can be on your guard when the false prophets bring in "damnable heresies" and speak evil of the "way of truth." If you sleep and slumber, spiritually speaking, you will lose that water of life out of your soul. We have a warning from the prophet Jeremiah (2:13). "For my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." The love of God had leaked out. The Holy Spirit had been grieved away by the heart letting the "cares of this life" and the fads, fashions, and pride come in and fill it. Oh, how sad! A soul in a lukewarm condition is one who is not watchful and will be trapped by one of these wells without water. Through the enticing words of that false prophet they will be deceived and think they are right and go right on with an empty profession of Christ in the soul and end up in destruction. Take warning and flee to the Word of God and get established on the rock, Christ Jesus. Do not fear what others might think of you, because when you stand before God in that great Judgment Day you will have to stand alone and give an account of how you have lived in this life. We want to hear those words of Christ telling us to enter into the joys of heaven.

—Sister A. Marie Miles

A WARNING TO MOTHERS

We are living now in the declining period of time, a drifting from faith in the Creator to faith in things created. It is an age of adultery; the first step is the naked limbs of little girls, limbs most as far as limbs go. It destroys shame, and shame is the protection to virtue. The nakedness of women is a lust creator in the hearts of vile men. The lust of the eye creates the lust of the flesh. God's law is to dress in modest apparel with shamefacedness and sobriety (1 Tim. 2:9). God did not consider Adam's and Eve's fig leaf aprons modest enough to appear in His presence, so He made them coats, if He did have to sacrifice the life of an animal.

Young women, to graduate, are required to put on immodest suits to take physical culture. As we yield to these things we lose our vision of God's righteous law. Vile men will, through being tempted, use drugs and hypnotism to gain their vile way.

—Peter G. Conkle

NOTICE

Our pastor, Bro. Charles R. Smith, is badly in need of a new car. We have started a fund for that purpose. He is a servant to many, offering willing sacrifice for the work of God. We felt there were others who would like to help. To those who care to help in this need, you may send your free-will offerings to Bro. W. C. McMakin, 209 S. Phil., Shawnee, Okla., or Sister Malinda Penner, Secretary, Box 1853, Shawnee, Okla.

—The Shawnee Congregation

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EDITORIALS

With grateful hearts we acknowledge the Lord's blessings upon this gospel ministry by the printed word. The many letters which come across our desk indicate that many new people are being reached by this literature ministry. The printed gospel messages are going out every day in all directions of the compass, and the response is encouraging to us and all the consecrated workers here at the office to be faithful in keeping the glad tidings of salvation going out to those who are in the snares of sin and engulfed in the religious confusion which is running rampant in the land.

By your prayers and faithful contributions to this co-operative faith work, you have a large part in reaching these many thousands with the pure Word of God. Crowns of victory await the faithful, so let us "work on, toil on—from the dawn until the setting sun." "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12:3.

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After prayer and consideration we feel it would please the Lord to publish a separate leaflet for the primary Sunday school classes (ages up to 8 years) entitled, "*The Heavenly Path*," and edited by Mrs. Marie Miles. Application will be made to the post office department for second-class mailing privileges under this new title. This leaflet for primary pupils will be mailed out each quarter in sets of 13 copies, a dated copy for each Sunday. Single subscription, 40c per year; in quantities of five or more to one address, 25c per year. If you want this leaflet for the third quarter beginning with July, please send in your subscription AT ONCE! This paper will be mailed in a separate cover from "The Beautiful Way" for juniors, ages 9 to 12.

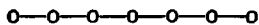
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The enemy of all souls is making an all-out attack on the foundations of faith in God, especially on the line of divine physical healing. The devil will offer you, if you will listen, a hundred and one plausible reasons why you should look to the arm of flesh instead of obeying James 5:13-16 in time of affliction and sickness. The New Testament is replete with examples of divine healing, and Jesus Christ is the

same yesterday, today and forever. Heb. 13:8. The saints of the Church of God of the "evening light" have been teaching and practicing divine physical healing according to the New Testament for more than 80 years—ever since the restoration movement began in 1880 A.D. Recently an editorial for a certain group termed their former practice on divine healing as "an unfortunate 'antimedical' tradition." By implication the editor admits in the same writing that they had departed from and neglected their own heritage, and that their faith for "divine assistance in times of illness" had ebbed too far.

Trusting God for physical healing is not only a privilege but also a New Testament command, as the Lord has made ample provision for the whole man—soul and body. Unbelief in God and His promises is sin, for the Scripture declares: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him." The more faith the better we can please Him. Jesus said to the woman of Canaan who had besought Him in behalf of her daughter, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt," and she secured some of the "children's bread." The great and precious promises are for those who believe. The great sin that brought the displeasure of God upon the children of Israel in the wilderness was because they "limited the Holy One of Israel."

The Apostle James writes in 5:13, "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray." He did not say to go to the clinic for a check-up and take treatments, nor to the witch doctor or physician. Again James writes: "Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." He did not say for you to call the doctor, take medicine or go to the hospital for an operation. God performed the first operation when He took a rib from Adam's side, and He is able to perform another any time in spite of the doubters and skeptics. Does your faith take it in? It pleases and honors God to trust in Him alone. The Apostle Paul says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Rom. 10:17. "Have faith in God." Let us have believing hearts as we read God's Word.



We appreciate the many good articles and testimonies which have been received for publication. However, we regret to say that it is impossible to get them all in one issue, so please be patient if your writing does not appear and we will endeavor to get it in the paper as the Lord directs and space becomes available.

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OBITUARIES

Martha Adda Campbell, daughter of Simon and Maria King Uber, was born October 6, 1874 and departed this life March 30, 1964, at the age of 89 years, five months, and 24 days. She had been a resident of Glen Campbell, Pa. for many years.

Sister Campbell was a member of the Church of God for the past 69 years and had worked at the Gospel Trumpet office in 1904 and 1905 when it was located at Moundsville, West Virginia.

Surviving are her husband, Lee and the following children: Miss Twila Campbell, at home; Orvis Campbell, Montgomery, Pa.; Wilbur Campbell, Orrstown, Pa.; Mrs. Geraldine Hile, Watsontown, Pa.; five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Dewey Hone and interment was in the New Washington Cemetery, New Washington, Pa.

Brother William Henry Jackson, son of Lyle and Cora Jackson, was born in York, Alabama November 26, 1886, and departed this life on March 7, 1964 at the age of 78 years, three months and eleven days.

In October of 1950 he sought the Lord for salvation, professed a hope in Christ and was baptized. He attended services, worshipping with the Evening Light Saints.

He leaves to mourn his departure one sister, Mrs. Lela Henry, Okmulgee, Okla., many relatives and friends.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Woodrow Warren and Bro. Ulysses Phillips, assisted by others.

Sister Grace Viola (Burd) Houck was born December 1, 1895 in Perry County, Pa. and entered into eternal

rest at Perkasio, Pa. on March 27, 1964 at the age of 68 years, three months and 27 days.

