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The New Jerusalem



Have you seen the New Jerusalem
Coming down from God above,
As a bride of rich adorning
For the Bridegroom of her love?
Have you seen her sacred beauty
And her charm of holiness,
As she fills each saintly duty
While t'ward Heaven she does press?

Have you seen? or are you looking
T'ward that city far away,
Where the armies still are camping,
Ready for the battle's fray?
Where the ancient walls are crumbling,
Falling 'neath old Time's decree;
Where the Voice no longer echoes
Of the Man of Galilee?

Turn, oh, turn; behold and listen
To the words of truth divine,
And a vision new will glisten,
And upon your pathway shine!
There's a new and better City!
One that never will decay,
And the sight of this her beauty
Drives the darkness all away.

For no more is God abiding
In the temples made with hands,
And our Lord is not confiding
With the wealth of earthly lands.
He has found His rest forever
In the love of holy men—
Souls who from all else will sever,
Who are washed and pure from sin.

Here we find this City standing
Firm upon the solid Rock,
Following Her Lord's commanding,
Ready for the Judgment shock.

—Leslie Busbee

"Thy Kingdom Come"



In Matthew 6:9-13 we find recorded what is commonly called the Lord's prayer. It is a form or model of prayer which reveals the most important things that we should be concerned about to our heavenly Father. It is more than just a prayer to repeat, but this expression of prayer should be a reality in our very hearts. We desire to call your mind to a particular portion of this prayer, namely, the part where He prayed: "Thy Kingdom Come."

"Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." We have three things here mentioned that should be uppermost in our prayers: His name, His kingdom, and His will. Let us consider His kingdom. "Thy kingdom come." He told us to pray this way. May God enlighten our hearts to know what it means to pray this way. Perhaps in one sense we may feel that we need not to pray "Thy kingdom come," for we are persuaded by the truth of the gospel that the kingdom of God has already come. Yes, the kingdom of God came to us through the power of the Lord Jesus Christ at His first appearing. There are many that deny this, who are yet looking for the kingdom of God to be set up literally in this earth. Such people say that we should pray, "Thy kingdom come." But we need to grasp hold of the truth that the true kingdom of God in its power and grace HAS ALREADY COME! John the Baptist preached: "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Jesus said, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation; . . . for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you." The Greek says on this: "The kingdom of God is in the midst of you." Christ is declared the King of Glory in Psalm 24. Christ brought to earth the power and victory of the kingdom of heaven. The angel told Mary, the mother of Jesus, that the Lord God would give unto her Son the throne of His father David, "and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." It is nothing but the carnal mind that keeps men and women from seeing that the true kingdom of

God has been brought down and is of a spiritual nature. Paul described the kingdom of God in Rom. 14:17 when he said, "The kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

We are persuaded therefore that the kingdom of God is here in the world NOW. So in that sense we need not pray that it come. But there is another and greater sense that we can and must pray for the kingdom of God to come. Although it has come to earth through the advent of Christ, yet to many hearts in reality it has not come. For this we need to pray earnestly. "Lord, we pray for the advancement, progress, promotion, triumph, and extension of Thy kingdom into the hearts and lives of many more people." The kingdom of God must needs go forth in this life. We welcome the power of the kingdom of God in our souls, but, oh, how we yearn to see others experience this wonderful power of godliness and joy also.

John, in the Revelation, described the conflict between Satan and Christ and the overthrow of Satan's power. This was not a war that was waged in the heavens where God is, but it was waged in the spiritual heavens, in the realm of the souls of men. Satan was cast out and defeated, and John heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Rev. 12:7-11. Surely this is speaking of the coming of the kingdom of God in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The kingdom of God has come with power. The prophecy of Jesus in Psalm 45:6 reveals that his throne is to be for ever and ever, and the sceptre of his kingdom would be a righteous sceptre. The kingdom of God is the power of His rule and sway over the hearts and lives of those who are won by His love to salvation. There is but one way to really rule a man, and that is to win his heart and affections. So now, we see that the kingdom of God has come, but it has not taken over a good many lives. There are too many that say, "We will not have this man to reign over us." How sad! But we know that He will rule over all. Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. It is for us to pray that the kingdom of God will go forth in the Holy Spirit preaching of the true gospel of Jesus Christ. —Leslie Busbee

To love God personally and perfectly will produce the most perfect obedience and the most perfect heroism, and the most perfect destiny of which the soul is capable. But when people put a system, or party, or organization in their devotion, they sell their individuality of thought and service to a committee, or a company or a system, and become like machine-made bricks in the tower of Babel, instead of living stones in the New Jerusalem. —Lottie L. Jarvis

"Ye Are the Light of the World"

Our God is not dead. He is alive and all-powerful. When His Son, Jesus Christ, was in the world, He was the light of the world. Then He said to His disciples whom He left in the world, "Ye are the light of the world."

Some people take the Word of God (the Bible), but they will not accept the Spirit of God. There are other people who will not take the Bible, but say they follow the Spirit only. But we should accept the Word (the Bible) and the Holy Spirit. With the Spirit leading us, we can then rightly divide the Word. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." 1 Cor. 2:14.

Dear ones, we are living in a world of darkness all around us. If someone was lost in the woods at night, one little light could help him find his way out. Each one needs to be a little bright light to help people find the way to Christ. The Bible tells us that when we come to Jesus, repenting and forsaking our sins, He will cast them as far from us as the east is from the west, and will remember them no more against us.

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." Col. 3:1-3. "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." Eph. 2:1-3.

This is a pleasure-seeking, wicked, adulterous, and sinful generation, full of hate, envy, strife, murders, fornication, thefts, false witness, blasphemies, cheating, lying, and stealing. Men and women are dressing and looking so much alike that you can hardly tell them apart. Men are wearing long hair and looking feminine. Women are wearing pants, and some have short hair like men should. Many women and girls wear such short dresses that they hardly cover their bodies. Many people in the world are using dope, cursing, swearing, and "living it up," so to speak. It is all so sad!

Is our light for Jesus and His Word shining out brightly to the world? Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. 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. "But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Matt. 10:33. "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." 1 Tim. 2:9. "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering." 1 Cor. 11:14, 15.

Let us be sure that our hearts are pure and clean before God. Also, we should watch our words, because the Bible says we shall be judged by our words. The Bible also teaches us to have a forgiving spirit, to forgive not only seven times, but also to forgive seventy times seven.

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Matt. 22:37, 39. "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:38. "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

Dear ones, let us search our hearts and our lives daily to see if we are the light shining out in the world that God would have us to be. "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Matt. 26:41.

—Sister Pearlene Whitson

Fan The Spark

Shock, sorrow and death visited the home of one dear child of God. She had not been saved very long, nor did she understand completely all about God's dealings with His children. She did have faith in God and faith to believe that He would heal. Her little boy took sick. She called the ministers to pray for him. She and her husband prayed, believing that God would raise him up. She had placed her little boy in God's hands, yet there he lay, cold in death. He could never speak to her again of his love. She had trusted, but God had emptied her arms of her child and left a vacant place in her home. This was something she could not understand. As she brooded over her loss, darkness deepened upon her, and her courage changed to weakness. Despair came upon her and she yielded to it, as it wrecked her hopes. She felt she could never trust God again to heal her child. She felt God had let her down. She made the remark that she could never trust the Lord for healing again. She would trust Him for other things, but not healing.

Now we come to our point: What would you think of a person who would make a remark like this brokenhearted mother? Would you be tempted to say that this woman had sinned against the Lord and be

ready to count it so, because without faith you can't please God? Would you quote the words of Jesus that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" and judge her to be lost? Or would you think of the scripture, "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart"? Or would you think of some other words of Jesus, "A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory"? Matt. 12:20.

Oh, how quick some are ready to criticize or to cast someone off, because he falters or has a lack of understanding while in the depths of trial! Some might say that the Bible says, "By their fruits ye shall know them," and feel that they are just being fruit testers. But the thing we need to be careful about is, that the fact might be that we do not see all of the fruits. No one can look into the heart, but God. He knows all of the fruits. Surely we must be very careful. We need to fan any spark of love for God that we can find in any person. Jesus did that while here on earth. Consider the woman that was brought to Him, who was taken in adultery. He saw a spark of love for right in that woman. Others all around her were condemning her. Jesus fanned the spark of repentance and sorrow that He saw, and told her to "Go, and sin no more." These were comforting words to her bruised, crushed spirit. He fanned the spark and forgave her and showed her a way out of her deep trouble.

