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Who Is She?

Looking forward like the morning, who is she now shining forth

Like an army great with banners, glorious in unspoken worth?

Leaning on her dear Beloved, coming from the wilderness?

Robed in garments pure and spotless, fair in truth and holiness?

Who is she, a golden city all descending from above,
As a bride in rich adorning for the bridegroom of her love?

With her gates of pearl resplendent, and her jasper walls so bright,

Where no sun nor moon is needed, for the Lamb is all her light?

Who is she? And have you seen her? Do you know about her grace?

Have you met this lovely woman and beheld her smiling face?

Seek the Lord and full salvation, turn from sin and all its stain,

And this mystery so holy will unraveled be and plain.

For this One of whom I'm speaking is the Church that Jesus built:

Men and women who have trusted in the blood He freely spilt,

People who are walking ever in the light His Word reveals,

Who have proven that the Saviour saves, and sanctifies, and heals!

—Leslie Busbee

Christ and The Church

Jesus Christ declared in A. D. 32, "... upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it [singular]." Matthew 16:18. Christ is the foundation of His church. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11. Read Ephesians 2:20-22. During His earthly ministry Jesus gathered material for His church, and on the day of Pentecost in A. D. 33 after His ascension, that body of believers was sanctified, endued with the witnessing power of the Holy Spirit and set in operation as the spiritual Body of Christ—the organic, visible, corporate expression of Christianity.

The church is invincible, and it is the only institution in this world that will survive the end of all things. It is of divine, heavenly origin, and it will be consummated when the Lord comes to take her unto Himself as a "glorious church, without spot or wrinkle."

The prominence of the church in the Scriptures is shown by the fact that the word "church" or "churches" occurs one hundred and eleven times in the New Testament, but the singular and plural forms of the word never refer to a sect or a denomination. The church is the whole of the same faith—not a part of or a cut off portion. The plural form of the word "churches" refers to the various congregations of the one and same church which Jesus built. In a universal sense the church is Biblically defined to include every redeemed, bloodwashed soul—the whole family of God "in heaven and earth." (Eph. 3:15). It includes all the saved and excludes all the sinners, regardless of the profession. Every member of the church universal is potentially a member of any local congregation of God.

The name of the church is "the Church of God." The Apostle Paul exhorted the elders of Ephesus: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the

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flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." (Acts 20:28). Read 1 Cor. 1:2; 10:32; 11:22; 2 Cor. 1:1; Galatians 1:13; 1 Timothy 3:5, 15.

The Apostle Paul declared: "I speak concerning Christ and the church." Eph. 5:32. The church is identical with Christ and is the physical expression of His Spirit in the world. "For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church." Ephesians 5:30-32. Again we read that "all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:12.

Christ is the vine and we are the branches (John 15:1-5), and the same energy and vitality flows from the vine to the branches.

Christ is the head of His body, and we are the members (Eph. 1:22, 23; 4:15, 16), and the same lifeblood flows through the head and the members.

Christ is the Bridegroom, and we are His Bride. "The two shall be one flesh—Christ and the church." Again the apostle writes: "That ye should be married to another, even to him [Christ] who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God." Romans 7:4.

Members are inducted into the one Body of Christ—the Church—by obtaining salvation. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2:47. Christ is the door. "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved." John 10:9.

Members who sin are out of the church. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book." Exodus 32:33.

The members of the church live without committing sin. "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him." (1 John 3:6). Read 1 John 5:18; Titus 2:11, 12; Luke 1:74, 75.

The church register is kept by the Lord in heaven, called "the book of life." "The Lord shall count, when he writeth up the people, that this man was born there." (Psa. 87:6). Read Luke 10:20; Phil. 4:3.

The discipline of the church is the New Testament. "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." 2 Tim. 3:16.

Listen and heed Christ's loving entreaty as He stands outside your heart's door: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20. The invitation is extended: "And the Spirit and the bride [church] say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Revelation 22:17.

—L. D. Pruitt

"Become As Little Children"

Several years ago, the nation was shocked at the report in the newspapers of a little girl who had been abandoned in the night on a highway of one of our large states. When she was found, she had become so scared that they had to pry her hands loose from the fence of the highway median, to which she had clung through the night. In tracing the parents of the little girl the authorities found that the father had put her out of the car. Another thing they learned was that the little girl's brother had been so unmercifully mistreated that it led to his death. When she was questioned, the mother told how the father would whip and kick the little boy around. One day, after a severe beating, the father stepped on the boy's stomach, as he lay on the floor. The mother said that before the boy died he looked up and said to his father, "I love you." This brings tears and makes us realize how the devil can enter those who serve him, and cause them to commit the grossest of crimes. But it also makes us realize the love of a little child and the forgiving attitude that he has. We often see the humility and the tenderness children display. They are without worldly ambition and lust for power. They can easily forgive and are soon playing with those who mistreat them. It seems they do not hold grudges. But it is sad to know that as they grow older they acquire many bad habits and change to holding grudges. The devil works hard on children.

Jesus spoke of the "little child." We see many good qualities in the little child. One day Jesus' disciples asked the question, who was the greatest in the kingdom of God. Jesus called a little child to Him and set him in the midst of them. Jesus then said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 18:3, 4.

Does Jesus really want us to "become as little children"? Are we really to forgive as the little boy mentioned above forgave? Are we to be willing to forget hurts and not hold grudges? Just what does Jesus mean? Can we be humble as a little child? Are we to be easily touched and tender? Are we prone to seek for worldly honor? Oh, how can we obtain this grace of being like a little child? We long to be humble. We know that we must humble ourselves to walk with God. Micah 6:8. We want a closer walk with God.

We must turn to God and the Bible for help. God walks only with the humble and is pleased only when we "become as little children." Who is it that doesn't want to be more like Christ? Our Saviour was filled with all humility. His pure and holy life was continually exhibiting humility. Humility is the opposite of pride. Humility is lowliness. It causes us to feel our dependence upon God. Even though we have education we still feel our constant need of God. If we are unlearned, we still must lean upon

the Lord and not on our own ideas and ambitions. We truly "become as little children." Without humility, there can be no true happiness, contentment or perfect quietness and trust in our souls. A child is full of trust in its parents. It has perfect faith. When its parents are close, it feels so secure. It feels its parents' love and protection. Just so, when we are close to the Lord, we can have these feelings.

Someone has said that "humility will make us more severe in judging ourselves than in judging others." Our souls long for more of this beautiful grace. Humility will cause us to be willing to be walked on, knowing that they walked on our loving Saviour, too. "When he was reviled, he reviled not again." Why? Because He was humble. He committed all things to God to take care of. "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord." (Rom. 12:19). The humble man truly prays for those "who despitefully use" him, as Jesus instructed him to do. The humble man manifests the fruit of meekness. Meekness helps him or enables him to have a desire to do good to those who misuse him.

The humble person is willing to be the least. By being the least, he becomes the greatest; yet he never thinks or feels he is the greatest. Why should fallen man be proud? Man is so helpless without God, but he doesn't realize it.

Eternal damnation faces all who will not repent or forsake their pride. Only through Christ can we be saved. We are helpless to help ourselves unless we depend upon Christ's taking our sins and making us ready for heaven.

"All of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time." 1 Peter 5:5, 6.

Only through the cleansing work of the Holy Spirit upon the inner man can we have power to "become as little children." There must be a constant watching unto prayer. We can overcome through faith in the power of God to help us.

—Sister Marie Miles

THOUGHTS ON ECCLESIASTES 2:17

"Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit." Eccl. 2:17.

A pleasure-seeker may begin life with high hopes, but he ends in disappointment. Those who spend life in seeking pleasure will come to hate life. Earthly things may be had in abundance, but they cannot quiet the heart. Instead of the things of the world driving away care and trouble, they open the door to many cares and troubles. There is something in man that refuses to be satisfied with worldly things. A sensual mind darkens the whole scene of life. Sin withholds good things from man. The glories of the Christian life cannot be seen through a corrupt heart. There is just one pillow on which to rest the heart—the bosom of God. When the heart is pillowed on the

bosom of God it has peace and rest, though the head be pillowed on a stone. Every earthly thing is bitter if God be taken out of it. The true enjoyment of any earthly thing is God that is in it. There is death in every earthly thing if God is left out. In all that God is not in there is bitterness, discontentment, unrest, sorrow and grief. The only good man gets from the pleasures of the world is that they help him forget for a time that he is unhappy. To use any earthly thing for any other purpose than that for which God created it is a sin.