In the year of 1911 she was united in marriage to Charles L. Houck, a Church of God minister. They were a deeply devoted couple who loved God with all their hearts. Sister Houck endeavored always to do her Father's will and sacrificed herself completely to help others. She was not afraid to meet the Lord, for at various times during her 11 week's illness she asked the Lord to come and take her Home with Him.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Charles L. Houck, Perkasio, Pa.; two sons, Wade A., Duncannon, Pa., Charles L., Jr., Perkasio, Pa., two daughters, Grace Meyers and Ruth Gadshall, both of Perkasio, Pa., 16 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends. She was preceded in death by one son, John M., of Springfield, Mo., in 1962.

Funeral services were conducted at the Pine Grove Church of God, Newport, Pa. by Bro. Curtis Williams.

Until I See His Face



I saw the bridegroom standing there,
Handsome was He indeed,
The fairest of the fair,
From out of Abraham's seed.

He walked beside me up a path
Strewn with flowers grand.
I knew at once He was mine,
And then He touched my hand.

Oh, that tender touch of His,
I knew we'd never part.
One we must forever be;
For He was in my heart.

No one else could take His place.
I vowed to Him to wed.
Then I woke, I'd been asleep.
My beautiful vision fled.

I'd been praying for one to walk
Along this path with me,
And God sent me His dear Son,
In this my dream to see.

In my memory I can see
The beauty of His face.
He will never cease to be;
For time cannot erase—

The memory of His voice,
The touch of His tender hand,
His presence there beside me:
It all to me was grand.

Yes, this was my Saviour
Who walked beside me there
On that flower-strewn pathway,
In answer to my prayer.

Such a wonderful memory
That time cannot erase.
I know He will sustain me
Until I see His face.

—Russell H. Douglas

"Some people have trouble giving up worldly things. If they would first really get something, they would not have any trouble giving up these things."—Bro. Spaur

Prayer Requests

Minn.—Need prayer for a bad cough, can't sleep well.
 Calif.—Severe headaches.
 Calif.—Pray God to save my boy friend.
 Va.—Sister's grandchild, leukemia.
 Tenn.—I need a job so I can care for myself and child.
 Va.—Dog bit my hand, scratched throat and stomach, expecting God to heal.
 Okla.—Have a serious condition on my body, pains in eyes.
 Ind.—Knot on my head, can't sleep well.
 Tenn.—Suffering with accusations, other afflictions, am trusting God fully.
 Calif.—Troubles in home.
 Okla.—Want to grow spiritually.
 Mo.—Girl thrown from horse, seriously injured.
 Ind.—My sister has arthritis and wants prayer.
 Ohio—Wants a know-so salvation.
 Mo.—Broken home.
 Florida—Pray that the Lord will provide a meeting place for us.

Two mothers are burdened for their sons. One is about to get into a wrong marriage and another who is married to a woman who had been married before.

Georgia—To the saints of God everywhere: Please agree with my daughter and me in prayer for the healing of a sore on my granddaughter's leg. It has been there about two years. We know the Lord is able to heal it. Pray that the child will fully give up to the Lord and that her soul will be saved from sin.

—Sister P. R. Bowers

My husband's sister asked me to write in for prayer for her. She has had diabetes for twenty-nine years and is almost blind. Her feet are in very bad condition. Please pray earnestly for her. —Sister Rufus Morton

This is a few of the requests that have come in. We are glad for those who have written that they have been praying for the requests that are mentioned and also for those that are not. We are glad we can point souls to a God who is big enough to take care of every problem.

—Sister Marie Miles

Brother and Sister G. A. Nichols of Louin, Miss. arrived in the Oklahoma City area at the home of their niece on April 1. The following morning Sister Nichols suffered a stroke which paralyzed her voice, right arm and limb. She has put her full trust in the Lord, and in the past two weeks, many prayers have gone up in her behalf. The Lord has blessed in many ways, not permitting another stroke, and enabling her to speak some words. Today (April 17) she is being moved by station wagon to their home near Loranger, La. where she will be close to their daughters, one of whom is Clarice Pruitt, the wife of our son, Byron, and a former worker here at the Lord's Printshop.

Please let all the saints agree together in earnest, fervent prayer for Sister Nichols' complete restoration from this attack, and that the Lord will encourage and strengthen Bro. Nichols and their daughters. This writer can witness that the Lord whom we serve is still the Healer of His people, for he was completely healed of facial paralysis just last autumn. What a mighty God we serve!

—Lawrence Pruitt

Whatever is questionable in your life, in order to remove the question mark, just be honest and say, "Lord, have Thy way."

Meeting Notices

ALL-DAY MEETING NEAR MANSFIELD, MO.

To the saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper: We wish to let you know that, the Lord willing, we will have all-day services at the little chapel eleven miles northwest of Mansfield, Mo., on the corner of Bro. and Sister E. C. Tombleson's farm on the second Sunday in May, which is the 10th day. We invite you to come and be with us. We truly need your prayers.

—E. C. and Carrie Tombleson,
 Darius and Evelyn Gibson

GOSPEL SINGING AT SAPULPA, OKLA.

The gospel singing of the Church of God will be held May 8, 8 p. m. at the Sapulpa Road chapel at Sapulpa, Okla. For further information, contact Bro. Richard Madden, Pastor, Rt. 13, Box 303, Tulsa, Okla.

Campmeeting Dates for 1964

Following are some of the Church of God campmeeting dates for the coming summer. The complete notices for each will appear in later issues.

Tulsa, Okla. Campmeeting at Pine Place and Norfolk Ave.
 —June 5 to 14.

Holly Hill, S. C. Campmeeting — June 5 to 14. Oneal Pratt, Rt. 1, Box 38, Holly Hill, S. C.

Hoffman, Okla., Campmeeting — June 19 to 28.
 General Southern Campmeeting at Hammond, Louisiana.
 —June 26 to July 5.

Oregon Campmeeting at Jefferson, Oregon. — June 26 to July 5.

Fresno, Calif. Campmeeting—June 28 to July 5.

Green Pastures, Okla. Campmeeting — July 10 to 19.

Akron, Ohio Campmeeting — July 10 to 19.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo.
 —July 24 to Aug. 2.

Oklahoma State Campmeeting at Guthrie, Oklahoma.
 —August 7 to 16.

Bakersfield, Calif., Campmeeting — Aug. 7 to 16.

Missouri State Campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo. — Aug. 21-30

California State Campmeeting at Pacoima, California.
 —August 28 to Sept. 6.

Dover, Okla. Campmeeting — Sept. 4 to 14.

A NEW CONGREGATION IN YUBA CITY, CALIF.

Recently God gave us a very nice "upper room," making it possible to hold public services. It has not cost us anything. This was in answer to prayer. The first Sunday we had an all-day meeting, and Bro. and Sister Huskey, Sister Loretta Miles and their two boys, and Mr. Miles' mother were with us from Orland, Calif. God gave us a good day in the Lord.

