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### Remember Me!

While hanging on a cruel cross  
And suffering for a world of loss,  
Our Saviour heard a sinner's plea:  
The thief said, "Lord, remember me!"

There dying for his awful sin,  
And feeling deep his guilt within,  
He uttered forth so earnestly  
This prayer: "O Lord, remember me!"

Contrite and broken in his heart,  
In dark despair, from hope apart,  
He longed the Light of Life to see  
And prayed, "O Lord, remember me!"

Like one of old in face of death,  
Who prayed inspired by Spirit's breath:  
"Appoint, in all Thy grace so free,  
A set time, and remember me!"\*

Unto his humble spirit's bow  
The Saviour said, "This day shalt thou  
Be with me in God's paradise  
Beyond these fleeting, mortal skies."

How oft when words my spirit fail,  
And flow'ry prayers do not avail,  
I find sweet peace assuredly  
To whisper, "Lord, remember me!"

What love divine, outreach of heart  
The Saviour has to thus impart  
The blessing of His victory  
To all who pray, "Remember me!"

Oh, what have I His grace to claim,  
But love and worship to His name,  
A longing His dear face to see,  
And in that day remembered be?

O Thou whose love will not forget  
Throughout earth's age enduring yet,  
Oh, make me what thou'lt have me be,  
And in Thy reign remember me!

\* Job 14:13

—Leslie Busbee

### "This Man Was Born There"

The Unassigned Oklahoma Land was opened for homesteading on April 22, 1889. At the firing of the guns, people began "the run" to claim their land. In a few days, our town of Guthrie suddenly sprang up with a population of 20,000. (It was the capital at the time, but later the capital was moved to Oklahoma City, and now our city is about 10,000.) Now, this was an unusual event, but one Scripture speaks of something more unusual than this. It speaks of a nation being born at once. It would be unusual for a thousand children to be born on the same day in one city. But this Scripture tells us that more than that many were born in one day in a certain city.

"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 [in prayer], she brought forth her children." Isaiah 66:8.

No wonder the prophet asked the question if we had ever heard of such a thing coming to pass. We will have to look in the spiritual realm to find the answer to this question.

The Apostle John was given a vision of this city. Let us read what he saw. "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God." Rev. 21:2, 3. What a glorious vision! It is a reality. This city is from above. This is not the old, earthly Jerusalem, but a new Jerusalem. It is a holy city. It is the city of God. Its inhabitants are holy. They have been born there. God is dwelling with them and in them. God is their God. This is the home of the redeemed. It is full of the "glory of God." "The Lamb is the light thereof." (verse 23). There is no night there. "In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of

the tree were for the healing of the nations." (Rev. 22:2). Each one has access to the Tree of Life. This symbolizes everlasting life. Everyone wants the benefits of eating of the Tree of Life. Isn't this a wonderful city? How did it become a city? Why did it come from heaven? How can we get into this wonderful city? How was it populated in one day?

There are gates and a Gatekeeper to this city. We must come to Him to get into this city. Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." John 10:9a. A person seeking entrance to this city must come to Jesus. Sinners cannot enter in. With godly sorrow, they repent of their sins, asking God to forgive them. For Jesus' sake, who died on the cross that they might be saved, God forgives them. They are at that time "born again." The Apostle Paul teaches that "if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5:17. Praise God for that cleansing! It's truly real. "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord." Psalm 40:2, 3. A change truly takes place in the life, heart, and mind of the person who is born again. He has access to the Tree of Life. Jesus said, "Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16b. He has the privilege of partaking of the healing leaves from the tree. All the fruits of the Spirit belong to him. They are love, joy, peace, longsuffering, faith, meekness, etc. (Gal. 5:22). He will be kept safely from the devil's fiery darts that he shoots, trying to kill the life of Christ in the soul. The Apostle John tells us, "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." 1 John 5:18. Praise God for that safe place in the city of God!

Since we can get into this city only through Christ, then we know it has come from heaven. It was instituted by God. It came down from God out of heaven. Jesus gathered together those who believed on Him. He gave them His Word. Through His Word they were made clean. He left them and went back to heaven. He told them to tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with power from on high. As they waited in prayer and faith in the upper room, God sent down His Holy Spirit into their souls. They were filled with power and anointing from God. It was so wonderful that they had to tell it. As they spoke the "wonderful words of life," the people were stirred. They realized that they had rejected Jesus, who was their Saviour. They cried unto God for mercy. God saved their souls. They were "born again." People from sixteen countries heard the "good news" that Jesus saves from sin. The number grew. "The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47. "The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there." Psalm 87:6. That "same

day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Acts 2:41. Whoever heard of such a thing, as that many being born in a city in one day? Praise God, it did come to pass! Soon, there were about five thousand born in the city. Surely, the prophecy of Isaiah came to pass. A nation was "born at once." A city came into being. It was the city of God. It came down from heaven, and we get into it through the gate, which is Christ. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." Rev. 22:14. "And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day." Rev. 21:25.

There is a call going out from this city for sinners to come. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that is athirst [in their souls] come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17. Won't you seek entrance today into this wonderful city of God?

—Sister Marie Miles

## A Second Cleansing Foreshadowed In Old Testament Types

A type, in the correct theological use of the term, is a prophetic similitude or an acted prophecy. It must be given primarily for the purpose of definitely foreshadowing a particular fact that shall follow later, just as a spoken prophecy is a foretelling of a future event. A type is not merely a parallel that may be shown, nor an illustration that may be found of a present event in an event of the past. The foot-races of ancient Greece are referred to by Paul to illustrate the Christian's race, but as that was not the purpose of those races, therefore, they were not typical of the Christian's race.

Those institutions given through Moses, such as the tabernacle, priesthood, offerings, and feasts, were given primarily for the purpose of pointing forward to the truths of Christianity. They were but another form of prophecy of Christ and His salvation. Of these institutions Paul says: "Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ" (Col. 2:17); "Which was a figure for the time then present" (Hebrews 9:9); "The example and shadow of heavenly things" (Heb. 8:5); "The figures of the true" (Hebrews 9:24); "A shadow of good things to come" (Hebrews 10:1).

### The Mosaic Tabernacle Typified a Second Cleansing

It is not unreasonable to believe that the work of complete salvation should be foreshadowed in Old Testament type. It was typified in the anointing of Aaron and his sons to the priesthood. Our present purpose is to show that it was also typified in the tabernacle.

The tabernacle as the dwelling-place or house of God in that dispensation was typical of the church. Christ is "a minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man" (Hebrews 8:2). "The house of God . . . is the church

of the living God" (1 Tim. 3:15). Christ built His church, which is His house and of which He is the priest. That ancient house was a figure (Heb. 9:9). Christ is over "his own house; whose house are we." This could refer to nothing else than the church. This agrees with Peter's statement, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house" (1 Peter 2:5). These texts show clearly that the tabernacle as a house was typical of the church.

But as a means for a system of sacrifice and divine service it also typified the work of salvation, or the way by which the sinner comes to God. This is clearly proved in Hebrews 10:19-22. That those sacrifices are typical of Christ's blood, and those ceremonial cleansings of our cleansing from sin, does not admit of question. In saying the tabernacle typified both the church and the work of salvation, we do not allow a multiple sense of Scripture, because as a dwelling-place it represented the one, and as a means of service represented the other. And this agrees perfectly with the fact that salvation makes us members of God's church. What a wonderful type! Only the mind of the Infinite could have produced it.

The tabernacle was divided into two rooms, called the holy place and the holiest place. At the entrance of each of these two places was a veil. Two altars were placed, one before each of these veils. Blood was sprinkled upon each of these altars. What could be more perfectly typified by these two rooms, two veils, two altars, two sprinklings of blood, than the fact that there are two cleansings in the work of one's salvation? Outside the first veil was the brazen altar and the laver. On this altar the blood of the offerings for sin was sprinkled. This sprinkling is generally allowed to be typical of justification from committed sin (Heb. 9:13, 14). At the laver they washed before entering the house of God. This has been generally and rightly understood as being typical of regeneration (Titus 3:5). But the blood of sin-offerings for the priests was also to be sprinkled on the golden altar inside the first room, before the second veil. Of what was this typical? Christ's blood was shed to cleanse from sin. If that blood, typical of Christ's blood when sprinkled on the brazen altar, typified justification, what must the sprinkling of it on the golden altar typify but the second cleansing or the entire sanctification of the believer?

This is clearly taught also in Heb. 10:19-22: "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; and having an high priest over the house of God; let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." Here the exhortation is to "brethren," those already justified and regenerated, to go "into the holiest" from the holy place where they then were. They were to enter it "by the blood of Jesus," by which believers have their hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience (justified at the brazen altar), and their bodies washed with pure wa-

ter (regenerated at the laver), which admitted them to the first apartment, after which they are urged to go on into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. This clearly teaches that these altars, veils, rooms, etc., foreshadowed the way of salvation; and that there is a double phase to salvation entered by a twofold cleansing by the blood. And this agrees perfectly with the idea that the tabernacle was a type of the church, for is it not a fact that the church contains those merely converted as well as those wholly sanctified? This is in perfect harmony with the sanctifying of the church in Eph. 5:26. Thus we see that the two apartments in God's ancient house have a counterpart in His spiritual house, the church.