—C. E. Orr

Making a Date

We heard a lady talking about having made a "date with the dentist." All unconscious to yourself, my friend, you have made a date, or at least there has been a date made for you. That little infant on the mother's knee has had a date made for it. All have made a date with Death. You will be there at the appointed moment and Death will be there. The moment you were born into the world you faced the grave and have been facing it every moment since.

I have met a few men who said that they believed they would never die—that they were already glorified. But some of them have died. Those of like belief who still live said that the ones who died "were in error." No, it was not an error, it was according to appointment. "It is appointed unto men once to die." We will all meet that appointment. Listen, my friend, you will be there at the appointed moment, and Death will not be a moment late and you will go with him. But, oh, to where are you going? Death does not come to put an end to you. He comes to open the door for you to pass out to an endless existence beyond. In this life you are determining what and where that existence will be. The greatest and most important thing that can concern a mortal being in this present life is, how to secure, to the fullest possible extent, joy, blessedness and happiness in that existence beyond that open door. How very trifling it is to be thinking about how the body is going to be fed and clothed compared with the saving of the immortal soul. You say that he is a wise man who makes provision for old age. He is a far wiser man who makes provision for eternity.

Do not be so much concerned about the length of your days as about how to spend them. Your days on earth were given you not to fritter them away in careless, thoughtless living, but to prepare for the life beyond. Alas, how few fulfill life's purpose. They come into the world, they live a while amid its scenes and things and pass out without having taken thought about the real purpose of life.

Friend, there is a date made for you. Come, awake, hear me—there is a date made for you. It may be today, tonight. You will be there. Death will be there, and you will go, but, oh, where are you going?

—C. E. Orr

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With the arrival of this summer season, we greet all our readers, and trust that many of you will be privileged to attend at least some of the camp meetings and evangelistic tent meetings held at various places across the country.

It is God's will that every person should hear and believe the gospel—the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God who paid the redemptive price for every soul. Let us be "workers together" with God and His people in this special summer effort to reach many more precious souls with the gospel message by personal witnessing and passing out gospel literature.



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According to our stated policy and usual practice, this "Faith and Victory" paper will not be published for the month of August. This omission of one issue will relieve the workload somewhat in the month of July, and allow our faithful co-workers some time off, if they so desire, during July to attend a campmeeting or two, or do whatever the Lord may direct. Since the demand for gospel literature has increased so much, it has reached a point where it seems very necessary to keep the presses running through the summer, if possible. When one gets a God-given vision of the value of one soul, no sacrifice is too great to help rescue the perishing. Lord willing, some of us will be here at the office through the summer to fill orders for literature, take care of the correspondence, and perform other duties.



Bro. and Sister James Huskey and family, and Sister Roberta Hightower, one of our co-workers, along with others, making a company of about thirty people, left Guthrie and this area in several vehicles the week after the Guthrie campmeeting, bound for the interior of Mexico to do gospel mission work and to pass out Spanish gospel literature. They will also be aiding Bro. Irineo Rama in his mission work at Uruapan, Mexico. Pray that many souls will be contacted and influenced with the gospel in this missionary effort.



The Oklahoma State campmeeting, held here at Guthrie from May 24 to June 2, was very beneficial to all in attendance. A number of out-of-state and in-state ministers preached the Word under the real anointing of the Holy Spirit. Bro. Varghese's arrival from India, and his presence and labors in the meeting were special blessings. The church was edified and fortified by the preached Word to meet the

greater tests which it faces in this wicked world. The attendance in general was larger than this writer had expected, considering the inflationary economic conditions. Bro. Curtis Williams from Kentucky arrived in the latter part of the meeting with a special burden for souls. The Holy Spirit of conviction accompanied the anointed Word. Many souls responded and found victory at the altar of prayer which was a cause for great rejoicing. On the last Sunday a number of converts followed Jesus in His example of water baptism which pictured to the world that they were dead to sin, buried with Christ, and resurrected with Him to walk in newness of life.

On Sunday, June 9, the church campground and chapel areas in Guthrie were flooded again as a result of heavy rain on the watershed of the Cottonwood Creek which flows through Guthrie. The damage this time was minor, as the water did not get into the chapel and only about four inches over the floor of the dining hall. All items that could have been damaged had been raised off the floor the night before. The last previous flood was in 1965—nine years ago.

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The Lord blessed the campmeeting at Tulsa, Oklahoma, which closed on June 17, in spite of the tornadoes that struck various parts of the city at the start of the meeting. On the last Sunday a car-load of us from Guthrie attended the services and enjoyed the messages of truth and the fellowship of the saints.

We hope to meet many of our readers at the National campmeeting to be held at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri, on July 19 to 28. A supply of gospel literature—tracts, papers, books and Bibles—will be available at the Bible Bookstore on the campground. Come in, visit and browse around.

The marriage of Marcia Beisly, the daughter of Bro. and Sister Ralph E. (Gene) Beisly, to Gerald Mitchell of Jena, La., will be an event, Lord willing, on June 29, 1974, at 7 p. m., in the Guthrie Church of God chapel, with Bro. Kenneth Probst as the officiating minister. May the Lord bless this couple with a long and happy life together in the service of the Lord. After the wedding they will be at home at R. 1, Box 51, Jena, La. 71342.

Workers Leaving the Lord's Printshop

During the Guthrie campmeeting Brother Gene Beisly informed me that he and his wife, Dora Lela, would be leaving the work, and that he had already arranged to take a similar printing job with the Masonic Printshop in Guthrie. He started on the new job on June 10. However, he promised to help us in June to get "The Beautiful Way" paper printed and to set the type for this July paper. This consideration was appreciated. Sister Dora Lela has continued to help with the correspondence part-time, besides her added load of preparing for her daughter's wedding on June 29. After July 1st they will be moving from the large, family residence on the corner next door to the Printshop. The Lord is not unrighteous to forget their "labor of love" for His cause for the past seven years, and we pray the Lord to bless and reward them in a special way. May He ever direct their future activities.

For the past 56 years, volunteer workers have been coming and going from this gospel publishing work, and it is one of the "all things" that we have to commit to our Master to whom this work belongs. Many have come and stayed long enough to, at least, learn the basics of printing, and then gone out to commercial printing where the wages are so attractive. My beloved late father, Fred Pruitt, who was the founder and manager of this gospel publishing work for forty years, never wanted it to become a mere commercial business, and I feel strongly that it should be closed down rather than to do so. Perhaps the Lord would call a qualified person or persons to come and work with us to the end of eventually taking over its general supervision. Which shall it be? Write us your God-given convictions, as the need is very urgent. Please pray with and for us that the Holy Spirit will direct and supply consecrated workers to "stand in the gap," and as you pray, ask the Lord what He would have you to do to advance this gospel literature ministry.

This writer is still holding to the promises of God for healing regardless of the long battle of faith. Though He bear long, He has promised to avenge us speedily as we persevere in prayer and faith. The Word of God still says that "with His [Jesus'] stripes we are healed," and after we have done all, we can stand on this promise. Even though it seems sometimes that I will have to drop out of the work completely, the Lord renews my strength and has enabled me to work here at the office from 10 to 11 hours almost every day. It encourages me to read Apostle Paul's bold testimony: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Phil. 4:13.

Thank you for your prayers, letters, get-well cards and words of encouragement in this trial of faith. May the Lord bless and reward you with a double portion of grace. Please continue to pray until the victory is won, and faith is lost in sight.

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—Lawrence D. Pruitt

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The Gift of God

In the Holy Scriptures we read about the gift of God to mankind. "The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:23. Jesus said to the Samaritan woman that He met at Jacob's well: "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." Then He went on to explain: "Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." John 4:10-14. And in the language of the writer, Paul, in 2 Cor. 9:15, we read, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

Let us consider this term "gift." A gift, to be a gift, must be given without merit, being given purely from the good will of the giver. Webster defines a gift as something that is bestowed or presented with no thought of compensation. Then Webster goes farther and reveals the different aspects of giving. To present is a more formal and ceremonious way of giving. To bestow means to settle something on another as a gift. To confer is to give graciously as a favor or honor. To grant is to give in answer to a petition or request, or to someone dependent or inferior. To afford means to give or provide as a natural and legitimate consequence of the character that gives. So as we think of the gift of God given to us in each of these ways, our hearts are warmed to survey His great love for us.

