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If We Follow On To Know The Lord

"Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth." Hosea 6:3

The path of life to us will be a pleasure,
And richer blessings will on us be poured,
Unfailing and eternal is our treasure,
If we will follow on to know the Lord.

If we will follow on to know His power
To save from sin, our hearts to sanctify,
We'll find prevailing strength each trying hour
As o'er the storms by faith we ever fly.

To draw back from the conflict means disaster;
We'll miss the joys and bliss of His reward.
But great rejoicing will be ours to master,
If we will follow on to know the Lord.

So many snares are set our steps to stumble,
Offenses from the world shall many be;
And so despised, the narrow way so humble,
The path of life is often hard to see.

But if we set our faces, strong and yearning,
The shining goal of life our hearts toward,
Respecting not the tribulation's burning,
We'll follow on, and we shall know the Lord.

We'll know Him in the secret of His presence,
With Heav'nly showers falling all around;
We'll know Him in His pure, divinest Essence,
As morning breaks upon the springing ground.

Take courage then, and press, O way-worn pilgrim,
Through all the darkening maze of doubt and sin,
Go forth each day, pause not thy pure endeavor,
The crown of life some day you'll surely win.

—Leslie Busbee

What Is a Successful Life?

Recently I was permitted to listen to some stirring piano music. The vibrant chords and notes inspired by a talented artist affected me with their beauty. However, my thoughts soon turned to the spiritual realm and that sense of reason, which the Lord grants, began to work.

Perhaps, all of us have a particular field of affection or fond pursuit. Perhaps, some are inclined to music, some writing, painting, or some other area of skill. I began to meditate upon the goals people have accomplished in life. Think of Beethoven. What beautiful music he left behind for the world to remember him by! While deaf, he composed some of his most successful pieces. How talented he was! Who would not like to possess such talent? However, it is said of Beethoven, that he died penniless. He made his departure to eternity during a raging storm. It is said that while upon his bed, a sudden crash of lightning sounded outside and this famous composer rose from his bed, shook his fist, and with a contorted face, fell upon his bed, dead. Was that the end of a happy life? Would you consider that a successful end to a career?

Then I thought of those who had left famous literature for future generations to indulge in over and over again. Think of those who have left paintings, those who have set records, and gained fame. They possessed great talent, were given a glorious title, honored (many after their death), admired and envied.

In life, many young people have a desire to choose a profession, make their way up in the world, and become a "somebody." Certain areas of interest, when indulged in, bring a kind of satisfaction and gratification. But Jesus clearly asks the question, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" No matter what emotions and worldly sentiments we have, no matter what we achieve, if we forget Jesus and leave Him out of our life, we are a failure. From a worldly standpoint, if we don't obtain a title, name, fame, or riches, we are common place; nothing special. From a Chris-

"Consecration is simply a matter of letting God have what He has paid for, or returning stolen property."

tian viewpoint, if we do not make it to heaven, we have gained nothing. Of what value are passing affections and possessions? To follow the meek and lowly Jesus is to find the pearl of great price. It is to find that which will endure forever. It is to accomplish the greatest feat ever placed before man; in one word, it is—"Success."

"I have found it, Lord, in Thee—
An everlasting store
Of comfort, joy, and bliss to me.
How can I wish for more?"

—Mary Sprague

Human Ecclesiastical Organizations Modeled After The Church of The Old Testament

As the church of Jesus Christ is a spiritual institution, it is impossible for men to build an organization like it, because they cannot manufacture spiritual things; but the church of Moses, being of a secular nature, is easily imitated; hence, it is that every human society styled a church, is modeled after it. Men cannot form human beings into a spiritual body, but they can tie them up in a secular manner like Moses did. They cannot imitate the spiritual birth, the only door of entrance into the church of God, but they can build human societies and hold the children of their members to be members by virtue of natural birth, like Moses did in his church. This is pretty well carried out in Catholicism, Episcopalianism, Lutheranism, and several others of the older denominations. Those of the Protestant denominations in which men do not become members by natural birth, borrow the other door of admission into Moses' church, that of proselytism. A Jewish proselyte was a joiner of the Jewish church from another nation; and it is through the door of joining that every member of all the Protestant denominations has obtained membership excepting those mentioned before who became members by natural birth. There is not a Protestant denomination which holds that spiritual birth will make a man a member of their institution, and can carry out their belief; hence, it is very evident that none of them in this respect are modeled after the church that Christ built.

Protestantism differs from the Jewish church in regard to the door of excommunication; they expel members without killing them, but with respect to their faithful members, that which they hold to be the door out of their church is the same as the door out of Moses' institution; viz., natural death. Not a human organization on the face of the earth can hold its members after physical death, and they do not claim to. So, we see in this respect, also, they differ widely from the church of Jesus Christ.

As spiritual death does not affect membership in the various human organizations, every individual who once joins their institution, retains his membership regardless of the sins he may commit, until

legally expelled or until physical death; therefore, none of these human institutions can be holy institutions. The majority of the members of the various human societies have never discerned the church of Jesus Christ, and knowing only the human institutions, are led to believe that there is no holy church upon earth; hence, they oppose the doctrine of a holy church. They are deserving of sympathy, because if they but understood the New Testament church, they could not fail to see that it is holy, and that none but true Christians possess a membership in it.

The question might be asked, What is the necessity of the human organizations? I would answer, There is absolutely no necessity for them, and if everybody discerned the church of the New Testament, they would discard them. Had the Christians ever continued to understand the church of God, they never would have made them. The mildest apology that I could offer for them is the misunderstanding of the nominal Christian world.

Thousands of Christians have renounced all these human organizations and taken a stand for the one Church that Jesus built. Those who do not discern the true church doubtless sincerely believe us to be in error; but we are not in error; we stand upon the only ecclesiastical Rock. Everything else is sand. We have found the church described in the New Testament, and that it is governed by the Holy Spirit according to the New Testament.

Those who do not see the true church are sincere in their belief that human societies are helpful to the advancement of Christianity, but with the spiritual light that God has given us we can see that they are a hindrance to the cause of Christ. Such human organizations have been placed by men in the attitude to the people that should be occupied only by the church of God, and the masses have been instructed to believe that they collectively constitute the church of God; hence, when poor sinners join these organizations, their consciences are somewhat eased with the thought that they now have a membership in the church of God, and many of them continue under this soothing deception until they pass into eternity, unsaved and lost forever. They are damned by the very ecclesiastical organization that is held up by the people as a soul-saving institution. Had it not been for the sect that gave them an empty profession of salvation, they might some time during their life have been led to Christ under the preaching of the gospel. Should we not therefore destroy all these human inventions and offer to the people only the church that Jesus has instituted, in which they cannot possess a membership except by possessing the grace of God in their hearts?

From the days of Samuel to the time of Christ, the Jews existed both as a state and as a church, and the church and the state were united. This could be, since Moses' church was a secular institution; but such a union can never be affected between the church of God and a political government; because it (the church of God) is of a spirit-

ual nature. The world has been greatly harassed much of the time since the gospel was delivered to man by a union of church and state. This has proved to be the most diabolical agent the devil has employed to propagate his work; but it was not a union of the state with the spiritual church of God, but with a secular institution of man. In their union of church and state, denominationalism has also attempted to duplicate the church of Moses.

—Wm. G. Schell

The Love of Jesus

(Part 1)

Dear saints and fellow-pilgrims: This day finds me entirely redeemed from all sin through the merits of His precious blood and very happy and satisfied in my soul. And how could we be otherwise? For "according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour." (Titus 3:5-6). The Lord has been so wonderfully good to us; it is far beyond the power of my pen to express even the little that I recognize of His kind and most gracious dealings with this servant.

