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Seek Ye the Lord?



"Ye seek the Lord? He is not here;
He has risen! Be of good cheer!"
Spake the angel to the women that first Easter morn,
As they gazed at His tomb so troubled and forlorn.

Yes, it is true He passed this way,
That He might change His body of clay.
Behold the tomb! the place where He lay;
He has risen now to immortality.

Why seek ye the living among the dead,
As do the throngs in the world today?
For in His Word our dear Lord hath said,
Few there shall be on that narrow way.

Now meet Him there at the foot of the cross;
Let Him take your load of sin, too heavy to bear.
He would only have you give up the dross,
And give you a lighter burden to share.

If you will meet Him there in humility,
He will hear your cry and answer your plea;
He will cleanse your heart and set you free,
And speak these words, "Child, follow me!"

If you would walk the path the Saviour trod,
You must first become a child of God;
Put off the old man, put on the new;
Have faith in God and ever be true.

If you would follow the dear Saviour today,
Just be in His hands as the potter's clay.
He will shape you, and mold you as He will;
He will make your life His purpose fulfill.

The way may not all be easy and smooth,
For the path may be rough and narrow, too;
But just remember, lest you despair,
'Tis the glory road, 'twill lead you up There!

—Byron R. Wittenborn

Resurrection Power



There is a great day coming, a day that the world has never known before! A trumpet will sound that will be heard from one end of the world to the other. The mighty oaks will start moving. Shrubs will move and the grass will part. The ground will crack and the graves of every person from the foundation of the earth will open. The "exceeding greatness" of God's power (Eph. 1:19, 20) will be in force. What a great moment that will be!

You might ask, "How can this be?" Jesus has said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5:28, 29. His words must be fulfilled just as all of God's words have been fulfilled from the beginning of time.

When will the judgment take place? The Bible says, "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom." 2 Tim. 4:1. Notice that this day of judgment will not be deferred until after a thousand years' millennial reign. First in order, the resurrection of the dead will take place, and immediately following this will be the general judgment. Jesus said, "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." Matt. 16:27. This will be a day when eternal rewards and punishments will be meted out to all men. God will pour out His wrath upon the wicked. The fire from God will envelop this globe in a general destruction. But Jesus will come "to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe in that day." 2 Thess. 1:7-10.

There will be great power on display in that day. Let us think about this great power. This is some of the same power that brought Jesus forth from the grave. A small amount of this power was seen by those who stood around Jesus' grave. There was a great earthquake. An angel descended and rolled back the stone. Fear gripped the hearts of the

guards. They fell down as dead men. Jesus came forth from the grave. The grave could not hold Him. He arose, and is now sitting on the right hand of God interceding for you and me. Matt. 28:2-4.

Does any of this power affect us today? Let us think a little farther. The Bible tells us that we can have access to this power today. What a glorious thought! Do we need God's power working in us today? Oh, yes, we need it hourly. We must have this power. We need this power to help us to be overcomers in all the trials and tests of life. Let us read what the Bible tells us about this power that is for all that believe. This power comes from "the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory." All the saints may know "what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand." Eph. 1: 17-20. That same power that brought Jesus out of the grave, and will bring us forth from the grave can be ours in this day and time. Right now we can have this power to "fight the good fight of faith." We can overcome. We can, through the mighty power of God, be victorious and reign as "kings and priests" in this life. We do not need to bow down to the devil nor obey any of his suggestions. Praise God for His great plan for you and me so we can be ready to meet our God in peace in that great resurrection day!

—Sis. Marie Miles

What House Will Ye Build Me?

Let us read from Acts 7:49, "Heaven is my throne and earth is my foot stool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what is the place of my rest?" Dear ones, let us be sure to build the kind of house the Lord will be pleased to dwell in.

People have time to build a house, but most people build their house for the devil. Yes, as odd as it might seem, it is true that people have time for pleasure but no time for God. People have time to select and buy materials to build their lives or house for Satan out of such materials as whiskey, beer, tobacco, worldly entertainment, dances, movies, gambling halls, houses of prostitution, pride, dope, revelry, etc., but they don't have time to buy anything for their soul's welfare.

Yes, we are builders. We are building a house by the life we live. Our life is the house we are building.

I would like to tell you a story about a man who built a house. This man was a finish carpenter; one of the best in his trade. He had worked many years for his master and did splendid work. His master always selected the material and placed it on the job for the carpenter. So after many years of hard and faithful work, the master came to him one day, gave him a blueprint of a house which was to be built, and the master said, "I want you to build this house for me and I want you to select the finest material

that can be purchased to build this house." So the carpenter took the blueprint and went his way. Remember that always before, the master placed the material on the job, but this time the carpenter was to select the material and build the house according to the pattern. The carpenter thought it over and said to himself, "Here is a chance for me to make some money for myself," so he bought used materials, green lumber which was not properly seasoned and termite-eaten material from old buildings. Now the carpenter was so good at his work that he could build with defective materials and cover it over, and so he did. After a while he finished the house and pocketed the money out of which he thought he was swindling the master. Now the master was called and the carpenter showed him through the house. The master said, "All these years you have been faithful to do good work for me so I purposely had you to select the best of materials to build this house. Here now is the key. The house you have built is your house. I am giving it to you for your faithful service to me down through the years." Now how do you suppose the carpenter felt about the way he cut corners in building the house?

Here is another thought. All these years you have been building a house. Now let me ask you a question. What kind of a house are you building? When you stand before the Lord at the great judgment day, will you have taken time to build your house on the Word of God or what will your answer be? There will be two keys, so to speak, on the judgment day which the Lord will be giving out to souls who were builders in this life on earth. One "key" will have this inscription, "Depart from me, ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt. 25:41. On the other "key" His words will say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Matt. 25:34. What kind of a title will your key have on it?

Well, it is up to you, dear reader. The Lord has given you His holy Word, the Bible, and from it can be selected the finest of all materials for you to build your house. First, there is love. God is love, and he that is born of God is born of love. Then there is joy—joy unspeakable and full of glory. Praise the Lord! There is peace while the world is in such a turmoil. When things go wrong, you can still have peace that flows like a river and joy like a fountain. Praise God for such wonderful materials like these with which to build our house (our life).

In Matt. 7:24-27, we find a record of a man who built a house on the sand, and when the rains came and the floods beat upon it, the house fell and great was the fall of that house. This represents someone who built his house of something other than the pure Word of God. In contrast it gives the record of a man who dug deep, laid the foundation upon a rock and built his house upon it. When the floods came and beat vehemently upon that house, it stood firm, for it was built upon the rock. Dear ones, here is where most people fail. They don't want to dig, there-

fore they don't get on a solid foundation. When the trials and temptations of life come along, they are swept away with tide of the world. Christ is the Rock, the solid foundation on which to build our lives. It will stand the storms.

Jesus said, "I am the door: by me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture." John 10:9. But, dear ones, there is more to it than your merely saying that you accept Christ. It is most important to get humble before Him so He will accept you. In order for Christ to accept you, there is something on your part for you to do. Isaiah 55:7 says, "Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." Too many times we have seen people go to the altar and listen to the preacher as he tried to pray them through. But dear ones, this is a shallow, sandy foundation which will not stand at the Judgment. If you want to find peace with God, then get down to business with God—get in earnest and dig. Plead with God for mercy and ask Him to break up your heart and put the fear of God in your soul and help you to be sorry for your sins. God will send a godly sorrow into your heart so you can repent. Pray through and get hold of God for your own soul. When you get up from the altar, you will have the assurance and knowledge of sins forgiven and you can praise God with victory in your soul. Praise the Lord! Salvation is as real as heaven itself and you will know of a surety that you have peace with God when Jesus comes into your heart. His Spirit "beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." Praise His holy name! When you are born of the Spirit of God you are automatically inducted into the family of God by the spiritual birth and become sons and daughters of God. Praise the Lord! Your house is made a new house and all things become new. 2 Cor. 5:17 reads, "Therefore, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Turn to hymn number 149 in "Evening Light Songs" and read verse one, "I came defiled and guilty to Jesus, the Mighty to save. He took my sins and sorrows and beauty for ashes gave. I came to Jesus repenting, confessing my every sin. My heart's door swung wide open, and glorious peace flowed in." Dear one, if your house (or life) is corrupted with sin, remember Jesus came for that purpose to forgive, cleanse and save you from your sins. In Matt. 1:21 the angel said, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins." In Acts 3:19 Peter said, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out . . ."

In 1 John 3:8 it reads like this, "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Can you sing that song? "Praise God, I live in Beulah land. My house will all the storms withstand; It is not built on sinking sand, my home is on the rock." Whose house are we? —Curtis Williams

Marvelous Grace

We should all be interested in the grace of God, for it is grace that brings salvation (Titus 2:11), and " . . . by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." (Eph. 2:8). Grace is the unmerited favor and free mercy of God to all who will humble themselves to Him, for God giveth grace to the humble (1 Peter 5:5).

When we become God's children by way of the new birth, we are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Rom. 3:24). His holy Word also teaches us in Rom. 5: 1 and 2 that after being justified by faith in Him we also have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand. Dear ones, it is impossible to stand without the grace of God living and working in our hearts. Just having a head knowledge about grace and how it operates is not sufficient to keep us in times of pressure and trials. We may know in our minds that the Word teaches us how to behave and conduct ourselves, but unless we are truly a partaker of His marvelous grace, and watch diligently, we cannot behave ourselves and react to trials and tests in a manner that will honor and glorify our God.

