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The River of Life

Flowing from God's throne in Heaven
Down to earth's parched barren land,
Crystal pure, a sparkling river
Issues forth at God's command.

Oh, what beauty there is shining
From this blessed stream of life,
As its flow with grace combining
Drives away all sin and strife.

Thirsty souls all heavy laden
Drink its waters flowing free,
Weary hearts by sorrows fading
Are made strong once more to be.

For the grace of God appearing
Brings salvation to all men,
All their hungry hearts endearing,
Washing from all stain of sin.

Can't you see this blessed river
Sparkling in God's radiant light?
Flowing full and free forever,
Clear as crystal, pure and bright?

Aren't you glad this blessed Spirit
Flows that we can drink into
One in Christ that men can hear it,
As we live a life that's true?

From the great white throne in heaven
Into men and women's souls,
Purging out all sinful leaven,
Putting Christ at the controls.

In the gospel truth obeying,
Walking in its gracious light,
We have heard the Saviour saying:
"I will make your burden light!"

Thus we gain a wond'rous treasure,
Hidden from the worldly throng;
And we taste of perfect pleasure,
Help to sing redemption's song.

—Leslie Busbee

GOD'S KEYS

Faith worketh by love. But how? First, by our perfect obedience to God, a continual obedience to our highest conception of His will. "Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lusts of the flesh." (Gal. 5:16) One has said that life is like passing through a corridor with doors on either side, where we must continually make decisions as to which we will enter. If we open a door into a realm of the flesh, it will affect our whole future life: if to the Spirit, we will find ourselves in a higher realm of light and grace each time. In the life of Abraham, many times he was called upon to separate himself from that which was dear to him in the flesh. First, from his father's house, then from Haran, third, from his kinsman Lot, then from his son Ishmael. Lastly, the supreme sacrifice came when God called him to offer up his son Isaac in whom was centered not only his natural affection, but also all his spiritual hopes. That for which he had left his father's house, had dwelt as a stranger in the earth, all his years of sacrifice and waiting now seemed about to be coming to a heart-rending consummation. But he believed God and therefore he was called the friend of God. Likewise, we also, if we would approach the treasure house of God, must turn from all but Him, step out upon the seeming void, then we shall find the eternal rock beneath.

There are times in the Christian experience when we must persistently obey the heavenly vision. At this stage strenuous perseverance and patience are needed. Through darkness and through light, let patience have her perfect work. Patience is the key to perfection and fullness, then be not weary. God will bring you out into a large and wealthy place if you will but surrender to His will and working. The words of Jesus, "If therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light," have a much deeper meaning than most of us have yet comprehended, but it is a way of faith and obedience. How many times our hearts have been made to feel a sense of deprivation and loss, because when we choose Godward we have cut ourselves off from loved ones, friends, and even many with whom we had enjoyed a degree of spiritual fellowship, and have had to go out as strangers. Then above all, even the spiritual ideal for which we have lived and suffered seems to be

taken from us. But this way of death is another key to the unbounded treasure of God Himself.

One day, in viewing the riches of the 91st Psalm, I said, surely we do not see this fulfilled in the lives of many. Then as I looked more closely I came to the conclusion that comparatively few have learned to use the keys to this great bulwark of the Lord. These are found in the 9th and 14th verses, "Because thou hast made the Lord. . . even the most High, thy habitation"; "Because he hath set his love upon me, . . . because he hath known my name." The enemy has plenty of dwelling places for you to stop at on the way to this high and holy habitation. "For strait is the gate, . . . and few there be that find it." It is so easy to take second best, to devise or to accept some earthly prop to prevent our leaping out on the fathomless ocean of God Himself. Few are they who reach the 91st Psalm and dwell in the secret place where the conscious presence of God envelopes them. Only those who will stand the fire shall know this joy. Only those who die to the end of self shall have the resurrection with its hundred-fold.