Some have objected to this interpretation of the tabernacle as a type on the ground, that according to Hebrews 9:24, the holiest is a type of heaven. We believe it can be shown that such an objection is ungrounded and that the objection itself is open to objection. If this second room typified heaven, then in Heb. 10:19-22 we have an exhortation to the converted to enter heaven. Such an exhortation would be improper, for at best we can only be ready for heaven; actually entering is never voluntary on our part. God is responsible for our entering, and even if we chose, we could not voluntarily enter, not even by means of suicide. But that which the text exhorts brethren to enter is that which may be entered voluntarily, which is true of entire sanctification, but is not true of heaven.

Also, it should be noted in regard to Heb. 9:24 that Christ's mediation before God for us is the point under discussion, rather than the place. It is a service that is here represented in type, rather than a place. As the typical service was in the presence of God, so is the true mediation in God's presence, regardless of where God is. Just as the ancient priest once each year on the great day of atonement appeared before God in the holiest as mediator, so Christ appears before God in heaven to mediate for us. Careful study shows that the text under consideration has no bearing on the antitype of the holiest place.

—R. R. Byrum

The foregoing is from the 107-page booklet, "Holy Spirit Baptism and the Second Cleansing," which is available at this office for 50c each, postpaid.

### "MAKE ME A SANCTUARY"

"And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them." Ex. 25:8. It is a matter wholly with us whether God will dwell with us or not. We are to make the sanctuary. God will never dwell with man unless he makes a sanctuary for God to dwell in. The sanctuary you are to make for God is your own heart. Give Him your heart, and He will fit it for His abode, and come and dwell there. If God is allowed to dwell in us, He will nourish and develop all that is good in us. He will work in us according to His good pleasure, and build a beautiful character in His sanctuary.

—C. E. Orr

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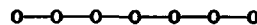
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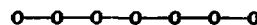
## EDITORIALS



The Oklahoma State campmeeting of the Church of God will be in progress (May 24 to June 2) here at Guthrie very soon after this June issue goes into the mail. Preparations are going forward for this annual meeting in which we are expecting the outpouring of the presence of the Lord, the salvation of souls, the sanctification of believers, divine healing of bodies, and the edification of the Church. The Holy Spirit will be present to direct the order of the services. Therefore, there is no need of a humanly pre-arranged program. Holy Spirit leadership is true charismatic church government. One member plants, another waters, but it is "God that giveth the increase." "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations; but the same Lord." 1 Cor. 12:4, 5.



Several tracts have been translated into the Ilocano language which is spoken in the Philippine Islands. These will be printed, Lord willing, and mailed to the Philippine Islands for free distribution. This is paying on "the debt that we owe" to those dwelling in spiritual darkness.



### National Day of Prayer Was Proclaimed. . . .

The U. S. Congress recently approved a resolution proclaiming April 30 as a National Day of Humility, Fasting and Prayer, which is the first such action by the Congress since the dark days of President Lincoln's administration in 1863—more than 100 years ago.

The resolution contains striking confessions and reads as follows:

"Whereas, it is the duty of nations, as well as of men to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God, to confess their sins and transgressions, in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon, and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is Lord; and

"Whereas, we know that we have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown; but we have forgotten God; and

"Whereas, we have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own; and

"Whereas, intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us; and

"Whereas, we have failed to respond, personally and collectively, with sacrifice and uncompromised commitment to the unmet needs of our fellow man, both at home and abroad; as a people, we have become so absorbed with the selfish pursuits of pleasure and profit that we

have blinded ourselves to God's standard of justice and righteousness for this society; and

"Whereas, it therefore behooves us to humble ourselves before Almighty God, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness: Now, therefore be it

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress Assembled, that the Congress hereby proclaims that April 30, 1974, be a National Day of Humility, Fasting and Prayer; and call upon the people of our nation to humble ourselves as we see fit, before our Creator to acknowledge our final dependence upon Him and to repent of our national sins."

Saints of the Guthrie congregation met at the chapel on Tuesday, April 30, and fervent prayers ascended to the throne of grace for our nation which is on the brink of disaster because the leaders and people in general have rebelled and departed from God's laws of truth and righteousness.

This call to prayer is a step in the right direction. Yet, if the people as a whole do not genuinely repent and forsake their sins, all that remains for this nation is God's retribution for its transgressions. The inspired Word of God has already decreed: "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God." Psa. 9:17. God's ultimatum is: Repent or perish! Which will it be?

A reprint edition, including additional pictures of pioneer ministers, of the book, "Birth of a Reformation—Life and Labors of D. S. Warner" by A. L. Byers, is now in stock for immediate shipment. It contains 496 pages in cloth cover. Price, \$4.50 each, postpaid.

Congratulations to Brother Arthur Clocksin of Spearfish, S. Dak., on the observance of his 90th birthday on May 9.

Sister Katherine Williams, minister of Oklahoma City, felt burdened to work for the Lord in the East. She was scheduled to leave May 14 for Spruce Pine, N. C. Pray for the Lord to bless and prosper her labors.

The 512-page, clothbound, Church of God hymnal, "Evening Light Songs," is out of stock, but we expect to have a reprint edition available by July 1, 1974. The price is \$3.00 each, postpaid.

Write for a price list of other excellent books, many of which were written by the pioneer ministers of the Reformation. More of these old, out-of-print books of vital truth will be reprinted as the Lord provides time, paper, and printers. Watch for the publication dates of other reprints in future issues.

Sister Ruby Stover's only brother, Jess Trimble, who was also the husband of Sister Lucille Trimble, passed away rather suddenly with a heart attack at Prineville, Oregon, on May 7. From their home in Tulsa, Okla., Bro. and Sister Ira Stover and their

daughter-in-law, Margaret, drove to Oregon to be with Sister Lucille and for the funeral which was held on May 11 with Bro. Ostis B. Wilson officiating. May the Lord comfort and sustain all the bereaved relatives in a special way.

### Fallacy of the Premillennial Theory . . .

The well-worn theory of premillennialism is a result of grossly literalizing a few symbolic verses in the Book of Revelation, coupled with a complete disregard for scores of Bible verses of clearest import. It suggests that Christ will return to the earth just prior to a 1,000 year reign.

"The premillennial view asserts that Christ came to this earth the first time for the purpose of setting up His kingdom. He was, however, surprisingly rejected by the Jews. Hence, He postponed the kingdom plans, and set up the church instead, as sort of an emergency measure. When He returns, He will allegedly raise only the righteous dead, restore National Israel, sit upon David's literal throne in Jerusalem and then reign for a span of 1,000 years, after which comes the resurrection of the wicked and the Judgment. It is truly difficult to imagine how a view could contain more errors than is inherent in this doctrine.

"The basic fallacy of the premillennial concept is a materialistic view of the reign of Christ. This same false notion was entertained by the ancient Jews, and actually was responsible for their rejection and crucifixion of the Messiah. The fact is, this mistaken Jewish expectation of a literal, physical kingdom spawned the millennial doctrine that was taught in the early post-apostolic age. The idea of a millennial reign proceeded from Judaism, for among the Jews the representation was current that the Messiah would reign a thousand years on earth.

"The necessary implications of the premillennial doctrine are grave indeed. This heresy strikes treacherously at numerous facets of Biblical truth. In reality, it is a subtle form of infidelity which must be vigorously opposed."

### One Hundred Percent Consecration . . . .

Our attention has been called recently to the financial needs of some of our full-time ministers and pastors. God-called ministers are not hirelings. They do not receive salaries or fixed incomes for their services, but preach the gospel freely and look to the Lord by faith to supply their temporal needs. Yet, the Apostle Paul wrote that "the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel." 1 Cor. 9:14. Since tithing is below the New Testament standard of 100 percent consecration, the members of the Church of God should do more than tithing for the gospel work. We would encourage the saints to look to the Lord for instructions on how much, and to whom to give for the support of the ministers and various phases of the gospel work.

One pastor of a small congregation has had to purchase a new car on time payments, and another

minister has put his home up for sale in order to buy a cheaper house. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7). —Lawrence Pruitt

## Prayer Requests

Texas—"Please pray for me. I have a cancer on my face, close to my eye." —M. J. Melot

Okla.—"Please pray for my foot and side. I hurt my foot while getting into the car." —Hattie Hines (Sister Hines is a dear Sister in the Lord. She has been a real example. Do remember her earnestly.)

Okla.—Remember Sister Lizzie Jordan in prayer. She has not been well lately, she says. She loves to work for the Lord, giving out tracts and papers and doing other things for God.