In Heb. 12:15 we are warned to watch diligently lest we fail of the grace of God. 2 Cor. 9:8, " . . . God is able to make all grace abound toward you." Ps. 84:11, " . . . the Lord will give grace and glory."

We can hardly begin to fathom the wonders of His great grace. There are wonderful promises to all who will abide in Him. Paul says that God's grace is sufficient. (2 Cor. 12:9). He giveth more grace. (Jas. 4:6). Rom. 5:20 says, " . . . where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." Romans 5:17 speaks of the abundance of grace, and Eph. 1: 7 tells of the riches of His grace. "And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."

Now do we have any excuse to be found short of grace in any circumstance or condition of life? I say, nay, for our God is faithful and so we must be! Sometimes the trials are permitted to come thick and fast and long. The enemy of our souls is right on hand to try to get us to murmur or complain. Who are we to know how severe a trial is to be or how long it shall last? If we are a child of God and trusting in Him, nothing can touch our lives but that which He permits. Oh, let us not shrink from that which He is using to make us what He wants us to be. We may say that we desire to be all God wants us to be and yet not recognize His own dear hand as He begins to answer our prayer to make of us what He desires. He knows all that is needful to bring this about. Can we thus pray?

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EDITORIALS

Many thanks and a sincere welcome are extended to the readers who became regular subscribers by returning the blue subscription remittance envelope attached to the wrapper of the copies of the March issue which was the expiring number of this special three-months trial offer. (If any of our regular readers received a second March paper with a blue expiration envelope, please disregard it, as your subscription has not expired. You received a second paper because someone had sent your name for this special trial offer.) The response to this literature extension effort is very encouraging, as each day's mail brings in more blue subscription envelopes. Many new readers have already expressed how well pleased they were to receive these trial issues, and now want to obtain a copy each month. (Excerpts from a few of these letters appear on another page.) May the Spirit of God open the heart of every reader to the vital Bible truths which will be presented in future issues.

Time is certainly flying by, and already one quarter of this new year of 1972 is gone forever. Spring has "sprung" with all vegetation in this area coming to life with green color from its winter's sleep. The tulips, lilacs and some fruit trees are in bloom, showing forth God's wonderful handiwork in the transformation of this natural world. Also, God is still on the throne, ready and willing to transform every penitent sinner "dead in trespasses and sins," and resurrect him to a new life in Christ. The gospel is still "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Sister Joan McIntosh, one of our co-workers, left the office on March 17, going to Springfield, Mo. to care for her grandmother for a while as she is badly afflicted. Sister Joan expects to return to the office work within a few weeks. Pray for both of them.

In this month of March Bro. Murphy Allen, accompanied by his daughter, Janice, held a few nights' meeting at the 23rd Street chapel in Oklahoma City, one night at Shawnee, Okla., a few nights at Enid, Okla. and some services at Kansas City with Bro. Roy Harmon's congregation. The timely messages which we were privileged to hear were rich to our souls.

Our sympathy is extended to Sister P. R. Bowers of Swainsboro, Ga. who wrote us the sad news that her brother died on the 8th of March and the funeral was on Sunday, March 12. May the Lord comfort her and all the relatives in their bereavement.

Bro. Curtis Williams was at Enid, Oklahoma on March 13 and 14 on his way from Arizona to his home and family in Kentucky, having been in the warm dry climate of Arizona for about two months passing out much gospel literature in personal contacts. He reported that he was feeling fine, and we

trust that he will be able to resume the evangelistic work to which the Lord has called him. His address is P. O. Box 60, Clearfield, Ky. 40313.

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The substantial addition to the dining area and kitchen of the Oklahoma State campground dining hall at Guthrie, Okla. was begun in February and has progressed exceptionally well. After the contractors finished the concrete block walls and floor, the brethren from the local church and other congregations worked on two Saturday work days, March 11 and 18, and now the roof is on and most of the sheetrock on the ceiling. The sisters of the local church prepared the noon meals for the workers. Much more work remains to be done, and the work days will continue each Saturday until the building is ready for the coming campmeeting which starts on May 26. For details on the work to be done, contact Bro. O. C. Porter, R. 5, Guthrie, Okla. 73044. Congregations and individuals should send their free-will offerings for this worthy project directly to the state treasurer, Sister Frances Deforth, R. 5, Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044.

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On Sunday, March 19, Bro. Ira D. Stover began a revival meeting at Shawnee, Okla. where Brother Charles Smith is the pastor. We pray and trust that souls will respond to the gospel messages.

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Sister Dona Campbell of Verona, Pa., departed this life to be with the Lord on Feb. 24, 1972, just two days after her 87th birthday. Sister Campbell embraced the truth of the Church of God many years ago, and was a longtime reader of this paper and supporter of this gospel publishing work. She kept the faith until the Lord took her Home. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the entire family in their great loss, and especially to her daughter, Sister Eva Cox, in whose home she was so lovingly cared for in her last years. May the Lord comfort their hearts, knowing she is at rest with the Lord.

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According to reports, the so-called "Jesus movement" is attracting hundreds of thousands of young people, especially the hippie class, across the country. This recent movement is described as a merger of the old-time religion with remnants of the youth revolt. Yet the question is, can this be the genuine revival of old-time religion when they portray Jesus Christ as a hippie in their dramas and "rock" fests?

This trend, however, can be better understood when we realize that young people, as well as people in general, have been disappointed and disgusted with the emptiness of the popular denominational churches and their nominal Christianity which has completely failed to meet their inner cravings for soul-satisfaction. For lack of proper Scriptural instructions on how to find soul-rest in Christ, many young people turned to the ways of Satan—from dope to sex—and now religion. Some may have heard enough truth to have been genuinely converted to Jesus Christ, but how long can they maintain that expe-

rience while under the deceptive influence of emotionalism with the Satanic "rock" off-beat rhythm and the unscriptural practice of men having long hair? Most adherents to this movement also believe the false and fancied theory that Jesus is coming back to set up a literal kingdom on earth for the gratification of the flesh.

If people are not saved from sin, it is a disgrace to the name of Jesus to be called "Jesus People." In Matt. 1:21 we read that the angel of the Lord said unto Joseph, "... thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins," not in their sins. Salvation makes people look and act sensible, and not like freaks or savages. It changes them inside and out, and gives power to please God in all manner of life.

The Apostle Paul calls those "disorderly" who will not work. He writes: "For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. . . . And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed." 2 Thess. 3:11, 12 and 14.

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Bro. Kenneth Probst of Vinita, Okla. will start, Lord willing, a revival meeting on Sunday, March 26, at Jefferson, Oregon where Bro. O. B. Wilson is the pastor. May the Lord anoint the preaching of His Word for the salvation of souls and the edification of the church.

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A vacancy still exists in the front office at the Lord's Printshop, and we are looking to the Lord to fill it with an unencumbered Sister who can use the typewriter and work in the mailing department. If you have a burden to work for God and precious souls, please contact us.

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We are sorry to advise that the 541-page book, "The Cleansing of the Sanctuary," by D. S. Warner and H. M. Riggle, is out of stock at this office. It will be reprinted as soon as time and competent help permits, but it is not likely to be available before mid-summer. Other excellent out-of-print books by our pioneer reformation ministers are scheduled for reprinting as soon as the way is opened. Watch for announcements in later issues.

—Lawrence Pruitt

WICHITA, KANSAS SPRING MEETING

The Spring meeting in Wichita, Kansas will be held, Lord willing, March 31 to April 9, 1972.

We extend a hearty welcome to everyone, saved and unsaved, to attend these services. The chapel is located at 1701 N. Ash.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Lewis Williams at 2643 N. Spruce, Wichita, Kansas. Phone number, 264-8481.

Campmeeting Dates for 1972

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for 1972, and more complete announcements of each will appear in later issues:—

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Okla.—May 26 to June 4.

Holly Hill, South Carolina—June 2 to 11.

General Southern at Hammond, La.—June 23 to July 2, 1972.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 30 to July 9.

Akron, Ohio—July 7 to 16.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri—July 21 to 30.

Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.—Aug. 4 to 13.

Bakersfield, Calif.—August 4 to 13.

Boley, Oklahoma—Aug. 18 to 27. (Note this change to a new date)

California State at Pacoima, Calif.—August 25 to September 3.

Fresno, California—September 8 to 17.

Oakland, California—Annual meeting to begin on June 2 and continue ten days or as long as the Lord may lead. —Sister Velma Smith, Pastor

MARVELOUS GRACE . . .

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"Dear Lord, prepare my heart for what this day holds. Help me to walk close enough to Thee to hold Your hand, close enough to draw an abundant supply of grace that I may face whatever comes to pass this day in such a way as to exalt, honor, glorify and lift up Your holy name that some soul will be drawn to Thee and I will be strengthened and blessed in my soul." God does just that for us as we trust in Him. Praise His precious name!

