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### "Go Tell What He Has Done"

Two blind men came to Jesus,  
Desiring a healing touch;  
To receive their sight again,  
They desired so very much.

So in their eager longing,  
Their faith began to rise;  
If they could just come near Him,  
That He would heal their eyes.

And so they followed, crying,  
With an unwavering trust:  
"Oh, thou Son of David,  
Have mercy, please, on us!"

"Do you believe I am able  
This request for you to do?  
According to your faith,  
So be it done to you."

"Yea, Lord, we believe it—"  
The work was quickly done.  
To tell the news to others  
They both, with joy, did run.

Oh! we dare not conceal it,  
Or blush, and halt with shame,  
But go and tell to others,  
And exalt His holy name.

For He is truly willing  
Other precious souls to bless,  
And heal all their diseases,  
If they His name confess.

—Ulysses Phillips

People would not seriously object to God's ministers setting forth the church as contained in the Scriptures, if we would recognize their earth-born institutions as being also God's churches. But this we cannot do and be honest before God, and faithful to His Word.

—D. S. Warner

### The Author of Eternal Salvation

Reading in Hebrews 5:7-9 I received some very serious thoughts concerning Jesus Christ, who is here pictured in this chapter as the great High Priest for mankind. Of Him it says: "Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; 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 that obey Him." Jesus as the High Priest came to deliver man from the power of sin and from the curse of death. He was mortal, made of flesh and blood like other men. But in the days of His flesh He was offering prayers and entreaties to God, who was able to save Him from death. I cannot feel that this means that Christ was praying to God to keep Him from tasting death, but for the sake of mankind He entreated of His Father the power to conquer death by being resurrected from the dead. It was His mission when He came into the world to die, to taste death and conquer it for every man by means of a resurrection. It says, "He was heard in that He feared." God Almighty heard His cries and entreaties and delivered Him from the grave because Jesus lived in the perfect fear of God. He did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth. He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin. It was written and quoted of Him: "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." Heb. 1:9. It was Christ in His uprightness and integrity of heart that merited from God for mankind the promise and hope of eternal life and resurrection from the dead. Because He loved righteousness and hated iniquity, His God anointed Him with life and power above his fellowmen. This is very important for us to remember. Christ was pure and undefiled in the sight of God. He was without sin, a Lamb without spot or blemish. Was it not sin and transgression in man that brought about separation from God and the sentence of corruption?

"By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Rom. 5:12. The sole target of Christ's mission on earth was sin and death. All else was of secondary importance. If sin was not conquered and death was not destroyed, for what purpose should He serve mankind? He might improve man's living conditions on earth, but what profit is that? Death and sin would continue to take their toll. No, instead, He comes as the supreme and perfect sacrifice; to die as a mortal, suffer the blight of the grave, and then triumphantly come forth from it all alive forevermore, and ascend up on high to the right hand of God and become a means of like salvation and victory to all who would obey Him.

Christ's part is accomplished, and His charge to those who believed on Him was to carry this message to the ends of the earth. He wanted every creature to hear the good news of deliverance from sin and hope of eternal life in the resurrection of the last day. Survey the Scriptures from beginning to end and let us recognize that this thought is the point and main objective of the Bible message. What greater treasure could the grace of God be than victory over sin and death? What greater blessing could the Deliverer bring from God than a triumph over that dark and cruel foe that trails every living individual on the stage of time? What greater blessing could living mortals experience than an assurance and hope in the face of death? Men and women today are driven in their pursuit of knowledge and wisdom of earth, in pursuit of the wealth and convenience of this present life, in pursuit of pleasure and lust, honor and fame. But all their efforts are not phasing the hand of death, which is daily taking its toll of young and old. The professed Christian world is divided into numerous points of agitation concerning the doctrine of Jesus. While all this strife is going on, the very thing which Christ aimed His life and ministry at still rages and takes her daily toll. The newspapers yet have their death columns and fresh graves are daily dug in the cemeteries across the land with no victory over the "sting of death."

Oh, let us take a closer look at the gospel! Are we guilty of straying from its true essence, straying into vain janglings and perverse disputings and vain strivings of the law? Why not settle back down on the platform of the gospel, and present to men and women the real answer to life's great issue?

"And being made perfect, He became the Author of eternal salvation unto all that obey Him." Christ has become through His integrity with God Almighty the cause and means of salvation unto eternal life. But to whom is this? "Unto all them that obey Him." This is but one of several direct and pointed expressions that illustrate Christ's relationship with those who are to share in His endless life and glory. Jesus obtained victory over death and the grave, not just for Himself alone, but for all mankind, fallen mankind who through the fear of death were all their life time subject to bondage. It was for mortals groping beneath the darkness of earth's iniquity, for those in

the prison house of sin who sat in the shadow of death.

The summons of the gospel message unto faith and obedience in Christ to the will of God is the heavenly calling of the Christian life. Even as Paul wrote in 2 Timothy 1:9-11: God "hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles." Notice the expression "whereunto," indicating to what purpose his work and ministry was devoted. Paul had a vision of God's eternal purpose in creating the world. His soul had grasped the heavenly vision. In verse 12 he mentioned his sufferings, not being ashamed, "For I know," he said, "whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He [Christ] is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day." —Leslie Busbee

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### What Filled the Vacancy?

A young man became engaged to a beautiful young woman. Some time afterward he was stricken with blindness. Feeling that it was unfair to ask the young lady to marry a blind man, he offered to release her from the engagement. She accepted this offer, but her acceptance was a severe blow to him. With heart crushed, he turned to God for comfort, and in resting upon Him, he found great peace to his soul. Then he wrote the hymn of which the following is the first stanza:

"O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in Thee;  
I give Thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be." —G. Matheson

Later I read some of this man's writings and he wrote these words: "The grandest patience in the universe is to have a vacant place in your heart and not allow that place to be filled with an inferior presence." This struck me as I thought of his experiences. He refused to let this severe disappointment cause him to turn himself over to the devil, nor let dislike, disappointment, distrust, and many other things that would want to crowd in, have any place in his heart. He turned to God to fill that vacant place in his life with His love, a love that never would let him go.

We often receive disappointments, sorrows, and troubles that cause vacant places in our lives, but, dear ones, we must be careful what moves in to fill that vacancy. If someone turns against you, be it sister, brother, companion, brother or sister in the Lord with whom you have walked the road of life in perfect fellowship, what are you going to let fill up that place? Will it be dislike which might turn to hatred? Will

it be a grudging, revengeful feeling, or an unforgiving attitude? You are the keeper of your heart. Are you going to open your heart to the suggestions and the power of the devil that will try to move in, or are you going to be filled with the power of God? God does not force Himself upon you, but the devil does. He is ruthless with his tactics. But God will hear the faintest cry from your heart when the devil comes in like a flood to fill up that vacancy.

"And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God." Eph. 3:19. We need to know how Christ acted under the same things we go through. We need to know His great love and the forgiving attitude that He had and let Him be our pattern. As we turn to Him in these times of trouble, He will move in with power so we can forgive, love, and rejoice in Him.

Some might ask, "Can one rejoice in these conditions?" We aren't rejoicing over the circumstances, but we are rejoicing because God has given us forgiveness, love, and grace to face the conditions—rejoicing because God has moved in and filled the vacancy with hope, comfort, and peace. "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost." Rom. 15:13.