When we comprehend these passages, we shall have found the key to a realm where all things are ours. No more drinking from dribbling streams, but plunging into the ocean of His fullness. No more seeking for feelings and blessings, for here we have the Blessor over, around, and within. To desire is to have, and prayer is turned to praise. "God is love"; in these three words is the foundation of all our faith. This is the key which unlocks his richest treasure—the little mustard seed of faith that will remove mountains. Oh, that I might express the joy, and light and power, that I have found in these words! They are as a live wire run right down from the throne, by which God's life is transmitted to us. "Then shall ye know, if ye shall follow on to know the Lord." (Hosea 6:3). —Lottie L. Jarvis

What Is Truth?

"Pilate saith unto him [Jesus], What is truth?" John 18:38.

"Unknowingly to himself, Pontius Pilate asked one of the greatest questions when he asked Jesus Christ, 'What is truth?' Jesus was on trial before him, and He had just said, in reply to another question of Pilate's, 'Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice' (John 18:37). And then Pilate asked, 'What is truth?' but he did not stop to get an answer.

"The 'truth' to which Jesus often referred means righteousness, true religion, the genuine revelation of the true plan of salvation. This is what the Apostle John referred to when he said, 'For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever' (2 John 2). The 'truth' in these texts is used in a broad sense to mean the whole range of revealed religion, the whole system of New Testament salvation.

"Vast importance is attached to this truth. Opposed to it are error, heresy, damnable doctrines of devils, human theories and philosophies, leading souls away from God and into perdition. The eternal destiny of man depends upon their finding and embracing the truth.

"If so much depends upon our finding the truth and obeying it, the important question arises—how and where are we to find the truth? And another question follows: How are we to discern the truth when we see it? It is a fact that most religious people believe that their system of religion is right. They already think that it is the truth; even the most destructive doctrines are received as truth, and some scripture is misapplied or perverted to uphold them. By what means may the false be determined and rejected, and the true be established and accepted? These are very important questions.

"There must be a starting-point. In the first place, 'What is truth?' as Pilate put it. 'Thy word is truth' (John 17:17) said Jesus. This is basic. The Word of God is truth. 'All scripture is given by inspiration of God' (2 Tim. 3:16). God, Jesus Christ, and the Bible are truth. If we conform to the divine will, we are bound to be right, and elected to eternal glory in the heavens; if not, we are doomed to eternal damnation.

"But, there is no more striking fact than this, that spiritual truths require more than intellect in order to grasp and comprehend them. 'For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?' (1 Cor. 2:11). A man knows the things of a man because he is a man. Common experiences join him to his fellows, and he understands them. 'Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the spirit of God. . . . 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. 2:11, 14). Man then, must get in contact with God, through the Holy Spirit, if he is to know spiritual truth.

"Jesus tells just how to know the truth. 'If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself' (John 7:17). The way to know is to obey. 'Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.' (John 16:13).

"The secret then is out; it is as plain as day. It is this—Jesus brought the truth to the world, and the Holy Spirit is everywhere present to lead men into that truth. Wherever and whenever a person desires to know the truth that he may obey it, there the Spirit of God will be to enlighten and to lead. The Spirit will lead unerringly every soul who wants the truth and will submit to His leadership. He will lead the sinner to sincere and genuine repentance, and the believer into true sanctification, also into the deeper experiences of sanctification and love, and into a true Christian life.

"There is a remarkable instance on record, showing what an honest desire to know the truth will accomplish. Years ago a portion of the gospels was washed ashore in the East. The natives read and re-read that portion over and over. What could it mean? It told of Jesus, but who was Jesus? It spoke of His dying, but what for? And yet, so strong was the impression this scrap of the gospel made, that regular periods were set apart to worship the Being hinted at in that portion. An honest effort was made to do His will. After several years, God sent some missionaries to that country, and it was to their surprise to find a tribe open-hearted to receive the truth.

"'Seek and ye shall find.' May your search for truth be abundantly rewarded. —Selected

Is "Eternal Security" a Bible Doctrine?

Let us examine this popular belief, "once saved, always saved," in the light of the Scriptures. Many texts bear on this subject, but we will cite just a few.

Though Judas Iscariot, chosen by Jesus as one of His twelve disciples, was ordained and sent out to preach the gospel, heal the sick and cast out devils, yet we read in Acts 1:25 that "Judas by transgression fell." He betrayed innocent blood, committed suicide and was eternally lost. In John 17:12 Jesus said of those whom His Father had given Him that "none of them is lost, but the son of perdition."