Are we aware that it is God that brings us into the net and lays affliction upon our loins? And that it is God that causes men to ride over our heads? (Psa. 66:11-12). By His wonderful grace we can rejoice in these times, draw close to Him and not miss what He is working out for us. Psa. 18:30-32, "As for God, his way is perfect: . . . it is God that girdeth me with strength and maketh my way perfect." Do you want His way perfected in you?

I remember hearing how Bro. Fred Pruitt was going through some very severe trials and persecutions, and someone asked him how long he was going to take it, and why didn't he do something about it. His answer was something like this, "I am praying for God to mold me and shape me into His image, and shall I push away the 'tool' He is using to accomplish that?" He surely did find God's grace sufficient, yea, exceedingly abundant!

Sometimes we may be able to control our actions, but maybe words are spoken, perhaps true words, and yet with a tone or manner that will reflect on someone's influence, and that betrays a lack of grace to endure. Grace will make us patient!

Grace will make us long suffering. Grace will make us easy to be entreated, without any retort or come back. Grace will keep our hearts clothed with true humility like our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Psa. 45:2 says in part, ". . . grace is poured into thy lips . . ." The Spirit of the Lord is faithful to check us if we keep our hearts open to His voice. How quickly we need to go boldly to the throne of grace and find that grace to help in every time of need, because grace is our only means of victory. "For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace." (Heb. 13:9). Hebrews 12:28, 29, ". . . Let us have grace whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire." When we yield and submit our whole being to Him, confessing our need for more grace on any line, He will consume those things about us that are a hinderance to us in our Christian experience. This is the way we grow in grace.

With all of our hearts, let us earnestly seek God for a fullness of His warm divine love, a fullness of His fervent charity, and a fullness of His precious Holy Spirit in our hearts and lives that we may learn more and more how to use this great grace which He so freely gives us.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all, is my prayer. —Virginia Taylor

OBITUARIES

Daniel Lewis Harbeson was born Sept. 15, 1901 in Dorchester County, S. Carolina, and departed this life at his home near Eutawville, S. Carolina on Feb. 20, 1972 at the age of 70 years.

He was a member of the Church of God and testified many times that he was ready to meet the Lord.

Surviving are: his widow, Sister Nettie Crummie Harbeson of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Louise Hutto of Reevesville, S. C.; two sons, Klyne and George, both of Charleston Heights, S. C.; one sister, thirteen grandchildren, five great grandchildren and other relatives.

The funeral services were held in Charleston Heights, S. C. Burial was in Carolina Memorial Gardens.

(Editor's note: Sister N. Harbeson desires special prayer at this time of sorrow, and she was sick with the flu at the time she wrote. May the Lord comfort her heart and heal her body.)

Roy Whiteside, the son of Henry and Ann Whiteside, was born November 19, 1904 in Ft. Smith, Ark., and departed this life on March 2, 1972 at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

On Jan. 18, 1937 he was united in marriage to Beulah Mae Wilcher at Phoenix, Arizona. Shortly after that date they moved to Tulsa, Okla. where he was employed as a cook for many years.

He was a member of the Church of God.

He leaves to mourn their loss: his devoted wife, Beulah; a stepson, Eugene Lovings, San Francisco, Calif.; two half-brothers, Haley Whiteside, Omaha, Nebr., Gilbert Whiteside, Buffalo, N. Y.; four sisters, Jean Satcher, Denver, Colo., Bernice Atkins, Little Rock, Calif., Naimi Ellis and Nolene Brown, both of Palo Alto, Calif., and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was held at Tulsa, Okla., conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams, and assisted by Brother M. D. Gaines. Interment was in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

Sister Carman H. Nichols, aged 78 years, of Cass, W. Va. departed this life on Jan. 25, 1972 as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Sister Nichols was converted about 1912 when the saints preached the truth in her neighborhood and stayed in her father's home. She kept saved all these years, although she had lost contact with the "old-time" saints and did not know there was a body of people still standing for all the truth until Bro. Mart Samons preached in her area in 1965. Sister Nichols was a precious saint and recognized the "old-time" truth when she heard it again.

Surviving are her step-daughters: Mrs. Essie Weikle and Mrs. Della Moore, both of Ronceverte, W. Va., and a stepson, Ronald, of York, Pa.

Funeral services were held in Ronceverte, W. Va. on Jan. 27, 1972 with Bro. Mart Samons officiating. Text: 2 Kings 4:8. Burial was in the Anderson Cemetery near Ronceverte.

SPRING MEETING AT DAYTON, OHIO

Bro. William McCoy and all the saints at Dayton, Ohio extend a hearty welcome to all to attend their spring meeting to begin on Easter Sunday, April 2, and continue as long as the Lord directs. Bro. and Sister Ira Stover of Tulsa, Okla. are expected to labor in this meeting. The Church of God chapel is located at 622 Tyron Avenue, Dayton.

All lovers of the truth in the East are urged to attend this meeting where they will receive a friendly welcome and also hear the "old-time" reformation truths. Pray that the Holy Spirit will anoint for every service, and do His office work in convicting sinners and edifying the church. Remember the dates and be present.

For further information, contact Bro. Wm. McCoy, 621 Tyron Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45404. Telephone (513) 236-1983.

ANNUAL TULSA, OKLA. REVIVAL

The annual revival meeting in Tulsa, Okla. will be held, Lord willing, on June 9 to 18, 1972. The Church of God chapel in Tulsa is located on the corner of Pine Place and Norfolk Avenue. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services. At present the saints there are in the process of remodeling their chapel.

For further information, contact Bro. Lewis Williams, the pastor, 2643 N. Spruce, Wichita, Kansas, phone 264-8481, or Bro. M. D. Gaines, 2932 N. Lewis Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74110, phone 425-8946.

BOLEY, OKLA. SPRING MEETING

The annual spring meeting at Boley, Okla. will begin, Lord willing, on Sunday, April 30, and close on the following Sunday, May 7, 1972. You are cordially invited and urged to attend these services.

In Matt. 21:22 Jesus said, "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Dear saints, we are asking each of you to come praying and believing that this meeting will be a success to the extent that souls will be saved and the saints strengthened and encouraged. —Sister Katherine Williams, pastor.

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FLORIDA MEETING REPORT

Sister Mattie Savage, minister at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., reported a successful meeting there from Feb. 16 to 25 when Bro. Gordon Humphrey of Kentucky was the evangelist. Bro. Humphrey and the saints at Ft. Lauderdale were also in service with the saints at Goulds on Sunday morning, Feb. 19. A few souls were at the altar. One girl was saved, and others are seeking salvation. Sister Savage and the saints appreciated the saints driving from Goulds, Fla. each night for the services.

Sister Savage requests the saints to pray for the advancement of the gospel work in Florida.

Prayer Requests

Ind.—"I have been ten years trying to get well from a stroke in my left side. . . . Will the saints help me pray for my affliction?" —R. D. Brentlinger

Miss.—"Pray for my back, legs and head. . . . My husband passed away. . . . It was the hardest thing I have ever witnessed. . . . Pray God will help me [in some business affairs]." —Rosa Davis

Ind.—"I do pray for the man in prison and that he will be softened. . . . I also was distressed about the needs in the Old People's Home [Shawnee, Okla.]. . . . I have been very seriously ill and am not well. . . . Please pray for me. I have great distress in my head and my body is swollen." —Sis. Ona Schurman

Mich.—"I am afflicted with a severe catarrh condition. . . . I suffer at night and lose sleep. . . . I enjoyed the March "Faith and Victory" paper." —Louis E. Anderson

Va.—"Please pray that God will heal my heart. . . . Husband and I are both up in years. We both have heart trouble. . . . I want to do a little something for the Lord yet." —Ethel Adkins

Ind.—"Please pray that I will be healed completely." —Effie Clifton

Penn.—"Years ago I knew the Church of God people . . . I was about ten years old. I was close to death from wild oak poisoning. I had a complete scab. The church people prayed for me. Slowly I became better. Many years have gone by now. I again need help. I had an affliction ten years, also a bad chest condition. Now I have a large lump on my side. . . . Please have the church people pray for me. . . . I am 63 years old. I am retired on disability. Help me by your prayers." —Charles Daugherty

Idaho—"My son's wife became unfaithful after they had been married 25 years. They have three children. . . . It makes me sick. I am an old man." —J. Hornbacher

Tulsa, Okla.—"They are getting along fine on remodeling our chapel. Pray for the workers and the success in getting the building completed." —Vera Hawkins

Ohio—"I wrote you folks and others for prayer when I injured my back. God did hear and answer prayer. . . . Again I wrote and requested prayer that my son, who is in college, that when called up for the draft, he would not have to go. Praise God, he didn't have to go. . . . Continue to pray for him. . . . Pray for God to heal arthritis in my body. . . . Pray for my husband in both soul and body." —Mrs. Gerald Jeffrey

Mo.—"Be agreed with me that God will heal my body. . . . I believe every bit of this soreness will have to go, also the place on my arm. I have had too many

things done for me to give up on healing. I am looking for victory." —Sis. Goldie Knapp

Va.—"Satan is trying to break up a little family. . . . I would give my life to see that family saved. Outside influences are working against them." —M. Catlett

Montana—"Pray for us. I have high blood pressure. . . . Need greater understanding of the Bible."