Think of what James tells us in 1:17 of his epistle: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turn-

ing." It is the very nature of God to give. As He looked down upon the awful plight of mortals, His great heart of pity and love was stirred to confer upon us the wonderful gift of salvation and eternal life.

"Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given." Isa. 9:6. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son. . . ." John 3:16. God gave His Son, and He gave His Son to us. His Son was the wonderful Man named Jesus who proved to be the Christ, the Messiah, the Saviour of the world. Christ gave Himself to suffer for us on the tree, bearing our sins in His own body. "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity." Titus 2:14. Think of this wonderful Gift! This is a gift worth more than all the wealth of the world. And this free gift comes to us graciously bringing life, joy, peace, victory, deliverance, hope and many other valuable treasures. "For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. . . . The free gift is of many offences unto justification. . . . Much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ." Romans 5:15-17. And then the Word tells us that "by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8.

So we see that being saved and forgiven of our sins, being justified and made innocent from offences—all this is a free gift that He willingly bestows upon the earnest seeker who comes with a repentant and believing heart to Him. But there is another gift. Peter tells us that if we repent, and be baptized for the remission of sins, "ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." Acts 2:38, 39. The Lord wants to bestow upon each believer the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is given to live and move and work within the human soul the wonderful work and will of God.

Dear reader, do you experience the wonderful gift of God in your soul? Are you so taken up with the vain world and its treasures and pleasures that you have no time to take with your Maker to receive, as a gift, the blessing that will satisfy far more completely than the things you are groaning and straining to get hold of? Are your eyes so blinded by pride and self-esteem that you stumble over the simplicity of salvation and its free gift of grace? The gift has been given, and abundance of grace has been supplied, but not every one is able to receive it. It takes humility and poverty of spirit, repentance and godly sorrow that will cause you to turn away from every evil and sin which dishonors this wonderful gift. You must seek the Lord with all your heart and soul, and count this precious gift of redemption as the most valuable thing in your life. When you seek for His gift of salvation with such endeavor, He will bestow, grant, present, confer, and give you the blessing of His Son. May God bless you in seeking after Him.

—Leslie Busbee

NATIVE MISSIONARY ARRIVED FROM SOUTH INDIA



BRO. JOHN VARGHESE, 28-year-old Indian missionary, who arrived in Guthrie, Okla., on May 24, 1974.



Wife of Bro. John Varghese and their 10-months-old son.

Bro. John Varghese, native missionary in India, arrived safely by the blessings of the Lord at the Oklahoma City airport on May 24—the same day that the Oklahoma State campmeeting began at Guthrie. We met Bro. Varghese at the airport and brought him to Guthrie and to the meeting where he was gladly received and welcomed by the saints in attendance. Bro. George Hammond, co-worker here at the Lord's Printshop, took Bro. Varghese "under his wing" to acquaint him with our customs and food which are so different from those in his native land. Since his main diet is rice in his homeland, Bro. Hammond cooked rice for him and gradually introduced him to other American foods which he had never eaten before. He is adapting very well to our way of life, seems to be keeping well in body, and is so thankful for the privilege of coming to the States and meeting the saints of the Church of God.

Bro. Varghese reads and writes English very well, but he has some difficulty in expressing himself in our language. However, the Lord is helping him in speaking English, and he preached several anointed and inspiring messages during the Guthrie campmeeting. He certainly enjoyed every service and the wonderful love and fellowship of the saints. His humble Christian spirit and great burden for the work of the Lord won the hearts of the saints and he was well received. The holy fellowship was mutual.

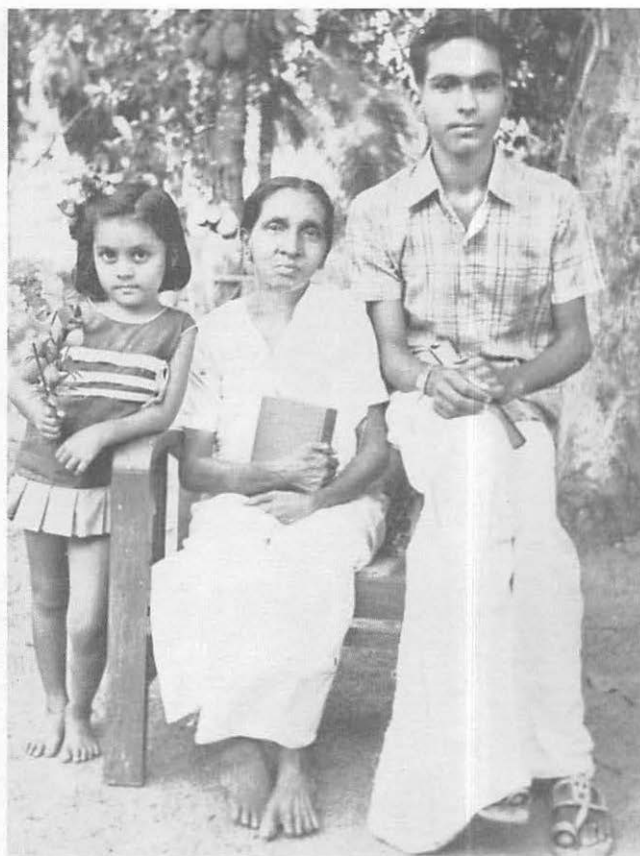
Printing Press Needed for India

Brother Varghese brought special greetings to the Church in America from the believers and about thirteen gospel co-workers (pictured elsewhere in this issue) in his native land of India (half way around the world from the U. S.) whose population is over 600,000,000. He is greatly burdened for his people that the pure gospel light of the Church of God will be carried to them. Since so many of his people do not know the English language, Bro. Varghese is especially concerned to purchase a printing press and other necessary equipment in order to publish the gospel in his native language, which is Malayalam. A special separate fund has already been started for the purchase of this printing equipment for Bro. Varghese to use in India. If you want to help in this very worthy project, you may send your free-will offering, made payable to the "Church of God," to this office for that purpose, or hand it to Bro. Hammond who is taking Bro. Varghese to the various campmeetings across the country. Other urgent needs in India are a Van for transportation and funds to build a permanent chapel on land which they already have.

On Sunday night, June 2, Bro. Hammond took Bro. Varghese to preach at the 23rd Street chapel in Oklahoma City where they had a precious service. The following Wednesday night they went to the chapel at 3rd



Your servant, Lawrence Pruitt, standing with Bro. John Varghese before the book display at the Lord's Printshop



From left to right: A niece of Bro. John Varghese, his mother, and Bro. Varghese's younger brother, Philip, who is caring for the congregation at Bethel Chapel in Karlikom, India, while he is in the United States.

and Phillips Streets in Oklahoma City for a service which was very well attended.

Attending Campmeetings This Summer

Bro. Hammond and Bro. Varghese left Guthrie in Bro. Hammond's VW Van on June 7 on their scheduled visits to the campmeetings over the U. S. this summer. Bro. Varghese will be informing the saints of the great need of the pure gospel in the vast mission field of India. We pray and trust that his contacts with the Church at large will be a mutual benefit, especially in reviving the missionary spirit in the Church which characterized the pioneers of this Church of God reformation.

Their first stop was at the Tulsa, Okla., campmeeting where they had a precious time of fellowship with the saints and it was hard to leave them. On Sunday, June 9, they were at the all-day services at Coffeyville, Kansas, where they had a joyful day of worship with the saints assembled there, and who also generously shared their love for the mission work in India. The following day, they left for the Oregon State campmeeting at Jefferson via South Dakota and Montana where they visited and prayed for an afflicted reader of our literature, and also visited friends of Bro. Hammond. Arriving in Jefferson, Oregon, on June 13, Bro. Varghese felt he had traveled a long way, was tired, and had not expected the road to have been so long—2550 miles. At last report from Bro. Hammond, they were all well, happy in their souls, and thoroughly enjoying the campmeeting at Jefferson. He wrote: "Every meeting with the saints becomes more precious. I don't know whether we shall

be able to contain all the blessings by the time we return to Guthrie."