In John 15:2 Jesus said that "Every branch in me [Christ] that beareth not fruit he taketh away."

The Apostle Paul was surely saved, but he recognized the necessity of holy Christian living "lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway." I Cor. 9:27.

Jesus, in teaching His disciples, said: "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men." Matt. 5:13.

In I Tim. 4:1 we read: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times **some shall depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

"But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." Heb. 3:6. "For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end." Heb. 3:14. If these texts teach anything, it is that salvation is conditional, and that it is possible for a Christian to apostatize and fall from grace.

In 2 Peter 2:15, 17, the apostle writes of those who "have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, . . . to whom the mist of darkness is reserved forever." "For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they had known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them." 2 Peter 2:21.

In Revelation 2:5, Jesus told the Church at Ephesus that they had left their first love. "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent." Sin separates man from fellowship with God, but repentance will restore that relationship.

Read Ezekiel 33:13, 18. When the righteous turn away and commit iniquity, he shall die for his sin. If it is not possible for a Christian to fail of the grace of God, why are there so many texts warning against it? Such a belief would certainly tend to produce carelessness in maintaining holy living. No wonder there is much profession and very little possession of the grace of God.

The doctrine of "eternal security" is not consistent with the God-given freedom of choice to mankind. "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." Joshua 24:15. God sets before man good and evil, life and death, and entreats him to choose life and live

forever. Even after he accepts the gracious invitation, he still possesses the power of choice to do otherwise. Man is never forced to serve God. Acceptable service is based on love for God alone. Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments."

Some advocates of "once saved, always saved" affirm that God is married to the backslider, but nothing is farther from the truth and has no basis in the Scriptures. Jer. 3:14 refers only to the "backsliding." Repentance is the call to the backslider, and he must repent before he can be reinstated in favor with God.

Please, dear reader, do not depend upon that false hope of eternal salvation if you are living in sin and disobedience to God's Word, regardless of how many times you have been baptized or how many churches you have joined. Multitudes are deceived and will be sadly disappointed on that reckoning day when they are turned away on the left hand into the lake of fire. If you die in your sins you cannot go where Jesus is. "Where the tree falleth, there it shall be." Eccl. 11:3. As death finds you, so will the Judgment. You must be born again from above and live free from sin in order to meet the Lord in peace. Fall upon your knees, repent with godly sorrow for sin, and plead the atoning blood of Christ for the redemption of your soul. —Lawrence Pruitt

A Message In The Sky



My parents received a letter from a sister who corresponds with saints in Soviet Russia. A brother, who is a minister of the Church of God there, writes:

"There appeared a hand in the sky, writing a message very slowly. It took one-half hour to write the message and it was visible for three hours. It was seen by many people of that area, including the minister who copied the message. The message was as follows:

"Overcome the evil with good. It is winter (cold?) among my people. Not one righteous soul will abide among the unrighteous, and not one unrighteous soul will abide among the righteous. Take heed of my redemption. Bring righteous fruits of repentance. The God-fearing I will deliver. Be manly, the time is near. Behold, I come soon (quickly) and my reward with me. Amen." —Sis. Lydia Berglund

CHRISTIAN LIVING



Whatever you think, both in joy and in woe,
Think nothing you would not want Jesus to know.
Whatever you say in a whisper or clear,
Say nothing you would not want Jesus to hear.
Whatever you sing in the midst of your glee,
Sing nothing that God's listening ear would displease.
Whatever you write with haste or with heed,
Write nothing you would not want Jesus to read.
Whatever you read, though the page may allure,
Read nothing, unless you are perfectly sure
Consternation would not be seen in your look,
If Christ should say solemnly, "Show me that book."
Wherever you go, never go where you would fear
God's question being asked you, "What doest thou
here?" —Selected by Effie Miller

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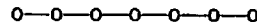
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EDITORIALS

Holy Christian greetings to our readers: According to our usual policy, no paper was published for the month of August, which allowed time for our faithful co-workers and all of us to attend campmeetings in July and August. However, activity continued here at the Lord's Printshop through most of the summer. The orders for gospel literature were filled almost every work day.