There are a very few older folks here who are interested in having services. We appreciate every one of them, and are grateful for the times they have been in attendance. They have not always felt able physically to get to meeting. Outside of these few older people, we have no "nucleus," and are starting from the ground up. We need workers very very badly, either or both, preachers and laymen. Yuba City is a growing city of around 13,000 population. There is a great spiritual need

here. There is so much worldliness and formality, as is true in so many places these days. In our immediate area, I do not know of any local group where the old-time glory and fire is in much evidence.

Some contacts have been made, but many more are needed. By the help of God we expect to be faithful to do what we can, as God leads and makes known His will.

Please pray about it, and if God is leading you to this needy but prospective field of labor, we urge you to mind God. We need never to hesitate in the least to trust God to provide, when he is leading.

Your prayers are desired in our behalf. Love and prayers for all the saints,

—R. Floyd Wilson
1439 Wendell Way, Yuba City, Calif.

"SAVE, O SAVE"—WHO WILL GO?

It is time for the evangelistic tent and equipment to be put in service to answer the many calls for gospel meetings in new fields. Calls have already come from Alabama, Oklahoma, and California.

Bro. Curtis Williams of Dayton, Ohio had planned since last summer to work, Lord willing, with the tent this summer, but at present he is seriously afflicted with a throat ailment, and unless the Lord sees fit to heal him he will not be able to preach. The Lord whom we serve is abundantly able to heal him completely, so we are now asking all the saints for an earnest agreement of prayer that God will touch his body with divine healing, and enable him to fulfill the call and burden of his heart in the tent work. The enemy of all souls would like to hinder this evangelistic tent effort, but by faith and perseverance his plans will be defeated.

Now just two or three gospel workers are not sufficient to set up the tent, take it down and move it from place to place, besides the burden of holding the meeting, singing, preaching, etc. There should be a company of at least four or five able-bodied, consecrated, and qualified workers in order for the meetings to be profitable, and that the burden of moving about would not be unbearable. The need is urgent, and God is asking, "Who will go for me?" Souls are perishing for whom Christ died. Are you willing to let one soul say, "No man cared for my soul?" Let us pray fervently, lift up our eyes and get a vision of the fields which are white to harvest.

If you cannot go, or the Lord has not directed you to go, perhaps you can help support financially the worker who does go. This evangelistic tent effort is supported as far as possible through the National Missionary Fund, of which Bro. Ralph Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas, is the treasurer and the tent and equipment are at his home. Please send your free-will offerings directly to him for this purpose.

Efforts are being made now to locate and purchase a suitable trailer house to be used with this equipment, and it should accommodate four or five workers. It is hoped by the blessings of the Lord that the trailer house will be purchased and available for use before another issue of the paper goes out. This item will cost several hundred dollars and since the amount required is not now in the fund, let each of the saints ask the Lord what He would have you to do for this urgent need, and send the contributions to Bro. Beisly at the above address.

Above all, pray earnestly and fervently until all these urgent needs are supplied for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

—Lawrence Pruitt

Apostle Paul is an example of how much a child of God can go through without being cast down in spirit.

MISSIONARY REPORT FROM NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA

Bro. B. U. Etuk, the native minister of the Church of God Mission in Nigeria, Africa, writes under date of April 2 of the arrival of Bro. David Madden from Oklahoma on March 28 "to acquaint himself with the work of the Nigerian Church of God." They all liked him real well, and write that they "wish he could stay on for good to show us the true doctrine which we so much desire."

Bro. Etuk wrote that he had detailed the Mission's field secretary, Bro. Friday Frank Ekpo, to serve Bro. Madden as cook and interpreter. Since the secretary was such a busy man right now, he regretted to inform us that we would not be getting the usual reports for March. However, he promised to bring up a longer report at the end of this month.

Bro. David Madden, a young minister, left Tulsa, Okla. by plane for Lagos, Nigeria, on March 22, going by way of Amsterdam, Holland and Berlin, Germany. Under date of April 2, Bro. Madden wrote us that the Lord gave him a safe journey, and he was glad that he went. He reported that the people were stirred about the doctrines of the Church of God. He writes: "They question me much about our services and the doctrines we teach. I always refer them to texts of the Bible. Where they are not teaching the same as we, they immediately say, we will teach the truth. They admit that they do not know the doctrine well. The harvest is great here. All have given me a good welcome, and will be very much disappointed if Bro. and Sister Ostis Wilson do not come."

Bro. Etuk is supervising 12 or 14 other congregations and Bro. Madden had met several of the pastors and evangelists. He wrote: "They are praying men, burdened for the gospel."

Bro. Madden reported that, on Easter Sunday, over 300 took part in the communion service, and 50 or more sought spiritual help at the altar of prayer. Surely the fields are ripe for the whole truth, even though many denominations are working there to influence the minds and hearts of the people.

Even though the needs are great in that field, Bro. Madden could not remain with them, and he returned to Tulsa on April 12, bringing a good report of the Nigerian work and bright prospects for future expansion.

MORE MISSIONARIES TO LABOR IN NIGERIA

After praying over the matter since last autumn and consulting the feelings of a cross-section of the Church in regard thereto, Bro. and Sister Ostis B. Wilson, ministers of Pacoima, Calif., have felt impressed to make definite plans to go, the Lord willing, to Nigeria, West Africa to labor with the Church of God mission there for a few months. They have already secured their passports, and their application has been made to the Nigerian government for visas to enter that country. They have booked passage by ship, to leave New York on June 9. If their visas arrive in time and the Lord continues to will it so, they will be leaving the States on that date. Their plan is to go cross-country by train or car to New York, and make a number of stops enroute.

Bro. Etuk and the other native gospel workers in Nigeria have been informed of their proposed coming to labor with them, and they are looking forward to their capable assistance with joyful anticipation.

Personally, when word came to us that they were praying about going to Nigeria, I felt that it was a

good sign pointing to an ultimate answer to the many prayers and appeals which have been made for the past two or three years for some one or ones of American gospel workers to go to the aid of the native Nigerian Christians who had gotten a glimpse of the truth as we know it. I have known Bro. and Sister Ostis Wilson for 35 years or more, and recommend them as qualified to represent the Church of God.

Of course, they are going by faith in God for spiritual and material support, and that is a firm footing. To the extent of the resources of the Missionary Fund maintained here at this office, we will be pleased to relay funds from the saints and readers for their support in traveling and on the field, as well as to the home missionaries.

Pray that the guardian angel of the Lord will surround these consecrated missionaries, and that they will be endowed with holy wisdom and anointed in dealing out the truth in order that the work of the Church will be permanently established in Nigeria. May the flame of the missionary spirit catch on to the extent that other gospel workers will seek to enter the open doors in other foreign lands. The command still reads, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

—Lawrence Pruitt

GREETINGS FROM BRO. WAYNE TURNER

My Beloved Friends: To all of you at Faith Publishing House and to the saints around the world, I send greetings of love in the blessed name of our Saviour, Jesus. And I come also with thanks in my heart for the opportunity to write you these few lines—lines that continue praise and thanks to God for His precious love in this world; all that we want, because without God's love for mankind we would have nothing to save us, nothing to look forward to. We do have something, though, to look forward to, and by the grace of God I intend to keep right on looking until I see my Master motioning and calling me Home.