Their tentative schedule is to leave Jefferson on June 19, visit the saints at Orland, Calif., and go on to the campmeeting at Oakland, Calif. Leaving there on June 23, they plan to return to Guthrie enroute to the General Southern campmeeting at Hammond, La. After leaving Guthrie, they want to meet with the saints at Shreveport, La., on their regular Wednesday night, June 26, prayer meeting. They will likely be at Hammond for the first half of the meeting, then go on to the Akron, Ohio, campmeeting which begins on July 5. Lord willing, they will attend the National campmeeting to be held at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo., from July 19 to 28, inclusive. Following that meeting, they will likely attend the other campmeetings in this order: Myrtle, Mo., Boley, Okla., Blackford, Ky., Pacoima and Fresno, Calif.

We thank Bro. Hammond for keeping us posted on their activities and travels to the various meetings, and we appreciate his concern and sacrifice for the work of the Lord. If the Lord opens the way, Bro. Hammond may return to India with Bro. Varghese in September, and then go on to Nigeria to visit the believers and mission stations in that country. Pray that God's design will be carried out in advancing the gospel work in the home and foreign mission fields. Remember that a separate Missionary Fund is maintained at this office to relay offerings from our readers to the mission fields, and sometimes it gets very low. What you give as unto the Lord to help rescue precious souls from sin are the treasures you have laid up in heaven. —Lawrence Pruitt



The ministers who co-operate with Bro. John Varghese in the Church of God mission work in South India. Bro. Varghese is pictured in the center of the front row.



Bethel Chapel and congregation at Karikkom, S. India, where Bro. John Varghese is the pastor. He and his wife and son are shown in the second row on the left. Construction of this chapel was financed by the Church in America a few years ago.



From left to right: Maybelle and Lawrence Pruitt, John Varghese and George Hammond. The last two named left the next day in the pictured VW Van to attend the various campmeetings over the United States.



Maybelle and Lawrence Pruitt standing with Bro. John Varghese in his native dress beside the office mail delivery van in the Lord's Printshop driveway.



From left to right: Bro. John Varghese, Lawrence and Maybelle Pruitt, and Marie Miles



Workers at the Lord's Printshop in June, 1974, standing with Bro. John Varghese in his native Indian dress. Left to right: John Varghese, Geo. Hammond, Randall Flynn, Gene Beisly, Dora Lela Beisly, Roberta Hightower, Mary Sprague, Marie Miles, Maybelle and Lawrence Pruitt. Not here for the picture, other co-workers are Sister Thelma Sprague, Sister Rosalie Johnston and Bro. Mark Spinks.



Bro. John Varghese stands beside our old Miehle cylinder letterpress while your servant, Lawrence Pruitt, sits at the paper-feeding position.



The MGD Offset Press, operated by Bro. Gene Beisly, is printing "The Beautiful Way" papers. From left to right: Lawrence Pruitt, Gene Beisly, Randall Flynn and Bro. John Varghese, a native missionary from India.

OBITUARIES



Dolly Linda Locker, the daughter of Carl and Mona Graf, was born December 16, 1899, near Springfield, Mo., and departed this life May 17, 1974, at her home in Jefferson, Oregon at the age of 74 years, five months and one day. Her childhood was spent in Missouri. Then she moved with her parents to Clovis, New Mexico, in 1915.

On November 17, 1917, she was united in marriage to Harlan E. Locker. Five children were born to this union—one daughter and four sons. One son, William Robert, preceded her in death in 1926. Her husband preceded her in death in 1947.

She was converted in 1916, in Clovis, New Mexico, and was a member of the Church of God congregation in that city for a number of years until she left there. She came to Oregon with her family in 1935. Some ten years ago, in 1964, she moved to Jefferson where she was a regular and faithful member of that congregation until her death. She was seldom absent from any of the services of the church.

She is survived by one daughter, Dolly Belle Dietz, of Dallas, Ore.; three sons, James Riley Locker of Woodburn, Oregon, Lundy Everet Locker of Iowa, and Harlan Marcus Locker of Brownsville, Ore.; two brothers, Steve Graf of El Cajon, California, and Joe Graf of Springfield, Missouri; one sister, Mollie Childs of Albany, Oregon; 15 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, a number of nieces, nephews and many friends and saints.

Funeral services were conducted by Charles Elwell and Ostis B. Wilson at the Fisher Funeral Chapel in Albany, Oregon, on Saturday, May 25th, with burial in the Halsey, Oregon, cemetery.

The following lines were written by Grace Jones, who associated and worshipped with her in the Church of God of Jefferson for the past several years, in memory of Dolly Locker and was read at her funeral service:

The angels came and silently
They bore her soul away,
Up to that bright and happy land—
We could not bid her stay.
She was a blessing to us all,
And loved by every one,
A true example of our Lord,
In all she said and done.
How patient in her suffering,
Like Christ, her pain she bore;
But that's all past—she's Home at last,
To dwell for ever more.

Hurlon McKinley Eddens, second child of Naomi and McKinley Eddens, was born on February 22, 1932, in Oklahoma City, and departed this life on March 10, 1974, at Fresno, Calif., at the age of 42 years and 16 days.

In 1945, he moved with his parents to California where he remained until his death.

In June, 1957, he was married to Elversa Louie at San Jose, Calif. To this union two children were born—Victor and Leonetta.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife and children, his father, six sisters, four brothers, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Oakland, Calif., by Bro. E. J. Trotter, assisted by Bro. Mackey Francisco and Bro. L. E. Francisco. Interment was in Oakmont Memorial Park, Lafayette, Calif. —Rose Randle

Everett William Sanders, son of Melinda Fous and Steven Edward Sanders, was born April 12, 1880, in Dyer County, Tenn., and departed this life on June 10, 1974, at Spencer, Okla., at the age of 94 years.

Bro. Sanders came to Boley, Okla., in 1899 and later married Sarah Young. He was pastor of churches in Okfuskee and Creek Counties, and in 1930 he moved to Spencer, Okla., where he was missionary and pastor of the Church of God for 25 years.

He is survived by one brother, Hardy M. Sanders, of Webster Grove, Mo., and many nieces and nephews.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Herman Kelly, assisted by Bro. Clifford Wilson and Bro. Lewis Williams, at the Church of God chapel, 57th and Denver, in Spencer, Okla. Interment was in the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens.

Wade Albert Houck was born April 26, 1912, and died June 2, 1974, at the age of 62 years, one month and six days.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel Houck; one daughter, Virginia Myers; two sons, David and Paul Houck; eight grandchildren, many friends and loved ones.

The funeral was conducted in Pennsylvania by Bro. Curtis Williams.

Homegoing of Another Aged Pilgrim

Laguna Hills, Calif.—Dear Sister Vera Forbes: It is with sadness in my heart that I have to tell you that Josie Stone passed away quietly in her sleep on Monday, May 20, 1974.

You were so faithful to her—the way you kept sending letters, get-well cards and birthday cards or making visits to her when you could.

She loved all of you so much, as you know from the letters she wrote you when she was able to write. Wasn't she great? She was my mother! I wish I could be the wonderful person that she was.

Her favorite song was, "When We All Get to Heaven, What a Day of Rejoicing That Will Be." But she never gave up—if God wanted her to stay longer, she was willing. I'm sure she is happy to be "Home" where there is no sickness, no sorrow, and no miseries. I'm also sure she would say to you if she could, "Meet me up here." May God bless you.

Her daughter,

—Helen Sandys

(Sister Stone was 102 years old, and for several years she was a resident of the Church of God Senior Citizen's Home at Pacoima, Calif. One of her favorite Bible verses was Psalm 19:14. Her motto was: "Others, Lord, yes others, and none of self for me. Let me live for others, that I may live like Thee." Her favorite songs were the one mentioned above and "Amazing Grace." She requested us to sing them the last time I visited her just before I left California last year. —Vera Forbes)



It is the greatest thing in this world to have peace with God; to lie upon your bed at night, look out at the stars and know that there is nothing between you and heaven—Ah, yes, to know that if you knew Christ would return before the setting of the next sun, that you would not be in confusion; that you would have nothing to separate yourself from or make straight, that you would just go on with your day's program, the things you had planned to do.

—Mary Kate Jack

Remaining 1974 Campmeeting Dates

Following are the remaining Church of God campmeeting dates for 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.

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

MISSOURI STATE CAMPMEETING

The Missouri State Campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, August 2 to 11. We extend a hearty welcome to all to come and be with us. We are looking forward to a time of fellowship with the saints of God.