The Psalmist David knew the battle he had because someone whom he loved turned against him. He said, "We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company." (Psa. 55:12-18) He felt that if it had been an "enemy that reproached me: then I could have borne it." A vacancy had been made and he battled the devil. He said, "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice. He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me." In John 16:24 Jesus said, "Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." There is the secret. Ask the Lord to fill up that vacancy and He will do it. Dear ones, we can have the victory. We can let love and forgiveness fill that vacant place. We can be "filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God." Philipians 1:11.

Perhaps you have lost a loved one and you are lonely, or your companion may go to the places of the world and leave you alone. You need not let that vacancy be filled with self-pity or a feeling that you have been treated unjustly. Fill that vacancy with doing for others, or working for God. Fill it up by making others happy. Ask God to love someone through you. Send a card, write a letter, speak a cheering word, lift a weary mother's load, tell the neighbor children about God, pass out tracts, papers, or mail them to someone, teach a Sunday school class, ask God to give you a burden for a certain one and pray through to victory for that one, visit an aged shut-in, or do other things and you will find that the vacancy has been filled and your joy will be full.

—Sister Marie Miles

## An Admonition of Love

Kansas—Dear Sister Marie, greetings to you in the name of Jesus: I am thankful I can report victory in my soul and thankful for the peace of God that floods my soul daily.

I would like to release a burden that I have had on my heart for some time, and I don't want to carry it any longer. The Lord made me know that today He wanted me to send it to the little paper.

It concerns the short dresses that the professed saints are wearing. I believe that it is an abomination in the sight of God. I believe with all my heart that they will have to stand before God and give an account for exciting lust in the opposite sex by their worldly "undress." So many people speak of the Scripture in 1 Peter 3:3, 4 and they say it is not the outward adorning, but the hidden man of the heart. And they are so right! It is the hidden man of the heart, and if that hidden man is the right Man, Jesus Christ, we won't be so bold, but will dress with shamefacedness and sobriety. I assure you that your bodies will be properly covered. Note 1 Tim. 2:9. I think this Scripture is sufficient for saved sisters.

I realize that modest dress is not alone salvation, but it certainly will accompany salvation. Note the ungodly way in which some of our teenagers and little girls dress. I blame the mothers, not the children. When one passes some of the saints' chapels in summer and the young people are on the grounds, one cannot tell saints' children from sinner children, and God is not pleased with this. His blessings do not rest upon such.

I don't want to discourage the ones who are measuring to the doctrine on this line. May God bless you for your courage. May your number increase! As David of old spoke in Psalm 119:6, we will not be ashamed to measure to all of God's commandments.

I'm not accusing anyone, just delivering my soul. God has been talking to my heart lately, and I certainly want to keep this glorious peace flowing in my soul. May God bless each one. We are nearing the great day of judgment. Saints, let us gird up the loins of our minds and be about our Father's business. We don't want to be as the foolish virgins, wait until the bridegroom is at the door and then have the door shut while we go for our extra supply of oil. While mercy is extended, let us prepare to meet our Lord.

Yours for the whole truth, —Sis. Gladys Williams

## The Present

If I could live my life over,  
Would it be the same today?  
Would I work so for material things,  
Or take more time to pray?

The past I cannot recall,  
And the future I cannot see.  
The present is all I have;  
Help me, Lord, to spend it for Thee.

If I had my life to live over,  
And know what I know now,  
I would accept the Lord as a child,  
And humbly to Him bow.

—Effie Miller

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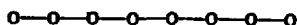


With arrival of autumn we again make a special effort by the blessings of the Lord and the co-operation of our readers to reach many more thousands of people with the pure gospel message. The summer is ended, the campmeeting season is past, and millions of souls are not saved! Shall we fold our hands and wait for another convenient season to reach the perishing? No! "Every second, sad to tell, counts another soul in hell," the poet wrote. "Dreadful sight to see them bound in sin's dark pall. What in life we all may do, can but save a very few, yet the blessed Savior shed His blood for all."

The urgent need for the salvation of souls is always before us, summer and winter, and in between times. The challenge is much greater because we are in the "gleaning time" of the gospel day, according to the prophecies and the signs of the times. Jesus plainly tells us: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:37. Very few indeed, just eight souls, took heed to Noah's warning, though he faithfully preached to them 120 years according to history. Just prior to Jesus' second coming, the same general conditions are prevailing—unconcern and indifference toward the gospel message. Nevertheless, it is the solemn obligation of the Church to carry the gospel to "every creature" and "all nations" right up to His coming. "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing." God designed that every soul would hear the gospel whether he believes it or not. Jesus said: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Matt. 24:14. The gospel will witness for or against each hearer in the day of Judgment. He will stand there speechless, without an excuse, if he has failed or refused to obey the gospel.

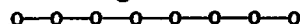


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The last campmeeting of the season in this area was held at Dover, Okla. on Aug. 30 to Sept. 8. The Lord blessed in the services and the church was edified. Ministers and saints attended from various places. Bro. and Sister Ulysses Phillips were missed there again this year, as this was their home and immediate field of labor when they lived in Oklahoma before moving to California a few years ago. Their godly influence is living on in Oklahoma.



Sister Boling of Pinckneyville, Ill. wrote that her husband, Edward Boling, who had been afflicted with a stroke for some time, passed away on August 28, 1968. May the Lord comfort her and all the family in their great loss. She is very lonely, not well in body, and desires prayer for special help from the Lord. Remember her when you pray.



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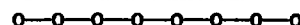


Sister Katherine Williams, minister of Oklahoma City, returned Sept. 18 to Alabama to encourage the saints and spread the gospel. A box of gospel literature was sent with her for distribution. She would appreciate your earnest prayers that her labors will be effectual in that field.



The people, as a whole, in this nation are now at a high pitch of political activity trying to get votes for their respective candidates, forgetting "that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will," and sometimes "setteth up over it the basest of men." Dan. 4:17. King Nebuchadnezzar, of ancient Babylon, learned this truth through bitter experience. By the decree of the Most High his heart was changed to a beast's. He was driven from men and did eat grass as oxen for seven years until he got the lesson "that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." At the end of the days Nebuchadnezzar lifted up his eyes to heaven, and his understanding returned unto him, saying that the Most High "doeth according to his will in the army of heaven; and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?" Dan. 4:34, 35.

Since our God is the supreme Ruler of the universe, we as His people (who are always in the minority) should resort to prayer in these times. The Apostle Paul writes: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men; for kings and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." 1 Tim. 2:1, 2. The power of intercessory prayer is more effective than all the ballots and man's feverish political efforts. One has well said: "More has been accomplished by prayer than this world dreams of."



Bro. and Sister Byron Wittenborn and family recently moved from California to Guthrie. Here tem-

porarily, they have now settled at Edmond, Okla., a few miles from the office. They have done missionary work in Baja, Mexico. Sister Wittenborn, though not well in body, has been working with Sister Opal Kelly on translating Spanish material in preparation to print more Spanish literature. We welcome these workers for the Lord to this area and pray that He will bless their efforts in His cause.

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As this paper goes to press on Sept. 23 we are pleased to report that the tent meeting, now being held by Bros. Curtis Williams and Kenneth Probst at the West Cabin Community Center near Vinita, Okla., is very profitable. The attendance and interest has been very good. At least six have been saved already, and the meeting is continuing this week at least until Wednesday. A baptismal service is planned before the meeting closes, and we pray that many more will be saved and ready for that ordinance.