Okla.—Do remember Bro. Eddie Wilson in prayer. His health has not been good since he was so sick in the winter with pneumonia. He is a young minister and this gospel needs to be preached. The devil would like to hinder all the ministers and workers for God.

Mo.—"I have over-worked myself, and my kidney and side have been bothering me. Please be agreed in prayer for me." —Berniece Rumpf

Ore.—"Please continue to remember me to the Lord. I believe the Lord will heal me. . . . Some days I can hardly be out of bed." —Sister Lucille Brown

New York—"I am very ill. . . . I need the sincere prayers of all the saints. . . . I have an eye infection that has twisted my face from the left side to the right. I have a cataract on my eye. I am trusting God for soul and body. I know He heals. . . . Another burden that I have is for the critical spiritual needs of this city [New York city]. The Church of God needs to be represented in this very wicked and sinful city. The Lord has laid this upon my heart for some time. Let the saints of God be agreed in prayer for this task. I am willing to do all I can to help." —Sister Ella Hemphill

Okla.—Remember Sister Herman Kelly's eyes. She needs a definite healing.

S. Carolina—Bro. Oneil Pratt had a heart attack, and his body is badly swollen. He needs prayer.

Ohio—"I need the prayers of the saints in a matter that only God can change; also remember the ones of my family who are unsaved." —Tressie Adkins

Calif.—"I have been tried with afflictions since I am older. . . . At times I feel that I am about to have a stroke. The Lord helps me. Pray for me." —Sister Edith Wittenborn

W. Va.—Remember dear Sister Queen Luzader in prayer. She has an affliction on her face and other bodily needs.

It would not be very encouraging to us if we read in the Word of God only the statement, which we know to be true, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble." Job 14:1. If we would dwell altogether upon this thought and start counting our troubles, we would soon be in the "slough of despond." All we need to do about this fact is to count it true, and then look for the way out of those troubles that touch our lives. Thank God, we can look to Him! "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby

good shall come unto thee." Job 22:21. "When he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble?" Job 34:29a. God will take care of us if we will get acquainted with His power and then use that power He has provided for us. Jesus told us, "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:19. There is power for us to rise above the trouble and not get down under the circumstances. There is healing provided for us in Christ. There is help for us in every trying scene of life. We just need to look to the Lord with faith. Faith is what brings the blessing to our souls. I love the thought Matthew brings out about our precious Jesus, and what He is like. Matthew said that "when he [Jesus] saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." Matt. 9:36. Do we ever act like we do not have a Shepherd? Oh, dear ones, look up! Jesus is our Shepherd! He is filled with compassion for you. Believe His precious promises and ask of Him for what you need. Believe that He will give it to you. —Sister Marie Miles

## EVANGELISTIC TRUCK PURCHASED

We are thankful to report to you that the evangelistic truck has been purchased, and the Lord has supplied the need. It has been the desire of the Church to see this effort move forward. We want to say again to each one who had a part in it, may the Lord bless you with His richest blessings.

The truck is a white Ford, 1-ton cab-chassis, 10,000 pound GVW, 161" wheel base, 360 cubic inch engine, power steering, large cooling capacity, knitted vinyl seat, two large mirrors, dual rear wheels, heater, gauges for oil and amps, heavy duty battery—at the cost of \$3,910.40. The road tax and license cost \$240.00. Changing the bed from the old truck to the new, and putting on a trailer hitch cost \$186.82. We sold the old truck for \$400.00.

On Monday, May 13, Bro. and Sister Mart Samons left their home at Junction City, Ky., for the first tent meeting of the season at Jasper, Ala. Do remember them in prayer that God will give special grace and strength. Let us labor in prayer that many souls will find the Lord precious to their hearts.

May the grace of God be with all of you. Pray for us, and those who will labor with Bro. and Sister Samons through the summer.

Christian love,

—Ralph and Inez Beisly

(Editor's note: At press time, a letter dated May 16, from Bro. Samons advises that they already have had one service in the tent meeting they are holding at Jasper, Ala., and expected the Lord to bless with real good services. The new truck proved a blessing on this first trip to a meeting. . . . Bro. Samons also announced that a tent meeting, starting June 26, will be held about twelve miles northeast of Monterey, Va. on Rt. 220. He requested prayer for all these tent meetings, and for some other special burdens.)

## AKRON, OHIO, MEETING REPORT

Our spring meeting at Akron, Ohio, was held on April 21 to 28. The attendance was very good. The eternal truth of God's Word was preached by Bro. Mart Samons. Many enlightening and inspiring thoughts were brought forth. We thank the Lord, in addition to Bro.

and Sister Samons, other ministering servants, workers, and members of congregations came also to help set the battle in array against unrighteousness. Our Lord has set up a Kingdom of righteousness, a spiritual Kingdom (Luke 17:20, 21), and through our Lord Jesus Christ we can reign over all sin in this time world.

We are also thankful for the five souls that followed the Lord into the watery grave.

Now, when our meetings or revivals are over, we often hear these words: "Our meeting is now history; we will just leave the results with God." It is true to an extent, yet we cannot, or should not, speak those words with perfect exoneration unless we had complete victory. In view of the scriptures in 2 Tim. 3:16, 17, and the commandments in Matt. 28:20, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," and again in John 14:12, and Rom. 1:16, and many others, they will help us to stop and think, and strive to speak as our Bro. Paul spoke in Acts 20:24, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God." Amen. —Sister Hazel Clark

## Campmeeting Dates for 1974

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for 1974, and more complete announcements of each will appear in later issues:—

Holly Hill, S. C.—June 7 to 16.

Tulsa, Okla.—June 7 to 16.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 14 to 23.

Oakland, Calif.—June 14 to 23.

General Southern at Hammond, La.—June 28 to July 7, 1974.

Ojos Negros, Baja Cfa., Mexico—July 2, to continue as long as the Lord leads.

Akron, Ohio—July 5 to 14.

National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri—July 19 to 28.

Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.—August 2 to 11.

Bakersfield, Calif.—August 2 to 11.

Boley, Okla.—August 16 to 25.

Blackford, Ky.—August 16 to 25.

California State at Pacoima, Calif.—August 23 to September 1.

Fresno, Calif.—September 6 to 15.

### HOLLY HILL, S. C., CAMPMEETING

The annual Church of God campmeeting at Holly Hill, S. C., will be held on June 7 to 16, 1974, Lord willing.

We welcome everyone to come and enjoy the blessings of the Lord. Meals and lodging will be provided on the free-will offering plan. We desire prayer that God will send the ministers He desires to come.

For further information, contact your Brother in Christ, Bro. Hudson Crummie, R. 1, Box 42, Holly Hill, S. C. 29059, phone (803) 496-5231.

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### CAMPMEETING AT TULSA, OKLA.

Our campmeeting here in Tulsa, Okla., will be held, Lord willing, for ten days, June 7 to 16. We invite the saints and sinners to come and be with us in the meeting. We want the saints to come and help us fight against sin, and sinners to come and get saved.

Everyone who comes will be cared for. All who can, please bring your bed linens and pillows. We are looking to the Lord to give us a Spirit-filled meeting from the beginning to the end. We ask each one to pray much for this meeting. The chapel is located on the corner of Norfolk and Pine Place.

For additional information, contact Brother Lewis Williams (pastor) at 2643 N. Spruce, Wichita, Kansas 67214, phone (316) 264-8481; Bro. M. D. Gaines, 2932 N. Lewis Ave., Tulsa, Okla. 74110, phone (918) 425-8946; or Bro. Charles Lowe, 1823 N. Main, Tulsa, Okla. 74106, phone (918) 584-6838.

### CAMPMEETING AT OAKLAND, CALIF.

The Oakland, Calif., campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, from June 14 to 23, 1974.

We are praying that God will send consecrated workers to help in the meeting. All are welcome to come and worship the Lord with us.

For further information, call the pastor, Sister Velma Smith, or Sister Doris Washington, phone number 635-1786 in Oakland, California.

### OREGON STATE CAMPMEETING

The Oregon State Campmeeting of the Church of God (Evening Light Saints) will convene in Jefferson, Oregon, on June 14, and continue through June 23, Lord willing. Those who come by bus from either north or south should come to Albany, Oregon, if traveling on an express bus. Some of the local schedules come through Jefferson. If you travel by train, get off at Salem as trains do not stop in Albany. When you arrive, phone 928-7223 or 327-2855, and someone will pick you up at the station.

The meeting is financed by free-will offerings only and the ministers who work in the meeting are supplied by the same means. We urge all saints and lovers of the truth throughout the Northwest to attend this meeting as it is the only campmeeting of the Evening Light Saints in this area. There are cabins and a dormitory available on the campground and also a limited number of places available in the saints' homes. All who come will be cared for.