Now, most of you know that last May I was transferred from the parish jail in Amite to the death row part of the State Prison here at Angola, La., and this has been my residence since. The change brought a few disappointments in that the rules here are quite a bit different from what they were in Amite and my writing and visiting were sharply curtailed because of it. State law prohibits visits from anyone other than the immediate family, pastor, and attorneys—and though I am able to write to persons other than my family, it still remains via an approved limit set by the prison, and then only two letters per week. But even with these restrictions I still thank God for the blessings of what He has given me and for the opportunities He has permitted me to be able to write. Also, may I say that this time has been very blessed to me in that my Lord and I have forged a closer bond together and I rather believe this has been His way for my Lord and me to get to know each other better. I have had to lean on Him more and more, and the lesson and knowledge of trusting completely in Him has come about in this little cell to give me added strength to rejoice in. Also I have been able to study and read more and this I have richly enjoyed. While at Amite this was quite hard because there were so many inmates in the cramped quarters and it was always noisy. Although there are many more here at Angola, it is still a bit quieter, enough so to allow quiet study several hours each day, and some days all day. So here again my God and I have drawn closer and the relationship is indeed precious.

Now I would like to express my thanks publicly on two items. The first, to all of you who answered the call for Bibles that are in such great need here at the prison. I do not know the exact number that were sent but it is somewhere over 100. On behalf of myself and the many inmates who will benefit from the Word of God, let me say "Thank you, God bless you." Please also continue to remember the need for Bibles, not only in this prison, but also in other prisons throughout the world, and when you have an extra one, don't let it gather dust but send it to some prison chaplain. It will be deeply appreciated.

I'd also like to send an extra special thank you to the two who are allowed to visit me—Bro. Pinkerton and Bro. Carver, and an added thank you to all who have given of their time and energy to drive Bro. Pinkerton the many miles to the prison. To try to say what these visits mean to me is truly impossible, because the words aren't made that express what my heart feels. When I have been burdened or distressed, these two have been a strength that has brought solace to my heart and soul, and my thanks to God can never be enough. And when I have rejoiced in God they have been here to rejoice with me in prayer and happiness. What a blessing it is and I just want both of you, Bro. Carver and Bro. Pinkerton, and the whole world to know that I love you very much. God bless you.

My family continues to be well and happy. Just before my transfer here to Angola my mother spent eight days with us at Loranger and Hammond. She was able to attend two Sunday services at the jail and what a blessing it was to have her visiting the saints and myself. On leaving to return to Minnesota she said that never before in her life had she seen so much love in one place, and that those eight days were of the happiest she had ever known. Mom, where God is, there you will always find love to overflowing.

Please continue to pray for my family, also my in-laws, my wife and my son. I am sorry to say that shortly after I arrived here my wife filed for a divorce. This came as a blow to me, but through it all God was with me and I am content to leave it in His care. Please pray for my wife, Shirley.

The latest word on my son, Gerald, was that he is growing quite big and talking all the time. He was three years old in February and he lives with Shirley's mother and father in Northern Minnesota. They are wonderful to him and I do thank God so very much for all they have done for him and for me in taking care of Gerald. Burdens at times get quite heavy to carry but as I read recently, "In every burden, the heaviest end is carried by Christ." If He carries the heavy end all the time, surely we can do our part and carry the rest in faith and trust. Thank God, we have someone to help us that we don't carry our burdens alone. How terrible it would be to have no Christ to help us!

As I bring this letter to a close, let me send to all of you my deep thanks and gratitude for your prayers. Please continue to pray for me and for the men here on death row, also that God will speak to the hearts of every lost soul. Someone wrote me some time ago that to be in the presence of Christ and not trust Him is sin. My own personal trust follows the song, "Where He leads me, I will follow," and as we walk the road together, Christ and I, I'll be looking for you along the way. God bless and be with you all is my prayer. (Phil. 1:13)

A Servant of the King,

—Wayne Turner

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TESTIMONIES

Mexico—Dear Sister Marie and saints, heavenly greetings of love to one and all in the sweet and precious name of Jesus: God has been so merciful to us in so many ways and we are so unworthy—for when we have done our best we are still “unprofitable servants.”

We had thought for some time we should send in our testimony for the glory of God, for He has healed so many times and in such marvelous ways. It is past finding out how it can be done with no pain and only a little sword of “FAITH” if used in the right manner, nothing wavering.

This time we wish to tell something that God has done to the body of a very precious dear saint here in Alamo. The first day of March when the folks were gathered for services, here came a dear old sister with the group. I'm sure that if anyone of us had been suffering as she was, we would surely have stayed home. That reminded me of the lesson where Jesus was teaching and the man with the withered hand came to meeting, too, and God did something for him. Well, He did something for Sister Ana Maria, too. Sister Opal Kelly was leading the singing and saw when she came in that she could hardly move as the pain was so great. I had my back to the group and knew nothing of it until the children had gone to the parsonage for their class. We will tell you her affliction and you will know more of the suffering—it is cancer in the breast and it has eaten a big hole in her body. We prayed for her as we helped her to go to the house where we had a fire, and Sister Kelly stopped her service and they had prayer, and she said she felt a little better. Then when we all gathered in the chapel again we had an agreement of prayer, and it seemed the devil had to take a pace back, but before the service was over he had gathered all his forces against us in battle. She was outside, so I told Opal that I would go to the house for a chair that she might sit down a moment and rest, but she said, “You stay, and I will go.” She did, and while she was there, the Lord impressed her to bring some oil. Well, that was something new for us, for we had never anointed anyone before, but by faith we looked to God to search our hearts and stop us if we were out of order. He did not show us, so we read in James the 5th chapter what God did expect of us and those who were sick. We had prayer, anointed her and prayed again. She was some better, but still in much pain, so we suggested to our driver, a very precious unsaved young man, to take her home first and then come back for the other folks, which he did.

That evening when he came home, we took the pickup and went out to their home, about seven miles, and she had gone to bed before we got there. We went to visit with her and she said she was still in pain. We agreed in prayer again and sought the Lord to either heal her or take her on, for the pain was so severe that it seemed more than she could bear much longer.

We came home and prayed throughout the night, still seeking the Lord to remember His child, for we feel that she is living to all the light that she has. Monday we went back again and she was a little better. Then on Tuesday we went to see her and to tell her that we would not be back on Wednesday, as we had to go to Ensenada to buy our passports for the next six months. When we got there on Tuesday the news that we received was heavenly music. God had taken away all the pain and she was able to move her arm in any direction that she wished and there was no pain. Thanks be to God, for hearing and delivering this His child in such an hour of suffering!

I have always been short of faith so far as praying for these people, for often when we have entreated the Lord to touch a body, in a very short time that same person was on the way to the witch doctor. If they did not get relief that very moment, they were gone. This was a real challenge to us and we do thank the Lord that we took it and won a great victory over the devil.

We send thanks to each one who has been especially remembering the work here in Baja, California, and carrying a burden for us. Continue to remember us and we are sure that the reward shall be great in that last day.

