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Glory Be To Jesus!



All glory be to Jesus who died on the tree,
And gave His life a ransom for you and for me.
Let us now adore Him here on earth below,
All our love and service unto Him bestow.

He alone is worthy of our love and praise;
We will gladly serve Him all our live-long days.
There will be rejoicing throughout all the land,
As we for the Saviour boldly take our stand.

Let Him be exalted in our prayer and song,
Lift the banner higher, as we march along.
Praise Him for His mercy, praise Him for His love,
Praise Him for the mansions He prepared above.

We will work for Jesus on the harvest field,
Trusting that our labor golden sheaves will yield.
Then with those rejoicing, how happy we will be,
To sing with all the ransomed the glorious jubilee.

It calls for self-denial, and yielding of our will
To Christ and all His biddings if we His purpose fill.
But, oh, how great the blessings we will receive and share
Of His eternal glory in those mansions over there.

All glory be to Jesus, bless His holy name,
"From glory to the manger on wings of love He came."
Although He has ascended to those bright realms above,
He's coming back to gather the jewels of His love.

—Ulysses Phillips



"Parents are the most important teachers that young people ever have. God meant it that way. No one else can adequately replace them. Every word and deed of both fathers and mothers have a lasting effect, for better or for worse, on impressionable young minds."

Is God In Everything?



Things in which we can see God's hand always have a sweetness in them that consoles while it wounds; but the trials inflicted by man are full of nothing but bitterness. What is needed then is to see God in everything, and to receive everything directly from His hands, with no intervention of second causes; and it is to just this that we must be brought before we can know an abiding experience of entire abandonment and perfect trust. Our abandonment must be to God, not to man; and our trust must be in Him, not in any arm of flesh, or we shall fail at the first trial.

The question here confronts us at once, "But is God in everything, and have we any warrant from the Scripture for receiving everything from His hands without regarding the second causes that may have been instrumental in bringing them about?" I answer to this unhesitatingly, Yes. To the children of God everything comes directly from their Father's hand, no matter who or what may have been the apparent agents. There are no "second causes" for them. The whole teaching of Scripture asserts and implies this. Not a sparrow falls to the ground without our Father. The very hairs of our head are all numbered. We are not to be careful about anything, because our Father cares for us. We are not to avenge ourselves, because our Father has charged Himself with our defense. We are not to fear, for the Lord is on our side. No one can be against us because He is for us. We shall not want, for He is our Shepherd. When we pass through the rivers they shall not overflow us, and when we walk through the fire we shall not be burned, because He will be with us. He shuts the mouths of lions, that they cannot hurt us. He "delivereth and rescueth." "He changeth the times and the seasons; He removeth kings and setteth up kings." A man's heart is in His hand, and "as the rivers of water, He turneth it whithersoever He will." He ruleth over all the kingdoms of the heathen; and in His hand there is power and might "so that none is able to withstand" Him. "He ruleth the raging of the sea; when the

waves thereof rise. He stilleth them." He "bringeth the counsel of the heathen to naught; He maketh the devices of the people of none effect." "Whatsoever the Lord pleaseth, that doeth He, in heaven and in earth, in the seas and all the deep places." "Lo, these are parts of His ways; but how little a portion is heard of Him? But the thunder of His power who can understand?" "Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? There is no searching of His understanding."

These Scriptures and many others like them settle forever the question as to the power of "second causes" in the lives of the children of God. Second causes must all be under the control of our Father, and not one of them can touch us except with His knowledge and by His permission. It may be the sin of man that originates the action and therefore the thing itself cannot be said to be the will of God; but by the time it reaches us it has become God's will for us, and must be accepted as directly from His hands. No man or company of men, no power in earth or heaven can touch that soul which is abiding in Christ without first passing through His encircling presence, and receiving the seal of His permission. If God be for us, it matters not who may be against us; nothing can disturb or harm us, except He shall see that it is best for us, and shall stand aside to let it pass.

Take Joseph. What could have seemed more apparently on the face of it to be the result of sin and utterly contrary to the will of God, than the action of his brethren in selling him into slavery? And yet Joseph, in speaking of it, said, "As for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it for good." "Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves that ye sold me hither; for God did send me before you to preserve life." It was undoubtedly sin in Joseph's brethren, but by the time it had reached Joseph it had become God's will for him and was, in truth, though he did not see it then, the greatest blessing of his whole life. And thus we see how God can make even "the wrath of man to praise Him," and how all things, even the sins of others, shall "work together for good to them that love" Him.

I learned this lesson practically and experimentally long years before I knew the Scriptural truth concerning it. I was attending a prayer meeting held in the interests of the life of faith, when a strange lady arose to speak. She said she had great difficulty in living the life of faith on account of the second causes that seemed to her to control nearly everything that concerned her. Her perplexity became so great that at last she began to ask God to teach her the truth about it, whether He really was in everything or not. After praying thus for a few days, she had what she described as a vision. She thought she was in a perfectly dark place, and that there advanced toward her from a distance a body of light which gradually surrounded and enveloped her and everything around her. As it approached,

a voice seemed to say, "This is the presence of God! This is the presence of God!" While surrounded with this presence all the great and awful things in life seemed to pass before her—fighting armies, wicked men, raging beasts, storms and pestilences, sin and suffering of every kind. She shrank back at first in terror; but she soon saw that the presence of God so surrounded and enveloped herself and each one of these things that not a lion could reach out its paw, nor a bullet fly through the air except as the presence of God moved out of the way to permit it. And she saw that if there was ever so thin a film, as it were, of this glorious Presence between herself and the most terrible violence, not a hair of her head could be ruffled nor anything touch her, except as the Presence divided to let the evil through. Then all the small and annoying things of life passed before her; and equally she saw that there also she was so enveloped in this presence of God, that not a cross look, nor a harsh word, not a petty trial of any kind could affect her, unless God's encircling presence moved out of the way and let it. Her difficulty vanished. God was in everything; and to her, henceforth, there were no second causes. She saw that her life came to her, day by day and hour by hour, directly from the hand of God, let the agencies which should seem to control it be what they might.

Would that it were only possible to make every Christian see this truth as plainly as I see it! For I am convinced it is the only clue to a completely restful life. Nothing else will enable a soul to live only in the present moment, as we are commanded to do, and to take no thought for the morrow. Nothing else will take all the risks and "supposes" out of a Christian's life, and enable him to say, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life."

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Will All Israel Be Saved?

The Bible says, "All Israel shall be saved" Rom. 11:26. Does God mean that all the Jews will be saved? First, let us notice the origin of the Jews, and the purpose for their existence. When God called Abraham He told him He would make of him a great nation (the Jews), but His promise went further than that. God said through his seed all families of the earth would be blessed. That takes in us and all who accept Christ, as we shall show, by the oath which God swore to our father, Abraham, "that he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies [inward foes] might serve him . . . in holiness . . ." Luke 1:74, 75. Through Moses the literal Jews were delivered out of Egyptian bondage. Through Christ the spiritual Jews are delivered from sinful bondage, "For the promise that he should be heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed through the law, but through the righteousness of faith." Romans 4:13.

"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made . . . and to thy seed, which is Christ." Gal.

3:16. "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." Gal. 3:19. The Jews were to represent God to the world until Christ came. "For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." John 1:17. "Wherefore the law was our school master to bring us unto Christ" Gal. 3:24. The law of circumcision (a fleshly rite) was given them as a token or a sign of the covenant God made with them and to remind them of the coming of their Messiah, who would cleanse their hearts from sin. Since Christ came "neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature" Gal. 6:15. If any man be in Christ he is a new creature. The new birth takes the place of that fleshly rite. John 3:5; 2 Cor. 5:12. "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly, . . . but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart." Rom. 2:28. We see by the foregoing that the Christians are the spiritual Jews. Therefore they are the true Israel of God.