Bro. Clarence Fry, minister of Nowata, Okla., had been preaching at this community center and was instrumental in getting the brethren to come and make this special evangelistic effort.

This writer, his wife and other co-workers from this office attended the meeting last Sunday, Sept. 22, and enjoyed the truth from God's Word and the fellowship of the saints there and those who had come from other congregations.

On our way home we visited Bro. and Sister Sam Barton in Tulsa, Okla., and found them encouraged in the Lord though in the midst of trials of afflictions. They desired prayer that they would be able to endure the test until final victory. Please do remember them daily at the throne of mercy.

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On our shelves are many back issues (except September, 1968) of "Faith and Victory" and "Beautiful Way" papers which we would certainly like to get into the hands of readers. If you could help pass them out, we would be happy to mail them to you at the cost of postage and wrapping—just 25c per pound. Order 4 lbs. for \$1.00, or many more, and help spread the gospel message. Specify how many pounds of each title, and various back numbers will be mailed to you promptly, postpaid.

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## OBITUARIES



Edward Charles Boling of Pinckneyville, Illinois, born Sept. 3, 1907, in Murphysboro, Ill., passed away Aug. 28, 1968, at the age of 60 years, 11 months, and 6 days.

Bro. Boling had worked for the Missouri Pacific Railroad for thirty-eight years, retiring in July, 1961.

He is survived by his wife, the former Iva Mae Hale, whom he married August 1, 1927; four daughters, Mrs. Floyd Offerman, Mrs. James Loyd Tiller, both of Pinckneyville, Mrs. Paul Gregory, Chestor, Ill., and Mrs. Theo Allen of Chicago, Ill.; one son, Charles Boling of Pinckneyville, Ill.; one sister, Mrs. George Malone, Salem, Mo., and 12 grandchildren.

Brother Boling accepted the truth of the Church of God several years ago and loved the Lord. He seemed most of the time to have a prayer on his lips and was always kind and good to his family and others. He was



always ready to help anyone if he could. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Mart Samons at the Doer Funeral Home Chapel, Pinckneyville, Ill.

Ina Ann Sorensen was born Jan. 18, 1889 and passed away on May 25, 1968 at Eugene, Oregon.

The survivors include four daughters, one son, and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at Eugene, Oregon and interment was in the Forestvale Memorial Park.

Sister Sorensen suffered a heart attack and remained a short time. Sister Bea Spaur of Jefferson visited and prayed with her, but the Lord saw fit to take her Home.

Sister Sorensen loved the truth and faithfully attended the special services at Jefferson, Ore. For a number of years she had prayed and hoped that a permanent work for God would be started in Eugene.

Sister Sorensen appreciated the old-time truth and at the time of her passing she had a note in this periodical requesting an early copy of "Revelations Explained" by F. G. Smith.

Clyde C. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith, was born August 18, 1906 at Fay, Okla. He departed this life May 30, 1968, at the age of 61 years, 9 months, and 11 days.

He was saved in 1933 under the ministry of his wife, Velma. He was later called to the ministry, and at his passing he was pastor at Oakland, California.

He was united in marriage to Velma Carter on February 6, 1935, and to this union two sons were born. Survivors include his devoted wife, two sons, Clyde Stanley Smith of Pearl City, Hawaii, and Herbert Wayne Smith of Los Angeles, Calif.; five brothers, two sisters, four grandchildren, nephews, nieces, saints and friends.

—Wanda Rosemond

### RESTING

In memory of Uncle Darius Gibson

Sweetly he is resting in the Savior's love,  
Resting in the beauty of heaven there above.  
Resting in quietness, free from toil and care  
Ever sweetly resting, with no suffering there.

He bravely taught the Word of God  
O'er mountain, hill, and plain,  
Carrying the gospel far and wide,  
Teaching in God's Name.

Now he's dwelling with the angels  
On the far-away peaceful shore,  
For all his pains now have ended—  
Peaceful is his rest forever more.

Our loss is heaven's gain,  
He lives to die no more.  
And if only we will be true,  
Again we'll meet upon the Golden Shore.

I truly loved my Uncle Darius. I appreciated the life he lived. He was an example of godly living, whom God called into the ministry. As for me, I shall never forget him. The love he always showed to me holds a very warm spot in my heart.

His niece,

—Ruth Eck

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## Meeting Notices

### WICHITA, KANSAS AUTUMN MEETING

Our autumn assembly meeting will be held, Lord willing, at Wichita, Kansas on October 25 to Nov. 3, 1968. We are looking forward to a profitable meeting, praying and expecting the Lord to send ministers whom He can use to expound His precious Word. Come, expecting the Lord to do great things. If you can't come, pray for the meeting. The chapel is located at 1701 N. Ash, Wichita.

For further information, contact the undersigned at 1536 Piatt St., Wichita, Kansas. Phone AM 4-8481.

—Bro. Lewis Williams

### OREGON ASSEMBLY MEETING

The Assembly meeting of the Church of God at Jefferson, Ore. will be held November 8 to 17, 1968, inclusive. This meeting will be run on the free-will offering plan as usual. All are invited to come. Cabins and bedding are furnished.

God blessed in a wonderful way in our campmeeting this summer and we are looking and praying to our God for another feast at Father's table. We urge everyone to attend this meeting. We are also praying God to send His Spirit-filled and Holy Ghost-led ministers to be with us to preach the truth of His precious Word.

For further information, write Sister Hilda Nielsen, P. O. Box 34, Jefferson, Ore., or Sister Bea Spaur, Pastor, P. O. Box 386, Jefferson, Ore. Phone A.C. 503, 327-2855.

## Meeting Reports

### AKRON, OHIO CAMPMEETING REPORT

We are praising our Lord for another successful campmeeting at Akron, Ohio in July. Our report is late, due to the many activities of the last two months. We were blessed with ministerial help from several states, and also teachers for the young people, song leaders, and prayer warriors. The meeting, as a whole, was inspiring, souls were saved, edified, sanctified, and baptized.

We were grateful to be privileged to attend the National campmeeting at Monark Springs, Mo. which was a blessing to our souls. While in that area we visited relatives in Newton, Wichita, and Wellington, Kansas. Returning home on the 28th, we were here for services in Akron on Sunday. The following week we moved to our permanent parsonage home. Our new address is 555 Fernwood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44320. Again we are made to lift our voices in praise to God.

On August 19 our vacation Bible school opened and was directed by Sister Annie Bell Allen, Sister A. Henderson, and three youths, all of Okmulgee, Okla. We had another Spirit-led Bible session, during which and since the school ended, there were three young people and some children saved. We surely need not spare any effort to get the truth of God's Word to the world today as sin is exalting itself against all righteousness. There were in attendance at vacation school many children, the highest count being 136. Pray much for every effort of spreading truth here.

—Sister Hazel Clark

### MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING REPORT

The Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting for 1968 has come and gone, and we thank the Lord for a wonderful meeting. The presence of the Lord was near and He blessed in the preaching of the Word. There were about thirteen



ministers present from several other states, as well as Missouri. There were quite a few souls at the altar for help and three were baptized.