We are expecting several ministers to be present who will be able to preach and teach God's Word with the inspiration and anointing of the Holy Spirit. The truth of the gospel will be expounded in a way that all souls may be enlightened, instructed, edified, built up and strengthened. Let every one come with a true purpose of heart to do good and to receive good.

We will be looking forward to seeing you at the campmeeting on Friday, June 14, and on through the meeting, Lord willing. Yours and His in the Master's service,

—Ostis B. and Evelyn Wilson  
6505 N. E. Sunset Dr., Albany, Ore. 97321

### GENERAL SOUTHERN CAMPMEETING AT HAMMOND, LA.

The annual General Southern Campmeeting of the Church of God will convene, Lord willing, on Friday,



June 28, on the campgrounds at Hammond, La., and continue through Sunday, July 7, 1974.

We are expecting the Lord to meet with His people in mighty power, to save souls, sanctify believers, and heal the sick. We are looking to the Lord to send in ministers of His choosing who will preach the Word under His holy anointing.

Meals and lodging will be provided on the free-will offering plan. We urge all to come and enjoy the sweet fellowship of the saints, and feast on the precious truths from God's holy Word.

For further information, write or call Bro. M. F. Williamson, P. O. Box 1084, Hammond, La. 70401, phone (504) 345-4566.

### OHIO STATE CAMPMEETING

The Ohio State campmeeting of the Church of God (Evening Light) will be held, Lord willing, July 5 through 14, 1974, at Akron, Ohio. The chapel is located at 419-421 W. Thornton Avenue.

A hearty welcome is extended to all nations! Provisions will be made to care for all—space for campers, dormitories for the Sisters, and the Brothers, and the dining hall for the serving of meals. All expenses will be met by free-will offerings. Please send your contributions to Bro. Darnell Abbage, 1436 Honodle Ave., Akron, Ohio 44306, or to the pastor, Hazel A. Clark, 555 Fernwood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44320.

Come praying that we will have a profitable meeting with Spirit-filled ministers to preach the gospel of salvation for sinners, sanctification for believers, and divine healing for the body.

For further information, contact the pastor, Sister Hazel Clark, 555 Fernwood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44320, phone 762-4432; or Bro. Adolph Robinson, 1256 Romaine Dr., Akron, Ohio 44314, phone (216) 836-6948.

—Sister Hazel Clark

### 37th NATIONAL CAMPMEETING

This reminder comes bringing a special invitation and welcome to everyone to attend the 37th annual National Campmeeting of the Church of God which will convene on July 19 and continue through July 28, 1974, at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri.

We are looking forward to another time of warm, Christian fellowship among those who have a love for the truth, and are willing to stand firmly in the old paths wherein is the good way. We expect ministers from various localities to bring forth God's Word under the direction and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Meals will be served in the dining hall on a free-will offering basis with lodging available in dormitories and tents. A nominal donation of \$5.00 per tent, \$1.00 per cot, and \$2.50 for cot and space in dormitory is suggested for those who are able to help defray the cost and maintenance of these provisions. We do trust that no one will stay away because of a lack of finances, as we are confident that God will supply for the needs as they arise. There are several comfortable motel accommodations within a short driving distance which are available at reasonable rates for those who desire such. In addition, there will be parking areas on the grounds for trailers, campers, motor homes, etc.

Since the price of food is much higher this year, the managers of the dining hall encourage all the saints to send or bring in groceries and food of all kinds—fresh,

canned or frozen, fruits or vegetables. If you intend to process more fruit and vegetables this season, we could use the processed food you had left over from last year.

The campgrounds are located approximately five miles east of Neosho, Missouri, on Highway 86, the exact location being one mile east and  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile south of the intersection of Highway 86 and Alternate 71 Highway. Those coming by public transportation, such as bus or train, will need to come to Neosho and take a taxi to the grounds, or call Granby, Missouri, phone number 472-6427 to arrange for someone to meet you and bring you to the grounds.

Bro. and Sister Austin McMillian will be working to assist in finding accommodations for sleeping. All correspondence regarding tent orders, dormitory space, etc., should be addressed to them, c/o Church of God Campground, Monark Springs, P. O. Box 331, Neosho, Mo. 64850. Please send your orders as soon as possible. The foregoing address is the permanent address which should be used for all correspondence concerning the campgrounds or for those writing to persons in attendance at the meeting.

The work days to prepare for this meeting are scheduled for the 4th of July weekend, and each weekend until campmeeting. Your services as unto the Lord will bring His special blessings, so come and see what the Lord will do.

Come praying for the salvation of sinners, sanctification of believers, divine physical healing for the sick and afflicted, and a drawing together of God's family in these last days.

—Bro. Kenneth Probst, Business Mgr.  
R. 1, Box 49, Bluejacket, Ok. 74333 Phone 918—256-5992

### REPORT CONCERNING NEW LAND ADJOINING THE NATIONAL CAMPGROUNDS

The board of trustees for the National Campgrounds of the Church of God located at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo., met on the grounds recently for their annual meeting to make plans for the current year.

A financial report showed approximately \$3,000.00 balance owed on the new property. It is hoped that this indebtedness will be satisfied by meeting time this year to enable the board to move ahead with plans to utilize the ground further.

The previous owners have vacated the property and consequently we will have access to the entire grounds this year. We are currently having the grounds surveyed and we anticipate having the plotting completed by meeting time this year. At that time, the privately-owned lots will be made available to those who have donated funds toward the purchase for this purpose. Choice of lots will be given in the same order as they were purchased.

The owners of undeveloped lots on the older section of the campgrounds were requested by the board to verify ownership with the business manager before or during the campmeeting this year to enable the records to be updated and proper assignments to be made.

Anyone having lots or cabins which they desire to sell should also contact the business manager as there are several who desire to purchase these. Keep in mind the rules which regulate the sale of property on the grounds which prohibit the sale of unimproved property for more than the original price.

It was also determined that some of the privately-owned lots which join the front area next to the tabernacle will need to be acquired by the board of trustees



to alleviate the congestion which occurs around this area. Every effort will be made to provide a satisfactory exchange for property in the same general area or elsewhere if desired.

A more detailed report will be forthcoming and will be mailed directly to each congregation. If there be any isolated person who would desire a personal copy of this letter, you may feel free to write and ask for it.

Special note should be made of the fact that the board of trustees passed a motion to repossess any lots which are privately-owned by individuals who are inactive in the use of the property and have no relatives who desire to utilize the property. All efforts will be made to locate individual owners, but if they cannot be located, the lots will revert to the hands of the board of trustees for other use or possible reassignment. This will be handled in accordance with the original provisions made by the general assembly in previous years.

The board also invites inquiries concerning the possibility of securing a caretaker for the grounds. Hopefully, they are looking for a retired couple who are able to perform minor maintenance around the grounds in return for living quarters and utilities. A handy man could also make extra income by providing repairs for individuals owning private cabins on the grounds. Anyone who desires, may contact the business manager or any one of the board of trustees. We would expect that whoever should assume this position would have a good understanding of the doctrines of the Church of God reformation and be able to provide a fitting example in spirit and deed of the family of God.

Any contributions toward retiring the indebtedness on the new ground should be forwarded to the business manager at the following address: Kenneth Probst, R. R. 1, Box 49, Bluejacket, Okla. 74333. All contributions will be acknowledged and receipted.

—Kenneth Probst

### AN ODE TO MY MOTHER

It is to you, so kind and true,  
I write these words of gratitude;  
For all the things you've done for me  
In motherly sincerity.

When I was young, so young indeed,  
And knew not of my daily need,  
You took me in your arms of care,  
And all my pains were yours to share.

Each day you watched my little feet,  
And prayed that God my steps should keep,  
Lest I should wander far away  
Into the paths that led astray.

And as in years I older grew,  
You taught me of the Saviour true,  
And of His love for all mankind—  
His wondrous grace and love divine.

Yes, you would stop some daily toil,  
Lest Satan should your purpose foil,  
And bid me cease my childish play,  
And sing with you, and read and pray.

And then my heart I gave to God;  
He washed me with His cleansing blood.  
'Tis wonderful indeed to know,  
That Christ did make me white as snow.

And now by grace divine, 'tis true,  
That Christ your Saviour is mine, too,  
And I shall labor, watch and pray,  
Pressing up the heav'nly way.

And when my life on earth is through,  
I'll dwell with Him along with you.  
Such glory we'll together share  
With Christ and all the angels there.

—Olive A. (Phillips) Davenport

## Foreign Field Reports

### REPORT FROM OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO

Ojos Negros, B. Cfa., Mexico (May 6)—Dear Sister Marie and all: I have been encouraged of late by some here who can't come to service, but do desire a Bible study in their homes. The people in the country store asked me to come and have meeting. My first meeting with them was Easter Sunday night.

The Lord has been impressing me to tape some of the messages and take them to those who were not able to come and hear that particular one. He is helping me to get some stencils made to run on the mimeograph to give out to the people of the village and valley, and to have for the coming campmeeting. I am also making some announcements of the meeting.

