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### Happy New Year of 1967



Happy New Year! Holy greetings,  
To one and all around;  
The wheels of time are rolling,  
And a new year we have found.

And we are truly thankful;  
And thankful we should be,  
That God has spared us  
Another year to see.

The old year now has faded  
Into eternal night.  
The new year stands before us  
As a bright and shining light.

We know the time is precious,  
And life is but a span;  
And so we shall endeavor  
To do the best we can.

To help some wayworn pilgrim  
Traveling o'er life's road,  
To lose his heavy burden,  
And be at rest with God.

If we should go before this year  
Has made its final run,  
Oh, may we hear the Master say,  
"My faithful child, well done!"  
—Ulysses Phillips

### The Incomparable Christ!



More than nineteen hundred years ago there was a man born contrary to the laws of life. This man lived in poverty and was reared in obscurity. He did not travel extensively. Only once did He cross the boundary of the country in which He lived; that was during His exile in childhood.

He possessed neither wealth nor influence. His relatives were inconspicuous, and had neither training nor formal education.

In infancy He startled a king; in childhood He puzzled doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature, walked upon the billows as if pavements, and hushed the sea to sleep.

He healed the multitudes without medicine and made no charge for His service.

He never wrote a book, and yet all the libraries of the country could not hold the books that have been written about Him.

He never wrote a song, and yet He has furnished the theme for more songs than all the songwriters combined.

He never founded a college, but all the schools put together cannot boast of having as many students.

He never marshalled an army, nor drafted a soldier, nor fired a gun; and yet no leader ever had more volunteers who have, under His orders, made more rebels stack arms and surrender without a shot fired.

He never practiced psychiatry, and yet He has healed more broken hearts than all the doctors far and near.

Once each week the wheels of commerce cease their turning and multitudes wend their way to worshipping assemblies to pay homage and respect to Him.

The names of the past proud statesmen of Greece and Rome have come and gone. The names of the past scientists, philosophers, and theologians have come and gone, but the name of this Man abounds more and more. Though time has spread nineteen hundred years between the people of this generation and the scene of His crucifixion, yet He still lives. Herod could not destroy Him, and the grave could not hold Him.

He stands upon the highest pinnacle of heavenly glory, proclaimed of God, acknowledged by angels, adored by saints, and feared by devils, as the living personal Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

We are either going to be forever with Him, or forever without Him. It was the incomparable Christ who said: "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).  
—Selected

## Satan Binds, But Jesus Sets Free

Dear unsaved friends, today I am certain that the Lord wants me to tell you about the great deliverance that Jesus came to bring to you, how He wants to set you free. Please read Psalms 102: 19, 20. The dear Lord looked down upon poor lost souls who were bound in sin and sent Jesus to deliver them. Read also Isaiah 42:7. He came to bring out the prisoners from the prison house—the prison house of sin. You may never have been in a literal prison, but if you are in sin you are in the worst kind of prison, and you are bound there by the enemy of your soul—the devil. You can only be freed by the great love and power of Jesus. These prophecies of Jesus were given before He came to earth. Then read what a great thing He came to do in Luke 4:18. Oh, how wonderful that He came to heal the broken-hearted and set the captives free! Matt. 4:16 tells us the people saw great light and to those who sat in the region and shadow of death, light had sprung up. Oh, yes, help had come for them. And, dear ones, there is help for you. Now you may be bound in sin and cannot see a way out. The devil will try to keep you bound. He doesn't want you to be free. But Jesus came to set you free.

You may feel that no one cares for you. You may be a sad, miserable creature, but Jesus cares. His children all care. Jesus suffered for you. He wore the crown of thorns, He was cruelly mistreated, and at last was nailed to the cross. Yes, dear ones, you can have salvation. You can have a joy and peace that only Jesus can give to you. Turn from sin, repent, be sorry that you have sinned, confess your sins to Jesus, seek Him with all your heart and He will be found of you. Don't delay, but give your heart to Jesus before it is too late. Now listen to His broad invitation: "Come unto me, **ALL** ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matt. 11:28.

May God bless every reader is my prayer.

By one who loves your souls, —Becky Barnes

## Jesus Is the Same Healer Today

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." Heb. 13:8. What a glorious and wonderful declaration made by the Apostle Paul! Jesus, the Son of God, healed when He walked the shores of Galilee and He is just the same today and will be the same forever. Jesus was full of compassion and love for all mankind. When the two blind men cried unto Him, the Bible says, "So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes." Matt. 20:34. "All they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him: ... and [He] healed them." Luke 4:40. Does your faith take it in? Is Jesus Christ the same today? Yes, Jesus is the same today and will be the same forever. Thank God! Jesus has told us, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matt. 21:22. Oh, dear ones, you receive by just simply believing. We don't have to strain or feel that faith is something

so far away and so hard to grasp, but just take Jesus at His Word. When we pray, just believe and then count it done, just receive it. Take your burden to the Lord and leave it there.

My daughter-in-law was sick. Our little granddaughter, Cindy, who is two and a half years old, went to the bed and asked, "Mamma, are you sick?" Her mother told her that she was. Cindy said, "I'll pray for you." She got down with her face in her hands and asked Jesus to heal her mother. When she got through, she told her mother to get up now, that Jesus had made her well. She kept on until her mother did get up, and she was much better and went about her work. Jesus has said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whoso therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 18:3, 4. We need to become children in our asking. When we ask, we need to believe it is done.

On Tuesday, Dec. 6th, my daughter-in-law called and told me that Lonnie was crying, suffering with his side. She had told me the night before that he complained with his side and had some fever. On Tuesday she said he had vomited and had fever. He was so sick, and his right side was swollen down low. We feared that it was appendicitis. It touched us so much that we wept. We called the workers here at the office together for an agreement of prayer. She said they would be praying, too. Little Cindy really prayed, she told me later. After prayer I felt comforted, and in an hour I went over to see her, which was at noon. Lonnie was dressed and up, going about smiling. Cindy said, shaking her head up and down, with her eyes looking bright, "Jesus healed Lonnie." Bertha said that he quit crying after prayer and the swelling went down on his side and his fever broke. He dressed. He wanted something to eat and he ate while I was there. He had not eaten since noon the day before. His side still looked red and puffed some, but he was dressed and was up and around. It has been tender for the last few days, but he has never cried again with pain. The Lord performed a miracle. He looks well now.

Last night (Dec. 8) Bertha called me and said that Don had come home from school crying with a headache. (Don took the mumps the day before Thanksgiving. He didn't suffer much with them and had gone back to school.) She said that his neck was swollen on both sides and he was having a chill. His temperature was over 102. I went over and all of us knelt and had prayer. The children prayed, too. Later I talked to some of the saints and asked them to remember him. Within a couple hours I called her to see about him. She said the Lord had touched him and he wanted something to eat after I left, and ate well. He said his head had quit hurting. She had taken his temperature and it was normal. He had sat up and played a little game with his sister. His neck was still swollen some, but we did thank the Lord for all he had done so quickly. We know that a relapse of the mumps is a serious thing, but

we know, too, that our "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." Thank God! We are expecting God to continue to take care of it all.

I count it a great privilege to trust God for the healing of my body. God has done miracles for me. He has been my healer all of my life. I have never even taken an aspirin in my life. Only God is to be praised because He has healed me of many, many things. He healed my boys of many diseases as we trusted Him to do so. He healed them of typhoid fever and all the children's diseases, as we didn't take them to a doctor. One of my sons had polio and couldn't walk for a few days, but God healed him. Now God is healing my grandchildren. My heart is filled with praise and adoration for my precious Jesus who is the same yesterday, today and forever.

