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### *The City Foursquare*

Oh, my brother, have you seen God's only Church,  
'Tis the holy city, Salem, come down to earth?  
Now the first earth passed away,  
Sin and sorrow have gone to stay,  
Hallelujah, saints have gathered around His throne.

Now behold His tabernacle has come to men,  
A holy foursquare city built by Him.  
With His people He shall dwell,  
Save them from eternal hell.

Praise His name, the Savior came to make things new.

If we overcome this world that's found demerit,  
Then all things that Heaven offers we inherit,  
To be washed in Jesus' blood,  
And be placed in Heaven's love--

Made a brother to our King, a royal priesthood.

In this City of twelve gates there is no night,  
Needs no candle, nor earth's sun to give her light.  
For our Saviour shines through Heaven  
With a light that equals seven,

In that City on Zion's hill that can't be hid.

Have you seen the golden reed, a standard there?  
'Tis the rule that measures robes for saints to wear.  
To a marriage we have come,  
Virgin Bride and Lamb made one--

Holy vows recorded in God's book of love.

Now these words I've written, friend, are not confusing;

We've all read the Bible truths that I've been using,  
For the Scripture says it best,  
You must seek till you find rest (Heb., chapter 4)

In that promised, sacred City sent by God.

—Don Barnhouse

### *Jerusalem Above Is Free!*

Thank God for the Jerusalem which is above!  
It seems that mankind in a religious sense today yet clings to the thought of associating God and His plan with the Jerusalem of Palestine in what is commonly called the Holy Land. They have big plans and are very enthusiastic about the future of that famous city. But the New Testament clearly declares to us a "New Jerusalem."

Here in Paul's letter to the Galatians we find a great distinction given between the "Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children" and "Jerusalem which is above [and] is free." Gal. 4:21-31. Here the two Jerusalems are compared to the two wives of Abraham. One wife was Sarah, his true wife. She was a free woman under the love, power and jurisdiction of her husband only. The other wife was a bond-maid who served his wife, Sarah. The Bible relates that both of these women bore children to Abraham. But there was a difference in the two. The bond-maid's child was born after the flesh, that is, according to natural laws. The free woman's child was born as a result of faith in the promise of God. These two women and their offspring are compared with two other things. "These are the two covenants; the one from Mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage." This Mount Sinai (upon which the law was given to Moses) answereth to Jerusalem which now is and is in bondage with her children. So we have three different things on either side of the discussion. On the carnal or earthly side we have Hagar, Mount Sinai and the law of Moses, and literal Jerusalem. On the spiritual side we have Sarah, the New Testament Covenant, and Jerusalem which is above. The spiritual side is what the Lord wants us to be concerned about today.

What is the Jerusalem which is above? When Paul mentioned Jerusalem which is above, he immediately followed with a quotation from the Old

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Testament. "For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband." This comes from Isaiah 54:1. In the original, it reads very much the same as is quoted here. Now remember that Paul quoted this in reference to the Jerusalem which is above. There is another place in the New Testament where a scripture from this chapter in Isaiah is quoted. Jesus said in John 6:45, "It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me." Verse 13 of the 54th chapter of Isaiah states: "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." It is therefore to be concluded that these two scriptures quoted from Isaiah 54 are pointing to one and the selfsame fulfillment. Jesus was bringing out the truth that only those who come by way of being taught of God can truly come to Him for salvation. No one can truly feel their need of a Saviour who does not have the fear of God upon their heart. We can readily see in this that the Jerusalem which is above is a people who have come to Christ by way of repentance and true faith. Isaiah 54 is a prophecy of the New Testament Israel, the Church of the Living God, the Jerusalem which is raised up above this world of sin and evil, confusion and strife.

The writer again in Hebrews 12:22-24 tells us what we who have believed in Christ have really come to. "Ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem." He speaks to people who have anchored their faith and trust in the High Priest of our Profession. Being born of the Spirit and the Word of God, cleansed and forgiven of all sin and unrighteousness makes us a citizen of the Jerusalem which is above. Praise the Lord! This is Jerusalem which is above. We are, through the grace and power of God, raised up from darkness and evil of the world to a life of holiness and truth. "But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Eph. 2:4-6.

Dear reader, is your heart and life quickened and exalted in the treasures of Christ today? Or are you yet in bondage to the elements of this present world? God has a triumphant experience of victory over sin and this present evil world for you. But you must seek for it and give diligent heed to the fear of God. May God bless you to find entrance to this new Jerusalem which is above and make it your home forever.

—Leslie Busbee

## Defile Not the Land of God

The land of God constitutes the blessed abode of the saved and sanctified in Christ. It is the Church of God and the highway of holiness which leads to heaven. The inhabitants of the land are not encumbered with its care and husbandship, because the Lord hath sworn of old, "But the land whither ye go to possess it is a land of hills and valleys and drinketh water of the rain of heaven. A land which the Lord thy God careth for: the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year." Deut. 11:11, 12. Deuteronomy 8:7, "For the Lord thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring from hills and valleys."

The inhabitants of the spiritual land of God today, who have entered into the rest of faith, can testify to the truth of these scriptures. Certainly they present a vivid description of our personal experiences. In the Christian walk, we are continually faced with severe trials interspersed with moments of rejoicing. Yet, whether we are upon the hill of triumph or in the valley of persecution, there are depths of eternal salvation springing up within our souls.

The ancient Israelite, upon entering C a n a a n, found no necessity for building cities or digging wells, for the Lord had promised to "give thee great and goodly cities which thou buildest not. And houses full of all good things which thou fillest not and wells digged which thou diggest not, vineyards and olive trees which thou plantest not." Deut. 6:10, 11. It was "A land of wheat and barley and vines, and fig trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil, olive, and honey." Deut. 8:8. Famine was unheard of here and the Israelites' threshing floors overflowed with the natural produce of Canaan. However, these blessings were conditional upon the requirement that they did not defile the land by turning toward other gods. The Lord commanded, "Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people which are round about you." Deut. 6:14. The laden abundance of their threshing floors was expressed in the rules governing the treatment of a released slave. "Thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock and out of thy floor, and out of thy winepress, of that wherewith the Lord thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give him." Deut. 15:14.

There is something of great spiritual significance in this for God's people today. The floor is a symbol of our hearts, and when we abide in the land of God our spiritual floors will overflow with its produce. We will be able to give out liberally that wherewith the Lord hath blessed us, and all who come into our presence will be blessed by the glory of God in our lives. Just as the Israelite of old, when we enter into the Land of Canaan today, there is no need for us to introduce graces or spiritual fruits and blessings through our own ability, for the cities have already been built, the vineyards planted and the wells

Hold on to your faith, my brother,  
Life's race will soon be won;  
No matter what others may do or say,  
Hold on—hold on—hold on.

—Selected by Ethel K. Miles

dug. The prophet Isaiah declared, "Therefore, with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." Jesus said to the woman by the well, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:14. Again He said, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:38.

So then, we can see that the blessings and the graces have already been provided. Our responsibility is simply not to defile the land by leaning toward the world in any respect. If God's commandments are followed with perfect obedience, then the inhabitants of the land form the unconquerable armies of the "Living God."

Although we have spoken of defilement, in reality God's spiritual land can never be defiled. But the people, who are representative of the land, can be. Such defilement saps all spiritual strength, and leads into spiritual captivity and complete removal from the presence of God. Hosea wrote, "Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy as other people, for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward upon every cornfloor. The floor and the wine press shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her. Thou shall not dwell in the Lord's land, but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria."

The Lord here exhorted the children of Israel not to rejoice because they had committed spiritual adultery. When we, the people of God, begin to compromise the standards of holiness and accept the forms of the world, whether it be in a manner of conduct, dress, or worship, we go a whoring from our God. The penalty for the children of Israel consisted of: an empty floor and an inoperative wine press, expulsion from God's land, and captivity in Egypt and Assyria. The wine press and the new wine can be applied symbolically to the Holy Spirit, and the divine guidance it issues forth anew in our lives every day. When a soul in any manner defiles himself with the love of the world, the wine press ceases its operations, and the new wine fails. The result is darkness and spiritual captivity. The spiritual floor is left empty, and in an effort to satisfy it, the soul partakes of unclean things, which he would have shunned when more enlightened.