—Mina Arney

W. Va.—"Pray for Deloris Lambert. She is suffering with cancer. . . . She is 26 years old and has two small children. . . . I don't know who gave my name for the "Faith and Victory" paper, but I am grateful. . . . I have high blood pressure and a heart condition."

—Elma Cowger

Calif.—Remember Sister Edith Reavis' daughter in prayer. She is suffering greatly.

Calif.—"Two days after I sent in my testimony that God had healed our baby's (Daniel) eyes they started running again. I couldn't understand this. . . . God gave me a Scripture, Psa. 21:2. "Thou has given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips." . . . I continued praying and seeking God. . . . I had a dream-vision. . . . Daniel looked at me normally. . . . He will be a year old in March and can't sit alone or crawl. [In my vision] Daniel sat up straight. Oh, how I was praising God! I awoke my husband and told him that God was going to heal the baby. . . . We both got on our knees and thanked God who has really given us something to stand on. . . . So continue to pray until God completes this healing." —Bro. and Sis. K. C. Rich

Ohio—Continue to remember Sis. Maudie Sharp in prayer. She can't type now since she had the stroke. God touched her and she can talk, for which she is thankful, but she misses writing letters and receiving answers.

Va.—"I want the saints to pray that I may get saved. . . . I have suffered so long with my head and left side. . . . I once had a good experience with the Lord." —L. B.

S. Dakota—"I do thank all the saints for their concern, prayers and letters. It means so much to me. . . . Please pray for me." —Sis. Olive McFarling

Oklahoma.—Bro. Clarence Fry of Nowata, Okla. had the flu, and since that time he has suffered with his throat and voice. This hinders him in preaching the Word. Bro. Fry is needed in the work of the Lord. Pray earnestly for him.

Ruthie Eck suffered much from an apparent ruptured appendix. The Lord again and again gave her instant relief in answer to prayer, and completely healed her. She didn't want to go to a doctor, which was her choice since she is of age. Now she is suffering from fever and pains in her leg from her hip to her knee. Do remember her in prayer—also for spiritual needs. She is the daughter of Waldo and Beatrice Eck.

The following is an urgent prayer request, yet a warning to young people:

"I was raised in a good Christian home and once had a sweet experience with God. I married a good man and we had a happy home with God as the ruling power. We were blessed with a dear little boy and all was well. Then one day I decided I no longer wanted to live for God. There were so many "exciting" things out there [in the world] to try. My happy home soon fell apart, and after a year's separation our marriage finally ended in divorce. . . . I plunged recklessly into the world of wickedness. . . . Now I find my health nearly gone, and my home and money wasted away. Oh, how bitter is the bondage of Satan and the price is so high! . . . I might get married

again unless God intervenes. . . . Oh, I need help from heaven so much! Deep in my heart I want my true husband back, so we can raise our child in a good Christian home as we started out to do, but the devil has me so bound and mixed up I don't know which way to turn. For the first time in a long time I am begging for someone somewhere to ask the God they know and serve not to turn His back, but to show me His mercy and set me free to serve Him. . . . Maybe some warrior for Christ somewhere will take time to remember me when they pray. That is all I have to cling to now."—(Name withheld by request.) Saints, please pray for this dear, precious young woman. Oh, how we long for her to turn to God with all her heart. Pray God to break the power of Satan over her, so she can repent of her sins and find peace. Her soul is precious.

I had a long letter from a precious Christian mother whose heart is so burdened for her dear children who are grown but so deep in sin, and it grieves her heart. Their sins are breaking her down in body and mind. She is begging for help for herself and her children. Remember them in prayer and this precious mother to know how to place them in God's hands. There are other parents who are going through the same thing; also some husbands and wives are grieved as they see their companions being tied tighter daily by the cords of sin. Some see their little children's hearts troubled through separation of their parents. Let us pray for God's people to be able to pray with faith, yet have grace to bear up under the stress and pressure while they wait for God to deal with the souls of their loved ones. God's children love the person, but they hate the sins that the person commits. This brings a grief that only God can help them to know how to let God bear it for them. "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you." Jesus told His disciples, "Let not your heart be troubled," and then He pointed them to the Comforter. By faith you can know that Comforter and His comfort to touch your broken heart. Let Him touch you, dear fellow-companion in tribulations. He can't and won't unless you let Him.

—Sis. Marie Miles

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GOSPEL WORK IN ALABAMA

Missouri—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sister Maybelle: Greetings of holy Christian love in the name of the One that loved us and washed us from our sins in His own precious blood. To Him be honor and glory forever and ever! Amen.

I arrived home on Feb. 14 from a week's trip to Alabama, in which I felt blessed of the Lord and feel there was good done. To God be all the glory, for if there was any good done it was He who anointed for the same.

We had the privilege of having services in my sister's home, Mrs. Pearline Whitson, for four nights in Birmingham. Several of my relatives were there the first night. We felt so blessed to have the privilege of preaching the riches of Christ's gospel to them. I hope they will remember the good news. Our sister, Mrs. Mary Rogers, came from Chattanooga, Tenn. to be in all the meeting. We were so happy to have her with us. We also had meeting in Pearline's other home at Jasper, Ala. on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Some more of my relatives near Winfield and Fayette, Ala. came up for the Saturday night service. We were so glad to have them. Our last service was Sunday night in Pearline's home in Birmingham. We had the privilege of

visiting several of the homes of some who couldn't come to the meeting.

We also had a precious baptismal service on Saturday evening. Pearlina's daughter, Sandra, and my sister, Mary, wanted to be baptized. We trust the Lord to be with them and keep them encouraged. We would like for you to pray for all of these dear ones. Pray that the saved will keep encouraged, and that the others will find the dear Lord. . . .

We were glad to have had Bro. Murphy Allen with us in meeting here at Neosho for a few nights the last part of January.

Your saved Brother, —Thomas V. McMillian

Report From The Field

Dear co-workers, saints and friends: Greetings to all in Jesus' name. He hath done for me what none other could do. I love Him with all my heart, and His service is my sweetest delight.

I meant to write before now and let you hear from us, as many know I was gravely ill about a year ago. Some thought I could not live. God healed me of all the afflictions which grew out of a serious car accident. This I fully explained in my tract, "Divine Healing a Reality," which may be had for the asking, either from me or from the Faith Publishing House. During my six months' illness I never lost my desire for the work of the Lord. As campmeeting season came on, I looked to going by faith and longed to see the saints who prayed for me. Our first meeting was in South Carolina at Holly Hill. I was very weak in body and had to be led about, but was able to attend a few services, and it was precious just to be there. I was yet weak and frail when we came home. I did not accompany Bro. Abbott to the Louisiana campmeeting at Hammond. The Lord continued to give added strength and we both attended the Monark Springs, Mo. campmeeting. Each service was precious. It is always so good to meet those we know and love from all parts of this country and Mexico. The fellowship is so sweet. One day we visited sick folks in Oklahoma City and Guthrie. On the last Sunday afternoon of the meeting the Lord laid a few thoughts on our heart and our souls were refreshed by His presence.

We attended part of the Missouri State campmeeting at Myrtle, which was well attended as usual, and there seemed to be more young people. It was near this time that our grand-daughter, Julia Cook, was involved in a near-fatal car accident, along with John Ray and his mother, Geneva. They were all taken to a Sikeston, Mo. hospital; later Sister Geneva was transferred to Memphis, Tenn. All were seriously hurt. We visited Julia and John several times at Sikeston, which is more than 100 miles from Myrtle. When Alberta, our daughter, came to stay with Julia until she was able to be flown home to California, we met her at the Memphis airport and took her to Sikeston. Julia is still walking with crutches, but can bear some weight on her badly injured ankle. We thank the Lord for sparing her life and blessing her in many ways during this long trial.

Following that meeting, we were home a little while, making shorter trips to Kentucky and other places in the state, visiting some sick folks and isolated saints. Soon it was time for the Louisiana Assembly Meeting. I had been asking the Lord, since my illness, to know His will about going to California for a visit. It seemed the Lord worked all things out for us and now was the

time to go. As I moved by faith, God gave added strength. The Lord blessed us with a safe trip to Hammond. I enjoyed two services on Sunday, then on Monday I went via plane to California. Husband remained for the meeting, returning home thereafter. It was my first plane trip. I enjoyed it immensely and thanked the Lord for a safe arrival in Los Angeles. You may be sure there were smiling faces to greet me, as Alberta, her husband, Kenneth, and son Kelly anxiously awaited my arrival. They took me to their home in Pomona where Julia and Brenda waited for us. We all rejoiced and praised the Lord for His many blessings to us all.

I was very thankful to be in their home and enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner with the family and all of Kenneth's family, relatives, and friends. It was my earnest desire to visit the congregations of saints in the Los Angeles area, and was much pleased to learn of a revival being in progress at the "down-town" Los Angeles congregation. We loved to attend their all-day-meetings when we lived in Whittier. I was so thankful to attend several of these services. It was precious to meet a number of saints whom we have known through the years, also many new faces and ministers young and old. The chapel was well filled every service. My soul rejoiced hearing this "old-time" truth preached in its fullness just as I've been hearing it for years. The Lord gave us a few thoughts one afternoon and anointed for delivery of the same. I was privileged to spend one day with the saints at Pacoima and visited the elderly folks in the Senior Citizens Home. I deemed it a day well spent.