It has been our privilege to recognize a little of the wonderful love of God as it has been manifested in all my life. Let us remember that God has loved each of us from the moment of our conception; and that if we only knew and comprehended the love and wisdom that has watched over our lives, we would be awed and astounded. Truly He loves us. In my case, His wisdom permitted that I be born in a home where He was loved and revered above all else. Oh, the blessing of godly parents! Who can compute their worth? To them, He entrusted the teaching and training of a little soul. They faithfully taught me of my duty to God and man. But, sad to say, I rebelled against what I knew was right, and greatly grieved my Father in heaven. It grieved my parents to see me so grieve God. They loved me with a love given of God; and how faithfully they strove with me to show me the awful shame of my doings that I might turn to Him. Bless the Lord! Because of their warnings and the wonderful dealings of the Holy Spirit with my heart, deep conviction settled on me. On July 4, 1963, I was deeply convicted of my need at the Hammond, La., campmeeting. My soul was shaken to the very core by what I had done; and with the tears running down my face, I looked up at Dad and asked him to go with me to the altar. And there I met the Lord! Oh, glory to God! He freely forgave me and pardoned me from all my sins. They were gone! Hallelujah! (They are gone yet.) Hatred, desires for lying, and awful things were gone! My heart was freer and lighter than I can express. Oh, the wonders of the new birth! "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; behold, all things are become new." There is a reality in these texts that is hard to explain. I left the altar and seemingly saw no one; the glory in my soul was so great that I seemed to be suspended in the air just above the ground. All else was forgotten in this one thing—the overwhelming fact that I was in fellowship with God. A peace beyond description filled my heart, and I knew that I loved everyone. I could have just floated on up to heaven.

How merciful and loving the Saviour of all men is to us in that we taste of the fruits of redeeming love!

Lo, He says, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden; and I will give you rest." Let us serve Him with faithful hearts and undying love in His work of bringing the weary to sweet rest in Him.

I recall that someone asked me if I felt any different. It must have been written on my face. The wonderment of my soul at the change that had taken place was so great that I could scarcely answer. This was my first knowledge of God as He truly is. (Jer. 24:7). (The change in my life was so marked that my younger brother fell under conviction and wanted to get saved the following Sunday at the home congregation. I understand that he dates his salvation from that Sunday. Such are the effects of the work of the Lord in the human heart.)

The Lord has long planned the salvation of all and made provision for it. Bro. Paul expressed it thus: "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love." This does not mean that God ordained that some be saved to the exclusion of others, but simply expresses the thought that God had in mind toward all. The apostle realized that the plan of God had been brought to fruition in their lives: "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will." It was also the plan of God that we should be "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." And, in our beloved Saviour, "we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace." Note, dear reader, that our apostolic brother speaks of the same salvation that you and I have experienced—that which we call Bible salvation. It is God's salvation—His plan for the salvation of all men. My salvation was the beginning of a new and different life, a life of living for God instead of for myself. Now my life was holy instead of sinful, and I loved to do what was right.

Over eleven years have passed since our Father so graciously adopted me. My heart is burning to tell you of some of the Lord's gracious dealings with me. We intend to say nothing, except it redound to the glory and honor of Him who died for us and rose again. Jesus has been so merciful and good to us. We do not deserve in any way the grace of God. In a marvelous way, He has led us from a sinful life to the glory of regeneration and pardon. Next, we would like to tell you about how He taught us the meaning of entire sanctification. Until then, I ask your prayers, as I pray for you.

Your humble servant,

—Mark Spinks

GOD WANTED THEM THERE

Joseph was a stranger in the vile land of Egypt, but God wanted him there to save His people.

Esther was a queen in a land that hated Jews, but God wanted her there to save her people.

Daniel was jailed in a den of vicious lions, but God wanted him there for a testimony.

Jonah groaned in a watery grave inside a great fish, but God wanted him there to learn a lesson.

Paul and Silas lay in prison, but God wanted them there to lead a soul to Christ.

Peter, too, lay in prison, but God wanted him there to show His power in answering prayer.

John was isolated on a lonely island, but God wanted him there to write Christ's Revelation.

Why does God have you where you are at this moment?
—Author Unknown

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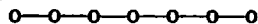
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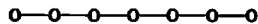
Greetings to all our readers with the arrival of this autumn season. The summer is ended, the camp-meeting season is past, and much more needs to be done in the salvation of precious souls. Time is running out and it will soon end in eternity.

For a number of years, it has been our practice each fall to make a gospel extension effort through a special subscription offer on this monthly gospel paper. However, this year we regret to advise that due to the shortage of help at the Lord's Printshop, we will not be able to repeat that special offer. This is a circumstance beyond our control, and we must commit it to the Lord and say, "Thy will be done." Yet we would encourage all our readers to send in yearly subscriptions to this full gospel paper. The subscription rates (35¢ per year, and three one-year subscriptions for \$1.00) are far below costs in view of the mounting cost of production. In fact, the subscription price hardly pays for the paper on which it is printed, and these rates have been the same for more than 25 years. The nominal figure is designed especially to encourage a wider circulation, and if we know that a person wants the paper and is not able to spare the 35¢, we will send it free of charge. The extra cost of production is met by the free-will contributions of our faithful readers who are sincerely concerned for the salvation of precious souls. Jesus commanded His disciples, "Freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10:8. Let us all be "workers together" in God's great cause.

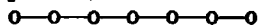
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In August, about 32 pounds of gospel tracts in the Ilocano language were printed and mailed to the Philippine Islands free of charge for free distribution. Also, many pounds of Efik language gospel tracts were mailed recently to Nigeria, West Africa, for distribution. The gospel literature continues to go out in all directions by the gracious help of the Lord and His people.



With the help of the Lord and our faithful co-workers, we were able to get the "Beautiful Way" junior and primary Sunday school papers for the 4th quarter in the mail on Sept. 13, and the "Bible Lessons" for the 4th quarter of 1974 were mailed on Sept. 16. We trust that each congregation will receive their Sunday school material by the first Sunday of the 4th quarter, which is October 6.



The serious problem facing the Lord's Printshop, for which we requested prayer in the September issue, has not yet been fully solved, but our eyes are upon

the Lord and by faith we see the ultimate defeat of the plan of Satan. Your prayers, words and letters of encouragement and sincere co-operation in this special burden have been greatly appreciated. Thanks for your continued prayers as we wait upon the Lord for His time of deliverance.

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AT PRESS TIME word came that Sister Ulysses (Ella V.) Phillips, aged 93, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 24. Pray for Bro. Phillips at 1240 Orange Street, San Bernardino, Calif. 92410.

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

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Our co-workers, Sister Thelma Sprague and her daughter, Mary, Sister Roberta Hightower and Sister Rosalie Johnston have moved into the large, workers' home on the corner next door to the Printshop. Sister Thelma Sprague is the house mother and cook. She now serves the noon meal for all the workers in the dining room of this residence. May the Lord bless and reward all of them for their service unto Him.

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New Address of Kentucky Evangelist . . .

Bro. Curtis Williams, evangelist, and his family have recently moved to a better location which is about twelve miles from their former home. They are now at a higher elevation on a blacktop road and the school bus comes right by their house. Their new address is R. 1, Morehead, Ky. 40351. The phone number remains the same and is: 606-784-7769. They have problems that need to be worked out. Pray for them. Bro. Williams is at your service as a minister of the gospel.

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At the last National campmeeting business meeting, Bro. and Sister Dale Doolittle accepted the position of caretakers on the National campground. Subsequently, in early August, Bro. and Sister Doolittle and family moved from Hammond, La., to the campground at Monark Springs, Neosho, Mo., which was a very expensive and sacrificial move. Wife and I visited them on Saturday, Sept. 14, and they informed us that they like it very well there and the children enjoy the country life. Bro. Dale and Sister Dora are not well, but they keep going. They are fully trusting the Lord, so let us pray earnestly for their healing and do all we can to make living conditions pleasant for them, as they feel definitely that the Lord led them to make this move. Their address is R. 5, Box 61, Neosho, Mo. 64850, phone number 472-6427.