Before anyone can be accepted as a Jew he must be obedient. "If ye continue in my word," said Christ, "then are ye my disciples indeed." John 8:31. Some of them disputed with Christ and contended that they were Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage. But they were in bondage to sin. They tried to kill Christ. So He told them that they were of the devil, though they were Jews after the flesh. He told them they were not of God because they would not obey His Word. John 8:31-47. They had the first chance to accept Christ. "He came to his own [the Jews] and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God . . ." John 1:11, 12. God didn't reject His people; they rejected Him. They were broken off because of unbelief. Rom. 11:20. The Jews as a nation rejected Christ. Only a remnant accepted Him. The prophet Elijah felt one time, through discouragement, that all Israel had turned to idol worship and that his own life was in danger. But God told him that He had reserved 7000 men who had not bowed the knee to Baal. "Even so at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." Rom. 11:5. "What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it . . ." Rom. 11:7. And the rest were blinded though they were expecting Christ. He was their hope. All the prophets foretold of Him, but they failed to understand the true nature and purpose of His coming. Had they understood it, they would not have crucified the Son of God. Acts 3:17.

All Israel shall be saved, not all the Jews, but the ones that accept Christ. They are the only ones that God accepts as Israel. "What then? Israel [the Jews] hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded." Rom. 11:7. The election are those who accept Christ. That was God's plan from the beginning. Christ was a "Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." Rev. 13:8. God predestined us unto the adoption of sons. All who accept Christ will be saved

and all who reject Him will be lost and that was God's plan from the beginning. "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God . . . unto obedience . . ." 1 Pet. 1:2. ". . . he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy . . ." Eph. 1:4. "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood . . ." 1 Peter 2:9. God is not willing that any should perish but that all come to repentance. "Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, . . . For they are not all Israel, that are of Israel; Neither because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children; but, in Isaac shall thy seed be called." Rom. 9:4, 6. Isaac was a child of faith. The Jews were Abraham's seed after the flesh by keeping the law. The Christians are Abraham's seed through the righteousness of faith. Abraham had faith before he had works. "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." Rom. 10:4. "Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham." Galatians 3:7.

—A. D. Seaton

Listen to God's Invitation

Dear friends, are you sad and unhappy? There is joy for you if you will turn to the Lord and live for Him. Are you in trouble and sin and cannot see a way out? Read Psalm 40:2, 3. The Lord lifted David out of sin. He lifted me out and He can lift you out. Are you dissatisfied? Is there a longing in your heart that is never satisfied? The Lord can satisfy you. Read Psalm 107:9 to 14, and the whole chapter. The 10th verse says, "Such as sit in darkness, . . . being bound in affliction and iron." Oh, yes, Satan binds people, but Jesus can and will deliver them when they turn to Him, seeking Him with all their hearts. Satan has souls in prison, but the Lord came to deliver. Psalm 102:19, 20.

Do you fear death, and fear to stand as you are before God? Jesus can deliver and save you, and make you ready to meet the Lord in peace. Hebrews 2:15. Now, no one needs to live in this fearful condition, for Jesus can save and take away the fear of death and the Judgment. So come to Jesus, for He has all you need. No one needs to stay away from Him as He has invited everyone to come. He hasn't slighted anyone. His invitation is great and wonderful. Read Matt. 11:28 to 30. You need not go on living with a broken, heavy heart. Luke 4:18. Jesus came to heal your broken heart, to deliver you from the bondage of sin, set you free and give you peace, joy, and satisfaction. He is the best friend anyone can have.

So, dear friends, don't turn Him away. Come and be saved while you have time and opportunity, for we know we must all go and face the Lord some day. May God bless every reader is my prayer.

From one who is interested in your soul,

—Sister Becky Barnes

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To the sorrowing Martha whose brother had died, Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:25, 26. Everyone wants to live, and Jesus was speaking of that resurrection from a dead state of sin to spiritual life through believing in His atoning sacrifice. Eternal life begins here and now when a soul becomes a "new creature" in Christ, and he shall never die spiritually as long as he maintains victory over sin by the grace of God.

Again Jesus said: "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever. . . . Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." John 6:51, 54. His disciples said, "This is an hard saying; who can hear it?" But Jesus replied, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." John 6:63. The words of Christ are all-important. They are essential in obtaining and maintaining spiritual life. Daily feeding on the Word of God is a "must" for growth in grace. "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4:4. Christ's words are so important because they will judge mankind in the last day. The Psalmist David prayed, "With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psal. 119:10, 11. A strict account we must give when we stand before the great white throne.



The BLUE subscription renewal envelopes keep coming in, for which we are thankful, and lets us know that people in all areas still appreciate the old-time Bible truth. Many God-fearing folks are sick and tired of compromise, formalism and play religion. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Again Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and they follow me." Thank God for those who are hearing the voice of His truth and following Him in the one true way.



In late March Bro. and Sis. Gene Harmon were in meeting and visited a few days in Guthrie on their way to Louisiana.



The campmeeting season is at hand again, and the Oklahoma State campmeeting here at Guthrie, Okla., is the first on the schedule, which will be in session, Lord willing, on May 28 to June 6. A good attendance is expected from many states. Come praying for a soul-saving meeting here and at all the campmeetings throughout the summer.

The world of mankind is drifting faster and farther from God and His truth, and at no time than now is there a greater need for the perishing

multitudes to hear and believe the gospel. Let us rush to the rescue, and snatch every soul possible from the clutches of sin and deception.

On Easter week-end our son, Byron, and family from Loranger, La., visited us. Of course, we were happy to have them with us again, but their visit was too short. Their testimony for the Lord appears in this issue.

During the week of April 18 to 25 Bro. Kenneth Probst of Vinita, Okla., held a meeting at Anthony, Kansas, where Bro. Willie Murphey is the pastor. The local and out-of-town saints rejoiced in the preached Word night after night.

Sister S. E. (Armilda) Abbott of Dayton, Ohio, has written a 24-page tract on "Divine Healing," including the testimony of her recent miraculous healing. It is in the process of printing and by May 15 it will be available at this office and also from her, whose address is 3210 Mesmer Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45410.

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It was a pleasure to have Bro. Earl Bliss with us over the Easter week-end on his way from California to his home in Anderson, Ind. He is much interested in the advancement of the work of the Lord. May God's presence be his portion constantly.

The excellent out-of-print book, "Rays of Hope," by D. O. Teasley, is on the press and will be completed by May 5, Lord willing. This is a book of encouragement especially for those who suffer under the accusations of the devil. Every reader will profit from its pages. Paper-bound in 95 pages, the book is priced at 50c each, postpaid.

Thank you every one, far and near, for your earnest prayers for my healing, along with your letters of encouragement, cards and phone calls. On the authority of God's promises I have accepted my healing and count it done regardless of sight or feelings. Continue to pray that my faith fail not, for faith is the victory.

The many letters which come across our desk indicate that many new people are being reached by this literature ministry, for which we are grateful to the

Lord and His people. The gospel messages are going out in the mail every day in all directions, and the response is encouraging to us and all the consecrated workers here at the office to be faithful in keeping the glad tidings of salvation going out to those who are in the snares of sin and religious confusion.