—Sister Marie Miles

### The Land of the Living

In Psalm 116:9 we find this declaration of faith: "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living." Certainly it is a wonderful state to be in the land of the living. In the verse before this we find the writer's testimony of being delivered from death. This was the cause of his partaking of life. The Lord had delivered his soul from death; therefore he could walk before Him in the land of the living. He also mentioned how the Lord had delivered his eyes from tears, and his feet from falling. Because his feet were thus delivered from falling, he could walk. Because his eyes were thus delivered from tears, He could walk before the Lord (his sorrow being because of separation from God). And because his soul had been delivered from death, he could walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

We would like to define the expression "the land of the living" as the realm of life and peace in the favor of God. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4:4. The land of the living is the state of one's heart in fellowship with the law and nature of Almighty God. "In Him we live, and move, and have our being." Acts 17:28. To be "in Him" we must be in accord with His precepts and commandments, and possess His Spirit within us. This is made possible through the sacrifice of His Son "who hath abolished death and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." (2 Tim. 1:10.) His Son was Jesus of Nazareth, who said as recorded in John 6:57, "As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me." It was also spoken of him in Hebrews 5:7-9, "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him [His Father, God] that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared [God heard Him and granted Him power over death because of His uprightness and integrity of heart and life]; though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; and being made perfect, He became the author

of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." Jesus lived of the Father through obedience to the Father's will. We shall live also through obedience.

Jesus stated in Luke 20:38 "He [God] is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto Him." There is a thought in this saying worth much consideration. God is not a God of the dead. Death was not in the original plan of God for His creation. His initial design for mankind was life, and that eternal. But because of disobedience, and because that disobedience became an active principle in their offspring, the judgment of death was passed upon all men. God willed life for man, but this life was to be only in His favor. "All live unto Him." Disobedience turned man's life in a course apart from God's pleasure, thus meriting the sentence of death.

Apprehension of death should weigh upon the guilty soul. To view death as it is in the light of God will bring a guilty sinner to contrition and prayer. The god of this world has many vain attractions to occupy people's thoughts so as to keep them from viewing the sentence of death as it really is. This is true. Thereby he has caused millions of men and women to live out their days without making proper preparations for that great appointment. He has mankind achieving great things in this life, but hides from their notice the victory that they need to have over impending death. But to those who in the fear of God face the issue, and according to divine instruction lay hold of the precepts of life the message of eternal life brings great joy. "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined." Isa. 9:2. Jesus Christ was this light who took upon Himself flesh and blood that "through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." Heb. 2:14, 15. The gospel has its only appeal to those who feel the weight of sin and separation from God and the fear of death. What a joy it is to them to experience life from above and hope of living forever!

"For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that He might be Lord both of the dead and living." Romans 14:9. "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him." 1 Thess. 5:9, 10, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" Praise the Lord! Oh, wonderful life! "The meek shall eat and be satisfied [of the Bread of Life, Christ]; they shall praise the Lord that seek Him: your heart shall live for ever!" Psalm 22:26. How precious that with the Psalmist we can sing: "For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living."

—Leslie Busbee

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**EDITORIALS**

With the approach of the new year of 1967 we extend Christian greetings of love and kindest regards to all our readers which, with this issue, includes several thousand who are receiving this full gospel paper for the first time and will also receive it for the months of February and March. If you are a new reader, it is likely that a friend of yours has subscribed for you for these three months with the hope and earnest prayer that the contents of these issues will prove a special spiritual benefit to you and your family. Please read it carefully with an open heart and mind and compare its teachings with the Bible. For more than forty years it has been the aim of the editors of this paper to present the plain positive truth as revealed by the Spirit and Word of God—the same gospel which Jesus and the apostles taught. It has lifted up the same standard of Bible truth which ushered in the "evening light" (Zech. 7:14) restoration movement in its original power, purity and simplicity. The ancient landmarks which our fathers have set have not been removed by innovations or compromise with the world. Principles of truth and moral law are as unchanging and eternal as God Himself. And He still has a people who are walking in the "old paths" and the "good way" and they are finding sweet rest to their souls. Over the years God has used these columns to edify and unify the spiritual Body of Christ, which is the Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. The church includes all who have been born again and made new creatures in Christ. We reach our hands in fellowship to every true believer.

The continuing response of our readers in sending more names for the special three-months subscription offer is very much appreciated, and we are certain that the Lord will reward every effort put forth in His cause. Though some lists of names have been received after the date of Dec. 8, they are being added to the many others with the prayer that these readers, too, will hear and heed the gospel invitation. One soul is worth more than the whole world.

We are sorry that some names received for the three months will not get their papers because the addresses were not correct, complete or legible. The postoffice charges us 10c for each notification of a change of address. If you move, advise us at once, giving old and new address.



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including school children for the "Beautiful Way." The Lord will bless your efforts to spread the gospel.

A subscriber would like to purchase a copy of the book, "The History of the Church" by Wickersham. If you have one for sale, please write to this office stating its condition and price.

The Lord again permitted the writer and his wife to attend the annual assembly meeting at Hammond, La. which was held on Nov. 20 to 27. It was just like coming home, as we had met with the saints in that area many times since our first contact some 38 years ago. We enjoyed also our visit and stay in the home of our son, Byron, and his family who live near Hammond.

A number of out-of-state ministers and many saints were present at the recent meeting at Hammond where Bro. T. H. Coffey is the pastor, and the Lord richly anointed for the preaching of His Word. The attendance was about the largest ever, and the building—just recently refinished inside with new wall and ceiling panels and lights—was filled to capacity at many services. Souls were saved and sanctified at the altar of prayer, and a number testified to divine physical healing. The ordinances of the Lord's House—feet-washing and the Lord's supper—were observed by a group of happy saints. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless and prosper His work in the South.

Bro. Richard Madden, pastor at Sapulpa, Okla., has written expressing appreciation from all the Madden brothers to the saints for their cards of sympathy, words of comfort and prayers in their bereavement—the sudden departure from this life of their aged father on or about Nov. 16.

A delayed report was received of the passing of Bro. Antonio (an Italian brother known in Oklahoma as Bro. Tony) on April 1, 1966 at Pittsburg, Pa. after an extended illness. Bro. Tony, formerly a Catholic in the depths of sin, was marvelously saved and attended the services of the Church of God at Third and Phillips St. in Oklahoma City for many years.

Many of our readers would like to know the dates of the various campmeetings for 1967 so they can pre-arrange their vacations to attend these meetings. Those who have this information please send in the campmeeting dates by Feb. 1, 1967 so we can publish the entire list in the March issue.

We keep in stock over 300 different titles of gospel tracts to be sent out free in limited quantities for careful and prayerful distribution. Where prices are quoted, it is at cost or below. Send for free sample to read and pass on. One tract may result in the salvation of many souls.

Sister Sharon Watkins, who had volunteered her services and worked here in the office order and mail-

ing department for the past four years, has recently taken a full time position at a local publishing plant where they pay commercial wages. We have appreciated her years of consecrated service at the Lord's Printshop and pray that the Lord of the harvest will reward her abundantly. She plans to be married, Lord willing, in January to Bro. Kedron Ellis, a young brother who is now doing his C. O. work in Kansas City. May God bless their union. Now another will be added to the "Faith Publishing House" family of former workers who are scattered far and wide across the country. May each one keep ready for heaven, the eternal reward for the faithful.

After looking earnestly to the Lord in prayer to send someone to fill the vacancy in the mailing department, we are happy to report that God has answered (as He has repeatedly done over the past forty years) and laid the burden for the gospel publishing work on Sister Ruby Marken, a former missionary to Mexico. For several months she had been waiting before the Lord for Him to direct her where to labor in His vineyard. As soon as she knew of the need for help in the Lord's Printshop, the Lord said "Go" and she came without hesitation. She and her father drove through from their home at Twin Falls, Idaho, arriving on Nov. 14 just in time to help wrap and mail out the December paper. Her father returned home on the bus. Though Sister Marken knows typing, yet most of this office work is new to her. However, she has a real burden and concern and is taking hold of it very quickly and efficiently, though the mail is exceptionally heavy at this time of the year. She is also burdened to help get out more Spanish literature. We appreciate her soul-burden and settled Christian life. Again we thank the Lord and say that God knows how to take care of His work as we submit to Him.