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Longtime ministers, Bro. and Sister Sam Abbott of Dayton, Ohio, enjoyed their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 26, 1974. They were happy to have their

children with them, and over a hundred saints and friends came that day to visit, sing, and leave cards and gifts. They received over a hundred cards, some of which had no address but enclosed a gift. They wish to thank each one who showed this love to them. They received phone calls from different ones in the U. S. She writes: "We didn't know we had so many friends, but the Lord knew and we appreciate every one. . . . The saints are the dearest people in this old world! All this love and kindness causes me to pray more, do more and be more faithful that I might be eligible to be with these dear people in eternity and with the One who died for all of us. Oh, praise the Lord!" Bro. and Sister Abbott are not well in body, so pray the Lord to touch them. They have spent most of their lives in the service of the Lord.

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Why a Change in Wearing Apparel? . . .

Consider the scripturally unsound logic expressed by the church group in the following newspaper item published 58 years ago by the Associated Press entitled, "Members of Church Wear Gaudy Garments To Be Inconspicuous."

"Anderson, Ind. (June 8, 1916)—Contending that the custom of the men not wearing neckties and the women dressing only in black or gray gowns of the plainest styles was making them too conspicuous, members of the Church of God, holding its annual general assembly here, are bringing about a change in wearing apparel.

"Many of the 2,000 men at the assembly are wearing neckties and the women are dressed in the latest creations and colors.

"Those favoring the reform declare the old custom was against their religious doctrine, in that it attracted too much attention to the members when they appeared in public."

May we ask, where is the sin of being conspicuous for Christ's sake and the glory of God in obedience to His Word? The dictionary defines **conspicuous**: "Clearly visible; easy to be seen; readily attracting attention." Jesus said to His disciples, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5: 14, 16. A light and a city set on a hill readily attract your attention, do they not? The Apostle Paul wrote: ". . . we are made a spectacle [margin: "theatre"] unto the world, and to angels, and to men." 1 Cor. 4:9. Are you willing to be a spectacle—"that which is exhibited to public view"—in obedience to the following scriptures? "In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." 1 Tim. 2:9, 10. "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." 1 Peter 3:3, 4.

Man is composed of an inner man (the soul) and an outer man (the body), and the inner man is wholly responsible for the moral conduct of the body. The foregoing scriptures teach that the disciple of Christ should clothe his or her body in a manner that would conform to or correspond with that "meek and quiet spirit" of the inner man, or that "which becometh women [or men] professing godliness." To a great extent, the outward adornment of the body is an index to the spiritual condition of the inner man, though the devil can and does appear in sheep's clothing. The unnecessary articles of dress, such as neckties, beads, rings and all jewelry, are outward adornments which attract people to the person and not to the Christ-life in the soul. The Christian standard of dress is "modest apparel" and not "costly array," but those clean, neat, and plain clothes which fully cover the body.

Considering the argument that Christians should not be conspicuous in dress, let us project that reasoning 58 years down to this present age of undress, and ask this question: Would the old custom of Christians wearing clothes be "against their religious doctrine, in that it attracted too much attention to the members when they appeared in public?"

In the year of 1910, Bro. E. E. Byrum, then editor of the "Trumpet," wrote thus of the compromise spirit: "At the present time the enemy has laid a snare for the people of God. His schemes are deep-seated, and his darts are aimed at the very vitals of the church. The object is to destroy the spirit of this reformation by getting it on the side-track of compromise. . . . The Word of God stands today as it always has, and to wear a superfluous article will lead to other superfluities and open the gates to worldly conformity and pride; and a compromise spirit that will plead for worldly conformity, will plead for letting down on doctrinal lines. . . . Then what is the matter with those ministers? They have stepped over into the by-path of the broad way and are 'headed for the dump-pile.'" Consider well!

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At press time the following report was received of the campmeeting at Fresno, Calif., where Brother E. J. Trotter is pastor:

"The Fresno campmeeting was a real blessing, as God blessed in every service. The preaching was stirring God's children to be faithful. Souls were saved, some healed and many sought help at the altar of prayer. The attendance was very good. Thank the Lord for the ministers and workers He sent.

"Yours in Christ, —Naomi Jennings"

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Our sincere thanks are extended to all our readers who have so faithfully helped by your offerings to get out more gospel literature. Some did not put their name or address on the envelope, so we could not acknowledge the offering. It is our pleasure to be "workers together" with you and the Lord for precious souls. —Lawrence Pruitt

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OBITUARIES



John Matthew Forrest was born in Glenmora, La., on July 21, 1884, and departed this life sometime between Aug. 8 and 13, as he lived alone and was found dead on Aug. 13, 1974, at his home in Alexandria, La. He was past 90 years of age.

Bro. Forrest embraced the truth of the Church of God when he was a young man, and had worked at the Gospel Trumpet Company in Moundville, W. Va. A few years ago he attended the campmeeting at Hammond, La.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Ambrose Basco of Delhi, La., and Mrs. Mary Worley of Fresno, Calif., and a number of nieces and nephews.

Interment was in the Forest Lawn Cemetery at Pineville, Louisiana.

Mrs. Jessie Belle Williams Holloway was born on Feb. 11, 1902, in Quitman County, Georgetown, Ga., and departed this life on July 30, 1974, at McRae, Georgia.

She was united in holy matrimony to Joe Day in 1918. To this union one child was born, Miss Willie Eva. After the death of Mr. Day in 1940, she was united in marriage to Eddie C. Holloway in 1942. To this union two children were born—John E. W. and Arlie D.

For fifteen years she was a member of the Church of God in Fitzgerald, Ga.

She leaves to mourn, her devoted mother, Mrs. Elizabeth McNair of Goulds, Fla.; one daughter, Willie Eva Burnette of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; two sons, John E. W., of McRae, Ga., and Arlie D., of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; nine grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

The eulogy was delivered by Elder Inis Wright, and interment was in the cemetery at McRae, Georgia.

Marvin Roy Knapp, the son of Floyd and Goldie Knapp, was born on Sept. 14, 1940, at Mound City, Mo., and departed this life on August 30, 1974, in the same community.

On September 5, 1958, he was married to Lavonna Miller. To this union three children were born—Tammy, Tony and Lisa.

He is survived by his wife and three children of the home; his mother, Sister Goldie Knapp; two sisters and five brothers. His father, one brother and one sister preceded him in death.

He was a tender-hearted man and was always willing to do good to his fellowman.

The funeral services were conducted at the Funeral Home in Mound City, Mo., by Bro. Murphy Allen, and burial was in the Benton Cemetery.

Bro. Leonard Gaines was born on Aug. 19, 1890, in Arkansas, and passed away on Aug. 12, 1974, in Bakersfield, Calif., at the age of 83 years, eleven months and 23 days.

In 1911 he was united in marriage to Miss Addie Flemmings at Tallahassee, Okla. To this union fifteen children were born. Nine preceded him in death.

In 1916, he heard the teachings of the Church of God by the late S. T. Walker and was saved. Later, he felt the call of the Lord to the ministry. He preached the gospel for over forty years in various states.

In 1946 his wife passed away at Bakersfield, Calif. Later, he was married to Mrs. Katie Ward.

Bro. Gaines loved the work of the Lord. His favorite song which he sung so often says, "Oh, Thou in whose presence my soul takes delight, on Whom in affliction I call, my comfort by day and my song in the night, my hope, my salvation, my all."

He leaves to mourn, his wife, Sister Katie Gaines; five sons, Elbert, Palo Alto, Calif., Louie, Bakersfield, Calif., Otis, Leonard Jr., and Ulysses Gaines, all of Oakland, Calif.; one daughter, Mrs. Queen E. Mason, Oakland, Calif.; two sisters, Eddsser Neeley, Los Angeles, Calif., and Laurell Thomas, Victorville, Calif.; three brothers, E. V. Gaines, Tulsa, Okla., Wiley Gaines, and Jethro Gaines, Bakersfield, Calif.; three step-daughters, Mavis Foreman and Pauline Glover, both of Guthrie, Okla., and Mildred Blair, Okla. City, Okla.; two step-sons, James and William Ward, both of Bakersfield, Calif.; 23 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and many other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Saints' Chapel in Bakersfield, Calif., conducted by Bro. Z. E. Francisco, Bro. F. E. Doolittle and others. —Hazel Davis

Sister Beulah Johnson of Winnsboro, La., writes as follows: "Dear saints, my beloved husband departed this life on August 22, 1974. I am so glad he repented of his sins years ago and testified that he was ready to meet God. . . . We went to meeting the night he died, and he departed just past midnight. . . . I am very lonely as we had almost 48 years of happy married life.