By your continued prayers and co-operation, you have a large part in reaching these many thousands with the pure Word of God. Crowns of eternal life await the faithful. "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Daniel 12:3.

—Lawrence Pruitt

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OBITUARIES



Arthur Lee McClain was born April 2, 1909, to Oscar and Martha McClain at Avena, Illinois, and departed this life March 22, 1971, at the age of 61 years, 11 months, and 20 days.

He was united in marriage to Vivian Smith at Effingham, Illinois on September 19, 1933.

He taught school in his early life, then took up farming and continued until shortly before his passing. Bro. McClain put forth much effort to attend the meetings, even though he was very handicapped. He will be greatly missed by saints and relatives.

Survivors are his wife, Vivian, of the home, four daughters and one son who are: Mrs. Helen Pavlak of Clinton, Ill., Mrs. Nancy Boone of Carterville, Ill., Mrs. Rosemary Zuberi of Carbondale, Ill., Carl McClain of Carbondale, Ill., and Susan of the home. He also leaves six grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Bro. Murphy Allen at the McCracken Funeral Home in Pana, Ill., and interment was in the Rosamond Grove Cemetery. Bro. Gordon Humphrey presided at the graveside services.

Bruce Detton Halbrook, son of John and Ellen Halbrook, was born August 17, 1895, in Salem, Missouri, and passed away on April 12, 1971, at his home in Salem, Missouri, at the age of 75 years, 7 months, and 25 days.

In 1914 he was united in marriage with Ora Bryant. Two sons were born to this union—Jewel F. and Esco R. His wife preceded him in death.

In 1943 he was united in marriage with Thelma Snodgrass Hawkins.

Bro. Halbrook professed his faith in Jesus Christ and was added to the church. We were privileged to see him kneel at an altar of prayer and repent of his sins about two years ago, and feel he lived to all he knew and understood.

He is survived by his wife, Thelma; one son, Jewel F. Halbrook, and one step-daughter, Nancy Hawkins

Woodard, all of Salem, Mo.; two sisters, Beatrice Tipton of Salem, Mo., and May Pettigrew Ball of Grady, New Mexico; two brothers, Rufus Halbrook of Salem, Mo., and Clark D. Halbrook of Kent, Washington.

Bro. Halbrook was a life-long resident of Salem, Mo., and will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

Services were conducted at the James-Gahr Mortuary in Salem, Mo., by Bro. Murphy Allen. —Murphy Allen

REPORT OF WICHITA, KANSAS MEETING

We at Wichita, Kansas, thank the Lord for another good spring meeting that was held here on March 19 to 28. It seemed like a real battle because opposition started about a week before the meeting in the form of sickness of the saints or their children, and some were ill through the meeting. The Lord blessed by sending in saints from other places to help, and we feel like the Lord gave us the victory. The number seeking salvation was small, but quite a number went for spiritual help and the Lord was faithful to bless each one.

The ministers came from far and near to help, and the Lord anointed them with His power and they brought the Word forth with authority. The ministers were as follows: Bro. Kenneth Probst, Bro. Mackie Francisco, Bro. Ira Stover, Bro. Woodrow Warren, Sister Katherine Williams, and Bro. Hargrave from Florida. We thank the Lord for each of them and their help.

The day service on March 27 was real special. There was a good deal of altar work, and much rejoicing and praising God. A young lady had come with the saints from California, but she wasn't saved. After attending the meeting all week she finally surrendered during that service and the Lord saved her. Another lady who had come from California made her way to the altar to get out of error into the Truth. We were all greatly blessed in our souls.

We thank the Lord for all of His blessings in every way during the whole meeting. There were healings wrought, too. Our thanks to everyone who came to be with us. Christian love, —Shirley Knight

Campmeeting Dates for 1971

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for 1971, and more complete announcements will appear in later issues:—

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Okla.—May 28 to June 6.
Holly Hill, South Carolina—June 4 to 13, 1971.

General Southern at Hammond, La.—June 25 to July 4, 1971.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 25 to July 4, 1971.

Akron, Ohio—July 9 to 18, 1971.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs),
Missouri—July 23 to Aug. 1, 1971.

Bakersfield, Calif.—August 6 to 15, 1971.

Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.—Aug. 6 to 15, 1971.

Boley, Oklahoma—August 6 to 15, 1971.

California State at Pacoima, Calif.—Aug. 20 to 29.

Dover, Oklahoma—August 20 to 29, 1971.

Fresno, Calif.—Sept. 10 to 19, 1971.

OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING AT GUTHRIE, OKLA.

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, on May 28 to June 6, 1971, on the corner of Sixth and W. Warner Streets, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this 37th annual campmeeting on these grounds. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Dining hall and dormitories are on the grounds. Expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Come praying for a profitable meeting—the salvation of souls, sanctification for believers, and the divine healing of bodies.

Contributions of money or food may be sent directly to the treasurer, Sister Frances Deforth, Rt. 5, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.
—L. D. Pruitt, Trustee

HOLLY HILL, S. CAROLINA CAMPMEETING

The Church of God annual campmeeting at Holly Hill, S. Carolina, will be held June 4 to 13, 1971, Lord willing. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting, and we desire the Lord to send the ministers.

We want the young people to come and feel welcome, but there will not be any ball playing on the campground. We do not want to offend any young person, but this matter has caused some misunderstanding among some folks.

For further information concerning the campmeeting, call or write Bro. Hutson Crummie, Rt. 1, Box 42, Holly Hill, S. C. 29059. Phone 803—496-5231.

Your Brother in Christ, —Bro. Hutson Crummie

OAKLAND, CALIF., MEETING

A meeting will be held at Oakland, Calif., May 7 through 16, Lord willing. A hearty welcome is extended to all. We are trusting God to send ministers and workers of His own choosing.

For further information, contact Sister Doris Washington, at 1447 72nd Avenue, Oakland, Calif. Phone 635-7679, or Sister Velma Smith, Pastor, at 2066 81st Ave., Oakland, Calif. 94621. Ph. 632-8211. —Doris Washington

ANNUAL TULSA, OKLA. MEETING IN JUNE

The annual revival at the Church of God chapel, Pine Place and Norfolk, Tulsa, Okla., will be held, Lord willing, from June 11 to June 20, 1971.

—Bro. Lewis Williams, Pastor
By Maple Littlejohn, Sec.

ALL-DAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

The pastors and young people of Green Pastures and Third and Phillips Congregations of Oklahoma City feel it would be a blessing to the youth for us to have an all-day young people's meeting. We believe the Lord will be pleased for us to meet together Sunday, May 16, 1971, at 800 N. E. 3rd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for all-day services, with the young people in charge of morning and afternoon services. Dinner will be served at the chapel. Please come bringing songs, testimonies, or whatever the Lord gives you. Exercise your talents for the Lord. Come praying that the Holy Spirit will have His way and God's name will be magnified. Everyone is welcome.

For further information, contact Bro. Herman D. Kelley, Pastor, 2304 N. Everest, Okla. City, Okla. 73129, Phone GA 7-7314, or Sister Frances Chandler, 2204 N. E. 20th, Okla. City, Okla. 73111, Phone 427-8938.

Prayer Requests

Ala.—“Pray that God will heal my body and bring me back to normal . . . He has healed me at different times.” —Mrs. Willie Morgan.

Colo.—“Remember us in your prayers, and also our son who is now at the Denver Hospital.” —The Reinhart Wollerts.

Tenn.—“I need healing for my body.” —Lora Dillinger.

La.—Remember Sis. G. B. Wells. She fell and broke her arm.