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### REPORT OF JEFFERSON, OREGON ASSEMBLY MEETING

We are still thanking the Lord for the good Assembly meeting He gave us here at Jefferson, Ore. Prior to the meeting on Oct. 25 the dear Lord took one of my brothers Home. Our meeting here started on the 4th of November. The sorrow of the loss of my dear brother was heavy on my heart and I was a little weary in body, having spent most of October with my brother in Seattle. But as I got busy in the meeting and the dear saints came in, what a comfort they were!

Our meeting was a soul-feast from the first day until the last. Some were here from other states. God sent ministers who preached the Word with the anointing



of the Holy Spirit. God worked in a mighty way to bring dear ones into a closer walk with Him. Many were at the altar from time to time. It was so good to see so many of the young people coming for salvation and others consecrating to be sanctified wholly.

The Lord is blessing the congregation here, though not many live in Jefferson. The saints are scattered over this part of the state. Some drive as far as 25 miles one way. God blesses those who are so willing to get up early, take their cars and bring in those who have no other way to get here. Yes, we are thankful for these missionary workers. Truly, we are workers together with God in His great work.

Pray for us that our God will continue to give us the strength and wisdom we need. Much needs to be done. Many precious souls still need God. We are doing our best to comfort and win souls. Some of us go to Eugene, Ore. once a month for service. God also blesses in Tacoma, Wash. when we are able to meet with the dear saints there. Then there are isolated ones in Portland. Truly this is a great field here in the Northwest.

Dear saints, let us pray much and work while it is day, hold up the true Bible standard and God will bless.

Your co-worker in the Lord, —Sister Beatrice Spaur

### HAMMOND, LA. ASSEMBLY REPORT

Dear Saints, greetings in the wonderful name of our Saviour, Healer and Keeper:

We wish to report another precious Assembly meeting held at Hammond, La. in November. The Word went forth with power under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The chapel was filled to capacity almost every night, and we had good crowds for the day services, also. A goodly number of saints from other places were in attendance, and I believe in all we had about 19 ministers present. On Friday we observed the ordinances with 81 brothers and sisters taking part. The Lord blessed in all the services and several received spiritual and physical help at the altar of prayer.

We send greetings of love to all the children of God everywhere, trusting that each one will draw closer to the Lord, and receive greater blessings from Him in this coming year.

Yours in His service, —T. H. Coffey

### OBITUARIES

Orville L. Smith was born May 22, 1893 at Alexandria, W. Va. and departed this life at Seattle, Wash. on Oct. 25, 1966 at the age of 73 years.

During his last illness of several weeks, his loving and devoted sister, Sister Beatrice Spaur, pastor at Jefferson, Oregon, was especially concerned about his physical and spiritual welfare. In answer to prayer she received the assurance that the gates of eternal rest were open for him. He was a good father and a good brother.

Left to mourn his passing are one daughter, Mrs. Donald Schmidt, Seattle Wash.; five sons, J. Lyle, Edward T., Leslie M., Elmo C., and William E., all of Seattle, Wash.; one sister, Mrs. Beatrice Spaur, Jefferson, Ore.; two brothers, Leslie F. Smith, Seattle Wash., and Lonzo B. Smith, Parkersburg, W. Va.; five half-sisters, one half-brother, five grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. A. E. Harmon. Text: Luke 23:43. Interment was made in Washelli Cemetery, Seattle, Wash.

Noah Edward Adams was born August 3, 1885 in Hardin County, Illinois to William and Sarah Adams. He departed this life November 9, 1966 at the age of 81 years, 3 months and 6 days.

In 1904 he was married to Ida Louisa Mallow. To this union eight children were born. An infant son, two daughters and a grandson preceded him in death.

Bro. Adams heard and embraced the truth many years ago and God supplied him divine grace to be true until death. The last few years they came in close contact with the Evening Light saints and since that time have rejoiced greatly. One of the greatest joys they have been blessed with in recent years is when God sent Bro. and Sister Albert Eck to labor in that vicinity where they had lived so many years. Bro. Adams was one of the cleanest men that I ever met. He strove for perfection in life and labor. The dear saints in his area will greatly miss him and his oft singing he did to edify them.

He leaves to mourn his passing his faithful wife of the home at Swifton, Arkansas; four daughters: Mrs. Elma Johnson of Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Ruth DeBaun, Fort Meade, Md.; Mrs. Rachel Rosenberg, Atlanta, Ga.; and Mrs. Venita Roberson, Memphis, Ten.; one son, James W. Adams, Dallas, Texas; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren, a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted in Swifton, Ark. by Charles R. Smith and interment was in the Arnold Cemetery.

—Charles R. Smith

### IN MEMORY OF BRO. N. E. ADAMS

"Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

We met Bro. Adams about three years ago when we made a visit to this part of Arkansas. We had services in the home of Bro. and Sister Adams. How hungry they were for the truth as they were isolated and did not get to hear the Word preached very often. Although that was our first time to meet, we truly felt the sweet fellowship of the Spirit. For he was walking in the light and it brought fellowship with others who walked in the light.

Bro. Adams was a man with very little education, but the Lord taught him how to read the Bible and gave him a good understanding of God's Word and an excellent memory for the scriptures. He also had a good talent in singing and had committed to memory so many good gospel songs which he used for the Lord. He and Sister Adams visited many sick folks and sang, read, and had prayer with them. How the people would enjoy to hear him sing!

We moved here two years ago and Bro. and Sister Adams joined hand in hand with us in opening up a work in Grubbs, giving of their means, laboring with their hands and giving of their service in the meeting. Both have been a rich blessing in the work of God. Bro. Adams had the gift of exhortation. As we would finish the message, he would rise with a rich exhortation right on the same subject and would sing a song on the same line. Oh, how we miss him, but his works do follow on. His life will be one to be long remembered by the saints here.

Husband and I were with him every day of his illness and we wish to say we received strength and courage by seeing his patience and long-suffering. He often expressed his desire to go on and told us from the first of his illness he felt it was God's will to take him Home. He met with discouragements and sometimes would have the lonely feeling that our Saviour had, that God had forsaken him. But as we would bow around his

bed and call mightily on God, the Lord would refresh his spirit and he would give praise unto God. The Lord did not allow him to suffer severe pain. He grew weaker as the days would go by and was very miserable. But every time his burden got too heavy prayer was offered and God would give relief and when we would say Amen he would say, "Amen, praise God!" Even the very last time we prayed with him he praised God. We feel it is a victory won. As he was taking his last breath we breathed a prayer to God, "Let me die the death of the righteous."

Pray for dear Sister Adams. She is lonely without him. But the Lord is helping her wonderfully. She has weaknesses in her body, so ask the Lord to strengthen her.

—Bro. and Sister Albert Eck

## A Message From Mexico Mission

La Mission, Baja Calif., Mexico. (Nov. 8) Dear saints and friends: "We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfill all thy petitions. Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand. Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." Psalms 20:5-7.

Yes, we are thankful for this salvation and can say with David that we are trusting in the Lord our God. Some say, "Oh, it would be so hard to go where there would be no assurance of support and hardly possible with a family of seven." But we find it a real joy to trust the Lord for everything. If you testify that you are trusting the Lord for soul and body, why would it be any harder for the Lord to supply your needs for soul and body in Africa or Mexico or any place he might lead? You say, "Oh, we have worked so many years in fixing our home comfortably and now we want to enjoy it for awhile." Who said you had to enjoy your comfortable home? We fixed our home to where it would be comfortable, but we could not enjoy it because the call of lost souls came heavy on our hearts. Brethren, time is shorter than we think. Let's do all we can to seek out the lost sheep; then we will have more brethren to help us fight the battles that are to come shortly.

We thank the Lord for your prayers and concern as we have re-established our family on the field in Mexico. The Lord has blessed us and opened up doors for the gospel in this place. Here in this valley are many people who want to come to services, but now as the weather is getting cooler we can no longer have services out under the trees. But we believe the Lord will help us to have a chapel in His own good time. There is available about 1000 small cement blocks, a plot of land, and yesterday a Mexican brother from Rosarito said that he had some scrap lumber that could be used for the roof. Bro. Ernesto's wife has been sick so he has not been able to work on any of the building. Pray for them. Also pray for another poor family of eight children who have been very destitute. They have some land loaned to them to farm, which is a blessing, and they are going ahead to prepare the land with horses and equipment that were loaned to them, also. Of course, it will take a lot of work on their part and feed for the horses and seed for the ground and rain from heaven. Pray for this worthy project. They have asked us to help them in this and have asked us to invite other brothers to loan money for seed and things, if possible.