"He leaves behind a wife and nine children; seven sons and two daughters. Our children are coming to the Lord one by one.

"I am in need of much prayer as I am not well in body. I feel good in my soul and mean to fight the battle until the end. I am ready to stay and ready to go at any time. I am almost isolated from the true Church of God but I am not isolated from God. Yours in Christ Jesus, —Mrs. Beulah Johnson."

BOLEY, OKLA., CAMPMEETING REPORT

Our hearts are overflowing with joy and thanksgiving to our dear Lord for how He worked in the Boley, Okla., campmeeting, for the ministers and workers He sent from various states, also local ministers, to preach the old-time truth. The Word of God was anointed of the Holy Ghost. Praise God! Souls were saved, some sanctified and some healed to the glory of God.

The attendance was very good. In fact, more saints came and camped on the grounds than we have known about for years. We were so thankful to have a nice group of young saints camping on the grounds. We appreciated their godly conduct and labour of love, working with their hands, helping in the kitchen, etc.

The ordinance service was well attended and anointed of the Lord, also the baptismal service. One young Sister was afraid to go into the water, but after prayer was offered, the Lord rebuked fear in her behalf. She was baptized and came up out of the water shouting the victory. Praise the Lord!

The Spirit of the meeting was very lovely. The fellowship of the dear saints was wonderful. In one, early-morning prayer meeting the Lord seemed to especially lower His presence in our midst. As we were singing, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," it seemed that Jesus Himself just stepped into our midst. We could sing no longer as tears burst from our eyes with rejoicing, and we all praised the Lord for such a wonderful Saviour! What a mighty God we serve!

We surely thank the Lord for all He has done, for the ministers and saints who laboured so faithfully in the meeting, and those who brought food.

We appreciated the letter we received and read at this meeting from Bro. and Sister Ulysses Phillips, our dear father and mother in Zion. It surely was encouraging to the saints. We are deeply grateful for the many years they both laboured so faithfully in the service of the Lord, and the blessings they have been to the saints. They are yet bearing fruit in their old age in California. God in His faithfulness will reward them for it all, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Hebrews 6:10.

Yours in His great Name, —Katherine Williams

Letter and Poem Read at Boley, Okla., Campmeeting

Calif.—Dear ones and fellow-labourers in the field and vineyard of the Master: Holy greetings in His name. I do wish it was so that I could be with you in the Boley, Okla., campmeeting, but God knows what is best. My traveling days are over.

We thank and praise the Lord for His wonderful love and goodness to us. He is blessing my wife and me beyond our expectations. We cannot refrain from praising Him when we look back, as it were, and see that so many of our acquaintances and fellow-workers have been called to their reward. We wonder what can we do to bring in a few more sheaves for the Master. The sun of our life is sinking in the west. We both are passed our allotted time of three-score years and ten. Our bodies are frail and worn. We are so thankful and glad for the kindness and hospitality shown to us by the saints and our children. We could not ask for more.

We want to please God and be of some encouragement to the saints, and to the work of the Lord. We want to be a partaker of the rich blessings and benefits

of our Lord and Master. We say, like Paul, that we know some of you will see our face no more on this side of the river. Pray that we meet around the Great White Throne of God. Amen. —Ulysses Phillips and Wife, by Ulysses
1240 Orange St., San Bernardino, Calif. 92411

Death Is Coming On

Step by step, with silent tread,
Not desired, nor bidden,
But shrouded in a veil of dread,
In every corner hidden,
In twilight beams, or midnight shades,
Or in the morning's dawn,
Or 'neath the rays of midday sun,
Death is coming on.
Without regard to high estate,
Or rich or poor domain,
With no respect for age or youth,
Or honor, pride or fame,
Nor trade, nor skill, feat or plan,
Nor kindred, race, nor tongue;
Without regard to one or all,
Death is coming on.
What will you do when at last
You meet with death some day?
Have you found Him whose Hand divine
Can take its sting away?
To us is given victory
Through Christ, God's only Son.
Through faith in Him we need not fear,
Though death is coming on. —U. Phillips

MEETING HELD IN TEXAS

Texas—Dear Printshop workers, greetings in Jesus' dear name, who died to set us free from sin: Praise His dear name!

We had a wonderful Labor Day week-end meeting here at Bogata, Texas. Some new people came to hear every message. I believe the dear Lord sent the honest-hearted ones to hear the Word that they needed most. Pray for the new ones who were here that they will accept the truth. One soul was saved.

Bro. Egbert Allen and other gospel workers held the meeting.

Christian love and prayers, —Sister Nellie Lovell

NATIONAL CAMPGROUND WORK DAY ON NOVEMBER 9, 1974

At the last business meeting, a work day was scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 9, 1974, on the Monark Springs National Campground, Neosho, Mo. The purpose of the work day is to prepare the grounds for winter, and to plant trees for future shade. All who are able to work are invited to come and help. Anyone who wants a tree planted on his lot, but will not be there on the work day, should get word to someone that will be there. The undersigned will be glad to take that information.

—Jim Wall, 7171 S. Elwood, Tulsa, Okla. 74132

OREGON ASSEMBLY MEETING AT JEFFERSON

The annual Oregon assembly meeting of the Church of God will convene in Jefferson, Oregon, on November 1 and continue through November 10, 1974, Lord willing.

Those who come by bus from either north or south should come to Albany, Ore., 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 labor 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. There are cabins and a dormitory available on the camp ground, 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 meeting. Yours and His in the Master's service,

—Otis B. and Evelyn Wilson
6505 N. E. Sunset Dr., Albany, Oregon 97321

ASSEMBLY MEETING AT HAMMOND, LA.

The General Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will begin on Sunday, Nov. 24, 1974, continuing through the following Sunday, December 1, at the Saints' Chapel on the Church of God Campgrounds at Hammond, La.

We are looking to the Lord to send in Holy Spirit-filled ministers of His choosing, who will not shun to preach and declare all the truths of God's Word. We are expecting God to send us an outpouring of the anointing of His Holy Spirit, with a rich manifestation of His divine power through the preached Word and in the saving of souls and the healing of afflicted bodies.

We wish to invite all the saints of God of all nations to come and be with us, and enjoy the blessings of the Lord in this meeting.

There will be places to stay for all who come from afar. Electrical and sewer hook-ups will be available for campers and trailers. Meals will be served as usual in the dining hall.

For any further information concerning the meeting, contact Max F. Williamson, 203 White St., Hammond, La. 70401, phone number 504-345-4566, or Bob Forbes, Rt. 3, Box 25E, Kentwood, La. 70444, phone number 504-229-8543.

—Bro. Bob Forbes

Prayer Requests

Pa.—"I covet your earnest prayers for a brother (in the flesh). The devil has gotten control of his mind. It is a real sad condition."—Sister Virginia Myers.

Calif.—"Pray for my three-year-old grandson's eyes. My daughter took him to a specialist and he said he would have to have major surgery. I know God can heal him."

—Doris Pihaylic

Tenn.—"Pray for my brother-in-law who had a motorcycle accident. He is paralyzed from his chest down, and has the use of only one arm."—Christine White

New Mexico—"Pray for the Lord to heal the arthritis in my hands, and I think I have low blood pressure. . . . I have an unspoken request pertaining to myself."

—Bro. E. B. Weir

Okla.—Sister Alta Bock is very much in need of healing. She often has severe spells with her head, and at

times loses consciousness, and has other troubles. God knows the cause, and we know He can heal her. She has been very sick in bed.