Lord willing, the campmeeting here at Ojos Negros will start July 2nd, and continue as many days as the Lord leads.

Please pray much for this campmeeting, and for all of us—workers and lay-people.

Christian love,

—Sister Opal Kelly

Ap. Postal No. 284, Ensenada, B. Cfa. Mexico

### LETTER FROM NIGERIAN MISSION

Southeast Nigeria (May 6)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints: Greetings in the name of our wonderful Saviour, Jesus Christ, whose name is above every other name, both in heaven and on earth. He promised to come again and receive us unto Himself that where He is, there we may be also. Praise His name!

Thank you very much for your good letter of April 2 with the enclosures. Allowances were given to all the gospel workers as indicated by the voucher dated April 22 by Nse Umanah.

We pray to God to choose preachers to fill vacancies in five congregations. How can the people hear without a preacher? Satan in his cunning manner has caused much hardship in our country and hinders many hearts from serving in the Master's vineyard. . . .

We bought 105 Efik Bibles with the fund specified for that purpose, and these were given to 105 people that had none. They all rejoiced and were thankful to the donors. This occurred at the executive meeting held last Saturday, May 4.

The annual campmeeting at Ukpom ended and the report will be supplied by the secretary.

May God's blessings be yours now and forever! Amen.  
Yours faithfully,

—Ben E. Udoka

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (April 22)—Beloved Bro. Pruitt, greetings again in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Lord of lords and King of kings: Thank you for your two let-

ters dated March 28 and April 2, and the enclosures were noted with much gratitude. Thank you for the invitation letter and affidavit of support that you enclosed in your first letter which I must submit to the American consul this week. My preparations are going forward to come over to your country to attend the campmeetings, and I am sure I can leave from Cochin on May 22, as you directed. Yes, I have received notice from T. W. A. in Madras about the arrival of the plane ticket that you reserved for me. Many thanks for your help and most valuable prayers. Praise the Lord for the chance He has given me to learn many things, and taste spiritual blessings in your campmeetings.

We shall assemble at Niranam on April 26 and 27 for our next tri-monthly meeting.

I do not have any ability or talents of my own. "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." "And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Please hold me up through your prayers.

Your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

(Editor's note, May 20: Trans World Airlines has confirmed that Bro. Varghese will arrive on May 23.)

## Hungering and Thirsting for Purity

(By C. E. Orr)

For nearly two weeks after my conversion in the summer of 1889, heaven's peace and glory in my soul were uninterrupted. I thought my happiness was complete, and that my joys would never end. But one day while I was doing some work which became very aggravating, I was strongly tempted to evil. I felt a wrong disposition in my very nature, and I was surprised and alarmed. However, calling upon God for grace, I proceeded with the work. When the second time it became aggravating, I was more strongly tempted than before. I trembled, but trusting in God as best I could with my fainting heart, I began to do the work over. When the third time it went wrong, I was overcome. I spoke an evil word, but I had no sooner done so than I fell upon my knees and called upon God for forgiveness. I there received the blessed assurance that I was forgiven, but in this experience I became aware of an evil in my nature that was going to make it very difficult to live for and serve God as I desired.

From that hour my soul began to call upon God for deliverance from that inward foe. About this time, I providentially received a copy of the holiness paper called *The Gospel Trumpet*. The testimonies that I read in this paper from those who were wholly sanctified only increased the hungering in my soul for that blessed experience. Days were spent in fasting and prayer before God for a clean heart, but we had no man to teach us; yet God led us on from one ray of light and knowledge to another. I remember one night, after the family had gone to bed and to sleep, such a longing seized my soul for perfected holiness that I left my home for a distant woodlot, and there on my knees in the darkness of the woods implored God for the experience of sanctifi-

cation, but because of my ignorance, I returned without the blessing. One Sunday morning, my wife and I decided we would neither eat nor sleep until God sanctified us. We began to read the Bible, and then to pray for a while, and then to read again, and then to pray, until in the afternoon a local preacher, who claimed the experience of holiness, came and "poured cold water" on us. We, becoming discouraged, gave up the attempt.

The time of Christmas was then near. Space will not permit my telling all the many things that God taught us previous to this time. He had shown us the evil of secret societies, from which we had withdrawn. He taught us the evil of worldly pleasure, and how those who love Him can find no enjoyment there. He taught us the evil of a foolish and frivolous conversation, and how His children must be grave and sober. God taught us these things, and many more, independently of His Word. It was at this Christmas time that God taught us our first lesson in divine healing. . . .

I became very desirous of having a holy minister come to our place and teach us the way of God more perfectly. . . . A meeting was arranged. . . . Should I live to be old, I shall not forget that meeting. These brethren were the first holy people, to my knowledge, I had ever met. I felt strange in their presence. There was something peculiar about them that made them appear unnatural to the creature of earth. The first night of the meeting my wife and I went forward to the altar for sanctification. Only a little instruction was necessary to enable me to grasp the promise of God. The Holy Spirit and fire came into my soul in such power and glory that it seemed to transport me far above. My conversion was glorious, but my sanctification was more glorious. I was conscious in my heart of a cleansing. I actually felt pure. Just as a stained cloth being washed comes forth clean and spotless and white, just so I could see my soul purged, cleansed, and made whiter than snow. Through the night, though my sleep was profound and deep, I was conscious of a purity and glory in my soul. During this meeting, I was shown many beautiful and glorious things by the Spirit and the Word of God. There was disclosed to my spiritual vision the holy character of God as imaged in the heart and life of a Christian. Oh, how sublime to my soul was the holy life which God set before me, and in which He said I must live. I was shown the one, true Church of God all radiant in her holiness. I saw the gulf separating the Church from the world. I saw the exalted plane where walk the redeemed, where there is not a sin, but all is holy even as God is holy. The life of God was assimilated into mine, and mine was hid in Him. This world had no place in my affections or my thoughts.

Soon after this meeting, God began to lead me out into His work. . . . I was quite active for the Lord in my home neighborhood, holding meetings in private houses and schoolhouses. God gave us souls for our labor. . . . Our work in the vineyard of the Lord became a work of faith from the beginning.

By faith we ate our daily bread; by faith we wore our raiment, and by faith we preached the gospel. . .

—Charles E. Orr

From "A History of the Church," by H. Wickersham

## Snakes in an Atheist's Grave

Sometimes we read of some blatant atheist who challenges God to strike him dead, or to prove His existence, but it is rarely indeed that God takes up such a challenge in the form in which it is made. However, in the case we are considering, God did accept an atheist's challenge, and accepted it in such a remarkable way that the infidel's grave is preaching effective sermons to many people week after week and year after year. The case related is one that occurred not in the distant past, and which no one can investigate today. Any one with an automobile and a little spare time can see for himself. Large numbers of people are doing that very thing. It was my privilege to make the trip to North Benton, Ohio, to see the cemetery of which I speak.

The atheist in question was Mr. Chester Bedell, who died in 1908, at the age of eighty-two. He is said to have been a very bold and blatant skeptic, and was outspoken in opposition to God and the Bible. I was told that he was a very mean man and that neighbors and others were afraid that if they crossed him they might get up the next morning to find their barn burned to the ground or other damage done. It is declared that he left one dollar to each of his two Christian daughters and his 2,500 acres of land to his unbelieving sons. He was in many law suits during his life. It is said that he occasionally attended a church in the town of North Benton, and that his presence threw such coldness over the service as soon as he entered that it almost broke up the meeting.

The direct challenge which Mr. Bedell hurled at the Almighty was this: "If there is a God or any truth in the Bible, let Him infest my grave with snakes." He wrote a book against the Bible entitled, "Universal Mental Liberty." Sometime before his death he had an imposing statue of himself made of bronze and placed upon a large pedestal. In his uplifted hand is a book with the inscription, "Universal Mental Liberty." Under his foot is a scroll representing the Bible, with the word "Superstition" in large letters. A minister visited one of Mr. Bedell's daughters for information, and she said her father belonged to "The Society of Damned Souls" and had said that if there was a God he wanted Him to infest his grave with snakes. His daughter says that when he was dying he said, "Oh, that I had never had that monument built," and wished he were able to go over to that cemetery and tear it down, but it was too late.

And what was the sequel? SNAKES! When the grave was dug the sexton killed two snakes and when the casket was brought to the grave another large snake had to be removed before it could be lowered. That was twenty-four years ago, and since that time the family lot has been full of snake holes around

the curbing. The snakes can be seen any day you visit the cemetery, except, perhaps the day after a rain. The sexton told me that under the monument and around the grave is a den of snakes. And an equally remarkable fact is that this burial lot is the only place in the cemetery where snakes are ever found—so the sexton declared to me in a talk that I had with him. The North Benton cemetery has a regularly employed sexton who takes excellent care of the grounds.