In examining history, it can be seen that this very thing happened to the great spiritual movements of the past who were much blessed of God. When they leaned toward the world, the Holy Spirit took His flight and they became ensnared with the unclean things they once cried out against. Today, many innovations are presenting themselves to the people of God, especially the young—worldliness in conduct, thought and dress. Behind it all is the subtle spirit of compromise. If we accept these worldly principles, then what was spoken of Ephraim will become true for us. Hosea wrote, "Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned. Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth

it not; yea, grey hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not." When the people of God, like the princes of Judah, remove the "bound," then all manner of worldliness will overflow the camp of the saints. Spiritual strangers will devour our strength. The grey hairs, which symbolize decaying spirituality and impending death, will be discerned in the lack of miracles, divine powers, and a general state of lethargy. Therefore, it is imperative that we cling tenaciously to the standards set by God and lived by our forefathers in years of old. We who are young should especially contend for the standards of the Church of God, and in all earnestness dig again the wells that our forefathers dug. Finally, let us all resolve to "pitch by our standards" and to move forward on the highway of holiness with a greater determination within our souls than ever before, and let us remember to "defile not the land of God."

—Charles L. Chandler

## Are You Ready to Die?

Dear friend, very sincerely and earnestly you should every day question yourself: Am I ready to die? There is no getting around it—the fact that faces every person is that they cannot and will not live on this earth always. Some day (and we know not when that day will be) your heart will give its final stroke and you will be dead. So many careless foolish people look at death so lightly and make expressions concerning it like this: "When I kick the bucket" or "I'll be a dead duck" and perhaps other sayings that you have heard. But there is one thing for sure, and that is that almost everyone is trying to stay the hand of death as much as they can. Then there are those who are indifferent about death, and have no thought about it or what might come after. They say, "I'd better get all the joy and pleasure while I can, for I am alive just once."

The fact that people are dying, just as the Bible says that they shall, is a great cause for us to sit up and take notice that the Bible is true. It teaches us that death was passed upon man because of his sin and wickedness. Is this not a living fact also? Look around you. What kind of lives are the majority of the people living? You know that it surely is not according to godly fear. The Bible describes death just as it is, and reveals that God has provided a way for you to meet the hour of death in full preparation. We have on record one man who asked: "If a man die, shall he live again?" One of literature's acclaimed greatest poets wrote: "But that the dread of something after death—the undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveler returns—puzzles the will and makes us rather bear those ills we have than fly to others that we know not of."—Wm. Shakespeare. Every once in a while you happen on to someone who lets out some of their inner thoughts and you find the same wonder and regard: a puzzle and fear of death and what follows.

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**EDITORIALS**

The stream of time in God's ordered plan has brought us to the warm summer season—the time when campmeetings and evangelistic tent meetings are held at various locations across the country. Of course, this brings us to the time when, according to our stated policy and usual practice, this "Faith and Victory" paper will not be published for the month of August. It is fitting that our faithful co-workers would have a few weeks off from their regular duties here at the Print Shop to attend various campmeetings or do whatever the Lord may direct. However, some of us will be here at the office most of the time to fill orders for literature, take care of the correspondence, etc.

**This is the Year of Jubilee . . .**

In the Old Testament, the year of jubilee occurred after seven times seven years had been counted from the beginning of the institution under the Levitical Law. That fiftieth year derived its name from the custom of proclaiming it by a joyful shout or blast on the trumpet which announced freedom for all the slaves.

With the March, 1972, issue of this gospel paper, forty-nine years of publication had been completed, and now we are in the midst of the fiftieth year. This year of jubilee is observed by continuing the loud blast on the "gospel trumpet" as expressed in the following poem:—

"Blow the gospel trumpet, brother, over land and sea,  
Sound the news to all creation, Christ will set you free.  
He will break the chains of bondage, let the tidings sound,  
He is able, do not doubt Him, let His grace abound.

"Sing and pray, and preach for Jesus everywhere you go,  
Wake the slumbering, sinful nations on the brink of woe;  
Tell them of that cleansing fountain flowing deep and wide  
From mount Calvary's sacred summit, from His pierced side.

"In the Spirit's holy unction preach the Word of God,  
Till its melting power brings the lost to Jesus' blood;  
Compass every heathen nation filled with sinful dearth,  
Scatter light and truth from heaven over all the earth.

"Send the gospel proclamation all around the globe,  
Freedom, freedom for the captive in his sinful robe;  
Search in every hidden corner for the honest ones,  
Use the time and work for Jesus till the Judgment comes."



The Oklahoma State campmeeting here at Guthrie closed with victory for the Lord on June 4. Many saints attended from several states, and about 25 ministers were present. The Word was preached with Holy Spirit anointing, and a number of souls were saved and sanctified. The Church was edified and

fortified for the perilous times in which we live. On the last Sunday, a number of converts were baptized.

From June 6 to 10 we were happy to have Bro. and Sister Randall Flynn and family of Hammond, La. to visit us in our home and at the Lord's Print Shop. Bro. Flynn is a printer-pressman, and while here he assisted in the shop work, and also printed the hand-bills for the Hammond, La. campmeeting. We welcome them to come again anytime, and to join us in the gospel publishing work if the Lord leads in this direction.

In stock at this office are more than 350 different titles of gospel tracts to be sent free in limited quantities for careful and prayerful distribution. Any prices, where quoted, are at cost or below. Write for a FREE 4-ounce sample to read and pass on. One tract may result in the salvation of many precious souls.

Sister Joan McIntosh, who has been a co-worker here at the Lord's Print Shop for the past two and a half years, feels led to terminate her services here at the end of June. May the Lord bless and reward her in a special way, and direct her future course in life. We pray and trust, above all, that she will keep in the center of God's will.

We are still looking earnestly to the Lord to provide workers to fill the vacancies in all departments of His publishing plant, including the need for qualified printers and pressmen. Several books are now out of stock and need to be reprinted, as well as other excellent books which have been out of print for many years, such as: the 1908 edition of "Revelation Explained" by F. G. Smith and "What the Bible Teaches" by the same author. The Lord knows the great need of consecrated workers in this glean-ing time, and our eyes are upon Him. "Only one life—'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last."

Another reprint edition of the book entitled, "The Cleansing of the Sanctuary," by D. S. Warner and H. M. Riggle, is expected to be available by July 15. Containing 541 pages in a cloth binding, this volume is priced at \$4.50 each, postpaid.

Bro. Tom Melot, our co-worker who is learning to operate the presses and other machines, has been laid up for a while with a serious infection in his knee, but in answer to prayer, he is improving. Please continue to agree in prayer that the Lord will recover him speedily and completely. He is fully yielded to God's will in his life.

A number of obituaries appear in this issue which reminds us that death is that divine appointment that all must meet sooner or later. However, it is a consolation to know that we will meet our loved

ones again according to God's promise which reads: "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." 1 Thess 4:14. Therefore, we "sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." "Wherefore comfort one another with these words," and may the "God of all comfort" be the portion of all those in bereavement.

#### Mexico "Care-a-van" Tour Scheduled . . .

Lord willing, the previously announced missionary tour of interior Mexico, directed by Bro. James Huskey, will leave Guthrie, Okla. about the last day of June and return in 20 days. Several teenagers and older young people have made arrangements to go on this Mexico tour. They will be passing out Spanish Testaments, Scripture portions and other Spanish gospel literature. Pray that the Lord will bless and prosper this missionary effort, and that each one will return with a greater soul-burden and vision of the vast mission field at our door.

Bro. Huskey has been somewhat delayed in his preparations for this tour because of the sudden passing of his father-in-law, Bro. A. R. Hightower, on June 21 at Miami, Okla.