At the first part of the meeting we had the largest attendance that has been here for some time. We do appreciate the ministers and saints who came to help make it a profitable meeting. —The Myrtle, Mo. Saints

### FRESNO, CALIF. CAMPMEETING REPORT

We thank the Lord for another wonderful campmeeting in Fresno, Calif. held Aug. 16 to 25. Souls were saved, saints were edified, and there was a deepening of consecration throughout the meeting as the Word of God went forth under the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Twenty or more were at the altar seeking the Lord for help. Nine were baptized. There was great rejoicing, unity, and cooperation. It was precious to see the saints gathering together in a battle against sin. God is surely stirring His people.

We do appreciate all—your presence, your prayers, and your help in every way. There were visiting saints and ministers from far and near, among whom were Bro. and Sister Ulysses Phillips. They are still laboring untiringly for the cause. —Bro. E. J. Trotter, Pastor

### PROFITABLE TENT MEETING AT DECATUR, ILL.

Bro. Mart Samons reports a very good tent meeting held the last part of August at Decatur, Illinois. He writes: "The weather was quite cool which hindered some. But the different saints around in that area seemed to get much good out of the meeting. They are going to start having regular services there just as soon as they can find a place of worship. This brings a greater responsibility upon the ministry to feed these dear souls. I am feeling more led of the Lord to work with the isolated saints and to help in the places where there is no minister. Pray that we will always be led of His Spirit. . . . We are supposed to have a meeting soon at Pittsburg, Pa. which is a new field. The Lord has been bringing the Scripture to me where Jesus said: 'Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields. . . .' The Lord is blessing the faithful few here in Kentucky.

"Bro. Curtis Williams and Bro. Kenneth Probst are to start a tent meeting near Vinita, Okla. on Sept. 13. . . . We have been having some real battles of afflictions and tests of faith, but we are yet on the winning side. . . . Our other affliction isn't any better, but we are getting some good lessons out of it. When the time comes, the Lord will heal it. Anyway we have it fixed to trust Him all the way. . . . Let us all be faithful until the end."

—Martin Samons

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### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Aug. 23)—Dear Bro. Lawrence Pruitt and all the family of God in America, warm greetings in the powerful name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour: I received your good letter dated Aug. 9 and hereby acknowledge the contents with thankfulness. . . .

When the weather becomes quite clear we plan to launch our evangelistic efforts and conventions. The newly purchased mike set is very useful. . . .

I am indeed quite refreshed to read the reports of the campmeetings there and how sinners repented and were saved. May the Lord bless those souls and keep them in the path of righteousness. . . .

Please strive in prayer for us. God is helping us to expand the work even though we have to mount bitterest oppositions. The enemy is wrathful against us. . . . But I am not the least dismayed or annoyed for He anoints me with the oil of grace and gladness. Praise the Lord!

We pray for your work, especially in printing for the furtherance of the Gospel. Please convey our best compliments and regards to all your associates.

We are praying for a small press. I do believe the Lord will help me to start printing on a small scale. Please pray for this. We are looking to Him who is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think according to the power that worketh in us." Will you, our fellow saints, also pray together with us that the Lord will open a way for it? May our faith increase.

Thanking you once again for your concern for us in the holy love that binds us together as a holy family of God, we remain yours in the spirit of love and fellowship,

—C. M. Verghese

### LETTER FROM SOUTHEASTERN NIGERIA

Southeast State, Nigeria (August 27)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints: We send greetings to all of you in the mighty, matchless name of Jesus Christ, God's Son and our Saviour and the world's Redeemer, who gave Himself for your and my sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world that all might be saved.

Can you imagine how grateful we all were when receiving your letter of June 23? Mouth and pen cannot tell how grateful we were to be assured of your prayers.

The entire Mission directed a letter to you after mine, and trust it reached the destination successfully. Its reply has not been received, perhaps due to a disturbance that arose which caused closure of postal service until further notice. . . .

War is developing. Pray for its quick end and for peace and order to be restored. It is very, very bad. Some of us (I for one) were only reading about war, but now we are experiencing it. Everything everywhere is bad.

No doubt you are eager to have a full sketch of the Mission activity, but, dear ones, I will quite be unable to acquaint you with all, for it would form a booklet. You know how long the suspended period has been, and I hope you will accept my greatest regrets. . . .

Our hearts sank over the sad news of Sister May Carver's passing a year ago now. Tell the lonesome Cecil Carver that we share his sorrow and heartaches and remember him in prayers. I would like to write, but there are no means (this is no disgrace to say, but the truth).

I visited Bro. B. U. Etuk last Sunday and he is improved. He so much appreciated your prayers and wishes for their continuation until the final answer comes.

Bro. B. E. A. Inyang is reported improving, too. Don't cease to pray especially for them both.

How sad do you think we were to miss about one year's issue of the "Faith and Victory"? As soon as you have this letter, mail to me the issues missed, at least a copy of each of the months, and I have faith that it will surely come through by the guidance of the Lord.

We are glad to note the publishing work is moving forward and that God is adding helpers to His work.

Next month, by the first Saturday, the entire Mission will meet and will direct words to you once more.

I know by now the campmeetings have come and gone and trust the Lord was present everywhere. . . .

Write me as quickly as possible, please. The reply will enable us to know that this address will serve better.

Pray for the church work here at my home.

I will close for now, and assure you of our devotions while we ask of you the same as usual.

—Nse B. Umanah, Field Secretary

### MISSION REPORT FROM LA MISION, MEXICO

Baja, Mexico—Dear Bro. Lawrence: We are still praising God for healing us. Also we praise God and thank you and all the saints for their prayers and offerings which were sent to us.

Surely, we need to redeem the time. The devil is working day and night to deceive as many as he can. He is deceiving many of the poor Mexicans through Pentecostalism. We surely meet with a lot of that. . . . Man-rule is a terrible thing. We are seeing it more and more.

The Lord is blessing the work here at La Mision and also at Rosarito. Ramona Esquers is doing real well. She has a lot of persecution and needs much prayer. There are also three other young people from Sister Edith Cole's congregation here seeking work and a place to live. Pray much for them.

God has answered many prayers for us lately. It has been marvelous. We believe we have the other petitions we are asking.

Christian love,

—The James Huskeys

### Prayer Requests

Mo.—On Sept. 3, Bro. Clayton Gaines, father of little Ruth Gaines, was thrown from a horse, hitting his head on some rocks. For several days he was in a critical condition and unconscious part of the time. Evidently he suffered a skull fracture, as he bled from his ears and nose, and vomited blood. They called for prayer at different places and the saints prayed earnestly for him. God performed a miracle in sparing his life.

The following is taken from a letter Sister Eva Lou wrote Sept. 17: "I believe Clayton is improving some every day. He isn't completely normal yet. He is still real weak and complains of his head hurting. The last few days he has been going with me to the hospital to see Ruth. Someone takes us. He seemed to have a pretty good night last night. . . . Ruth seems a little worse, but we are looking to the Lord to undertake."

Sister Eva Lou certainly needs prayer for her nerves in these trying times. Continue to pray fervently for all of them.

Pray for Bro. E. J. Kirchner of Minn. and Brother L. Hassinger of Ohio who have many problems and needs.

Calif.—Brother Pat Huskey writes: "My dear wife is much improved in body, for which we give God the glory. Do pray for her complete healing. The place on my face is not removed as yet, but we are standing on His Word as we were anointed and prayed for at the Monark camp-meeting. Do pray that our faith will be increased, and that we get the full benefit of these afflictions."