The trip which I made to North Benton was by auto from Pittsburgh, Penn. North Benton is just eighty miles from Pittsburgh. Mr. and Mrs. Miller, who took me in their car, had made two previous trips. On one they counted eight live snakes. On the other they saw sixteen that had been killed and piled up by other parties. As we neared the cemetery I felt nervous and somewhat excited. Yes, there was the monument just as it had been described to me! I counted ten angry looking snake holes around the grave. I have pictures of five snakes, including two large ones, crawling from between crevices in the cement curbing. The sexton had killed a black snake six feet six inches long just before we came, and he saw the head of another, the largest he had ever seen, which crawled back before he could kill it. I inquired why there were bloodstains on the statue, and the sexton said boys would come and kill the snakes and throw them up around the neck of Mr. Bedell's statue, then he would have the task of taking them down. That is almost enough to make the old atheist turn over in the grave! As many as twenty snakes have been killed in a day, and the sexton says that the more you kill the more there seem to be. One expression heard in and around North Benton is, "Well, if Bedell did ask for snakes, he sure got 'em!"

The sexton informed me that people come from all over the United States to see the statue and grave, and that previous Sunday, 200 or more people were in that cemetery. Mr. Bedell's sons and some people near the cemetery are pretty much stirred up over the publicity that the snakes have brought to the place and have been talking of taking the statue down, feeling that the statue and snakes together are a reflection on their cemetery. Some have told the caretaker that they wished that he would tear the monument down, but he replied that he did not think that it should be torn down, as it preached many sermons.

—B. E. Perigo

The late editor, Fred Pruitt, wrote: "I visited the atheist's grave in the summer of 1935 and I found the statue and all just as this tract describes, but I did not see any snakes. Others who have visited the grave since I was there have written me that they saw snakes. Later, I have learned that a wind storm had blown the statue down and it had been taken away; but the large tombstone is still there and they say that snakes are there also."

(The above article is in stock at this office in tract form, priced at 75c per 100 copies, postpaid.)

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## Soul Saving

We are surprised beyond expression at the indifference of some professing Christians in this matter. They live as if the souls of men were of little worth. They act as if a horse or cow were worth more, for they put forth greater effort to save the life of a domestic animal than they do to save a soul. We fear that too many have ears that are dull of hearing. They cannot hear the wails of the lost. They seem to live as if there is no hell and no lost souls. Wealth, ease, pleasure, a few of earth's things, seem to be more to them than the souls of men.

Do you believe that hell is the place of torment that the Bible says it is? Do you believe it is a place of eternal torment? Do you believe there are many round about you that are treading the broad road down to this place of eternal wretchedness? Do you act like you believe all this?

What if you should see a man working in his garden and near by were some children that were approaching a dangerous precipice over which they would soon fall if not given warning. You ask him if he does not see them. He replies that he does, but the weeds are growing so fast in his garden that he has no time to rescue the children. It does seem like that there are many today who are so busy with the things of this world that they have no time to rescue souls from the miseries that are awaiting the lost. How sad to hear those say they are on the way to heaven who are putting forth a far greater effort to get a few things of time than they are to gain souls for Christ and eternal glory. If you knew that a murderer was lying in wait to murder your neighbor, you would hurry to give him warning, but you see the devil scheming to get his soul and you never say a word. Is your love stronger for the temporal things than for the souls of men? What answer does your life give?

—C. E. Orr

### "I WANT TO PLEASE JESUS"

I truly love Jesus, my wonderful Lord;  
I am trusting in His true Living Word.  
I once lived a life filled with darkness and shame,  
For doing such things, I, myself, was to blame.

Living very contrary to God's way of life,  
My heart was so full of sin and strife.  
Then I came to Jesus to repent of my sins;  
My life became new when Jesus came in.

When Jesus came in, all sin went out;  
Now I trust Him each day to lead me about.  
As I go through each day and have obligations,  
I have Divine guidance for trials and temptations.

By trusting His guidance, obeying it, too,  
I will always have victory in all that I do.  
All that I do, I want to be in God's will,  
So that all of His plans, He can fulfill.

—Jerome Park

"When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up."

## BAN ON LONG HAIR

"Five nations have issued edicts requiring trim hair styles, including agencies in the Philippines, Ceylon and Thailand during the past month. In several other Asian nations where once the hippie was welcomed, the mod-style traveler is likely to be hard-timed by immigration and custom officials before being admitted. The cutback from long locks started in Singapore, where the ban is rigidly enforced. There are barbers at airports' immigration areas. A male with hair below the collar, or an unkept beard or sideburns, must submit to a trim. If he refuses, it's back on the airplane which brought him to Singapore. Ceylon and the Philippines are clamping down on visitors in unconventional dress or with unusual hair length on the presumption that they may be a threat to law and order or a health menace. Puritan Singapore's campaign against men's long hair was started by Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew because he believes such hair fashions symbolize a decadent Western culture."

—San Francisco Chronicle

"Friends, it is one thing to join a church and make a profession of Christ; it is another thing to confess one's sins to God, forsake them and get to Christ."

## EXPERIENCES ALONG THE NARROW WAY

I feel led to write a few lines to the glory of God, and for the benefit of others. I want to exalt God as much as I am able in this dark, wicked world. As we are all aware of the corruption that is coming upon our country, I believe we should exalt God and His works as much as possible, by word of mouth and by our lives.

The Word tells us that "Jesus gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity [or sin], and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." Titus 2:14. In order to do this, we must watch and be alert to the snares of the devil. We are pilgrims and strangers in this world, and the path is sometimes very rocky. But Jesus is not very far from any one of us, and is ready and willing to help us over these rocks if we will keep humble and commit ourselves into His hand. Come what may, we are God's, and the Potter can mold the clay as it pleases Him.

The worst trial I have had along this road is, (as some of you know) when my wife left me, and married another man. This would have floored me if I hadn't known the love of Jesus, and His power. All I knew to do was to pray. I was lost for words, so all I could do was commit my way according to His will. One night, as I went to work, the devil really oppressed me, but I thought I would work it off. When I got to my job, I found this was not easy. I was trying to work with tears running down my cheeks until I could not see to do my job. As we had to wear safety glasses, this was embarrassing to have to stop and wipe my eyes so I could see, and also have others around looking at me. After 45 minutes I realized this was God's battle, and as I looked up, there came the general foreman down the aisle. I stopped him and asked him if I could go home. He asked, "Are you sick? Do you want to go to the hospital?" I told him that the hospital could not help me, that I didn't have a heart to work. He said, "Earl, you can take me into your confidence and tell me the

trouble." So I told him, and he took me over to his desk and made out a pass. As he handed me the pass, he said, "Now, Earl, don't get discouraged. Go home and come back when you feel like working." So I went home and began to pray. It wasn't long until all the hurt left. Notice that I said "hurt." God doesn't remove the way He made you. He doesn't take "love" out of you. But He did take the hurt out and I never lost any sleep over this. God will bring you through, if you will commit it into His hands.

About two months before Christmas I had an accident with my car and wrecked it as I was coming home from my daughter's, who lives on a farm near Anderson, Ind. A man backed out of a driveway in front of me on the by-pass. . . . Both cars had to be towed in, but no one was hurt. . . . Now the Bible teaches us that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28. The natural man would say, "What good can come of wrecking your car?" Especially, when you are retired and have to live on a retirement check, and are not able to work anymore. But the spiritual will commit it to God, knowing we are not our own, and that the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Now here is where the lesson comes in. We are not called to go around and try to straighten people out, or to make them abide by the law. One man that I used to work with stopped by and when he saw my wrecked car asked, "Did you get hurt?" I told him that I didn't get a scratch, neither did I get shaken up. The man and wife in the other car were not hurt. By the looks of the car, he thought surely I had gone to the hospital, but God kept His hands on the whole thing. Then he asked if the insurance had settled with me. I told him I had only PL and PD insurance. He said, "Well, then, his insurance will have to pay you for your car if it was his fault." I told him he admitted it was his fault, but his Insurance Co. would not pay. He then said, "Go see a lawyer." Different ones came around to see me, and almost every one would try to get me to see a lawyer, and would even tell me of a lawyer to consult. I would have to tell each one that I didn't believe in going to court. The Scripture says, "Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints?" 1 Cor. 6:1. Every time I would think of their advice, God would bring a scripture to my mind which would let me know that this was not the right course to take. Finally, when I went to see my agent to take the appraisals to him, he asked if they had contacted me. I told him, "No one had come to see me." He said, "Then go see Mr. — and make them pay you. It isn't going to cost you anything because it was his fault, and the lawyer will get his money from the insurance." I then had to tell him that I was not living according to those standards, and that the Bible tells us to "Recompense no man evil for evil." He said, "Yes, I know, but this is the law. The law compels you to carry insurance to protect the other fellow and pay him for all damages and loss, and it works both ways." I still told him I wouldn't go to court, but would rather lose. He then said, "Go to see the Justice of Peace, then. He will get your money for you, because the law is on your side." But I didn't let their persuasion move me.