God looked down upon the dear sister who had lost her child. He saw the confusion of her mind in her deep sorrow. He saw the darkness that had crept into her heart, and the gloom which brought despair. He saw the deep wound that had been made in her heart, yet He also saw a love for Him there. He was looking into her heart. Others might have been looking on her outward expression, through her words. How wonderful it is that Jesus understands and knows just how to help His children! Jesus fanned the spark in her heart. He began to lead, and to comfort her heart. He began to teach her new faith and new confidence. He let things come and cross her path, and then graciously heard her cry and answered. He healed her children quickly at first. He showed her His great power. He fanned that spark of trust and faith that He saw deep in her heart. He led her along. Her faith was increased so much that God did marvelous healings in her family, even to the healing of blind eyes. She finally was able to trust God's wisdom as well as His power. This happened a number of years ago, and today this Sister is a woman of faith and lives for God.

Dear child of God, do be careful about casting others aside when they falter in a trial. Even parents sometimes discourage their children by saying, "You can't be saved and do so and so." It would be better to say, "Why don't you pray and ask the Lord to help you to not do that anymore," and instruct them that God has forgiveness for them. Fan the spark. Show them a way out. Parents fail by discussing others' failures before their children. Maybe that person cleared the failure, but the child never heard about it and confidence was lost and they became confused.

May God help each of us to remember to fan any spark of good we see in any person, is my prayer.

—Sis. Marie Miles

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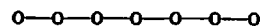
EDITORIALS

Beautiful spring time has arrived, and in this area the vegetation is taking on the color of green which denotes life anew. The brown barrenness of winter is giving way to nature's resurrection of life. The flowers and trees are blooming, and the birds are singing. This is one of God's appointed seasons which shall continue until this time's world shall end.

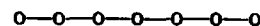
The spring season is an appropriate time for the annual commemoration of Jesus' resurrection. As new life comes forth from the ground even so Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, came forth from the tomb a Conqueror over death, hell and the grave forever. He was raised for our justification from sin, and gave to His disciples that blessed promise, "Because I live, ye shall live also." John 14:19.

The "saints in light" not only remember the resurrection of Jesus annually but also weekly when they assemble together to worship their Lord and Master on the first day of the week—Sunday—which was known in the early church as "the Lord's day." The church today follows the custom of the first disciples when they met for worship in a weekly memorial service of Jesus' resurrection on the first day of the week.

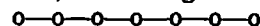
Contrary to popular belief, the literal observance of the Old Testament Sabbath has nowhere in the Scriptures been transferred to Sunday, neither has it been enjoined upon the New Testament believers in this gospel dispensation. The typical and symbolical meaning of the old Sabbath does not apply to Sunday any more than it applies to any other day of the week. Therefore, Sunday is not now the Sabbath in the Old Testament sense. The old Sabbath is a type or shadow of that soul rest (freedom from sin) which the people of God experience every day of the week.



The word "Easter," which appears only one place (Acts 12:4) in the King James Version, should have been translated "Passover" according to the Bible scholars. The name Easter was not known when the Book of Acts was written in the first century, but that English term was given later to the commemoration of this season. Easter is the name of the "old pagan Teutonic goddess of spring," and we see how this pagan name, along with the pagan names of the days of the week and the months of the year are yet used in connection with the Christian religion.



May the Lord bless Sister Dolly Brown who came the first part of February to help here in the Lord's Printshop. Sister Dolly formerly worked at the Sunset Guest Home on the church campground in Pa-coima, Calif. She is adapting very well to the work in the printing department, learning to operate the presses and folders, and doing other bindery work.



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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. If anyone wants to help meet the cost of the meals for the ministers in the dining hall, you may send your contribution to the treasurer, Sister Frances Deforth, Route 2, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

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Bro. Murphy Allen, pastor at Springfield, Mo., held a very encouraging meeting here at Guthrie from March 5 to 9. Jesus was glorified in the messages of Bible truth.

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Word has been received indirectly that Brother and Sister Willie Murphey arrived safely by airline in the island of Jamaica on March 19. They expect to return to Guthrie, Okla., on March 30.

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Bro. Kenneth Probst of Oklahoma will hold, Lord willing, a meeting, beginning Easter Sunday, March 30, at Jefferson, Oregon, where Bro. Ostis Wilson is the pastor.

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Bro. Tom Melot of Guthrie, Okla., held a meeting at Green Bank, W. Va., which began on March 14.

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From March 16 to 23, Bro. Eddie Wilson of Nowata, Okla., held a profitable meeting at the Church of God chapel on Northeast 23rd Street in Oklahoma City where Bro. Archie Souder is the pastor.

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Bro. George Hammond returned to Guthrie from holding services in Oregon and California. From San Diego, Calif., he went to the mission station at Ojos Negros, Mexico, and wired the chapel for electricity which recently became available. At that time the resident missionary, Sister Opal Kelly, was in Okla-

homa recuperating from the flu. Pray for her and all the ministers and missionaries worldwide.

Bro. Hammond is very good help here in the publishing work, and we pray the Lord to bless and reward him for his labors here and wherever he goes in God's service.

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At press time we are still waiting for the final figures from the IRS. Thank you for your continued prayers and concern. God is on the throne, and He still hears and answers prayer. His way and time is always best and proper. —Lawrence Pruitt

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Goulds, Florida—April 13 to 19.

Oklahoma State at Guthrie, Okla.—May 23 to June 1.

Ministers' Meeting at Guthrie, Ok.—June 3, 4 and 5.

Holly Hill, South Carolina—June 6 to 15.

Tulsa, Oklahoma—June 6 to 15.

Jefferson, Oregon—June 13 to 22.

Due to the time of the Ministers' Meeting, the congregation at Jefferson has changed the date of their campmeeting to June 13 to 22.

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

Willa Turner, the daughter of Willie and Fannie Stutts, was born on Oct. 6, 1896, at Thomasville, Alabama, and departed this life Feb. 5, 1975, at the age of 78 years, three months and 29 days.

The early years of Sister Turner's life were spent in Boley, Oklahoma, where she accepted the Evening Light Teaching of the Church of God, which had a lasting influence.

In 1923, she moved to California. In 1937, she was united in marriage to Polk K. Turner, making their home in Pasadena. Bro. Turner passed away in 1960. Sister Turner worshipped with the Los Angeles Church of God congregation. She is survived by a nephew, Arthur Turner, a number of cousins, saints and friends.

Graveside services were held at Lincoln Memorial Park in Los Angeles, Calif., conducted by Bro. C. Hobbs, assisted by Bro. U. Phillips and Bro. Z. E. Francisco.

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William K. Cramer, son of Louis and Anna (Kauffman) Cramer, was born on March 12, 1907, at Quakertown, Pa., and departed this life to be with the Lord on March 5, 1975, at Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 67 years, 11 months and 23 days after an illness of three weeks.

Bro. William Cramer, the husband of Sister Edith R. (Shaffer) Cramer, was a member of the Church of God congregation at Shawnee, Okla. Bro. and Sister Cramer lived in Pennsylvania until July, 1974, when they made their home in a cottage on the grounds of the Golden

Rule Nursing Home, at Shawnee, Okla., where they were doing volunteer work for the nursing home.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by four sons: Merle of Perkasio, Pa.; Reuel of Cranbury, N. J.; Robert of Lansdale, Pa.; and Paul of Silverdale, Pa.; four daughters, Naomi, wife of Frank Ruchinski of Pottstown, Pa.; Lois, wife of Wilbur Dettweiler of Waynesboro, Va.; Mary S., wife of Robert W. Lee of Sellersville, Pa.; and Esther, wife of Clarence Gabel of Boyertown, Pa.; two brothers, Charles DeReiter, of Trumbauersville, Pa.; and John DeReiter of Quakertown, Pa.; two sisters, Mrs. Julia Llewellyn of Pottstown, Pa., and Mrs. Josephine Snyder of Perkasio, Pa., and 16 grandchildren. One daughter, Ruth, died in infancy.

The funeral services were conducted from the Virgil G. Sommers Funeral Home, Telford, Pa., March 8, by Bro. Robert W. Lee, assisted by Bro. Norman Terry. Interment was in Whitmarsh Memorial Park, Prospectville, Pa.

(Note: Forty-seven years ago, Bro. Wm. Cramer, a young man of 21 years, along with his sister, Julia, both of Pennsylvania, volunteered their services for a time here at the Faith Pub. House. The godly lives of these early gospel workers endeared them to the Pruitt family and those fond memories can never be erased. We were happy to have Bro. William and his wife in Oklahoma during the last year. Now Bro. William has finished his course and is at rest with the Lord. His wife, Sister Edith Cramer, intends to maintain her home and continue her volunteer work at the Golden Rule Home at Shawnee, Okla. May God comfort and sustain Sister Cramer, the bereaved children and other relatives. —L. D. Pruitt, editor.)

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Lulu Maude Caughron was born January 29, 1896, in Webb City, Mo., and passed away March 15, 1975, at the Elmhurst Nursing Home in Webb City, Mo. She resided in Webb City, Mo. all of her life.

She was faithful to attend services regularly at the Church of God chapel in Webb City, Mo., for many years.

She is survived by one son, Robert Caughron, of the home; one sister, Florence Carroll, of Memphis, Tenn., a nephew and a neice.

Her husband, Clarence Caughron, preceded her in death in 1955.

She will be sadly missed by those who knew her. Officiating Minister was Murphey Allen. Burial was in Webb City, Mo., Cemetery. —Murphy Allen

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Miss Emma Rhoads, the daughter of Ambrose J. and Hulda Pearl (Helmig) Rhoads, was born on Sept. 10, 1928, near Linn, Mo., and departed this life on March 13, 1975, at the age of 46 years, five months and three days.

Sister Rhoads was a member of the Church of God, as well as a teacher for many years in the public schools of Osage and St. Louis counties in Missouri.

Survivors include four brothers: Arthur L., Jefferson City, Mo.; Carl, Linn, Mo.; Mann E. and Donald R., Belle, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Verna Schaeperclaus, St. James, Mo., and Velva Steffens, St. Louis, Mo.; nineteen nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Morton Funeral Home Chapel in Linn, Mo., on March 16 with Bro.

Richard Madden officiating. Burial was in the Useful Cemetery near Linn. —Bro. R. Madden

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Virginia Leora Wittenborn, the daughter of Edwin O. and Grace H. (Bishop) Weaver, was born on September 11, 1915, in Los Angeles, Calif., and passed from this life to be with her Lord and Saviour on March 17, 1975, at her home near Delaware, Okla., at the age of 59 years, five months and six days.

On Feb. 1, 1934, she was married to Byron Richard Wittenborn at San Fernando, Calif. To this union seven children were born—two sons and five daughters.

Sister Wittenborn heard the truth of the Church of God preached for the first time in 1941, and in that meeting she was saved and embraced the Bible truth. About the year of 1954 she and Bro. Wittenborn made their first mission trip to Mexico, and ever since then she had labored there at times and carried a burden for mission work. Her greatest pleasure was to be engaged in mission work and contacting new people with the gospel.

Sister Wittenborn bore her long illness with great patience, trusting God fully, and not resorting to medical aid or pain pills. The Lord miraculously kept the pain away, and at the end she quietly went to sleep in the arms of Jesus.

Survivors include her husband, Byron R. Wittenborn, of the home; two sons, Larry Wittenborn, Claremore, Okla., and Walter Wittenborn, Nowata, Okla.; five daughters, Miss Lois Wittenborn, of the home, Mrs. David (Leora) Beisly, Coffeyville, Kan., Mrs. Gary (Grace) Strong, Claremore, Okla., Mrs. Richard (Judith) Guettler, Whittier, Calif., and Mrs. M. X. (Diane) Melot, Dewey, Okla.; her mother, Mrs. Grace Weaver, Claremore, Okla.; twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. Clifford Wilson, assisted by Bro. Kenneth Probst and Bro. Clarence Fry, at the Church of God Chapel in Nowata, Okla., on March 20, and interment was in the cemetery at Nowata to await the general resurrection.

Note of Thanks

Bro. Byron Wittenborn and family extend their thanks and appreciation to the saints and friends for their prayers, phone calls, letters, cards, flowers and offerings during the illness and passing of their loved one. As he may not be able to write each one, please accept this card of thanks for all your kindness, and may the Lord reward you abundantly.

(Editor's note: When Bro. and Sister Byron Wittenborn lived in southern California, they did mission work in Baja, Cfa., Mexico, and endeared themselves to the natives. In the summer of 1971 they took Marie, Maybelle and I to the campmeeting at Ojos Negros, Mexico, and we certainly enjoyed the time of fellowship together. A few years ago Bro. and Sister Wittenborn lived here in Guthrie, and part of that time Sister Virginia helped in the gospel publishing work. Her Christian conduct and labors for the Lord were certainly appreciated. Now she has finished her course and received the crown of victory. May the Lord comfort and sustain her mother, Bro. Wittenborn and all the children in their loss which is heaven's gain. God has devised a marvelous plan whereby each one can go where she is.)

Bro. William Edward Nurse, the son of Winston and Eliza Nurse, was born on Dec. 15, 1890, at Sedalia, Mo., and departed this life on Jan. 13, 1975.

Bro. Nurse was reared in Georgetown, Mo. After moving to Tulsa, Okla., he was united in marriage to Mintie Burleson Gibbs. He met the saints, embraced the truth and got saved when Bro. Lewis Williams was the pastor in Tulsa. He lived a devoted life until death, and was very faithful in attending services until ill health seized his body.

He leaves to mourn his passing: a devoted wife, Sister Mintie Nurse of Tulsa, Okla.; two sons, Cecil Nurse, Tulsa, Okla., and Robert Nurse, Chicago, Ill.; one daughter, Emma Jean Kitchen, Sedalia, Mo.; all of a previous marriage; one step-son, Harold Gibbs, Tulsa, Okla.; one step-daughter, Pauline Gibbs Atkins, Coweta, Okla.; a host of grandchildren, friends and the saints.

The funeral services were conducted by Bro. M. D. Gaines. Interment was in Crown Hill Cemetery, Tulsa, Okla.

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

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.

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.

GOSPEL MEETING IN ANTHONY, KAN.

Services nightly at 7:30 are scheduled to begin in the Church of God chapel, Garfield and Pennsylvania Streets, Anthony, Kansas, on April 20, continuing until Sunday, April 27. If the Lord should lead you to come and help represent the Church of God by preaching, teaching, or singing, this is your invitation and opportunity. Pray the Lord to send in folks to hear the truth. We are expecting Bro. Floyd and Sis. Margaretta

Kennedy to park their trailer on the ground and there is plenty of room for others. Some bedroom space and dining area is available. The Wichita saints have been faithful to attend in the past and we are looking for them to come this time also. For further information, contact Sis. Dolly Gideon, 501 N. Springfield, Anthony, Kansas 67003. Phone (316) 842-5085.

PROFITABLE REVIVAL AT BAKERSFIELD, CALIF.

We are thankful to report that the Lord blessed us with a truly reviving revival meeting at Bakersfield, Calif. from Feb. 14 to 21. There were at least 27 ministers in attendance. Along with our state ministers who labored in the meeting, we appreciated the presence of Bro. and Sis. Leonard Roberts, Bro. Otis Francisco, Bro. Tom Melot and Bro. George Hammond, all of Oklahoma. The Word of God was preached with power and anointing of the Holy Spirit. Souls were edified and convicted. Many sought and received help.

Because of affliction and uncertain weather, I was not able to attend any of the meeting, but I kept in close communication by tape recordings, etc. I normally keep daily notes on my calendar about my progress, reverses, etc. During the meeting the Lord granted such a special blessing in my body that during the last half of the meeting I just wrote across my calendar, "What a mighty God we serve!" Please continue to pray for me.

—Sis. Robena Montgomery

SPRING REVIVAL AND GOSPEL SINGING AT BOLEY, OKLAHOMA

The annual spring revival will be in progress, Lord willing, at Boley, Oklahoma, from April 27 to May 4, 1975. A special gospel singing will be on Saturday evening, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. It is our heart's desire and prayer that we come together in God's presence with the singing of Zion's songs "with the Spirit and with the understanding also,"--all to the glory of God with His anointing upon it.

We are looking to the Lord to bless us with a Holy Ghost-filled meeting, praying that He will send ministers and workers of His own choosing to help fight in this great battle against sin. Let us all come praying that the Lord will work in this meeting, and make our Lord's request our greatest burden: "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Luke 10:2.

We are very thankful to the Lord for blessing us with a new chapel on the Boley campgrounds, and for supplying the finance for it. We appreciate the cooperation of the saints and friends who shared in the same. We give the Lord all the praise.

Services will be held nightly in the new chapel at 7:30 p.m., and all-day services on both Sundays. We extend a warm welcome to all races and nationalities. Come one and all. "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord." Isaiah 1:18.

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

—Sister Katherine Williams

REVIVAL AT PRATTSVILLE, ARK.

A spring revival meeting will be held, Lord willing, at the Church of God chapel in Prattsville, Ark., from April 26 to May 4, 1975. We are praying the Lord to send the minister or ministers whom He would have to preach the Word. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services. All who come will be cared for and provided a place to stay.

For further information, phone or write to Bro. E. A. Loftis, Rt. 1, Box 156, Prattsville, Ark. 72129, phone 501-699-4368.

—Dub Henderson

TENT MEETING AT GREEN BANK, W. VA.

A tent meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Green Bank, W. Va., on June 20 to 29, 1975. As there are a number of isolated saints in the eastern part of the country who do not get to services very often, we will have two services each day. This is the fourth year for this meeting. The attendance has been good in the past. We are looking for more this year.

Meals will be served and places to stay will be provided for all who come. All lovers of the truth and those who are looking for the truth should come and enjoy a good time in the Lord.

Green Bank is located 50 miles south of Elkins on Route 28, or 30 miles north of Marlinton. For more information, phone or write to Bro. Richard Sizemore, R. R. Box 5A, Arbovale, W. Va. 24915. Phone: 304-456-4408. You may contact Bro. Tom Carpenter, Arbovale, W. Va. 24915, phone 304-456-4269.

There will be other tent meetings announced later.

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

MEETING COMBINED WITH A REVELATION STUDY AT AKRON, OHIO

Bro. O. C. Porter of Guthrie, Okla., will be at the hall and chapel, 419 and 421 W. Thornton Street, Akron, Ohio, from April 4 through April 13, 1975. For many years Bro. Porter has preached the gospel—justification for the sinner, sanctification for the believer, and the healing of our bodies. He will conduct a Revelation Study, using many educational charts, beginning on Sunday evening, April 6th through the 11th. Each weekend—April 4th through Sunday morning of the 6th and 12th and 13th—will be devoted to regular gospel services with other visiting ministers present. Meals will be served each weekend in the dining hall and at the parsonage through the week. All nations are welcome.

For further information, contact the pastor, Sister Hazel Clark, 555 Fernwood Dr., Akron, Ohio 44320, phone 376-5371. The chapel phone number is 762-2286.

—Sister Hazel Clark

PRAYER AND CONSOLATION

From sin and disease Jesus died to set us free. Lord, help us not to stop until we gain the victory. If we die in the fight, the battle is not lost. Let's fight the fight of faith, no matter what the cost.

—Effie Miller

PRAYER REQUESTS



S. Dak.—“Pray for me. I have many ailments. I have arthritis all over my body.” —Hazel Simonson

Ill.—“I am so afflicted—my eyes have failed me until I can read only one word at a time with a magnifying glass. I have poor elimination and control of my feet. I have staggering spells and have had two hard falls.... I want to serve the Lord with all my heart and trust Him, too. I want your prayers, in an agreement with others.” —Ethel Redmon

Ohio.—“Remember our granddaughter in prayer.... She is having blackouts.” —Bro. and Sis. H. Dale

Ark.—“Thank you people for praying for me. I am healed Pray for a sister that has a cyst; also my husband has a cyst on his head.” —Clara Perkins

La.—“I have an affliction in my body. I need the Lord’s healing touch very much He has done so much for me and my family.” —Mrs. A. M. Alexander

Mo.—“Susan Laughlin, two years old, is undergoing treatment for leukemia . . . pray for her.” —Susie and Earl Laughlin (Susan is their granddaughter).

Okla.—Remember Sis. Lottie Porter in prayer. She has been failing in health for some time. At times she is hardly able to be up and do her work. She is worthy of your earnest prayers.

Mo.—“I am making a special request for prayer for the healing of my wife. She has been sick since about the middle of January.... We have been unable to get complete victory for her.” —John Cullins

Mo.—Please remember Junior Sorrell in prayer. He has low blood sugar and complications which cause the spleen to not produce healthy blood. From the effects of this condition, he hemorrhages through his nose. This great loss of blood makes him very weak. The Lord has touched him in times past, but he needs complete healing.

Calif.—“Remember me in prayer. Charlie wanted me to go to the doctor. He showed me how I could have my heel built up and I would not have to walk with a cane.... I am overweight and have high blood pressure. The doctor wanted to give me medication but I refused it. He said I would have a stroke.... Sis Edith Reavis comes to see me and takes me shopping. We have prayer together.” —Sis. Opal Williams

Colo.—“The Lord has healed me and my family so many times for many years. Now I have something wrong with my ear. It feels like it is swollen, and the side of my head hurts and even down into my neck. I know God is able . . . and I am trusting in Him, so I am asking all of you to pray for me. God is our great Doctor and He never slumbers or sleeps. He is always on the throne and hears the cries of His children.”

—Mrs. R. A. Tombleson

Kentucky—Bro. Mart Samons still needs prayer. He has that ringing in his head. He is trusting and waiting, with faith, for healing, so continue to hold Him up before the Lord.

La.—“Pray for my wife. She has been sick with shingles for seven weeks.” —Bro. J. H. Brown

Texas.—“Please pray for my body. I am trusting in the Lord.” —Ever Batts

Miss.—“I want to ask you to pray for me that I may be healed I have a bad case of sinus trouble. I have had it for seven months I have a deep hoarseness, and cough so much.”

—Sis. Viola Touchstone

Dear child of God, put your finger on a promise in the Bible, direct from God, and plead for its fulfillment. We can say with David of old, “Do as thou hast said. . . . that thy name may be magnified for ever.” I Chron. 17:23,24. Just present the check and ask for the cash, or the fulfillment of the promise. We do not have to struggle, be filled with doubts or have any anguish. God never breaks His promise. “God, that cannot lie, promised.” Titus 1:2. I am sure that you have suffered from broken promises by others. God is different than man. His faithfulness to His Word will never be broken. How sad for a child of God to stand at the door of a promise, during the depths of affliction, or the perplexity of a problem, and be afraid to open the door and go into the shelter of the fulfillment of His Father’s promise, just as a child into his father’s house. Boldly pray for the Lord to “Do as thou hast said.”

“Every promise is built upon four pillars: God’s justice and holiness, which will not suffer Him to deceive; His grace or goodness, which will not suffer Him to forget; His truth, which will not suffer Him to change, which makes Him able to accomplish.” How wonderful to know such a God! We need Him in this life of many perplexities and problems. But nothing is impossible with our God.

We must trust God’s wisdom as well as His power. We enter into Christ’s sufferings and are conformed to His likeness, when we wait for God to fulfill His promise and suffer according to His will. We do not want to simply endure God’s will, but He will help us, if we seek for it, to have joy while waiting for His will to be fulfilled. So dear ones, be encouraged in the Lord.

—Sis. Marie Miles

LETTER FROM NIGERIAN MISSION

Rivers State, Nigeria (Feb. 25)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the great love that is in Jesus, the Son of God. Praise the Lord!

Thank you for your letters in December and January with the parcel of books and the “Faith and Victory” papers.

In February, Bro. Umanah wrote a letter directing us to come to Port Harcourt to receive him and Bro. Tom Melot on Feb. 5th. We went and received them on the appointed day. The Lord protected us to land safely on the island of Tombia. Bro. Melot is an anointed, Spirit-filled minister. We held two days of open-air services with him and he preached in our town of Tombia. When he preached in our chapel, all the members trembled and feared. He baptized eight persons One thing we did not like—he was with us only four days—too few. When he departed from the Port Harcourt airport on Feb. 8, we were crying. We will not forget him. Please, we beg of you to pray for us that in the near future, God may send him again.

We are praying for your complete healing. May the Lord bless and add many days to your life.

Yours in Christian love, —B. Ben Taylor

LETTER FROM MEXICO MISSIONARY

Patzcuaro, Mexico (Feb. 24)—Dear Sister Marie: With all Christian love and appreciation, I trust this letter will find you rejoicing in the goodness of our God and enjoying the many blessings and benefits of salvation. As for us, we are all well, for which we are so very grateful. The children seem to be really healthy. I feel real good also. Paulino, my husband, is in Thermal, Calif., picking grapefruit and doesn't come home every week. He finally has his immigration papers and can go across the border. We miss him so much, and especially in the services. The last time he was here he testified of how he always gets up early so he can have time to pray before going to work. As he saw all the other men sound asleep, not aware of what was going on around them, he thought that they were also actually asleep spiritually, not realizing the spiritual danger they were in. He asked us to pray for him that some how he would be able to help them see their need of God.

Yesterday (Feb. 23) we had real precious services. There were about 15 in the morning service and the message was about slavery, how that people are slaves to Satan and his forces, but Jesus came to give liberty to those in bondage. Then for the night service we went over to Bro. Pablo Andrades' home, and there must have been 30 people present. We also had a good time in the Lord. Bro. Raul and Brother Pablo both gave real good testimonies, and then after the message we read Bible stories and sang choruses with the children, for there were a lot of them. Several neighbors of the saints came in also.

On Wednesday nights we usually have a Bible study taken from the "Bible Lessons" you send us. They are so good. I have one of the older "Bible Lessons" book in my English Bible to study for myself. I really enjoy them. You have so many good thoughts. I am sure that people all over the country are blessed through your ministry and by the efforts of the other saints that help you in the work. I remember you and the other workers to the Lord in prayer.

Last night, when we were returning from meeting, a lady who went with us and is not saved, was telling of how she is so scared at night that she goes to bed before it gets dark and is afraid of any little noise. I was so glad to testify to her of God's protection over me through the years I lived alone and went alone in the car for so many miles. It must be a terrible life to be afraid. We invited her to come and spend the evenings with us.... She said that she might come. How I long to help sleeping souls awake to the danger about them and show them the way of salvation which brings peace and joy.

We truly appreciate the offerings, and thank you and the Lord and all who had a part in them, and we humbly ask the Lord to bless and reward each one. We remember you each day to the Lord that He will give you daily wisdom, grace and understanding for the work you are doing. We remember Brother Lawrence, too, with his affliction to the Lord in prayer. We ask an interest in your prayers also, for we want to be everything the Lord would have us to be here in this life and this place.

With much Christian love, —Edith (Cole) Lara

REPORT FROM OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO

(March 4)—Dear Ones: Greetings in the sweet and precious name of our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ. I am thankful to be able to be on victory's side at this writing.

Saints, in these times we surely need to gird up the loins of our minds to be able to continue in our living for God. This surely is a pressing way. "The kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." Luke 16:16.

I cannot put in words the many blessings of the Lord since I last wrote. He is so good to all who will trust in Him. As soon as I had recuperated from the flu, I returned to Ojos Negros, Mexico, from San Diego, with one burden uppermost on my heart. I felt I couldn't leave the field until "Amparo", a new lady, was saved. Evelia, my helper in the congregation, did almost everything for me in unloading and reloading. Then as soon as she had left, I went to earnest prayer again in Amparo's behalf. I received the witness that the Lord would go with me. The next morning the Lord made it possible for me to spend the entire morning with her, teaching her a Bible lesson on the plan of salvation. When I finished telling her we could repent once of our past sins, believe that the Lord did forgive them, and that we need never ask forgiveness again unless we failed, she was overjoyed and immediately asked: "Why can't I do it right now?" Needless to say, I also was overjoyed. When I left her at 12:30 noon, she was so happy in the Lord. On acceptance of her offer to drink a glass of milk, I was given the opportunity to teach her a little more—to offer a prayer of thanks to God for her food before meals. These things seem small, but I believe the Lord would have us to be diligent and expend the same effort with one soul as with several. Catalina, another lady in the congregation who is really growing in the Lord, and Amparo's best friend, is helping her in my absence. Pray earnestly with me for them and all the rest there.

If anyone has Mexican contacts, and would like a copy of the booklet, "Mi Señor y Yo," ("My Lord and I") to be a help to them, please write to me, giving their address. I will also put them on the Spanish mailing list for all material in the future. Thank you. Pray for all of God's true workers in every mission field.

Christian love, —Sis. Opal Kelly
1006 N. W. 90th, Okla. City, Okla. 73114

LETTER FROM INTERIOR MEXICO MISSION

Michoacan, Mexico—Dear Sister Miles and Bro. Pruitt: We are answering your letter that we received. Thanks to you and all the brethren for the offerings. Thank God for His blessings.

Last Sunday we made a trip to the state of Guanajuato to visit the brethren at the ranch of Pegeros and Cana. God helped us to make the trip. I had trouble with the car lights. They failed much on the return trip at night. After the journey, I am suffering with the toothache. At times we have problems, but we are continuing the gospel work with the help of the Lord.

Receive salutations from the brethren at this place.

Your Brother, —Irineo Rama

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Feb. 19)—My beloved Bro. and Sister Pruitt and the dear saints abroad: Greetings in the holy name of Jesus Christ, "who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." Rev. 1:5-6.

Thank you very much for your loving letter dated Feb. 1, and the enclosures were noted with maximum gratitude.

By the measureless grace of God all activities are going on well here. Last week I was at Challissery for the campmeeting there. It was a blessed meeting beyond expectation, and the Holy Spirit empowered me to preach three days to the multitude gathered there. Tomorrow I plan to go to Trichur to participate in the campmeeting there. Surely we need the spirit of Elijah and John the Baptist to preach the truth openly and frankly to this world in this time of ecumenicalism (Gog and Magog union) and modernism. Elijah did not compromise with the prophets of Baal at Mt. Carmel.... May God wake up many to arise and build in this "evening time" before the night comes.

The Avoor chapel is finished and ready for services. A special opening service in that chapel will be held in the second week of March following a three day's meeting Two other chapels are urgently needed, one at Niranam and the other at Kalayapuram. May God open ways for them at His appointed time. I invite your attention and prayer again for the need of the baptistry at Karikkom which is essential.

We pray for the complete healing of all the dear saints in the U. S. A. who have colds and the flu... and for your healing also.

With love and prayers, I remain yours in Christ,
—Bro. John Varghese

FROM THE MAIL BOX . . .

Ind.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sister Marie: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. He is so good to us. I was 80 years old on the 20th of January, so we don't travel any more, but I am up and around. I am thankful for that.

I hope you all are well. Enclosed is an offering. Remember us in prayer.
—Rufus Morton

Canada—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all beloved saints at the Printshop: Greetings in the holy name of our dear Saviour. I was delighted to learn from an editorial in the January issue of your paper, "Faith and Victory," that the problem facing the Lord's Printshop was marvelously solved in a great measure, by the working of God's Spirit in the hearts of His believers. Praise God for His mercy! This divine intervention proved again beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the printshop is truly the Lord's and not human property

Your servant of the Lord, —Bro. Reinhard Mueller

Calif.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings of Christian love. Twice this morning I ran out to enjoy seeing the

wild ducks or geese fly over in a V formation. A beautiful thought was given to me. There in the heavy fog, after the rain had let up, was a leader with his happy, singing followers going home. They had faith in their leader. Jesus Christ is our Leader and knows the way Home. We, His children, should follow rejoicing.

The glory of God is most clearly revealed in the Bible. Since He is the Author, its truths are flooded with divine illumination. If we depend upon reason and nature alone for our knowledge, we will stumble and fall. But when we receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour by faith, and the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within, then He enables us to understand the Word of God. It is the light from above that shines upon our pathway to guide us aright.

I'm happy because Jesus has forgiven my sins and He is leading me. My cross to bear is not being able to be in meetings and with God's saints whom I love so dearly.

I enjoyed being with Mother (Annie McKinney) last week. She was well. I was thinking how the Lord had blessed her in so many ways. Her memory is good and she loves to talk about the happenings of long ago. It's always sad to leave her. Some day, I hope to be with her, where there are no sad goodbyes.

"I trust in God; I know He cares for me.

On mountains bleak or on the stormy sea;

Though billows roll, He keeps my soul.

My Heavenly Father watches over me."

—Sister Lucille Allen

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Minn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: I am still happy in the Lord. I praise Him for His kindness to me and all of His loved ones. I have been well this winter in this cold and snowy country. I should be, as I have lived here almost all of my life. I am happy in the knowledge of my sins forgiven. The Lord said to me through His Word, "Go and sin no more." Praise His Holy name forever!

I am always glad to receive the "Faith and Victory" paper.
—Bro. Andrew Senti

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie: Greetings in Jesus' precious name, who is so good to us all. We trust you all are well and encouraged in the work of the Lord. We are all able to be up, and I feel that is something to be thankful for.

Sis. Marie, I have been looking through my birthday and sympathy cards that I received. I want to thank all my loved ones and saints for remembering me at these times. I don't feel able to write thank you notes to each one personally. I am so sorry I have waited so long to get this done, but I have been so poorly and I am still not in a normal condition. I feel I have come a long way. Before I left the Golden Rule Home, I told them I had a pain in my side like I used to have when I would run. They told me I had been running a long time. I am so glad the Lord has brought me through all of this, and brought me through as well as I am. I can't thank and praise Him enough for what He has done for me. I know God has a storehouse full of blessings for His children. All of us who have a right to the tree of life, have a right to all of these good blessings. I am glad for victory over the devil.

I am glad for the good home the Lord has provided for me. I am happy here with my children now. I thank the Lord for keeping me encouraged to press on for Him. I do appreciate all the saints and what they have done for me, and for their prayers. I still desire your prayers in my behalf, also for all my unsaved loved ones. I am glad we have someone to look to that is able to hear and answer prayer. He does more for us than we are able to ask or think.

We always pray for all of you and the work there. We do desire healing for Bro. Lawrence and all the rest that may need a healing touch.

Christian love and prayers, —Sis. Katie Gibson,
R. 1, Granby, Mo. 64844

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Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all: Greetings in Jesus' precious name. We trust that everyone is well there.

We do praise the good Lord for all the blessings He has bestowed on us. We are so glad that we can put our whole trust and confidence in Him, and know He does care for His children. Oh, how sweet it is to trust in Jesus and just to take Him at His word

We certainly do enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper, the booklets and tracts, and daily pray for all of you there, that the Lord will protect His own and His publishing work.

In Christian love, —Floyd and Ether Hines

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Ohio—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings in Jesus' name, who is our all in all, whom we love and to whom all of our praise is due. He is wonderful! He saved me and keeps me, also satisfies every longing of my soul. Praise His dear name!

I do love the truth. I thank the dear Lord for you dear ones who live, preach and publish the truth. I have read the "Faith and Victory" paper ever since you have published it. My father-in-law took it and that is how I began to read it. I am still reading it, and you are still preaching the truth as you did in the beginning. Praise the Lord! God's Word never changes. I do pray that you dear ones will be true to God until Jesus comes. I am praying that your heavy burden will soon be lifted. Thank you for your good letters. May God richly bless all of you there in the work at the print shop.

—Adah Smalley

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Wisc.—Greetings: The Lord has been so good to us and has blessed us many times.

A neighbor gave us a school building to use for services We desire to do whatever we can for the Lord. Sometimes we have to step out on faith and wait on the Lord.

One day our boy came home from school with two buttons torn off his coat, and of course, like most mothers, this wasn't a pleasant thing. The boy who did it was in high school and our boy in the second grade. We thought some of getting in touch with the boy's parents, but didn't. Then the next day, I was putting the baby to sleep and I had almost fallen asleep, when the thought came to me about my children having troubles on the bus again. I got up and prayed that the Lord would take care of them. I thanked the Lord for caring for them, and then lay back down with the

baby. When the children got home that afternoon, I was quite anxious to find out just how the Lord had solved our problem. About the time I had prayed, one little boy in our boy's class went to the teacher and told her that a boy on the bus tore two buttons off Doug's coat. The teacher asked Doug about it. He told her what had happened. The teacher went to the bus driver and he gave the high school boy orders to leave Doug alone. Praise God for taking care of this situation! We can rob ourselves of so many blessings by not taking all of our problems to the Lord.

We still have Friday Bible study with others. We are using the little song books that we got from you folks. Remember us here.

—Duane, Sue LaVeau and family

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Kentucky—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Many thanks for the birthday card May God ever bless and give you good health that you may have many more years to carry on the work at the Printshop. I have never seen you, but I love you, and it seems I have always known you. The Holy Spirit binds us all together.

Bro. Pruitt, my wife is requesting prayer for her healing, as she is not able to do anything. I have to wait on her. She wants prayer from all of the saints. . . . We are just growing old in the Lord. Wife and I are just waiting for the Lord to say, "My children, come on Home." Oh praise the Lord for that day!

Yours in Christ, —Bro. and Sister Frank Dunaway

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Texas—Dear ones: Greetings in Jesus' name. These few lines leave me encouraged to go all the way with the good Lord....

I have a cold and need prayer. I need prayer also that the Lord will work out some things for me, to the glory of God.

Christian love, —Nellie Lovell

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Mo.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings in Jesus' name! We appreciate the gospel of Christ and all those who labor to get the good news out to the world. We trust the Lord to help you solve the problems of this another year of publishing the gospel.

The Lord has helped and protected us from sickness through the winter season. We were reading a story to the boys one evening about a child that couldn't talk because of an accident. A minister visited the family. He asked if they had prayed and asked God to cause her to be able to talk again. The mother had not thought of that. Our boys both know what it means to ask for healing and receive healing from our heavenly Father

May the Lord bless and keep all of you in health and strength.

—Bro. Leslie Adams and family

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Ark.—Dear Sister Marie and all the saints: I received the "Faith and Victory" paper a day or so ago and I surely enjoyed it

I want to be a soul winner for God. Pray that I will draw closer to God each day, and that He will enable me to be of help to someone I stay pretty well, but I had a stroke two years ago and have arthritis, yet I can get about a little. I am 73 and one half years old. I am

expecting God to work and save my children and grandchildren before it's too late. —Sister Zelma Bright

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Fla.—Dear Christian friends: I have been reading your paper, "Faith and Victory," here at my son's home. I find it is more like the old-time gospel that I was raised under. I appreciate it very much, so I am sending for it . . . —Mrs. Charles Sempstrott

Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



Calif.—Greetings to all the saints in the dear name of Jesus: I want to thank all of you for your prayers for my husband, L. S. Davis, Sr. He was in a very serious condition, but the Lord wonderfully healed him right in the presence of seven witnesses in the hospital. He had a stroke in his right side. He couldn't move his right arm—not even a finger. He couldn't talk, but only mumble a word or two that you could understand. When I was called to come to the hospital, I sent word to the saints to pray for him. I could see an improvement later and knew prayer was going up for him. His hand felt like a piece of ice. My daughter and I massaged his arm and hand till mid-afternoon. It began to warm a little and we could feel his pulse moving some. About 4:00 o'clock p.m., one of the ministers and his wife arrived. He anointed my husband and we agreed in prayer. In just about 30 minutes the nurse came to take his temperature, and he said "hi" to her, which was a surprise. All the other patients were astonished because he couldn't even eat breakfast or lunch, or talk. God had wrought a miracle right there where everybody could see. Praise God! The nurse said, "Mr. Davis, stick out your tongue," and he did. Then the nurse said, "Raise your arms up over your head." He raised the left arm, and she said, "Raise both arms." He brought the right arm and hand up to the top of his head, and later asked for food. When they brought his food, she asked him to scratch his nose and he did. They said, "We don't know what has happened, but a great change has taken place." I told them that prayer did it. They asked me to pray for them. Now my husband is at home doing what he can around here and driving his car only in the city. So, please don't doubt what God can and will do, if we will only believe and trust His promise to His saints. May God bless and keep all of us, is our sincere prayer.

Yours in Christ, —Sis. Flora B. Davis

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Ohio—Dear Bro. Lawrence and saints everywhere: Greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus, the One who saved me from a wretched life of sin. It will soon be a year since I sent my testimony to the "Faith and Victory" paper, and I felt it would be good to write and let all know I am pressing on for the truth and right. I have had battles and tests of faith this past year, but our precious Saviour has never failed to help us and give victory.

Our dear precious Mother was taken to be with Jesus a year ago, on March 2nd. I do miss her so much, but I wouldn't want her back in this world of trouble. She kept the faith and her godly life was a mark that I will never forget in this life.

I was able to attend two campmeetings last year, at Monark Springs, Neosho, Mo., and Myrtle, Mo. It was so good to see the dear saints whom I hadn't seen for a number of years. I love all of God's people and want to be in that blood-washed number in that last great day. I appreciate the watchmen on the walls of Zion, who are not afraid to blow the trumpet and sound the warning. Surely, we are living in days of peril, and we need to be on the alert, for our adversary, the devil, is crafty. I desire to stay in the strait and narrow way, for that is the only way that leads to heaven.

I'm so glad that the "Faith and Victory" paper has kept clean and is a servant of the church. Bro. Lawrence and co-workers, may the God of heaven bless your labors of love. I am sure you are laying up treasures in heaven.

I have loved ones who are very close to me and are not saved. I do desire your prayers, dear saints, for them, that they will see their need of salvation. Pray for me that I will be steadfast and contend for the "faith that was once delivered to the saints."

Your Brother in Christ, —Earl L. Sharp

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Kan.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Anna Marie: Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We are thankful to report victory in our souls today, thankful we find strength and courage in the Lord to carry on this fight of faith.

We were privileged to be by the bedside of dear Sis. Prudie Broadus before she died Some time before 12 o'clock (at noon) she turned for the worse. We had sung that song, 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus," and before she passed, we quoted the scripture promise that He would never leave us nor forsake us, but would go with us even unto the end of the world. She said, "Praise the Lord, amen," and those were the last words she spoke. She left us so quickly. We submit all to the wisdom of God. We told her different times that we had her consecrated to His will

We are happy to report that we had a precious meeting here in Coffeyville. The Lord used Bro. Lewis Williams in delivering the Word. It was food to our souls. We are still feasting upon that heavenly manna and endeavoring to put it in practice in our lives. The Lord is faithful to meet with the few here. Sometimes the devil whispers discouraging things, but the Lord continually says, "Press on, the battle is not yours, but Mine." Thanks be to our God for His comforting words! Our hope is bright. We are thankful that the Lord is using Bro. and Sis. Orie Young to meet with us and minister the Word of life to us.

We are also thankful to report that another truck has been purchased and 100 folding chairs. Also, a new tent has been ordered to be used in the evangelistic tent work this summer

I took real sick last Friday (March 7) in the early morning. It felt like something had torn loose in my left groin. The pain was so severe that it threw me into hard chills. I shook uncontrollably for several hours. I told Ralph, my husband, that we must call for prayer, so about 4:30 a.m. we called Bro. Orie Young. The Lord caused me to fall into a deep sleep. I was surprised when I awoke at 7, that I had been asleep. The severe pain was gone and the chills, too. I was weak and sore,

so I stayed in bed all day. Bro. and Sis. Samons came by and had prayer for me. By evening I felt stronger. Saturday I felt quite well, only chilly.... Maybe it was a strange flu. I'm thankful the Lord knows and He is able to do something about it. Today (Mar. 12th) is my best day yet.

Ralph hasn't been very well since coming home from Louisiana. The flu left its effect on him. He took those dizzy spells and hasn't felt like doing very much, although he has worked on redoing our bathroom.

Sis. Marie, we do love and appreciate your labor of love. I told Ralph many times that it hasn't been a bed of roses for all of you, neither will it be for any of us if we endeavor to live true to God. We are thankful that He is the Captain in this warfare and He always wins. If we abide with Him, we, too, are on the winning side.

Pray for me. Love,

—Sis. Inez and Bro. Ralph Beisly

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Mo.—Dear Saints: I would like to tell to the glory of God, what the Lord did for me during the Assembly meeting at Guthrie last winter.

In the early morning of the last day of the meeting, I woke up with a severe pain in my left chest. I asked the Lord to please help me, as I didn't want to wake up those in the dormitory. But the pain continued to increase until it seemed I could not stand it any longer. I called for prayer and a number of saints were up praying for me. Sis. Eva Penner, Sis. Lizzie Jordon, Sis. Frances Perkins and many others helped battle the enemy until near rising time. The Lord gave me relief from the intense pain. All day Sunday I was so sore that it hurt to breath, and I was so weak that I could not move the covers on the bed. In the afternoon Eldonna went for a minister and Sis. Marie Miles came to pray for me. (We needed to go home the next day and I was too weak and sore to travel.) After prayer I was much stronger and could breath much easier. I rested good that night. The next morning I was still weak, but much improved and was able to leave for home about 9 a.m. I'm so thankful for the mercy the Lord extended to me. This was the second attack I have had, and I've been told it is gall stones.

I want to thank the dear saints who battled the enemy with their prayers and concern until help came from on high.

I love all of God's creation. While we were yet in our sins Christ died for us. He left the ninety and nine and went after the one who had gone astray. This is the one whom we might feel, or know, has backslidden. Are we doing this? Are we concerned about the ones who have gone astray, and are we going after them? His Word says that He left us an example that we should follow in His steps.

My son's home is broken. Pray for both of them, and also their little boy....

—Alice Rhoades

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Missouri—Dear Bro. Lawrence and all the dear saints of God scattered abroad: We want to thank each and every one for their prayers, cards and phone calls. Dear ones, my wife and I both had very severe cases of the flu. Wife had a severe headache about five days and nights, and it seemed like it was more than she could bear. We both were feeling so badly, and could

not get any rest day or night. Our Lord, whom we trust and serve daily, had mercy on us, and was so good to come and give us relief in answer to prayer. To God be all the praise and glory. At this writing (March 10) we are very weak in our bodies from the much suffering.

We do love all the dear saints. There are no better people on earth. We are praying for one and all that the Lord will help us all to hold fast, stand true and not be moved.

Bro. and Sister Atnip also were down with the flu at the same time we were. They are now much better. Bro. and Sister Atnip have been much encouragement to us all here at Myrtle, Mo. Pray for them.

Christian love to all, —Alesia and Dollie Sorrell

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Pa.—Dear ones: Greetings from Pennsylvania. We want to thank all of you for your prayers in behalf of Bro. Chas. Houck with that serious heart condition. We are so thankful how God heard and answered prayer. Continue to pray for his full recovery....

Yours in Christ, —Cora Slifer

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Pa.—Dear saints: Greetings of love in Jesus' name. I enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. It is encouraging to know what the Lord is doing for other saints. We know we are in the last days by the way the world is going. The Bible tells us to set our affections on things above and not on things of this earth. There are so many things these days to draw our attention away from God, if we will let them.

Thanks for your prayers for Bro. Chas. Houck. The doctors thought he could go out anytime. He is getting along much better. Thanks be to the Lord for all this through the prayers of the saints. Continue to pray for him....

Yours in Christ, —Parker Slifer

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Calif.—Dear precious Saints: I am saved, sanctified and satisfied in serving a true and living God. He is so wonderful and merciful to us who believe and serve Him.

I would like to tell how the good Lord has healed me of another stroke which hit me on January 17th. I had no use of my right leg and arm, also my speech was affected. I was still able to pray. Thank the Lord! I told my husband, "The will of God be done." He could heal me or take me home to rest. I knew I was prayed up. I had made my preparation to meet God in peace.

In a dream, the Lord showed me that He was going to heal me, as He had more work for me to do.

On Feb. 9th, I was in so much pain that I felt it was my last day here on earth. My husband bowed beside my bed and begged the Lord to please let me stay with him a while longer. I slept until morning. There was a soft, sweet voice which spoke to me and said, "Get up." I did, and I had the use of all my limbs. I called to my husband and told him I was healed. We shouted and praised the Lord together. I surely thank and praise the Lord that I have the faith to trust Him for everything. I was taught from my youth up to trust and have faith to believe God can and will do anything.

I know that many of the saints remember my father and mother, Bro. and Sis. Knight, of Tulsa, Okla. I always will be thankful for their teachings that God's

way is best. Nothing can turn me away from the Lord. Praise His high and holy name forever!

I want to thank all the saints everywhere for their sincere prayers for the healing of my body. Continue to pray that the Lord will strengthen me.

May God bless all of you there. —Sister Lela Jones

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La.—Dear Sis. Marie and saints everywhere: Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. How thankful we feel to be in the great family of God, where when one member suffers, the whole body suffers with it. (I Cor. 12:26). I don't know what we would do without the Lord and His dear people.

We want to thank everyone who prayed and helped us bear the burden. In November, our son, Roger, was injured in a motorcycle accident. It was only the mercy of God that his life was spared. His recovery was truly a miracle. His heart and both lungs were badly bruised and he had multiple broken bones, ribs, pelvis bone, wrist, thumb and cracked and dislocated vertebrae. They couldn't operate on him or set his bones until his heart and lungs healed some, so he was kept in intensive care for over a week, with the lung machine put on him every 3 hours; also a heart machine was attached to him constantly. He was kept under oxygen all this time.

He was able to come home and be with us for Christmas, but he had casts on each hand and a back brace. He has them all off now and is back at work. Surely, we do thank the Lord for His goodness and mercy in sparing his life and blessing him in body as He did. We trust the goodness of God will lead him to repentance. We also thank the Lord for how He blessed me in body and held me up while I was at the hospital with Roger. . . . Please pray for Roger's soul.

In Christian love, —Bro. and Sis. B. E. Goldsberry

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La.—Dear Sis. Marie: I am sending my love offering to the printing work to help get the paper out to others.

The Lord is blessing me so much. I can't express it in words. I just praise the Lord for every blessing to me. I was so sick in Jan. and Feb., but God heard and answered prayer. I am so thankful I am His born-again child.

The children who come to visit me like the little stories in the "Beautiful Way" paper. I like them, too. I want to subscribe for the "Faith and Victory" paper for a dear friend of mine. . . .

May God bless and help all of you.

—Mildred Spurlock

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Mo.—(Feb. 28)—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I would like to write a few lines and say how I do appreciate the blessings of the Lord. The Bible says, "The Lord's mercies . . . are new every morning." Lam. 3:22,23.

The Lord has seen fit to bring me through another trial. At the time of the trial, it seemed quite grievous, but now the victory is making it all worthwhile. The latter part of November, I noticed that my digestive system wasn't working right, so I started praying about it, thinking it would soon get all right. But for several weeks, I still had trouble. By the latter part of January, I had lost 25 or 30 pounds. I figured I'd better get more in earnest about this thing. We called around to different

congregations for prayer and started searching my own life, moving up where the Lord revealed a need to me. Even during the trial the Lord's presence was so real. He brought scriptures, thoughts, and blessings to me. One night, I was pretty sick and it seemed that if the Lord didn't undertake my time here wouldn't be long. The Lord seemed to be so near and revealed His presence to me. In the 23rd Psalm it says, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." I thought, "Well, this isn't bad at all when everything is clear and there is no fear, and the Lord Himself is holding my hand." As a matter of fact, there was a little longing to just keep walking on. But it seemed like the Lord showed me that I still had an obligation here. So, in a few days, He gave me a definite witness that He would raise me up, and since then, I have begun to amend. Now, I can eat almost anything I want. I have quite a weakness from the deterioration of my muscles, but I believe the Lord will take care of that.

We really appreciate the saints' concern. Many came and prayed with us and helped carry the burden. We received so many nice cards, letters and phone calls. This makes us want to help share someone else's burden when they are in need.

Saints, the Lord is still on His throne, and is still healing. His power is no less now than it ever was. It still pays to completely trust ourselves into God's hands.

Bro. Pruitt, we are still holding on for you. We know that God is just as close while we are in the furnace as when the sun is shining.

May God bless you.

—Bro. Dale Doolittle

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(Editor's note: We were happy to have Bro. Dale and Sister Dora Doolittle, who are the caretakers on the National Campmeeting campground at Neosho, Mo., with the Guthrie congregation on Sunday, March 16th, and hear his testimony of healing.)

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La.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and workers at the Printshop: We greet you in the name of Jesus, our Saviour. I hope all are well and pressing on for Jesus.

I was reading in Jude the other day, and a verse of scripture seemed to just stand out above the rest. It is the 21st verse which reads, "Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

Then I thought of the dream that Bro. Lawrence had that in twelve years from 1967, something tragic would happen. I thought of a dream that I had a few years ago. I dreamed I was out in the yard, and I was facing toward the south. I saw a dark cloud appear on the horizon. It began to advance very rapidly, and it stretched as far as I could see from east to west. I became alarmed at the rapidity of its advance, and also of the deep, dark hue of the cloud. I began to think about fleeing. I thought about going in the house to get some things, but the cloud was coming at such a rapid rate of speed that I knew I wouldn't have time. Then I thought of our children and loved ones. My heart was heavily burdened for them, and I awoke.

I believe that this is a warning that something concerning our nation and also the saints of God is

shortly coming to pass. We are to keep ourselves in the love of God. We can't afford to let Satan take advantage of us in any way. Eph. 4:31, 32. "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Prov. 4:23. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." In Matt. 12:34b, 35, 36, Jesus said, "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." This is a charge that God has given us that "we keep ourselves unspotted from the world" and be "faithful stewards of the manifold graces of God." It is only through God's mercy that we have this hope of eternal life. Titus 2:11, 12, 13—"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

We feel we don't have much time. God has said in His Word, "redeeming the time for the days are evil." Also in Rom. 13:10-14 we read, "Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying: But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."

May we have a burden for our loved ones, children, and friends, and souls in general, for soon mercy's door will be shut, and there will be no hope for the lost.

—M. F. Williamson

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W. Va.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: We are happy to report victory in our soul and are thankful for our Lord's mercy, love and goodness toward us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the saints far and near for their prayers and concern for me while I had my leg broken. Because of the mercy of our Lord, and your prayers, I am doing fine, and will soon return to work. The day my leg was broken, the doctor looked at the x-ray and said that my ankle was broken very badly. He wouldn't say if it would grow back right or how long it would take. I told him I believed the Lord would have to help me if my leg was ever to be normal again. He said that he believed that, too. In one bad night of suffering, we called Bro. Samons. He and his wife came up from Kentucky to encourage me. They prayed and the Lord answered, and I soon was asleep.

About ten days after I came home, I went back to the hospital to have another cast put on my ankle. It had healed so well that the doctor could hardly believe the x-rays. Three weeks ago (about Feb. 12th), I had the cast

taken off of my leg. He told me to get down off the table and walk. My leg didn't pain any at all and I have walked on it ever since. I looked at the x-rays that day and the doctor said it was like a new leg. Oh, how we appreciate the mercy of God!

I also thank the Lord for the many wonderful lessons I have received through my trials. Truly, the Lord is all-wise and knows our every need for soul and body.

I appreciate all the encouraging letters and cards that I received while I was hurt. I am indeed grateful for all the saints at Green Bank, W. Va. They were so faithful to visit and encourage me when I needed them so much. Truly, the Lord's people are so precious. Also I am so thankful for my wife, although she is unsaved. Without her help and concern for me, it would have been so hard for me to have gotten along. This helped me to appreciate her so much for being kind and faithful while I needed her. Please remember her in your prayers.

Everyone here in W. Va. is getting along fine and seems to be encouraged in the Lord and still pressing on. Please remember me in prayer, as I desire to keep my whole life on the altar for our Lord.

—Bro. James White

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Idaho—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We do thank and praise Him for His many blessings. I do not know what we would do if we did not have Him to lean upon and to help us. . . .

Mama [Sister A. W. Marken] seems about the same. Some days she can hardly be about and other days she has some relief from all that terrible pain. We are looking to the Lord to heal her and deliver her from this condition, and we believe that He is able. . . .

Praise the dear Lord! He has healed my stomach, and I am able to get out and do much hard work.... If we would have had this heavy lifting to do about a month or six weeks ago, I could not have done it. Oh, the pain would have really set me going. I want to thank you dear ones for praying and carrying a burden for me.... It is wonderful to be free from that pain after having suffered for about a year with it....

Christian love, —Sister Ruby Marken

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Calif.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. Truly, we are thankful above all things for this great salvation that keeps the soul. The Lord is so good to us. We are glad we can trust in Him who suffered and died on the cross for us. We have had to call mightily on Him for help since Bro. Gene is afflicted, but He has never failed us; though we don't know why He hasn't healed him. We are still trusting God to heal him.

When we called for prayer for him a few weeks ago and talked to Sis. Sylvia Busbee, the Lord undertook almost immediately. We surely praise the Lord and do appreciate the saints' prayers. This affliction seems to get better, then worse again. At times, we don't get much rest. It also affects his nervous condition. It's very serious, but the Lord is looking down and He knows all about us. . . . Do continue to hold my dear husband up in prayer. We would like to be in some of the meetings this summer if the Lord undertakes for him.

—Bro. Gene and Sister Loretta Harmon