We hope to meet many of our readers at the National campmeeting to be held at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri on July 21 to 30. A supply of gospel literature—tracts, papers, books and Bibles—will be available at the book store on the camp grounds. Come in, visit and browse around.

Our sincere thanks and appreciation are extended to all those who have prayed for and co-operated with this literature ministry in printing and mailing the "white-winged," silent, gospel messengers around the world. It is a pleasure to be "workers together" with you and the Lord in obeying our Saviour's last Great Commission to His Church. On that final day He will say, "Well done!"

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with all of you, and we hope to greet you again, Lord willing, in the September issue.

—Lawrence Pruitt

#### HE GIVETH MORE GRACE

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater.  
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;  
To added affliction He addeth His mercy,  
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,  
When our strength has failed e'er the day is half done,  
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,  
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,  
His power no boundary known unto men;  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

—Annie Johnson Flint

**ARE YOU READY TO DIE? . . .**

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Many push it away and give it no place in their thought and conversation, yet it is there deep in their hearts, the fear of death.

It is a wise person who will come face to face with the issue. There is One who has conquered death. The New Testament declares that "our Saviour Jesus Christ hath abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." It also says that Christ as our Saviour took upon Himself flesh and blood; "that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." It also tells us that Christ, when He was here in the flesh, "offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." He alone holds in His hands the Key that will give us entrance into life and victory over death.

If you are interested in this, give diligent heed to the gospel and do something about it. Christ affords you hope of victory over sin and a readiness to meet death in triumph. If we will come to Him, take up our cross and follow His example of life and humility, He promises to give us a share in His glorious resurrection. We can live our life here with His blessings and close our days in hope of living again in the great resurrection. Who would not want this to be a reality in their own life? This is the great benefit of being a Christian. You are ready to die. You no longer fear death and what will follow. The Bible tells us also that the wicked shall be resurrected, but theirs will be to damnation.

Seek the Lord, pray and sincerely call upon His name for mercy and salvation. When you at last gain entrance into His favor and know your sins are forgiven and that you are a new creature, the fear of death with all its torment will be gone. And it will never return as long as you continue to follow the Lord Jesus. —Leslie Busbee

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## OBITUARIES

Myrtis Leona Pugh was born April 26, 1899, and departed this life on May 13, 1972 at Louin, Mississippi at the age of 73 years and 17 days.

She is survived by her husband, Clarence Pugh of the home; three daughters, Mrs. R. L. Stringer, Mrs. Joey D. Evans and Miss Otha Pugh; three sons, Vondell, Hubert and Calvin; 25 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Mrs. P. J. Bishop, Mrs. Odis McGee, Mrs. G. A. Nichols, Mrs. W. L. Smith, and Mrs. Hampton Kessler; and one brother, J. A. McNeil.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Richard Madden, assisted by Bro. C. C. Carver, at Zion Hill Church, Louin, Miss. and interment was in the Zion Hill Cemetery.

Bro. D. B. Hurt, aged 88, of Blue Creek, Ohio departed this life on April 20, 1972.

Surviving are his wife, Reva; seven daughters, six sons, and two half-brothers.

Funeral services were conducted at the Ellis Funeral Home in West Union, Ohio, by Bro. Curtis Williams and interment was in the West Union Cemetery.

Beulah Mae Whiteside was born at Payton, Okla. on December 9, 1911 to Alton and Abbie Wilcher, and departed this life on April 7, 1972.

In 1937, she was married to Roy Whiteside who preceded her in death on March 2, 1972.

Sister Whiteside was a faithful member of the Church of God (Evening Light Saints) for many years.

She leaves to mourn her passing: a devoted son, Eugene Lovings, and four grandchildren of San Francisco, California; five sisters, Bertha Barker, Odessa Lynn, Ada Williams, Pecolia Smith, all of Los Angeles, Calif., Lucille Hynson, Tulsa, Okla.; two step-sisters, one step-brother, and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted at Tulsa, Okla. by Bro. Lewis Williams, her pastor, and she was laid to rest in the Crown Hill Cemetery.

### Note of Thanks

The family of Sister Whiteside wishes to thank each and every one for the love and kindness shown to them during their bereavement. Thank you!

Olive L. (Taylor) McFarling was born January 30, 1894 at Virgil, South Dakota, and departed this life to be with the Lord on May 16, 1972 at her home near Wolsey, South Dakota at the age of 78 years, three months and 17 days.

Olive McFarling taught school for many years in Beadle County, South Dakota. On May 20, 1920 she was united in marriage to C. A. (Ace) McFarling at Alpena, South Dakota. To this union, six sons and three daughters were born.

Sister McFarling was a precious saint and a faithful member of the Church of God. She is remembered by many at various campmeetings over the states. At her passing, she was desiring to attend the Guthrie campmeeting as she did last year, but instead the Lord took her quietly in her sleep to that eternal convocation in the heavens. The presence of the Lord was real and precious to her during her last illness.

She is survived by her husband, C. A. McFarling; six sons, Robert, Westland, Mich., Louis, Omaha, Nebraska, James, Granville, Ohio, Ted, Harrold, S. Dak., Calvin, Dover, N. J. and George, Gretna, Neb.; three daughters, Mrs. Harley (Viola) Benthin, Cedar Springs, Michigan, Mrs. Alfred (Vera Jean) Lange, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Mrs. Harold (Vivian) Lowe, Muncie, Ind.; 24 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and four brothers.

The funeral services were conducted by Elder Maurice Mauch at the Brooks Memorial Chapel in Huron, South Dakota, and interment was in the Restlawn Memorial Garden to await the general resurrection.

### Note of Thanks

Dear friends of Olive McFarling: My mother was cheerful and at peace, and worked up to the time of her death. She was a great inspiration to us all. She appreciated so very much all the letters, cards and loving concern during the time of her illness. Thank you so much for your prayers. May God bless you richly.

In His name, —Jeanne Lange, a daughter.

Roy Gail Brown was born April 6, 1916 and passed away June 4, 1972 at the age of 56 years, one month and 29 days. Roy had much sickness and troubles in life, but



he did not get discouraged. He worked on and was always willing to help others in need. On April 7, 1945, he was united in marriage to Madeline Nickels, who was a faithful wife to him through all of his sickness and trials.

He leaves his devoted wife, Madeline; his mother, Becky Barnes; two uncles, Fred Brown of Stoutland, Mo. and Carl Brown of Moscow, Idaho; two aunts, Fannie Williams, Stoutland, Missouri and Mae Robinson, State of California; many dear cousins and other relatives and friends.

Roy said he had been praying for a long time and that he had asked God to forgive him. We feel that his suffering is over now. We will miss him so much, but God knows best and does all things well.

—His mother, Sis. Becky Barnes

Funeral services were conducted at Waynesville, Mo. on June 6, 1972 by Bro. Leslie Busbee. Scriptures: Matt. 11:28-30, Isaiah 1:18, 55:1, John 6:35-37.

Please pray for this dear mother. One year ago the Lord called her husband away and now, her only son. She is heart-broken, but courageous as expressed in a letter received since her son's passing: "We can't know or understand all God's ways and what He does. But, oh, I don't want to complain or murmur. He doeth all things well."

—Bro. Leslie Busbee

Sister Goldia Ross was born on December 16, 1898 in Clay County, Georgia, and departed this life May 14, 1972 at her home in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 73 years, three months and 25 days.

She accepted the truth of God's Word as taught and practiced by the Church of God (Evening Light Saints) in 1963 at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Shortly after, she moved back to Jacksonville. In a few years, she came back and followed our Lord in baptism, and lived a Christian life to the end.

She leaves to mourn her going: one daughter, Mrs. Mary Dowdy, four grandchildren, all of Jacksonville, Fla.; two aunts, Mrs. Elizabeth McNair of McRae, Georgia and Mrs. Mattie B. Savage of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Herchell H. Hargrave at the graveside, as requested by her daughter, on May 19, 1972, with interment in the Memorial Cemetery.