Your servant in the Lord,

—Ruby Marken

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Missouri—To the dear Saints of God, greetings in the precious name of our Lord:

I wish to testify through the “Faith and Victory” paper how the Lord has undertaken for the healing of my body. It seemed to me I had a light stroke. The Lord has answered prayer, though I am very weak in my body yet, but I am slowly improving. I thank the Lord for being so good to me.

I want to thank one and all for the nice birthday cards, get-well cards, also good things to eat. Continue to pray the Lord will give me added strength to my body and keep me encouraged to the end of the way.

May the Lord bless each one for your deeds of love to me.

Your sister in Christ,

—Mrs. A. J. Sorrell

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Calif.—To all the dear Saints: I send greetings of love and wish to take this means of thanking the many saints who have been so faithful to pray for me during my affliction and have written many encouraging letters and cards. I am grateful to those whose concern was great enough to put aside their food in a day of fasting and prayer for my healing. How I do thank God for family of God, and the love He has given us one for the other.

I thank and praise God for sustaining grace through every battle and how He has given me such wonderful peace and victory in my soul in the affliction. My husband and I have both been drawn closer to God than ever before in our lives. We are thankful for all of God's dealings with us and His mercy toward us.

The people of God are surely a tested and tried and proven people. We count it a privilege to be one of them. Had we no tests or trials, we could have no victories. As Paul said in Rom. 8:37, “In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.” What is “more” than a conqueror? One who has not only won the victory, but also through the battle has been drawn nearer to God; his love for God increasing as he more fully realizes it is all through the mercy of “Him that loved us,” nothing in ourselves.

Over two years ago the Lord witnessed to my soul that it was His plan to heal me when His purpose had been accomplished. That purpose that was known to me has been fulfilled and we sought God for deliverance from the affliction, but even now with the prayer, “nevertheless, not as I will but as thou wilt,” submitting to the great wisdom of God. Though still in affliction, I am thanking and praising God now for the healing that will come. I have been especially blessed by the word of God in Heb. 10:35-38, “Cast not away your confidence, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. For yet a little while and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith, and if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.”

My heart's desire is that God may be honored and glorified by my life. He has done so much for me.

—Ruthe Taylor

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Okla.—Dear Sister Marie and Bro. Lawrence, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I thank the dear Lord for His true people. I used to read the "Gospel Trumpet" back in 1903 and 1904 and until that compromise came. I think the first "Faith and Victory" paper I remember that came my way was in 1933, so we have been reading the "Faith and Victory" ever since. I thank the dear Lord for it, as I look forward each month for the paper. I am not able to do what I desire to do for the dear Lord, but He knows my heart. Find enclosed \$1.00 for a three-year subscription to send the paper to . . .

With Christian love, —Sister Lillie B. Hood

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La.—Greetings to the Saints at the print shop and the Saints abroad: I love the Lord and have a greater desire to press on and live for him every day. I know I can live above the sins of this world with the Holy Ghost dwelling in my heart to teach me how to live.

I am pressed in the spirit to write and testify to the healing of my grandson who was so ill in January and February. He got an infection in his blood stream. I wrote in to you and asked prayer for him. I am sure that the prayer of faith had healed him, for the doctor said that a case like his was seldom ever healed. I give God the praise and all the glory. Bless His holy name! Even the doctor said it wasn't what they did; it was the goodness of the Lord that He spared the baby.

We know all our efforts would fail if God were left out. We are too weak alone. We can't make the seeds germinate and can't make the flowers bloom, and so many other things we see around us. That is God's handiwork. We see the finger of God in all the good things in this world.

May we all look to Him for all things, most of all, the salvation of our souls, knowing He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him. I praise His name forever.

A sister in Jesus Christ, —Mrs. J. E. Purvis

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Kentucky—You will find enclosed \$1.00. Please send me the paper for three years. It is a very good paper. When I read it, it brings back memories of how good the "Gospel Trumpet" was thirty, forty, fifty, and sixty years ago but now they have changed the name of it and those good testimonies are not in it. I love to read the testimonies of the saints of God in your paper. Keep the good paper coming. We trust it will bless many souls around the world. There are not many papers that print the truth any more.

Yours in Christ, L. J. Ruggles

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Mo.—In Jesus' dear name we greet all our holy brothers and sisters: We are so happy to report victory in our souls and perfect trust in the dear Lord, and how He takes care of us in our old age through every test. We are thankful for the love and encouragement we received through His dear saints of late on our 80th birthdays—Brother John Wilson's on the 29th of March and mine the 1st day of April. We received so many cards and several gifts. We can't answer them all so we take this opportunity to thank every one who remembered us. May God richly bless you. We do truly thank you. It encouraged our hearts and we love all God's children so dearly. Hold on, dear ones, God will surely see you through. As two old soldiers we can speak from ex-

perience. He has never failed, and we know He never will. Praise His name forever and ever.

—Brother and Sister John W. and Essie Wilson

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Florida—Dear Saints scattered abroad: I'm so happy in the Lord and thank Him for delivering me from the erroneous group here. I stand alone, yet not alone, for the Lord is with me all the way. I feel so free now. Jesus said in John 8:32, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." I know the truth and am free to worship God aright.

I do have many tests. Pray that God will bring me through with victory. The Lord is blessing in a great way. I've been inspired to have service on the street on Saturday afternoons. I've done it for two Saturdays, which is one way of getting the message of God to some lost souls, also through the humble Sunday School with the children.

How I feast on the Word of God and the wonderful messages in letters from Sister and Brother Gibson, Sister Bowers, Sister Miles and Bro. Pruitt. I'm so happy for all the dear saints and want to thank each of you for your faithful prayers to the Lord, for I feel that you are praying for me.

Please pray much that the Lord will send conviction to the hearts of my children, for none of them are saved yet. Also pray that souls will be saved and delivered here. Pray that I ever teach and practice the wonderful truths recorded in the word of God and that He will grant me holy boldness to declare His whole counsel.

Yours in loving service, —Mrs. Mattie B. Savage

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Dear Saints, greetings of love in our Saviour's name: I want to make a report on Bro. Wayne Turner who is in the State prison at Angola, La. On March 19, 1964 I visited him and found him encouraged and deepening down in the Lord. He had a sore toe for a long time and the Lord completely healed it which made him rejoice and praise to fill his heart.

I had in mind to visit Bro. Wayne today (April 11) but because of illness in my own body I could not go. If the Lord is willing, I'll go on Wednesday, April 15, 1964. Please pray for my complete healing.

The parish jail services at Amite, La. are continuing with good interest and the Lord is blessing in this work, for which we are thankful.

Continue to pray for our Brother Turner in bonds that he might keep encouraged and keep deepening down in the Lord. The United States Supreme Court granted a new hearing on Bro. Wayne's case, to be heard this fall. Remember this matter when you pray. God bless each of you.