In the meantime I was praying God to help me find a little six-cylinder car of some kind, and I began to find they were very scarce and high-priced. One day I walked down to the shopping center, a half mile or so. . . . Down the street was a lot of new cars at the Oldsmobile agency,

so I went down. A man came out and wanted to sell me a new car. I told him I was retired and had wrecked my car, and was looking for a small six. He then looked down and said, "Let me sell you that little Dodge Dart." I looked at it, and asked him if it was a six. He said, "No, it is a small V8." I told him I didn't want it. He then came down in price about \$400 and said, "I think it is a V8," as he lifted the hood. There was a six cylinder motor in it. He said, "It says on my papers this is a small V8." So I felt God had led me to this car, as I didn't have it in my mind to go looking for a car.

Saints, it pays to trust God in everything we do. Be clean for God. The Lord needs, and will have a clean people, a holy people, a pure bride; for He loved the church, "and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, that he might present it unto himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Ephesians 5:26, 27.

There are many imitators of the pure church of God that cover up their deception until it comes to the test of being pure and clean for God, and ignoring all that He ignores. They cannot stand the test. Jesus said, "Ye are not of this world, even as I am not of this world." Those of this world are all taken up with the things of the world; therefore, we are pilgrims and strangers. It is dangerous for a child of God to try to do and act like people of the world. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Men do not light a candle and put it under a bushel. "Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven. . . . Your Father knoweth what things you have need of before you ask him." "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God." Abstain from fleshly lusts; they are the thorns that choke the Word. Mark 4:19. "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." Col. 3:12-15.

Saints, be faithful to God. The little foxes spoil the vine. Give heed to the little things. The things that the devil would have you believe to be unimportant can make you lean in your soul. "For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."

Jesus taught us to love our neighbor as ourself. If we can't love our neighbor, whom we see, how can we love God whom we have not seen? He that loveth not, knoweth not God. For God is love. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him." May the God of peace keep us saved and living for Him until He calls us out of this world. I covet your prayers.

—Earl B. Bliss

## From The Mail Box . . .

La.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, greetings of love in Jesus' dear name to you and all the workers at the Printshop: We trust the Lord is blessing you with victory in your trial and test of faith. This week the Lord blessed us with a special day of fasting and prayer, as your name and many others were held before the Lord.

We were blessed with a safe trip to the west coast where we visited our son, Donald, and his family. We are thankful they have been saved and are living for the Lord.

We visited one night at the mission at Patzcuaro, Mexico, where Sister Edith (Cole) Lara and family are laboring. We received a warm welcome, partook of delicious Mexican food and had a time of fellowship in the Lord as some gathered in for singing, praying, testifying and exhorting.

After we left our children in Escondido, we traveled north and made visits with several of the saints, friends and relatives along the way. We were privileged to be in services with the saints at Orland, Calif., Jefferson, Oregon, and Gladstone, Oregon. We appreciate all the dear saints.

At Tacoma, Wash., we visited Eva's brother and family. On the return trip we were with other relatives and saints along the way. In Colorado, we found Bro. Wollert much recovered from the severe stroke and rejoicing in what the Lord had done for them. Sister Wollert, and also Sister McEndree were encouraged.

Sister LaVern Manuel was faithful to minister to the saints here while we were away, and we surely appreciate her help in the work. . . .

We desire to live humbly for our dear Savior who has saved, sanctified, healed and kept us through the years in the One Family and Church that Jesus built.

Christian love to all,

—Bro. and Sister Herbert V. Probst

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie Miles, Bro. Lawrence, and Sister Maybelle Pruitt: I received the nice birthday card and the encouraging words you wrote—that my godly life had been a blessing to you. I can never find words to tell all of you what your lives and work mean to me. I have watched all of you grow up from children and have seen you working for the dear Lord. I told your dear father many years ago that the printshop was one place on which I was counting to see the work of God standing and keeping in the strait and narrow way. I still see it that way with you dear children. As I write this, tears of joy blind my eyes. What a blessing you are to me! I have never been disappointed in you. I loved your parents so dearly. You dear ones mean so much to me. I wish your parents could see what you are doing. May God bless you, and I know He will.

I feel better in body. Thank you for your prayers. Love to all of you and the workers there.

—Sister Essie Wilson

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Tenn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and fellow-workers for the Lord: Enclosed is an offering to help in the good work you are doing there. May God continue to bless your efforts and give you strength, courage and faith to carry on. Sin is rampant in the world and is increasing at such a rapid rate that it is almost unbelievable. Even the principles and foundations of our nation, laws and government are being shaken. Let us be true and faithful to Him who loved us so much that He died for us that we

might be saved from sin and brought back into a right relationship with God. Salvation is God's greatest gift to man.

With Christian love,

—Charles B. Williams

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, greetings in the name of our King: I trust that this message will find all of you prospering in His love and grace, and encouraged to continue toward that perfect day in His very presence. . . .

This closing period of world history may seem pretty rough to many of us, but we need to keep in mind this one fact: The last day will be a day of final victory to the faithful. Victory is certain if we just stay close to the Lord and keep filled with His Word and Spirit. He has already won the battle. . . . No force exists that can keep the Church of the living God from going on through to the final victory. Praise God!

Things may get pretty rough, and the elements of affliction, persecution and natural emotions may tear at us, but as long as we stay in Christ, our Ark of safety, we are safe and victory is sure. . . .

We continue to need your prayers. Remember us before the throne of grace as we remember you.

Christian love,

—Jim and Mary Broker

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La.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, greetings in the name of our Lord: This leaves us yet pressing on in the way of the Lord. . . .

We are all well except my poor wife. She seems to continue to be about the same. The Lord has blessed me so much. I have gained back my weight. My strength is coming back also. . . . Keep praying for us.

Give our love to all the dear ones at the Printshop. We remember you often.

Your Brother,

—G. A. Nichols

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Miss.—I received the trial issues of the "Faith and Victory" paper that were sent to me. I enjoyed them very much and would like to subscribe for it. Enclosed is \$1.00.

A friend in Christ,

—Roy James

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Mo.—Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: . . . I like to read the "Faith and Victory" paper. My heart goes out for every one that has requested prayer for soul or body.

I still need your prayers as I am not in good health anymore. I will soon be 75 years old.

Most of all, I want to keep pressing on to that final Home of the soul. I thank God for that hope. Love to all.

A Sister in Christ,

—Jewell Lane

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Tenn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, holy greetings to you and all the workers at the Printshop: I want to say I enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper, and am happy to see the people of God standing for the truth in these days. Keep printing the truth, for that is what is needed today.

I would like for your prayer warriors to pray for my family to be saved. I am meeting financial problems, so help me pray that God will open doors for me.

Yours in the Master's service, —Bro. B. J. Cherry, Sr.

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Ind.—Dear Brothers and Sisters: The "Faith and Victory" paper presents the way I knew the teachings in the Church of God back in 1915 or 1916. What is so often called the Church of God now is not anything like it was then. . . .

Would you please ask our Father to help me? I am needing healing for my eyes, kidney, and heart. Our

Lord is able to heal. Not many people near us have the faith.

Sincerely,

—Juanita Duddleston

## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

N. Carolina—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. What a mighty God we serve! I am so thankful for His love and mercy to us. We surely appreciate you and all the workers at the Printshop who work so faithfully to send out the printed Word which is such a blessing to us and many others. May God reward you richly, is my prayer.

I want to testify of how the Lord recently healed me of a very serious illness. I surely want Him to get all the glory. For about three or four weeks, every morning, after I had sent the children to school, I would get a terrible weakness in my legs. My heart would suddenly start beating much too fast. It was really a bad feeling. I begged the Lord to undertake for me, since it seemed clear to me that I couldn't last long that way. Praise God, He wonderfully blessed me, and the bad feeling went away! Every time it would happen, I would pray. I wrote to Sister Katherine Williams, requesting the saints to pray. She replied by sending me an anointed handkerchief. As I looked at it, I could picture in my mind all of God's children gathered around with loving care to anoint the handkerchief and asking our heavenly Father to undertake. I received the blessings they asked for. I do thank God for the saints and for the privilege of being able to go to Him with all of my problems. Praise God, there isn't anything too hard for Him to do!

We are still pressing on. We surely want to be all that He would have us to be.

I would like to request prayer for our little congregation. Christian love,

—Bro. and Sister David Lottahall and family

Ark.—Dear Sister Marie and all at the Printshop: Greetings of Christian love to you and the saints abroad. I do enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper so much. But what stirred my heart so much was the Bible lesson for May 5. The subject was, "The Name of The Church." Because of this great and mighty name, I have been scorned, also ridiculed, and left isolated. I don't mind it though, for I know Whom I serve. He has made known the way of life to me, and He has given me understanding. Oh, how I do thank and praise God for all His goodness to me! I could keep on with this testimony, but space won't allow it. . . .