The young folks took me to San Bernardino for one night's service. Yes, when we lived in Whittier we always enjoyed attending their all-day-meetings. It was wonderful to visit this congregation again, enjoy sweet fellowship and the preaching of His Word with them. Some things have changed, and some familiar faces were missing, but we know "the Lord takes pleasure in the death of His saints." The old chapel had been replaced by a new one in another location. We rejoiced with them for this wonderful blessing. I was glad to see the elderly saints out for service. David hath well said, "They shall still bring forth fruit in old age." We found them fat and flourishing in their souls. It was encouraging to see so many spiritual young people.

Also, I enjoyed several services with the Pomona saints, finding all encouraged to keep pressing on. They have remodeled their chapel—laid new carpet, and it is very nice and inviting. On Sunday morning before their Assembly Meeting was to begin at Pacoima, the young folks and I went over for the morning service. I so much desired to meet this congregation for we formerly have attended several campmeetings and assembly meetings there. I was surprised to see such a large gathering, and learned afterward it was about their usual attendance. The spiritual young people were noticeable here also. We met several new folks and rejoiced with those of former acquaintance. The Lord anointed His Word and blessed our souls with a good service.

By this time I had been in California about four weeks. The Lord blessed abundantly in every way. When I exercised faith, the Lord added strength. The Christmas holidays and the Guthrie, Okla. Assembly Meeting were near. Husband and I very much desired to attend this meeting. We decided that I would take a plane to Oklahoma City, and he would meet me there, which he did.

On Thursday night we had a lovely Christmas dinner and evening in Kenneth and Alberta's home. Leaving Los Angeles the next morning, I arrived in Guthrie, Okla. for the evening service. We enjoyed that meeting

very much. We missed the previous one because of my illness. The messages were timely and down-reaching, causing us to search our own lives and draw closer to God.

We came home on January 1. I was not the least ill at any time. What a mighty God we love and serve! Soon after our coming home, my sister, Sister Dovie Abbott, was taken seriously ill with a painful affliction in her left hip and limb. After the Lord healed her, we felt led to come to Hammond, La. where we are at present. We had been burdened about it for some time. We just closed a twelve-nights' meeting and desire to visit several sick folks before returning home.

The time is short in which to labor for Him. Our desire is to do more this year of 1972 than ever before. Pray for us. In the Master's service,

—Bro. and Sister S. E. and Armilda Abbott
3210 Mesmer Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45410

Foreign Field Reports

NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast Nigeria (March 9)—Dear Bro. Pruitt, co-workers in the Lord's Printshop and saints: We send you greetings in the name of the Lamb of God, our wonderful Saviour, who gave His life for us on the cross at Calvary that we may live free from Satan. Let us praise His name together!

We thank God and you for the draft to help us in the gospel work here. Bro. Umanah has enclosed the sheet to cover the same. . . .

The Nigerian work is on the "go" for which we are thankful to the Master of the vineyard. Progress is prevailing at many of the mission stations. . . . We observed the New Testament ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's Supper at this main station last Sunday, March 5. One hundred ninety souls joined in the observance. Pastors J. U. Etuk and M. U. Ekpo were present to speak the Word and administer these ordinances.

Bro. Johnson Mbebe gave thanks to God for His protection toward him in a motor accident recently. We all gave praise to God who is good to us.

Epidemic diseases are spreading. The one prevailing at present is measles. With your continued prayers, God's children will be protected.

Next month we shall hold a campmeeting at Minya Ntak from April 27 to 30. Pray for a successful meeting.

We fervently pray for all of you and the work.
Yours in Him, —Ben E. Udoka

LETTER FROM MEXICO MISSIONARY

(Editor's note: On March 9 Sister Opal Kelly wrote the following letter from San Diego, Calif. where she was recuperating from a severe case of the flu. She took very ill at Ojos Negros, Mexico and some of the saints in San Diego went down and brought her out to be cared for.)

Dearest Sister Marie: Greetings in the precious name of our Redeemer! I have deferred a report from Ojos Negros, thinking to return there shortly, but I am still not strong enough. Surely, the Lord has a purpose in all things.

The saints in Ojos Negros are surely being tried. As the flu has been in other places, it has attacked many there, too. Also, we have had much measles among families with children to the point that not many have been

able to attend meeting, but the Lord has met with those who do come and this is what counts. . . .

I have written to Bro. Juan Cruz Blanca, expecting an answer by return mail and hoping he will be able to go and hold services in Ojos Negros until my return. Pray for him, the congregation and all of the Mexico workers.

I am still praying the will of the Lord to be done in behalf of someone to help there in the work. There's enough work for several consecrated workers.

I still have some chest pain, but want to share with you the way the Lord took away my cough.

For sometime I had dreaded to see night come, as I coughed so much that I could hardly sleep. On Monday night as I prayed I felt impressed to pray like this, "Lord, I will accept and say an amen in my heart to every bit of this cough that comes from You, but I will not accept any part that comes from the enemy of my soul. Please rebuke it in Jesus' name." Praise the dear Lord, I lay down and slept and didn't cough even one time all night. I even took the prop out from under my mattress. Thank the dear Lord! I have hardly coughed since.

I'm looking forward to being able to return shortly and believe the Lord is working on some heart to come and help me.

Continue to hold me up in prayer!

Love and prayers,

—Sis. Opal Kelly
P. O. Box 2860, San Ysidro, Cal. 90277

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Feb. 25)—Bro. Pruitt and all other saints throughout America: Thank God for the privilege He gives me to greet you all once again in this world in the holy name of Jesus Christ who is the "resurrection and the life."

Thank you very much for your good letter dated Feb. 5, 1972, and the enclosures, including the tracts, were noted with much gratitude. "I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. . . . Thou wilt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Psalms 16:8, 9, 11).

At Avoor, most of the believers are without Bibles. They are too poor even to purchase a Bible. They requested Bibles, for which I now request and expect your help.

Last week I was at Niranam church and had fellowship with them. By God's grace Bro. V. I. Thomas (my father-in-law) and family and all others there are found very happy in spirit. At Karikkom I am conducting special Bible classes on the subject, "The Kingdom of God." The Pentecostal pastors are teaching unscripturally about a "millennial reign." So to wash away that teaching, it is our duty to teach the kingdom of God scripturally and also the correct teachings about the "gift of tongues." Praise the Lord for the correct teachings in the Bible which we follow. The book, "The Kingdom of God and the One Thousand Years' Reign" by H. M. Riggie is a great help to me. I plan and wish to translate and publish that book into our Malayalam language which will be a great help for our believers and others to read and understand the correct teachings. The translation has already been started with the expectation that the Lord shall meet the expense for its printing and publication through unseen ways. Please make it a subject of prayer.

I am very glad and thank you very much to know that you have noted with interest my desire to visit the Church in America. You see, the Lord willing, I wish to stay over there at the most one year or as the government allows, and my wife does not want to follow me now. About the cost of transportation and other details concerning this trip, I am just inquiring and I shall let you know the details as early as possible. Our closest international airport is at Bombay. . . . The sole aim of my visit to the Church in America is to see all the beloved saints, and also to turn your attention to the Lord's work in India. . . . I trust the Church would welcome me and would carry me in prayer to fulfill my desire.

Many thanks for the Oxford Reference Bible which you mailed to me. It has not reached me yet, but I trust it will arrive in due time. Yes, of course, it will be much benefit to me as well as to many through me in the gospel work.

We still pray for your complete healing. . . . Let us work together faithfully while it is day until the night comes when no one can work.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

From The Mail Box . . .

Wash.—Dear Sis. Marie and all at the Lord's Printshop: We are thankful to the Lord for this great salvation, and for all the Lord has done for me, is doing and will do.

We are thankful for all that you dear ones there are doing, too. We love the "Faith and Victory" paper and the truth it contains. We look forward to its coming every month. We read it from cover to cover.

Please renew my subscription to "The Beautiful Way" and the "Bible Lessons" for one year. Use the remainder of money where needed.

Christian love, —Sis. D. T. Thomas

La.—Dear ones, greetings in the name of Jesus: I am thankful for salvation and the joy, peace and contentment it brings.

Enclosed is an offering from the congregation for the Indian and Nigerian mission work. . . .

May the Lord bless every effort put forth for the gospel work there. —Mrs. A. E. Flynn

Indiana.—Dear Sister Marie: It has been some time since I wrote to you, but I remember you in prayer all the time, also the publishing work. I wish I lived where I could attend your meetings. I love to read the "Faith and Victory" paper and look forward to its arrival every month. I get so much good food from reading it—just like being in a good meeting. I wish it could be published weekly in place of monthly.

I am enclosing a small offering and wish it could be more. May God's richest blessings be upon you and yours, and the work there.

I am saved and sanctified.

Yours in His love, —Mrs. Elizabeth Swafford

Okla.—Sis. Marie Miles: Greetings and best wishes to all the saints everywhere. I received a copy of the "Faith and Victory" paper. I do not know who thought of me, but I do want them to know I am sending my appreciation. I enjoy reading the magazine very much. Thanks to who-ever it was, and remember me in your prayers. —Myrtle Jackson

Kentucky.—Dear Sirs: A friend sent me this little paper for three months. It was just what we needed. I am sending \$5.00. You may send me a three year's subscription and use the other \$4.00 as you see the need.

