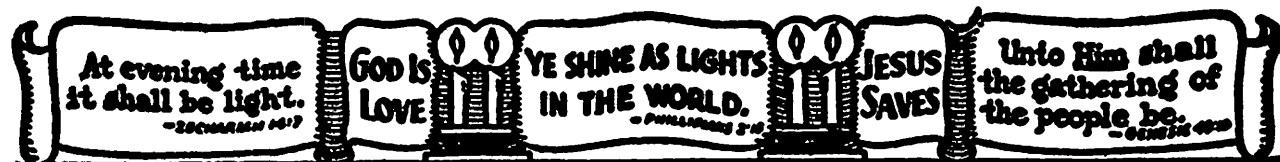


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"Evening Time" Is Light

Now the "cloudy day" is ended,
Now in "evening time," there's light;
So God's truth is now unfolding,
Now the "evening time" is bright.

Long apostasy had reign-ed,
Long God's children groped for day;
Long their hearts were sad and weary,
With the thoughts of sectish sway.

Now they heed the call, "Leave Babel,
Heed ye not her sinful ways,"
God His truth is now revealing—
Praise His name for brighter days!

Now the "cloudy day" is ended,
Now the "evening time" is bright;
So God's children are rejoicing,
And with joy they hail the light.

—Israel Smalling

The Star-Crowned Woman Versus the Great Red Dragon

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars." (Rev. 12:1) Heaven here is referring to the ecclesiastical heavenly bodies of religious worship, where we meet together in a heavenly atmosphere in Christ Jesus. A woman clothed with the sun signifies the primitive Church clothed with the divine grace and righteousness of the Son of God, and the moon under her feet alludes to the Jewish tabernacle service under the First Covenant. A crown upon her head refers to her victory over the dragon and his pagan worship, sin, and the world. The twelve stars signify the twelve apostles of the Lamb which gave glory and honor to Christ and the Church—His bride.

"And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered." (Rev. 12:2) This

would refer to the heavy burdens that the primitive Church carried for the lost and the prevailing effort to win souls into the kingdom of God.

"And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads." (Rev. 12:3) It is a well-known historical fact that the red dragon symbolizes pagan Rome with its idolatrous worship. His red color denotes his blood thirstiness to kill, crush and trample under foot all righteousness. The heads signify seven distinct forms of government that ruled the pagan empire. His ten horns represent ten kingdoms of the empire. His crowns denote his supreme power to persecute and kill the people of God.

"And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born." (Rev. 12:4) The dragon's tail doubtless refers to the latter end of his reign. Paganism stood ready to devour everyone who accepted the gospel of Christ.

"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne." (Rev. 12:5) Who is this man-child that the woman, or Church, brought forth? Some suggest that this man-child is Christ. But how could Christ be a child of the Church when He is its founder? Christ is not the offspring of the Church, but the Church is the offspring of Christ! Christ is the husband of the Church and the father of the man-child. Finding Christ is not a child of the Church, we are to look for another comparison.

Let us see what Isaiah 66:7, 8 says about this man-child: "Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children." Why is this called a man-child? A nation of children born suddenly constitutes the man-child. A host of Jews and Gentiles being born into the Church

of God, being reconciled into one spiritual body, constitutes one new man—the man-child. (Eph. 2:15)

At Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, three thousand souls were saved. (Acts 2:41) In a few days the number increased to about ten thousand. It was but a little while until they increased to hundreds of thousands. The Church at Antioch alone numbered one-hundred thousand souls. Surely there was a "nation born at once."

What became of this man-child, that great host of saints? He "was caught up unto God, and to his throne." How was the man-child "caught up unto God, and to his throne"? A great host of primitive Christians were martyred during the reign of paganism. They suddenly disappeared from the earth and were "caught up" to paradise through martyrdom. It is said, "White robes were given unto every one of them." (Rev. 6:11) We are told that the testimony of one Christian in death's hour would often convert a large number of pagans to Christianity. Thus, the blood of the Lamb set forth in testimony "slaughtered" or converted more pagans than it was possible for the pagans to slaughter of the Christians.

The time came when the Christians far outnumbered the pagans. The pagans threw down their arms and desired admittance into the Church. "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." (Rev. 12:10, 11)

Immediately after this great spiritual ingathering of souls, when the Church had won her triumphant victory over the pagan religion, the Church was told to flee into the wilderness, a place prepared of God for her retirement. The woman's flight would indicate that the Church was the defeated one, but the matter-of-fact is that the dragon prevailed not and was cast out. (Rev. 12:8) This plainly shows that the Church was the conquering party. Also, we must remember that the dragon was two-fold in his operation, religious and political. After the Church had succeeded in casting down the pagan religion, she was still beset by the dragon's political forces with the hope that he could overthrow her before she reached her place of refuge.

The wilderness signifies the spiritual distress of the Church during the twelve hundred and sixty years of apostasy which was the same period of the two witnesses—the Word and Spirit of God—in "sackcloth." These two witnesses testified throughout this twelve hundred and sixty years of spiritual darkness. But they found lodging only here and there in a few honest hearts. During this period, spiritual darkness was so great that people gave little heed to the teachings of the Gospel. —A. R. Hightower

The Web of Sin

In my school days we used to sing a little song which said, "Come into my parlor, said the spider to the fly. 'Tis the prettiest little parlor that ever you did spy." Now, of course, we know this to be only a thought, but the spider does spin its web to catch its food. When once the fly is caught in the web, it is helpless. The only way it can be freed is for a person to come along and take it out. It might try and try in its own strength, but it is helpless.

The devil is spinning webs of sin, and he is calling to everyone he can get to listen to him to come in his "nice" parlor. "There," he tells them, "are many exciting things. You can laugh, dance, play, let loose and be free. You need not have any kind of restraint upon yourself. You can drink all you want, take 'trips' on dope, smoke, put no restraint on sex, pet, flatter and play." Oh, yes, the devil makes it sound great—but remember, dear precious ones, about the spider and his web. When once you let down and go in you are caught in the web of sin. You are yielding to a spirit. It's not just dancing, drinking and living loosely. You are giving yourself into the hands of a demon. "Oh," you say, "I won't go too far, but just try it for a while." My precious soul, you do not stop at just a little. There is a binding force from the devil that binds you and you keep going on. There is a drawing power that you cannot resist within yourself. When you take one step downward, it calls for another step downward. Slowly, steadily, week after week, month after month, year after year you are getting deeper and more tightly bound under the power of sin and the devil. At times you become alarmed and say, "I am going to do different and change." You struggle and struggle, just like the fly, but you are held fast. Within yourself you cannot get free. The devil is a hard taskmaster. In his devilish glee he is leading you to hell.

This would be a sad state to leave anyone in, but there is hope for that soul. Jesus looks down upon that soul. He sees the hard labor that the devil puts a soul through. He sees it heavy laden with sin. He sees its struggles. He looks with compassion and He holds out loving arms, with the invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30. As you turn, in your desperation, look, and begin to seek the Lord, He will be looking for you. The Bible says, "If, from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul." Deut. 4:29. As you come to Him, confessing and forsaking your sins, God will for Christ's sake forgive you of your sins. He will reach down and take you out of the web of sin. Jesus will break the binding force of the enemy upon your soul. He will break the habits that have

Many today get just enough religion to make them immune to the real thing.

hold of you. Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives . . . , to set at liberty them that are bruised." Luke 4:18. Thank God for Jesus Christ, who died on the cross and arose again to give liberty to those who are bound by sin and set the captives free. Oh, dear one, if you are bound by sin and the devil, I can assure you that if you will come to Jesus He can set you free. You can have sweet peace in your soul. Won't you seek Him today? —Sis. Marie Miles

Seek Godly Counsel

Psalms 1:1, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."