We truly loved you, Goldia, dear,  
But our Father loved you best;  
Through tribulation living here,  
You gained eternal rest.

—The Family

George Washington Colbert, Sr., was born March 25, 1907 at Guthrie, Oklahoma and departed this life May 14, 1972 at his home in Oklahoma City, Okla. at the age of 65 years, two months and 19 days.

On June 23, 1927, he was united in marriage with Francie Dozier. To this union, ten children were born, of which three preceded him in death.

Very early in life Bro. Colbert professed Christ as his Savior in the Church of God (Evening Light Saints). Bro. Colbert lived a faithful Christian life to the end.

He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Sister Francie, of the home; five daughters, Regina F., also of the home, Mrs. Mary H. Burrough of Spencer, Oklahoma, Mrs. Norma J. James, Mrs. Charlene Winn, both of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Mrs. Loraine Lucas of Los Angeles, California; two sons, George Colbert, Jr., of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Charles R. Colbert of Tulsa, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. Della Harris of Sacramento, California and

Mrs. Mary Dunnigan of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two brothers, James and Obed, both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 30 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, a host of other relatives, friends and saints.

The funeral service was conducted at the Third and Phillips Church of God by Bro. Herman Kelley, assisted by Bro. Otis Hill. Interment was in Oaklawn Cemetery. God looked down and picked one of His flowers.

Mamie Blanche Noland, daughter of Albert and Catherine Heath, was born in Mound City, Missouri on May 31, 1893 and passed away at St. Joseph, Missouri on June 5, 1972 at the age of 79 years and four days.

She was married to Joseph P. Noland in 1916. To this union were born two sons and two daughters. She was preceded in death by her husband and an infant daughter, also her father, mother, four sisters and a brother.

For the past several years, she had been living alone at her home in Forest City, Missouri.

Several years ago Sister Noland heard the Master's voice and heeding the heavenly call yielded her heart wholly and completely to Him as her Lord and Saviour. By virtue of the "new birth" she was made a member of the Church of God and was found faithful to her Lord at the time of her passing.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Russell of Lewiston, Idaho; two sons, Gerald Noland of St. Joseph, Mo. and Raymond Noland of Oregon, Missouri; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Love of San Bernardino, Calif., Mrs. Leila Blodgett of Loveland, Colorado and Mrs. Julia Dodge of Oregon, Missouri; 15 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and a host of friends and neighbors.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. James Broker at the Pettijohn-Crawford Mortuary in Mound City. Scriptures used were 2 Cor. 11:2; Isaiah 54:5; Hosea 2:19 and others on "The Bride of Christ." Grave-side scriptures were Rev. 14:13 and 2 Tim. 4:7-9.

Nina Opal (Brown) Porter was born August 27, 1908 at Elm Springs, Missouri, a community seven miles south of Neosho, Mo., and departed this life on June 18, 1972 at her home near Granby, Missouri at the age of 63 years, nine months and nine days.

She was married January 19, 1932 to Amos L. Porter at her home in the Lone Star community. To this union three daughters were born: Janyce Eudora Porter of Webb City, Mo., Kathryn Faye Baltzell of Overland Park, Kansas and Vera Maxine Rousseau of Denver, Colorado.

She gave her heart and life to God in July, 1949, and held her deep faith in God through her afflictions and her passing from this time world. She had a deep love for the doctrines of pure Christianity, and as long as she was able, never failed to write the gospel message to those she loved to encourage them to stand for the "Faith once delivered to the saints." She gave her service to the saints with a willing heart, and loved and was loved by all of them. Her three years as manager of the kitchen at the National campmeeting were three of the most happy in her life. She never failed to remember her many friends and relatives on their birthdays, and through their many sadnesses, she would send cards of encouragement to them.

She leaves to mourn their loss: her husband, her three children, five grandsons, one granddaughter; three sisters, Mrs. Nora Lewis of Neosho, Mo., Mrs. Geraldine Fullerton of Butler, Mo., and Mrs. Bertha Patterson of Granby, Mo.; many other relatives, saints and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Thomas V. McMillian and Bro. Charles Smith at the Clark Funeral Home, Neosho, Missouri. Texts used: Psalm 116:15, Ezekiel 33:11, Revelation 2:10, James 1:12, Rev. 14:13, Numbers 23:12, 1 John 1:1-10, Titus 2:3-5, 1 Corinthians 15:35-58. The singers were Carrie McMillian, Thomas Ray McMillian, and Jim and Marilyn McMillian. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery, Neosho, Missouri, to await the general resurrection.

There's a beautiful place in heaven above  
Where all is peace and joy and love  
It is won by a life free from all sin,  
Souls must be free to enter in.

It is guarded by angels, the Father and Son—  
It awaits each soul when their day is done.  
We rest from our toils, our tears are all past,  
We rejoice with the Lord, we have triumphed at last.

It is a beautiful way, God leading us on  
He protects and defends as a doe does her fawn.  
'Tis a beautiful way to our heavenly home,  
So gently He leads, we never more roam.

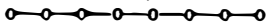
Let us keep pressing on in the one holy way.  
Never turn back by night or by day.  
God is the One who will make the way clear,  
We are kept by His power and promises dear.

Let us never turn back, the way may be rough.  
We can win if we try; God will soon say, "Enough."  
Let us be ready when the Master shall call  
He will lead us so gently we never shall fall.

Let us be encouraged to press on each day.  
God is so willing and ready to show us the way.  
Let us gird up our loins—our armor put on.  
The day is approaching for our souls to have won.

So let us be faithful and happy and glad.  
No more shall we toil, be weary or sad  
In that bright home where God is the light.  
God help us to be ready, unfailing, and right.

—By Nina O. Porter, written November 3, 1964



Word has been received from Bro. Henry Wieler of Elmira, Ontario, Canada that Bro. Menno Sauder passed to his eternal Home on April 18 after a severe illness. May God comfort the relatives and friends. —Editor



Mrs. Mary Jacobson of Canada sought healing of her affliction, but it pleased the Lord to take her Home instead. Her favorite verse was:

"Once His gifts I wanted, now the Giver own;  
Once I sought for healing, now Himself alone."

She had a burden for the true church and lost souls. She died peacefully. Her last words were: "He hath not forsaken me."



Just as this issue is about to go to press, information has been received that Bro. Alvin R. Hightower, aged 80 years, of Miami, Okla. took suddenly ill and passed away within a short time—about 12:15 a. m. on June 21, 1972. Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the sorrowing survivors who include: three daughters, Lois and Roberta, of the home, Charlotte Huskey of Guthrie, Okla. and one son, Jim Hightower, of Neosho, Mo. In the May issue of this publication, Bro. A. R. Hightower was the author of the article entitled, "The Star-Crowned Woman Versus the Great Red Dragon." The complete obituary will probably appear in the September issue.

—Editor

## Remaining Campmeeting Dates, 1972

Following are the remaining Church of God campmeeting dates for 1972, and the complete announcements:

Akron, Ohio—July 7 to 16.

Ojos Negros, B. Cfa., Mexico—Begins on July 7, 1972.

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.

California State at Pacoima, Calif.—August 25 to September 3. Location: 12312 Osborne Place.

Fresno, California—Sept. 8 to 17. For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. E. J. Trotter, 2433 E. University Ave., Fresno, Calif. 93703.

### OHIO STATE CAMPMEETING

The annual Ohio campmeeting of the Church of God (Evening Light) will be held, Lord willing, July 7 to 16, 1972, at the chapel and grounds located at 419-421 West Thornton St., Akron, Ohio 44307.

All nations are welcome, and provisions will be made to care for all who attend. There will be camper and parking space available. When you arrive by bus or car, you may reach some of the saints by calling the chapel phone number 762-2286, or the parsonage number 762-4432. Everyone is invited to attend these services. Come for the salvation of your soul, for sanctification, or the healing of your body.