We have attended the Larchmont Church of God for years, but things are certainly changing.

Please send us a list of books as we would like to purchase some of them, also tracts.

Please pray that God will help me to do His precious will in all things. I love Him very much.

Your Sister in Christ, —Mary F. Orrender

Okla.—Please say "Thank you" to the person who sent us the "Faith and Victory" paper.

—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt

Colo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, Sister Marie and all the workers there: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am glad for how the Lord has kept me well, for which I am so thankful.

We are still having our Sunday school and had eight pupils Sunday morning and seven for children's meeting. If we just had some adults to come and help, it would be better, but I am glad for the good literature we get from the office there.

I'm sure thankful Ed didn't linger a long time and suffer. Ed did suffer badly for three weeks, but the Lord was good to him. He went without a struggle. The Lord has been good to us all. ¹ ^{am} ^{glad} we heard the truth preached and we have never regretted it. Oh, for grace to serve Him better and be ready when He calls for me!

We desire your prayers for our unsaved children and their families. I am enclosing a little check to use where needed.

—Sister Addie McEndree

Illinois.—Dear ones, greetings to all in Jesus' name: Just a line and a little offering to use for the Lord.

Please remember me in prayer as I am so lonesome. I lost my husband the 20th of February, but thanks to our dear God, as He saved him about ten days before he died. I am so thankful for the strength the Lord gives me. I am working four hours a day.

I was in Senath, Mo. for the all-day services and had a real good time in the Lord. We have started our little service here again with Sister Sprague, so pray for us.

Yours in the Lord, —Sister Mildred Snell

(Our deep sympathy is extended to Sister Snell in the loss of her husband, and we pray the "God of all comfort" to be her portion. —Editor)

Jamaica, W. Indies.—Dear Brother Pruitt and co-workers: Again it is our pleasure to send you greetings in Jesus' name.

Thanks for sending us the "Faith and Victory" paper which we enjoy reading. Among the things it does, it keeps us informed about the foreign mission fields. Enclosed, please find an offering of fifteen dollars contributed by members of our little assembly to help some workers on the mission field.

Dear brethren, we need an old-fashioned Church of God revival among us. Please help us to pray for this.

That God will continue to bless your efforts for Him is our sincere prayer. We truly appreciate the way you help to keep the light of the Reformation burning by the printed matter, especially the writings of the pioneer

ministers. Although some have no spiritual desire for them, thank God, to many persons, they are still dear—the Standard of Truth.

We now are living in the time spoken of in 1 Tim. 4:1, "Some shall depart from the faith." Thank God for those who will not, and thank Him for giving us the mind not to. By His grace we will be true to Him until death.

Yours in Christian love, —Israel and Olga Smalling

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Mo.—Dear ones: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name! We are so thankful for salvation and what it does for us. "Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word." We love Him and mean by His all-sufficient grace to go all the way.

Enclosed is a small offering to help in the work.

We are all well. Trust you all are also. Remember us as you pray.

—The Glen Inmans

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Ohio—Dear loving friends: Enclosed is an offering. Use where needed most. Your sample of tracts are always welcome, like the one enclosed, "What Church Should I Join?" I wish every one could believe in the true Church of God. I was mixed up in a false church that is sweeping over the world. I was sold on it. Now, I know differently, and I thank God for His love. When I prayed that He would reveal His true Church to me, He did just that.

Sincerely,

—Mrs. Hattie C. Miller

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Calif.—Dear saints: I want to thank you for the good gospel paper which I have read a long time and have sent you many names. If it is God's will, I will be 92 on April 7. I feel very thankful for so long a life, and wish I would have lived it better.

I am enclosing a small contribution which you may use in any way you deem best.

I had a fall last June and broke my hip and leg. I am not walking yet and in much pain. Please remember me in prayer.

Love in Him,

—Mary J. Ramsey

(A card or note of cheer to Sister Ramsey for her 92nd birthday may be addressed to 669 S. Union Ave. 417, Los Angeles, Calif. 90017.)

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Ohio—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I thank the Lord this day for being saved and encouraged to continue to live for Him the rest of the days of my life. Salvation is truly a blessing. . . . This is why it touches my heart when I see most people around me still living in sin and darkness, not knowing about this wonderful plan of salvation. This is why I, as other brethren, believe that the printed page containing the pure truth of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ might be the cause of one soul to get saved. And even though it is only one soul, isn't it worth all our efforts? This is why I desire your prayers that I may do my part in this wonderful cause.

I write this in connection with my order of renewal subscriptions to the "Faith and Victory" for several persons, including my own.

Your Brother in Christ,

—Gerd Papritz

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La.—Dear Sis. Marie, greetings of much love in the precious name of Jesus: May the dear Lord richly bless your souls and make you dear ones a real blessing as you work and labor in the service of the Lord, getting the pure gospel out through the printed page. We trust the Lord will cause your labors to be effectual and glean out every honest heart that He can.

We trust you dear ones are all well. The Lord has so wonderfully blessed Sam and me, and kept us from getting the flu. I had a little cold some time ago, but the Lord took it all away. Sam didn't even take the cold. He is very frail though and it seems at times his mind is worse. His sense of direction is so bad, but I'm so thankful he is able to be up. . . .

Bro. and Sis. Sam Abbott were here in a good meeting. We had some wonderful messages, real heart-searching truths. They stayed over two weeks. . . .

Bro. Steve Henry is still encouraged and trusting the Lord to heal him. . . . He still goes out to the services there at Baton Rouge. . . .

We trust Bro. Lawrence is improving and we are holding on to the Lord for his complete healing.

Pray for us.

Love and prayers,

—Sis. Audrey Baumgartner

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Mich.—Dear Christian friends: I received the March copy of the "Faith and Victory" this morning. I enjoy this monthly very much as I read it from cover to cover. The editorials, the many articles, prayer requests and answers, testimonies and other messages I enjoy very much. I do not remember when my subscription will become due. However, please find enclosed \$5.00. Keep \$1.00 for 3 years' subscription and keep the balance to be used as you see fit for the extension of the Kingdom. . . . Yours in Christ,

—Louis E. Anderson

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N. Carolina—Dear ones, greetings in Jesus' name: You will find enclosed \$1.00 for the renewal of the "Faith and Victory" paper for three more years. I think it is the best paper that I have read since the "Gospel Trumpet" was printed in the 1920's.

—William T. Ellis

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La.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and workers there: This leaves me still on the strait and narrow way, seeking to do the things that please my Lord. I mean to go all the way with Him.

Remember me in prayer as I am very feeble in body, but the Lord knows all about His children. I will be 84 years of age on March 27.

Your Brother in the Lord,

—J. M. Mitchell

1019 Tioga Rd., Pineville, La. 71360

(Mail a card or note to Bro. Mitchell in observance of his 84th birthday. —Editor)

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Georgia—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Pruitt and helpers in the Printshop: Greetings to you in the name of our crucified Lord. The Lord is so good to me. I am so glad that I am able to report victory over sin and the devil. I am thanking all of you who prayed along with me to the good Lord for the healing of my side which has given me trouble for a long time. I faithfully and patiently waited on the Lord for my healing. The Lord has wonderfully touched and healed my side. To Him I am giving all the praise, honor and glory, and none to the arm of flesh. The Lord is my doctor, my medicine and He is my Saviour. My left hand got to where I could hardly use it. The Lord healed it.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." Psalms 121:1, 2.

We three are doing very well with the work. The Lord meets us here in our services each time. Praise His name.

Christian love in the true Body, —Sister P. R. Bowers

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Testimonies and Answers To Prayer

Arizona—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of love in Jesus name! . . . I do want to say that the Lord has been so good to me. He has answered prayer in so many things, and also touched my body. I mashed my finger very badly on Feb. 7. The Lord touched me from time to time when the pain was severe. It is doing real fine now. I cut the finger nail completely through, leaving two pieces of finger nail until just a few days ago when the top half of the nail came off, so now the bottom half is growing. It became very sore, but the Lord has healed the soreness now. Oh, what a mighty God we serve! I surely thank and praise His dear name.

I have some burdens that I desire the saints to remember in prayer. —Sis. Ferne Laub

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Mo.—Dear fellow-servants and workers at the Lord's Printshop: We love our Saviour because He first loved us. He picked us up out of sin, cleansed us by His precious all-atoning blood that He so freely gave upon that cruel cross. He has been so very precious to us in all the ways of life! As the song says, "If we had ten thousand lives in which to praise Him, we could not enough our blessed Lord adore." I want to praise Him day by day, as He permits me to live for Him, and be His humble servant that my life may prove to others that I am His child; and that He can and will do for others what He has done for me, as well as the other saints.

We feel so dependent on our Heavenly Father and look to Him in all the storms of life, both spiritual and natural. Sometimes the enemy makes our trials and burdens look so dark and furious. They look very fearful to us; if we don't flee to our Saviour's loving arms. He will always calm our fears, give courage and strengthen our confidence in His great power.