Let us stop for just a few moments and consider what the Psalmist is talking about. He says, "Blessed is the man." What man? That man who does not do the things mentioned: in walking, standing and sitting. This takes in a great field. It would do us well to consider what counsel we are taking, if we would be blessed in so doing. Many folks will give counsel that will lead us astray from the Bible standards of faith and holy living. If we allow the influence of ungodly men and women to lead us into their ways of thinking, it will bring spiritual darkness to our souls, and soon we will be sitting in the seat of the scornful, complaining about the saints and making light of their teaching. Our soul has been moved with compassion when we see the enemy taking advantage of so many in our time. When I first read of the dress length coming so high in one of the Churches of England, I thought surely, that won't be accepted by the church-going people here in America. But, alas, the people have followed the counsel of the ungodly. The god of fashion is ruling their hearts. They have gone into gross darkness. It is indeed a shame to see some be so bold and brazen to move out as leaders, when they are following the ungodly influence of indecent dress.

What about standing in the way of sinners? The question is, How does the sinner look at us? What do they see? Do they see a spiritual, modest, humble, meek person, or do they see fads and fashions of the ungodly? It seems there is a difference in the sinner and ungodly person. 1 Peter 4:18 reads thus, "If the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?" It seems to me a sinner is one who makes no profession, and the ungodly does, yet lives ungodly. Remember that there is no blessing if we stand in the way of sinners.

Let us encourage everyone to know that there is joy, peace, and soul contentment if we will leave all the world to follow the meek and lowly Lamb of God. The blessings are so rich that you will be glad to bear the cross for the glory it has.

As a child in school, I learned the First Psalm for memory work. Years later, when I had been deceived by Satan into sin, and the devil was setting traps for my soul, I was considering a young man who had been in a questionable marriage. The goodness and love of God brought this Scripture to my mind, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners." The counsel of the ungodly would say that it would be all right, but would not that have been walking in the wrong counsel if I had gone ahead? Wouldn't my life have been a hindrance to sinners? I'm glad the light came through clear and bright to my soul. Think of it! It would be bad for my soul to be lost, and much more saddening to be the means of others being lost, too. As I said, this takes in a great field. We can't begin to bring out all of it.

One Wednesday night we had a lesson on idle words. It surely did stir up our pure minds. Even though we knew these things, it was enlightening and has been food for thought through the days since. It challenged us to be more careful, and we trust that all of us will be challenged to be more careful in holy living. Get the heart right with God, love Him supremely and all these other things will seem as nothing.

I am thankful to have a vision of the pure Church of God. There are no sinners in it. The overcomers don't walk in the counsel of the ungodly.

Some say that God does not have a standard. Where there is no standard there is confusion, and the Word of God declares that He is not the author of confusion.

Parents need to have a standard in their homes. If children are allowed to run free and rule the home, it will bring sorrow. It is the duty of parents to teach them. There is glory in suffering for the gospel. We must arm ourselves to bear some suffering if we will live godly.

When I was away from the Lord I often questioned, why did my parents have to teach me so strictly? Do you know what was the trouble? I could not see through spiritual eyes. My eyes were darkened, but thanks be to God, I was made alive by a new birth and now I see things in the light of the gospel. So if you are unable to see these things, ask yourself, am I spiritual? Have your affections been nailed to the cross? Is your heart right with God. What about it?

When we see immodest conduct, long hair on men, young and old women exposing their knees, going to beauty parlors, wearing pants or the like, does it make us feel that they have taken the way of holiness or the counsel of the ungodly? Many other things could be brought out. We trust the Lord will open up avenues that will be food for thought.

May the Lord bless you with His divine love and understanding, enlightening your hearts to holy living. With Christian love, —Sister Inez Beisly

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Greetings to all our readers in the all-prevailing name of Jesus who said: "I am he that liveth and was dead; and, behold! I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." Rev. 1:18. Thank God for that blessed hope and precious promise, "Because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19b. Again Jesus said, "... Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." John 11:26. This is the blessed hope of the righteous. Physical death has no power to separate the believer from Christ. To be absent from the body means only to be present with the Lord forever. With bright anticipation we look for the glorious appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ "Who shall change our vile [decaying] body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body. . . ." Phil. 3:21a. Jesus is coming for those who love His appearing. Let us keep looking up!

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An unusually large number of BLUE subscription renewal envelopes have come in, which indicates that people scattered abroad still recognize and appreciate the old-time Bible truth. Honest souls are disgusted with nominal Christianity, compromise and modernism, and are looking for that "pure religion" that satisfies the soul. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Again, Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, and they follow me." Thank God for those who are hearing the voice of the Lord and following Him in the one true way.

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Bro. George Hammond, one of our co-workers here at the Printshop, felt impressed to make a rush trip to Baja, Mexico, to do some work at the mission stations. He left Guthrie on April 11, driving via California where he visited Bros. Ulysses Phillips, Calvin Hobbs and others. On April 18, he met with the saints at Jefferson, Ore., and on his way back to Guthrie he expects to visit relatives and friends in Washington, Idaho, Montana and S. Dakota. His wife remained here and is helping at the office.

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Sister Joan McIntosh returned to the office on April 16 after a month's stay with her parents and grandmother at Springfield, Mo. Her grandmother, who is sorely afflicted, has requested the prayers of the Church. May the Lord hear prayer for her every need for soul and body.

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Word has been received of the recent passing of Bro. Mack Sanders of Cape Girardeau, Mo. May the Lord comfort the family in a special way.

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On Easter Sunday, April 2, the ninth anniversary of the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Okla. was ob-

served with a special service, including the burning of the mortgage, at the Home in the afternoon. Bro. Charles Smith gave a report of those who had come and gone from the Home, as well as the events leading up to the final payment on the mortgage, which was the highlight of this anniversary.

On April 16 Bro. Mart Samons was scheduled to begin a revival meeting at Akron, Ohio with Sister Hazel Clark's congregation.

Bro. and Sister Max Williamson and their son David of Hammond, La. were with the Guthrie congregation on Wednesday night, April 12, and on the following Sunday. We appreciated the messages of truth, and enjoyed their visit. Of course, their daughter, Maxine, and our son, Harvey, and their children were happy to have them in their home during the time they were here.

This writer's last two uncles passed away recently. Uncle George Balla of Westminster, Ca., deceased on Feb. 19 at the age of 78, and Uncle James Balla of Dodge City, Kansas departed this life on March 26 at the age of 80. We had visited him and Aunt Lizzie in their home at Dodge City just three weeks prior to his sudden passing.

Oh, how quickly one generation goes and another comes! Our days are "swifter than a weaver's shuttle" and as short as an "handbreadth," according to the Scriptures. The all-important purpose of life is to obtain salvation through Jesus Christ and keep ready to meet the Lord in peace at the hour of death. This short life is given to prepare the soul for that future, everlasting life with the Lord. There is joy here and now in the service of the Master. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

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Bro. John Varghese, native missionary in India, desires to come to America, if it is the Lord's will, to meet with the various congregations and become personally acquainted. His fare and maintenance would involve considerable expense. We mentioned his desire in the March paper and requested prayer about the matter, but up to this date there has been very little financial response. Let us continue to pray for the way to be opened if the Lord wants him to come.

Now out of stock is the excellent book, "The Cleansing of the Sanctuary," by D. S. Warner and H. M. Riggle. However, it is in the process of being reprinted and we hope to have it completed in July.

Many requests have been received for the out-of-print book, "The Revelation Explained," by F. G.

Smith. Though more light has been revealed on the Apocalypse of St. John since the above volume was written in 1908, yet it contains basic Bible truths which all should know. In the near future we expect by the blessings of the Lord to reprint the first edition of 1908 in a cloth binding.