Mich.—Sis. Margaret Brant wants to thank all the saints for their prayers for her. She writes, “My hand and arm get quite lame . . . I’m holding on for complete victory.”

W. Va.—“My three sons are all in the service overseas. Pray for them. . . . I have had two slipped discs since 1966.” —Melba Powell

Colo.—“I am in a hospital . . . I don’t have any more brothers and sisters to pray for me or to see after me . . . Wish you would pray for me.” —A. Quillen

Ala.—“Pray for my eyes.” —Willie Chiles

Mich.—“I see by your paper that the Saviour is still in the healing business. I don’t see much of it any more, but I need a touch from God in my body, also my eyes . . . God has healed me many times.” —Ethel McDonald

Ohio.—“I wrote to you dear people and others for prayer, as I was helping care for my dear mother. She passed away one year ago last month. Praise God, He heard and answered your prayers. Up until about a month ago, I was rid of pain, suffering, heating pads, etc., and lying in bed. . . . We had a flood and had water in the basement four or five feet deep . . . I kept running up and down stairs taking care of the pump and this trouble came back and I have suffered so much at times. It is hard to stay on my feet; also, I have arthritis, but I know God is able to heal me.” —Mrs. G. Jeffrey

Ind.—“Pray for my grandson. He was doing fairly well until he got a part time job. He needs complete healing.” —Sister Dessie Wilson

Ohio—Sister Dovie Abbott is not well and needs earnest prayers. She needs a divine touch from the Lord, so pray earnestly for her. She is worthy of your interest.

Cal.—“I am reading the book, ‘God’s Gracious Dealings.’ I am getting a lot of help from it spiritually. I am in great need of prayer. I am afflicted with a rash . . . some kind of stomach trouble (other afflictions). I’m hungry for the true gospel. God healed me of arthritis. I can now lift my arm above my head, and do so in praise to Him. Every chance I get I testify to His healing power.” —Mrs. Evelyn Smith

“Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.” Psa. 34:19. What a precious promise! None of us is going to be exempt from afflictions. But thank the Lord, there is deliverance for all. Hold your faith steady in God. Afflictions are not always bodily afflictions. There are many afflictions of the mind and troubles that touch our lives in various

ways. Thank God, we again can praise the Lord because we know that through Him there is deliverance. But remember God does not work as we think He should, because His ways are not our ways. (Read Isa. 55:8, 9) He does not think as we think. He is God and it is our business to trust His wisdom in all that He does. Oh, dear afflicted one, look up and be encouraged! Have faith in our God and hold it steadily and firmly. God loves you and will never leave you nor forsake you. You are blessed above all those who do not know God. So many in this world are in despair because they do not have any way out, but your way out is through God. You need not be discouraged. —Sis. Marie Miles

Every man is either a mission field or a missionary. He is either a part of the problem or a part of the solution.

EVANGELISTIC TENT MEETINGS IN KANSAS, KENTUCKY, AND OHIO

Dear Bro. Lawrence and all the saints: Greetings of love in Jesus’ dear name. We are thankful for the Saviour of the world, also that He is resurrected in our hearts. The need of the day is that men, women, boys and girls might be resurrected from a dead state of sin to a new and living way in Christ.

We desire to give all the saints a special invitation to come and help us in our tent meeting here in Coffeyville, Kansas, beginning Saturday evening, May 15. We also plan to have a special singing service on Sunday, May 16, at 2 p. m. Come prepared to sing, and also to stay with us for the duration of the meeting. Ask the Lord what He would have you to do. Most of all, let us awaken to the need of travelling in prayer that souls will be convicted of sin, not only in this meeting, but also in all the tent meetings and camp meetings this summer.

We are expecting the Lord to give us a time of refreshing, and new converts. We are fasting and praying the Lord to bless every effort being put forth to reach souls. You pray with us that the message of love will be inspired by the Spirit of God, so that it will touch the hearts of each one.

We also want to announce that our second Sunday all-day service will be dismissed for May. We will have our regular Sunday services that day.

Any time any of the saints come through this way, we entreat you to feel free to abide with us.

Bro. Curtis Williams will take the tent after the Coffeyville meeting to his home in Clearfield, Ky., where that meeting will be held June 12 through 20. Those of you in driving distance plan now to attend that meeting. They also welcome the saints to come and help them. Last year the Lord blessed in a meeting there, and many are looking forward to this one. Let us join together in prayer that much good will be accomplished.

From Clearfield the tent equipment will go to West Union, Ohio, where Bro. and Sister Stamm are desiring another meeting. It will be held June 21 through the 27. This is a new field and they desire your support by your presence, prayers, and any other way you can help.

We have received a request for a meeting in another state which is a new field and desire the Lord’s direction concerning it. Let the church arise to the task before us. Pray, give, and say, “Here am I, Lord, send me and use me.”

If you desire to help financially in these tent meetings, you may send your offering to the Church of God National

Missionary Fund, in care of Ralph M. Beisly, Treasurer, 407 Eldridge, Coffeyville, Kansas 67337.

—Ralph and Inez Beisly

Bro. Curtis Williams has announced that after the tent meeting in Coffeyville, Kansas, which starts May 15, the next tent meeting will be held at his home at Clearfield, Ky., from June 12 to 20. Then they will have a tent meeting with Bro. and Sister Russell Stamm, Star Route, West Union, Ohio, on June 21 to 27. The saints are invited and encouraged to attend and support these evangelistic tent meetings for the salvation of souls and their establishment in the old-time Bible truth.

For further information, contact Bro. Curtis Williams, Box 60, Clearfield, Ky., 40313. Phone No. 606-784-7769.

PASTOR B. U. ETUK OF NIGERIA DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON APRIL 3, 1971

S. E. State, Nigeria (April 5)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, greetings in the Lord's name—Emanuel: I have today sent telegram to you reporting the death of our superintendent of missions, Pastor B. U. Etuk, on April 3 at his hometown—Asana. . . . God called him Home to reap the fruit of his labors. We held funeral and burial services yesterday attended by very many. . . . Pastors J. U. Etuk, M. U. Ekpo, and B. E. Udoka and Evang. S. U. Udo took part in the services and the ministers escorted the corpse to the grave in front of his residence.

He lived for 50 years. He established the church in Nigeria in 1961 and ministered therein for ten years and three months. He had eight children—six sons and two daughters, and they are very young. . . . It is hoped that arrangements will be made to care for the bereaved family. This important man is gone, and he has vacated a place hard to be filled. Pray with us that God would call and qualify one to fill the gap. . . .

Bro. George Hammond is praying to come to our midst. . . . I am making arrangements for his stay. . . .

I hope to make the allowances to the gospel workers on Saturday with the draft of March 16, and the allowance slip will be mailed to you as in former months.

We are praying for you, and waiting to hear from you soon.

Yours in the precious bond of love,

—Nse B. Umanah, Field Secretary

(Editor's note: On April 8 we were saddened with a telegram from Bro. Umanah of the passing of Pastor B. U. Etuk, the native minister who established the first Church of God mission in Nigeria more than ten years ago. Now there are 20 mission stations and about 30 native gospel workers in that country. A few years ago Bro. Etuk suffered a stroke, from which he never fully recovered. Our sympathy and prayers go out for the bereaved family and the Nigerian church in their loss, but they need not sorrow as those who have no hope. They can meet him again in the realms of Glory. Bro. David Madden, Bro. and Sis. Ostis Wilson, and Bro. and Sis. Cecil Carver had labored with Bro. Etuk in the Nigerian mission field.)