Kansas—Dear Sister Marie and readers: Please pray for the Lord to heal me. He has many times before. Also pray for other members of my family. A few months ago I requested prayer and the Lord removed almost all the pain. I was able to rest well at night and do most of my work. Then a few weeks ago I got worse and now the pain is so severe in my lower abdomen and limbs that sometimes I can hardly stand it. I call

upon the dear Lord and He relieves some of the pain, but I know He is able to completely heal me. This is what I am expecting. There is pressure on my nerves and muscles in my limbs. My heart bothers me, too. I am anxiously waiting for the Lord's healing touch.—A Sister.

Calif.—Prayer is requested for Bro. Harland Smith, missionary to Baja, Mexico, who continues to suffer from an affliction in his limbs and at times must use one or two crutches to get around.

Ind.—My son, who is very nervous, started to school last week, and now he is worse. Another son has separated from his wife . . . the little children are suffering. Pray God to save our children.—Sister L. Wilson.

Calif.—My husband is 74, isn't saved . . . had a stroke last October. I have been having kidney trouble, very painful.—Sister Leona Ong.

Wash.—We love to read the "Faith and Victory" paper. . . . What a change has been wrought since Jesus came into our hearts and everything became new! He is very precious to both of us. My husband is not feeling well. He has heart trouble and also had a light stroke. Please remember him in prayer.—Bro. and Sister O. V. Koehler.

La.—Sister Jackson has a place on her face close to her nose that seems to be getting larger. It has bled twice. We want the Lord to heal it and take it away for her encouragement and for the glory of God. . . . Sister Coffey doesn't feel well any more, it seems. She just can't eat anything and she says milk hurts her stomach sometimes and sometimes even water does. We are still holding on to the Lord to completely heal her. . . . Sister Audrey Baumgartner.

Mo.—I don't know what to do if I can't get my blood sugar down. My husband wants me to take insulin and I don't want to start taking it again. I would feel that I had failed God if I did. Pray for me. . . . I want to make it to heaven. . . . I am not eating starches and sweets much lately. Unless my sugar goes down, I can't have my teeth pulled.—Sister Pearl Logan.

Neb.—I have a mole on my face that seems to be growing.—Carolyn Holland.

Mo.—My daughter has several ailments . . . can't use her left arm and leg.—M. Sanders.

Ohio—Continue to pray for my wife. She is still in a wheel chair.—V. Yantis.

Ky.—My left eye pains, also kidneys, . . . very dizzy. I have other burdens.—Sister Baldridge.

Ohio—I have arthritis very bad. It is difficult to get around in the house. It seems to be spreading over my body. I know God is able to heal.—Sister L. J. Roush.

Ala.—Have had stomach and back condition.—Elizabeth Mickens.

Ill.—I am feeling much better. I haven't been having those pains in my eyes . . . still dizzy at times, but the dear Lord will heal that, too. . . . I stepped on a nail in the yard about two weeks ago and it went through my shoe into one of my toes. It hasn't healed yet and is swollen and painful. . . . Continue to pray for the lady that has cancer.—Sister Truman Pitts.

Mo.—I have two special requests for prayer.—Name withheld by request.

Ohio—Sister Ella Clark has swelling in legs and feet.

Mo.—Pray for my son who has an ulcer. Pray he will get saved. Keep praying for my husband and his nerves.—Sister Becky Barnes.

I do want you to remember my daughter-in-law, Berniece Miles. She has some internal troubles that give her much pain. She, in tears, has begged for prayer.

A mother needs her health to care for her family. I am sure that many of the saints knew about my son who had a spinal cyst and prayed for him. The Lord healed it. I believe He touched him when we had that agreement in prayer at the Assembly meeting here in Guthrie. We are so thankful. Pray for them that they keep saved, as they are, not privileged to be in service with the saints.

Pray for some homes the devil is trying to destroy.

Continue to remember the different ones who are still looking to the Lord for healing to their bodies. Bro. and Sister Barton keep good courage but still need prayer. Sister Jessie Taylor isn't well but is holding on to the Lord. She needs deliverance from this same condition that the Lord has removed several times. Sister Lillie Miller in Louisiana is still looking to the Lord, but isn't very responsive since her condition has grown worse from that cancer in her head. She still needs prayer.

"Believing the Word" will bring results. The nobleman from Capernaum came to Jesus and asked Him to come and heal his son, who was at the point of death. Jesus said to him, "Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way." John 4:50. Some of his servants met him and told him that his son lived. He began to inquire when he began to amend. The father knew it was the same hour that Jesus said, "Thy son liveth." Now, if this father had just stood there and had not believed, I do not believe the son would have lived. But he "believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him." Dear ones, we have Jesus' words spoken to us today to live by and trust in. Believing them will bring a blessing to our souls and bodies. —M. Miles.

## From The Mail Box . . .

Ky.—Dear Sister Marie: We send greetings in the lovely name of Jesus who is so near and dear to our hearts, and so are all of His people. We only got to be in a part of the Monark, Mo. campmeeting, and missed getting to go out in the Lord's work with my dear husband, but we feel the Lord sent us here to be a help to Curtis' parents, so I don't want to fail them or the Lord. It is just wonderful how the Lord has been helping his dad. He is almost as strong in body as he was before he had these last two strokes. He can say short sentences, enough so we can understand what he wants us to know. We feel this is only an answer to prayer. . . . We do appreciate the prayers and concern of the saints in his behalf.

Curtis got home last night from the meeting in Illionis. He said they had a good meeting. . . .

I want to thank you for sending the books. The children are surely enjoying reading them. . . .

Pray for us as we do you. —Sister Curtis Williams  
Evangelist With The Tent in Oklahoma

Dear Bro. Lawrence: We greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus. We received your good letter at Decatur, Illinois, and thank you . . . .

Bro. Kenneth Probst and I will start the next tent meeting near Vinita, Okla. on the 13th of September, to continue through the 22nd, Lord willing. . . . We will be working with the tent for awhile yet as the Lord directs. Next spring, Lord willing, we are hoping to start with the tent and work with it all next year as the Lord opens the way for us. . . . We are sending some names for the paper. . . . We desire your earnest prayers for the meetings. —Bro. Curtis Williams, Clearfield, Ky. 40313

(NOTE: If anyone wants a tent meeting yet this season in the southern states, contact him at this address.)

Ind.—Dear Saints at the printshop and everywhere, greetings in the blessed name of Jesus: . . . The Lord surely is good to us, and I want to be just what He would have me to be.

I am sending an offering to be used where you need it most. May God bless you all in every way is my prayer.

Remember my wife and me when you pray. We need your prayers.

Your Brother in the Master's service, —Nathan Mobley

Georgia—Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I have been a subscriber to your paper for 34 years. I am enclosing \$2.00 for another renewal.

May God's choicest blessings be upon each of you at the printshop. Pray for my family. I lost my husband on April 1 of this year.

Yours in Christ,

—Mary M. Dorsey

Wash.—Dear Sister Marie: . . . Sister Spaur and Sister Stice were here at Tacoma last week end. . . . They held a little meeting. I went back to Jefferson with them and was able to be in meetings there. . . . Pray for my grandson. He needs to be saved and he probably will have to go into service. —Sister D. T. Thomas

N. Car.—Dear Ones in Christ: . . . I want the "Faith and Victory" paper to keep coming. It is such a blessing and help. . . . I have persecutions that at times I feel are almost more than I can bear, yet God comforts with His Word. It helps to know that others are praying for me. . . . I marked the list of tracts that I want to read and also would like some to send to others. I know this is a good way to witness for Christ.