Your brother in Christ, —E. B. Pinkerton

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Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt: The Lord has laid it on my heart to write my testimony. I was with the Gospel Trumpet movement and a young preacher. The Lord revealed to me one day that that was not the Church of God. I came to know that the Church of God must be sanctified, holy and without spot or wrinkle. Something within me told me to get out from that place and go where the true people are living for God. God's will is that all Christians come out of whatever sect they are in and stand in the truth. It is not enough to know the truth, but in knowing it, we must live it. Otherwise, we are not members of the true Church. God is more interested in quality than He is in quantity. Having the right name and doctrine is no sure sign of spiritual life, for the many sect churches have gone to sleep in false security upon certain principles. The right name and

doctrine must be accompanied by right living if God's approval is to be upon a congregation. Sardis, of Asia, had a name but the living Christ said, "I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead" (Rev. 3:1).

Pray for your brother, —Adolph Robinson

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Kentucky—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence, consecrated workers at the Lord's Print Shop, saints and readers of this gospel paper everywhere: We send greetings of divine love to each one in Jesus' sweet and precious name. We are rejoicing today in our Saviour's love, and praising Him for this great salvation. The joys thereof are flooding my soul today. Praise the Lord! I'm so glad the God we love and serve is also a God of HEALING. Many folks today say the day of miracles and healing of the sick are past. I can't understand how it is that folks who have felt the power of God in lifting the load of sin from their heart and setting their captive souls free, do not believe the same power of God can heal their fever-stricken and pain-ridden bodies. But praise the Lord, He is just the same today! I'm glad I have found it so.

To you who knew of my recent illness, and who prayed for my healing, know this also that your prayers were heard and answered, for God has once again healed my body as He has oftentimes before during the nearly thirty years I have been saved and trusting Him. For 17 days I suffered with the flu and complications—deep strangling cough, sore throat, hoarseness, fever, pains, soreness in my chest and lower part of my body, so severe that for two days and nights I could not breathe deeply nor stand upright for the pain. One might ask, "Did you not PRAY?" Surely, we prayed; many, many times we prayed. But what saith the Word of God in Rom. 8:28? "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

I felt impressed to call the saints at Guthrie and ask to be remembered in prayer the next day, which was a special day of fasting and praying for the sick and for the many requests that come to that office. The telephone booth is one-half mile from our house. When we returned home, my condition grew much worse. Fever was high, breathing laborous and short, then my arms became numb and my fingers stiff. It was a laborous task, getting ready for bed. You see, the enemy knew we had called for help and he was making his last stand. But that song kept coming to my mind, "He will not fail me now," and praise God, He didn't. Husband rubbed my arms and we called on God, resisted and rebuked the enemy, and in a few minutes my body became relaxed and I soon fell asleep. Coughing through the night was less severe, and by morning all the fever was gone—only the soreness remained. I knew God had given me a touch and He would complete the healing. The next morning was Good Friday. When I awoke, ALL PAIN and SORENESS were completely gone. Husband and I rejoiced and praised God together. Indeed, what a mighty God we serve! I cleaned my house and did a two-weeks' washing as though I had never been ill.

Saturday was a cool, rainy day and I was not out much. But Easter Sunday morning we felt impressed to visit some sick folks and isolated ones in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. As we rolled along over those crooked roads our hearts did magnify and praise the Lord. Later in the day we visited other isolated saints. God blessed our visit and we returned home past the midnight hour feeling no ill effects, even though we had traveled over 400 miles and the last 100 were over

snowy and icy roads. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord, saith my soul.

The Apostle Paul teaches us in everything to give thanks. I'm surely thanking God for this recent experience. It has drawn me closer to Him. I have searched my life in the light of His Word, and I have learned some precious lessons. I have renewed my consecration to God and to His service and shall endeavor to love Him more and serve Him better. I'm also thanking God for His dear people. Of the multitude of souls in this old sinful world, God has a holy remnant, a people who live free from sin, who can, and do move God to come to the rescue in the time of need; a people who completely trust Him for all things, a people who live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world and love not their lives unto death. I thank God for the privilege to be one of them.

Among the things I have learned through this illness was that of giving our reasonable service. There are times when our bodies are tired and weary, and we are much in need of physical rest. But realizing the time is short in which to work for God and help precious souls, we go beyond our strength. We have been traveling in the Lord's work most all winter. Also, last November we made a trip to the Jefferson, Oregon Assembly meeting and continued to Washington and California—a trip of nearly seven thousand miles.

While we were at the Guthrie, Okla. Assembly meeting the Lord impressed husband to go to Holly Hill, South Carolina, and have some Bible study services. We went in February and before we told the saints our burden, the pastor said he had been praying for God to send someone to teach His people more about the beautiful Church of God. We were glad God sent us there. Several testified they had learned much indeed from the Bible study and the preaching which followed. We felt led to go to Hammond, La. from there. That was a three-days' journey. The Lord blessed in a good meeting at Hammond for one week. It was a meeting for the church and exhortation for the saints to draw closer to God. We were home from that 3,000-mile trip two days when we went to Dayton, Ohio for their 2nd Sunday all-day meeting. We were so glad we did, for there were several of the dear saints from Michigan there whom we had not seen for a long time. The Lord blessed in an ordinance meeting, also, the preaching was rich and encouraging. It was from there I came home sick. Yes, I have learned some precious lessons and I expect to profit thereby. Pray for us.

Yours for a clean Christian life,

Mrs. S. E. (Armilda) Abbott,
R. R. 3, Box 41, Somerset, Ky.

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of great love to you in Jesus' name. 'Tis the sweetest name here on earth below. I'm learning more and more the great privilege we have to call in His name in confidence and receive the needed benefits. And in order to come in His name, we have to live to Col. 3:17 that all we do will be in His name, not ours. This is such a great life! Oh, the sweetness and rest, but we surely can't coast along in the least degree of carelessness and live as God's Word demands. I am so glad the Lord teaches us as we go along the way many lessons if we are willing to learn, and will open our hearts and keep them open. I do appreciate God's many, many blessings to us.

Sometimes we say, "Prayer changes things"; I'm learning more and more that praise changes things, too. If the saints everywhere could learn better that we are in this world for one purpose and that is to live for His

glory (Isa. 43:7) and ever seek to do that, also learn better Rom. 8:28, 29 and submit to God's dealings, permitting all things to conform us more and more to the likeness of Christ in humility, meekness, submissiveness, etc., ever doing God's will from the heart, I'm sure we would see greater blessings on the people of God. We are living in the times that God speaks of in His Word in Matt. 24:12. I'm endeavoring to examine myself every day and see to it that, above all things, God's love doesn't wax cold in my heart. For surely we are living in perilous times. It's so plain to see when the love of God waxes cold, and people of God become lukewarm, in a condition to be spued out of God's mouth. (Rev. 3:16). Then instead of being conformed to the image of God's Son, they begin to conform to this old world. I'm endeavoring by God's great help to receive abundance of grace (Rom. 5:17) for every need and follow dear Bro. Pruitt's example as he stated and live in readiness at all times, keeping heaven in view over all things and trials of this life.

I am praying for you dear ones there.