NATIVE MISSIONARY IN MEXICO

Valle de la Trinidad, B. C., Mexico (March 8)—Beloved brethren in Christ Jesus, my Lord and Saviour: I am greeting you today, trusting that all are following on with their hand to the plow and their eyes on Jesus,

the Author and Giver of life. I thank God for victory in my soul and over all adversaries.

I want to tell you that my God who is faithful to all His promises has blessed us in our souls and in the work that is His. In these days when unbelief is great we see the great favor of God shown toward those who trust in Him. God continues to work miracles among us. It is a great blessing to show the world that God is the same yesterday, today, and for all time. It is He who sustains my soul with His Holy Spirit and shows His kindness without limit. Glory to God!

Please pray for me that I continue faithful to God all of my life. Pray for all here in the valley that one day they may ALL be able to testify to God's grace.

We are all praying to God for Bro. Lawrence that God bless Him greatly. Greetings to all there at the print shop.

—Tomas Mendoza R.

MEXICO MISSION REPORT

Ojos Negros, Mexico—Our dear Sister Marie and all: I was very glad to get your good letter and the help you sent. Thank you so very much for your love and interest in the work here.

We have been looking to God and praying much for souls here in this desert land of wickedness, hate, robbery, and disobedience to God. We are glad for the saints who stand with us. This way of holiness is very different from anything that these people have heard. Living above sin is something that they seem to have never heard about. One young mother said she wanted to be saved so she could meet her little girl again who died a few months ago, but that she did not want to be numbered with the church members in Ojos Negros who live in sin.

Last week three Mexican mothers who have been attending services here came to our chapel for prayer. After reading the Bible and praying, two of these gave their hearts to God and are happy in Jesus. The other one seems very tender and sincere, but wants to wait awhile.

One of those who just got saved had rheumatism so badly in her body until she could not stay in one position very long at a time. She could not sleep very much due to these pains. We prayed with her and God wonderfully healed her. The whole family is in wonder about this. . . .

A Servant in the Master's work, —Carrie Sheppard

NIGERIAN PASTOR HEALED BY FAITH

Midwest Nigeria (April 8)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, sincere Christian greetings to you and the saints of the living God abroad:

I wrote you in connection with my ill health and requested prayer. In reply, you had that to say which threw me into a faith mighty in God. . . . I surrendered without reservation and in faith took hold of His promise to heal me. With exceeding gladness I have to inform you that God has answered your prayer for my healing, and I am perfectly well. The excessive heat in my body, especially around my heart, the great pressure on my backbone, the sleeplessness, to mention a few—all disappeared just as darkness disappears with the gradual coming of the morning light. Oh, praise His holy name, who is mighty to save and heal! Truly faith in Him is the cure. In trials and temptations He is ever near to cheer.

Yours in the Master's service,

—Pastor Titus U. E. Enu



CHURCH OF GOD CHAPEL AT THRIKKANNAMANGAL, KERALA STATE, SOUTH INDIA

Purchased on April 3, 1971, the chapel is pictured with a group of believers and gospel workers.

Brother John Varghese is identified in dark trousers.

S. India (April 9)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: We send our Christian greetings to all our brethren in America. "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

Thank you very much for your good letters dated March 8 and March 16. Your first letter with the money for the purchase of the chapel [one Brother in the U. S. provided most of the money] reached me after March 20. . . . The purchase was completed on April 3, 1971.

Enclosed are two photographs of the newly-purchased chapel, one showing the chapel with group and the other with group and more land around it. Myself (with pants) and the one standing at left of me is Pastor M. K. Samuel who is our gospel worker at Thrikkannamangal. The one standing at right of me is Bro. C. M. Gommen, the younger brother of my father. He is a firm believer at Thrikkannamangal. The second one from the left is Pastor J. Cheriyan, a worker at Karikkom from early times.

The size of the chapel is 19 feet wide by 38 feet long, which is as large as our Bethel Chapel at Karikkom. The cemetery [required by the government in connection with the chapel] is a little away from the chapel. You see, there is need of certain finishing work on this building. The floor is not concreted, the walls are not plastered, and there are no shutters for the windows. These

are just necessary and essential items, for which another \$200 will be required. I believe and hope the Lord, who is rich, will provide.

With the purchase of this chapel and property as a center of worship, our work here has entered into a new stage and is being expanded little by little by the grace of God. Lord willing, we wish to hold the opening services in this chapel with a three-day general meeting on April 16, 17 and 18. Many from distant places will gather together at Thrikkannamangal for that meeting.

At Karikkom, the prayer group meeting and other night meetings are progressing with double strength. The attendance is steadily increasing. I am very glad to say that our Wonderful Counselor caused several drunkards to flee from their drunkenness and to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior for the salvation of their whole families. Now they are thoroughly happy attending our meetings, Bible classes, etc. These poor people have no Bible and they appeal for Bibles. Here one Malayalam (our mother tongue) Bible costs \$2.00. I am praying for the financial support to purchase and distribute Bibles among poor believers. We are much encouraged to see that many are interested in the message of the Church of God and are regularly contacting us to learn more about the "evening light" truth.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

Testimonies and Answers To Prayer

Okla.—Dear Sister Marie and all the dear people of God: I have much to thank Him for this morning.

For four months we had done everything we could to get a discharge for our boy in service who had an afflicted wife and was badly needed at home. He came home on his way to Fort Ord, Calif. They said he would have to go there for his discharge. We thought this very strange. We decided to take him in our car as the price of his plane ticket would pay the gas bill and I had two sisters I could visit while there. We went to my sister's home in Hayward, arriving on Saturday night. Husband and I went to Oakland, Cal. for services on Sunday. One young man was saved, and then we went to see the saints' new chapel. We called Bro. Chandler and Bro. Trotter as we went through Bakersfield and Fresno. Little did we think that such a tragedy was so near the dear Trotter family. On Monday we went to Fort Ord, the base where Sonny would be for three days. We waited until they told us they didn't think he would get a discharge. As we left him Wednesday, our hearts were very heavy as we saw him say goodbye to his little daughter and wife. The tears were streaming down our cheeks. It surely wasn't any place to leave a Christian boy. The farther we went from him the heavier our hearts became. We had done all we knew to do. Many a prayer had been prayed. Many a tear had been shed and all the temporal things we could think of, done. I thought many times about Joseph who was sold into Egypt among strangers. Perhaps God had a plan for our son. He called almost every night or two. I didn't have the heart to say, no, although the telephone bill was mounting higher and higher.

I got a letter from him in which he poured out his heart to us and also to God for deliverance, and God heard that prayer. That night after I received the letter that morning, I got a call that he was free! How we did get on our knees and thank God! Thank God! Thank God for all His people and their prayers. Prayer changes things. Thank God, I am so happy, and thank all that were concerned. How could we do without God's people? They will stick closer than a brother.

—Sister Leonard D. Roberts

Following is the letter that Sonny Roberts wrote to his parents at Bristow, Oklahoma:—

Fort Ord, Calif., Sunday, March 21, 1971—Dear Mom and Dad: Well, how are my wonderful parents on this Lord's Day? Mom, I surely appreciate you and Dad for teaching me to love God. I thank God for you both. Here there are boys who have parents that are probably on the same tricks of the devil as they are themselves. They probably don't wish to come home because their homes are probably just like it is here. Mom, almost every other word they say is so dirty that it sounds like the devil himself is here. I started to tape them the other night and let you hear just how bad it really is. But they sound so dirty I wouldn't want you to even hear it. They said a Colonel, which is an officer of pretty high rank, got busted the other day for use of drugs and dope.