The expense of the meeting will be met by free-will offerings. Provisions will be made to care for all who come. Bring bedding if convenient, as there is a limited supply on the grounds. Come prepared for some possibly cool nights.

Anyone coming by bus to Thayer, Mo. (the nearest station), may call (417) 938-2482 or 938-2483 at Myrtle, Mo., for transportation to the campgrounds.

For further information, contact, Bro. A. J. Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo. 65778, or Bro. Edward Atnip, Myrtle, Mo. 65778.

CAMPMEETING AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

The Bakersfield, Calif., campmeeting will be held, Lord willing, August 2 through 11, 1974. The chapel address is 1802 Virginia Ave., on the corner of Virginia Avenue and Brown Street. A cordial invitation is extended to all. We expect to furnish accommodations for all who can attend. Expenses will be met on the free-will offering plan. We request your prayers for the meeting.

Those coming from the east on Highway 58, take the Cottonwood Road exit. Turn west (or left) at the signal light and go $\frac{1}{4}$ of a block to a signal light which is Lakeview Avenue. Turn north (right), and go to the first stop sign which is Virginia Ave. Turn east (right) and go two blocks to Brown Street.

Those coming from the north or south on Highway 99, take the California Avenue exit. Go east on California about three miles to Lakeview Avenue. Turn south (right) and go to the first stop sign, which is Virginia Avenue. Turn east (left) and go two blocks to Brown Street.

Those coming on Interstate 5, get off on Stockdale Highway and go east about 15 miles. (Stockdale Highway changes to Brundage Lane.) Continue east on Brundage to the signal light which is Lakeview Avenue. Turn north (left) and go to the stop sign which is Virginia Avenue. Go east (right) two blocks to Brown Street. (Be sure your car is adequately serviced before traveling Interstate 5 as service stations may not be plentiful.)

For further information contact: Bro. A. W. Sherman, 201 "L" St., phone 327-0411; Bro. Robert Mays, 245 "N" St., phone 325-2730. The church phone is 322-9314, area code 805.

BOLEY, OKLA., CAMPMEETING

The annual Church of God campmeeting at Boley, Okla., will be held there, Lord willing, on August 16 to 23, 1974. We extend a warm welcome to all nations to attend this meeting.

On the campgrounds are dormitories for women and men, and also parking areas for trailers, campers, motor homes, etc. So come and worship the Lord with us in the beauty of holiness.

We are looking to the Lord to send Holy Ghost-filled ministers and workers to help in the meeting. "The night is far spent; the day is at hand." Time is running out! Let us do our very best for God in these last, evil days, carry a burden for the lost, and travail in prayer that children may be born into the Kingdom of God. Always remember our Lord's request, "Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

For further information, contact Sister Ora Spears, R. 1, Boley, Okla. 74829 phone (918) 667-3376, or Sister Katherine Williams, 905 N. E. 15th St., Okla. City, Okla. 73104, phone (405) 235-2270.

BLACKFORD, KY., CAMPMEETING

The congregation of the Church of God at Blackford, Ky., cordially invites you to attend the campmeeting which will be held there from August 16 to 25, 1974.

Anyone desiring further information may contact our pastor, Bro. W. R. Fox, Marion, Ky. 42064, phone (502) 965-3320, or the Charles Knight family, R. 7, Marion, Ky. 42064, phone (502) 965-3070. —By Mrs. Charles Knight

CALIFORNIA STATE CAMPMEETING

The California State campmeeting at the Church of God campgrounds at Pacoima, Calif., will be held August 23 through September 1, Lord willing.

Everyone is invited. We are praying and by faith expecting God to anoint each service, also for souls to be saved, bodies healed and believers sanctified. We are looking to God to send ministers of His choosing.

There are cabins on the grounds and provisions will be made for each one that comes.

For further information, contact Bro. Robert Sherman, 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, California 91331. Phone (213) 899-2022 or (213) 896-7593.

—Sister Gladys Doolittle

FRESNO, CALIF., CAMPMEETING

The campmeeting of the Church of God at Fresno, Calif., will be held, Lord willing, from September 6 to 15, 1974, inclusive.

For further information, contact the pastor, Brother E. J. Trotter, 811 E. Alamos, Clovis, Calif. 93612, phone (209) 291-6003.

REVIVAL MEETING IN MISSOURI

The Lord willing, and conditions permitting, there will be a revival meeting at the Egbert Allen home, beginning August 12, 1974. It will continue as long as the Lord leads. Our home is located 13 miles southeast of Norwood, Mo., on highway 76.

Directions: Take U. S. Highway 60 to Norwood, turn south on blacktop road "C". Travel "C" 11 miles to Highway 76, turn left and go two miles on 76 to our house. Bring your campers. Lots of good shade, water and hospitality are available.

We would like to have 10 o'clock morning services also. May the Lord send the ministers He can use in this meeting. There will be no called help.

For further information, write or call Egbert Allen, R. 2, Norwood, Mo., 65717. Phone: (417) 746-2840.

—Egbert Allen

REPORT OF BOLEY, OKLA., REVIVAL

We are very thankful to the dear Lord for how He worked in the spring revival meeting in Boley, Okla., and for the ministers and workers who labored in the meeting. The Holy Spirit was faithful to anoint the precious Word of God and to convict precious souls.

On Saturday evening, May 4, there was special singing conducted by the young saints. This service was much anointed of the Lord. Some of the old-time songs that were sung "set fire to the camp," and how our hearts did rejoice as we listened to the words of the songs and realized the truth of them in our souls! Praise God!

The attendance was very good. We thank the Lord for the young saints and all that labored in the meeting to make it a success. May God's blessings be upon every one.

Yours in His great name, —Katherine Williams

Prayer Requests

Ind.—Dear Brethren: We are enclosing a check to be used in the Lord's work, as you see fit. We enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" very much.

We have two prayer requests: one for Sister Peters who has a severe back pain in the lower left side, and also severe pain in the lower left leg. Please be agreed in prayer for her. Also, we would like for you to remember Sister Lockwood, of Urbana, Ohio, who has a severe case of diabetes.

May the Lord bless all of you in your work for Him.

Sincerely, —Morris A. Peters

Pa.—Remember Sister Eva Cox in prayer for a serious affliction.

Ky.—"I feel led to ask you to pray for my healing of sinus, stomach disorder, aching body, nerves and fears. I feel God will hear, and He is able to help me."

—Mrs. V. B. Cooper

Ill.—"Pray for my great niece's husband. He has become mentally unbalanced. Also, pray for my niece's mother who is very nervous . . . and other problems."

—Mrs. L. E. Center

Okla.—"Please pray for the complete healing of our eyes and other parts of my body. We are trusting still in the Lord. We are thanking Him for salvation and His healing power." —Joe and Maria Breckenridge

Okla.—"I had a cancer. . . I am ready to meet Jesus when He calls. . . They called in all my people. . . Pray for me and mine." —Mrs. Carl Thomas

Remember Sharon (Watkins) Ellis in Oregon. She has a serious affliction. We are real concerned about her and we desire the saints' prayers for her. We learned

to love her when she worked here in the office a number of years ago.

La.—“I am not well in my body, and I earnestly desire the prayers of the saints.” —Sister Myrtis Alexander

Tenn.—“I guess I had a heart attack. . . . I have to stay a lot of the time on the bed. . . . I really need prayer.”

—Mrs. May Ralston

Okla.—“Pray for my brother. . . . His wife left him and took his children. He is drinking. Unless God undertakes, I don't know what will happen to him. . . . It is grieving my mother. . . . Pray for my unsaved family.”

—Marie McKeener

Mich.—“I have a sore on my arm that won't heal, also on my left side. I am a subscriber of your “Faith and Victory” paper, and I love it. Please pray for my elbow and arm.”

—Unsigned

North Carolina—“Remember our daughter. She has seizures and has been very sick.” —Jimmy L. McDonald

Ky.—“Pray for my many needs. My son has nose bleed a lot.”

—Lola Jones

Pray earnestly for a young man who is about to get mixed up in a deception of the devil.