Ore.—Remember Bro. Earl Watson in prayer. He seems to have a serious affliction. Pray also for his wife, Sister Violet, as she is naturally concerned and troubled.

Let us continually remember the ministers of God who are preaching and giving out the "wonderful words of life." Many of them are feeling the wear and tear upon their physical bodies from their long hours of prayer, preaching, personal visitations, traveling and carrying heavy burdens for others. Some are getting up in years and yet their hearts are still burdened for the work of the Lord. Bro. and Sister Ira Stover still need prayer for their bodies. The Lord does touch them again and again. Bro. Stover recently had a weak spell in the pulpit while holding meeting. The brethren caught him and he went down only upon his knees. The Lord did undertake for him, but he is still weak. Bro. and Sister Sam Abbott need help in their bodies. They are so burdened for the work of the Lord, but their bodies are frail. Bro. Mart Samons has a need of healing to his body. Bro. Murphy Allen also needs a touch to his body, and others we could name, but God knows. Dear ones, do pray for the ministers and gospel workers who are wearing out for God. They are like one dear aged saint who said, "I don't intend to rust out but to wear out for God." This saint did just that, and was taken to Glory suddenly with a heart attack which, I know, was best.

Continue to pray for the special burden we have here in the work at the publishing house. We are expecting God to work out this problem. By faith we see it taken care of.
—Sister Marie Miles

REVIVAL AT OKMULGEE, OKLA.

The Church of God at 1002 East McLegan, Okmulgee, Okla., is announcing their third annual fall revival meeting, which will start on Monday night at 7:45, October 14, and will continue through Sunday night, October 20, 1974.

We are expecting the Spirit of the Lord to lead, guide and direct in each service. The salvation of souls is our main burden. Pray for the success of the meeting. Let us band our forces of prayer together, as a mighty weapon against the enemy of precious souls.

For more information, contact Bro. Woodrow Warren, pastor, at the church address, or phone this number: 918—756-6425. A warm welcome is extended to everyone.

—Reinette Henderson

GREEN PASTURES, OKLA., REVIVAL

The revival meeting of the Church of God at Green Pastures, Okla., will be held, Lord willing, from October 4 through October 13, 1974, at 57th and North Denver Streets, which is the location of the chapel.

All are welcome. Come praying for a rich, Spirit-filled meeting, in which the Holy Spirit has His way.

For further information, contact Brother Herman D. Kelley, 1504 N. E. 48th Street, Okla. City, Okla., phone 427-7314.

—Bro. Herman Kelley, Pastor

THANKSGIVING REVIVAL IN GOULDS, FLA.

The saints at Goulds, Fla., extend a hearty welcome to all to attend the annual autumn revival to be held there, Lord willing, from Monday, Nov. 25 to Sunday,

Dec. 1, 1974. Pray much that the Holy Spirit will anoint in all these services.

For further information, contact the pastor, Brother H. H. Hargrave, 22345 S. W. 117th Place, Goulds, Fla. 33170, telephone 305—247-4102.

REVIVAL TO BE AT GREEN BANK, W. VA.

The Church of God at Green Bank, W. Va., has announced that Bro. Mart Samons will start a revival, Lord willing, on October 18 at their place of worship, and it will continue as long as the Lord leads. Everyone is invited to attend these services. Places to stay will be provided for all.

AUTUMN MEETING AT WICHITA, KANSAS

The annual autumn meeting of the Church of God in Wichita, Kansas, has been set for October 25 to Nov. 3, 1974. The chapel is located at 1701 N. Ash Street.

We are already praying for a good, Spirit-filled convocation. We desire to see sinners saved and the saints edified. Time is short, and we desire to be diligent about our Father's business. We are looking to the Holy Spirit to direct the meeting.

All who can, please come to help in the battle. For further information, contact the pastor, Brother Lewis Williams, 2346 N. Spruce, Wichita, Kansas 67214, phone 264-8481.

—Shirley Knight

EVANGELISTIC TENT MEETING REPORT

Ky.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and saints everywhere: We send greetings to all in the lovely Name of Jesus, the One who brought salvation to our sin-sick souls, and "by His stripes we are healed." Thank God for His unspeakable gift!

We thought it would be good to give a report of the Lord's working in the tent meetings this summer. It is hard to believe that fall is here. The summer has gone so fast. It doesn't seem long since we went to Jasper, Ala., on the 13th of May. We had a precious eleven days' meeting there where Sister Pearlene Whitson and family live. We feel that much good was done.

Then we went to Opp, Ala., where we were last year. The Lord blessed in this meeting. Bro. Joe Scofield and family are doing real good in the Lord, and others showed much interest in the truth.

Our next tent meeting was in Green Bank, W. Va., which started on June 14th. (We were in the Holly Hill, S. C., campmeeting the week-end of June 9th.) The West Virginia meeting is becoming an annual affair. This was the third year for the tent, and the Lord gave us a wonderful meeting. Many of the isolated saints, that we are burdened for, were there. About fifty saints came from out-of-town. We are thinking of having a campmeeting there next year, Lord willing.

After this meeting, we moved the tent about fifty miles, just out of Monterey, Va. This is a new field. There was a good attendance of the local people. We feel some good seeds were sown. After that, we were in some of the Akron, Ohio, campmeeting; then to the Monark Springs campmeeting at Neosho, Mo.

Following the National campmeeting, we took the tent to Newton, W. Va. We had some odd experiences there. One dear man got interested in his soul last year in the meeting and we carried a burden for him all year.

He got real sick some time before this meeting. We went to visit him a few days before he died. He told us he had been concerned about his soul all year. We feel he made peace with God before he died. We never know how much good we are doing. Another man came just as we were leaving. He said he got saved at home. The Lord told him to come and get me to baptize him. We took him down to the muddy creek and baptized him. He went on his way rejoicing.

Next, we were in the Blackford, Ky., campmeeting, and then took the tent to Kalamazoo, Mich. We had a real profitable meeting on Thursday night, and large crowds were there each night. We met many new folks. We were glad to have Bro. Curtis Williams with us in this meeting, and also the folks from Racine, Wisconsin.

After that meeting, we went to Garrett, Ind., for a tent meeting which closed on Sept. 8th.

We started a tent meeting on Sept. 13th in Fairborn, Ohio, which is close to Dayton. We lived in Fairborn before we moved to Kentucky. We know quite a few folks there and we are looking forward to a special meeting. [Editor's note: A phone call to Dayton on Sept. 18 informed us that the meeting was going real well, some souls had gotten saved, good attendance, and the Word was being preached with power and holy anointing.]

Bro. Bobby Forbes called from Louisiana, so we will go, Lord willing, to Carthage, Miss., the last of September.

The Lord has wonderfully blessed in all these meetings. A number got saved, sanctified, and many healed. A number met the truth for the first time. We feel it has been a profitable summer. Only the Lord knows how much good has been done. We have given out many books, tracts, and sowed much gospel seed. Now we look to the Lord to give the increase.

We would like to thank each one of you for your prayers, and for your support for this work. The Lord has wonderfully supplied our every need. We also appreciated all the gospel workers, preachers and saints who came to help us.

The new truck for transporting the tent and equipment was such a blessing. No one will ever know, except that he had driven the old one for seven or eight years, just how much better it has been. Many times I have looked over to my dear, faithful companion and fellow-labourer, and said, "Thank the Lord for the new truck." May the Lord bless each one who had a part in it.

If anything has been accomplished, we give the Lord all the praise, for without Him we can do nothing. We desire your continued prayers that we always be led of His Spirit. We have some needs in our body.

Bro. Lawrence, we are still holding on for your healing, also for your special request for the publishing work there. Let us all be faithful. "It will matter but little at last what we have passed through."

Yours in His service, —Bro. and Sister Mart Samons,
P. O. Box 89, Junction City, Ky. 40440

LETTER FROM MEXICAN MISSIONARY

Valle de Trinidad, Mexico—Bro. Pruitt, Sister Miles, and saints abroad: We salute you in the precious name of the Son of God. I hope that all are well and enjoying the presence of God in their hearts.