All expenses will be met by free-will offerings. For further information, contact any of the following: Bro. Darnell Abbage, 1436 Honodle Ave., Akron, Ohio 44306, phone 784-2884; Bro. Adolph Robinson, 1256 Romaine Dr., Akron, Ohio 44314, phone 836-6948, or Sister Hazel Clark, 555 Fernwood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44320, telephone 762-4432. —Hazel Clark, Pastor

### OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO CAMPMEETING

Lord willing, the campmeeting at Ojos Negros, Mexico will convene from July 7, 1972 for as many days as the Lord leads. Arrangements will be made to accommodate all who come, though most of you know, accommodations are not as they are in the modern campmeetings. If you can come, come praying; if you can't come, pray for the success of the meeting.

The new road under construction across the peninsula has almost reached Ojos Negros with only one detour. We believe this, too, is a real blessing of the Lord. It would be safer to come in with a guide, and if you will write at once, arrangements can be made to make contact either in San Diego or at the border. There is a welcome to one and all! If the Lord has given you a message for the Mexican people, be obedient. An interpreter will be provided, Lord willing. Meals will be prepared on the grounds under an enramada (brush arbor). Come, and let us work together for souls to be brought into the kingdom of God.

Your Sister in Christ,

Ap. Postal No. 1980, Ensenada, B.Cfa., Mexico

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### 35th NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

The National Campmeeting of the Church of God will be held, the Lord willing, on the saints' campgrounds at Monark Springs (Neosho), Missouri, July 21 through July 30, 1972, inclusive.

We extend a very sincere and cordial invitation to all who read or hear about this campmeeting to attend, if at all possible. We need the Lord and each other more now than we ever have before.

The campground is located five miles east of Neosho, just off Highway No. 86 about three-fourths mile south.

As in previous years, meals and lodging will be furnished on the grounds. The usual fee of \$5.00 for camp tents and \$1.00 for cot and mattress will be charged. Also, space in dormitories will be \$2.50 per person. With the Lord's help we will try to provide for all who come. All who can, please bring bedding. It would be advisable to bring wraps, as the weather turns very cool at times. Meals will be served on the free-will offering plan.

We know God will send His Spirit-filled ministers to bring us His Word. Let us pray earnestly for the ministers and the meeting, that the power of the Holy Spirit will give fresh anointing for every service, convincing sinners of their need to turn to God, that believers will be sanctified, bodies healed, and for an overall upbuilding of the Church of God.

Four services will be held daily, in addition to children's meeting in the morning and young people's meeting in the early evening.

There will be an 11 p. m. curfew. All are expected to be in their tent, cabin, or dormitory at this time. Allowance is being given to ministers or those working at the altar or praying for the sick. We appreciate the co-operation given and want to commend our precious young people for their consideration.

It will be necessary for those coming by bus or train to come to Neosho, and either take a taxi to the grounds, or call the campground number 472-6427, which is out of Granby, Mo., and someone will come after you.

We would appreciate receiving your orders for tent and dormitory space as soon as possible so we will have plenty of time to erect your tent and get cots set up in it before the meeting starts. Please send tent orders and offerings to Bro. Kenneth Probst, R. 1, Box 187-A, Vinita, Okla. 74301, who is the business manager. His home phone is number (area code 918) 256-5992.

**Special Work Days—July 1, 3 and 4.**

In preparation for the coming campmeeting, there will be special work days on the campground on Saturday, July 1st, and 3rd and 4th of July. Remember the dates and be there to render service unto the Lord and His great cause. Can the Lord count on you?

—H. A. McMillian

### MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING

Lord willing, the Missouri State campmeeting at Myrtle, Mo., will be held August 4 through 13. A warm welcome is extended to all. Those coming by bus to Thayer, Mo. (the nearest station) may call 938-2483 at Myrtle, Mo., and arrangements will be made for your transportation to the camp ground.

We will appreciate those who can, to bring their own sheets and pillows, since there is a limited supply on the grounds. There is a dormitory on the grounds for the Sisters, and one for the Brethren also. A few cabins

are available for older ministers and those who labor in the kitchen. There will be tents for couples and families. Come prepared for cool nights.

Pray much for the ministers. We are expecting the Holy Spirit to rule in every service with the anointing of the Word of God. Come to receive help, and also to be a help to some soul. This will be an opportunity for sinners to be saved, believers sanctified and the sick healed.

The expense of this meeting will be met by free-will offerings. If you wish to take care of this in advance, you may contact Bro. A. J. Sorrell, Treasurer, Myrtle, Missouri 65778.

For further information concerning this meeting, please write to our faithful pastor, Brother and Sister Albert Eck, Box 706, Myrtle, Mo. 65778.

—The Myrtle, Mo. congregation

### BAKERSFIELD, CALIF. CAMPMEETING

The Bakersfield, Calif., campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, August 4 through 13. The chapel address is 1802 Virginia Ave. (formerly 1502). It is at the same location on the corner of Virginia Ave. and Brown Streets.

Those coming from north or south on Freeway 99, get off on Brundage Lane and go east three miles to Lakeview Ave. Go north (a left turn) to the first stop sign which is at Virginia Ave. Then go east (a right turn) two blocks to Brown Street.

Those coming from the east on Highway 58, take the left fork on Brundage about eight miles out of town. Go four miles to Lakeview, then right to Virginia and right two blocks to Brown Street.

Those coming on the new Interstate 5, get off on Stockdale Highway and go east about 15 miles. Then this changes to Brundage Lane. Follow above directions for getting off Freeway 99. (Be sure that your car is adequately serviced before traveling Interstate 5 as service stations may not be plentiful.)

Lodging and meals will be provided on the free-will offering plan. We request your prayers for the meeting.

For further information contact: Bro. Z. E. Francisco, 305 S. Owens St., phone 323-0747, Bro. A. W. Sherman, 201 "L" Street, phone 327-0411, or Brother Robert Mays, 245 "N" Street, phone 325-2730.

### BOLEY, OKLA. CAMPMEETING

The Boley, Okla. campmeeting will convene, Lord willing, on August 18 and continue through August 27, 1972 on the camp ground at Boley, Okla.

A warm welcome is extended to all nations to attend this meeting. On the camp ground are men's and women's dormitories, and also rooms in the new chapel for ministers and their companions. So there will be accommodations for all who come.

We are looking to the Lord to send Holy Ghost-filled ministers and workers to expound the old-time truth, to enlighten, edify and help every precious soul, and that there will be a harvesting of souls. Come praying the Lord to send conviction in the meeting, and remember the Lord's request, "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into the harvest." Luke 10:2.

For further information, contact Sister Ora Spears, Route 1, Boley, Oklahoma 74829, phone 918-667-3372 or Sister Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th Street, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73104, phone 405-235-2270.

## NOTICE

There will not be a campmeeting at Dover, Okla. this year. Lord willing, there will be a revival at Dover after the campmeeting season is over. The date will be announced later.

—Sister Katherine Williams

## Prayer Requests

Ohio—"My spine has grown crooked in the last three years or so. My body is almost always so sore. . . . I know God can heal me."

—Mrs. R. Musselwhite

Mich—"Please pray for . . . on the verge of divorce."

—B. Carson

Va—"Pray that I'll be healed. . . . God has blessed my son. . . . He is on the road to recovery."

—Greeta McMahan

Miss—"I have something wrong with my head. . . . (dizziness), also something is wrong with my knee and ankle. Pray with me for my healing."

—Mattie V. Smith

Ga—"I need prayer very much for an assurance of my salvation, also that the Lord will restore my body to health. . . . My dad and sister are sick. . . . I have an unspoken request. . . . I know it will take a lot of faith. . . . If you can help me, please do."

—I. H.

La—"Pray that the Lord will heal our little grandson and restore his hearing and heal his ear trouble. Also pray for the salvation of our two sons and one daughter-in-law. Pray that God will not permit our son and his wife, who are divorced, to get into double marriage, but be restored to each other. Saints, please pray very earnestly about these needs. The enemy will fight in every imaginable way to keep us from getting answers to our prayers, especially where precious souls are involved. We need each other's prayers, for we know there is power in numbers."