—Mrs. S. Strickland

Ky.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings once again in Jesus' dear name. . . . I tossed out over 40 "Faith and Victory" papers, and "Mission Trail" papers, with tracts included, on the way to the Myrtle, Mo. campmeeting, with a prayer, you may be sure. I received our September "Faith and Victory" yesterday. I was glad and thankful for them. It seems each one gets better than the last. The Sunday school lessons are good. We appreciate all you and Bro. Lawrence are doing for God and souls. We pray for you that God may continue to give you Holy Ghost leadings to publish and send forth this gospel by the printed page.

We want to go to Dayton, Ohio for all-day meeting this week end, Lord willing. The Lord has healed my good Sam's eye. We are determined to press on and do His will. Pray for us. —Sister Sam Abbott

Ala.—Dear Sister Miles: . . . In answer to your most welcome letter. I have read it several times. . . . Bro. and Sister Coffey came over to visit. I know they have the love of God in their hearts to drive so far just to see one person. We had prayer together and they anointed me with oil for healing. I told them . . . that I needed spiritual help. This is more than a little ulcer of the mouth. The pain has gone down into my neck and throat. I know God can heal regardless. . . . Maybe God will test my sincerity before healing. I feel I am prepared to give up anything that is displeasing to God. It is wonderful to be in contact with people who really care for one another. This makes up the real family of God. I thought Sister Coffey looked so sweet in her long sleeves and skirt the right length. To me she was beautiful. It is wonderful how the Lord will lead us into the right way of thinking when we are sincerely honest with Him. . . . I want to grow closer to

Him every day of my life. Please continue to remember me in your prayers.

Yours Sister in Christ, —Mrs. Frances Everhart

Illinois—I find the "Bible Chain of Truth" to be the best book for teaching children good sound Bible doctrine that I have ever found anywhere. This book should be in the home of all parents so they can teach their children the great Bible doctrines so needful in these days of so much atheistic teaching in our schools. I want to say thank you for such a good book of Bible doctrinal teaching, and in such a form that children can readily understand it.

—A. F. Foster

Wisconsin—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in Jesus' name. I have been reading the book, "Divine Physical Healing, Past and Present." I think it is the best book on healing I have read. I was acquainted with both Bro. Byers and Byrum, but hadn't read either of these books. I feel the book is very timely, for it seems some feel very uncertain whether it is God's will for them to be healed or whether it is His will for them to suffer on in affliction. . . .

We had a good trip from the National campmeeting. We stayed over Monday to help clean up after the meeting. On Wednesday we went to Grubbs, Ark. to be with Bro. and Sister Albert Eck in their prayer meeting. We rejoiced to see what the Lord has done through these humble servants at that place. We got back home Saturday to be in services on Sunday. . . .

We would appreciate an interest in your prayers for those we have on our hearts, especially our children.

In Christian love, —Sister Frank Dietrich

Okla.—Dear Sister Miles: I am glad that Jesus knows all about our sorrows. Through all of them He can keep us saved and under the blood. . . . One of our grandsons in Vietnam got shot in the hand. It tore his hand up quite badly. The army sent him to Japan to the hospital. We are glad and thankful that he didn't get killed. . . . Pray that the Lord will save my unsaved loved ones.

—Sister Ben Harrison

Mich.—Dear ones at the Publishing House: We send greetings in Jesus' precious name. We hope and pray that all are well there and everything is going fine. We are enjoying the blessings of the good Lord.

As far as we know our grandson is well enough to go to school, for which we certainly thank the Lord for answering prayers.

Wife and I will be married 48 years on Sunday, September 22. It doesn't seem that long. . . .

We thank God for the truth and are so glad for the real saints of God—glad that Bro. and Sis. Gibson came to see us and we learned there were still real saints in the U. S. A. and for the publishing house. It is sad that so few souls will accept the truth.

We remember you each day in prayer that God will bless at the print shop and all His children.

Please send us . . . and use the remainder of the money for what you deem best.

Your Bro. and Sis. in Christ, —Floyd Hines and Wife

Va.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings in Jesus' dear name: If I could write down all the blessings that God has given me, I wouldn't have enough paper. As I was reading the article in the September paper on "Be Still" by Sister Atha, I got a real blessing from it. I want to be still so I can hear that still small voice.

I wouldn't take anything for the privilege I had of being with Sister Powell. She was the only one I have ever seen who, to the end, didn't let down in any way. Money couldn't buy what I saw during the three weeks she was in bed. She was blind, but up until the last day, you couldn't fool her. . . .

I wrote to you about a man, asking for prayer for him, and now he acts differently. I opened my Bible to Deut. 29:19, and I believe God was showing me that about his trouble. He said he would not drink anymore. He has eight more days and he will be out of jail. Pray that God will keep dealing with his soul and that he can get saved right in jail. . . .

My son is in trouble. Please put him on your prayer list. We all need prayer.

Your Sister in the Lord, —Nannie Connell

## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



Okla.—Dear Saints of God: I feel I have much to praise God for. Everyone does if he would only count his blessings.

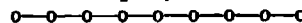
God has heard and answered prayer for me once more. As some of you may know, the court has been trying to take my children away from me. My children are very dear to me and I love them as much as a mother could. Since my husband left me and the children alone in this life, we are all three very close and can't stand to be away from each other long at a time. My neighbor had turned me in, saying I beat my children almost every night during June. . . . But God has over-ruled all things, and I have full custody of my children. The children had been learning their Sunday school verses this week and I told my little five-year-old boy his verse is what we ought to follow. It says, "In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me." He did answer, although the judge had to have overnight to make a decision. That night I told my three-year-old girl her verse surely needed to be used: "Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man." Psa. 60:11. There was no talking or anything we could do—vain was the help of man. But we could pray and God could change thoughts and hearts.

Also, God healed me of four different afflictions when I was prayed for here at the Guthrie, Okla. campmeeting. I do praise God that He changed my heart to want to trust in Him. It is a blessed and happy way to serve God. People have trouble when unsaved and they have no way to melt hearts and change minds of people. But God's people can pray and He will answer.

I enjoy dressing the way God would have me to. We have to strive to enter in at the strait gate to heaven.

May God bless you for your prayers for me, as we know "prayer changes things."

One of God's doorkeepers, —Sharon Wilson



Mo.—Dear readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper: Again I can testify to the healing power of the Lord. I am thankful for people who care enough to pray for others.

There's at least one good thing about being ill (that is, if you are not too ill to read). It gives one time to read tracts and good Christian literature that one had been too busy to read before. I believe we all have enough good reading material, including the Bible, that we can keep busy reading for a long time before it is all read.

The first part of last week I was very ill. I prayed all one night and the thought came to me that my condition might become worse and I wouldn't be able to get

to the phone to call for help. My husband is now working out of town and this has also caused me to be more sympathetic toward those living alone. Not wanting to disturb anyone's sleep, I kept looking to the Lord for strength and relief in my suffering until the following day. The Lord stood by me, for which we thank Him. After calling for prayer, I began to improve.