Yours in His service, —LaVerne Manuel

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Indiana—Dear Ones at the Print Shop: I am enclosing three dollars to be used for the work or wherever you feel it is needed most.

I still enjoy my "Faith and Victory" paper and the good testimonies. While praying for others, add me to your list. I was reading Sister Jennie Still's testimony and how the Lord healed her sore throat. At the same time I had a sore throat and fever. I could hardly swallow. It seemed my throat was closing up. It was two weeks before I could swallow without pain. I do thank the Lord for healing my throat and for that good testimony. It encouraged me very much. How faithful and good the Lord is to us!

May the Lord continue to bless the work and each worker is my prayer.

—Sister Ione Strebeg

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Illinois—Dear Ones in Christ: I am sending you \$2.50 for my "Faith and Victory" paper. I can't thank you enough for that paper. It is food for my soul. I can hardly wait until the month is over so I can get the paper again. I enjoy the whole contents of the paper, but those testimonies seem to come from Spirit-filled saints of God. Oh, my heart is just bubbling over with thanks and praises to God.

You see, I have trusted God for my healing for thirty-three years—ever since God saved and healed me of double pneumonia. Later he healed me of heart trouble, a tumor and many other troubles. I have had many afflictions in these thirty-three years, but God healed me of them all. I never took any medicine, and God blessed me to rear six lovely children. Nowadays I don't see many truly and fully trusting God for their healing. It makes me feel sometimes that I am alone. But thank God for you people.

God has called me to the ministry, and I feel He wants to work through me to strengthen the saints' faith in healing. Pray much for me as I yield to God.

Your sister in Christ, —Rosalee Harris

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Oklahoma—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am writing to ask you to please agree with me in prayer for a very urgent special request that I am praying for. I desire the prayers of the saints, also. I believe the dear Lord will answer prayer for this request if it is according to His will.

You said in your letter when I wrote you for an anointed cloth for my arm that the ministers agreed

that the Lord would do something special for me, and you believed that He would. Truly the dear Lord did do something special for me. I got a blessing from my broken arm. I am doing fine now. My arm is almost well.

Your sister in the Lord, —Mrs. S. Williams

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior: Truly our hearts are full of praise and thanksgiving. The Lord means so much to us.

We feel it is time to tell what God has done for us. We first want to thank the saints everywhere that prayed for us in our time of need. God surely heard and answered prayer. We are writing concerning the affliction that was on our little boy, Michael, ten years old. Back in October Michael began to show signs of limping and being very tired. He could hardly go. I talked to his teacher in school and the teacher said he wasn't doing well, that he would sit and stare into space so much of the time and couldn't concentrate on his work. We prayed about what to do as he was getting so weak. When he would come home from school he would lie across his bed and cry, as he was so tired. We felt we needed to take him out of school. In order to do that we had to have a slip from a doctor stating that he wasn't able to be in school. We took him to be examined and the doctor said he had had brain fever, had a tumor on the brain and a central nerve problem. He wanted us to put him right in the hospital to have more tests made. I told the doctor we trusted in God for our healing. He told me we were not being fair to the child by not doing something. I told him that Michael knew nothing but to trust the Lord, but if he wanted us to do something else, we would. He wanted to trust God. We began to search our lives and see if it was for us. Surely God blessed us and comforted our hearts. Never at any time were we afraid. We only said "Let God's will be done."

About a week and a half before our California Assembly meeting, he grew so much worse. He couldn't walk without dragging his right leg. His whole right side became almost useless to him. It even started affecting his mind. The doctor had called to see if we wouldn't change our minds, and when I told him of Michael's condition he said, "Well, it's already too late to do anything." I told him we weren't discouraged, that I knew God was able to heal him and He would, if it was His will to do so.

We took Michael to the meeting and God healed him. Praise His precious name! He has grown stronger from that time forward. We knew we would have to take him back to the doctor before we put him in school. I took him back on March 16 and the same doctor that had said there was no hope before, now said that he was in perfect health. Oh, we have so much to be thankful for! God has power over all sickness. When the doctor completed a thorough examination of Michael, he said, "Well, I could have been mistaken about his condition the first time." I said, "No, I know God healed him." He admitted it was possible but he didn't want to talk about it. He finally said that he could have outgrown it. I just told him, "Doctor, God is the one that healed him." Surely people today don't want to give God the glory for what He does.

Pray for us as we want to be found doing the Lord's will at all times.

—Bob and Margaret Stover

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Mexico—Dear Anna Marie and all: I am glad to report victory in my soul today. I have intended to write

my testimony for some time but it seems we are always busy. Before I left for home, I was teaching school five days a week and helping in El Alamo on Sundays which kept me quite busy, and since I have returned my place of continual labor has been changed to El Alamo. I have been busier than ever. I am laboring here with Sister Ruby Marken. When I first returned I felt the loss of some of my Spanish, as when I left Mexico at Christmas time I didn't know I was going home, so took nothing that would keep my Spanish in use. Not using it in conversation caused me quite a loss, but I am grateful to the Lord for returning to me what I had lost and adding more, which seemed so necessary. These things were brought to my mind clearly by the Lord Himself, overnight. He is so good to us.

Ever since the week I first arrived in Mexico, the Lord has enabled me to lead the congregational singing in Spanish, and since my return has added to my duties the teaching of the children and the young people's class on Sundays. Then this week was my first attempt at teaching the Bible Study on Wednesday nights. By keeping my heart open to reproof and correction, also greater light on the truths of His Word, lingering before the Lord much in prayer and supplication, I find the Lord always present and willing to help me in doing those things He has sent me to do. All of you please pray for me that I will remain pliable in His hands and be a vessel to His honor and glory.

We had a precious all-day meeting here in El Alamo in commemoration of Jesus' Resurrection, with at least 90 in attendance from here and some from surrounding communities. We had Sunday School and preaching services in the morning with Brother Tomas Mendoza preaching on the Resurrection. Five sought help at the altar for their souls. Beans and tortillas were served to all in attendance after the morning meeting. Then a second service was held in the afternoon with Brother Harland Smith preaching on adultery and two more found their way to the altar for help in their souls. Please pray that all who sought help will be able to stand in this evil day and keep God precious to their hearts and lives. After the afternoon meeting there was a healing service for those needing help in their bodies. All in all, it was a memorable day for all, in the Lord.

Remember all the workers on the field as well as those who are commuting on week-ends, and especially remember the many lost souls in this country.

We will continue to pray for the work on the States' side.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Opal Kelly

BIBLE STUDY

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May 3, 1964

CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES IN EARNING A LIVING

Printed Portion Luke 12:22-31; 1 Thess. 4:10b-12

Luke 12:22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on.

23 The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.

24 Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth

them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?

25 And which of you with taking thought can add to his stature one cubit?

26 If ye then be not able to do that thing which is least, why take ye thought for the rest?

27 Consider the lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say unto you, that Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more will he clothe you, O ye of little faith?

29 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.

30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things.

31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.

1 Thess. 4:10b But we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

12 That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.

Memory Verse: And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. Col. 3:23.