The first day I came in I was so afraid I didn't know what to do. But I believe God will protect me. I don't associate with any of them unless they are separated and are acting sober. I surely hope God will bring something about that will get me out of here. I don't know of any way to come home just yet, but I'm

going to try every truthful thing that I can think of. I'm just not able to take this. It's the worst thing I've ever seen in all my life. They really don't act like it's wrong or dangerous. They act like they are dead or asleep. If God delivers me from here, I've promised Him I'd warn and tell others of my experiences. I've wondered why I was drafted, but you know, I've seen the moral believers of this world in Texas, some of them living pretty close to the Bible. Now I'm seeing the other side of the picture. These boys have no morals, no thoughts of death or religion. Surely the Lord isn't going to let this world go on this way much longer. The Word of God speaks of the times of Noah and Sodom and Gomorrah, but, Mom, I think the present age is just as bad. Surely they didn't have marijuana and dope back there. These boys can get this stuff so easy that little children could probably get it if they had the money.

Mom, tell all the saints to remember me in prayer. I don't know what all God has in view for me, but I'm here for some cause. I want to be living close enough to Him to fulfill that which He has for me to do. Although I've lived most of my life for God, sometimes I feel like the Lord is against me. I know it is the devil, so I rebuke it. Then I feel like I've got something to do for Him and He comes close for awhile, and it seems like my thoughts are His voice talking to me. Mom, tell me if He does this. When this happens, I feel like God wants me to live close enough to Him so I can preach to the young people. Mom, I feel so helpless and small. I don't want to do anything against God's will and Spirit. Pray earnestly for me. I need a memory to remember Scriptures and thoughts God gives me. I can't hold back the tears as I write this. I know I've lived an up-and-down experience, and many of my own family doubt my devotion to the Lord. Mom, you and Dad pray for me that I'll know the Lord's voice, and that I'll draw close enough to feel His Spirit guiding me. I love the Lord and His Son. I've wanted to do something for God all my life. I've had a desire to live for Jesus and do deeds to benefit Christ.

Mom, I need to be home so I can have your and Dad's help. Also, I'm not able to read here because of the loud music and disturbances of the cursing. I want to be home so bad I cry inside practically all the time. I went out to pray awhile ago and I cried so much and prayed so loud I don't know how the Lord could turn my heart's plea away. I need help, Mom.

Well, I guess I've said enough. I could write much more, but I need to write Kathy a few lines, too. Mom, pray for her and tell her how I feel and that I need her help and prayers to do what I feel I should. Pray with her and read with her. Tell everyone hello. Love to all.

Your Son in Christ, —Sonny Roberts

Ind.—Your paper has been sent to me by someone, but I don't know who. From what I have read I believe it is a "second blessing" holiness paper.

I was saved as a boy of 14, but the world looked bright and gay, and I didn't stay true. I soon was on my way down. At the age of 36, death came to my door. My wife was just 35, and she left three children, ages 8, 12, and 15 years old. My beloved was a Christian.

God spoke to me one more time, and I believe it was my last call, as I stepped down from the running board of my Model T car, about 3:00 o'clock after leaving the hospital. God spoke these words: "Now or never for your soul's salvation." I began to read the Bible and God began to talk. God held me over the brimstone of hell

for about a year. In that space of time I said life was not worth living. I kissed my three children goodbye with the thought in mind of ending it all. As I stood on a street corner in Indianapolis, with a broken heart and a broken spirit, I looked at two signs. One sign said, "Drug Store," where I could get poison, and the other said, "Police Station." I went to the police station and asked the chief of police to lock me up. I told them I had gone as far as I could go without taking my life. The policeman talked to me, which helped. I found myself back home again.

I began to read the Bible some more and wondered if there was any hope. There was. I got my children in the old Model T and drove into downtown Indianapolis. I stopped at a building where there was a revival going on. It was an old-fashioned revival. I sat down in the back seat. As the meeting went on, I moved up closer. I felt like my feet were slipping into hell. The night I was saved, the invitation song was, "There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins, and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains." I said, "If it will do that, I want it." I walked down the aisle with my hands up and said that eternal yes to God. He came in my heart on March 11, 1934.

God called me to preach, but I rebelled at first. But I said yes to that call December 8, 1939. I was saved by the Lamb, the Crucified One. It could have been a suicide grave, and I would have left three children without father or mother.

May God bless the saints who read this testimony.
Your Brother in Christ, —Frank A. Gearries

Okla.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Marie: I am praying for you, that the Lord will bless you wonderfully in the work you are doing for His cause and kingdom through the printed page. Sister Marie, I want to thank you again for printing the request for prayer for me in the paper. The Lord has surely done a wonderful work for me! Bro. Lawrence, we are praying that the dear Lord will bless and give you a touch like He has given me.

To the dear saints and readers of the "Faith and Victory" paper who read about my affliction and got under the burden with me, and to all who sent me lovely cards and letters, calls, and for the many who came and visited me, I want to thank each one from the depths of my heart, and I am praying that God will bless and reward all my brothers and sisters in the Lord and give them a touch from the hand of the Lord like I have received.

I am happy to report victory in my soul over the powers of sin and evil that are sweeping our land today—many are loving the world more than God. The Word of God tells us that if we love the world and its pleasures, the love for God isn't in us. Too many people are seeking for worldly pleasures today.

I am glad I gave my heart to Jesus when I was just a young boy around 12 years old. I can say that a real experience of salvation in the heart will truly do something for old and young alike.

I want to let you dear saints know that it is truly wonderful what the Lord has done for me! The trouble that I've been having for a number of years, and finally got me down flat on my back, is healed by the power of God. Praise His dear name! I wake up at night, kneel by my bed, and beg the dear Lord to accept my thanksgiving for what He has done. Before my healing, I would wake up with awful distress down in my lower intestines, but thank God, now I am free from that trouble! Yet I have trouble with the swelling of my ankles and

feet, which I am earnestly looking to the dear Lord to clear up, too.

I got down to just a little over 100 pounds. Now I have gained back to 123 pounds. While down on my back, I had many precious hours communing with my heavenly Father. I lay awake many hours through the night wondering what the Lord had in the future, or what the Storehouse in heaven had for me. I always had a feeling that the dear Lord was going to heal me. Many times I did claim my healing, but for some reason I couldn't keep the victory.

I can truly say that I feel like a new man now. I have rededicated and reconsecrated my life to God. Now I am asking you dear saints to remember me in prayer, that I might be all He wants me to be. I rented out one of my farms so I could have more time for Jesus.

I have many burdens that I am looking to the dear Lord for. One burden that I want to tell you about is for my dear precious daughter who used to love to sing with me in campmeetings, but now she is gone astray and left her good husband who is a fine man. I carry such a heavy burden for her day and night. I want to ask you dear saints to pray for her that somehow the dear Lord in His own way will bring them back together before the old devil gets her into his trap. My wife and I have many other heavy burdens that we are earnestly looking to the dear Lord for.

With much Christian love to all the dear saints, your
Brother and Sister in the one Body of Jesus Christ,
—Waldo and Beatrice Eck

La.—Dear Readers of the "Faith and Victory": We greet each one in Jesus' dear name. How thankful we are for the Lord's many blessings to us! Especially do we thank Him for His comfort and encouragement when things come our way that would discourage. We have found the Lord to be one we can turn to for every need. Our desire is to please Him and live in a way that He can direct our steps.