—Sister Sybil Goldsberry

Michigan—"Pray for my dear nephew, who is sorely afflicted in body. A lot of his body is in a cast. . . . He drags one leg after him when he walks. . . . Only God can heal him."

—Sister Eva Wilkins

Okla—"Please pray earnestly for me, as I suffer very much. I have a cancerous, rectal tumor. I know God can heal."

—Mrs. Guy Bunnell

Illinois—"I have for several years had much trouble with my back and hips. Of late, my left limb bothers me. It seems the cords under my left limb will not give. I can hardly put my heel to the floor and it will hurt. . . . I know it will be a miracle if I am healed, but the promises in the Bible are true. . . . I am almost 85 years old."

—Mrs. Ethel Redmon

Michigan—"Please pray for me so I can be set free from this burning pain in my throat and tongue."

—Name withheld by request

Michigan—"I am still bedfast with arthritis. I know Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. . . . Oh, that I might just touch the hem of His garment!"

—Elsie Aungst

La—"Still remember Bro. Steve Henry in prayer. He is looking for complete healing. He fell and broke his arm. We believe that the "form of the fourth" is in this furnace of affliction with him. It can't get any hotter than our precious Lord will permit. His grace is sufficient until He sees fit to give healing, we are sure. Others looking on can see that grace manifested and we are thankful for the soldiers of the cross who

will hold steady in the hottest battle. We thank God for Bro. Steve Henry.

Saints, if the Lord is permitting you to be in the "furnace," which to you seems as hot as the furnace that the three Hebrew children were thrown into, just be comforted to know that Jesus is with you. Look to Him. Count Him there. Count it true that He is feeling your suffering and is "touched by the feelings of your infirmities." Trust Him, and hold your faith steady. The Bible says, "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Ephesians 6:16. Notice the Bible says, "Above all." It's so important that we keep our faith steady in the Lord. It's our faith that will bring us through. Don't let pain, sufferings, doubts, fears, or anything hinder our faith. It's so important that we have faith. Our faith will bring what we need from heaven down to us.

—Sis. Marie Miles

ALL THOSE in range of Radio Station KBTN, Neosho, Mo., should set their radio dial on 1420 each Sunday morning at 8:15 and hear the "Words of Life" gospel broadcast by Bro. Thomas V. McMillian.

## HOLLY HILL, S. C. MEETING REPORT

Our Holly Hill, South Carolina campmeeting was very successful. The Lord really blessed. God sent us some Holy Ghost-filled ministers to bring us the Word. We had some altar work and some received help from the Lord. Some sick bodies were touched by the Lord's healing hand.

We had some saints from different states. We really appreciate every one who attended the meeting. May God's approval be upon every one who desires to make heaven his home, is my prayer.

Your Brother in Christ, —Bro. Hudson Crummie

## PROFITABLE MEETING IN OAKLAND, CALIF.

We certainly thank the Lord for blessing us here at Oakland, Calif. with a glorious meeting. It was the best we ever have had. It was well attended, and we are happy to report many souls found the Lord. On the last Sunday of the meeting in the 2:30 service the Spirit of God moved in the singing service and souls began coming to the altar for salvation, weeping their way to the Lord. There was shouting and praising God all over the building. It was especially good. Praise God!

Love,

—Sister Velma Smith

## Foreign Field Reports

### NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast Nigeria (May 8) —Dear Bro. Lawrence and all the dear ones in the Lord's Printshop: Greetings in the ever-prevailing name of Jesus Christ. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

I am glad to tell you that we had a profitable campmeeting at Minya Ntak from April 27 through Sunday April 30. We truly thank God for salvation. This leaves us rejoicing with the Spirit of oneness.

Please remember all our loved ones who are not yet in the ark of safety—those who are still bowing down to gods made with their own hands. They harden their hearts and will not heed the gospel messages, failing to

realize that it is the devil that is causing them to seek their own salvation from where they cannot find it. They always say, "We still have enough time to repent." What a tragic statement with impending disaster! This statement always grieves and saddens my heart, but I must still pray for them, and then ask the dear saints scattered abroad to join me in praying for them. Indeed, the devil is at war within and without. The time is short, and Satan's days are numbered. We must surely go down upon our knees every day for the salvation of those precious souls who are still wallowing in ignorance and false superstition before it is too late.

The gospel work in Nigeria is advancing and the Lord is leading.

Yours in the Faith, —Jackson U. Etuk

### LETTER FROM NIGERIAN MISSIONS

Southeast State, Nigeria (May 18)—Dear Brother Pruitt and saints: We greet you in the name of our precious Lord Jesus Christ who died for me and all of you, and we are made to inherit the Kingdom of God. Let us praise His name forever!

We received your letter of May 4, together with the enclosures and contents.

Titles of the tracts you asked about are: "Light and Darkness" meaning "Unwana ye Ekim" in our language and, "No Time" meaning "Nyeneke Ini." I hope those tract translations are there with you and you will print them and mail to us for free distribution to millions in this nation.

Through the "Faith and Victory," we are grateful to read about Bro. John Varghese' desire to visit the States, and we earnestly pray to God to open the way for the native missionary from India.

May God's untold blessings be yours and on the work. Pray for us all.

Yours in the precious name of Christ,  
—Ben E. Udoka

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (May 25)—Beloved Bro. Pruitt and all the saints in the church in America: Most loving greetings again in the mighty name of our Lord Jesus, "The Shepherd and Bishop of our souls." "They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth forever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever." (Psalms 125:1, 2).

Thank you very much for your good letter dated May 4, 1972, and the enclosures were noted with much gratitude. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift and benefits which we cannot forget. . . .

I am still getting letters regularly from our brethren in Andhra inviting our help to quench their spiritual thirst and for their spiritual progress. I wrote them to be patient until I get a reply from the Church in America. Bibles and tracts in their own language are urgent needs there. A few photographs taken while we were in Andhra are enclosed.

The rainy season has started here so we were forced to postpone our Calicut convention to a more convenient time.

Thank you in noting that you expected me to be in Guthrie campmeeting this year. I am sorry to say I could not get the passport yet. Procedures are in progress to obtain it very soon, and so if it is the will of God I

can participate in the next year's campmeeting. Formerly, the fare to bring me over there was \$900.00, but now I think there is a considerable reduction for it, which I shall inform you about very soon. I continue to pray for the success of these efforts.

Yes, I have purchased the Bibles and handed them over to Bro. P. Mathew to distribute among the believers there. The rest of the Bibles I shall distribute among the poor and needy people abroad. We still pray for, and expect help for bicycles for our gospel workers.

As the four lepers at the city gates of Samaria said, "This is a day of good tidings . . . ; now therefore come that we may go and tell. . . ." We are recipients of the abounding grace of God, partakers of the immeasurable riches of Christ, and have passed from death to life. Then how can we wait and tarry when the people are perishing by the millions all around us? The good news has to be told. The blood of those who die without Christ will be upon us just because we did not care to share Christ with them. With this burden I work now.

I hope you are getting better from the illness. Please pray for us as we do for you.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

### AUTO ACCIDENT IN MEXICO

Bro. George Hammond and Bro. Bobby Huskey left Guthrie, Okla. on June 15 in Bro. Hammond's Volkswagen Van Camper with supplies to do some work on the mission chapel at Ojos Negros, Baja, Cfa., Mexico. They arrived there safely on June 17. Then on June 21, as the two were driving to Ensenada, the Van slipped off the curved mountain road, rolling over several times into the canyon. However, by the mercy of the Lord they apparently escaped serious injury, but the Van body was heavily damaged. They walked back to the road and a truck driver returned them to Ojos Negros. On June 23 Bro. Bobby flew to Oklahoma City, and then came on to Guthrie, his home. Bro. Hammond is remaining in Ojos Negros a few days to recuperate from some bruises and a slight back injury, and at this moment we do not know his future plans. They had previously planned to take some of the native Mexican ministers in Baja and meet the Huskey "care-a-van" in interior Mexico in July. Pray that Bro. Hammond will be healed up speedily, that this personal loss will be replaced (no insurance), and that the way will yet be opened for him and others to go to interior Mexico if it is the Lord's will. We thank God for His care of His trusting and obedient servants.