On April 16 Bro. O. C. Porter of Guthrie began a series of lectures on the book of Revelation and prophecy, using pictures and charts, at the Church of God chapel in Nowata, Okla. where Bro. Clifford Wilson is the pastor.

Our sympathy is extended to Sister Olive Keene, R. 1, Box 102, Summersville, W. Va. 26651, whose husband departed this life on March 19 at 81 years of age. We pray the Lord to comfort and sustain her, and strengthen her body for the service of the Lord.

Bro. Ira Stover of Tulsa, Okla. reported that they had a very precious two weeks' meeting at Dayton, Ohio which began on Easter Sunday. Souls found salvation and spiritual help during the meeting.

The campmeeting season is right at hand. First on the schedule is the Oklahoma State campmeeting here at Guthrie, Okla. which will be in progress from May 26 to June 4. (See further announcement on another page.) Remember the dates, come and receive the showers of blessings which the Lord has for you. Saints, come praying for the salvation of souls here and at all the campmeetings throughout the summer. Time is running out, and what we do for precious souls all around us must be done quickly.

Work on the new addition to the Oklahoma campground dining hall here at Guthrie is progressing, but very much more must be done in order to have it ready for the coming campmeeting. Volunteer help is urgently needed on each Saturday work day. For further information, phone Bro. O. C. Porter at 405-282-3953.

Bro. Richard Madden, pastor at Sapulpa, Okla., held a week's meeting beginning April 16 at the Oak Grove chapel near Loranger, La. where Bro. Herbert Probst is the pastor.

The gospel literature from this publishing plant is going out daily in all directions, and we do appreciate all our co-workers who are so sacrificially giving their time and effort in this literature ministry. The Lord will not forget their work of faith and labor of love for precious souls. Each month many pounds of gospel literature in the form of papers, tracts and books are sent free of charge to foreign fields for free distribution. We must sow the gospel seed "beside all waters," praying that it will fall on good ground. The Wise Man reminds us that "he that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." Eccl. 11:4. Opposition and adversity will come, but faithfulness in

spite of these obstacles will be rewarded in that final day of reckoning.

Our appreciation and many thanks are also extended to all our readers who have so faithfully stood by this gospel literature ministry with their prayers and financial support. The demand for literature is increasing and time is running out, so we must redouble our efforts. "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Gal. 6:9.

—Lawrence Pruitt

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OBITUARIES



Mary Lee (Simmons) Walker was born on June 1, 1894 at Wetumka, Okla. and departed this life on Feb. 4, 1972 at Oklahoma City, Okla.

On Jan. 12, 1912 she was united in marriage with Willie Lawrence Walker. To this union five children were born, three of whom preceded her in death.

Many years ago Sister Walker met the saints and embraced the truth as taught by the Church of God. She lived a faithful and sincere Christian life to the very end.

Left to cherish her memory are two daughters, Mrs. Rosa L. Hubbard and Mrs. Arletta Z. Coulter, both of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two grandchildren, three great grandchildren, one brother, and a host of other relatives, saints and friends.

The funeral service was conducted at the Church of God chapel, Third and Phillips Streets, Oklahoma City, by Bro. Herman Kelley, assisted by Bro. Woodrow Warren and Bro. Ostis Hill. Scripture text used was 2 Tim. 4:6-8.

Anna Mae Sorrell, daughter of Samuel and Sharon Sorrell, was born June 6, 1970 at Alton, Mo. and departed this life March 24, 1972 at Thayer, Mo., at the age of one year, nine months and eighteen days.

Little Anna Mae was loaned to her parents for such a short time, it seemed. God wanted her to be with Him in glory. When God calls, the Bible tells us, "No man . . . hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death." Ecc. 8:8. We must trust God's wisdom. The Bible tells us, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven." Eccl. 3:1. God has a purpose in all that touches our lives. By believing this, we then can commit into God's hands the things that come, which we do not understand. We can say as Job, when he faced the deep sorrow of the loss of all of his sons and daughters in a wind storm, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." Job 1:21, 22. The accident that happened to little Anna Mae came as a shock to her parents and all, but through prayer God has comforted their hearts. They wrote, "We can surely say from our hearts, 'If it wasn't for the Lord, tell me what would I do.' The Lord has surely been a present help in time of trouble. He has helped us carry our sorrow. We know our little one is in heaven. We want to be there with her again someday."

Anna Mae leaves to mourn her passing: her parents, Samuel and Sharon Sorrell; one brother, Perry, of the home in Thayer, Mo.; paternal grandfather, Audie Sorrell of Thayer, Mo.; maternal grandparents, Ida Mae Weir of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Edwin R. Weir of Raton, N. Mexico, and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Curtis Williams, and assisted by Sis. Albert Eck. Interment was in the Church of God Cemetery at Myrtle, Mo.
—Sis. Marie Miles

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

OKLAHOMA CAMPMEETING AT GUTHRIE, OKLA.

The Oklahoma State Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, May 26 to June 4, 1972, at the saints' chapel located on the corner of Sixth and W. Warner Streets, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this 38th annual campmeeting on these grounds. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Dining hall and dormitories are on the grounds. Expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Come praying for a profitable meeting—the salvation of souls, sanctification of believers, and the divine healing of bodies.

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

HOLLY HILL, S. CAROLINA CAMPMEETING

The annual campmeeting of the Church of God at Holly Hill, S. Carolina will be held, Lord willing, June 2 to 11, 1972. Everyone is heartily welcomed to come, hear the Word of God and enjoy the blessings of the Lord.

For further information, contact Brother Hudson Crummie, R. 1 Box 42, Holly Hill, S. C. 29059. Telephone number 803-496-5231.

Your Brother in Christ, —Bro. Hudson Crummie

MEETING AT OAKLAND, CALIF.

We, the Church of God, at Oakland, Calif. have set the date of our annual meeting to begin on Friday, June 2, 1972 and to last ten days or as long as the Spirit may

lead. We are preparing our hearts for a great out-pouring of the Spirit of God. We are praying and trusting God to send Holy Ghost-filled and Holy Ghost-led ministers and workers to help in the meeting.

Everyone is welcome. If assistance is needed upon arrival in the city, call the church phone number, 638-0209, or the pastor, Sis. Velma Smith, 2066 81st Avenue, phone number 632-8211, or call Mrs. Doris Washington, 1447 72nd Avenue, Oakland, Calif. 94621, telephone 635-1786.

We solicit your sincere prayers.

—Sister Doris L. Washington

OKLAHOMA CITY REVIVAL MEETING

All are invited to come and be with us in worshipping the Lord. Come praying the Lord to bless or come with an open heart, seeking for any needed spiritual and physical help. Our meeting will be held, Lord willing, June 23 through July 2. The Chapel is located on the corner of Third and Phillips, Oklahoma City.

—Bro. Herman Kelley, Pastor

Prayer Requests

Mich.—“Pray for my two grandsons. They are four and nine years old. They both suffer with asthma.”

—Anna Dixon

W. Va.—“My girl's hip is broken . . . I need prayer for my nerves and eyes.”

—Betty Lawrence

Miss.—“I feel I should write a prayer request concerning Agnes Stewart. She had a stroke some time ago, leaving one side affected. She can't pick up one of her hands. By being very careful, she can walk with a crutch. Pray for other needs that she has.”

—Rosa Watson

Oregon—“Ask the saints to pray for Sister Adelia Davis. She has been down for almost six and one-half years.”

—Sis. Emma Busch

Ohio—“Pray for my son who has trouble with his head and stomach. Pray that his speech will be restored to him. Pray for me.”