In Luke 19:1-10 is the story of Zacchaeus. This small man suddenly encountered Jesus, the Son of God, and his life was changed completely. When he had experienced the salvation that God gave, he was full of joy. Yes, my brothers, salvation is a pleasure—a pleasure that the

world doesn't know because it hasn't known God. Many people these days have only a form, and are lacking the pleasure of real salvation.

I give thanks to my God for His presence in my heart. I have pleasure always in my heart, although all around me is the ferocity of the devil. I have peace in my heart.

My dear brothers, I will pray for you. I know that you have much to do, and have a great burden in your hearts for the missions in all the world. God gives us the power that we need each day in order to work for Him.

Brothers, I want to thank you for your help in the work here in Mexico. I am very grateful to you for the way in which you have helped us in the material sense in order to continue preaching the glorious kingdom of God.

I request your prayers for myself. I need much guidance from God in all that I have to do each day. Please pray also for Bro. David Rosas. He needs God to open his spiritual eyes. He is working much and doesn't have time to come to the services. Pray for him, please.

Again, many thanks for the offering that you sent.
Your younger Brother, —Tomas Mendoza

Interior Mexico Mission Trip

The text of Scripture found in 1 Cor. 16:9 explains our feelings about the mission work in Mexico. It says, "A great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries." Many doors are open for the gospel to be preached, but the "adversaries" are many. Few are willing to combat these that the gospel might be taken to hungry souls. Is someone holding back on the Lord that will be responsible for these at the Judgment day?

There have been many adversaries against the work in Mexico from the very beginning. Back in 1962, when the Lord asked us to move to Mexico, the devil put up so many "adversaries" that we thought it impossible to go. But when God let us know it was either go or He would withdraw His presence from us, we went! So driving two vehicles loaded with our necessary living equipment and ten dollars, we drove into a strange land and set up house-keeping. Strangers supplied us with a home, cooking stove, butane tank, rake, broom, and mop; also helped us clean and get settled. Has God ever failed one of His trusting children?

Since we came back to the States in 1971, we have made trips back to Mexico several times a year, and every trip has had many adversaries. This year was no different. The first four days were especially discouraging. Driving three cars, we left Guthrie, Okla., about 12 p.m. on Wednesday night, June 5, 1974. We had driven only four hours when one of our cars broke down. This deflated our traveling fund about \$175.00 and caused a delay of seven hours. The next night was spent camping out in a rain storm. Needless to say, it was very exciting but also sleepless. We drove through Dallas, Tex., the next morning during one of the worst storms I have been in. Shortly after dark, we reached the border, but due to a misunderstanding as to where we would meet at the border, our group was separated. After hunting for the other two cars until one o'clock, we spent the remainder of the night dozing restlessly. About noon the next day, we went into the immigration office to get passports, which were refused—a new experience for us. An hour later, Bro. Tom Melot came in with his carload, and

because of being identified with us, he was also refused passports. This "adversary" was turned into a blessing, as we were able to have a meeting at Bro. Sanches' home with a good attendance. Serious, sobering thoughts were written on the faces of the audience as God's Spirit dealt with them. Another blessing was that Bro. Lloyd Eck and Bro. Jim Wall and families caught up with us and were able to travel the rest of the way with us. We decided to stagger our entrance into the immigration office this time so we would not be suspected as one group, thus avoiding possible difficulties again. At intervals of every two hours a carload entered and obtained passports. We were last. At five a.m., Sunday, we walked out of the office with passports in hand just as the officers who had refused us the day before came on duty. As we walked past two inspection officers we overheard one say to the other, "The strangest thing happened tonight. Five carloads of people came through here getting passports for Uruapan, Mich."

On Sunday night, we arrived at Saltillo about sundown, where we spent a restful night—the first good rest we'd had since Tuesday.

The next Spanish services were held at the ranches around Valle de Santiago where we stayed a total of ten days. Almost everywhere in Mexico we find people hungry for the gospel. This is true of these ranches. One Sister told us that she hadn't been in a . . . church service since 1947. Other young people told us we were only giving them a taste. "What we need is real food from God's Word," they said. We had service in four different places. One of these places had heard the gospel before, and so many of them liked the gospel that Catholic mass was discontinued. But sad to say, there has not been regular services there for several years and now a Catholic church is being built.

At Rancho Jicamas we found many hungry people. Women stood, children and men sat on the ground or rocks for two hours listening to the songs and preaching. Each time when dismissed, they asked if we couldn't please tell them more or sing some more. One night we had a second service after the first was dismissed with fifteen men thronged around Bro. Tom Melot. The older girls and women were around us. The first service began at 6:30, and this last one was broken up only by the lady of the house insisting we stop and eat sweet bread with hot chocolate. This we greatly appreciated because we hadn't eaten much since breakfast. We had lunch in the car, but hadn't found much time to eat.

In the town of Valle de Santiago there is a large hacienda, said to be 200 years old, which the Lord opened up for us to stay in. It has been kept up well and made a perfect place for us while we visited these ranches. We talked by phone last week to the owner and he said it was open for us to stay as long as we wish, anytime.

From this place, we went to the home of Bro. Irineo Rama, arriving the same day as it is only a four-hour drive. Here at Uruapan we stayed two weeks, having service with the children about 6:00 p.m. and regular service immediately following. God blessed for the delivery of His Word. Things were a little tense one night when seven of the most important men of the Catholic church came as spies. God used Bro. Rama that night to speak on the Ten Commandments, dwelling especially on the new commandment, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." It was wonderful how God manifested Himself that night. The Sunday before we left on Monday, it was announced on the loudspeaker out over town that the priest had the names of all who had gone to our meetings and was excommunicating them from the church. He spoke many

other things to make these people afraid. These dear ones need much prayer. A person who has never lived in such surroundings can't truly understand, but we do know they need much prayer. Will you please PRAY? While there, we were also able to help put in windows, paint, etc., on the church house. It still needs doors and floor; also about \$200.00 to repair roof damages caused by a tornado that struck the little town some days after we left.

Returning home, we came about the same route we had gone, but our son Bob and three others with him came another way, going by to visit the Juan Huerta family. They found that the family had been through a deep trial. Bro. Efrain, their oldest son who preaches the gospel, is now living in Remosa. He was preaching on the radio, but that privilege was taken away. He would like to get another program started. He would also love to visit the saints. Let us be praying that he will be able to come to some of the meetings. I think of the Scripture which says, "Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, comforted us by the coming of Titus." 2 Cor. 7:6. God seemed to comfort those who were cast down by this visit.

In closing, I would like to quote portions of a song:

"Do we well, my precious brethren?
While they starve and die for bread,
We with heaven's richest blessings,
Are so bountifully fed.
"While a soul remains in darkness,
And in idleness we dwell,
Selfishly the truth enjoying—
Brethren dear, we do not well."

—James and Charlotte Huskey

LETTER FROM INTERIOR MEXICO MISSION

Michoacan, Mexico—Bro. Pruitt and Sister Miles, my dear ones in the love of God: I am answering your letter with offering that we received. I hope all of you are well.

We are enjoying the blessings of the Lord. We desire your prayers. At times we suffer much in all things, but I believe that Christ called us to suffer for His cause. We need to pray one for the other.

Your Brother,

—Irineo Rama

NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Southeast State, Nigeria (Sept. 9)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints: Christian greetings in the matchless Name of our Lord Jesus Christ who died for us all that we might be saved and inducted into the Kingdom of God. His promise that He will come again and receive us unto Himself that where He is there we will be also is very firm. Praise Him!

We are happy to report that the last order of Efik Bibles came to us, and we received 60 Efik Bibles for the amount of money given. The price of books has risen in this country as well as other commodities. We are grateful that 60 needy believers that lacked Bibles have theirs now and can read the Word of Life from it to feed their precious souls at all times. We were all on our knees praying to God to bless the donors of the fund that made the Bibles available. Accept our thanks, too.