We thank the Lord for the opportunity to testify for Him through the dental work. I am running a free

dental clinic every Wednesday for the poor people and also for the 71 children of an orphanage. A partially equipped dental clinic was turned over to me at this orphanage. Also the Lord has blessed me with about \$250 worth of portable equipment of my own. We are also thankful to the Lord for the privilege of helping our fellow missionaries by taking care of some of their dental needs. We trust it will help them to be more effective in their field of labor. We have witnessed the healing hand of the Lord many times in the dental work and we do depend upon Him completely to do the healing and to direct our hand in the mechanics of the work. We pray with the patients before we start to work and testify to them and give them tracts. Pray for us in this, that the name of the Lord will always be glorified.

Pray that our native Christians will move out more under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. There are several who seem to be moving up all the time.

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified." 2 Thess. 3:1.

For the Savior's sake, —James and Charlotte Huskey  
Box 2262, San Ysidro, Calif.

## MEXICO MISSIONARY REPORT

Nov. 13—Dear Co-Laborers in the Lord's vineyard, greetings of Christian love to you today from El Ejido Patzcuaro in Mexico.

After staying in Rosarito to help Sister Opal Kelly until she was stronger after her accident, I came here to stay about three weeks ago. Sister Carrie Sheppard is no longer with me. She felt the Lord dealing with her to stay in Rosarito. I have enjoyed the time the Lord permitted us to be together in the work. I surely miss her, but yet I fully realize we must be led of the Holy Spirit and God's way is best. God has a definite and perfect plan for each of His children.

Today the Lord gave His Word concerning giving for the first time here. This is something we have not felt burdened to do before. The Lord blessed His Word, and the people, a goodly number, seemed to accept it very well. Pray for this congregation that as God presents His truth that they will have hearts to accept it and live well-balanced lives, making up a well-balanced congregation. The people here are kind and good, and I feel that if we are faithful in prayer for them that there are gospel workers in the making.

Since I have returned I have met different things that have been hard, but still I can testify to you of a challenge of greater things, of higher heights and of deeper depths in the Lord. It seems that the Lord has broadened my spiritual vision to an extent that as I look back in the years that have gone it seems so little has been accomplished through my life. Today teeming millions go heedlessly on closer and closer to eternity. Oh, let's all be more faithful to God by praying more for these dear ones and give ourselves as instruments for the Master's use so that each one of us may have a part in helping the lost to find Christ. We individually can't reach the multitudes, but each one must give himself into the Master's hand wherever we are, at work, in school, or at home, that those lost about us might know of this salvation that we enjoy.

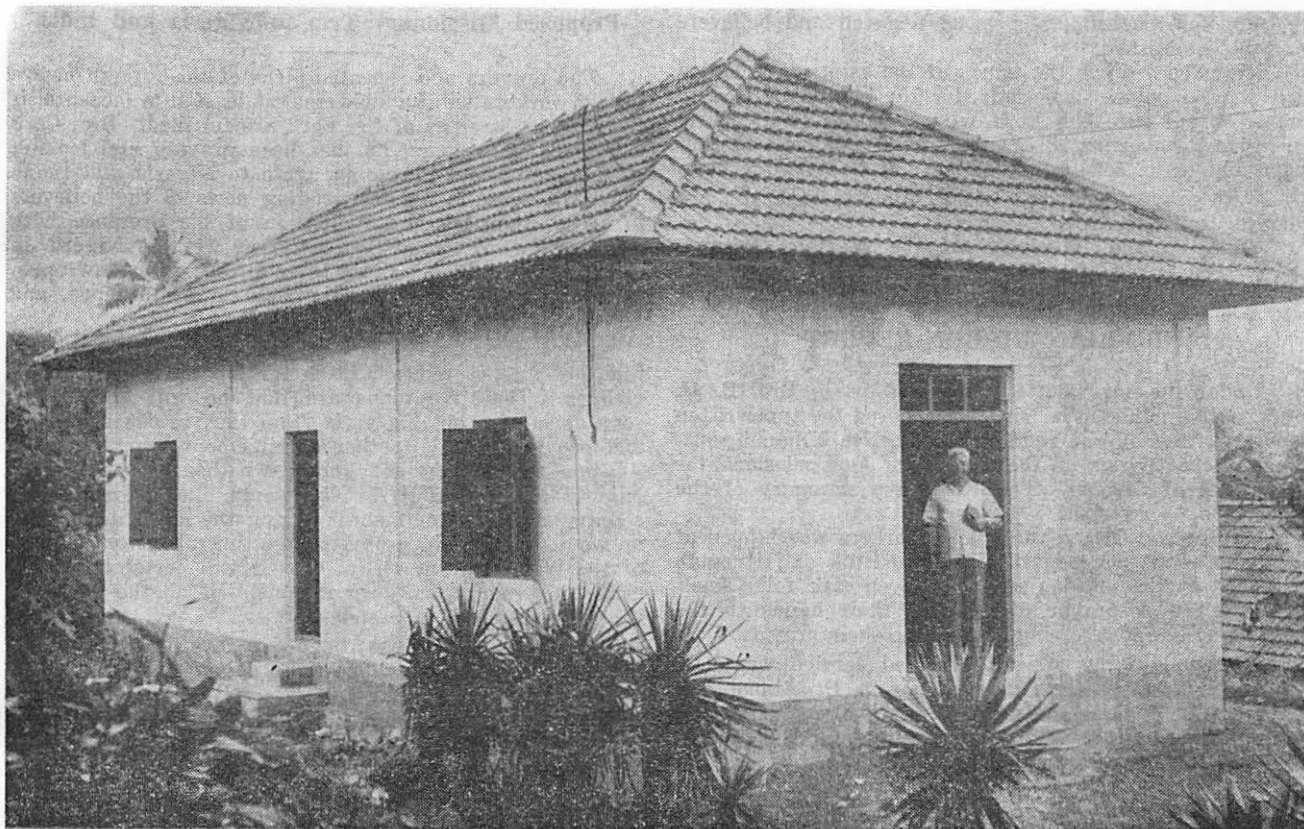
Please pray for me, because I see and know the responsible place I am in.

Your Sister in Christ,

Edith Cole  
Box 1425, Calexico, Calif. 92231

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**NICE NEW CHAPEL** just completed in Kerala State, South India. Bro. C. M. Verghese, shown in the entrance, is pastor of this Church of God Mission. In this month of December opening services will be held in this new chapel by a three-day general meeting of all believers in that area. They are very thankful for this new building, the cost of which was paid from the Missionary Fund at this office. Bro. Verghese allotted his land for the building and a cemetery adjoining it. May it ever be used for the proclamation of the whole truth in India.

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

Kerala, S. India (Nov. 10)—Dear Brother Lawrence Pruitt: Thank you very much for your good letter dated Oct. 29 with the enclosed check. I herewith enclose the picture of the new chapel. We remember all with a heart-felt vote of thanks for sending us gifts to finish it. This is the answer to our prayers. "Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me."

The rains are still pouring day and night. Days are gloomy. We are glad that our wells are swelling. Our fear of water scarcity is gone. Praise the Lord! Yes, the wells of salvation are full already that we may draw water with joy. Praise the Lord!

It is our lot to encounter the wily assaults of the enemy at this tender, initial stage of the work. But we are happy to see the work sprouting and growing despite the onslaughts of the enemy. Praise the Lord! We have the living Word, living Saviour, living Almighty God, the ever-abiding Spirit of love and the church of the living God. Hence, the truth marches on conquering and to conquer. We are receiving encouraging news and letters from different parts of this land. Praise the Lord! Pray for us.

I am glad that you wrote to Bro. —. I heard from them that they are going to arrange for a convention at which they are inviting me to preach. Soon

after the rains stop we start our conventions. We hope to hold our first convention at the new chapel promptly in December when the rainy season will surely pass.