—Editor

### From The Mail Box . . .

Virginia—My dear Bro. Pruitt, and the saints there and those scattered abroad: Greetings of love to each one. I have been very sick. It started with the flu, and from all symptoms it developed into pneumonia. I never consulted a doctor to determine what it was, but God came to my rescue and wonderfully healed me. To Him be all the praise and glory. He is able to verify every promise He has made. Just to think of His power is enough to cause one to trust Him. What a mighty God we serve!

I am happy in the Lord, and love the truth with all my heart. I love all the dear saints, and only wish I had been with them years ago. We were made to believe they were a schism, a bunch of fanatics that had cut loose from the Trumpet movement. I got hold of

some of your tracts and the "Faith and Victory" paper. I was soon convinced you had the truth. The Lord made a way for me to attend a campmeeting which banished every doubt. God then delivered me from a marriage mix-up I had entered into by listening to the Trumpet people. I am with the saints, and I am there to stay by His grace until He calls me Home. . . .

Yours for the truth, —Wm. J. Preston

Kentucky—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all: We send greetings in Jesus' dear name. . . .

We just closed eleven days of meeting at Ridgeville, South Carolina. The Lord surely did bless in a very special way. The house was full almost every night. At times all could not get in. There were a number at the altar to be saved. We baptized 21. The last night of the meeting, we had an ordinance service and there were 39 who took part in it. We would like for you to pray for the work there. Bro. Oneal Pratt is the pastor. I gave out quite a few books there. I still have some tracts, but I need some books for the tent meetings. . . . Pray for our tent meeting, also the one in W. Virginia. Remember us in your prayers. We want to be a blessing to God's cause. We remember you and the work there.

Much Christian love, —Bro. and Sis. M. Samons  
General Delivery, Junction City, Ky. 40440  
Phone 606-854-6617

(Note: This office sent about 68 pounds of books to Bro. Samons for free distribution in the tent meetings.)

Okla.—Dear ones at the Printshop: We trust this finds each one well and encouraged to press on. We are all well and determined to move forward and be faithful to the end. The Lord has been so good to us. We don't want to fail Him.

We enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper, and all the other printed matter so much, and surely appreciate all the work and effort that each one puts forth there. May the Lord richly bless each one.

We desire your prayers that we will be all that the Lord wants us to be.

With much love,

—Thomas and Vonda McMillian and family

Okla.—Dear saints and co-workers: Greetings in Jesus' dear name, the One who loves us so much. I thank Him, as He is so good to me in every needed way. I want to ever trust Him, live for Him and be true to Him to the end.

I am enclosing a small offering. I do want a few tracts, the names of which are: . . . .

—Sister Minnie Slinkard

Ohio—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints, I send greetings in Jesus' dear name: I have the peace and joy of salvation in my soul, but much sorrow in my heart. My dear husband, D. B. Hurt, was called Home to be with the Lord on April 20, 1972. His testimony was that he was going Home. He was praising God for salvation as long as he had strength to talk. . . . He never complained once of suffering.

The first time he heard Bro. Curtis Williams preach he told me, "That is a man of God. I want him to preach my funeral." So, when he passed away, I called Sister Williams. She told me that the creek was up, but that Brother Williams would be here. Thank God, he came. Brother Williams said he had to cross the creek on a foot log. Oh, how God works things out for His children! I thank Bro. Williams and all the saints that stood by

me and helped me during this great sorrow. May God bless each and every one is my prayer.

I do desire the prayers of all the saints everywhere that I, too, will be faithful to the end. . . . I know God is able to do for me more than I can even think or ask. Please pray that this event will bring our children closer to the Lord.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Mrs. Reva Hurt

Virginia—Dear saints: I am enclosing a little gift to be used in the Lord's work. I know it takes money these days in anything you undertake, and I don't know of anything more important than the work you are in. I know it has been a blessing to me and I am sure it is to others.

Christian love,

—Della Naff

Washington—Dear Sister Marie and all: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. I am thankful for salvation and the peace He gives me in my heart.

I am anxiously waiting for the Jefferson, Oregon campmeeting. Lord willing, I plan to attend that one, and wish it were possible to attend more campmeetings, but I am thankful the Lord works it out so I can go to Jefferson three times a year.

May the Lord bless in every way.

Christian love,

—Sister D. T. Thomas

N. Mexico—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence and co-workers at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' precious, holy name. I trust everything is going well there in doing God's service. There is so much to be done. May the dear Lord bless you every one.

I am sending an offering. Use as needed, also for missionary work. Thank you very much for all the encouraging letters and tracts. I get so much good from your little paper. I couldn't do without the truth.

With Christian love,

—Sister Ruth Doolittle

Ohio—Greetings to all the saints abroad: The moving was a big task. Now that it is over, I believe we are going to like our new home very well. It is so quiet and much cooler, only it is not nearly so handy to the chapel. It is about a block off Highway No. 75.

We are encouraged in the Lord. He could do without us, but we cannot do without Him. Please pray for us that we be all God's Word demands us to be. We want to be true examples that others may safely follow.

Our new address is 5824 Wadsworth Road, Dayton, Ohio 45414.

—Bro. and Sister Wm. A. McCoy

Illinois—Dear ones in Christ, greetings of love in the name of our wonderful Lord and Master: Here is the widow's mite. Accept it as given in love for the cause of God and His great infinite love to the whole world and sparing our lives to serve Him.

Oh, the dear ones who are deceived, how it burdens my heart! Do pray God to show them the truth. I have a grandson who is mentally disturbed. He had a hard blow on his head and went mentally ill right after that. . . . Do pray for him. His mother grieves so much about it. . . . I know God answers prayer. Praise His dear name forever!

May God richly bless your every effort there, is my prayer. Pray for me also, as I am one of God's needy creatures. I live alone, and my children are so far from me. I am almost 81, and crippled besides, but God takes care of me. Praise His dear name! —Sister Bertha Gill



Oregon—Dear Sister Marie: I shall never forget what a wonderful time I had in Guthrie. . . . What a nice church building and dining hall you have! I wish I could have stayed for all the campmeeting, but our campmeeting will soon start. The twelve cabins and dormitory are all cleaned. [Jefferson, Ore. campmeeting convenes on June 30]. . . . We had a good trip home. . . . I am all moved in now and have my things all unpacked and put away. I feel very happy here. I am glad I have bought a home. . . . Still remember the place on my thumb. I think it is a cyst. I can't seem to get victory over it.

—Grace Jones

## Testimonies and Answers To Prayer



La.—Dear Sister Marie and all the precious saints, greetings in the name of our Lord: He has been, and still is, so dear to me. I praise and thank Him for His healing power and the marvelous grace He has given me. I praise the Lord because the swelling in my eye and face went down, and the bad pain stopped. I wish I could tell you how rich this blessing has been and still is to me.

Thank you for all the love, prayers, cards, letters, flowers, food, phone calls and all that has been done for me. The saints have all been so good to help out. I love and appreciate every one so much.

I love my Lord and have a decision to go all the way with Him. My faith and trust are still in Him.

I am still begging for prayer. It seems that this infection in my eye and nose is still holding on, besides other afflictions. I want to be well to work for the Lord, so please hold me up in prayer before the throne of mercy.

In Christian love, —Sister Gladys Cashio

Ohio—Dear saints everywhere: I feel it would be to the glory of God for me to write my testimony and have it published in the "Faith and Victory" paper, as I want the saints everywhere to know what God has done for me.