While in bed, I read some in past issues of the "Faith and Victory," and "Mission Trail" papers, also some of C. E. Orr's writings, which I especially enjoy. When I was a young girl living at Homestead, Oklahoma, we drove to Okeene where Bro. Orr came to hold services. We all enjoyed them so much. He was a rather quiet man as I remember him.

A few days after my first affliction I had another bad spell of an entirely different nature. I had excruciating pains for two hours. Again I called for prayer and received almost instant relief. What a mighty God is He!

—Mrs. Delmer Severs

La.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sister Marie, workers and saints everywhere: We wish to take this opportunity to send our greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We are much encouraged to press the battle on to the end and make heaven our home. The devil is surely working hard through every conceivable means possible to cast down, discourage, and overthrow everyone he can. But thank God, the victory is ours through faith in the blessed name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, if we will only count it so.

We appreciate very much the effort of the printing work for the spread of the gospel, also the "Mission Trail," and every other effort that is put forth. May the Lord richly bless and reward everyone for their sacrifice and labor of love. . . .

Recently we had a very pleasant stay and visit at the Golden Rule Home. We are made to realize more and more with each visit what a blessing the home is to those dear elderly ones that need help and attention. Surely, it is God-sent and worthy of all our support and prayers. Sister Malinda Penner needs special prayer at this time, as she has had a break in her nerves from being overburdened and over-taxed. She is a precious consecrated saint of God.

We are very thankful for the way the Lord is helping and blessing Sister Eva Mitchell since the time He saw fit to take dear Bro. Ernest to be with Himself. We are encouraged for the way He is blessing each one and His cause here in general.

We solicit the prayers of all that we may ever be true and faithful to the end.

Your Brother for all the truth, —Merrill A. Williamson

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings: The Lord blesses us in many ways. Every once in a while someone asks us how we came out with our little adopted boy and if we still have him. We are so thankful to the Lord that He has blessed us with him and feel it is the Lord's will for us to rear him. Our heart's desire is to bring up all five of our little ones for God. We also care for four other children while their mothers work. We feel the need of others' prayers and the Lord's grace and help that we may have patience and wisdom in teaching them what Truth we can.

We are grateful to the Lord for how He cared for our little Donny recently at the campmeeting in Pacoima. We took two of the little girls we care for with us. The smaller girl had a cold and her mother had put half a bottle of pills in the girl's suitcase. I forgot about them being there and while I was away from the tent Donny

got hold of them and ate all but five. The older children caught him and ran to tell us. We ran to him, of course. Johnny began to make him vomit and I went to get others to pray. Several gathered and had prayer. He vomited up a good tablespoon of them. After prayer he began to get sleepy, but we kept him awake with the Lord's help and the Lord touched him. He has been fine since. We surely do thank the Lord who has blessed our children so many times.

Our oldest girl has been healed of bronchial trouble, and Ronnie of asthma. Our youngest girl was healed of yellow jaundice. I feel at times that I have failed the Lord in trusting Him all the way and have asked Him to forgive me. My heart's desire is to serve Him and trust Him to the end. We desire all the saints' prayers.

—Carolyn Shirrell

Mo.—Greetings to the Saints scattered abroad: We are much encouraged in the Lord. It has been some time since we have written, but we have been much on the move for God.

We feel it has been a profitable summer in the work of the Lord. To God be the glory for all that has been accomplished. We do love the truth and God's dear people. They mean so much to us. We appreciate everyone and want to see them be faithful to the end, and to see others brought into the fold.

We have a special burden at this time. Please help us pray that we may know God's will in all things, for we do desire only His will in our lives. One motto in our life has been, "Seek to know God's will, then do it," and we still endeavor to do that by His grace and help.

May God bless all the saints and keep their hearts in tune with Him that they may be overcomers in these evil days in which we are living.

Your fellow-servants, —Murphy and Natalie Allen

Kansas—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I felt impressed to send you the amount inclosed with this letter. It is God's money. I am glad to report victory in my soul. Also, I want to tell you that God touched my body in answer to the prayers of the saints at Webb City, Mo. . . . So we see that God can still look after these old frail bodies. He made us, He can repair us! I know divine healing is still valid. I am encouraged to trust God more.

Yours in Jesus' name, —Homer W. Fee

W. Va.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: We are happy again to greet you in the wonderful name of Jesus; thankful to be saved and encouraged to press on in this time-world.

Time is short in which to work. Surely God's people should make every hour count for the good of His kingdom and do what we can to get the few honest hearts saved before it is too late.

We were truly blessed here in August with a wonderful meeting, as the brethren came here with the tent. The truth went forth with power and without favor. A large number of souls went to the altar, many of whom were young people. We feel that some are going to stand for the truth and go through with God. Most of the people around this area were put to thinking, as they had never heard the Word preached in power before. Many just marveled at the love and friendliness of these dear people who came here asking no one for anything and showed the people of this area that they were only concerned about souls.

Bro. Pruitt, we truly learned much about the saints as these brethren and their families came here and worked and faced so many hardships that a few souls might be

saved. Truly, our love and gratitude has increased much since seeing their love for souls in action.

We were also thankful for the saints who came down from Pennsylvania to the meeting. We feel that the Lord blessed them for their coming. Surely they are dear to our hearts.

We would like to say that this field here in the East is certainly one of the great ripe fields of this world. All the way from Maine to North Carolina and all the area east of Akron, Ohio, has never heard, in late years, the real old-time truth, except for a few saints scattered throughout these states. We pray that all the saints will get a real burden concerning this great unharvested field. We need more ministers to work here, and also more help for those who are already working in this field.

With the help of the Lord, we are starting a Sunday school here and we hope that other services will be added as the Lord leads. We desire your prayers, as well as those of all the saints everywhere that this may be an outpost in this vast area which is mostly under the control of Gog and Magog and other forces of the enemy. We are sending for 24 "Faith and Victory" papers and 24 "Beautiful Way" papers which we are going to use in our Sunday school.

We trust the Lord is still blessing you dear ones there and pray that you will ever keep encouraged and keep the standard of our Lord always flying high.

Pray for us that we may do the Lord's will in all things. Also remember these dear ones here who were just saved.

With Christian love, —Bro. James White

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La.—To all the dear Saints, greetings: Our Lord has been so good to us and today I am happy to say I know Him as my personal Saviour and Friend.

Back in the summer I became very ill and in my distress I contacted many of the saints for prayer who helped me to pray and showed much concern, which I do appreciate. The Lord answered prayer and I have enjoyed a few days of really feeling well. Praise the Lord! I thank you, one and all, for your prayers. I have found that in everything and at all times it pays to trust the Lord.

Sunday night at the church services I testified to my healing and the saints there rejoiced in the same. The Lord wonderfully undertook for me. But now something altogether different has taken hold of my body, and I am suffering much with my head, insomuch that I am trying to pray and search my life to find out what the Lord is trying to teach me. More than anything else, I desire to be in the center of His will. I do need and desire your prayers again. I mean to be faithful. I long to be a blessing to all I come in contact with in this life. I want to be ready to meet my Lord when He calls me Home.

Lately I have especially enjoyed reading the "Faith and Victory" paper and I do appreciate the labor that is put forth to get it and all the other literature out. May our Lord bless your faithful service and supply every need. We are praying for you and for the work there.

With Christian love, —Gladys Cashio

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Illinois—Dear Sister Marie: Thank you very much for your nice letter. I had written for prayer for my brother who was having a nervous breakdown. He is much better. I want to thank you and those who prayed for him. But most of all, I must give all praise and glory to God. Please continue to pray for him that he will stay well.