—Mrs. Vernice Guess

Calif.—“Pray for my daughter who has ulcers. . . . Pray for my youngest daughter.” (She is under a deception from the enemy and it is affecting her mind. She has other requests also.)

—Sis. Shawnee Little

Texas—“Pray that God will heal my eyes, my body and my nerves.”

—Mrs. I. T. Strickland

Va.—“Pray for God to heal me completely, so I will be more able to work for Him.”

—Bro. Johnnie Humes

Kansas—“Remember my left leg in prayer. It had a sore on it, but it healed. I hit the place the other day and it seems to be trying to swell up again. . . . My sister hurt her back. Pray for her. We believe that God will heal.”

—Shairy Christian

Texas—Pray for Sis. Ever Batts. She needs healing of high blood pressure.

Calif.—Sis. Hamilton wants prayer for her 73-year old son for both soul and body.

La.—Continue to remember Bro. Steve Henry. He is keeping good courage and faith for healing.

Ark.—Remember dear Sis. N. E. Adams in prayer. She is sick and needs healing. She has been a faithful child of God and her faith is strong in the Lord.

Mo.—Still remember Bro. Junior Sorrell in prayer. He has had some nose bleeds again and needs complete

healing. He and Doris, also the saints, are looking earnestly to the Lord for his healing.

We heard from the woman in Virginia who wants to get saved and she feels she has done all she knows to do, but still doesn't feel that she is saved. She has corrected some things in her life and quit some habits. She writes, “I do thank you and all the saints for their prayers. . . . I am at a loss to know what is in my way. I don't know of anything else I am doing that is wrong. . . . I am praying and asking God to show me if there is anything else wrong.” So saints, your prayers are being answered. Do pray God to help her to have faith to believe and find peace.

God is answering prayer. Recently He has restored some homes in answer to prayer. He is saving souls and healing bodies in answer to prayer. We need to be encouraged to keep praying, expecting and believing. The young woman for whom I put a request in the paper last month for her salvation is saved today. We thank God for His miracle of salvation. It's wonderful how He will change a person and cause him to want to please God. He makes that one “a new creature in Christ Jesus.”

Some have asked me how I have been feeling since the heart attack that I had last November. I am thankful to the Lord that He has been blessing me in my body. I don't have any trouble with my heart. I have been doing my usual load of work. On the second Sunday of April the Lord burdened me to go up to Springfield, Mo. and be with them for Sunday service. I drove most of the way there Saturday, and back Sunday afternoon without any unusual tiredness. It caused my heart to be thankful to the Lord for His healing power. Saints, be encouraged. The Lord does have healing for His people.

—Sis. Marie Miles

ITINERARY FOR TENT MEETINGS

Kentucky (April 1)—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all: We send greetings in Jesus' dear name. I trust all are well and encouraged to press on for the crown that lies at the end of the way. We are well and much encouraged in the Lord. We have so much to be thankful for, but the greatest of all we thank Him for real Bible salvation. . . . We pray much for you and the work you are doing.

Warm weather will soon be here and time for camp-meetings and tent meetings. We feel led of the Lord to work with the tent this summer. There are other things we could do, but I am trying to keep in the will of the Lord. When I made my consecration some fourteen years ago, I told the Lord I would do anything He would bid me to do. I am still keeping that vow by His help and grace.

We have a meeting scheduled in Ridgeville, S. Carolina to begin around May 20.

Since Bro. Curtis Williams has decided not to have a tent meeting at Clearfield, Ky. this year, we thought it would be good to have a meeting here at our home congregation near Danville, Ky., to begin about June 9.

Another meeting we are looking forward to is over at Green Bank, W. Va. The Lord is wonderfully working over that way. This is the richest field I know of. We were over there a couple of weeks ago and had a wonderful meeting. Some new folks are coming out. A number of souls were wonderfully saved, and they are all looking forward to the tent meeting which, Lord willing, is to be held from June 20 to July 2. They bought a building in Green Bank which we are to fix up for services downstairs. It has six bedrooms upstairs with

bath and kitchen. They want all the saints who can to come. We are looking forward to a wonderful meeting.

Bro. Loftis of Prattsville, Ark. is thinking of having another tent meeting there, probably around the middle of August.

I wrote Sis. Dilley of Crescent, Okla. that it would likely be the latter part of August before we could get to that place with the tent. Of course, this is all as the Lord wills and leads.

We desire the prayers of all the saints that we may be a blessing to the cause of Christ.

We will be sending you later announcements on the meetings. Anyone desiring more information may contact me or Bro. Ralph Beisly, 407 Eldridge St., Coffeyville, Kansas 67337.

Yours in the Body of Christ,

—Bro. and Sis. Mart Samons

222 N. First, Danville, Ky. 40422. Phone 606—236-8073.

GOSPEL BROADCAST FROM NEOSHO, MO.

The Lord has opened the way for Bro. Thomas V. McMillian of Neosho, Mo. to preach the gospel on their local radio station KBTN each Sunday morning at 8:15. All those in that area should set your radio dial on 1420 and hear the broadcast. Remember the time is 8:15 each Sunday morning.

On April 11 Bro. McMillian wrote: "I feel that the Lord has definitely blessed so far in the broadcast. We are trusting that He will continue to do so. It seems that I am able to reach more people with the gospel than I would be able to otherwise. So I surely desire your prayers that I have the anointing of the Holy Spirit, that He will give the messages that He sees would be effectual and to His glory. . . . We have had some response, and so far it has been good."

EASTER SERVICES IN OHIO

On Thursday before Easter the Brush Creek Church of God at Zanesville, Ohio held an ordinance service which was a blessing to all that attended. Prayer was offered for the healing of a sister in W. Virginia who had heart trouble. A letter arrived the next week, stating that she had been getting better ever since. Praise the Lord!

Easter Sunday was a joyful day for our congregation, with praise and honor to our wonderful risen Lord. At 6:00 A. M. a sun-rise service was held with 42 attending. Sis. Moffatt brought a very timely message. At 7:00 A. M. breakfast was served at the parsonage with 36 attending. At 9:30 A. M. the youth sang and gave recitations, sending out the resurrection message. Sister Moffatt brought the message of the morning with 43 attending.

The day was climaxed with the evening service at seven o'clock. The invitation, "Who wants to sing?" proved to be a real blessing. We found talent that we did not know was attainable. We all went home rejoicing because of the presence of the Lord in our midst throughout the day. Praise the Lord!

—Pastor Gladys Swift

PROFITABLE MEETING AT WICHITA, KANSAS

The saints in Wichita, Kansas thank the Lord for blessing us with another good meeting here. It was well attended, and we are happy to report that three souls sought for salvation and two of them received it. We are especially glad to report that the husband of our de-

ceased Sister Mason of Bristow, Okla. found his way to God and is now in God's family. He says he means to go all the way.

The day service on Friday was really a blessed one with the Lord saving, healing and blessing. The Sunday afternoon service was a glorious one with much rejoicing among the saints. The Word went forth in the meeting with power and authority, warning the sinners and exhorting and encouraging the saints.

In the day service on Saturday the ordinances were observed. Forty-four partook of feet-washing and the Lord's supper, including the new converts. Five believers were baptized.

We were thankful to have the following ministers to deliver the Word: Bro. Woodrow Warren from Okmulgee, Okla.; Bro. Effinger from Alabama; Sis. Katherine Williams from Oklahoma City; Bro. Tom Melot from Guthrie, Okla. and Bro. Manly Gaines from Tulsa, Okla. We are thankful for the other saints and ministers who came to be in the meeting, too. —Sis. Shirley Knight

Foreign Field Reports

INTERIOR MEXICO EASTER MEETING REPORT

We [James and Charlotte Huskey, their five children and Tom Melot] left Guthrie, Okla. on Saturday, March 25, and arrived in Piedras Negras, Mexico that night. We visited Bro. Sanchez, and had service on Sunday morning. We nailed large, colored tracts to the trees in a park at the river where some sect churches were going to have a baptizing.