I am in faith taking one more step of starting an "Evening Light" publishing center, perhaps issuing a monthly paper. I contacted the pressman and got his quotation. It is calculated that this monthly need is \$25.00 besides the usual expenses. Our brethren need very badly some means whereby they can contact each other and read monthly messages. I can edit the paper with translating choice articles and messages from "Faith and Victory." I can also publish in Malayalam the Bible Study and Scripture reading as produced in the "Faith and Victory." Hence, I pray for this and hope in the Lord that the saints in America and abroad will pray also that this need may be supplied. I have to approach the government officials for sanction of this publication. Kindly pray over this that I may start it by the new year.

The year-end meetings and the convention with the opening of the new chapel will, of course, cause an expense. I will have to feed the believers that come from distant places and stay here for at least three days. I look to God for all these. May God provide is our prayer. We plead to God with importunity to grant us enough means to get along with the work of spreading the "evening light" truth in this land. May He grant our petition. Our humble request to you is that you all pray that souls may be awakened here, sinners may

be convicted, backsliders may be restored and believers be well established.

May God awaken the minds of the saints in America that they may pray earnestly for the church of God in India. I am sure the Lord will speak to your hearts and give you correct discernment and judgment to consider and to be considerate of us and God's work here.

With prayers and best wishes for the work you are carrying out there.

Yours in the fellowship of the Master's Service,  
—C. M. Verghese

### NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Under the cover letter date of Nov. 5, Bro. B. U. Etuk, native minister in Nigeria, enclosed the typewritten report written by the secretary, Bro. Nse Umanah, outlining the activities of the Church of God missions for the month of October. Following is a summary of the report:

On Sunday, Oct. 2, the gospel workers worshipped at their respective congregations. Bros. Etuk and Umanah remained at the mission center. Seven sick folks knelt at the altar of prayer, then lifted their hands to the Lord as a sign of receiving answers to their prayers.

On Sunday, the 9th, a combined service was held at Minya Ntak where Pastors Stephen U. Akpan and Jeremiah A. Udo are the ministers. (This report reminds us that this mission is where the late Sister Opal B. Wilson preached her last sermon before her departure for the Glory World on Sept. 24, 1964. Her memory is held in high esteem by all who knew her.) Pastor B. E. Udoka conducted the service. Bro. Udo preached on the subject, "Lift up your holy hands," using many texts of Scripture. Fifteen congregations were represented. An offering was received to complete the roof on the new permanent chapel which they have erected there.

On Sunday, the 16th, the ordinances of the Church were observed at Nya Odiong, a congregation under the care of Bro. J. U. Etuk and Bro. J. T. Unwa. Bro. B. U. Udeme conducted the service. Bro. B. E. A. Inyang taught the Sunday school on the subject of the ordinances, commenting on various texts. Pastor B. E. Udoka delivered an exhortation on the text in Job 15:11, 12. Bro. J. U. Etuk administered the ordinances in which 48 believers took part.

On the 4th Sunday several ministers met with the congregation at Inen Abasi Atai where Bro. Friday J. Akpan is the preacher. Bro. Sampson B. Udo conducted the morning service. Bro. Brownson Inyang preached an inspiring message. The attendance numbered 93 on this occasion.

On the 5th Sunday a special meeting was held at Ikot Akpan Eda. Evangelist Okon B. Akpan and his congregation were the hosts. Several ministers from other stations were in attendance. Bro. J. J. Udo led the Sunday school and conducted the morning service. Evangelist Udoffia preached a soul-touching sermon on "Thy Great Name." About 300 were in attendance.

During the month of October there were seven sick or afflicted persons at the House of Prayer which was recently erected at Ukpom. Three of the number received sound health and returned home. The others are looking to the Lord for healing and complete restoration.

All the mission stations in Nigeria plan to hold a general campmeeting on Dec. 16, 17, and 18, 1966, and have solicited the prayers of the Church in America for its success. This concludes the summary.

### Proposed Missionary Trip to Nigeria and India

The prayers and repeated pleas of the foreign native gospel workers will be answered, at least in a measure, if the present leadings of the Lord are fulfilled. Bro. Cecil Carver of Shreveport, La. has been praying and looking to the Lord about his going again to Nigeria and India. This will certainly be encouraging news to the believers in those countries in anticipation of his presence with them again. Bro. and Sister Carver were in Nigeria in the autumn of 1965. From there Bro. Carver flew on to India for a short stay in the interest of missions, and Sister Carver returned home by air.

Since Bro. Carver's son Vernon works for an airline, he can get reduced rates for his father on certain airlines. Tentative plans are that he will go just as soon as he can get his visas from the various countries, and provided that all other arrangements can be made. At this stage it is not known whether he will go to Nigeria or India first, but he would like to be in each country two or three months during the dry season when he would not be hindered from getting about on account of the tropical rains. Bro. Carver will certainly appreciate the prayers and encouragement of all the saints in this urgent missionary endeavor.

Needless to say, the round-trip fare by air plus the cost of living and traveling while doing missionary work in those countries, will not be a small sum, but the crying need of heathen souls is urgent and the Church can pay whatever the cost if each has a vision of his responsibility before God. The writer as president of Faith Pub. House, a corporate body, is signing a required statement guaranteeing to those countries that Bro. Carver will be financially supported through the Missionary Fund maintained at this office. Time is running out, and what we are going to do for the salvation of souls must be done now! We have voluntarily committed and involved ourselves for this one purpose, and we would entreat each child of God to ask the Lord what He would have you to do for this very timely missionary undertaking.

—Lawrence D. Pruitt

### Prayer Requests

Texas—Dear Sister Marie and co-workers: I enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. I appreciate the one who had the three-month's trial paper sent to me. I have been reading it for two years starting the first of January. I am enclosing \$1.00 for the ten names. I pray that the paper will benefit them as much as it has me. It is food to my soul.

I am sending in for prayer for my unsaved husband, and also for my unsaved children. I love them and I wouldn't want one of them to be lost. Also I need prayer in my body. I take sick dizzy spells and have a roaring in my ears so that it is hard to sleep at night. I am having trouble with my eyes. I know God can heal, for He has healed me many times when I thought the next minute would be the last. But God has always seen me through so far.

Love to all the saints,

—Mrs. C. A. Amos

Ill.—Bad heart condition. —Anna Farkas.

Ala.—Hurting in chest, general health and spiritual needs. She says, "Your prayers always help me." —Elizabeth Mickens.

"Dear Saints, my youngest son is not able to learn in school." —Sister M.

Ill.—Nerves are very bad. —Viola Perry.

Mo.—“We desire your prayers for my wife’s healing. She has lost weight down to 110 pounds.” —Bro. A. J. Sorrell.

La.—Severely afflicted. —Bro. Wayne Miller.

Ohio—Sister Maudie Sharp surely needs your prayers as she is sorely afflicted.

Okla.—Sister LaFaver is very ill with sugar diabetes.

La.—Bro. E. B. Pinkerton, minister of the gospel, is aged and much afflicted.

S. Car.—My father has heart trouble, low blood pressure, pray for him. —Lois Jefferson.

Okla.—Daughter can’t talk plainly nor walk. —V. Ledbetter.

Tenn.—Grandson (aged 10) has flat hip bone. Will have to walk on crutches for a year unless God heals him. —Sue Shell.

Ohio—Arthritis. —Sister L. J. Roush.

Calif.—Pray that my daughter will answer my letters. —Mrs. J. McNair.

Okla.—Age 80, bad eyes, and a diabetic. Alma Adams

Md.—Gall bladder trouble. —Myrtle Warner.

Tenn.—Son is sick and can’t work, family to care for, needs spiritual help. —A. Dixon.

Mo.—Facing some serious problems. —Mary Adams

Ind.—Very sick. —Edna Hammond.

Calif.—My son is in a very sick condition. Ada Leech.

Ky.—Bro. Curtis Williams, a minister of Clearfield, Ky., who needs complete healing to his body.