Your Sister in Christ Jesus, —Cherry R. Alba

Georgia—Dear Sister Marie, Brother Pruitt and the helpers in the Printshop: I greet you in the name of the Lord's only begotten Son, whom He gave to the world to save us from our sins. John 3:16; Matt. 1:21. "Oh, that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" Psa. 107:15.

I am fully saved, with a mind to go all the way with Jesus. I am in the world, but I am not of the world. I am preserved and kept by the power of God.

Sister Marie, I do trust that all are well in body and soul at the Printshop. Please keep me before the God of heaven. I received the anointed cloth. I put it right on and the Lord certainly has touched my body. I have been in a bad condition in my body, but I didn't do like Asa in the Bible. I sought the Lord. I didn't seek the

physicians. Praise the Lord! 2 Chronicles 16:12. I have been trusting the Lord for my healing since 1955. I am feeling very well in my body. I am giving Him all the praise, glory and honor. I am thanking all who prayed the prayer of faith for the healing of my body. Keep praying because I still need help from the Lord for my eyes. My hair is falling out, so please pray for me. I am doing the same for all of you and others.

The little work here is lively. The Lord is blessing. We were blest to have with us Easter week my dear daughter from Durham, N. C., and her little congregation. We enjoyed a lovely, early morning Easter service and Sunday school.

The following week-end we were blest to have with us Bro. and Sister Jackie Riley from Goulds, Fla. They had come to his grandmother's funeral in Claxton, Ga. They came to my home and spent the night. They were in Sunday school with us which we enjoyed very much. The Lord sees and cares for His little flock. Thank the Lord for all things.

Christian love,

—Sister P. R. Bowers

Jamaica, W. Indies (April 24)—Dear Brother Lawrence and Sister Marie: Warm greetings of Christian love. We thank God for sending to earth His Son, Jesus, who gave His life's blood for our sins. He saved us, sanctified our nature, healed our many diseases, and has brought us into His one Body—His wonderful family or church. Who can fathom the depth of His love? We can comprehend but a little when we realize the love He places in our hearts for each other regardless of race or color.

We give God thanks that in these days when iniquity abounds and the love of many is waxing cold, we are among those whose love for Him is increasing.

We desire, through the medium of this paper, to first thank God for our healing, and secondly, to express our sincere gratitude to the saints for their prayers for us. Again, we have proven that "with God all things are possible," and that the days of healing are not passed, but that the "effectual fervent prayer" of the righteous availeth much. So, now we have no symptoms of high blood pressure. Praise the Lord!

Having met some of the saints in the States last summer, we enjoy reading the issues of this paper all the more. Fond memories still linger in our hearts of our trip and meetings with the saints there last year. We know that if it is God's will, He will again make it possible for us to meet with you.

It is our prayer that the truth of the Church of God in this "evening time" will be established in our Island.

"Many come with sect confusion

Who themselves are in the night,

Bringing only more delusion—

Who will bring the gospel light?"

We always pray for you, and may God bless each one. Yours in the family of God, His Church,

—Israel and Olga Smalling

Colorado—Dear saints at the Printshop, greetings in Jesus' name. I am so glad that He put a desire in my heart to serve and trust Him. Jesus heard and answered prayer for my toe and other ailments. I do thank Jesus, and you for your prayers.

Do still remember my children. They have all been saved at one time. When they were at home, we tried our best to rear and teach them in the Bible way.

We wonder what it will take for people to really take God's way. So few preachers will really preach the old-



time gospel and cry aloud about the sins of the world. They say for people to join a church and to be baptized. That won't save their soul or get them into heaven.

Many thanks for your prayers,

—Sister Addie McEndree

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Minn.—Dear saints at the Printshop: Greetings in the holy and precious name of Jesus. This leaves me in good health, and I am happy in the Lord who has done so much for me. I thank Him daily for His wonderful love and keeping power. I love the Lord because He first loved me and showed me the way of salvation. What a wonderful God we serve!

I pray for all God's people that He may heal all those who are not well, so that they can be a shining light to all humanity. . . .

Much love and prayer, —Bro. Andrew Senti

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Ark.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings in the name of Jesus and the Father "of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named." We did enjoy the Sunday school lesson for May 5th. To be able to see the Church and the Spirit filling it, directing its members, leading its ministers, and fulfilling all its needs, is truly a blessing. My eyes could never have seen it, but God in His mercy opened my eyes to spiritual things that I might "behold the beauty of the Lord." We are so very thankful for more things than can be written. . . .

Barbara, my wife, mentioned Sunday before last that our congregation has experienced a great deal of sickness this year. Bro. Loftis quickly answered that we also had quite a lot of victories, too. We have had a very present help in time of need and we are so thankful that we no longer look to the power (?) of man.

We remember all of you there at the Printshop in our prayers and we know that you remember us. Continue to remember us that we stay true and be faithful servants. We thank God for the good work done there.

We continue to look to the Lord for your special need, Bro. Lawrence. We wish for words of encouragement to give that might be a help, but all the best words are found in the Bible which, we are sure, you are more familiar with than we. Praise God for His holy Word!

In the oneness of His love, —Doug Walters

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Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are still holding you up in prayer for your healing.

On Mother's day, May 12, I was 79 years old. I do have some rheumatism and afflictions, but they are not serious.

Wife is still gaining slowly. She walks all over the house and outdoors. Many are surprised that she did not pass away when she was so ill last year. Thank the good Lord for answering the saints' prayers. . . .

We certainly do like the "Faith and Victory" paper and the other literature of God's truth.

Yours in the One Body, —Floyd and Ether Hines

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Arkansas—Dear Uncle Lawrence, Aunt Maybelle, and Aunt Marie: The Lord has been blessing us so much and we do want to praise Him. At this time, we want to give special thanks for one thing in particular.

Last August, the Lord sent Janet to bless our home and teach us some lessons, too. When she was just a few days old, she developed a skin problem, which did clear up, but as it left, a large rising came up under her ear. (Since we never had it examined, we don't know

for sure what it was.) It became a large thing, even taking in part of her ear. After a number of weeks, it began to drain pus, blood, or a fleshy-like substance. We were very concerned about it and prayed much for her. She was growing normally in spite of it and the pain it brought. Now we praise the Lord that His healing power has touched it. It has been going down, and now it is just a small ridge which is also leaving. We do thank the Lord for this.

Our desire is to rear our little ones for the Lord. Do pray for us that we will be given the wisdom to do this.

In love,

—Alvin and Kathleen McMurrin

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Mo.—Dear saints: With much love, I feel I owe the Lord a testimony for what He has done for me in the month of March. Surely, He is a merciful God and I give Him all the praise for my healing.

I first took the flu. Then I thought my heart affliction could be the after effects of that, but I do not know. I suffered a week with what was thought to be seizures around my heart. It seemed it would jump out of my body. There was an intense burning in my chest and ankles, like a hot iron searing them. I became enlarged in my chest and around my heart. The flesh became hard. You could not even dent my flesh. I was like this for a week. I could not lie down. After my being that way all week, my daughter, Myrtle, came over before going to work. I told her I had to get help from the Lord somehow. I couldn't stand any more. She said, "Mother, I will be praying for you." I immediately thanked God I was no worse and asked Him to please give me grace to bear it if I must suffer. I got easy right away. I slept so peacefully for one and a half hours. I awoke in worse pain than ever. Myrtle came in from work and stayed all night. The next morning she went home for a while. She called the children to come. She was troubled about me. All ten of the children came. Three of them are saved.

Bro. and Sister Atnip came over again, and anointed and prayed for me. I began to mend from then on. Oh, how precious are the saints! Different ones came in to see me and pray. I told my children, "If hell were any hotter, I didn't want them to go there." [She was referring to the intense burning in her chest and ankles.]

My little granddaughter in Utah said to her daddy before he left, "Well, then, grandma will die if she does not have a doctor." He sat down with her and explained how I believe. He told her that grandma believes the Lord could heal her. She had been healed before. So he told her he didn't know if the Lord would take me or heal me. That touched my heart deeply.

Different ones fixed food and sent it in. There were a number of telephone calls from other states. I received 49 cards and letters of encouragement. The saints were wonderful, and also the children. They were sweet about my trusting the Lord. They did not mention to me to have a doctor. I appreciate and love them so much for their love and concern. I do want them to be saved and make heaven their home. When their daddy passed, they wanted to do what he wanted done and have been the same way with me.

I feel this was for a purpose for some of us. Whatever it is, I want my share. I trust the others will search as I have and see what God would have them do. My desire is to please the Lord in all my life and to be ready to go or ready to stay. I thank the Lord for being so gracious to me. What a mighty God we do serve!

Pray for me,

—Sister Marie Miller