The Lord has blessed us with good health, and we appreciate this very much. We are also thankful for His healing touch in times of sickness. We believe the Lord is concerned with those things that concern us, when we're trusting Him. There are many ways He has answered prayer for us in everyday life. I especially think of once, when one of our cows was sick. We called a vet to come out, and he said that she had gangrenous mastitis. Upon learning that her calf was only a few days old, he remarked that they seldom live, when the calf is real young, so he really didn't offer much hope. Since we're in quite close contact with our cows, they are rather special to us, so we were each quite concerned. Even though she was unable to get up for a few days, the children were very attentive to feed and water her, and the cow's life was a matter of prayer. We believe that it was an answer to prayer that she did live. It was an encouragement, not only to us, but also to the children.

Pray for us that we stay true to the Lord, and that we have wisdom to teach the children as He'd have us to. We feel a great responsibility, not only for our daughter, but also for the foster children. We often think how the foster children may never come in contact with this truth again after they leave here. We desire to teach them in a way that they'll carry some of it with them to help direct their lives in the right way. We endeavor to teach them the truths to help lead them in the strait and narrow way, because we know anything short of that is vain. Please pray for them, too.

Christian love, —Byron and Clarice Pruitt

Kentucky—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I wish to take this means of saying, "Thank you," for your prayers in the behalf of my brother, Chester Dunaway. I called you last week requesting prayer for him. I will say God heard and answered. My brother is much better. Thank God, and to all the saints who prayed for him, I say, thank you. He was suffering terribly with his shoulder, and he also has diabetes. As of Sunday night, he was feeling real well. He promised God if He would heal him, he would preach if God wanted him to. I feel God wanted him to. May God bless you all.

—Wilma Horsley

Bro. Tomas Mendoza's father's testimony:

Mexico—Beloved brethren in Christ Jesus, today we greet you in this precious name that all the world knows but that few have in their heart:

Today I am thanking God who saved me from sin in which I had lived for 55 years. The Lord saved me by His grace and His love. Today I am enjoying peace in my heart and soul. Thank God! I want to say that God is love, because of the way He worked in my heart.

I was indoctrinated in the Catholic church, and all of my life lived with faith in that church. But in the year 1961 my son, Tomas, was saved, and he taught me that it is in Christ Jesus that we must entrust our soul. He continued to pray for me three years. Today, thank God, I am saved from the sin in which I lived up until the time He saved me. I am confessing that Jesus Christ is my Lord and Saviour. Pray for me that I might remain faithful to my God all the rest of my life.

Your Brother in Christ, —Tomas Mendoza (Senior)

Mo.—I feel that I should send in a short testimony of how God has been so good to me. Even while I wasn't saved it seemed that God was still looking down upon my life. I've had real good health almost all my life. I haven't been very ill for several years, but when I was small I had some kind of sores all over my body. God healed them for me. I've never had medical shots, etc. The Lord has always been my Protector, and healed me at other times, also.

I am a young person, and I know young people have problems and trials that are different from any other age group. It is hard for older folks to really know what young people have to tempt them while at school or whatever they might be doing. But God is able and will help us all if we take time to seek His guidance and let Him work things out for us. If we are willing just to submit and let God take our lives in His hand and be willing to go where He wants us to go and do what He wants us to do, then we can find out what real happiness is. As long as we keep trying to go against God, we can never get real happiness.

Sometimes we may wonder how to know for sure what we should do. If we just keep praying and not give up until we get the answer, God will impress our minds so strongly that we will know for sure what His will is.

Pray for me that I can get much closer to God and really be what He would have me to be. —Paul Sorrell

Ark.—Dear Saints of God everywhere: The Lord has been very near and gracious to us. Truly we are serving a compassionate Saviour. We have been neglectful in writing to the paper, but the Lord has done many things for us during our four years of marriage. It would take too much space to tell all, but we want to tell of recent answers to prayer.

In February, Lynette, our five-month-old baby, took a bad cold and it quickly went into her chest. By all in-

dications it was pneumonia. She ran a fever of 103 degrees and was a very sick baby. One night after we had called several places for prayer, she got worse. We were praying for God to have His way. In a little while she perked up, and wanted to sit, noticing things about her. How we praised the Lord! The next couple of days she would take coughing spells that would exhaust her, but again God came to our rescue.

Since December Lynette has had eczema on her face. It would get better and then grow worse from time to time. Just recently it got worse and seemed to have infection in it. She looked pitiful. We wanted to go to Kansas over the Easter week-end, but decided not to, as her face was worse. In prayer one morning the Lord spoke to me, saying, "Go, in faith believing." Well, we did, and everyone there was burdened for her. By the next Wednesday her face was so much better, and on Saturday her face was well. It is clearer now than it has ever been. To God be the glory!

I was telling a neighbor the other day about the baby, and she remarked, "And you don't have a doctor?" I started to say, no, and then I said, "Yes, we do. We have the best Doctor in the world—our Father in heaven." We have really found it to be so, " 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to lean upon His breast."

We love the saints everywhere. They are our people and their God our God. Pray that we will be just what God wants us to be and rear our girls up to be little saints.

Love and prayers, —DeLoris and Randel Bradley

Mo.—Dear Friends in Christ and children of God: I got the little paper this morning, and I received a blessing. I have had some strange things happen to me, and I am looking to God to work it out to His own glory. The Bible says to work out your own salvation, with fear and trembling. Well, let me tell you, I fear and tremble. I've had battles to fight and decisions to make. It's not always easy to know the Lord's will. Some times I feel something is His will, and then in a little while that changes.

When God works, the devil works also. The main thing is to keep our hearts and souls clean and pure and check our lives every day to see if we are free from sin.

The world is in a mess. I don't intend to go along with the world. I have no desire to please the world. I want to live so that Jesus can count me in the number of the faithful and true.

I need the prayers of God's children. I hope and pray we all can live so that we will meet in heaven when life is finished, because Jesus could come to take us Home any time. Pray for me that I will be what the Lord wants me to be. I am nothing, but I want to please Him any way.

Here is a little offering to be used where it is needed most.

—Pearl Logan

Virginia—Dear Brother Lawrence and Sister Miles: Greetings to both of you. I am happy in the Lord and more encouraged to go on for God than ever in life.

I love you saints. The truth for which you stand I endorse with all my heart. You are doing a good work for God. . . .

Here is a small offering . . . to be used as needed. May God bless you in your work. Give all the saints my regards.

In Christian fellowship, —Wm. J. Preston

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From The Mail Box . . .

Georgia—Dear Friend: Someone was kind enough to send me this fine little magazine and I enjoy it so much. I had a very pleasant surprise when I found Faith Stewart's name and her book, "Highways and Hedges" advertised. Her older brother, T. C. Stewart, adopted me when I was four years old. I'm now 63. As soon as I can, I will send \$2.15 for the book. I'm sending 35c now for the magazine, but will send more later. I surely wish I'd known about this magazine sooner. Thanks again for sending it. —Madge Ferguson

Ohio—Dear Friends in Jesus: I was thrilled to find these books I grew up with advertised in your paper, "Faith and Victory." I would like to order the children's book, "Touching Incidents and Remarkable Answers to Prayer." I lived in Grand Rapids, Michigan and have been to S. B. Shaw's home in that city years ago. I am now 75 years old. These books are what our youth need today. My daddy, R. E. Ellis, had them for me. I had a sweet mother, too. . . . —Mrs. Warren Colegrove

Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Sister Miles and all the co-laborers at the Print Shop: Greetings of love to all. We are concerned about the work you all are doing for the Lord. We enjoy the publications. It is all the Lord's work.