La.—Bro. Oscar Williamson and Bro. Dallas Flynn who are trusting the Lord for the healing of their bodies.

Calif.—Kenneth Longley, a young man unconscious by head injuries in an accident in Oct., was on Dec. 9 improving in co-ordination. Continue to pray. His parents expressed deep appreciation to all the saints for their prayers and kindnesses. They are holding to the promises.

Ark.—Sister Dolly Williams for gall bladder attacks.

Dear ones, keep your eyes on Jesus. The two blind men beside the road kept calling to Jesus until they were healed. The Canaanite woman would not be discouraged even if the disciples asked Jesus to send her away. Then when she continued to call, Jesus at first did not seem to hear but she took the humble place of feeling her unworthiness and asked for some crumbs of healing and Jesus heard her cry and delivered her daughter. Then Jesus said, “O woman, great is thy faith.” Matt. 15:22-28.

Many more requests have come to the office. We rejoice with those who write and let us know that God has heard the cries of His children in their behalf.

One sister writes, “Sister Marie, do you remember me writing to you and requesting prayer for my niece whose husband had left her? They are both young and have a little girl. Well, the Lord has undertaken and the home is restored again. Thank the Lord! Continue to pray for them.” —Sister Marie Miles

grieved because of this, and shed many tears because I had felt that He had called me to work for Him there. He never withholds the good but what He has the “better” for each of us. One evening after fasting and praying for a period of time I seemed to hear Him speak to my soul in such a definite manner these words, “Do not watch so closely the door that is being closed that you fail to see the door that is being opened.” This was such a new experience to me that I stood in wonderment at just what it could mean. At first I felt that maybe it was His will for me to help in the Home in Pacoima but it did not take long for me to know that this was not the door that I should watch for, so continued to wait upon Him to show me His will.

It had come to my mind to write to the “Print Shop” when I learned that Sister Watkins was to be leaving before very long but the Lord would not permit that, for He knew that there would be many places the devil might be able to discourage me if I tried to make a way, so I had to leave it alone. Then one day I received a letter from Brother Pruitt and Sister Miles. This drove the nail through and clinched it on the other side, so to speak, and immediately the Lord caused my heart to realize this was the door that He had spoken to me about and that I had to wait so long for it to open.

I have carried a burden for nearly two years for more Spanish literature. We have so much in English and they have so little. I had been praying about it, and the 5th of September when I was leaving to make another trip to Mexico, as I drove out the driveway of the campground in Pacoima, the Lord seemed to speak to me so definitely, “Why don’t you do something; you have the burden?” I did weep nearly all the way to San Diego as I was alone with Him and could pour out my heart. As I communed with Him, He caused me to remember how He had caused the dumb donkey to speak to the prophet and surely if He could do that, could He not do for me that which was as impossible?

I am looking to the Lord to help me daily to do His will. I love my work here and it seems when I do go away for a short time I can hardly wait until I can get back, for this is not Brother Pruitt’s nor Sister Miles’ work, but it is the Lord’s and I am a little helper in this part of His vineyard. God has helped me so wonderfully as it has all been so new to me, but with Him on my side I surely shall win. I covet your prayers.

Yours for lost souls,

—Ruby Marken

Okla.—Dear Sister Marie and saints everywhere, greetings in the most precious name of Jesus: Truly the Lord has been so good and merciful to me, and I must testify and tell of His goodness.

On November 17 I felt it the Lord’s will for me to come to this part of the country and work for Him and for His people awhile as I had been in Kentucky with the dear Williams family. As I was driving along, things were going so well that I was praising God out loud and so happy in Him, feeling I was in His will. It came to my mind so plainly that if things were reversed, not going so well, could I still praise the Lord? Dear ones, in a few hours’ time I was brought to the test. My car rolled over two and a half times, stringing my personal things (all my good clothes) along the highway. As I was being helped out of the wreck with not even my purse and only one shoe on, the Lord helped me to know in my heart that I’d have everything I needed. The Lord blessed so in having people there to pick up my things, bring me my purse and a pair of shoes, take my car to the garage, take me to a nice home and give me the best of care. I lay in the dark room on their nice

## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



Okla.—Dear Saints, greetings of love in Jesus’ dear Name: Surely God’s ways are beyond finding out ahead of time and we cannot imagine or think what He might do for each of us if we will be faithful and wait upon Him. Praise the Lord!

I had been much burdened to know the will of the Lord and felt that He would reveal His will if I would wait upon Him. At the beginning of my nearly 11 weeks of waiting and praying, He gave me a very unusual visitation of His divine Spirit which I was not able to understand fully until He made it clear to me. It seemed that I was not able to return to Mexico and I was much

bed and only praises to God was all I felt. Having only a broken collar bone and bruises, it was a real blessing. It seemed like the Lord chose the place for it all to happen. There wasn't another car involved, which was a blessing, and so many, many things I could see the Lord's hand in.

Five of the dear saints came from Myrtle and Thayer, Mo. to help me, as the accident happened at Birch Tree, Mo. They cared for me tenderly and prayed for me until my loved ones, Ted Bock, Ronnie and Jeanie Bock came for me. It seemed I dreaded the five- and-a-half hour trip home so badly. The saints were praying and I made the trip real well. The Lord blessed in so many ways. The saints here have been real precious. I want to take this opportunity to thank each one for your prayers, visits, cards, and offerings. May God bless each one. I feel confident according to Romans 8:28 that this was the Lord's will for me. And I am praying and asking the saints to pray that I will get all the good the Lord has in this for me. Saints, I want to make heaven. In whatever way the Lord sees fit to get us there, it will be worth the cost.

I'm praying for the Lord to make me a better servant for Him and His people. It is a precious way.

Love to all the dear saints, —Frances Perkins

Maryland—Dear Sister in the Lord, greetings to you and all the dear saints everywhere: Please pray that the Lord will heal my body. At this time I am suffering from gall bladder trouble, poor blood circulation, and arthritis. I know the dear Lord can heal, and I am trusting in Him to heal my body. Please pray that the dear Lord will give me a deeper burden for lost souls, and that I can have a closer walk with God. Pray for my unsaved loved ones that God will save their souls before it is too late.

May God bless you and all the dear saints everywhere. Yours in the one church, —Mrs. Myrtle Warner

Texas—Dear Sister Marie and dear ones at the Printshop: I want to say I still love our precious Redeemer and intend to go this straight old-fashioned way as long as I live.

It seems to me that those in the many denominations are being deceived. Many of them seem to be real honest at heart. It makes me really want to draw closer to God and to have a greater desire to be perfect in His love. I would like to be able to win souls that are precious in His sight. Please pray that I can be wholly sanctified so that I can face every trial that may come and that I may be able to live holy in this life.

I am looking forward to attending the Assembly meeting at Guthrie, Okla. if the Lord makes a way.

May God bless you. —Sister Frances McDonald

Missouri—To all, greetings: We thank the Lord for His many, many blessings to all His children. We can say for ourselves that we've been blessed so much and we feel unworthy.

I (Evodna Marler) promised the Lord I'd testify through the paper if He would heal a wart on my heel, and within a day or two the soreness was gone. I had been bothered for about four months, having to bear my weight on one foot, as any pressure on this place would cause much pain. Even at night it would pain and bother me. I did all I knew to take care of it by soaking, etc. Finally I told the Lord that if it was healed, He'd have to be the one to do it.

I know of no better way to tell it than through the paper. I believe the Lord wants us to tell what He does

for us for His glory and the encouragement of His trusting children. The Lord is doing a lot for us. We need to tell everyone we can as the world thinks the days of miracles are past. A lot of the readers never read a testimony of healing except through this paper.

The Lord healed our son David of what we feel sure was another attack of appendicitis. We are so thankful God has blessed and cared for him these 14 years and he is healthy and able to do a man's work.

We are looking forward to the Assembly meeting at Guthrie, Okla. and seeing all our brothers and sisters in the Lord.

Pray that we stay humble and pliable in God's hands.

—Louie and Evodna Marler

Okla.—Dear Saints: I want to thank the Lord again for His blessings on us. Surely the Lord has shown His power to us lately.