The population of Mexico is 48.4 million with young people making up seventy-two per cent of this number. When I see the gross wickedness and the idol worship, it grieves my heart to think that there is no missionary from the church in the States in interior Mexico. The harvest is great, but the laborers are few.

We came to Saltillo on Sunday and visited Oswaldo de La Cruz, a pastor of the so-called First Church of God. He permitted us to sleep on the church floor, for which we were thankful. He was for a more conservative doctrine, but blamed liberalism on the people.

I want to tell you of how the Lord supplied our needs in one instance. At Eagle Pass, Texas the Lord directed us to a certain gas station. A man asked, "Are you missionaries?" I said, "Yes, how did you know?" He said he could just tell by the long dress, and our appearance. We talked awhile, and he said, "Wait here." In a few minutes he came back with two boxes of Bibles. We asked him how much he wanted for them and he said his calling was to give Bibles to missionaries. We praised the Lord for this, as we hadn't been able to get any yet. They don't sell them in most places in Mexico.

We stopped in Los Llanos and handed out food, clothing and tracts. They are very poor there.

At San Luis Potosi, we visited a big Catholic temple. Inside were all manner of idols. One was a figure of Jesus lying in a coffin with a money slot in it and a note on it asking for money. One boy was praying to a statue. The whole country is steeped in idolatry.

We traveled on to a place called Rancho Martinez. There we camped outside the walls. The next morning we ate breakfast with about a dozen people watching us. We had a good service at ten o'clock. About thirty were present. About 400 children are there. They have an old Catholic building for church, but no one has services there anymore. I have a burden for this place. They are

very ignorant. Surely someone needs to feel the call and say, "Here am I." This is a wonderful opportunity for someone who would dedicate his or her life to teaching these people about practical and spiritual matters. This is a good place for a saved couple. Here, Rosa got very sick with dysentary, as far as we could tell.

Brother Miguel Gaspar was in Uruapan when we arrived. The brethren needed much encouragement. We feel that we were in the order of the Lord, and the Lord blessed our few days' meeting. Most of the Huskey family got sick, but the Lord healed them, some instantly. Praise God! The Lord kept me well, for which I'm very thankful.

The Catholic priest was having a lottery over a loud speaker. He urged the people to run us out. Some boys and men came up to our place, and the brothers invited them in for service. They sat attentively for quite awhile. One was an engineer and teacher. He asked questions, and the day we left, his wife came back and wanted to know about the little book, the "New Testament." She said she had always heard that Protestants were people who believed in the devil. These people have never read the Bible, and have never been mixed up in any religion other than Catholicism. Here at Irineo Rama's home they have service any time the people come. They don't have a set form of worship. Brother Rama receives much persecution because of his stand for the truth. He has the walls of the new chapel building a few feet up, and needs much prayer for this work.

The dear saints wept when we left Bro. Rama's. It is so isolated. They appreciate any who come to help them with the gospel work. They are Tarascan Indian people. They also need a worker to teach them the basic doctrines of the Bible.

The Lord supplied Bro. James Huskey with a nearly new van in which to make the trip. We were very thankful for it. There were eight of us, and we were comfortable. The Lord supplied all our needs. On this 10-day trip, we traveled over 3,100 miles, and the Lord brought us safely back to Guthrie on April 2.

Another Trip Planned

We are planning, Lord willing, on making another trip to southern Mexico, starting June 29. Our main interest on this trip is to perhaps acquaint some younger saints with the missionary life, and the need for workers in the foreign fields.

We are extending an invitation to anyone who would be interested, and who has a burden for this project to contact Bro. James Huskey or this office. The effort would be in distributing tracts, Bibles, food, clothing, and learning the customs of the people. Also, we would be camping and cooking out, with a few stops in hotels. We would be visiting some very backward areas and Indian villages. We will have services whenever possible, with stops at points of interest, such as the volcano which began erupting near the village where Irineo lived when he was just a baby.

Please let us know soon of your interest, or if you can sponsor a young person who could make the trip. We will furnish more details on the cost and personal needs upon request.

We plan to have saved parents for chaperones. Any one who feels led to take a car and help chaperone will be appreciated. We are looking to the Lord to supply the spiritual leaders and the necessary automobiles for this tour. We plan to be gone about twenty days.

Yours in His service, —Tom Melot and James Huskey

(Editor's note: Bro. Tom Melot's address is P. O. Box 518, in care of this office, Guthrie, Okla. 73044, and

Bro. James Huskey may be reached at Route 5 Box 491, Guthrie, Okla. 73044. Ministers and saints of the Church of God should exhort and encourage our young people, as well as older folk, to dedicate and consecrate their lives to the mission work on home and foreign fields. The challenge is great, but it is the debt that we owe to the unreached.)

MISSION REPORT FROM BAJA, MEXICO

Patzcuaro, B. Cfa., Mexico (April 10)—Dear saints and friends: Greetings of heavenly love through our dear Redeemer, Jesus. What a blessed privilege it is to know this heavenly love!

As I returned home last night from taking some people home after meeting, I thought of several folks who have come to meeting from time to time, and now don't come at all. I thought that they just don't believe what we tell and teach about the things of God, and His love and salvation. In Jesus' time many didn't believe either, but to those who did believe in Him were given the honor of being called the children of God. I am so glad I believe, and am by His gracious love a child of God.

We were indeed honored about three weeks ago with a visit from the entire congregation of Pomona, Calif. Our service on Sunday morning was a rather unusual one. The house was full, about half being Mexicans and half Americans. The Lord gave Sister LaVerne Manuel a very precious message, and different ones gave their testimonies, and the Lord blessed in the translating, so all understood. We had a real visit from heaven, but we thought how wonderful it will be in heaven, as there will be no language barrier there.

The campmeeting here at Patzcuaro during Easter week has come and gone, but the memories and blessings still linger in our hearts. Sister Opal Kelly and the saints from Ojos Negros and La Mision came, and Bro. Tomas Mendoza and family and saints came from Valle de la Trinidad. No one came from the States, but we appreciate your prayers for this meeting, because we feel much good was accomplished. There was conviction from the Holy Spirit, but many went away without yielding their hearts to God. The saints were much encouraged through this series of meetings, and it seems I can see spiritual progress in their lives and testimonies. Do remember us all in prayer, that we be faithful to God all the time and in every way.

Your Sister in Christ, —Edith Cole
Mailing address: P. O. Box 1425, Calexico, Cal. 92231

NOTE FROM MEXICAN MISSIONARY

Valle de la Trinidad, Mexico (April 4)—Dear Sister Marie: We went to Ejido Patzcuaro for Easter meeting. The Lord blessed the services and His Word through the messages. Many were blessed and received help, but others preferred the way of sin. The Lord is faithful to call, but how we need to continue to pray for their souls!

We are very grateful for the saints' help and prayers, making it possible that we can take the gospel to others.

—Tomas Mendoza

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (March 27)—Beloved Bro. Pruitt and other saints: Most loving greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ, who is the Prince of Peace. "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." (Rev. 1:6).

Thank you very much for your good letter dated March 6, 1972 with the encouraging words, and the enclosures were noted with maximum gratitude.

Last week I was at Trichur to participate in the convention there. I just returned from there yesterday. God blessed the convention with measureless graces, so that the spiritual happiness of a few backsliders was restored.