I once loved God and this Bible way, but when the trials got heavy I tried to bear them in my own strength, and little by little, I started to give ground and finally, I gave up altogether. I was saved in 1952 and for about eleven years God blessed my life, and I loved God's way and His people. After I gave up the first time, I made several attempts to live for God, but it seemed I couldn't get settled like I needed to, and I just quit trying. I didn't think I would go back into deep sin, but when one turns away from God and Satan takes control of one's life, he will lead that one into deep trouble. I went back to the old life of sin that I once lived, and, oh, the trouble that the devil got me into. Many times when I went to bed at night, an awful fear would seize my soul. I can't describe it. It wasn't fear of man. I would try to push that fear away, as it was awful. I would think of my condition—away from God and no hope in the future, without God and time fast moving on. What an awful picture! I believe God was trying to show me how awful it was to be lost and away from God.

God sent Bro. and Sis. Ira Stover to Dayton, Ohio to hold a revival meeting which started on Easter Sunday. I went with part of my family. I didn't know what God had in store for me in this meeting and I didn't know that I would keep going to the meeting, but God's people were praying for me. On the next Sunday after Easter I went to the altar that night, but my heart was so hard I couldn't pray as I needed to, and my heart needed to

be broken up. So for two days, I sought God to make my heart tender and to break up my heart, so I could repent and get saved once again. On Tuesday, April 11, I went back to the altar and God truly broke my heart and I was able to repent from the heart and turn my back on the old life of sin. God lifted me up and out of the awful pit of sin which I was in, and set my feet in the straight and narrow way and put a new song in my heart. Old things have passed away, and truly all things have become new.

I am ashamed of my backslidden life, and truly I mean by God's grace to live for Him as long as He leaves breath in this body of mine. I asked God to forgive me for failing Him, and I want to ask all the dear saints that I knew and had sweet fellowship with in times past to forgive me for failing to keep saved and my reproach I brought on God's cause. Please pray for me that I will keep down humble at the foot of the cross, and pray for my wife, Mildred, and the children that they might be saved before it is too late.

Your saved Brother,

—Earl L. Sharp

832 S. Maple, Fairborn, Ohio 45324



Okla.—Dear saints: Greetings to one and all in the name of Jesus, the One who hung on the cross and died that you and I might be saved. It is a precious privilege to trust and serve the Lord. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

Just recently, as many of you know, my grandmother, who lived in Springfield, Mo., was quite ill and passed away on the 11th day of May. I was there at the time of her passing and was stirred when I saw and realized the brevity of man's life.

In October of 1970, my grandfather passed which, of course, left my grandmother alone. My grandparents had worked hard all their lives and had several things collected through the years, which were of great value to them. After my grandmother's death, I thought of the great changes made in life. She had been gone but just a short period of time when I began to see and understand the Scripture which says, "For what is your life? It is even a vapour, which appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." There is a song which goes like this: "As the life of a flower, as a breath or a sigh; so the years that we live as a dream hasten by: True, today we are here, but tomorrow may see, just a grave in the vale and a memory of me." How true this is!

When my grandmother passed, she left all of her treasures behind. She didn't take one thing with her. If we could all get a vision of this, it might help us to make greater efforts to "draw nigh to God," so that He could "draw nigh to us."

The time has come that I feel the Lord would have me to move from my place here at the Lord's Print Shop back to my parents' home. I am very thankful the Lord called after me and placed me in such a wonderful vineyard. It has proved a blessing to me many, many times. I've learned many lessons that I would not have learned otherwise.

Now that there will be a vacancy here, I am asking all of you there, "Who is willing to render this day your service unto the Lord?" I challenge you to launch out into the sea of God's love and prove His promises. He has promised, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." His promises are true, and He will not go back on His Word.

Young people, this is a great opportunity to strengthen your faith, to lift you up, to settle and establish you. Pray and ask God to lead you, and He will do just that!

Saints, pray for me. I want to be all the Lord would have me to be. Christian love, —Joan McIntosh

Mich.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence, co-workers, and all the dear saints everywhere: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. On July 23, 1971, my husband and I were on our way to the Monark Springs, Mo. campmeeting. As we came over a hill with our house trailer near Granby, Missouri, not far from the campgrounds, we came on a wreck that had happened about 5 minutes before. There stood a little boy in front of us, people and cars, and no place for us to go, but into the side of a big semi-trailer truck, it seemed. My husband didn't want to hit the people, so we hit the big semi-trailer, instead. . . . We were taken to the hospital where, my husband said, I remained unconscious about 3 or 4 hours. I lost a lot of blood, as my head was badly cut up by the glass from the windshield. I had to have a lot of stitches taken. Both of my eyes were blacked. I had an awful-looking face, and I was hurt badly under my heart besides. I also had a chest injury and broken bones with both hands and arms in casts. I had to be fed like a baby until after I got the first cast off later, after I returned home.

Dear ones, it was so wonderful how the good Lord brought me back to consciousness before they started to sew me up. I told them my belief in God, and how I believed and trusted God and didn't believe in taking medicine or anything. I asked them to sew me up and set the bones without my taking anything, and, praise God, they respected my belief and did it the way I asked. God gave me the grace and help I needed to go through it also. God was by my side every step of the way, and it was so wonderful how God took me through this. He made me able to go through all this without an outcry. Then they took me to my room, where they already had my husband, so we were together. I was real happy about this.

My husband's false teeth were broken, and his mouth torn up inside, so he had to have stitches taken. He trusted God for this also. I believe it was three ribs that he had broken, also an abrasion on his head. All this happened on Friday, the day the Monark campmeeting started.

On the following Sunday, I took a turn for the worse and the doctor came in and told me he would like to give me some anti-biotics because I already had a touch of pneumonia. He told me one of my lungs had already started to fill up. I told him I didn't have anything against the doctors but that I wanted to trust the Lord, so He would get all the glory for my healing. He told me he wouldn't require me to do anything against my belief. I trusted God for everything all the way through it all without taking medicine or dope of any kind. Praise God for His mercy!

I asked the doctor if I could have the saints from the camp grounds come and pray for me, and he said I could. We were about 5 miles from the camp grounds, as we were at the Neosho, Missouri Hospital. On Sunday, I was quite bad. Quite a few of the saints came in to pray for me that day and they were praying for me at the camp grounds. My dear ones at home and others at different places were praying also. Praise God, He heard and answered, and by Wednesday I had a decided turn for the better. I was told that the doctor said I got along better than some of those that took the dope. Praise God for the Great Physician!

On the seventh day, the doctor discharged both of us from the hospital in answer to prayer.

Ralph and Dorothy, my son and daughter-in-law, got us at the hospital on Friday P. M. and took us to the camp grounds. Everyone was so good to us and tried so hard to make us comfortable. The precious saints at the camp grounds took up a collection for us, to pay our way home on a jet plane, and there was money left over after paying our fare on the plane, and this was given to us besides. Only God knows how much this meant to us and how much we appreciated it all. If any of you dear saints that read this had a part in it, please accept our many thanks and may the good Lord bless each one of you in a very special way. I would like to thank the dear saints that helped get me ready for that plane ride on Sunday morning, the next day. I don't believe I would even be here today if it hadn't been for earnest prayers in our behalf and God heard and answered. Dear ones, I won't mention all your names, but God knows who each one was and you will get your reward as God says in His Word in Matthew 25:40, "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

My first cast came off on the Thursday after we came home on Sunday, I believe. With the good Lord's help, I could feed myself with my left hand. I think it was about two weeks before the second cast was taken off. I got better day by day very rapidly even before the second cast came off, and I am still doing fine, thank the good Lord!

Dear ones, it surely pays to serve and trust the good Lord for everything. I also don't want to forget to tell you that I never even had a headache through all this. I think people really have been amazed about this, and it surely is a genuine miracle considering the way my head was battered up. Praise God, His mercy spared us. What a wonderful Saviour! —Sis. Eva Wilkins



Second from the left is Bro. John Varghese, native missionary in India, who desires to come to America to meet with the Church at large if it is the Lord's will.