The last donation for the same purpose will be reported whenever it is implemented. Thank you also for the gift of . . . to relieve those in famine distress. The amount was divided to the victims at the same meeting

of Sept. 7. They also rejoiced and gave thanks to God and the donors.

We are eager to hear of the plan of Brother George Hammond's proposed visit to us.

May God richly bless all of you, is our daily prayer.
Yours in Christ Jesus, —Ben E. Udoka

LETTER FROM BRO. JOHN VARGHESE

Kerala, South India (Aug. 20) — My dearly beloved Bro. Pruitt, and all the ministers and saints of the Church of God in the U. S. A.: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ, the hope of glory. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Bro. Hammond and I reached my home safely on the 18th of August. Though we travelled by different airlines and had some experiences of "Marah" on the way, God worked out everything wonderfully for a final meeting in Bombay, India. I was forced to stay almost two days in Rome as there was no TWA flight from Rome to Bombay due to the war in Cyprus. At the same time Bro. Hammond was forced to stay in Bombay for one day as his reservation to Cochin was not confirmed. So finally we met at Bombay and took the same flight to Cochin, and from Cochin to my home (100 miles) in a taxi. Oh, how good our God is! About ten saints were at the Cochin airport to welcome us, and when we reached Karikkom a very good gathering was at Bethel Chapel waiting for us with great eagerness. The saints here are very glad to meet Bro. Hammond and they expressed their overflowing happiness through different kinds of hospitality. We had a night meeting in Bethel Chapel on the same day in which the saints here extended a warm welcome to him from the Church in South India. Bro. Hammond stays with me and every day he is visited by many from different parts of Kerala. After a few days rest, Lord willing, we wish to visit many places, saints and congregations. As I had a busy schedule there, Bro. Hammond is also supposed to have it likewise in India for about four months. However, transportation is a great problem here.

When I returned home I could see much improvement in the work here. "Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake." (Psa. 115:1). My wife, all the members of my home and all the saints here extend their warm love and gratitude to all the dear ones in America for what you have done for me and the saints here. We try to make Bro. Hammond feel at home, but now I feel homesick when I think about all the beloved faces there. I turn back the pages of my diary to remember the days I spent there and I look at the pictures to remember each face.

I invite your prayers for the saints, ministers and their homes here.

With regards in love and prayers, your younger Brother in Christ, —John Varghese

BROS. HAMMOND AND VARGHESE ARRIVED ON MISSION FIELD IN SOUTH INDIA

Leaving Oklahoma City by plane on August 15, Bro. George Hammond and Bro. John Varghese arrived safely in Kerala State, S. India, on August 18th. Following are excerpts from letters received from Bro. Hammond:—

(Aug. 24)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the co-workers: Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Lord and great Re-

deemer. Praise His wonderful name! This is surely a blessed experience in my life. I am feeling fine and the weather is just perfect. It surely beats the heat in Oklahoma. When I got off the plane in Bombay, India, in a very hot and humid atmosphere, I thought "I'd had it," but I opened my Bible to 1 Jno. 4:18, "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear." I thanked the Lord for that. Again, that evening in my hotel room I opened my Bible to 2 Tim. 1:7, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." Then the Lord began to show me His mercies and He has surely blessed since then.

That was surely a beautiful sight to behold coming down on the plane to Cochin with all the rice paddies laid out below, and then to experience the cool refreshing weather which has remained. It hasn't rained for several days, but has been cloudy and nice.

Bro. John's family are all in good health. They are all very kind to me. They serve my meals in my room. Bro. John showed his wife how to make the vegetable stew that I used to make, and that is what I live on, with fruit and oats for breakfast.

On Wednesday mid-day we had fasting and prayer. On Thursday we had a precious meeting which lasted from 7:30 until 11. Three young people came forward for sanctification, and a teenage Catholic, who had heard the loud speaker, came over to the meeting and got saved. Last night we had another precious meeting. Two more Catholic men and two Catholic women came to the altar, along with two more of the young people for sanctification. The young people are so precious, and the pastors are fervent and strong in the Word of God. There is such great enthusiasm and spirit among the whole church.

We are much handicapped without transportation. . . Many are waiting to have meetings, but it is hard to get there. Another urgent need is to get some of these pastors a bicycle. Two of the pastors are walking four and five miles home in the dark after meetings.

I haven't heard anything of my suitcase which was lost on the way, and I am having trouble wearing this "mundu" (dress), but I guess the Lord wanted me to get used to one.

(Aug. 26)—We have just finished a four-day meeting here at the chapel in Karikkom with many blessings from God. . . Digestive trouble is quite common here. Last Friday night we prayed for all four little ones of one family having stomach trouble and who were having difficulty in sleeping. The lack of sanitation and the bad water supply is probably the root cause of most of this, along with their use of fingers for eating. The wells fill up with surface water and it is hard to purify and keep clean.

Last Sunday was a precious day, mostly with the children for Sunday school. They all gathered together for a combined study and worship from 8 to 9:30 a.m. The church service started at 10:30. We had one sermon, and then an hour of testimonies. Then I preached, and afterward Bro. John spoke. It was about 1:30 p.m. when we were dismissed. The little children and young people are always there in majority. They are so sweet with their little brown faces and shining eyes. After each service they surround me and I can hardly shake hands with anyone else. I have rather shaken their traditions by shaking hands with all the sisters. They all laughed when I told them about Bro. John shaking hands with the sisters in America. On Sunday evening two boys about twelve years old, and two men came for salvation. Another Catholic woman came for salvation, and two other women came for sanctification. . . I got a little gar-

den spot planted with beans, squash, swiss chard and potatoes. . . .

(Sept. 2)—My beans came up very well and a couple of hills of squash, but I don't hold much hope of changing the diet of these folks. . . . We purchased an American-made press, but it has not been delivered yet. It has Malayalam and English type. . . . We are waiting for the money for a car. [Editor: A draft for that purpose was mailed on Sept. 3]. We have to be on the waiting list about a year to get a new one. A doctor friend of Bro. John's brother has a car about six months old in very good shape which he has used very little. He is holding it for us. The taxi transportation runs into a lot of money with gas costing \$2.00 per gallon.

(Sept. 12)—We are well in body and soul. We took a taxi last weekend about twelve miles away for an outdoor meeting, and a house meeting Saturday night and Sunday. We had fasting, prayer and Bible study yesterday noon. This afternoon we go to Kottarakara to speak to some youth leaders. Tonight we have prayer meeting, and on Saturday we go to Bro. Thomas' congregation about fifty miles away.

I haven't heard about my suitcase yet, but Bro. John's friend in Bombay said he was looking into the matter.

I pray that everything is working out well at the shop. Bro. John and family send greetings.

Your Brother in Christ, —George Hammond

From The Mail Box . . .

Kansas—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I am still saved, and on the winning side with Jesus. The fight gets pretty hot sometimes. In a way, I am glad for that, because if the enemy did not harass, I would not know just where I stood with the Lord. . . .

I heard some good sermons at the Monark Springs campmeeting. It was a privilege to meet and salute the saints at the meeting. It really edified my hungry soul. I was there three days and really enjoyed every minute.

Yours in Jesus, —Homer W. Fee

La.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and workers: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. We are yet pressing on with victory through faith in Jesus' name. By His grace we expect to see the final end with victory. Praise be unto our God forever!

As trouble and uncertainty are pressing in on this world from every side, we as God's children need not fear. Our God and Redeemer is at the controls and it is certain that He knows how to deliver in time of temptation every one that is kept in His fold.

Bro. Egbert Allen began meeting here (Loranger) on Sunday, Sept. 8, and it will continue through the 15th. It seems that the Word preached is blessing many.

I trust this finds you encouraged and feeling much better. We are doing fairly well at present.

Yours in Christ, —G. A. Nichols

Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all the dear ones at the Lord's Printshop: Greetings of love in the Name of Him who has said, "I'll never leave you."