Now I am preparing for the Andhra trip on April 10, God willing. Many thanks for your earnest prayers for the success and blessings of my services there. Yes, a clear report of my Andhra trip shall be sent to you through my next letter in April.

Here the Bible classes and all other prayer meetings are in progress in each center. I met Bro. L. K. John (of Calicut) in Trichur last week and from him it is understood that they are willing to conduct a convention at Calicut in April or May. But the great burden, the monetary problem, is facing them, for which they are praying. I am very glad and thankful to you to know that you have noted the urgent needs which I listed in my last letter as: places of worship, a little increment to the support for our workers, more Bibles to distribute in Avoor, bicycles for our workers, etc. We trust that Heaven shall fill and multiply the fund through miraculous ways. Similarly, I trust He shall open the way for my trip to America also if that is included in His program and plan. By faith I am applying for my passport.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." Yes, the reward is for us at His coming. We still pray for your complete healing. Our prayers are for the prosperity of your efforts everywhere.

Your younger brother in Christ, —John Varghese

NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast State, Nigeria (April 4)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints: We send you greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord Jesus Christ who saved us and washed our sins away. Praise His name!

We thank God for all His care toward us, His servants, throughout last month.

On the 19th of March, congregations in Section Two observed the ordinances of the Lord's supper and foot-washing at Ukpom. Bro. S. Akpakpan conducted the services while evangelist Stephen Akpan preached from 1 Kings 14:1, 2, "Arise, I pray thee and disguise thyself." General attendance: 452, and partakers of the ordinances were over three hundred. Pastor M. U. Ekpo, assisted by evangelist S. U. Udo and Stephen Akpan, administered the ordinances. Bro. B. U. Udeme, my assistant, took the minutes of the events.

On Sunday, March 26, the Lord's supper and foot-washing ordinances were held at the congregation of this writer for members in Section One B. The services were headed by Bro. Ime B. Ubara. Pastor B. E. Udoka, supt., delivered the sermon from Exodus 3:5, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." Pastor J. U. Etuk exhorted before the attendants observed the foot-washing and Lord's supper ordinances. Both services were attended by 200 souls.

The same occasion was held at Three Towns Ikono for mission stations of Section Three pastored by Bro. A. J. Ubaha. Bro. E. B. Ubara directed the services. Pastor B. E. Udoka spoke from Matthew 13:47, "The

kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind." General attendance was 337 and partakers of the ordinances were 292.

We were grateful and thankful to God for His care and protection given us to attend the above occasions on schedule and express the joy and sweetness we found in His vineyard. In every place of meeting, countless numbers of souls filled the altar for prayer.

I again solicit your prayers for the approaching campmeeting to be held at Minya Ntak. We will continue praying for you all.

Your own Brother in the Lord,

—Nse B. Umanah, Field Secretary

From The Mail Box . . .

Okla.—Dear ones, greetings of Christian love in Jesus' precious name. Truly, He is precious. I think of the Scripture which says, "Unto you therefore which believe, he is precious." This leaves me encouraged to press the battle on.

I am enclosing a check . . . as we feel a burden toward the Mexico missionary work. . . . Oh, how thankful I am that God has laid the burden upon different ones to go down to Mexico to work. I appreciate how God has been working with souls there and do pray that He will continue to work and save more precious souls.

May the dear Lord truly bless you all in the work there in the Printshop.

Christian love, —Bro. and Sis. A. E. Stubblefield

Mo.—Enclosed is our subscription to the "Faith and Victory" paper. We love the truth it contains and read it from cover to cover. We would also like to have the "Bible Lessons" for one year.

Thank you. —Winifred Caudill

Colo.—Dear ones, greetings in Jesus' dear name: Enclosed is a little offering to help out where needed.

I am doing real well. I do thank the dear Lord for the health and strength He gives me, and answering prayer in so many ways. He has helped me over many rough places. I just want to be all He wants me to be.

Pray for our grandson, Willie, who is in the Navy. May God bless all of you.

A sister in Christ, —Mrs. R. A. Tombleson

Michigan—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We send greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. We are thankful for God's love and goodness to us. He keeps us in His love each day and gives us grace to press on and do His will. . . .

There is so much conflict, confusion and wrong thinking in the world these days that we surely need the mind of God on all things that we be not swept away in the streams of ungodliness. . . .

We feel that we should send some means to help spread the gospel. Please accept it as from the Lord because all we have is His. . . .

James has improved much in his breathing at nights, but he still needs complete healing. God is able and will do this thing.

Our prayer is that God will grant you and all the ministers of God wisdom and strength to put forth the gospel in truth and boldness. May the Lord bless you and all the workers.

Pray for us that we be true to Him who died that we might be free from sin.

—Bro. and Sis. Milford Parsons

Oregon—Dear Sister Marie and all the workers: I greet you in Jesus' dear name. I can report victory in my soul and body.

We surely had a good week's revival preceding Easter when Bro. Kenneth Probst was here. There was much food for our souls. Attendance of the saints was good. Bro. Kenneth is now at Gladstone, Ore. for a few nights' meeting. Several of the saints from Jefferson are attending.

We are still praying the Lord to heal Bro. Lawrence for his good and for the encouragement of all the saints. . . . Remember us all in prayer.

With love and prayers, —Sis. Emma Busch

N. Mexico—Dear Sis. Marie and all the dear saints, greetings in Jesus' precious name: May God bless the truth going forth by the printed page. Praise the good Lord for all His goodness and mercy in hearing and answering prayer.

I am sending a small offering to be used where most needed and also . . . for missionary purposes.

Christian love, —Sister Ruth Doolittle

Okla.—Dear Sister Marie, all at the Printshop and everywhere: We greet you in Jesus' precious name, who is the Keeper of our souls.

This has been a lovely, warm spring day. A mockingbird in a tree just outside is singing so very sweetly. The thought came to me that Jesus speaks so sweetly, pleading softly with sin-bound souls. He paid the supreme price on the cross. He left no debt for us to pay. He just asked our love, and to keep His temple clean. It is such a little for us to give. He saves our souls, heals our bodies, and tells us to cast our cares upon Him. His ways are perfect.

I enjoyed the "Faith and Victory" which was received yesterday. I picked it up and read almost through it before I had to lay it down. . . .

I want to do all I can for the Lord, even though it seems such a little. God knows our hearts. May He help each member in His body to do what He has for them to do.

Christian love, —Sis. Doris Bowers

Calif.—Dear Sis. Miles and Bro. Pruitt: Greetings of love in Jesus' precious name. I find His service sweeter every day, and I find Him more and more precious to my heart. I do appreciate His dealings in my heart and life, by His Word and Spirit.

Find enclosed an offering, to include the cost of the orders for tracts and books.

Remember us in prayer, as we pray for all of you there. My heart is in the work of the Lord, for the salvation of souls and the edification and perfecting of His saints. I am glad that God does make known His will, and gives us grace and power to do it, working in us, "both to will and to do of His good pleasure." I must be up and doing His will to be ready when He comes.

Love and prayers, —Sis. Bonnie Matthews

Okla.—Greetings to Bro. Pruitt, Sis. Miles, and all the dear workers at the office in Jesus' dear name: I am enclosing two bills, one for what you see best in the office work, and one for the mission work.

I am much encouraged in the Lord to press on in the precious way of the Lord, and glad He saved me before the many evils broke out in the world as it is in these days. These are very pressing and busy days for me, as I am older and don't have the strength as in my younger

days, but I am leaning on the everlasting arms of Jesus, our Saviour.

Pray for my only son's salvation. He is not in good health. Pray also for us here at Hennessey.

—Sis. Willa J. Williams

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie and all, greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am still improving, for which I am very thankful. The devil is trying me so many ways, but I am determined to live true to the Lord. Continue to remember me in prayer.