We thank Him over and over for how He so wonderfully cared for us in a storm, while Bro. and Sis. Samons were here at Senath in a few nights' meeting. We heard a terrible roaring in the air soon after we got home from services. We felt we should go to prayer and ask the dear Lord to protect us. While we were in prayer, the storm hit. We felt the house give. It felt like it tried to lift; it cracked and popped; we kept on our knees in prayer, feeling calm and assured that He would have His way. There was a strange noise in the wind. The best I can describe the noise, it sounded like a wheel turning real fast, making a whizzing noise. It sounded like it lifted and went over the house. There was no harm done to our house or any of us. After it went over, we looked out to see if there was any damage done to anything outside, and found the wind had turned our little travel trailer from a westward to a northward position, taking the hitch off the prop and scooting the hitch on the ground, but doing no damage to it. Thank the dear Lord! All praises be to Him! He is so precious and very mindful of His trusting ones.

He also caused another storm that came up early this morning to calm down and pass over so gently and quietly. It was such an encouragement to my soul to see His mighty hand work so marvelously. He deserves all praise!

The Lord gave us some very heart-stirring messages during the meeting. We had a nice gathering of the saints on Sunday. Bro. Egbert Allen came by for a few more nights' services. The Lord gave us some more of the good Word of God. The Lord is so good

to us, and we mean by His grace to stand fast until His coming, which we feel is nearer than some think. May He bless you all there and the saints everywhere.

Your Sister in Christ, —Natalie Allen

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Kentucky—Dear ones: I have a testimony I would like to let the world know about. I was born June 15, 1917 with a crippled right foot. People called my type of foot the clubfoot. I walked on the top of my foot with my toes turned completely around to the left.

My father, A. W. Metcalfe, and mother, the late Nellie Byrd Metcalfe, took me to church. I was still very small. Bro. Willis M. Brown was holding a meeting in our community. They told Bro. Brown they wanted him to pray for the Lord to heal my foot. He asked if they thought the Lord would heal it. They told him they knew that He would. They prayed and the Lord healed and straightened it right away. Now you could never tell by my walking or its looks that it was ever crippled.

In August, 1971 at the Blackford campmeeting I got an awful pain in my right thigh. It hurt so much I could hardly get in and out of my car in going to the church house. On Thursday I had to use a cane to help me get around. I had some of the Brethren to anoint me, and several came and prayed for me. I was healed almost instantly. . . . Thank the Lord, He heard and answered prayer for us. The same God that healed in 1917 is still healing today if we only have everything clear and clean and will pray and believe.

A reader, —George Metcalfe

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Penn.—Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ. . . . I am happy in the Lord, who gave His life a ransom for all on Calvary's brow. Truly, this is the happiest time in my whole life. I have the joy of sins forgiven and the Lord has sent the blessed Comforter into my life. I am enjoying sweet fellowship with Him. Praise His holy name!

I am expecting the tracts. I want to do all I can for Him, who gave His life for all and for me, while it is day.

Your Sister in Christ, —Olive Harris

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Okla.—Dear Sister Marie, and all the workers for the dear Lord: May the loving hand of God be over all of you.

The Lord has healed me many times in my past life, for which I am very thankful. I still had more to learn to be a true witness for my Lord.

On January 27, I was tested and tried, as by fire. I slipped and fell down concrete steps that were covered with ice. I had broken ribs and serious back injuries. I also hit the back of my head which caused me much suffering. It damaged my left eye. I suffered much pain all over my body, day and night. But my mind was made up to trust my Lord and hold fast to His promises. I rebuked the devil and all his evil works. I called Bro. and Sis. Souder to come and pray the prayer of faith for me. The Lord heard prayer and is doing a marvelous work in healing me. Praise His dear name for victory!

The Lord can heal broken bones the same as headaches, etc., if we only believe that all things are possible with God. We can go through the fiery furnace of afflictions and come out pure as gold, and be a good witness for the Lord. Our faith will be much stronger to trust in the Lord, as we face the storms of life. I still have a few ill effects, but it is written, "With his stripes we

are healed." Praise the Lord! I believe the Word of God is true, and the devil is a liar. He tries to destroy all of us that love to work for the Lord, so we can not witness for the dear Lord.

I have had broken bones several times before and the good Lord took care of everything for me, because I trusted Him and believed that His promises are true. "He is the same yesterday, and to-day, and forever." Hebrews 13:8.

I can say it is well with my soul. Dear ones, trust the Lord for all your needs. We are serving a mighty God. Pray for me.

Your Sister in Christ, —Lydia Jantz

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Oklahoma.—About the middle of February, 1972 when I got out of bed at the Golden Rule Home, I felt bad. In a short while my stomach hurt. I thought when I ate breakfast it would be alright, but my trouble became worse. At nine o'clock I went to worship, but I was real sick. As I left the room I said to Sister Conley, "I am real sick." I met Sister Scanlan and said the same to her. I lay down and in a very few minutes all my pain was gone. I am sure those Sisters prayed for me. I give God the praise.

Yours in Him, —Bro. Manly L. Jones

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Mo.—Dear saints: We are encouraged in the Lord. "The mercy of the Lord endureth forever." "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want." The Lord loves His creation.

I thank the Lord for touching my body. I still need prayer. I injured the back of my neck and shoulders. It was very painful. I thank the saints for praying for me. I think of you and pray for you.

May the Lord bless the work you are doing for Him.

—Lily Mae Glass

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Ind.—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: I had a bad spell of sickness. I vomited and I was dizzy. I got up and unlocked my windows, so if anything did happen to me, someone could get in to see about me. Thank the Lord, He came to my rescue. I prayed for the Lord to heal me, and He did. I was so sick I could hardly pray. I will say I am feeling real good now, for which I give the Lord all the praise.

May God bless you both are my prayers.

—Grace Koehler

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La.—Dear Sis. Marie: In the mighty power of our Lord and Saviour, I am healed! He is still performing miracles. Praise His most wonderful name! I am happy and feeling fine. I am thankful to report victory and that I am healed completely, by our precious Saviour!

It is so precious to see the faith our Bro. Steve Henry has in the Lord! Today in services he looked brighter in face and spirit. Oh, how happy we all would be if the Lord would heal him. We need him at our chapel. He is so faithful and patient and comes to all the services. Our service today was really good. All of us need encouragement along life's way.

We are praying for you there. We don't have to go to any other source but God our King. We have to be alert today, as the enemy works hard. It takes spiritual carefulness to make it. "How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee." Psa. 139:17, 18. Praise the Lord! "The nations are as a drop in the bucket" and I know I was hard to

find, but the dear Lamb of God found me, saved me, sanctified me and healed me! Bless His wonderful name!

Pray for me that I keep faithful until the end! Jesus didn't come to please Himself, but to help others. We want to be an example. Saints should glorify God in every way and rejoice in times of trouble. The darker the world, the better our light should shine. God deals roughly sometimes to get us where He wants us.

Sis. Marie, I have no trace of sugar in blood or urine. The nurse marveled, as I was so high with sugar. I trusted the Lord fully. I serve a powerful God and I know He heals! I praise God for His dear saints and their prayers during last summer's campmeeting.

Our love and prayers, —Sis. Rubye Quave

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Ark.—Dear Sis. Marie and Bro. Pruitt: Greetings this beautiful Spring morning to you and all the dear workers at the Printshop. Oh, what a mighty God we serve! His mercies endure for ever, and we can rest underneath His protecting wing. Thank God for the comfort, peace and confidence we find in Him every day. He heals and gives us grace to overcome every trial. He is my joy, peace and contentment. Praise His great name for ever! . . . God is still healing those who trust in Him.

Enclosed, please find an offering to help as needed. I read of the many needs of the dear missionaries and poor people over there. Oh, God do bless and help them, and may we lend a helping hand.

Trusting, —Sister N. E. Adams

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Ohio.—Dear saints: We appreciate the Lord's precious dealings with us. We are encouraged to go all the way with the Lord and see heaven at any cost. We know that God hears and answers prayer because He has answered many prayers for us.

Our second son, Jason, was born on February 9, 1972 with respiratory problems and what they termed as seizures or convulsions. He was three weeks premature and weighed five pounds and one ounce. He had to be taken from the regular hospital to a children's hospital where he could be watched more closely and given pure oxygen which wasn't provided at the regular hospital. The pediatrician explained to us that he was in a serious condition. We didn't know whether he was going to live or die, but we submitted it to the Lord and took it to Him in prayer. The saints here were also praying.

Wife came home after three days, but our son had to stay in the hospital. He was in the intensive care unit about four or five days. Gradually, he began to improve and was brought home when he was a week old. They sent a prescription with him for some medication. We also took that to the Lord in prayer and had him anointed. We did not bother to have the prescription filled because we knew that we were going to trust the Lord no matter what happened. The doctor wanted to see his improvement in three weeks. We were in continual prayer during that time for the Lord to show a definite improvement in our son's condition. We wanted God to get the glory when we took our son to be examined. When we did take him, the doctor said to the baby, "You had me worried at first, little man, but you look alright to me now."

The doctor later asked Wife if the medication was being given to the child twice a day. She told him that the medicine was not being given at all, because it was against our religious beliefs. In amazement, the doctor said, "Oh, that's alright. I was just going to tell you to cut down on it." Thank the Lord! This was a

definite answer to prayer. Our son now weighs six pounds or more and is over a month old. We thank the Lord for His goodness and mercy, and we realize that we have a responsibility to God and to our children. We desire your prayers that we will continue to serve the Lord and be the vessels of honor that He is calling for us to be in these last days.