I have a limb ulcer. Would you also please pray so it will be healed? Thank you very much. I enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper. Enclosed is a check for . . . to use in the Lord's work.

Sincerely,

—Mrs. George C. Herman

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Ark.—Dear Bro. L. D. Pruitt and all the dear workers at the printshop: Greetings this wonderful day the Lord has made for us to enjoy, and to give Him praise. Oh, how good it is to be saved and sanctified and kept by the mighty power of God, yes, and to be healed by the touch of His loving hand! Oh, how we ought to love and serve Him with our whole heart!

It was very good to be in the Monark (Mo.) campmeeting this year and to be with some of God's dear people.

The Lord is very good to me. He has touched this old body and given me healing again. Praise His great name forever! I wish all people knew Him as I do—a present help in every trouble, and Giver of peace and love at all times. He is my daily portion.

Bro. and Sister Albert Eck and I had a wonderful experience last Sunday night as we were coming home from Grubbs, Ark. after the night service. We saw the clouds and lightning, but we started out for my home. After awhile came the high wind, and then the rain. At times we could scarcely see the pavement, so we stopped for awhile. Oh, how it did rain and blow! But, oh, the calm and peace that filled my soul! We all prayed and had our trust in the One who rules, even in the storm. We got home safely. We knelt and gave thanks to God. They stayed with me for awhile, and they had a safe trip back to their home. I believe we all were a little more encouraged to trust God more.

My heart's desire is to be more of a true witness for the One who has all power in heaven and earth. Oh, what a mighty God we serve!

Enclosed find a little gift of love to help in the Lord's work.

We plan all-day meetings at Grubbs, Ark. every third Sunday.

With love and prayers,

—Sister N. E. Adams

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### THE SOURCE OF OUR FAITH

Printed Portion ..... Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3:12-15

Heb. 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets,

2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;

3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

4 Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.



Heb. 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward;

3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Heb. 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

14 For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end;

15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

Memory Verse: God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son. Hebrews 1:1, 2.

Practical Truth: Faith in Jesus, the Son of God, will bring us salvation and heaven in the end.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

How glad we are that we have the Bible! God protected His Word down through the centuries so it would come to us today. Jesus read and referred to the Old Bible many times while teaching. It truly is a source of our faith and belief. All the old prophets, with one consent, testified of Jesus Christ and the work of redemption brought by Him. The New Testament writers witness of His coming and His glorious works and teachings "in these last days" or the Gospel dispensation because this is the last dispensation in which men can be saved.

Jesus is the brightness of God's glory and express image (not physical, but moral image) and has the divine attributes of His power and glory. The disciples said, "We beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father." (John 1:14.) Jesus took on the flesh of man so He could purge us of our sins. Then He ascended into heaven to intercede for us.

We should remember these things and hold fast our faith in God, and work out our salvation so we can live eternally with Jesus in heaven. It is not the big start that will take us to heaven, but being stedfast unto the end that we may receive a crown.

October 13, 1968

#### CHRIST OUR MEDIATOR

Printed Portion ..... Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-10

Heb. 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

5:1 For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins:

2 Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity.

3 And by reason hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins.

4 And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

5 So also Christ glorified not himself to be made an high priest; but he that said unto him, Thou art my Son, to day have I begotten thee.

6 As he saith also in another place, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

7 Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;

8 Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;

9 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him;

10 Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Memory Verse: Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:16.

Practical Truth: Christ is our Mediator—our great High Priest who gave His life's blood for our sins that He might bring God and man together.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

A mediator is one who stands between, an intercessor. Man was in a terrible condition after Adam and Eve sinned and caused sin to pass upon all. They needed a Saviour. John the Revelator wept when he saw the condition in a vision. (Rev. 5) But thank God for His great love. He saw our condition. Sin was separating us from Him. He could not look upon us with favor. Jesus came and died for our sins. He brought us to God. "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." (1 Tim. 2:5) When God sees the blood of Jesus covering our sins, then we can come boldly to Him and commune with Him.

Under Moses' law the High Priest had to offer first a sacrifice for his own sins before he could offer sacrifices for the sins of the people. This was to teach him to have compassion for others. He was to be sympathetic and have a love for the ignorant and unlearned. The High Priest was appointed by God and did not select himself. Just so Jesus glorified not Himself, but was appointed by God. Now Jesus is our High Priest forever.

We know nothing more of Melchisedec except what is written in Genesis 14:18-29 and Psalm 110:4.

Verse 7 tells us that Jesus took upon Himself the fleshly body and suffered for sin, yet He had no sin. Through His death of agony and suffering, He conquered death for us. Only Jesus could know the torments necessary to effect this. Through His sufferings He perfected the entire plan of redemption for mankind.

October 20, 1968

#### LOYAL IN THE FAITH

Printed Portion ..... Hebrews 12:1-4, 7-15

Heb. 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,



2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness.

11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

**Memory Verse:** Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Hebrews 12:11.

**Practical Truth:** God's chastisement is one of the greatest aids we have in our race toward heaven.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We could add to the cloud, or crowd, of witnesses as listed in the 11th chapter, but there are enough to whom God was faithful, that it should prove to us that God will not fail us on our way to heaven if we will go as He leads us. If we lay off or put off those things that will hinder us, and be filled with the Holy Spirit, He will be our Leader and Guide in this dark world as we travel toward heaven. We must first have our volitional sins forgiven, and then be cleansed by the Holy Spirit from that besetting, or upsetting, sin which is in our natures, and surrender self and all to Jesus to be fully equipped for running the race.

A child does not know that the stove is hot, and sometimes has to be punished to keep from being burned. God has to punish or chastise us sometimes to keep us from going astray. That might be grievous to us at the time, but notice the words of the Apostle Paul who says, "nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." If we will listen and obey, we will be blessed. "Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Cor. 4:17, also 1 Pet. 5:9. Jesus is our example. We should not be discouraged, but know that not only we, but also others

who are watching and seeing how we respond in the right manner to chastening, will be blessed.

October 27, 1968

#### GOD'S OWN PEOPLE

Printed Portion ..... 1 Peter 1:13-21; 2:9, 10

1 Pet. 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

**Memory Verse:** But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name. John 1:12.

**Practical Truth:** If we say that we love Jesus, we ought to act like it.

#### COMMENTS AND APPLICATION

We can let our minds go out after the things of the world, or see others who are living after the flesh, and yet seeming to prosper, until it can be a hindrance to us. We need to "gird up" or bring in our minds and look at life in a sober manner, knowing that we are here only a short while and then we go to our unending home.

God wants His children to be holy as He is holy, to be obedient, and conform to divine standards. We are a chosen generation, a royal people, and have been called out of darkness into the marvelous light of God. We are a different people who are not of this world. We have been redeemed by the blood of Jesus. Salvation is not bought with money, but it is the gift of God to those who have humbled themselves, and with godly sorrow, repented of their sins. There is a vast difference between those who are in the light and those who are in the darkness of sin—the obedient and the disobedient. We are a "peculiar people," a purchased people, or the private property of God. We do not belong to ourselves since we have obtained mercy from Him. We must dare to be different. We are not to have fellowship with the world, nor walk in any way that is contrary to God's way. It will mean salvation to us in the end. —Marie Miles