I am sending . . . to help in any way needed. I am 92 years of age, and two months on another year. I pray for all of you.

Christian love, —Mary Worley

(Editor's note: Sister Worley, who is a sister of J. E. and John Forrest, is infirm with arthritis, and a card or note of cheer from you would be appreciated. Address: 1941 N. Motel Dr.—14, Fresno, Calif. 93728.)

Testimonies and Answers To Prayer

Okla.—Dear Ones in Christ, we greet you in the name of our Saviour, Christ Jesus: His name is above all names and only by His name can we be saved.

We have enjoyed the past eight months that we have spent here at Guthrie. We have feasted on the precious Word of God which we have been able to hear. It is so good to be with the saints and sit under anointed messages from the Word of God.

God has also helped the children very much in school for which we are thankful. Thanks to each of you who were concerned about them and prayed for them.

God has manifested Himself to us by healing. We have been unusually well this winter, for which we are thankful, but there have been several times when we did call the saints for prayer and God undertook. One incident was when Rosa, our eleven-year-old daughter, was sent home from school with a skin infection. The school superintendent told me I'd have to have her examined by a medical doctor to see if the infection was contagious, for the protection of the other children. I picked her up at school and drove to the Printshop for prayer. Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence, and others who were working there at the time, anointed her, laid hands on her and prayed. Then I took her to the doctor. He told me it was a type of ring-worm which spread rapidly on the body of the person who already had it, but that it was not very contagious to others. "You may send her to school. Here is a prescription; put it all over her body twice daily and it should begin to clear up in about two weeks. If it doesn't, come back and we will try something else." I said, "Thank you," walked out of his office and went home. We did not need to have the prescription filled because we had already followed the instructions given by the Word of God for the sick. Jas. 5:14, 15a, "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up." Within a week the infection, which covered almost all her trunk and legs, was gone. Thank the Lord!

Another marvelous answer to prayer came during the Christmas holidays. Leah, our youngest child, fell while playing and broke her collar bone. She was a very sick girl for about three days. She could not move nor be moved in any way without severe pain during those

three days and nights. In the afternoon of the third day she became bright and said, "I'll be well by Christmas because four different ones have come to pray for me." She was well, too. Christmas day she played and enjoyed herself as much as any child.

I had often wondered what reaction I would have should one of us get a broken bone. But when the test came, it was really no different from any other—just another opportunity to exercise faith and trust in God. James was packed, ready to leave for Mexico when she fell. We sought God for His will, whether to go or not, now that she was ill. Our decision was based upon the pattern we have followed throughout our lifetime—that God should come first. Helping lost mankind to find a Saviour is the utmost desire of our hearts. Why should we fear to leave these things in His hand? For has He not promised, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you"? Matt. 6:33. James bound her tightly, had prayer and left. When he came back five days later, she ran out to meet him. Today, four months later, her shoulder looks as straight as the other.

Another time Patricia called for me to come to school to get her. She was a very sick girl. She apparently had an infection that was going around which was causing people to be hospitalized for lengthy periods of time. We called Bro. and Sis. Murphey to come pray for her. This was Thursday, and on the following Monday she was able to be back in school. How wonderful God is to us!

We also have a request before God that He will remove a growth which Patricia has on the outer edge of the iris of her eye. It moves and, of course, could damage her vision should it move over the pupil.

Ten days ago we arrived home from another trip into Mexico. God marvelously supplied for this trip and protected us over the many miles, for which we are thankful. Our bodies were very dehydrated from sickness and improper diet but, praise God, we are all feeling fine now. I had suffered for about two years with my kidneys, but for about two months I have not suffered any from them. Even on this trip I had not a pain!

We ask an interest in your prayers that God will lead us to the places this summer where hungry souls are awaiting the gospel. Please pray much for lost souls.

Your Sister in Christ, —Charlotte Huskey

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Illinois—Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I wrote you about five or six weeks ago and requested prayer for an affliction on my body, and in two or three days God did heal, and I am so thankful. God is so merciful and kind to His children, and I don't deserve the blessings that He sends my way. Praise the dear Lord!

I love and appreciate God more each day and want to keep my life in His hands to use as He sees fit. I want to say again, that I thank the Lord for healing and thank the saints for their prayers. May God bless all of His children there and all around the world.

Enclosed is an offering to be used in the Lord's work any place it is needed.

Yours in Jesus' name, —Albert Green

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Mich.—Greetings to the saints in the precious name of Jesus: In Psalms 103:1-3 we read: "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

I think back how the dear Lord has healed me and my family many times. Not long ago, I had such pain

in my left knee, and I had the saints pray for me. I said by the grace of God I was going to trust the dear Lord. No doctor, but the dear Lord has healed me, and now I am able again to do my work. Glory to His name! In the last four years, the dear Lord has done so much for me that it would take too much space to write it all.

Enclosed is . . . for the Lord's work. Remember us in prayer

In Christian love,

—Martha Ruhl

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Oklahoma—Dear Saints abroad, greetings in Jesus' dear name: We are thankful for the mercies and love of God toward us. We thank Him for all spiritual and temporal blessings.

We surely appreciate the Lord's answering prayer and taking several growths away from my husband's (Robert's) face. It was a serious burden of prayer and we thank the Lord from the deep of our heart for healing. Surely the Lord loves His children who put their trust in Him, love and obey Him. We believe He enjoys making us happy by answering prayer. Let us exercise more faith in Him for our needs and endeavor to pray the effectual fervent prayers as we live righteously before Him.

One of our boys has an affliction we are still holding before the Lord for healing, and desire the saints to join us with your prayer of faith that the Lord will heal and clear up his skin condition.

Your Sister,

—Aquila Benson

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Texas—Dear readers: We count it a privilege to testify again of some of the great things the Lord has done for us. Thank you, dear ones at the Printshop, for putting a prayer request in the "Faith and Victory" for my healing, and thanks to all who prayed. There is a time and place for all things.

Many of you know that I have a digestive disorder, unable to eat as others do. Then for sixteen months I suffered with an itching rash that was almost more than I could endure at times. The Lord showed me what I could eat to avoid most of the digestive trouble. How thankful I was for that relief! In February Sister Opal Kelly came through Dallas and visited me a short time. I asked her to be agreed in prayer with me for my deliverance from the rash. I suffered more that night than usual. She said she knew the Lord heard that prayer and that I should take a stand against the affliction and resist it. This I did, and I began to improve immediately. At this date there is very little rash or itching. Oh, the power of God if we only believe!

As soldiers of Christ well know, when (or before) we get the victory over one trial, another faces us. We are in a battle which will not end until life leaves this mortal body. This new trial is quite of another nature, but of a more serious one. We covet the prayers of the saints once again to be delivered.

Our heart was encouraged this morning as we read in the book of Acts, 12th chapter, how Peter was delivered from prison through prayer when the church tarried before the Lord. Dear afflicted ones, Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. Hold on to the promises; they will not fail! I've tested and tried them and I know His promises are true. Let us pray one for another.

My greatest desire is to please the Lord at any cost.

Your saved Sister,

—Edith Wall

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Our Experience with Television or, What God Thinks of TV

After we escaped from behind the Iron Curtain in 1948, when the Communists took power overnight in our country, we succeeded in crossing the border to West Germany and later we emigrated to the United States.

While in refugee camp in Germany with my wife, our lives were severely tested. Since we did not have Christian training, we had no strength to withstand the onslaughts of Satan and decided to be divorced. Sin and pride were the reasons, but God in His mercy sent us a Christian paper from the United States, in our own language. In this paper we read the testimonies of God's people, men and women from different walks of life, and how God had changed their lives, taken the misery, hatred and jealousy out of their lives and replaced them with peace, joy and happiness. Others also testified how God had reunited their broken homes.