Many times our hearts are so deeply touched as we read the letters from those who have heartaches and problems, and are suffering from afflictions. But we know Whom we can tell all about it. Our loving Saviour is full of compassion and He cares, and hears our cries. He has suffered everything that we might suffer. He knows how to help us. I think of Jesus, in the Garden of Gethsemane. There He was full of sorrow. He knew that those whom He loved had rejected Him. They had turned against Him and sought to take His life. He saw the cross ahead. He thought of the disciples, who had stood by Him, being scattered and confused. He had tried to prepare them, but they didn't seem to understand. He took them to His place of prayer in the garden. He begged them to stay with Him as He waited. He wanted them to understand, but they could not. They could not enter into His sorrow. He had no one to turn to that could help here on earth. Have you ever been to that place? Your heart was breaking, but even the words from friends and loved ones didn't seem to comfort. It didn't reach the place in your heart that was breaking. Oh, we need to do as Jesus did. He went a little farther. He knew who would understand. “He went a little farther, and fell on his face.” He cried to God, His Father. He understood. He could help. He had power to give comfort and strength. Jesus prayed and yielded to God. He surrendered Himself into God's hands, not to the men who were after Him, nor to the problem, nor to the heartache, but to God. God poured in comfort. He sent the angel to give Him strength, power and comfort, and then He was ready to meet the men who came for Him.

Dear ones, look to God, not to others, for help. They might go to sleep as the disciples did, but when you “go a little farther,” and fall upon your face before God, He will send the needed strength, healing, blessing and comfort. Oh, how we do praise our God for the many times He has done this for His children! (Matt. 26:39; Luke 22:43).

—Sister Marie Miles

Not only do we need cleansing from sin, but our natural human spirit needs a radical death to its own noise and activity and worldliness.

—Sel.

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Foreign Field Reports



OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO, MISSION REPORT

Greetings to each and every one in the precious name of our Redeemer: I am encouraged in the work of the Lord, though not by sight. The Lord has promised to be with us, and I know He is blessing us here, and especially in our Bible study lessons. . . .

We are in the midst of preparations for the coming Ojos Negros campmeeting which, Lord willing, will begin July 2, and continue as many days as the Lord leads. Please, each reader of this, consider that you have a personal invitation to come. The Lord has never failed to provide sufficient sleeping facilities and meals for all, nor will He fail this year. Come prayed up and with a heart burdened for souls, and a desire to do your part that the meeting might prove a blessing to all.

When the price of beans skyrocketed (75c to 79c a pound in Calif.), I began to pray for the Lord to help us find some good beans at a reasonable price. It would not seem reasonable in other years, but for the time in which we are living, it is. I was able to buy 100 pounds of clean, dry pinto beans for \$33.00. The Lord, within the last two weeks, has wonderfully supplied us with dry foods which are the main portion of the Mexican meals, and we do thank Him for all. The other day I was given 25 pounds of bacon grease (fresh) for the meeting. We can't out-give the Lord. I do desire to live so that I know I can always depend on His help, for He will not work over an obstacle.

Pray much for the meeting, even if you can't come. Christian love and prayers, —Sister Opal Kelly, Ap. Postal 284, Ensenada, B. Cfa., Mexico

NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast State, Nigeria (May 30)—Dear Brother Pruitt and saints everywhere: We greet all of you in the Name of our Lord of lords and King of kings who ascended to heaven as our Mediator and promised to come back in like manner to receive us unto Himself that where He is there we may be also. Praise Him!

We received your letter of May 3, together with the generous enclosures. We give thanks to God and you. We feel unworthy to receive these gestures, but God alone will reward you abundantly. God sees us all wherever we are. We are not working for man, but for God. He is our Overseer, so anything you feel to send us, rest assured that it will be wisely used in the Lord's interest.

The fund specified to aid the gospel workers [24 in number] is itemized on the enclosed sheet. The other \$. . . to feed the famine victims has been carefully distributed in the presence of Bros. J. U. Etuk, M. U. Ekpo and A. J. Ubaha. The \$. . . to buy Efik Bibles will be accounted for later, as nearby bookstores lack Efik Bibles, so we will soon dispatch an order to the larger bookstore in Lagos.

Keep the Church of God there informed of the famine situation here, and that they should continue assistance until the victims are restored. A number of them walk half-naked because of selling off their clothes in order to have means to buy food. Pray much for all of them.

We welcome your plan and determination to send someone to visit us this year. We pray that God will grant it at no distant date. Amen.

It is believed that Brother John Varghese of India arrived in your midst. Extend our love greetings to him and assure him of our prayers.

Remember my need to God for easier means of transportation. Prayers work out things for us.

We are praying that God would heal you of the illness.

Your Servant in the Lord's service, —Ben E. Udoka

REPORT FROM THE HOME FIELD

Jefferson, Oregon campmeeting (June 18)—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings of heart-felt love to you and all co-workers in the name of Jesus, our King and Lord. We bless His name for the gift of righteousness and abundance of grace given unto us so freely, whereby we reign over sin on this earth. . . .

Be encouraged! God will supply all your needs.

My trip from Guthrie [left on June 4] to Jefferson, Ore., was most prosperous, and feel very clear and happy in the sight of the Lord for having gone with the burden that I did. Nearly every town from Wichita, Kansas, to Twin Falls, Idaho, was sown with varying amounts of gospel seed. I talked with quite a number of people along the way. It seemed that the Lord led me from one to another. This I attribute to the prayers of many different saints who were burdened for this effort. In Pratt, Kansas, a minister requested a meeting in the future. . . . I talked with a dear man in Colorado for about two hours about his soul. May the Lord give him courage to seek freedom from drinking, tobacco, bitterness and all other sins. Many tracts were left in libraries. Many restaurants, motels, gasoline stations and other places graciously consented to accept and display a number of tracts for the benefit of any seekers for truth. "Faith and Victory" papers were thrown to construction crews, pedestrians, and left in various places. Many people were individually handed tract "paks" and requested to read and write us their opinion of the reading material. How I do pray that God will bless every reader! A number of young people were given stories of salvation which, I trust, will make a lasting impression on their hearts. A number of books were left at the Boys' Ranch in Colorado. We visited dear Bro. and Sister Wollert in Lamar and found them much encouraged.

Our itinerary took us due west of Wichita up to Colorado Springs, and passing through central Colorado we encountered a severe snowstorm near Leadville. I spent some time in Aspen, Colo., the next day, and drove on to Vernal, Utah. From there, we scattered literature to Twin Falls, Idaho. I think that most libraries were covered. I also made it a point to stop at hospitals to leave the gospel teachings on the merits of Christ's atonement for the benefit of suffering humanity. Oh, the great need!

I did not find the Markens at home, so I spent Saturday night in Twin Falls and had the "shocks" replaced on the car the next morning, then drove on to Boise, Idaho. The next day I drove on in, getting to Jefferson, Oregon, that night, as I was eager to see the saints.

We are having an excellent campmeeting—the Lord doing the preaching through His servants. . . .

Your servant in Jesus, —Mark Spinks

"Too late," says Martha. "Four days buried." But He only answers, "Said I not unto thee that if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?" —Sel.

From The Mail Box . . .

Ark.—Dear Sister Marie and workers at the Lord's Printshop: Greetings in Jesus' precious name to all the saints scattered abroad. I know I should let you know just how much I am enjoying the "Faith and Victory" paper and all the literature that I have read. It really lifts me up to read all of those testimonies. I believe all the saints have a testimony. I praise God for His goodness to me. I mean to go all the way with Jesus, for He saves, He heals, and sanctifies. I am a witness that He is the Supplier of all our needs.

Pray for me.

—Mrs. Naomi Green

Okla.—I appreciate the "Faith and Victory" very much. I read it all every month. It is a real blessing to my soul. I would feel lost without it coming to my home. I thank God for all you dear workers for the Lord at the Printshop. I pray for all of you and I need your prayers, as I am not at all well. The good Lord knows all about it, and I am trusting Him for all my needs. My nerves are bad.

Please renew my subscription for six years.

—Sister Lydia J. Jantz

Ala.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper so much. I am so thankful that someone is keeping in print the writings of our old ministers. If there wasn't someone to do that, the younger generation would not know anything about them. We also would forget about them. I believe God called you people to see that such a thing would not happen. May God bless all of you abundantly everyday. I know you will have a great reward at the end of the way.

I was greatly impressed with the tract you printed last month, "Snakes in an Atheist's Grave." What a horrible thing! I think that should turn many atheists, and we have a lot of them today. I am ordering 100 of the tracts.