Campmeeting time is about over. We have one more, that at Fresno, Calif., which we hope to attend. They usually have a good feast of spiritual things spread for those who are hungry for the truth. The campmeeting at Pacoima, Calif., was one of the best. Many souls sought help at the altar of prayer. The young people of today among the "evening light" saints seem to be stirred as

never before. Oh, praise the Lord for this great plan of salvation!

We are glad for the faithfulness of the workers there. May God bless all of you, and especially you, dear brother. We are praying that complete victory may be yours soon over all your afflictions! God is able. Oh, God, increase our faith!

Your Bro. and Sis. in Him, —H. P. and Agnes Huskey

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Minn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers, greetings of love in Jesus' holy name: This leaves me well, for which I thank the Lord. He has been so good to me in times past and He has prepared a Home for me in the future.

Bro. Willie Murphey dropped in on me for a few hours. . . . It is a blessing to have one of God's ministers to come. We are now meeting in my apartment for services as there are so few and we do not have a pastor.

We are praying for you and all of God's saints. May the Lord bless and keep you in the center of His will, is my prayer.

—Bro. Andrew Senti

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: I trust this finds you feeling better in body. We are praying earnestly for you, and trust the dear Lord to give you a complete healing touch, and to work out all of your burdens.

We are weary in body, but still happy and encouraged in our soul. The dear Lord is so precious to us.

We had a meeting in the Miles Community in Oklahoma (Bro. Kenneth Probst's congregation), and the Lord was in our midst to deal with souls. . . . We felt the meeting was profitable and trust that good will yet come from it.

The funeral for Sister Goldie Knapp's son, Marvin, was so sad. Our hearts ached for the family.

May the Lord bless you and your efforts for Him. In Christian love, —Murphy Allen

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Oregon—Dear Sister Marie: I can report victory in my soul. I do thank the dear Lord for all He has done for me, but I still need help in my body. I am so weak and nervous, but my trust is in the Lord and in Him alone. He is my all and all. If the Lord spares me until November 16, I will be 84 years old. I have never taken a dose of medicine in my life, not even a pain pill or a laxative. . . . The Lord has healed me many times. In January, 1950, the Lord healed my eyes. I haven't worn glasses since. Oh, how I praise the dear Lord! He is so good to me. Pray that the Lord will help me to hold out until He calls me Home.

Your Sister in Christ,

—Emma Busch

(Editor's note: After writing the above testimony, Sister Busch and her son, Herman, were involved in an auto accident on Sunday, Sept. 15, on their way to the church services at Jefferson, Ore. She suffered broken bones in one limb and a gash in her head. Her son was not seriously hurt. Pray fervently for her healing and speedy recovery from these injuries.)

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Fla.—Dear Sister Marie, greetings of love in our dear Saviour's name: We appreciate the abiding place of refuge that we have found in Jesus.

We were thankful for the time we were able to be in meeting with the saints in Oklahoma. The meetings were a blessing to us. The kindness of the saints was

greatly appreciated. Our hearts were greatly touched to see so many of the precious saints with various afflictions. We would like to encourage them to look to God as never before. The saints are praying. God hears and He is greatly touched by the cries of His dear children. He is just the same today.

I am thankful for those who prayed for me during my hours of need. The Lord heard and delivered me completely from sugar diabetes and hepatitis. He delivered the baby and me from several other abnormal conditions. Praise the Lord!

We are striving by the grace of God to be just as true as we know how. He is faithful, true and will not lie. The Scripture comes to mind about how the unjust judge was moved at the woman's continual coming, and how Christ said, "Shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?" (Read Luke 18:1-8).

Pray for us. —Sister H. H. Hargrave

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Calif.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence, and all the dear ones at the Printshop: Greetings in the most precious and wonderful name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the precious Lamb of God.

I am thankful how the Lord has taken care of me this summer. When Evelyn and Ostis Wilson came down to Pacoima and visited here at the Home, I went back with them to Oregon which was just before their campmeeting. We had a wonderful meeting there. I visited four of my children and several grandchildren in northern California. Evelyn, Ostis, and Lucille Tremble came by and brought me back for our campmeeting here in Pacoima, Calif. We also had a precious campmeeting.

I have been failing very much in body. I don't like to go alone. I have been having some trouble with my head and I feel like I am going to fall. I did fall a few weeks ago, while I was with Evelyn and Ostis, but I was not hurt very bad. It could have been worse, but the Lord undertook for me in answer to prayer. The next day there wasn't much soreness left. I thank the Lord for His love to me. I ask your prayers that the dear Lord will completely heal me. I lose my strength easily, so please keep me on your prayer list as that is where I get my help.

I love all the dear saints. I feel that the Lord will give victory and enable me to be faithful to the end of my life. May the dear Lord bless you and the rest of the workers.

—Sister Edith Wittenborn

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Okla.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. and Sister Pruitt, and all the saints at the Printshop: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. He has been so good to us, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases." Psalms 103:3.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1. This scripture was such a comfort to me after taking real sick while we were in California. The Lord touched my body at different times. On the fourth day He gave me a definite healing touch. To God be the glory! My trust was fully in the Lord and He is all the help we need. I am glad I ever learned to trust Him.

I want to thank all the saints for their prayers, telephone calls, personal visits, cards, tokens of love and all the deeds of kindness that were shown to us. May the Lord richly bless each of you, is our prayer. We still covet your prayers.

Your Sister in Christ, —Sister Laura Warren

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. and Sister Pruitt, and dear ones at the Printshop: I am praying that God will work out your problems about the Printshop.

Oh, glory to His name! The Lord healed me in answer to your prayer request in the September "Faith and Victory" paper. Thank the Lord! I can't praise Him enough for His wonderful love and care. When the enemy attacks us, God is ready to deliver. Thank you for your prayers for others and for me. He healed the pains in my neck, arms, both legs, and other pains in my body. I didn't go to the doctor.

I pray for you, Bro. Pruitt, and all who need healing. When we know the truth, we can have the saints to agree with us in prayer and the work will be done.

I do want to be faithful, read my Bible and books, write notes, sing songs, and pray often. . . .

In Christian love, —Sister Opal Williams

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Okla.—Dear saints at the Printshop and all the readers of these good "Faith and Victory" papers: Greetings in Jesus' name. I do not have a testimony of a great miraculous healing, but to me it is miraculous to be saved from sin by the shed blood of Jesus Christ, sanctified by the Holy Spirit, and to have enjoyed good health since I have lived in Guthrie, except for two colds, of which, through the saints' prayers and faith in the Great Physician, I was quickly healed. For all these blessings I truly praise God.

I am also very grateful for the wonderful privilege of attending parts of five campmeetings this summer. The first was the good meeting here at Guthrie, then one day in the Tulsa, Okla., meeting and a few days in the Hammond, La., campmeeting. While in Louisiana, I enjoyed a good visit in the home of my son and with other relatives. The campmeeting was like attending a family reunion. There were so many of my dear brothers and sisters in the Lord whom I hadn't seen for a number of years. It was a joy to my soul, as also were the services.

Then the National campmeeting at Neosho, Mo., was another very precious gathering of God's dear people and friends. I heard more of the Holy Spirit anointed messages of gospel truth which brought so many to the altar of prayer. It was a glorious time to meet so many saints from many states. I was also privileged to attend one day at the Boley, Okla., campmeeting. Again, it was a blessing to be with the dear saints there, to have our souls fed with God's precious words of truth, and to enjoy more inspiring singing.

The meetings were all blessed by the presence of Bro. John Varghese, the saintly native minister from India. I am sure his anointed messages inspired and stirred all our hearts with a greater burden for the missionary work in India, also for all the missionaries in their sacrificial work of taking the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the lost souls of other nations.

I really enjoy the good soul food, and the encouraging testimonies in these "Faith and Victory" papers that have been coming to us month after month for many years. May God bless all the faithful workers. May all who read the papers be encouraged in following the footsteps of Jesus and letting our lights shine by giving out more tracts and papers. Christian love, —Sister Vera Forbes

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