I'm thankful we have the Lord for our Healer. My brother, Hulan, has been very sick and the Lord has touched him in a special way. He is still weak, but we are looking for God to give Him a strong body. Most of all, I'm thankful he is saved and has God in his life. He was unconscious most of the time, and while he was out he had awful sick spells. It took strong men to hold him on the bed. We had a battle, but we held on to the Lord's promises. In James 5:14, 15 He says, "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: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up." We obeyed the Lord and believed Him. Of course, the devil was trying hard to bring thoughts about his dying, but we had to resist the devil. One night it seemed he was so weak and he hurt so severely, and we were having a battle with the devil. I went to prayer, and while I was praying, the Lord blessed me. The song, "God Is Still on His Throne," came so strongly to me that I got up praising God. A sister was there by Hulan's bedside. I went to her and told her that God was going to give him rest that night, and thank God, He did. I'm so thankful that God is still on His throne. He means much to me.

Pray for me that I will do His will and grow stronger in Him. Also pray for my father. He isn't saved and has heart trouble. I desire to see him make heaven his home. Some day I want to meet him there. Also I have unsaved brothers and sisters who need Christ.

Yours in Christ,

—Carolyn Moore

Kansas—Dear Saints everywhere: I would like to express how much I love and fear the mighty God that we serve. Three years ago I was truly saved and sanctified in the Lord, but gradually the devil took hold of my heart and led me so far away from my Savior that I didn't care if I was saved or not. The devil made everything seem to be so much fun and he kept telling me, "You are only young once, live it up now and get saved in a few years." Then finally one day I looked around and saw what a pitiful condition I was in. I was smoking from one to two packs of cigarettes a day and drinking, plus other sinful things. I really thought I was having a good time and that I had a lot of friends, but it turned out that those good times were leading to my destruction and my so-called friends were actually enemies to my soul.

I only wish that there were words to express my feelings of gratefulness to God for dealing with me and forgiving me. I had to beg and plead with the Lord to save me. I am now one of his sheep that had gone astray and have finally found my way back to the flock.

Please pray for me. There are still so many things that the devil tempts me with and so many things that seem so hard to turn away from. I dearly love the Lord and have found that He is always there waiting with open arms to keep me safe and encourage me day by day as I travel through this short span of life to the Eternal City above.

Yours in Christ,

—Janice G. Smith

Calif.—Dear Workers and faithful servants at the Printshop, greetings of love to all: This morning I feel that it would be to the glory of God to send my testimony. I want to tell the dear saints that God has wonderfully healed me of high blood pressure. This morning my head was clear with no roaring. I read Sister Marie's letter and it was so encouraging. It strengthened my faith and trust in God. I'm glad I can say as the song goes, "Trust and obey, for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." Amen. Praise the Lord for all He has done for me! —Sister Annie McKinney

Oklahoma.—Dear Readers, greetings in Jesus' name: This leaves me more encouraged to trust the Lord for both soul and body. I want to share with you what the Lord did for me. Words cannot express how happy I am for His blessings. I had severe pains in my back. It was almost impossible for me to get out of bed alone. I called upon the Lord and I expected Him to heal my back. Praise the Lord, He heard my plea and healed me! It surely pays to trust Him.

I am so glad I found the one true way. I am thankful He gave me a willing heart to accept the truth. I was once in darkness and thought I was all right. The Lord showed me a more humble way. I love this straight and narrow way. It is God's way.

Pray for me that I may keep humble and low at the cross and that I might be what God wants me to be. I mean to press right on until the battle is won.

Your Sister in the Lord,

—Elizabeth Wahl

Oregon—Greetings of love in Jesus' name: I feel led to send in my testimony as I wish to glorify His name for all He has done this past year. Twice I have almost touched my sandals in the stream that separates the living from the dead. I was miraculously healed of pneumonia when my lungs were almost closed and I was almost past breathing. I called Bro. Ostis Wilson and he prayed for me over the phone at my request. I grew much worse after that, but it was only the enemy trying to weaken my faith. The saints at Jefferson were also praying; and, being familiar with the enemy's tricks, I refused to be deceived by him. I have had that experience with him before. It would seem after prayer was offered I would become a lot worse, but I had it fixed with God, ready to go or ready to stay, so the outcome did not make much difference. I stood to gain either way. I was still coughing a lot when the campmeeting at Jefferson started, but I went anyway and took a terrible sick headache when I arrived. The devil thought he would keep me out of the meeting one way or another. Sister Anna Marie Miles and others came and anointed me. When I didn't get relief she prayed again and held on until relief came and the Lord raised me up. I was able to enjoy the rest of the meeting. Before I went home I was completely healed of the cough and weakness.

Late this fall, about dusk, I started home from fishing. I was driving right along to get home before dark, when a voice spoke to me and seemed to say, "You had better slow down, remember this is a deer area." I

heeded it at once and started slowing down. Suddenly a young fawn was directly in front of my car and I hit it. I had slowed down enough however that in hitting it my car was not damaged and I was only shaken up a little, but received no injury. It killed the fawn, unfortunately, and I felt badly about that, but I got out and pulled it off the road and sat there awhile just praising my God. I understand better why Peter stopped and considered the thing when he was let out of prison by the angel. He stopped and gave it some thought before he went knocking on the door of the saints, who were praying for his release, and I imagine he did some real praising, too. Many cars are wrecked each year in our state by hitting deer, mostly after night which seems to be their favorite time to cross the highways. Some also lose their lives as well.

There is a new theory drifting about these days that God is dead. But the skeptic has that backward. It is he that is dead. God is alive forever more! The other day as I knelt at my usual altar of prayer, the thought came to me, "Do we limit the Holy One? Do we think of His limit in the capacity of the human?" We know there is a limit to our strength and even to our lives on this earth, but there is neither limit nor end to God. They say man is only in the infancy of the great power of gas and electricity and are amazed at what they are discovering as they probe deeper into its secrets. Do we really know what the full power of faith can do? Perhaps we have only tapped the outside of it. I read of the wonderful miracles of the Old Testament and how the very waters parted at the feet of His people and let them pass through. They had faith enough to put their sandals in the edge of the water, feeling sure God would open that vast sea and let them through. Lions' mouths were closed, and even fire could not singe the garments of His trusting ones. Even the sun stood still at man's command because of his faith in God. Do we have that kind of faith? No wonder the disciples said, "Lord, increase our faith." Small wonder the Word says, "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?" We see many of God's faithful children suffering from various afflictions and it seems the enemy is hoping to wreck their faith through suffering mentally and physically. Look up, saints, for your redemption draweth nigh. The last mile is often the hardest, but as Sister Mattie Wilson so often said to me, "Heaven will be worth it all." This light affliction is but for a moment compared to eternity.

I am better from the sinus affliction since I put in my request and wish the saints to remember me in prayer for my left hand which is being attacked by arthritis. It gets quite stiff and painful at times. I thank God my right hand is so I can write. Twenty years ago I could not close my left hand and the Lord healed it, and I have not been troubled with it until recently. I made a lot of artificial flowers for the rest home and it set in again. My hands are for His glory and I trust I can continue to use them for Him.

May God bless and encourage all your hearts in my prayer.

—Sister Grace Jones

Oklahoma.—Dear Brother Pruitt and staff: Today finds me saved with a desire to go on to the end. The good Lord looked down on me in pity and saved my soul and I mean to go right on until the crown is won.

For about a week I suffered with a terrible backache. On Sunday Brother and Sister Williams and another sister anointed me and had prayer for me. The dear Lord came to my rescue and healed me. It hasn't hurt me any more since that day. Praise His dear



name forever and ever! Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His wonderful works to the children of men!  
Your saved Sister, —Temple Crisp

La.—Dear Sister Marie and saints abroad: I want to express my thanks to all the saints for their prayers. The affliction which I had on my head, neck and ears for over a year has all cleared up. The Lord has heard and answered prayer in my behalf. We give God all the praise and glory. I promised the Lord if He would heal me I would testify for Him through the "Faith and Victory" paper.