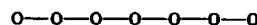
Quantities of gospel tracts, papers and booklets were sent or taken to various campmeetings and tent meetings for free distribution. Your free-will contributions have made this literature ministry possible, and thereby you are laying up treasures in heaven, as Jesus commanded, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt. 6:21.



The Lord blessed this writer and his wife with the privilege to attend the campmeetings at Akron, Ohio, and Muncie, Ind., and to meet a number of readers with whom we had corresponded for many years. It was unusual for us to be gone that long from the office at one time. However, the meetings and the fellowship of the saints were real blessings to our souls, and we were happy to meet so many of our readers. It was our pleasure to visit dear Bro. and Sister Floyd Hines in Michigan who are aged and not able to get out to the meetings. They certainly love the Lord, the saints, and the Bible truth. May God continue to bless them in every needed way until that final, glorious victory.

This first campmeeting at Muncie, Ind., was a blessing from the Lord with every temporal and spiritual need supplied. The attendance was from several states. The Word was preached with holy anointing as it was taught during the first thirty years (1880-1910) of the Church of God reformation. The Word was rightly divided, without fear or favor, compromise or fanaticism. Love, harmony, and co-operation prevailed to the extent that arrangements have been made, Lord willing, to hold another campmeeting on the same grounds next year on July 8 to 17, 1977. May the Lord bless and reward everyone who prayed and contributed to the success of the meeting. Start praying now for an even greater outpouring of God's Spirit and power next year.

The campmeeting at Akron, Ohio, where Sister Hazel Clark is the pastor, was a time of victory and rejoicing. Souls were saved and the church edified. We were happy to meet and worship with the saints there, and they treated us royally. A further report will be found elsewhere in this issue.



The 39th annual, National campmeeting of the Church of God held at Neosho (Monark Springs), Missouri, successfully ended on August 1st. The attendance was the largest ever on those grounds with many states represented and some foreign countries. Many new people came and rejoiced in what they saw and heard. Messages of truth on various Bible

doctrines went forth with holy anointing. The spirit of conviction rested heavily on the unsaved, and many yielded and found the joy of salvation. Believers were sanctified, and others experienced and testified of definite, divine physical healing during the meeting. The ordinances of the Lord's House were observed with 160 happy saints participating in these solemn and sacred services.

Plans were made to enlarge the tabernacle for next year's meeting if the Lord delays His coming, as well as to build a two-story, motel-type structure of 20 apartments on the ground if sufficient orders are received.

Our Bible Book Store was open on the grounds where Bibles and other gospel literature were made available to those in attendance. It was our pleasure to meet many of our readers whom we had known before, as well as a number of new people who were attending the meeting for their first time.

The dates of the campmeeting next year were set for July 22 to 31, 1977.

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One of the dominant themes of the campmeetings was the eminent coming of the Lord, how the signs of the times, as Jesus forewarned, are being fulfilled, and His second and last appearance to this world is very near at hand, even at the door. The sinners were warned to repent and get ready for that Judgment day, and the saints were exhorted to keep on the wedding garment, pure and spotless, and to "look up," for their final redemption draws near.

When Jesus comes again, He is not coming, as many religious people believe, to set up a literal kingdom on this earth and reign a thousand years, but He is coming to raise all the dead, destroy the world in flaming fire, judge all mankind, banish the wicked to the lake of fire, and "deliver up" His kingdom—His Church—"to God, even the Father." 1 Cor. 15:24. "Then we [the Church] which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them [resurrected saints] in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:17. There is no time, place, or need of a millennial reign on this earth. That false theory is derived from ancient Judaism and is a misinterpretation of the nature of Christ's kingdom.

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During the campmeetings this summer there were more shouting and praising God than this writer has witnessed for many years. The Psalmist David exhorted: "Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Ps. 150:6. It is true that emotions and commotions are not always a sign of the real thing, but surely one who has the joy of salvation "flowing like a river" will give some expression of it. "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord." