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### The Rose



It is only a tiny rosebud—  
A flower of God's design;  
But I cannot unfold the petals  
With these clumsy hands of mine.

The secret of unfolding flowers  
Is not known to such as I—  
The flower God opens so sweetly  
In my hands would fade and die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud—  
This flower of God's design,  
Then how can I think I have wisdom  
To unfold this life of mine?

So I'll trust in Him for His leading  
Each moment of every day,  
And I'll look to Him for His guidance  
Each step of the pilgrim way.

For the pathway that lies before me  
My heavenly Father knows—  
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments  
Just as He unfolds the rose.

—Selected

### The Great Memorial Day of the Gospel



The two greatest events that ever occurred on earth we have in the gospel. They are the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The salvation of all mankind centers in Christ's death and resurrection. All other events fade into mere insignificance when compared with these. Two monuments have been erected in the Christian age to commemorate these events. They are the "Lord's Supper" and the "Lord's Day." The first is in "remembrance" of his death; the last commemorates his resurrection. The Lord's Supper is to show his death "till he come"; the Lord's Day is a day of holy convocation, a day of rejoicing and spiritual devotion, because "he is risen."

There is nothing in the events of Saturday—the seventh day—to inspire a Christian under the gospel. Christ was in the tomb. A guard of Roman soldiers were carefully watching the place. A sable gloom hung over the scene, and the pall of death cast its dark shadow. Yes, the world's Savior lay under the power of death. His body rested in the sepulcher and his soul was in Hades. It was a restless and disheartening day to the disconsolate disciples. When their Lord was buried their hopes died with him. (Luke 24:17-21). It was a day of mourning and sadness. The disciples were weeping, Mary the mother was heart-broken, and if ever angels wept, it was on that day. If ever hell rejoiced and demons shouted it was on that Saturday. The remembrance of that day would always be a grievous one to the church. It would recall the agonies of death, the cross, the bitter cries, the expiring groan, the mournful sepulcher. It would ever after create a feeling of sorrow. Yes, the events of that day—that Jewish Sabbath Day—have forever spoiled it to the Christian heart. Think of it, the wicked Jews were rejoicing and Satan triumphing! If ever the devil had hope, it was while Jesus was dead, during the Sabbath Day.

But as the first day of the week—Sunday—begins to dawn, a mighty angel like lightning descends, the earth quakes, the guards fall like dead men, the stone rolls away, the tomb opens, and Christ arises a conqueror over death, hell, and the grave (Matt. 28:1-4). Satan's last hope is gone; the wicked Jews are dismayed; the holy women are glad; the hope of the disciples is revived; angels rejoice; the salvation of a world is secured; the sufferings and humiliation of the Son of God are ended, and he walks forth the Almighty Saviour, the Lord of all. This is the Resurrection Day. No wonder it became the memorial day of the church.

It was the resurrection day on which everything turned. Jesus might have lived the pure life he did, might have wrought all the miracles he did, might have died on the cross as he did, might have been buried as he was, yet all this would not have saved a soul if he had not risen from the dead. "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your

sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." ( Cor. 15:17, 18). The resurrection completed the work which made Jesus both Saviour and Lord. Jesus himself, when asked for the evidence of his authority, pointed to his resurrection on the third day as the proof of it. (John 2:18-21; Matt. 12:28-40; 16:21). Paul says that Jesus was "declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead." (Rom. 1:4). It was this that proved his divinity. It was this that converted His own brethren in the flesh. Prior to the resurrection "his brethren believed not on him." That there will be a final day of judgment God "hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." (Acts 17:31).

Christ only is our hope and salvation. Him the Jews rejected and put to death. To the third day he lay in the tomb, and the sorrowful disciples said, "We trusted that it had been he which would have redeemed Israel." (Luke 24:21). With his death, all their hopes seem to have expired. All was lost. But on the third day after the crucifixion they heard of his resurrection. Mary saw the Lord and told the rest. Though their faith was weak, hope began to revive. In the evening they were drawn together in assembly. Behold, He appeared in their midst. So it is true the Lord has risen! His resurrection confounds the Jews who rejected and crucified Him. The stone they had rejected suddenly triumphs and becomes the head of the corner. He in whom they had hoped and trusted for redemption has actually now "become their salvation." The great day of triumph, when Jesus arose from the dead, is "the day which the Lord hath made"; hence John rightly terms it the "Lord's Day." A day when all the Christian world from the resurrection to this time have been led to set apart for the assembling together in prayer and praise to God. "In it we will rejoice and be glad," said the prophet. "We celebrate Sunday as a joyful day," said Tertullian, one of the primitive church fathers. And so say the redeemed of the Lord generally.

We keep days because of what occurred on them. Two of the mightiest events in the history of Christianity and the church occurred upon the first day of the week—Christ's resurrection, and Pentecost. The great outpouring of the Holy Spirit as recorded in Acts 2, the dedication of the new covenant sanctuary—church—its complete organization as a distinct body, the marvelous conversion of three thousand souls, all took place on this day. Jesus had said that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." This great and ever-widening stream of salvation work destined to become "a great mountain and fill the whole earth," and finally "cover the earth as the waters cover the sea," had its "beginning at Jerusalem." Pentecost was on the first day of the week. We humbly ask: How could it be otherwise that this day should become a memorial day to the Christian church? The resurrection, Pente-

cost, and the first day of the week are always associated together in the Christian's mind.

It is not the day but the events that occurred on that day that we Christians celebrate. One day is not a whit better than another. One day is no more holy than another. It is not Sunday, because it is Sunday, that we keep—it is the resurrection day, the Pentecostal day, and this occurred upon "the first day of the week"—Sunday. —H. M. Riggle

## God's Resting Place

God, the great Creator, said, "Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand." Isa. 14:24. Thus, He planned Jesus as the Lamb of God to take away the sin of the world, and Jesus said, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me." He did not say that all would respond. Again Jesus said, "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God," and His name is called "the Word." John 1:1. Coming in the fullness of the Godhead bodily, Jesus opened the way into the kingdom of God for all men that will respond to the gospel invitation. The apostle Paul testified that the gospel is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." (Romans 1:16).

Jesus came preaching, "I am the way, the truth and the life." John 14:6. Jesus came to His own people, but they received Him not, and He said that the kingdom of God would be taken from them and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. Matt. 21:43. In Rom. 6:22 we read that the fruit of this kingdom is holiness.

Jesus taught that those who continued to hold on to their own life could not receive His. Those who yielded to Christ's resurrecting power received a rebirth of their souls. (That song, "I Surrender All," must not be idle words.) The Apostle Peter recognized that those who yielded to Jesus became "an holy nation." 1 Peter 2:9. God foretold (Isa. 66:8) that the nation would be born at once. When Zion travailed in prayer the Lord added 3,000 souls to the Church on the day of Pentecost. Out of all nations Jesus was to gather the people unto Himself (Gen. 49:10), and those led by the Spirit of God became the sons of God. Being united through Jesus' resurrecting life, the believers became one body indivisible with Jesus as the Head of that body. Thus, God was able to place within them those qualities well pleasing in His sight, and Psalms 132:11-17 is fulfilled. This is God's resting place forever.

God had asked, "Where is the place of my rest?" And answering, He said, "To this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word." Isa. 66:1, 2. These contrite ones compose the habitation of God through the Spirit—the temple of God. 1 Cor. 3:16. Responding to the gospel, they had come to Mt. Zion where God had set His holy King Jesus on the throne, not in literal Jerusalem, but in the heavenly Jerusalem that is the Mother of all the faithful. Gal. 4:26. Jesus is

now seated upon the throne of David in fulfillment of Psa. 132:11 when God planned "the horn of David to bud" (verse 17) and bear the fruit of God's holiness.  
—Ethel Redmon

## The Spirit of the Age

There is a spirit working in the world today. The Bible tells us that it is an evil spirit, and it "exalts itself above the knowledge of God." Our God created heaven and earth and all that is therein, yet this wicked spirit exalts itself above that knowledge and power. The Bible tells us that this "spirit . . . now worketh in the children of disobedience." Eph. 2:2. That spirit is "the prince of the power of the air." No wonder it is the spirit of the age, and is easily recognized. It is the enemy of all righteousness. It is the spirit of Satan, the devil. This spirit works against all that is good and right, all that comes from God. This spirit tries the patience of the saints, and challenges their godly lives and works. This spirit motivates and controls all those who walk in disobedience to the divine commandments of God. It is a spirit of pride and arrogance. This spirit is very deceitful. This spirit transforms itself "into an angel of light." It works through "false prophets and deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ." 2 Cor. 11:13, 14. "Beware of evil workers, beware of the concision. . . . For we . . . worship God in the [true] spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh." Phil. 3:2, 3. We do not fellowship this spirit of this age that "now worketh in the children of disobedience."

This spirit manifests itself today as it did in the beginning when the devil, through the serpent, caused Adam and Eve to commit sin. When Eve said that they would die if they ate of the fruit of the forbidden tree, the serpent said, "Ye shall not surely die." Gen. 3:3, 4. Today, this lying spirit is still telling people that they will not have to give an account to God in the final judgment, and that there is no hell, no everlasting punishment. This spirit is telling people that when they die, that is the end of them, and that they need not obey God's commands. This spirit is telling people lies and making them believe these falsehoods through their human reasoning. This spirit is telling people to "take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." It continually exalts itself above the "knowledge of God." (Jesus is saying, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Luke 12:19, 21.) This evil spirit of the age is now working "in the children of disobedience."

This wicked spirit is the spirit of antichrist. It battles against all righteousness. The Apostle John saw this spirit working in his day. He said, "And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God; and this is that

spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world." 1 Jno. 4:3. We can know the spirit of error. John tells us how we can recognize this deceptive spirit. "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. . . . We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth and the spirit of error." 1 John 4:4, 6. This spirit comes from the pit of spiritual darkness. It first deceives and then eventually destroys the soul of man. It is a stubborn spirit. It resists correction and makes fools out of people. This spirit opposes the children of God and endeavors to hinder them in discerning between good and evil, right and wrong, God and the devil. As God's children are subjected to its testing and damning influence, it causes them to flee to God and therefore the righteousness of God is exalted. This spirit opposes God in convicting sinners of their sins and binds them. This spirit hinders them from turning from their evil ways and fleeing to God for salvation. When God does save a soul and snatches him from the clutches of the devil, this evil spirit tries to drag that soul away from God.

Thank God, we can have power over this evil spirit of the age through Christ. God gives His children "power . . . over all the power of the enemy." Luke 10:19.  
—Sister Marie Miles

## DON'T CHOOSE VANITY!

Vanity of vanities—  
Or heaven-bought securities:  
Which shall it be?  
For you and me—  
A Savior's love or vanity?

Vanity of vanities—  
Satan brought in iniquities—  
False shepherds say,  
"Let it stay that way;  
Teach men to love their vanities."

Vanity of vanities—  
A world is lost in vanities.  
True shepherds preach,  
Erring souls to reach,  
"Oh! souls, forsake your vanities!"

Vanity of vanities—  
Hear the shepherd's warning cry—  
Turn while you may,  
The Lord doth say;  
Be saved from all your vanities.

Away with lying vanities,  
They are worthless insecurities:  
Hear Jonah cry,  
"Oh, Nineveh!  
Repent, unload your vanities.

Heaven offers securities:  
Peace instead of iniquities.  
Think of it friend,  
Joy without end,  
Freedom from all your vanities.

—Ethel K. Miles

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**EDITORIALS****Christ Is Risen! . . .**

"And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you." Matt. 28:5-7.

Christ's resurrection, foretold by the prophets and consummated in reality, stands as the greatest miracle of all time. The empty tomb is the strongest proof of the divinity of Christ, and evidence of the supernatural power of the only true and living God. Mohammed remains in his tomb, as well as all the founders of pagan religions, the various cults and creeds of men. Only the Christian can truthfully say that his Lord and Master is living today—not only at the right hand of the Father, but also actually reigning in Spirit within the heart and life of the consecrated believer.

It is true that people have been resurrected from the dead before and after Christ's resurrection, but none other has come forth with a "glorified" body as He did. The Apostle Paul writes by divine inspiration: "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." First Cor. 15:20. Christ alone blazed the way and set the pattern for the general resurrection that shall take place at His second coming. "But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterwards they that are Christ's at his coming." 1 Cor. 15:23. Again Paul writes: "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile [decaying] body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself." Phil. 3:20, 21. This is the blessed hope of the righteous.

Jesus said to Martha whose brother had died, "I am the resurrection and the life." This truth he proved on this occasion and throughout His ministry. Jesus did not preach or conduct any funerals. Whenever He came in contact with the dead they were resurrected to life. It is also very true spiritually that when a soul, dead in trespasses and sins, comes in contact with "the Resurrection and the Life," he is resurrected and made a new creature in Christ to walk in newness of life.

The doctrine of the resurrection and immortality is the cornerstone of our faith and hope. Without it there would be no redemption for fallen man. The Apostle Paul says that Jesus "was raised again for our justification." Romans 4:25. Again, the Apostle contends in 1 Cor. 15 that if Christ had not been resurrected our preaching is in vain, our faith is vain, we are yet in our sins, the apostles were all liars, the righteous dead have all perished, and the living saints have no hope after death.

Thank God for the truth that we are serving a resurrected Savior, the One who came forth from the tomb triumphant over death, hell and the grave. That blessed hope of immortality is instilled in the hearts of all who are partakers of His divine nature. Because He lives, we shall live also. Praise the Lord!

By the Lord's bounteous blessings, Bro. Tom Melot arrived safely by plane on Feb. 10 in Chicago, Ill., on his return trip from Nigeria, West Africa, where he contacted 24 mission stations in the five weeks he was there. The Lord kept him well and gave him strength for the arduous trip and ministry of the Word. He returned much encouraged with the prospects for the advancement of the mission work in Nigeria. After his arrival in Chicago, he was with the saints in Indiana and Michigan for a week before he returned to his home at Guthrie, Okla., on Feb. 17. On Wednesday night, Feb. 19, he gave a very interesting and inspiring report of his trip to the Guthrie congregation. You will note his written report on another page of this issue.

Driving a Volkswagen van, Bro. Tom Melot and Bro. George Hammond left Guthrie on Feb. 20 for the West Coast where they expect to visit various congregations in California and Oregon. Pray that they will have a prosperous trip in the order of God.

Preparations are going forward to reprint the excellent out-of-print Bible readings book entitled, "Bible Readings for Bible Students and for the Home and Fireside," compiled by Speck and Riggie, and first printed in 1902. This volume contains 432 pages and it will be bound in a cloth cover. Watch for a later announcement of the publication date.

At press time we have not yet received the final report from the IRS. However, the District Conferee assured us that they were working on it. Thank you for your continued prayers in regard to this heavy burden. Our eyes are upon the Lord for His leading.

Our readers will note that the type face in this issue is larger for the testimonies and reports than the February issue. We believe you will find this print easier to read.

Brother Willie and Sister Frances Murphey (this writer's sister) will leave, Lord willing, from Guthrie, Okla., on March 14 on a mission trip to the West Indies' island of Jamaica, where they will be in a meeting with Brother and Sister Israel Smalling and their congregation. Their itinerary is as follows: Driving through to Miami, Florida, enroute they will be at Jena, La., on Sunday morning, March 16, and at Hammond, La., on that Sunday night. At Miami, Fla., they will take the plane on March 19 for Jamaica where they will remain about one week, returning to Miami on March 26. After some overnight stops from Miami, they expect to be at the Saturday night (March 29) gospel singing at Prattsville, Ark., and on to Guthrie the next day. Re-

member them in prayer that God will grant them a safe and profitable mission trip in the service of the Lord.

"Two things abide: the Word of God and he that doeth the will of God."

### General Ministers' Meeting Announced . . .

A number of ministers have suggested the need for a general ministers' meeting to be called for the purpose of a better understanding of Scriptures and a closer working unity of the church. Accordingly, a general ministers' meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Guthrie, Oklahoma, on June 3, 4 and 5, 1975, which is just following the Oklahoma State campmeeting at Guthrie. The first service will convene on Tuesday, June 3, at 10 a. m. Meals and lodging will be provided for the ministers. Further announcement will appear in the April issue.

Word was received indirectly from Mrs. D. F. Walton, Clovis, N. Mexico, that her aunt, Sister Kate Dotson, aged 91, passed away at Huntsville, Ark., on Feb 6, 1975, after a short illness. May God comfort all the bereaved relatives, saints and friends.

This March issue marks the beginning of the 53rd year of publication. The publishers and co-workers pause in retrospect to thank God for His manifold blessings upon the Lord's Printshop for the past 52 years, and now face the future with confidence in the never-failing promises of God. Your continued prayers and co-operation in the work of the Lord are surely appreciated. —L. D. Pruitt

## Campmeeting Dates For 1975

Following are the Church of God campmeeting dates for 1975, and more complete announcements of each will appear in later issues:—

- Goulds, Florida—April 13 to 19.
- Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Okla.—May 23 to June 1.
- Holly Hill, South Carolina—June 6 to 15.
- Tulsa, Oklahoma—June 6 to 15.
- Jefferson, Oregon—June 6 to 15.
- Oakland, California—June 20 to 29.
- General Southern at Hammond, La. — June 27 to July 6.
- Ojos Negros, Baja Cfa., Mexico—July 1 to 6.
- Akron, Ohio—July 5 to 13.
- National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri—July 18 to 27.
- Missouri State at Myrtle, Mo.—August 1 to 10.
- Bakersfield, California—August 1 to 10.
- Boley, Oklahoma—August 15 to 24.
- Blackford, Kentucky—August 15 to 24.
- California State at Pacoima, Calif.—August 22 to 31.
- Fresno, California—September 5 to 14.

## OBITUARIES



Sister Elizabeth Zachary Glover of Oklahoma City, Okla., passed away January 21, 1975, in the home of her sister, Florence McClellen, in Okmulgee, Okla.

Sister Glover was born to Doc. and Sis. Zachary on August 25, 1933, in Hoffman, Okla. In 1952 she married Bobby Don Glover who preceded her in death.

As a young girl in Hoffman, Okla., she sought the Lord and was saved. As time went on, she kept seeking the Lord. In 1972 she gained a deep experience and an unshaken faith in God which she kept to the end. She was a blessing to those who visited her. She worshipped with the Church at 800 N. E. Third, Okla. City, where Bro. Herman Kelly is the pastor until going to Okmulgee, Okla.

Survivors are four children: Marsha Glover, Nolan Joe, Charles Ray, and Angela, all of Okla. City; two grandchildren; four brothers, Andrew, Charles, Robert, and James Zachary; three sisters, Florence McClellen, Helen Greshan, and Shirley Carter, all of Okla. City; a host of other relatives, saints and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Woodrow Warren, assisted by others. Text: Psalms 116:15.

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Asa Gibson was born on Sept. 25, 1893 at Thurston, Nebr., and departed this life on Jan. 11, 1975, at the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 81 years, 3 months and 17 days.

He was married to Dessie Mabel Dwyer in 1913. To this union, eight children were born, three of whom preceded him in death. His wife also preceded him in death on Feb. 16, 1964.

On Nov. 8, 1967, he was married to Katie Marler at Senath, Mo., who survives him. Other survivors include three sons: Russel Gibson of Kansas City, Mo., Ray Gibson of Stratton, Mo., and John Gibson of Joplin, Mo.; two daughters, Violet Gibson of Carterville, Mo., and Nelva Stanley of Webb City, Mo.; seventeen grandchildren; three step-sons, Louie and Leonard Marler of Senath, Mo., and Willard Marler of St. Louis, Mo.; three step-daughters, Cassie Wilson of Granby, Mo., Ruth Rachels of St. Louis, Mo., and Virgie Flynn of Loranger, La.; three brothers, Ira Gibson of Rich Hill, Mo., Ezra and Noah Gibson, both of Springfield, Mo.

Bro. Gibson was converted about 15 years ago. At that time, he was seriously ill with TB and the Lord healed him of that disease. He attended services at Neosho, Mo., until they moved to Carterville, Mo., where they attended services at Webb City, Mo., as long as he was able to go. He remained devoted to his convictions of the truth until the end.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. T. V. McMillian and Bro. Murphy Allen. Some of the scriptures used were: Psa. 90:1-12; Job 5:6-16; John 14:1-6 and I Thess. 4:13-18. Interment was in the Forrest Park Cemetery at Joplin, Mo.

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Prudie Broadus was born Feb. 19, 1932, in Webb City, Mo. She departed this life on Jan. 16, 1975, at her home in Asbury, Mo., after an illness of four months.

Survivors include two sisters: Miss Frances Broadus of Carterville, Mo., Mrs. Veva Farel Call of

Anderson, Calif.; three brothers, Treavis Broadus of Scottsdale, Ariz., Jay Broadus of Neederland, Tex., and Joe Broadus of Carterville, Mo.; many saints, relatives, and friends.

Sis. Prudie was saved in 1951 and received a clear vision of the Church of God doctrines, which she held steadfast unto the end. Her faith and unwavering trust was an encouragement to all who knew her. During her illness she was often heard to say, "I find no fault in Him." She was convinced that God did all things right and perfect.

Funeral services were held Jan. 19, 1975, with Bro. Charles Smith officiating. Scripture texts used were Psa. 23; Heb. 11:33-38. Burial was in the Carterville, Mo., cemetery.

The following poem was marked in her book, "Streams in the Desert" by Sis. Prudie, which she felt was true in her life:

"He sat by a fire of seven-fold heat,  
As he watched by the precious ore,  
And closer He bent with a searching gaze  
As He heated it more and more.  
He knew He had ore that could stand the test,  
And He wanted the finest gold  
To mould as a crown for the King to wear,  
Set with gems with a price untold.  
So He laid our gold in the burning fire,  
Tho' we fain would have said Him 'Nay,'  
And He watched the dross that we had not seen,  
And it melted and passed away.  
And the gold grew brighter and yet more bright,  
But our eyes were so dim with tears,  
We saw but the fire—not the Master's hand,  
And questioned with anxious fears.  
Yet our gold shone out with a richer glow,  
As it mirrored a Form above,  
That bent o'er the fire, tho' unseen by us,  
With a look of ineffable love.  
Can we think that it pleases His loving heart  
To cause us a moment's pain?  
Ah, no! but He saw through the present cross  
The bliss of eternal gain.  
So He waited there with a watchful eye,  
With a love that is strong and sure,  
And His gold did not suffer a bit more heat,  
Than was needed to make it pure."

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Sister Maurine Williams departed this life on Dec. 10, 1974. She was a dearly loved saint who had served the Lord for many years, being active and faithful to attend services, work in the kitchen, giving of her means, and showing a personal interest in the welfare of children. She was given to hospitality, showing great concern for the ministers and their families. She will be greatly missed by the saints who knew her.

She leaves to mourn: seven children, Mrs. Margaret J. Moffett, Fred W. Williams, Charles D. Williams, Mrs. Vivian Stokes, Leonard R. Williams, Mrs. Melloniece P. Smith, and Gilmore J. Williams; 16 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, four sisters, four brothers, many saints and friends.

Bro. Mackey Francisco and Bro. Alvin Lucas conducted the funeral service at the Angelus Crenshaw

Chapel in Los Angeles. Interment was in the Inglewood Park Cemetery.

To the family: The saints extend prayers for courage and strength for the future.

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**NOTE OF APPRECIATION**

(The following note of thanks is from Sister Edith Wall of Dallas, Texas, whose husband, James Perry Wall, aged 84, departed this life suddenly on January 22, 1975, in Texas. The graveside funeral services were held in Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, Okla., with Bro. C. C. Carver and Bro. O. C. Porter officiating. —Editor)

Dear saints and friends: We could never find words to express our heartfelt thanks to all who showed such love and concern in our time of trouble. It came as a great shock, but the Lord prepared us by healing my body for strength to face the trial. Your expressions of love shown in the beautiful floral offerings, the delicious food given so abundantly, the home that was opened for our comfort, the cards, and the attendance at the graveside caused us to feel deeply grateful to everyone. Only our loving Lord can reward you. My prayer is that God will extend His mercy to each of you, whatever your needs may be.

—Sister Edith Wall and family

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**SPRING MEETING IN OKLAHOMA CITY**

Our Spring meeting at the Church of God chapel, 800 N. E. 3rd St., Okla. City, Okla., will be held April 4 to 13, 1975. If the Lord wills, Bro. E. J. Trotter, from Fresno, Calif., will be in these services. Pray that God will richly bless in this meeting. We desire for souls to be blessed according to their need. All are welcomed to attend.

For further information, phone (405) 427-7314.

—Bro. Herman Kelly, Pastor

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**SPRING MEETING AT GOULDS, FLA.**

The annual spring meeting of the Church of God at Goulds, Fla., will be held, Lord willing, from April 13 through April 19, 1975. All nations are welcome to these services. The saints are urged to come and help lift up the banner of salvation through Jesus Christ—the only hope for mankind. The congregation is praying that the Lord would send the ministers of His choosing.

For additional information, contact the pastor, Bro. H. H. Hargrave, 22345 S. W. 117th Place, Goulds, Fla. 33170, phone (305) 247-4102.

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**SPRING MEETING AT FRESNO, CALIF.**

The spring meeting of the Church of God at Fresno, Calif., will be held, Lord willing, from May 2 to 11, 1975. Everyone is invited to attend these services.

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

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**ANNUAL FALL MEETING AT WICHITA, KANSAS**

The annual autumn meeting of the Church of God in Wichita, Kansas, will be held, Lord willing, on August 29

to Sept. 7, 1975. The chapel is located at 1701 N. Ash Street.

All are cordially invited to attend these services. For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Lewis Williams, 2346 N. Spruce, Wichita, Kansas 67214, phone 264-8481.

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**EASTER ALL-DAY MEETING IN MISSOURI**

Lord willing, we will have an all-day meeting on Easter Sunday, March 30, at the Church of God Chapel in Springfield, Mo., 718 N. Kansas St. Everyone who can, come! All are welcome. —Bro. Murphy Allen

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**SATURDAY NIGHT GOSPEL SINGING AND ALL-DAY EASTER MEETING IN ARKANSAS**

The congregation of the Church of God in Prattville, Ark., invites you to attend the gospel singing on Saturday night, March 29, and the all-day services on Easter Sunday, March 30, which will be held, Lord willing, at the Prattville chapel. Come and let us worship the Lord together. If you have never been in Prattville, inquire for Bro. E. A. Loftis. —Bro. Doug Walters

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**REVIVAL IN SAN DIEGO, CALIF.**

A nine days' revival meeting, beginning with a singspiration at 7:30 p. m. on Saturday, March 8th and meeting ending on March 16th, will be held at the Church of God chapel, 2902 Franklin Ave., San Diego, Calif. Bro. Woodrow Warren of Okmulgee, Okla., will be with us, as well as ministers from other states. These ministers will preach the full gospel with the anointing of the Holy Spirit, with power and judgment, so souls may be enlightened, instructed and edified. Come and be with us, all who can.

For further information, call the pastor, Bro. Alvin Lucas, 213-759-3962. In San Diego, call Bro. J. V. Randall, 264-5838, or Sis. Tora M. Jensen, 233-3659.

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**LOS ANGELES SPRING MEETING**

The annual spring meeting in Los Angeles, Calif., will convene, Lord willing, at 7:30 p. m. on Friday night, March 21st, and continue nightly through Easter Sunday, March 30. Day services will be at 10:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. on Saturday, March 22, and Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29, 1975. The chapel is located on the corner of Naomi and Walnut Streets, phone 746-9474. All are welcome. Come praying

For further information, contact Bro. Mackey Francisco, 719 W. 58th St., phone 778-5669; or Bro. T. R. Summers, 711 W. 85th St., phone 752-1135.

—Sister Leon Phillips

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**CHANGE OF ALL-DAY MEETINGS**

We, of the Myrtle, Mo., congregation, would like to inform the saints that there has been a change made in the schedule of the monthly all-day meetings in this area. Formerly, the all-day meetings were at Grubbs, Ark., in January; at Myrtle, Mo., in February; at Senath, Mo., in March; then back at Grubbs again in April, and so on. Under this schedule, Myrtle's autumn meeting, at



which time we have our annual autumn singing, fell in the month of November. As it is often cold at that date, we have arranged our schedule so that our meeting will fall in October.

The present schedule is as follows: Beginning in April, the all-day meeting will be at Myrtle; in May, at Senath; in June, at Grubbs; and in July, back at Myrtle; and so on. The all-day meeting at Senath will be omitted for the Myrtle, Mo., campmeeting in August. Also, in conclusion we will announce that there will be no all-day meeting in this month of March in this area.

—Harlan Sorrell

## PRAYER REQUESTS



Mo.—“I have such a hurting in my left arm that goes up to the side of my chest and neck. . . . I want to be well so I can go and help my sister, Fannie. She is nearly blind.”

—Sis. Becky Barnes

Kans.—Remember Bro. Floyd Kennedy in prayer. He has a serious affliction which has affected his eyes. His trust is firm in the Lord.

Va.—“I started living for God and want to always live for Him. Sometimes things get so hard that I feel like I am losing my faith in God and I don't want to feel that way. I know deep down in my heart that God is the only One who can help me. . . . I would like to write to some of the saints if they want to write to me. . . .” [If you feel burdened to write to her, let us know and we will give you her address.]

—Sis. Vivian Crockett

Iowa.—“Please remember me in prayer for a nose affliction. He has healed me different times.”

—Mrs. Harvey Sorensen

Ark.—“I have a niece who has cancer. . . . Remember her in prayer, and I have a need for prayer for myself.”

—Sis. Pearl Steele

Okla.—Remember Sis. Virginia Wittenborn in prayer. Her request is in the paper at another place. She is depending upon the saints' prayers. She is fully trusting God and loves the Lord.

Okla.—“My nerves are very bad. Pray for me.”

—Neva Martinez

Okla.—Sis. Rada Watkins is in need of prayer. She has cancer and is trusting the Lord for healing. She loves the Lord.

Mo.—“Dale's stomach is still real sluggish but he is able to take enough nourishment to give him strength.... Nelda (his sister) has dystrophy like Dale. . . . The Lord has been so very good to us. We feel so indebted to Him. I love trusting in Him. I trust His wisdom as well as His power. When suffering gets bad I say, 'Lord, I'm still waiting—here is Dora—What can I do while I wait?' (Continue to remember Sis. Dora, Bro. Dale, also Nelda for their complete healing. God has done a lot for them.)”

—Dora Doolittle

Ill.—“I'm still in need of prayer for my physical needs. I feel so dizzy at times and I'm nervous. My blood pressure is high at times.”

—Sis. Truman Pitts

Ky.—Bro. Mart Samons, evangelist, has had a continuous ringing in his head for more than seven weeks and is not able to be out in the work of the Lord. He has received good lessons from the Lord in this affliction, but now feels it is time for healing. The

saints abroad have been praying for him, but let us agree in prayer more earnestly for his speedy recovery.

Pa.—“Since my husband is ill, I read the ‘Bible Lessons’ to him. He will get something, even though part of his brain is dead. Hardening of the arteries caused the stroke. I am thankful to God for answering the many prayers that have gone to God's throne for my husband and he appreciated it, too. His mind is like a little child. So continue to pray that he will accept the Lord as His all in all.”

—Sis. Eva Cox

Ill.—“I am in need of your prayers for my body. I have kidney infection, broken hip, high blood pressure, bad heart, diabetes, and I am in much pain. . . . Doctors say that they can not do any more for me. . . . I have faith in the Lord. . . . I have a ministry to shut-ins. I write cards and letters of encouragement.”

—Etta Maxine Wangler

Ohio.—“Please remember me in prayer. I have Parkinson's disease and shake. Some say it is palsy.”

—Mrs. Charlie Yoho

Ark.—“I have had the Lord to heal me many times.... I have trouble with my nervous system, also a hurting between my shoulders and the lower part of my stomach. . . . So please pray for me.”

—Mrs. Clara Perkins

Kans.—“Please pray for my niece, Pamela Shy. She is 18 years old and has cancer.”

—Wildena Huffman

Colo.—“I am a diabetic and I am supposed to have dropsy and one lazy kidney. The medical doctors are giving up on me. . . . I need your prayers. I am trying to trust in faith healing.”

—Rosie Harms

All of us have unsaved loved ones that we daily bring to the Lord. We hear from many who ask for prayer for their loved ones. Our hearts are deeply grieved as we see them dangerously going on without God. Their life is held here by a brittle thread. They can go at any time and, oh, how hard it would be to know that they left unprepared. So let us all pray and hold on for them. We know that they must decide. That is one thing that God can't and won't do, and that is to make a person serve Him. He has decreed it, that every one must choose to serve Him. It is an individual matter between each soul and their God. But He daily stands with outstretched hands, longing for every person to come to Him. Oh, what glories He has for their soul, but the devil has them blinded and bound. But if they will call upon God, He will loose them and set them free from the bondage of Satan.

We need to pray for the mothers and fathers of our land. They are facing a big job in rearing their children for God. Many parents are not living for God and their children are at the mercy of so much corruption. The TV in the home educates them in crime, brutality, fornication, adultery, nudeness, and lust. They lose kindness, tenderness, and the value of a person's life. By the age of 14, according to one calculation, a child has seen 11,000 murders on television. Possibly many feel, subconsciously, that violence is a way of solving problems. Many more evils are taught them as they daily see murders, etc. Many people who do not profess to know God see this evil, but they do nothing about it. Therefore, this generation is growing up with a great lack of knowledge of what God desires of every person. At the corner newstand from your home, there are filthy magazines and books with stories that are filled



with evil of every kind. Nudity and evil practices are seen and read about. How we need to cry out against these things and warn our children and young people to fight against all of these evils and keep themselves pure and clean. When they see, or hear, any kind of evil, it makes an impression upon their minds that the devil uses to lead them astray. When they see a nude picture it is like hanging a picture upon their mind. It is hard to take it down, and many times only God can do it. There is much to pray about.

—Sis. Marie Miles

### PRAYER REQUEST

Okla. (Feb. 12)—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sister Maybelle, and Sister Marie: I am truly thankful for the goodness and mercy of the Lord. I appreciate all the saints and their prayers so much.

I want to tell a dream I had. While I was sleeping, I heard singing down the street. It was all the saints and they had little bowls in their hands. As they came, they were singing, "Is There No Balm in Gilead?" Then they would come up to the door and empty from their bowls into Barney's bowl [my husband]. Then they would sing, "Yes, There Is Balm in Gilead." I could recognize the saints' voices—Sister Abbott, Sister Eck, Bro. Kenneth Probst, Bro. Lawrence Pruitt, Bro. Lewis Williams, and many others. When they had emptied their bowls into Barney's bowl, he came and unwrapped my foot and said, "Yes, my darling, there is balm in Gilead." Then he rubbed what was in the bowl on my foot. This dream made me realize how sweet the saints are to each other. I love all the saints and covet your prayers.

—Sister Virginia Wittenborn  
R. 1, Box 227, Delaware, Okla. 74027  
Written by her daughter, Lois

We want to thank the saints for their prayers, and for the many cards Mother has received. We believe the Lord is healing Mother. She is still in need of much prayer as she is so weak. . . . Her foot still looks bad, but we don't want to go by sight but by faith.

I desire your prayers also, that I might keep encouraged and be an encouragement here at home. —Sister Lois Wittenborn

### ONLY THOSE WHO WALK WITH GOD

I've never seen a man so wise,  
So great and high and grand,  
So rich in houses, stocks, and bonds,  
Or rich in cash or land;  
But that he needed, needed God  
Deep in his life and soul,  
To lead and guide him on life's way  
To heaven's final goal.  
There are no human heights to reach  
Outside of God's good grace,  
That give assurance one may win  
The laurels in the race;  
For high or low in human life,  
As we may think of man,  
It's only those who walk with God  
That measure to His plan.

—Walter E. Isenhour

## Influencing Footprints

I praise the Lord for how He has guided my footsteps over the past year. I don't know what I would have done or not done if I were without His gentle hand to cling to when the path became steep.

I have been thinking about the influence which people have on each other. All of us live among people, and no matter whether you are a quiet person or an outgoing person, you still have an influence on others around you. Romans 14:7a says, "For none of us liveth to himself."

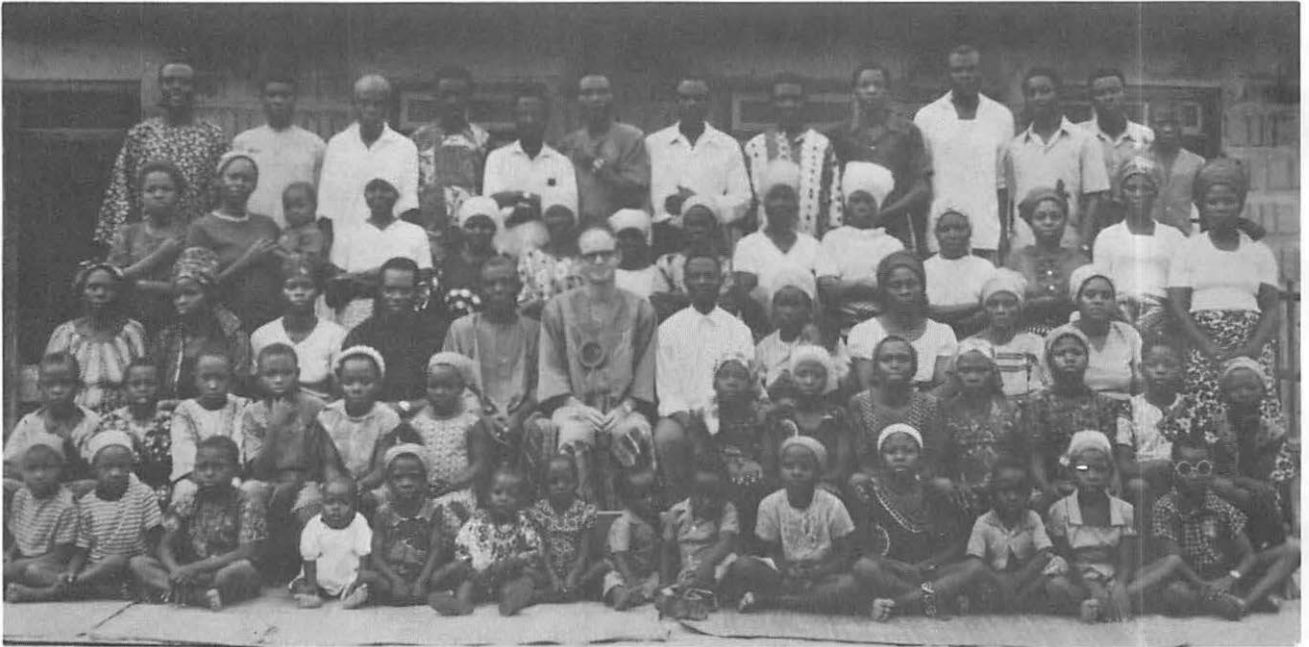
Recently, I came home from work with grease and some ink on my shoes. I hadn't looked down at my shoes to see if they were clean, so I didn't realize what a mess they were. I hadn't been in the house but a minute at the most when my mother called my attention to the tracks I was making. Like I said, I hadn't noticed that my shoes were dirty, but here was the proof—my footprints of grease and ink all up and down the hall. It really looked a mess on the carpet. It wasn't until I started cleaning up those footprints that I fully realized what a mess I had made. I had walked in practically every room in the house during that one minute. I wouldn't have believed I had walked that much if it wasn't for those tracks. I think we used about four different detergents and shampoos trying to clean those footprints off the rugs. It took a lot of extra time, money, and energy to get the carpet looking good again, and if you knew exactly where the prints were, you can still see traces of them.

I learned a useful lesson out of this experience. The influence we make on other people are similar to my footprints on the carpet. Just like I couldn't realize I had done so much walking in a minute, neither do we realize that our actions and expressed thoughts influence someone else's actions and behavior so much. To me, that is one good reason why I should press on more for the Lord. What kind of an influence would I have on others if I would give up now? Prov. 11:18.

A lot of times we make the footprints, but many times we are the carpet which receives impressions from others. Unconsciously, our minds are recording things from our environment which get into our thoughts and ways without our recognizing it. Therefore we should always guard our mind and heart lest anything ungodly should creep in. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23.

Truly, I do want to have a good and godly influence on the ones around me wherever I may be.  
Pray for me. —Connie Miles

"No man or woman amounts to anything in the kingdom, no soul ever touches even the edge of the zone of power, until this lesson is learned that Christ's business is the supreme concern of life and that all personal considerations, however dear or important, are tributary thereto." —Sel.



Pictured in the center is Bro. Tom Melot. On his right is Bro. Ben Taylor who is the pastor of this congregation on the island of Tombia, just offshore from Port Harcourt, Nigeria, West Africa. On Brother Melot's left is Bro. Nse Umanah who was his interpreter and constant companion in Nigeria.

#### BRO. MELOT'S REPORT OF NIGERIAN TRIP

Okla. (Feb. 11)—To all the saints of God scattered abroad: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. The Church of God in Nigeria sends you greetings.

I thank God that through Jesus Christ I have been washed in His blood, have been sanctified by His power, and am wholly His. Praise God!

The last few weeks have been a fulfilling of my long desire and burden of going to Nigeria. God wonderfully opened the way, gave me courage and assurance, and I report to you that I have been perfectly well the whole trip. All praises to God! Notwithstanding, Satan tried various means to discourage me, but we are more than conquerors thru Jesus. I felt the prayers of the saints holding me up before God. I was free from worry and disease. I appreciate very much every prayer and letter of encouragement.

We visited about 24 congregations in three States, and needless to say, not everyone is hungry for the truth. We visited every congregation in S. E. State, and they were very happy. I received offerings of live chickens (no refrigeration), fruit and miscellaneous gifts. Their love to me was very warm and I love them so much. They never ceased to make me comfortable, and many would walk or ride a bicycle up to 50 miles round trip to see us.

One instance of healing I will relate. A mother with an afflicted girl of about 12 years of age came to stay until God healed her. She was becoming paralyzed on one side, and was mumbling and hitting and rubbing her head. We prayed earnestly and felt God heard us; however, she didn't show signs of relief. They weren't going home until God healed the child, so I had no one to call on but God. Many times, we want to rely on

someone else, and never actually have to stand alone and get a hold on God ourselves. The Lord showed me the problem and I corrected it, and received assurance that she was healed. In fact, in four days she was completely back to normal.

I saw such simple faith in Nigeria. I asked them if they believed Jesus would heal them, and they stated flatly, "I believe." Many were the healings I witnessed, and God alone gets the glory.

I read old "Faith and Victory" papers of our dear Bro. David Madden who died after being in Nigeria, of Sis. Opal Wilson's work and death, of Bro. Ostis Wilson's return and his Bible lessons, and of Bro. and Sis. Cecil Carver's trip. I thought of all the ones who have gone on since 1962, and how the mantle has fallen on younger workers. Are the young workers going to carry on the same truth, faith, and teachings of those that have died in the faith? Then you had better put your whole heart and life into it as they did. You had better be willing to step out by faith and leave all if God calls you.

I see a real lack of dedicated gospel workers, and I speak this with love in my heart for your soul. I have been wanting to say these things for a long time and I asked God to help me write this. I say we have had it too easy, and may God stir up our hearts to a greater burden for His work. It may be that a depression is good for us. That job, car, and home you are putting your life into may disappear. Where are your affections?

Do you bemoan and belittle the ministers of today, and wonder why we don't see more healings and miracles? If so, why aren't you doing more about it? Paul said in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ." Are you? Verse 17 says, "The just shall live by faith." Are you? Luke 9:62, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit

for the kingdom of God." How many have started out with zeal and enthusiasm, and put the hand to the plow and then looked back? Oh, dear young people, this is a solemn warning. Have you vowed a vow and not kept it? Read Luke 10:2, "The harvest truly is great." Read of Mary and Martha in Luke 10:40. Martha was cumbered about much serving; however, Mary sat at Jesus' feet and heard His Word. This is the needful part. Sit at Jesus' feet. Let His Word live in you. Humble yourself, listen quietly and attentively for that still small voice. Leave the rush of this mad world to be alone with God. It is your responsibility to learn of His will for you, to seek after Him, to yield fully unto Him. Will you do it? Is sanctification just a word to you? Are you really filled with the Holy Ghost? I challenge you, "I beseech you, dearly beloved, as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul."

Now, back to Nigeria. From S. E. State, we traveled by car to Midwest State, where Bro. Titus Enu is pastoring. The day before we left, the refinery shut down and gasoline virtually disappeared in our section of the country. But glory to God who knows the future, He had an officer in the army from Asana, who was only visiting three days, to stay an extra four days, to carry us the 280 miles to Midwest State. We couldn't get gas and he only had three gallon when we started out. To make a long story short, we were able to purchase gas and arrive ahead of time. He wouldn't take any payment. Gas was selling for up to \$3.25, and more, a gallon until the Government cracked down.

I met some wonderful saints in Midwest State. There are three congregations there. We held open air meetings, which proved a real blessing. We would have hundreds around, listening to the gospel. The saints there showed us every kindness and it was with regret that I only had three days there. Bro. Titus Enu is resigning his position next year to work full time in evangelistic work. We rode seven miles one way on bicycles to see one small congregation. Transportation is a real problem.

From there we went by taxi 280 miles to Tombia, an island offshore from Port Harcourt. We traveled the last seven miles by dugout canoe or boat. The saints there were leaping and shouting at our arrival. Oh, the joy they had at seeing the first American missionary to ever come to them. . . . . They saw to it that I had every comfort. We had not had personal contact with these people until Oct., 1974, when some native workers visited them from S. E. State. We had open air services here with some new converts, some sanctified, and eight were baptized. We started meetings at 5:30 a. m., and they were so eager for the truth that we would be busy from early morning until late at night.

There is a small congregation in Port Harcourt of dedicated, young believers—about 20 in number. They are spiritual, and go out in open air meetings. I hated to leave Nigeria by this time. However, on Sat., Feb. 8, 1975, I boarded the plane to return home.

Bro. Umanah left his wife and children to spend every day with me. He was very careful for my health and safety. I found him to love and accept more truth. I feel it is needful for one or two from there to come over here, as Bro. John Varghese did. They also

expect us to come back soon and stay longer. Lord willing, I would like to apply for a longer visa and return as God leads. I hated to leave, as God had put such a burden on me for that ripe field, and I felt like my job wasn't finished. I wasn't able to go to Spain, but will wait until I have more time. I feel like that country is ready for the gospel. I earnestly request your prayers in behalf of these needy fields.

I will be glad to send on request the most pressing needs of the saints in Nigeria and more details if you so desire.

Yours in His service, —Tom Melot

919 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. 73044

#### LETTER FROM NIGERIAN MISSION

Southeast State, Nigeria (Feb. 7)—Bro. Pruitt, co-workers in the Printshop, ministers and saints in the Church of God in America: Greetings in the wonderful name of our Lord and King. We acknowledge thanks to God and you that Bro. Tom Melot came to labor with us in the Nigerian mission field from Jan. 6, 1975, to this date of Feb. 7th, in response to our request for a missionary after the visit of Bro. and Sister Cecil Carver in 1965. His presence with us for this period has been felt by all the brethren in Nigeria. He visited every congregation (25) in the Southeastern, Mid-western and Rivers States, respectively. We are pleased that he was privileged to meet every congregation and delivered the good tidings as well. The preached Word was inspiring and will be long remembered. All the congregations visited demanded him to come again in the nearest future. Amen! He was loved by all. Many of our problems were solved, and the truths preached were wholeheartedly accepted. There is light shining in our hearts which are filled with joy and peace.

I had the privilege to see to his need and care throughout his stay, and took him around to the congregations in the three States mentioned above. We successfully completed the visitation yesterday, and tomorrow he will leave Port Harcourt on his way back to the U. S. A.

It is hoped that most of the reports will be furnished best by him in person. We really appreciated his counsel and fellowship.

You are daily remembered in prayer for your burden for our salvation and the rest of the souls in our country and the continent of Africa at large. Thank you, and may God bless you until we meet either here on earth or in heaven where we will never part. Amen!

Your young Brother, —Nse B. Umanah

(Editor's note: Bro. Umanah was Bro. Melot's interpreter and constant companion while he was in Nigeria. May God bless Bro. Umanah abundantly for his special care and concern for Bro. Melot, as well as all the Nigerian Church for their kind reception.)

#### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Jan. 22)—Beloved Bro. Pruitt and all the dear ones in the U. S. A.: New Year greetings to all of you in holy Christian love which beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things and endureth all things. Thank you very much for your encouraging letter

dated January 3, and the enclosures were noted with overflowing gratitude. We, in India, are always grateful to the saints in the U. S. A. for your valuable prayers, encouragement and help for many years. . . . There is quite a change in the economic, political, and moral conditions of all countries in the world, and I am sure that we will be forced to face more trials and temptations in 1975 than ever before. . . . "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer." 1 Peter 4:7.

Our general campmeeting at Karikkom this year was very blessed and profitable with the best attendance and anointed preaching from the beginning to the end. Many souls got saved and sanctified. On the last day of the meeting, eight people (six women and two men) were baptized. Please pray for these new converts. Next week I wish to participate in the campmeeting at Challissery with my wife and a few saints from Karikkom.

I was glad to note that Bro. Hammond returned to Guthrie completing a safe trip to Mexico. We also prayed for a prosperous trip for Bro. Tom Melot to Nigeria. . . .

Brother, we have had no rain here for the last three months and it is dry everywhere. Rice, tapioca and all other crops are drying up. Surely famine is going to spread out rapidly. Prices of all foodstuff have increased to a high level. We still pray for rain. The saints' prayers are essential for us.

At Karikkom we do not have a convenient place of water for baptismal services. Lord willing, I wish to dig a well beside our Bethel Chapel and install a motor to pump water into a tank for baptizing. May God open a way for it if it is His wish. This is a prayer request, and I hope the saints will share my burden to fulfill it.

I remember each face and pray for all, especially for your complete healing.

The picture of the new chapel at Avoor will be sent to you soon.

With love and prayers, yours in His service,

—John Varghese

#### LETTER FROM MISSIONARY AT OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO

San Diego (Jan. 29)—Dear ones: Greeting in Jesus' precious name. I am so very glad to be counted among the redeemed, and I am so very grateful for the way He is so mindful of those called His own. . . .

I am in the third week of not being able to have meeting in Ojos Negros, Mexico. A regular epidemic of flu is there; whole families going down with it, and so many having backsets. Right now, I am ill with it here in San Diego. I took it only a few miles out, on my way to wash, and to complete all things necessary to return.

Besides the new lady in service at Ojos Negros, her husband and the husband of another of the sisters in the congregation are showing real interest in the things of God. Please pray earnestly with us for the salvation of all three very soon.

Due to the lack of resistance against flu and colds, I will be in Oklahoma until the middle of April, considering this my vacation for the full year. My address will be 1006 N. W. 90th St., Okla. City, Okla. 73114.

Christian love, —Sister Opal Kelly

#### TESTIMONY AND EXHORTATION

Kentucky (Feb. 12)—Dear Bro. Lawrence: We greet you in Jesus' name. We know you must be very busy with the shortage of help there in the publishing house. We trust the Lord will bless and strengthen your body and supply your every need.

We are happy to report that we are some better at this writing. We thank and praise the Lord for the help He has given us. We haven't had a day free from pain in our chest for over three months. We surely will be glad when that angel brings our package of healing. We are looking earnestly to the Lord for it.

We have received several calls from various places from those who are in need. Some burdens are heavy and weighty, yet we were not able to go to help them. I told the Lord, "You know I would go if you would only heal me and give me the strength."

We are living in the most trying times I have ever experienced, and the way things are looking it is going to get much worse if the Lord delays His coming. We hear the writer say, "Think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you." Yet there are so many strange and odd trials that the church is facing today—trials that we have never been acquainted with before. This is a shaking time, and if one isn't careful and alert, he is likely to be shaken off. The Bible says for us to watch and pray. Here is where many are shaken off. God shows them their weakness and they fail to watch that weakness, and before they realize it they are shaken off. Their joy is gone, they don't have a burden for souls, and their testimony is gone. What happened? They failed to watch and pray, and the enemy has robbed them of their inheritance.

It is so easy for us to take each other for granted and not take time to show the love and respect we should if we aren't watchful, prayerful and careful. The Lord doesn't want His people to assume all is well, but rather get to the place where we can get an answer from God and know all is well. To know, gives assurance and confidence that one needs when the battle is raging. Paul says for us to prove ourselves and see whether we be in the faith. How? By the Word and Spirit. "Search the scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, and they are they which testify of me." "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." "His Spirit beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God." "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friend."

My mother has a book about the Civil War. A young man and his neighbor volunteered and went to fight in the army. Later, both were captured with several others. After they were taken into custody, the Commander commanded that ten men be placed before the firing squad. The others were to be freed. The names of all the men were put in a box and ten names drawn out. The young man's name wasn't drawn, but his neighbor's name was. He was a married man with a family. The young man, realizing how hard it was for his neighbor to leave his family behind, stepped forward and said to the officer, "I am a single man and my neighbor a family man; please let me take his place." The officer granted his request, so he died in his neighbor's stead. Don't you think that this young man proved not only by word but also by deed in giving his life that he was a true friend to his neighbor? In John 3:16 we read that God gave His only begotten Son, and Jesus was willing to give His life on the cross to die in our stead so we could be freed from sin. The way of escape is open before us. Will we

take it or go on our own way and be lost in the end? Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my commandments." We have a heavy burden on our heart. Many souls are hanging in the balance. What can we do to help them? Soon, it may be too late.

We are still in the furnace, but we have learned many precious lessons. Daniel said that many shall be purified and made white and tried, and the wicked would not understand, but the righteous would understand. In Zech. 13:9 the Lord said, "And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God." Praise God, Bro. Lawrence, we are going through the fire. God has counted us faithful and permitted us to suffer for His name's sake. Read 1 Peter 1:21-24; 1 Peter 4:12-16; 1 Peter 5:6-10.

We hear the Lord in Hebrews 12:5-8, "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: for whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons." I have heard the remark, "I'm not having any trouble, no persecution or battles." If we don't have any persecution or battles, we better look out; it may be that Satan already has us. We had better take inventory while there is yet time. . . . May God help us to buy the truth and sell it not.

Satan's ministers don't have the heavenly birth, but only man's carnal wisdom. They will not preach against the use of tobacco, such as smoking, chewing and dipping snuff. They don't cry out against the movies and television and the bad influence it brings on the children and young people. They can't afford to preach against pride, for they themselves are decked and adorned with it. The Bible teaches against the wearing of gold, pearls, rings and all unnecessary articles of dress. They don't cry out against short dresses, tight skirts, transparent clothing, mixed flashy colors to draw attention, jewelry, neckties, and wigs. God is ashamed of a man with long hair, and He is ashamed of a woman who cuts her hair. It is given to her for a covering and it is a glory to her.

We have seen too much of these things among the saints. May God help us to strip from all worldiness for the race to heaven, go all the way with God and His truth, so we will not be a stumbling block to souls. Preachers among us too often fail to preach against these evils and it is making its show like a green bay tree. . . . Cry aloud and spare not; lift up thy voice like a trumpet and show my people their transgressions and the house of Israel their sins. . . . A minister who truly loves your soul will tell you the truth even though it may cost him your support and favor.

The chastening of the Lord is not joyous at the time the heat is turned on, but grievous. It causes us to get down humble before the Lord and to search and look at ourselves before God in His big mirror of truth. We then don't look nearly as good as we thought we did when we see ourselves as God sees us. In Psa. 30:5 the writer said, "For his anger endureth for a moment; in his favor is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." After approximately three months of being shut in, I feel the need of a much closer walk with God and to know better how to please Him. While seeking the Lord for my healing the Lord gave

me this scripture in Psa. 27:14, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord." The Lord is teaching me how to be able to help others and to enter into their burden with them. Pray for us that we will be found faithful and get all the Lord has for us during our illness.

May God bless you, heal you and give you mighty strength as you endeavor to do His will.

Christian love,

—Bro. Curtis Williams

Rt. 1, Box 656, Morehead, Ky. 40351

## FROM THE MAIL BOX. . .

Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We are leaving the Golden Rule Home on account of the poor condition of my wife, and we are moving back to Illinois. You will please send my "Faith and Victory" paper and other mail to the following address: Alvan F. Foster, 905 Vinewood Lane, Marion, Ill. 62959.

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sister Marie: Holy greetings in the name of the blessed Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ. I thank both of you for the nice birthday card you sent me for my 88th birthday. It flashed a ray of hope and cheer on my pathway. The Lord has truly blessed me to live to see this day. I give Him all the praise and glory. When I look back and see how so many of my old schoolmates, cousins, and neighbors have long since been called away, it makes me strive every day to draw closer to God. He is my all.

Since the Lord has taken the "rib" from my side, there is something that calls me onward. A few more days and I must go. The Lord blessed two of my aunts to reach the ripe age of 102 years. I do not anticipate being here that long. As my body is now bent beneath the weight of years, I am obliged to use a cane or staff when I go about. I do not pray to live long, nor to die soon. My life is in my heavenly Father's hand. My greatest desire is to do His will every day.

I pray many prayers for the publishing work and workers there at Guthrie, that the gospel may continue to be sent across the land by the printed page, and that the harvest of souls may be bountiful, and your reward be great. So may the Lord in His wisdom clear the way before you, move every obstacle, and let the truth go through.

Remember me in your prayers, and when the call is made, and our work on earth is done, may we all meet with all the ransomed throng that has gone on before us, and be awarded the victor's crown. —Ulysses Phillips

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Penn.—Dear Sister Miles, all dear saints there at the workshop, and everywhere: I feel fine in body and happy deep in my soul. Praise our Lord and Saviour!

I read about our elderly ministers' needs and am sending this love offering for this use, or wherever you dear ones feel it's most needed. May God bless all of you. We surely esteem you very highly in the love of our Lord Jesus.

—Sister A. Gaston

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Mich.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus. Trust all is well with you, both soul and body. We are all well now, thank the Lord. Our son, Ralph, was sick with the flu last week. He's back in

school again. We all seem to have gotten rested from our long vacation, and are busy as ever. Thank the Lord for the strength and health to be able to be around in the service of the Lord. God is so precious to us. We can never thank Him enough for His many rich blessings to us, both spiritually, temporally, and physically. I'm so glad I've learned to trust Him for all our needs. . . I am so glad God still has saints around that are willing to go all the way with Him. He surely will help us if we but let Him. . . —Bro. Ralph and Sis. Dorothy Wilkins

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Oklahoma—Dear Brother Lawrence and Sister Marie: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. "What a mighty God we serve! Our Father's wondrous works we see, in the earth and sea and sky. He rules over all in majesty, from His royal throne on high." Thanks be to God always!

The dear Lord gave me a burden concerning the Lord's Printshop. As I prayed, "Lord, what can I do besides pray and trust?", here is the answer—[an offering]. Now as you know, the devil brought many things to hinder or delay, as I was already suffering much from the affliction in my body. In the midst of all other things, I had a very urgent call. . . Oh, how this young man needs God's help before he reaches the place of no return! So sad! The devil is surely working hard and fast, but I know through earnest prayer we can move God on His throne to deal with this young man's soul. . .

I know I'm in that furnace where God is going to gather His children from, and I'm running to win heaven. Thank the Lord! By faith and His grace I cannot miss.

Brother Lawrence, I'm looking to this same God to complete His work on your body. Be encouraged; sometimes the battle gets the darkest just before the light. It's so good to know God's children are concerned in our behalf when we're afflicted. It's so good to have God as our helper, but when we can have God and His dear children, it's just a double portion.

Sister Marie, I do appreciate your life for God. You are so much encouragement to me. I trust God is supplying all your needs, both in body and soul, and that you are feeling much better. You and Brother Lawrence are on my daily prayer list.

I know that God is going to take care of everything there at the Lord's Printshop. I know the devil will never let things always go smooth in anything that is God's work. The devil hates it too much.

So if you feel burdened, pray for this young man and his parents. . . Remember our dear boys.

May God's rich blessings be yours always.

Your Sister in Christ, —Martha Moore.

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and co-workers: Greetings of love in Jesus' precious name. We trust each one is encouraged in the Lord. Truly, it's wonderful to serve the Lord and enjoy the blessing of salvation.

Mancil and I wanted to write and let you know our new address. We are living north of Vinita, Okla., close to Four Corners, Okla. Our address is Rt. 1, Bluejacket, Okla., 74333.

We also want to thank the Lord for how He has so wonderfully blessed us. We felt led to live in this part of the country, but we didn't know where. We earnestly

sought the Lord for guidance concerning a job and a place to live. After committing it all to the Lord and waiting on Him, a job opened up for Mancil to work for Bro. Kenneth Probst. There was a little house close by that was for rent also. So now we're pretty well settled and enjoying our life together for the Lord.

Truly it pays to put our trust in the Lord. Prov. 3:5-6 says, "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." This is our testimony today that we've found this scripture to be very true. We must surrender our will to the Lord and trust in Him for all things.

We thank the Lord again for all He has done for us and how He is blessing us and suppling our needs.

May the Lord bless each one there at the Printshop. Our prayers are with you that hungry souls will be reached for the Lord.

Love and prayers, —Mancil and Shirley Doolittle

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S. C.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sister Marie, and all the rest of the Saints at the Printshop: Greetings of love to all! This leaves me still with good courage to press on to the end of the way. God surely has been good to me through sickness without trust in the arm of man. Praise the Lord! God will not forsake them that put their trust in Him.

Bro. Lawrence, I surely do enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. It surely is a good help to me in time of sorrow. I am praying daily for you and all of the saints at the Printshop, that God will supply all of your needs, and keep the work going 'till Jesus comes for His faithful few who stand true to the end. Praise His name!

I am sending a little offering to be used as needed. Pray much for me. —Bro. Eddie Driggers

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N. Mex.—Dear Sister Marie and Bro. Pruitt: Love to all the dear saints in the precious name of Jesus. I trust all is well at the Lord's Printshop, and all needs are supplied. I pray God to bless every one in His service there.

I want to send a gift to help in the place where needed, also for missionary work. The paper is filled with the best reading, which is so encouraging to all who read it, including tracts and books. Thanks so much for your dear, encouraging letters.

Much Christian love, —Sister Ruth Doolittle

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Mo.—Dear Saints: I am writing and sending \$\_\_\_\_, and I wish I could send more. I surely enjoy the Sunday school Bible lessons, and "Faith and Victory" papers very much.

Pray for me. God knows all about me and my trials, but we are all going to have them, and the thing to do is to endure them to the end.

May God bless all of you with His love, is my prayer. —Mattie Baney

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Oreg.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of Christian love in the dear name of Jesus. I wish I had words to express to you what I feel in my heart. I know the dear Lord loves and cares for me. I can say with David, "I was once young, but now I am old and I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread." How



true it is that God does care and watch over the aged ones. Also, by His grace they will bear fruit in their old age. Oh, how precious these promises are!

I received such a blessing in reading your article, "Look On The Fields" in the Feb. Faith and Victory. God gave me that vision soon after I was saved in the year of 1918. I think back on that time, and how the dear Lord did bless me to go out and do the little I could for Him. My heart was so burdened for precious souls. I saw the harvest was ripe, and oh, such a few that would go out to labor for Him. It is the same today. Precious souls are dying without salvation for the need of someone to tell them about the love of Jesus.

Sister Marie, I am old now [84 years old?], but I have never lost my desire to do what I can for the dear Lord. Sometimes I feel so helpless, as so many are able to do more than I can, but I thank the Lord I can pray, and as I do, the dear Lord does bless me.

When I can go up to Tacoma, Wash., to be with Sister Thomas, we go out and visit the dear ones that are in need of encouragement. In doing this, the dear Lord does comfort our hearts and helps us to know He is pleased with us for doing what we can. Of course, sometimes the enemy comes in to discourage us. We recall one of these attacks. We knelt down before the Lord in prayer and He brought this text to me: Heb. 6:10, "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." Sister Marie, you will never know how that verse comforted my heart! Yes, I did my best, and I do praise Him because He is still with me.

May God bless you, my dear, and may you have many more years to work for Him.

Pray much for me. Yes, we need to "lift up our eyes."

—Sister Beatrice Spaur

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Ohio—Dear workers at the Printshop: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am sending a renewal for the "Faith and Victory" paper, which I enjoy reading very much. I have been saved a long time. I had a birthday yesterday and I was 81 years old. The Lord is blessing me soul and body.

—Mary Washington

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Ind.—Dear Sister Marie and all there at the Printshop: . . . Send me two books by S. O. Susag. That book is the best I have ever read on faith. I have one, but it is badly worn from loaning it. . . . I pass lots of tracts out. . . . People nowadays need to be stirred up.

I love the "Faith and Victory" paper and have it read in two days. How I love the old-time religion! Keep it coming. I also give them out where I can. Some people are so mixed up. I am past 81, but still able to do that kind of work and expect to keep on as I am able, with God's help. He has been so good to me. I expect to keep faithful. . . .

With lots of prayers for your wonderful work there, —Dolores L. Dietrichson

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It is a wonderful thing to be clean, without spot, but the wrinkles of natural traits must be smoothed out also. And to iron wrinkles out of the cleanest of garments requires the pressure of a well tempered iron.

—Sel.

## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Okla.—Dear saints and fellow-labourers in the Lord: We greet you in the great name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who gave His life's blood that we might be saved. Praise the Lord! And not only did He give His life's blood for our salvation, but He suffered stripes upon His body that we might be healed! Oh, what a mighty God we serve! Praise God! "Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!" Psalms 107:8.

One evening I was doing some sewing on the machine. I was trying to hold the material with my finger so as to sew it even. I started the motor of the electric machine, but I failed to move my finger soon enough. The machine needle went down through my fingernail, and broke off in my finger. Oh, what a noise it made! The noise of the motor and the breaking of the needle in my finger shocked my nerves. I was in the apartment alone, and yet not alone, for the Lord stood by me and helped me get the needle out of my finger. I washed the blood off and took my finger to the Lord in prayer. I also called for prayer. The Lord wonderfully and miraculously healed my finger, stopped the bleeding, and removed the pain. Praise the Lord!

The devil prompted the thought that it would set up blood poison and that I would lose my fingernail, but I resisted the devil and anchored my faith in God. The only part of the nail I lost was where the needle broke it and even that is growing back smooth. Thank God! I give Him all the praise, and I am so thankful to know "He is a refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Praise the Lord!

I feel the Lord has helped us to realize that this year will be a trying year for the saints, both physically and spiritually. Afflictions, trials, and burdens will come, but He also helped us to know that He would be with His children all the way. He will never leave us or forsake us. Praise God! So my dear saints and fellow-labourers in the Lord, if you are going through trials or afflictions, physical or spiritual, we want to encourage you to continue to look to God. Let your faith be anchored in Him and set your face like a flint!

Some of the dear saints are suffering with their eyes, but remember that the same Jesus who opened the eyes of the blind, even those that were born blind, is the same Jesus we are serving today. Hebrews 13:8. We are earnestly praying for our brothers and sisters. Keep encouraged, and keep looking up. There is nothing too hard for God.

I desire your prayers that we will keep faithful to God. Yours in His great Name,

—Katherine Williams

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Okla.—Greetings in Jesus' name: "God hath not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain. But God hath promised strength for the day, rest for the laborer, light on the way, grace for the trial, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love." ". . . There hath not failed one word of all his good promise. . . ." I Kings 8:56b. God's help from above comes instantly. He knows the grace we need for our trials and afflictions.



About five weeks ago, I had a large blood clot move out of my leg. I had two bad spells with my heart as pieces of the clot moved through my heart, I suppose. Husband called the saints at Neosho, Mo. They went right to prayer and some came right down to pray. How precious the saints are to show unfailing sympathy and love to each other, as Christ does to each of us. May the Lord bless each one!

During my trial, I had a dream. I felt something brush the right side of my face. I raised my hand and opened my eyes. I saw two very large angels. One stood over from the other. The one that had brushed my face with its wing gently folded it and moved over and stood still, looking down on me with sympathy and love. Jesus spoke to my heart, "I've sent these two angels to comfort thee." I awoke and they were gone, never in this life to be forgotten, and my comfort for all eternity. I want to walk humbly and softly before the Lord.

Thank you for your good letter, Sister Marie. We rejoiced to know how our dear Lord had answered prayer and blessed there at the Printshop. Let us press on in prayer, for soon all our trials and afflictions will be over. As Bro. Effinger said, "If we stand faithful, fully trusting, and die, we have won (gained heaven)."

Love and prayers, —Doris Bowers

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Ore.—Dear Saints: Greetings to you folks. I am enclosing a small gift to be used where you need it most.

We have so much to be thankful for each day. Marilyn Rendall, who lived at the Pacoima, Calif., rest home for over eight years, came to live with me here in Prineville. She wanted to make a change of residence and she and her mother were praying they could find a good Christian home for her. I was praying for the Lord to let me have someone here, so I wouldn't have to live alone, after the lady staying with me leaves....

Marilyn has had twelve lessons in reading by a lady who gives tutoring, and she can read several sentences. She has a first grade vocabulary. She has a keen memory, but she is partially blind. . . . The teacher is making a booklet of pages, containing the 23rd Psalm, and is gradually teaching her to read it.

One morning, Marilyn fell in the bathroom against an electric heater, skinning her back and bruising herself. When she tried to walk, she would cry out with pain. I took her to the emergency hospital to have x-rays taken to see if she had broken her hip, as the pain was in the hip region. I promised her I would not let them keep her there only for the x-rays and examination. After they took some x-rays, they put a guernsey on her and the nurse said that the doctor's orders were to make her an in-patient, so she'll have to stay at the hospital. I explained to her that we only wanted to know how to take care of her at home. The doctor had looked at the x-rays and the nurse said, "I'm pretty sure there's a broken bone, but you can wait until the doctor gets out of surgery and talk to him." The lady who lives with me is also a housekeeper at that hospital and she came to me and said, "Stick to what you believe, but we have had orders to clean a room for a patient with a broken hip, so don't let them wheel Marilyn down to that room or they will keep her here." While we were waiting, Marilyn and I were praying that the doctor would

change his mind and release her. We told the nurse that we believed in Divine healing. When the doctor came out, he examined her carefully and asked, "Will you take a pain killer?" She said, "No, thank you." The nurse said, "Doctor, she takes no medication." He said, "Tell the technician to take some more x-rays." After the x-rays were taken, I asked the doctor if her hip was broken. He said, "I can find no sign of any fractures. Put her clothes back on and take her home." We surely were thankful and we gave God all the praise, for we felt He had changed the verdict.

—Marilyn Rendall and Sis. Lucille Trimble

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Okla.—Dear Sister Marie, Bro. Lawrence, and all: Greetings of Christian love. Praise the Lord, I am still leaning on His everlasting arms. I can't thank the dear Lord enough for healing me, and giving my health back. I'm living alone and can take care of myself. I am much encouraged to live for the dear Lord, and for His answering my prayers.

Thank you all very much for praying for me. . . .

—Sister Sarah Hoffman

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Tex.—Dear Anna Marie, Lawrence, and Maybelle: Just a note to let you know we love you all and trust Lawrence is much better.

I had a blood test and I have normal blood. Thank God for taking the diabetes away! I can never thank God's people enough for their prayers and concern for me.

I am up, but in a wheel chair all day. I do many things—cook, etc., and of course, I wash all the dishes. God has done marvelous things for me. I desire you to please remember me that God will take this terrible pain from my body and help me walk alone.

Lee is having much trouble with his ears. They drain so much, and it is difficult for him to wear his hearing aid. He has an aid in each ear now, and at times he can hear very well.

The church building is progressing slowly here in Shreveport, La. The rains . . . have hindered a lot. . . .

—Brother Lee and Sister Jewell Whitley

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## The Unspeakable Gift

(2 Cor. 9:15)

To think of the Gift of all gifts our Father has given, nothing can equal that great blessing from heaven. . . . To you and to me He came—Jesus is His name—and so wonderful He is ever the same . . . To heal the body and the soul, and to give us power over sin to control . . . To keep us in this life free from all evil, pride and strife . . . To give us joy, peace and rest within, as we are victorious over all sin . . . To help us ever keep heaven in view, as we holiness, righteousness and godliness pursue. . . . To know when our life's end has come, we will rejoice to hear Him say, "Well done," and "enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," and that will be our great, final reward.

—LaVern Manuel

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