When I read this paper, there was a light and there was a hope for me. I cried out to God, "Oh, God, if you will save me and give me what these people have, I will serve you the rest of my days." As a result of that cry, now after many years, we have a happy Christian home, including all our children saved, as well as other relatives, including mother-in-law and father-in-law.

When we finally emigrated to the United States, we decided to live for God with all our hearts. For a while we lived with some folks who claimed to be Christians, but had a TV in their home. Now I knew, somehow, from the beginning, that since movies and theaters were wrong for a Christian to attend, it must be equally wrong to watch TV. So every night after supper and fellowship, I excused myself from the group, and after reading my Bible and praying, I went to bed. The rest of the family, including my wife, watched TV programs into the wee hours of the night. She would watch only those things that she thought were not too bad to watch, love stories, etc.

One night, as she was watching a love story with the rest of that family where we lived, God spoke to her in no uncertain tone, "Are you watching that stuff?"

She was convicted, but the power of the story was so great that she wanted to see the end of it, and then quickly retire for the night.

Again, God spoke, "Are you watching that stuff?" It was repeated three times. She would become very uneasy, but turning on the other side, she would watch from the corner of her eye, sitting sideways to the TV. "Oh, just to see the end," she would say. The story seemed to be so interesting and exciting that she was captivated by it. Though she knew that the Voice warned her not to watch it, she tried to brush it aside, to ignore it.

Then it happened, suddenly and unexpectedly! From the clear sky a sudden storm came up and the roaring thunder shook the house. The lightning flashed, and now they all were stirred and jumped from their seats. The son of the family remarked, "Oh, this is dangerous, we had better shut that thing off. It could easily strike through the antenna into the TV." So they quickly shut it off and went into the next room. As they were ready to drop to their knees to pray, the lightning struck and hit the house and cut through the window of the same room where they intended to pray, hitting between my wife and the landlady, paralyzing one side of each of them. My wife screamed and she was expecting to fall; so was the landlady. They were waiting for the worst to happen. They thought that some of them would die.

I was sleeping about two or three rooms away, but when the thunder shook the house, I awakened and heard the cries and the commotion going on in the house. Being half asleep, I thought I heard thunder, but then I could smell fire and brimstone.

I ran to see what I could do for my family in their distress. I learned the full story of what had happened. My wife, Mary, sobbing and crying, confessed how God had spoken to her three times not to watch that stuff.

When she said that, the boy of the family spoke up and said to his mother, "Mommy, God spoke to me and told me not to watch that stuff."

Then his sister quickly said, "I have to admit that I, too, seemed to hear the Voice, that I should not watch television."

When the mother of these children observed this fearful situation, and heard their testimonies of how God spoke, she said, "I will not tolerate this TV in our home anymore. It will have to get out of here, and I will do it right away tomorrow."

Strange as it may seem, as we moved away from this home, many years later we found out that the TV is still there. As a result of this outright disobedience, the whole family is backslidden today, including all their children.

God has spoken! The Bible says that when God speaks the mountains tremble. The sad thing is that many Christians don't tremble at His Word. We hope that this story will awaken many Christians to the fact that we live in the last days and that Jesus is coming soon. We pray that all will seek God with all their hearts to please Him, to do His will, and to keep His commandments every day. It is written that "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes." (Psalms 101:3). What we need today is heavenly vision instead of television.

"If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use and prepared unto every good work. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart." (2 Timothy 2:21, 22). —George Ozdinec

"My Yoke Is Easy"

Jesus said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matt. 11:28-30.

I was wondering how many Christians have weighed the above text, or how many have considered the exact meaning? Many are going around carrying burdens that I am convinced are not theirs.

Again Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, . . . But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, . . . For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. . . . But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:19-21, 33. The reason for a lot of unnecessary burdens is that folks are breaking the above commandments, then seeking God's help to get them out. But Jesus said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," then, "all these things shall be added unto you." These unnecessary burdens keep us from bear-

ing the ones we ought to bear, like, "Bear ye one another's burdens."

It is our side of the yoke that is made easy, if we go God's way. Too many, I'm afraid, are trying to carry the Lord's part. We have enough to do, and will do well, if we will "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass." *Psa. 37:5*. How many times have we committed a thing to the Lord, then set about to bring it to pass? Or, somebody has said, "God helps them that help themselves." Why should we lie awake nights trying to figure out God's part of the bargain? Or, how is God going to work it out? Chances are He will never work it out the way you thought He would. Our part is to "commit," then go about our business, knowing that surely God can be relied upon. When He says He will bring it to pass, He will bring it to pass, remembering that He said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away." *Luke 21:33*. "And the scripture cannot be broken." *John 10:35*. "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." *John 15:7*.

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." *Psa. 37:4*. Delight thyself also in the Lord. This is a worthy pursuit that might take a lot of your time, but when fulfilled, you become lost in the Savior, for the love you have for Him. Nothing else seems to matter. What He wants, you want. The consuming fire seems to burn out the dross, and your desires fade away, until you can say, "Thy will be done." You need not pry into His workings. He is bound by His Word. Your part is, "Have faith in God." "Delight thyself in the Lord." He is bound by His Word to fulfill the desires of your heart, that have grown out of your delighting yourself in Him, according to His riches in Glory.

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee." *Psa. 84:11, 12*. I wonder how many have dwelt on God's part of that promise, "No good thing will he withhold." If we had been concentrating on "walking uprightly," we wouldn't have spent so much time reminding God of His promise. Our part is "fulfilling conditions," then God will keep His part of the bargain.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil." *Prov. 3:5-7*. We need not keep our eye on these promises as if there were something the matter with them. The promises are true, but we are paying more attention to God's part than to ours. Abide in Him. "Take up thy cross and follow me. He that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."

"Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends

of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of His understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." *Isa. 40:28, 29, 31*.

The Word is full of promises to them that wait upon God. Concentrate on pleasing God and bearing fruit. Put Him first in everything you do. "Men ought always to pray and not faint." If you feel lacking in anything, ask God to supply and help you in your shortcomings. And remember to "Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." —Earl B. Bliss

Distribute Gospel Tracts

Sometimes we need to have our minds stirred up by a reminder that we have a work to do for the Lord. We can't all be preachers, evangelists, personal workers, teachers, writers, and printers of the gospel, but there is one thing we all can do and that is to give out a tract. It's good to have some on your desk or in your home, so you can take them with you and give them out. Here is a list of places you can give or leave a tract:—

On a bus or at a bus stop, in a parked car, at the laundromat, in news-stand magazines, in taxicabs, in library books, in restrooms, on top of a mailbox, on public benches, at doors of homes, on top of newspaper dispensers, put in letters when paying utility bills, house payments or other bills, also in writing to friends and business people.

"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." "So shall my word . . . it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please." (*Psalms 32:20; Isaiah 55:11*).

Write to this office for a free sample of tracts, which will include a list for you to order from, and have a supply ready for use. Let us be workers for Jesus.

"Dear Lord"

The morning light is breaking, "Lord"

Another day is here.

Life's problems must again be met

With heart and vision clear!

Strength for today I ask, "Dear Lord,"

Strength only for today.

Renew my faith, my hope revive

Illume my skies of gray!

For yesterday is past, "Dear Lord,"

Tomorrow I ne'er may see.

Today alone lies in my grasp

To use or lose for Eternity!

Help me to lend a helping hand

To dry the falling tear.

To give to all whose lives touch mine

Some comfort or good cheer!

Help me to forget my own poor self,

My longings, hopes and fears,

In service to my fellow-man

All through this vale of tears.

—Sel. by Ruby Quave