Yours in Christian love,

—Bro. Butch and Sis. Maxine Brown

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Calif.—Dearly beloved brethren of the "Faith and Victory" publishing house, and others throughout the world: Greetings of love in the name of Jesus our Lord, who gave Himself "a ransom" that we might escape the death penalty.

This is my 84th birthday [Feb. 26]. I praise the Lord for long life. In the language of the poet I can say, "I am fully saved today, all my guilt is washed away, And the love of God is flooding all my soul; For His grace abides within, since I've been redeemed from sin, And the precious blood of Jesus makes me whole."

I need your earnest prayers that I can fill the little commission assigned to me, of being a little "Bible mother" in this "Evening time"; and that the spirit of love and truth be in all that I say and do—all the way to my journey's end.

—Sister Ethel K. Miles

1346 Walnut Ave., Long Beach, Calif. 90813

(A card or letter to the above address would be appreciated by Sister Miles who has served the Lord many years. —Editor)

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Ark.—Dear saints: Greetings to all in Jesus' dear name. I want to send in my testimony and pay my vow to the God of my salvation. I want to thank everyone who was concerned about me. The growth I had on my eye lid looked very bad, but it wasn't too bad for my God to take off. Praise the dear Lord! At times I got a little shaky like the little flower Sis. Adams told me about, but I raised up my head and stood. I am so glad I did. I have some other afflictions that I would like for the saints to remember in prayer. . . . Pray that I will obey God's will.

Pray for my 14-year-old grandson who was hit by a motorcycle. He is in a serious condition. . . . He is precious to all of us. . . . Lately he went to the altar.

—Mrs. J. West

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Okla.—Dear Sis. Miles and all the dear ones at the Printshop: I'm sending an offering to help out wherever it is needed. We still remember all the good services we had at the chapel here in Bristow. We trust all there are well in body and soul.

We desire your prayers for both soul and body, and do pray for our unsaved loved ones. We do enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper so much and know much good is done through it. Many times we can reach souls through the printed page where otherwise they would resent being talked to. May the dear Lord bless each of you and give you strength and health to carry on this great work.

Yours in Christian love,

—Sis. George Abbott

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Mo.—To the dear saints every where: We praise God for His many blessings bestowed upon all of us. We feel we should let the saints know how much we appreciated their prayers for us here at Myrtle when we had the test with Audie Junior Sorrell. He was what they call a "free bleeder." My sister, Etta Davis, my husband, and I had gone to Grubbs, Arkansas to be with

the saints there, but got a call that Junior was very ill and that his nose was bleeding, so we came back home to be with them. On February 23, 1972, on a Wednesday night, he was bleeding severely through his nose and mouth, and he would vomit large clots of blood. We knew that he could not live long in that condition, but we were so burdened for his soul, knowing that if he passed away he would be lost. We begged God to save him. About 2:30 or 3:00 a.m., his wife felt that they should take him to a doctor and have his nose packed. He got up to go to the pickup. He had walked only a short way in the hall when he fell. He was blue and his jaws locked. His wife and I worked to try to get his jaws loose and to keep him from swallowing his tongue. Husband, Etta, and all of us were calling upon God, "Oh, do spare him to be saved." The Lord rebuked the powers of death and brought him back. He surely did call on God, and begged Him to forgive him. Praise the Lord, He had mercy and for Christ's sake forgave him and enrolled his name above. We carried him back to bed. He continued bleeding so profusely. He was getting weaker all the time. By this time his folks had come, some saints, and we all were praying. About 5:00 a. m., he was taken to the doctor who packed his nose and sent him to the hospital at West Plains, Mo. During his stay, he was given four pints of blood. The doctor could not stop the bleeding. Each time the packing was removed, the bleeding would start again.

On Monday, February 28, the doctor tried again to remove the packing. As before, the bleeding began again, only more severely. The doctor told them that he had done all he knew to do. He suggested that they go to Columbia, Missouri, to a specialist. Junior and Doris talked it over and both made the decision, live or die, they would trust the Lord. Truly, it was a step by faith. Bro. and Sis. Roy Harmon from Kansas City came early Tuesday morning around three o'clock. The Lord worked and Junior was released Tuesday morning. He was brought by ambulance to our house. He was so weak, but we all were so happy for their decision. With confidence in God, we were willing to share the responsibility. Whether the Lord let him live or die, we would stand faithful to God. Saints at different places were asked to be agreed in prayer at 8:00 p. m. Tuesday night for his healing. Junior asked to be anointed, and by faith in God we claimed the victory. On Friday, March 3, Sis. Myrtle Sorrell removed the packing as the rest of us calmly looked to the Lord. Praise the Lord, all bleeding was gone! The Lord gave us the scripture in Isaiah 30:15, ". . . In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength . . ." There was such calmness, quietness and strength among us all. "Oh, this blessed holy rest, on my Jesus loving breast."

Bro. and Sis. Harmon went home Saturday morning. How we did appreciate their labors with us, also Sis. Myrtle's, Sis. Dolly Brown's, and all the saints around here that prayed together and worked together. It has drawn us closer to each other and to God.

We do want to thank all the saints for standing by us in this test, but most of all we give all the glory and praise to God. Junior is home now and doing fine. They are both encouraged in the Lord. Praise our God!

—Bro. and Sis. Albert Eck and the Myrtle saints

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"True happiness comes from within, not from without. 'He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself.' (1 Jno. 5:10). This is the proper test of how we believe.

I Felt Guilty

Some years ago, my sister, Helen, and I opened a mission in that section of the nation's capitol known as "Hell's Half-Acre." One day, we happened into the very dismal apartment of an intelligent Negro lady and her idiotic son. He was perfectly helpless, understood nothing, could not talk or even notice anything or anybody. His mother had to feed him with a spoon and care for him as though he were an infant.

It seems that her husband had left her when he discovered that their child was not bright, but her true mother-love would not permit her to desert him, though now he was a full grown man. While we were there, he spent the time chewing vigorously on the blanket that covered him and, if memory serves me right, making a noise akin to the growl of a wild animal.

His beautiful, patient mother received us most graciously and could not express her joy at our coming, repeating over and over again that our visit did her so much good. Then she added, "This is only the third time in twenty-five years that any white person has ever visited me."

How strange that many who profess to be interested in missionaries to Africa neglect the Africa in America right at our doors! I felt guilty that I had not found this dear woman before and done something to make her home a little happier.

When I was a child, father took our family on a trip through several states. When we arrived at a certain town, something happened that I shall never forget. Mother went into a store to buy a spool of thread; when she asked the price, the merchant answered, "Five cents to white folks and ten cents to niggers."

Black people had a very difficult time trying to get jobs; when they did, they received pitifully small wages. Mother wondered why, then, should they be charged double for necessary commodities!

There will be no hope in the judgment for the unrepentant oppressors of unfortunate people, when Christ will be compelled to say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matt. 25:31-46).

America is suffering now because of her sins, one of which was the purchasing of thousands of Africans for slaves. Listen! God says in Deuteronomy 10:19: "Love ye therefore the stranger; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt." In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." So it should be our happy privilege to do all that we possibly can to encourage and lead to Christ the descendants of the former slaves.

If we prefer to go on in our own way, boasting of our white supremacy, refusing to show kindness to the Negro and give him justice, we automatically invite God's wrath, not only upon ourselves but upon our beloved U. S. A. as well. We are not too

good to be taken over by a cruel, heartless nation that will cut off our liberties and reduce us to slavery.

"Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly: but the proud he knoweth afar off." Let us be humble and repentant for our cruel neglect of the black people, lest we come to realize in our experience the full meaning of the text, "For the great day of his wrath is come, and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:17) —Julia A. Shelhamer

ZEAL FOR WHOM?

We may serve the devil out of zeal for God. Paul did this and thought he was doing the will of God. But when Paul saw his mistake, he changed his course in life.

So it is today. There are those who have zeal, but not according to knowledge, going about to establish their own righteousness, and have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. (Read Romans 10:2, 3). —D. Chancey

THE SWEET WHISPER

I have been in the Valley of Weeping,
I've been in the Plains of Despair,
Then I heard Jesus whisper,
"Take it all to God in prayer."

There have been days of loneliness,
Long nights with no one to care,
Then comes the soft whisper,
"Take everything to God in prayer."

When doubts and fears assail us,
We feel we are on the brink of despair,
"Listen," we will hear the low whisper,
"Take it all to your Lord in prayer."

There is never a day so sunny,
But a little cloud appears.
Then we can hear the sweet whisper,
"Take it all to God in prayer."

When storm clouds surround us,
It seems even God doesn't care.
Heart be still! Listen for the whisper,
"Take it all to God in prayer."

God is ever watching over us,
With His tender, loving care.
Be calm, listen for the sweet whisper,
"Take it all to God in prayer."

God wants to share all our sorrows,
He wants us to bring Him every care.
That is why the gentle whisper,
"Take it all to God in prayer."

Then, dear child, take courage!
Let Him all your heartache share.
There is always the sweet whisper,
"Take it to the Lord in prayer."

—Mrs. Elmer Esterline