Bro. Lawrence, we do want you to know we are in sympathy with you in your affliction and are praying for you. We, too, are in need of prayer, so please remember us. We are fully trusting the Lord. Do be agreed with each one of us for complete healing, and our every need to be supplied.

We are enclosing an offering to the work of the Lord. Yours in Jesus' precious name,

—Bro. and Sis. E. C. Tombleson

Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings of love to you and your co-workers in the name of our Lord. We are glad to be saved, sanctified, and encouraged in the work of the Lord.

Your letter and the money were received yesterday. We, the saints of Tulsa, Okla., do sincerely thank you and the dear ones who work with you for the service rendered in helping us to sell the stereo records. The Lord has wonderfully blessed us with the sale of the records, and we are still getting orders. Again, we say thanks to all of you, and remember us in prayer, as we plan to start working on the building July 6, 1971, if the Lord wills.

Yours in the service of the Lord, —M. D. Gaines

(Editor's note: All future orders for the stereo record of Tulsa singers should be sent directly to Bro. M. D. Gaines, 2932 N. Lewis Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74110 as they are practically out of stock here at the office.)

Mo.—Sir: I am sending the money to renew our subscription to the little "Faith and Victory" paper. We love the paper and surely don't want to miss it.

We think you are all doing a wonderful work for God. I am sending a little extra. Just use it in the work for God.

May God richly bless you. —K. E. Tilman

Calif.—Dear Brother in Christ: Find enclosed \$15. Please send this money to the missionaries in Nigeria. I have pledged myself to send all the money I make here

at home from the sale of quilt tops, etc., to this suffering nation.

May the dear Lord bless the work of the Lord there in Guthrie is my sincere prayer.

Yours, for the work of our blessed Redeemer,

—Sister Ella V. Phillips

"Home, Sweet Home"

I have heard home defined as, "The father's kingdom, the children's paradise, the mother's world." Every day father and mother stamp their character upon their children's lives, mold their manners, conscience, and future by the measures with which they direct their household.

As our Creator beheld man in his first home in the garden of Eden, He said, "Behold, it was very good." It is God's plan for every home to be good. This cannot be said about many homes today.

There is much honor connected with a good home and family ties. Let the wife see that she reverence and obey her husband; the husband is to give honor unto the wife as the weaker vessel; the children are to honor the father and mother. This type of home honors our Father in heaven. To see this lived and practiced is a beautiful picture to behold.

It is the privilege of every newly-wedded couple to establish a happy home. If your home is not a happy one, you are living beneath your privileges. You often hear the expression, "Home, sweet home . . . be it ever so humble, there's no place like home." We all are interested in spending our time in the things that yield the greatest profit, and nothing is more profitable to husbands, wives, and children than a good happy home. This not only holds good dividends for your present home, but will also live on in your children's future homes. The standard you hold will live on and make a happy home for your grandchildren. The way mother treats her husband is the way daughter will likely treat her husband. There is no greater heritage we parents can leave our children in years to come than precious memories of a happy home.

Our interest should be in the welfare of our children and in spending our time to make each member in the family happy. Some parents of today pay a baby sitter to rear their children while they are engaged in social affairs, clubs, vacation trips, etc. This may bring honor and pleasure to self, but it does not honor God. Riotous living will deprive a couple of home happiness.

If in every home natural affection had control, there would be no divorces, no unfaithfulness, and home would be sweet to every member of the family. Natural affection has been crushed, wounded, and even killed in some homes. It is possible this could be caused through ignorance or failing to realize the necessity of following after things that make for happiness. Love and affection is like a stream; it must be constantly fed or it will run dry.

Young people, keep in mind that neither beauty, money, nor honor can take the place of natural af-

fection. If you marry for any of these reasons, your home is likely to prove a curse instead of a blessing.

Recently we talked with a school teacher who told us that parents would be surprised to see and hear the actions and conversations that go on among the children from homes of today. She says it is harsh, hateful, and unkind. After our children have been in this sinful, unfriendly atmosphere most of the day, is home such that they can look forward to coming and feel that sweet welcome of security that will erase hurts from their hearts, and find comfort, love and warmth to make life happy and cheerful for them?

Let each family ask the question: "Is our home as happy as it ought to be?" Most of us may find there is room for improvement. The best way to improve our home is to improve "ourselves." If we find ourselves short of God's standard of a happy home, each one should strive by the help and grace of God to regain and retain happiness, and make it a life-long experience of "Home, sweet home."

—Dora Lela Beisly

COMMUNIST RULES OF REVOLUTION

In May of 1919—fifty-two years ago—at Dusseldorf, Germany, the Allied Forces came upon a copy of the "Communist Rules For Revolution."

Now, more than fifty years later, the Reds still assiduously follow these rules, and their goals are uncomfortably near at hand.

We quote from these Red Rules—and as you read the list, stop after each item and think—what is the present day situation where you live, and all around our nation?

A. Corrupt the young, get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial. Destroy their ruggedness.

B. Get control of all means of publicity, thereby:

1. Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays, and other trivialities.

2. Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no great importance.

3. Destroy the people's faith in their national leaders by holding the latter up to contempt, ridicule and obloquy, and general discontent.

4. Always preach true democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.

5. By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices.

6. Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries, encourage civil disorders, and foster lenient and soft attitude on the part of government toward such disorders.

7. By specious argument cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues—honesty, sobriety, continence, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

C. Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view to confiscating them and leaving the population helpless.

Take time to think—seriously—of all of the above. Then draw your own conclusions. Frightening how far this scheme has progressed, isn't it! —Selected

Abortion Is Murder

In the light of God's Word, it seems there would not be any need for any person to have a question as to the right or wrong of abortion, but it seems that in this day and age when it is being discussed so freely some are thinking there might be some reason why an abortion would be all right. It is not what we think nor the excuses that we might make that count, it is what God's Word says. We each one individually will have to stand before God and give an account for the deeds that we commit. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away." Matt. 24:35. So when this world is on fire we do want to be on a sure foundation. We want to be measured up to God's Word and we will be safe in that hour.

Murder is mentioned in the list of the "works of the flesh," and is one of the sins that will keep us out of heaven. God also gave the fifth commandment which says, "Thou shalt not kill." Ex. 20:13. We cannot see how anyone would not know that abortion is murder. It is taking life.

Abortion means "expulsion of a fetus from the womb before it is viable; miscarriage." Miscarriages which are not induced are not murder. We are dealing with having the fetus taken from the womb. "Aborticide" comes from a Latin word, "caebire," meaning to kill. (Webster) So induced abortion is nothing but murder.

One excuse is that it is to save the mother's life. According to Dr. J. P. Donnally, "Abortion is never necessary to save the life of the mother." According to Dr. B. J. Pisani, "Medical reason for provoking abortions are just about non-existent."

Several terrible methods are used to remove the fetus. It seems that any mother who has a heart or a conscience that is not seared could not think of consenting to the taking of the life of her little one in any manner. But the enemy of her soul brings her to such a state that she surely isn't thinking correctly at all.

The wanton destruction of life, either born or unborn, is a grievous sin against God, others, and one's own soul. "Be not deceived: God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption." Gal. 6:7, 8. "The Lord knoweth how to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness." 2 Peter 2:9, 10.

Mothers, fathers, and the doctors who take life, or consent to it, are responsible directly to God for murder. We warn everyone that they will surely meet such actions in the day of judgment and there find God's wrath on them for this hideous sin.

—M. Miles

Up to April 25, Bro. George Hammond had not received his visa to go to Nigeria to labor in mission work. Pray that it will come through very soon.

—Editor