Practical Truth: Food for the soul is more important than food for the body.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

The verses preceding our lesson tell the parable of the rich farmer and was summarized by Jesus in these words: "So is he [a fool] that layeth up treasures for himself, and is not rich toward God" (verse 21). Jesus had given this teaching to a large crowd on covetousness. Our lesson now begins with Jesus saying to the disciples, "take no thought for your life." The purpose of every person in life should be caring for one's soul. It should be fed and be kept ready to meet God. Jesus wanted them to have faith in God and to know that if He cared for the birds of the air and caused the lilies to bloom that He would care for them. When a person worries, he is not trusting. If he is trusting, he is not worrying. God will take care of all those who will truly, from the heart, "Seek first the kingdom of God."

God expects His children to work. They are to labor in an honest occupation that does not conflict with the teaching of God's word or will not hinder their souls' growth in God. Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work" (John 5:17). He worked as a boy in his father's carpenter shop and as he grew up he worked in the vineyard of the Lord. He was busy healing the sick, cleansing the lepers and raising the dead to life again. God put Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden to dress it and keep it. God does not want anyone to be lazy.

May 10, 1964

(Mother's Day)

RIGHT USE OF TIME

Printed Portion Matt. 6:33; Mark 6:30-32; 1 Cor. 6:12-13a; 19, 20; Titus 3:3; Phil. 4:8

Matt. 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Mark 6:30 And the apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they had taught.

31 And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest awhile: for there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat.

32 And they departed into a desert place by ship privately.

1 Cor. 6:12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

13a Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them.

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Titus 3:3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

Phil. 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Memory Verse: Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 1 Cor. 10:31

Practical Truth: Do not do anything you would not want to be doing when Jesus comes.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

This moment we know we are here but we do not know if we will be here the next moment. Today we live and tomorrow we may be gone. We cannot know just how long we will be here in this life. God has given us this moment. We need to use our time wisely. We need to do the most important things first. Our lesson tells us that seeking God is the most important thing in life, i. e., putting the work of God first in our lives. We need to be ready at all times to meet our God.

Jesus is an example in what He did with His time. He had a great call and commission. He filled His mission in life in about three and one-half years. But we also notice that He took time to rest. He called His disciples to come apart with Him in the desert and rest awhile. Then we read where He sat on Jacob's well to rest. God has given us our bodies, the temple of the Holy Ghost, in which to live. God expects us to take care of these bodies. We are not our own but are bought with a great price. It cost the innocent blood of Jesus to redeem us from sin. God will make time for us to do the things that He wants us to do if we will prayerfully seek His face.

Our thinking will govern our time. We are to think on things true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of a good report. We should not waste time in building air castles, but should study to show ourselves approved of God. When we were in sin we followed divers lusts and pleasures but we cannot do that now. There is a great blessing upon those who do all they do to the glory of God.

May 17, 1964

ALCOHOL IN A COMPLEX SOCIETY

Printed Portion Romans 13:12b-14; Rom. 14:13-21

Rom. 13:12b Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light.

13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.

14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

15 But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of.

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

20 For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure; but it is evil for that man who eateth with offence.

21 It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

Memory Verse: Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise. Proverbs 20:1.

Practical Truth: It is said that one out of thirteen who drink become an alcoholic. Make a decision not to take the first drink.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson begins with the admonition to "cast off the works of darkness" which are rioting, drunkenness, chambering, wantonness, strife, and envying for these things bring sorrow, heartache, and remorse; not only to the person who is doing such things, but also to others whose lives are affected by him. The many dives of sin today are full of corruption that is leading souls down to a devil's hell. There is something better in life here in this world. There is a clean, pure joy that comes from God that will fill the darkened heart of each one who is living such a life, if he will only "cast off" such a life of sin and call upon the Lord for salvation. God will help him to "put on the armour of light" which is Jesus Christ, who is "righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

The 14th chapter of Romans is dealing with the Jew and Gentile Christian. The Jew Christian felt an obligation to keep the Passover feast in remembrance of how God delivered them from Egypt. The Gentile did not feel any importance of such a feast. Then the Jew felt certain meats were unclean. Paul is trying to get the two to be tolerant with each other until light should come to them. The change-over from the law and acceptance of the gospel was a big change for the Jew. Today the Lord wants us to be tolerant with those who are newly come to the faith. We will be held accountable if we put a stumbling block in our brother's way. God has called us all to peace. We are bound only by God's Word and not by the ideas of others.

May 24, 1964

THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO GOVERNMENT

Printed Portion Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 4:12-16

Rom. 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.

5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

6 For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

1 Pet. 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you;

13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

Memory Verse: And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's. Luke 20:25.

Practical Truth: We are to obey all laws that are the same as God's laws.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

God expects each one of us to obey the laws of the land as long as they do not violate any principle laid down in the Word of God. God's law is above the laws of the land. Jesus tells us not to fear those who will kill the body but to fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell (Matt. 10:28). It is not true that "every man has his price," but we know that many wicked men are ruling today. Corrupt men are being elected because the world is becoming more corrupt. Our government will not be better.

We are to pay taxes according to the laws under which we live. In the days of Jesus, the Jews were under the Roman government. They had to pay taxes to that government and Jesus taught them to do so.

The Romans worshipped the false gods and when famines, earthquakes, etc., came upon them they blamed the Christians for making their gods angry because they did not worship them. The Christians suffered severe persecutions and thousands were killed.

Today we are and will suffer many things because we follow the lowly Lamb of God. We want to be sure

that we are not suffering for our own mistakes or because of sin. God will bless all who suffer for His name's sake. When we are absent from this body we are present with the Lord. It is better to be present with the Lord (2 Cor. 5:6-8).

May 31, 1964

GOD AND THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD

Printed Portion Amos 2:4-7; Acts 17:24-26

Amos 2:4 Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have despised the law of the Lord, and have not kept his commandments, and their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked:

5 But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

6 Thus saith the Lord; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes;

7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to profane my holy name:

Acts 17:24 God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

25 Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation.

Memory Verse: Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. Prov. 14:34.

Practical Truth: Many will suffer when a nation forgets God.

COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

In our lesson we have two of God's men delivering a message to peoples of different ages. We notice God takes note of all that goes on in this world. Nothing is hid from Him. The prophet, Amos, in the unprinted part of the book of Amos delivered God's judgment on six pagan nations that bordered the land of the Israelites. In our lesson he includes Judah who has sinned against God and is to be punished. They had "despised the law of the Lord and have not kept his commandments." God was going to send fire which meant that an army would destroy their homes and break down their walls. This did come true more than a hundred years later.

Today God is permitting nations to exist, but judgment will come to each one. When they each have filled up their "cup of iniquity" they will fall. God is being grieved as He looks down upon our own nation. Many are forgetting God and turning away from the Bible. Punishment is sure to come to our own land.

All men originated from one blood, which was Adam. The different races is also the work of God. Nothing just happens, but God is ruling and permits what is to be (Deut. 32:8; Daniel 4). God made the world and all that is in it. God can get along without us but we cannot get along without Him. —Sister Marie Miles