Sincerely,

—Mrs. Dessie R. Denton

Okla.—Dear Sister Marie and saints abroad: We thank the Lord for being encouraged to press on for Him. Surely, the Lord has blessed us in many ways. As the poet says, "Every time we look up we see the lamp of faith and hope glowing with love for us."

I do want to thank the Lord for healing my body of an affliction during the past few months.

My desire is to ever prove faithful and true to Him.

Pray for me,

—Frances Chandler

Michigan—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: The postal workers made a mistake and put a copy of the "Faith and Victory" in my box. It was addressed to someone else, but since it came to me I read every word last night. I liked it so very much that I decided I would subscribe for it at once.

I attend the Church of God services here in Benton Harbor and have been a member for three years. I will soon be 70 years old and I heartily agree that the Lord's return is eminent. I want to be ready, for I do love my Lord and hope to see and worship Him through eternity.

In His holy name,

—Mrs. Corda Oakley

Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We send greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ. We trust this letter finds all of you well and holding on to the promises of God.

We know God's promises are true because many, many people before us have tried and tested them. They are witnesses to us down through time and will be until eternity.

God is unchanging. He will do what He says He will do, whether it be to give salvation, healing, eternal life or eternal damnation. He will keep His word.

We are happy to be serving God today and enjoying His blessings. . . .

The family here is well in general, but we still have some annoying afflictions that we have before the Lord. Please pray with us about them.

Here is some help from the Lord to send your way with our prayers that the gospel will go forth in truth and boldness. Please accept it as from the Lord. . . .

May the Lord bless you with healing comfort, grace and wisdom as needed. Amen.

—Bro. and Sister Milford Parsons

Ala.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and Sister Marie: I do enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper. I saw in the last one where you had the notice about the tent-meeting in Jasper. My neighbor, Mrs. Totty, and I attended two nights. I recorded the Friday night message. I did so enjoy the meeting. We didn't get to attend often. We live not too far from Sis. Pearlene Whitson, on whose property in Jasper the tent was put. It is about 40 miles or so from our home to Jasper. We love Sister Whitson and her family. We've been invited to attend the Hammond, La., camp-meeting.

Thank you for your encouragement and for the truth given forth in your paper; also for upholding the old saints and the landmarks they left us.

Yours in Christ, —Christine Collins

S. Carolina—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sister Marie and all of the saints at the Printshop: Greetings of love to all. I received your nice letter today. I was surely glad to hear from you. This letter leaves me still pressing on to make heaven. Praise His holy name!

I am still praying for you and the work there that God will supply your needs in getting the gospel to lost souls.

Keep me before the Lord that I will be able to help get this truth out to the lost sinners. God needs more workers to help in this cause.

Bro. Lawrence, if it is the Lord's will, I want to meet you at the campmeeting in July, in Missouri.

Your Brother in the One Family, —Eddie Driggers

Canada—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all beloved workers of the Printshop: Greetings to you in the name of our blessed Savior. Thank you very much for your letter. I receive plenty of encouragement from the articles in the "Faith and Victory" periodical, also from the occasional correspondence with you, in my endeavors to live completely according to the will of God. It is delightful and comforting to my soul to see God's holy remnant waging the battle of faith victoriously (in other parts of this earth as well) against the ever-increasing powers of darkness. Be steadfast, dear brother! The precious crown awaits you at the end of your journey.

Your Brother in the service of our Master,

—Reinhard Mueller

Okla.—Bro. Lawrence, Sister Marie and workers at the Printshop: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. I praise God for salvation, which delivers from the bondage of sin. I am rich—one of the King's daughters. Jesus

is my elder Brother. What a high promotion! I am raised from sin to royal honor. What a life of peace and joy it brings!

I do praise God that I was permitted to attend most of the Guthrie, Okla., campmeeting, and how I enjoyed the good preaching and the love of the saints shown to me!

I have never felt like going into sin. When clouds were heavy, I found Jesus to be a present help in time of need.

Continue to pray for me. I'm enlisted in His service until I die.

—Nellie Poulos

Okla.—Dear Sister Marie Miles and all at the Printshop: May the Lord continue to bless each of you, in my prayer, with the good work you are doing. May this little offering help where the need is the greatest. I wish everyone would accept the truth. We would have a much better world to live in.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Minnie Pernicka

Fla.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence, Sister Maybelle and all the Printshop workers: Greetings of much love in Jesus' dear name. I trust the Lord is yet blessing there and will continue to do so more and more. . . .

We are well and much encouraged to possess all the land which is ours by inheritance. Truly, we don't want to be as those children of Israel who entered the promised land but failed to subdue and destroy all the enemies, as they were commanded. And these same enemies destroyed them and turned their hearts from the living God and true worship.

We are praising the Lord for His great faithfulness to us, and we have no regrets, but are content in and with His will. The Lord has blessed our married life abundantly with the riches of His divine presence and favor, and truly we have no complaints with His doings. We just want to submit, yield and surrender more perfectly until His glorious image is perfected in us. . . .

We sincerely desire your continued prayers that we may be faithful to trust our mighty God for and in all things. He has never failed, nor can He. Praise His name!

The saints here are continuing on for the Lord. Sister Hargrave and baby boy are now at home and prospering.

Find enclosed \$. . . for tracts and offering. We are praying for all of you, and Bro. Lawrence especially.

Much love and prayers, —Bonnie and Jackie Riley

Mo.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Pruitt, and all the dear ones at the Printshop: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. I thank Him for each one of you and all the family of God—the Church of God. May God bless and encourage each one to have a closer walk with Him this year. How we long to see souls saved and spiritual eyes opened before it is too late!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, it is later than we think. It's time to be up and doing night and day for Jesus. There are so many all around us and in our own families that need salvation. If you wait upon the Lord, He will lead you to a hungry soul.

I thank the Lord for the work He has for each of us to do. God has blessed His work in the Nursing Home and we give Him all the praise. The Lord has been blessing us each Wednesday as we fast and pray at the noon hour and read the Word.

The "Faith and Victory" paper is a blessing to me. I love the Lord, and His truth. It is made so plain in the little paper and the Bible lessons. Thank the Lord!

Please remember us in prayer. May God bless you each one in your body and soul as you labor for Him.

Your Sister in Christ, —Lena Bowman

Fla.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of love to you, and all the dear saints there and elsewhere, in the name of our dear Lord. He bore our sins on the cruel cross, shedding His precious blood to wash them all away. I'm glad He counted me worthy and placed it in my heart to come to Him in humility, repenting and confessing my sins. My heart's door swung wide open and glorious peace flowed in. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! I am thankful to be saved. I need your prayers, for I mean to go right on until the crown is won.

My sister and I are up and on the go, thank the Lord! The saints here at Goulds seem to be doing nicely. . . . The dear Lord is greatly blessing in the services here. We had prayer meeting in my home last night. One young lady was saved. She seems to be encouraged to stay with the Lord. Pray that her determination will be strengthened in the Lord. Please agree in prayer for her mother. I talked with the girl today. She told me her mother is very upset over her getting saved, but she means to stay with God and the saints, which is very good, I think. They need the prayers of the saints.

Now may the Lord bless and keep each of you and all His dear children in His precious name is my prayer. Our love to all the dear saints. —Sister Mattie B. Savage

Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

N. Carolina—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence, and all the saints: I greet you in Jesus' precious name. I am glad for salvation that delivers my soul from sin.

I want to let you know that I received the anointed cloth, and the Lord healed me. I thank and praise His name. I was suffering with my back. I had it so bad a year ago. I was down four weeks and almost helpless. I don't know what it was, as I trusted the Lord. I did not go to the doctor. I was prayed for and I got better. It came back, but thank God, I am healed now. Some things I used to do would give me a backache, but thank God, now I can do those things without getting a backache. I was brought up in the Church of God to believe in divine healing, and I am still trusting the Lord for my healing.

I enjoy the "Faith and Victory" very much. I am glad when I see it come in the mail. Continue to remember me in prayer and my unsaved children.

Yours in Christ, —Bunice Hope

Colo.—Dear saints, greetings in Jesus: The Lord heard and answered prayer for me again. The swelling in my eye was about all gone down by the time we got to Michigan. We had a good trip and good weather. The Lord heard and answered prayer and it didn't rain on us. We were thankful for that. . . .