During our Assembly meeting the Lord gave me another definite touch. Praise His dear name! He has been so good to us. We could never thank and praise Him enough.

Remember us when you pray. —Sister T. H. Coffey

(Note: Bro. Coffey phoned on Dec. 10 that Sister Coffey was having heart attacks. Pray earnestly for the complete healing of this affliction also.)

"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.

## BIBLE STUDY

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January 1, 1967

### TIME OF PREPARATION

Printed Portion ..... Luke 3:21, 22; Luke 4:1-13

Luke 3:21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened,

22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

Luke 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

2 Being forty days tempted of the devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

3 And the devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread.

4 And Jesus answered him, saying, It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

5 And the devil, taking him up into a high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.

6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will, I give it.

7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.

8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

9 And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence:

10 For it is written, He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee:

11 And in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

13 And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

Memory Verse: And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Luke 4:8.

Practical Truth: We are only as strong as our weakest point.

### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We thank God for His precious Son, in whom He was well pleased. When we think of the gates to the Garden of Eden being closed to man and there being no access to the Tree of Life because of sin, then realize how Jesus opened those gates, letting us come into the presence of God again, our hearts are made to rejoice. Everlasting life is given to all those who will repent. We then are to follow Jesus' example and be baptized. Jesus said it was needful for Him to be baptized to "fulfill all righteousness." Just so it is needful for us to obey and follow in His steps.

The Emphatic Diaglott, a translated Greek New Testament says, "Go . . . all the nations, immersing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Matt. 28:19. Immerse means to submerge. That is the mode of baptizing. When Philip baptized the man they went down into the water and came up again. (Acts 8:38, 39.)

No where does the Word tell us to baptize infants, only those who are capable of believing. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16:15, 16)

Jesus was tempted in all points as we are. He knows how to help us. God had a great work for Jesus and He was prepared for it. We can't work for God unless we meet the devil and overcome him through the power of God. We are tempted through the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. (1 John 3:15, 16) Compare this with the temptations of Jesus.

January 8, 1967

### JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY

Printed Portion ..... Luke 4:16-19; 5:18-26

Luke 4:16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke 5:18 And, behold, men brought in a bed a man which was taken with a palsy: and they sought means to bring him in, and to lay him before him.

19 And when they could not find by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went upon the housetop, and let him down through the tiling with his couch into the midst before Jesus.



20 And when he saw their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.

21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22 But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answering said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts?

23 Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up and walk?

24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house.

25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God.

26 And they were all amazed, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things today.

Memory Verse: Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. John 14:12.

Practical Truth: Jesus will be all to you that you will let Him be.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We notice that it was the custom of Jesus to attend the services of God in that day. Is it our custom, or are we neglectful? Paul tells us that we should "not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Heb. 10:25) God has special blessings for those who worship the Lord at regular times when they are isolated and do not have others to meet with. But when we are close to a congregation, God expects us to worship with His people.

Jesus read about Himself in the book of Isaiah. Jesus read Isaiah 61:17, 18 just as we might today. Isn't that a wonderful thought? Jesus studied the same Old Testament that we have today. Jesus received His authority not only from God, but also from the written Word which prophesied of Him. Then He declares that this is the year to preach to you. He was the Messiah who was to come and fulfill the prophecies concerning Him. He begins by doing what He told them the Messiah would do.

When the man sick with palsy was brought to Him, He fulfilled His mission. He forgave him of his sins and healed him. Some questioned Him, but He said, "The Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins." He also healed him that they might know He had power to heal, to give deliverance to the captives and heal the brokenhearted. Oh, what a Savior!

January 15, 1967

#### THE MARKS OF A CHRISTIAN

Printed Portion ..... Luke 6:20-23, 27-36

Luke 6:20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed be ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh.

22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23 Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you.

28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.

29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take away thy coat also.

30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.

31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.

32 For if ye love them which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.

33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.

34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest; for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Memory Verse: And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

Practical Truth: Others will know that we are Christians by the life we live.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

Our lesson is part of the sermon on the mount by our blessed Lord and Savior. He not only teaches us how to live, but He also makes us know what kind of a Savior and person He is. Jesus is our example. He trod the way before us. He received the marks of the nail prints in His hands and feet. Are we better than our Lord? If we live Christlike we, too, will have some marks upon us. We will be pointed out as different and separate from the world. The world does not love us but they love their own. Jesus was not of this world and we are not of the world. One time there were those who took note of the disciples and said that they had been with Jesus. Can others see the marks of Jesus in our life and take note that we have been with Jesus?

Jesus tells us how to act when we stand for the "faith once delivered to the saints" and persecutions are heaped upon us. He did not tell us to go around with long faces seeking sympathy from others, but He told us to "rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy, for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets." (verse 23) Some may ask how can a person rejoice when persecutions come? By looking at the great reward that is awaiting all who prove faithful and true to the end. We are just pilgrims in this world, traveling to our eternal home. We are children of the Highest.

January 22, 1967

#### OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST

Printed Portion ..... Luke 8:9-21

Luke 8:9 And his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be?

10 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables;

that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12 Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

13 They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for awhile believe, and in time of temptation fall away.

14 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection.

15 But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience.

16 No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but setteth it on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light.

17 For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.

18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

19 Then came to him his mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press.

20 And it was told him by certain which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee.

21 And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

**Memory Verse:** Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have. Luke 8:18.

**Central Thought:** Take heed how you hear the Word of God and obey it.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

God wants us to be workers for Him. He wants us to live the life and speak the word of eternal life to others. Our lesson lists the four kinds of hearers of the Word of God as it is sent forth. There are the way-side hearers, the rocky hearers, the thorny hearers, and the good-soil hearers.

The devil works on all of them but the good-soil hearers refuse to let anything hinder them or turn them away from God. They are different from those who "have no root." There are plenty of troubles and temptations that would uproot them if they were not rooted deep enough in Christ. Our decision and determination needs to be strong and firm. We need to be filled with the Holy Spirit and so yielded to Him that we will have the power of God working strong in our lives. We must be so cut loose from this world and have our faith so anchored in Christ that we can say like Job, "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:21) I believe Job is a good example of one who was grounded and settled in his decision to live for God. The Apostle Paul also said, "None of these things move me." The cares of this life and riches did not sap their love for God. Cares of life have a way of coming in slowly and pushing out

God and His Spirit. We need to be on our guard and be watchful unto prayer.

January 29, 1967

#### THE MESSIAH AND HIS MISSION

Printed Portion ..... Luke 9:18-22, 57-62

Luke 9:18 And it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples were with him; and he asked them, saying, Whom say the people that I am?

19 They answering said, John the Baptist; but some say, Elias; and others say, that one of the old prophets is risen again.

20 He said unto them, But whom say ye that I am? Peter answering said, The Christ of God.

21 And he straitly charged them, and commanded them to tell no man that thing;

22 Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.

57 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest.

58 And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father.

60 Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

61 And another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me first go bid them farewell, which are at home at my house.

62 And Jesus said unto him, No man having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

**Memory Verse:** For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. Luke 9:24.

**Central Thought:** Jesus is our example. He had a mission and did not turn from it.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We read in the Bible about how it was made known to some of God's prophets hundreds, even thousands, of years in advance that the Messiah, or Jesus, was to come; and it came to pass. It is hard for us to conceive just how wonderful such knowledge is that was given to them. Now today we have God's Word. We read in it that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. God's Word is just as true today as it was before Jesus came. God will do the same for us today and verify His promises in our behalf.

The people in Jesus' day had many ideas about Him but, thank God, Peter declared definitely that Jesus was the "Christ of God." Today we must face the same fact about it and accept Him into our hearts to be ready to live in eternity.

Jesus let the disciples know what He had come for. He made them know that His mission in this life was to suffer many things, be rejected and slain; but, thank God, He declared also that He would rise from the dead the third day. We notice that He not only mentioned His sufferings, but also told them He would arise again. There was deliverance for Him from all His troubles that He faced. Just so, there is deliverance for us if we will prove faithful to God. We are leaving all to follow Jesus and are not looking back. —Mrs. Marie Miles