I do hope that many souls will find the Lord in the campmeetings. I know all will be refreshed by hearing the good messages.

Thanks for your prayers, —Sister Addie McEndree

Okla.—Dear Sister Marie, and saints: Your card and words of encouragement were a blessing during my illness. It was a month ago when I began feeling bad, and three weeks ago I became very ill. I was in bed ten days with fever and in much pain. The saints held

me before God in their prayers. About the ninth day, my suffering grew worse, and two car-loads of saints from Guthrie campmeeting arrived, singing hymns that sounded like angels. Their prayers and encouragement meant so much. Our pastor and loved ones showed concern, also. On Saturday and Sunday of the last week-end of the campmeeting, by faith I attended the services, and what a blessing! So many saints showed love and concern and let me know they were helping to fight this battle. On Sunday night, as I was rejoicing over the strength I had gained, the illness returned. By Tuesday, I was worse than any time before. My companion was worn out, standing by me, but was so faithful and deeply concerned. Our pastor, Mother (Sister Mable Melot), and the Guthrie saints were again praying. This love and care for one in a hard battle touched and stirred me. We see such a great falling away; such a few are standing true today. The Lord does have some saints yet holding to the truth and right. How thankful I am for them! I am glad to be one of them! I am now free from pain and am gaining strength, also eating again. The children were so sweet to keep things going here at home.

I received news today of a friend, my age, (an old school mate), who died yesterday. I had talked to her a few weeks ago. She was under the doctor's care and they did all they could for her. She left four children in the home. The Lord let me know it could have been me, instead of recuperating. Oh, how good it is to trust God! He has never yet failed to heal me, no matter how serious was the affliction.

Saints, if you are in the battle with any affliction, just be of good courage. You must believe after you have obeyed the scriptures in James 5:14, 15, and stand firm. Remember that your faith can be increased, as you say, "I can, I will, I do believe now." If healing is not immediate, know that God, for Jesus' sake, did hear and will answer. Just let Him have His way, so you will receive the blessing that He has for you. We are storing up treasures in heaven to "reap as we sow," in committing ourselves and all that touches our life to the One who hears all, sees all, and knows all.

Pray that I'll be true, as I do for you. We know that life is uncertain for all of us.

Christian love, —Wilma Meek

Okla.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and co-workers: Greetings in the name of our precious Lord. We do hope you are feeling better in body. Many prayers have gone up in your behalf. We know there is nothing too hard for God to do, and our trust is in Him.

I was not able to attend the Guthrie campmeeting, but I sent for prayer, and God's healing power touched my body. I am up and can do some of my house work, and I'm gaining strength each day. I thank God for this blessing and the dear saints for their prayers. May God bless and keep you, is our prayer. —Sis. Rilla C. Wadley

Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and co-workers, greetings: May the Lord ever bless your labors and services in the publishing work, is our prayer. The Lord has been good to Wife and me, for which we are truly thankful. "If it wasn't for the Lord, what would we do?" We have learned somewhat to accept aging. On our journey of life we meet with some odd and obtrusive conditions that we are obliged to pass through. We know that Jesus is able to bring us through. He says, "Casting all your care on him, for he careth for you." In Isa. 40:31, it says, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles;

they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." The thought came to me that if anybody mounts up on eagle's wings, he could fly over rivers of sorrow and grief and hardly know they were there. I have seen hawks sailing in the air with ease, away up above the brush and trees below without a flutter or fear. "O that I had the wings like a dove! for then I would fly away, and be at rest." Psa. 55:6. We do not complain, but we know we are in God's hands. He knows what is best. We also know that He will do the things that are right.

Pray for us, as we do for you and yours,

—Bro. and Sister Ulysses Phillips

Va.—Dear Sister Marie and saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am at the South Carolina campmeeting. The Lord will make a way if we put our whole self in His hands. I'm enjoying every day. It is wonderful to be here where I don't see men with long hair, and the women with very little clothes on.

I want to say the Lord has blessed me with good health and a part-time job. We, here in Richmond, have no one to stand with us. But when I was real sick, I called Sister Marie for prayer. God has brought me through some awful trials. I thank Him for how He undertook. . . . I have a special request for prayer.

May the Lord bless all the saints. Pray for me and my unsaved children.

Your Sister in the Lord, —Nannie Connell

Calif.—Dear saints in light: Greetings in the name of Him who answers prayer.

For God's glory I want to tell of how God renewed my strength last fall in answer to prayer. I became very weak in body; too weak to walk very far, but when Wife and I had a season of prayer, agreeing that God would renew my strength, He did just that, and soon after I was able to put on roll roofing as our garage needed a new roof. Praise His name! I am still able to work in our vegetable garden with which God has blessed us.

Dear ones, I know that there is power in an agreement of prayer, so be agreed with us that God will heal us, Wife and myself, of our afflictions. Wife's eyes need to be made completely well and I have two cancers on my face, one near my right eye, and the other on my right temple. We desire healing for God's glory.

Your Brother and Sister, —H. P. and Agnes Huskey

Ark.—Dear Sister Marie and Bro. Lawrence: Greetings again in the name of Jesus. It is the most wonderful and blessed Name we can ever know of. Oh, bless the name of Jesus for ever more! Praise Him for this great salvation. He has blessed me again with His compassionate healing touch. Praise Him for ever!

There were storms in some places not so far from here, but no damage was done here. The gardens and crops look good. How good the Lord is to make such good things to grow for us to eat. I heard that the flood water was bad there where you are. I hope all is going well now.

I am so thankful for the many blessings and good things in this life. But above all these things, I am thankful for eternal life; for the peace and joy we have here, even in trials and testing times.

I went to Grubbs last Sunday. We had a good lesson on the first chapter of First John. There are wonderful truths in God's eternal Word.

I am enclosing an offering to help in keeping God's Word going out to others. I love the "Faith and Victory"

paper. It helps and encourages me. May God continue to bless, heal, and keep each of you, is my daily prayer.

—Sister N. E. Adams

Georgia—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Pruitt, and the helpers in the Printshop: I greet you in the holy name of our blessed Lord and Saviour. I am praising the Lord and worshipping Him "in the beauty of holiness." Psalms 29:2.

The Lord has touched my body. I am giving Him all the praise, glory and honor. Still keep me before the Lord, as I am doing for you.

We are very happy in the Lord for what He has done for us. We are giving Him all the praise. The Lord gave us a burden to have a building to worship Him in. I prayed for Him to lead and help us follow His leadings. When I presented this before the brethren, they all agreed.

Building material is so high. We had the lumber company to figure what the building would cost. Labor was so high and scarce, and the brethren were not able to do much work.

The Lord directed us to the place where they make the Handi-Houses. So the Lord showed us right there to buy one. We ordered the house, I think, on the 18th of August, 1973. The next day they brought it out to us, and on the 19th, the Lord blessed us to have our prayer meeting in it. We were so grateful to the Lord.

Sister Marie and Bro. Pruitt, we went out on faith in God. We want you to rejoice with us, as our Lord has blessed us to be able to finish paying for our chapel. We didn't give any box suppers or put on any kind of meeting to get finances to help with the payments. We truly went out on faith, trusting in the Lord all the way. We are thanking the Most High God for how He helped us. We are thanking all of you who helped us with the finances. May God bless all of you for being so kind to us. We all can thank God for our chapel in Georgia. Praise the God of heaven!

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

Christian love, —Sister P. R. Bowers

Kentucky—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the workers at the Printshop: Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord and Saviour, the One who gave His life for us on the cruel cross of Calvary. He is the best Friend we ever had. Oh, praise His holy name for saving our soul, and for healing our sick body many times.

I have been saved 39 years this coming August. God's good promises are true, and He will do what He said He would do. Some don't want to take all the truth, but it takes all of it to be right with the Lord. He that climbeth up some other way is a thief or robber.

I am looking for that day when I can hear Jesus say, well done, good and faithful servant, enter into thy rest. I won't have much longer to wait, as I am passed 81 years old. I love Him with all my heart, and I am glad that I have been born into the great Church of God. Some day we shall meet never to part again.

Keep the "Faith and Victory" paper coming. We can hardly wait for it to come each month.

My wife is not a bit well, so we request all the saints to pray for her. She loves the Lord. Pray for both of us. May God bless all of you.

—Bro. and Sister Frank Dunaway

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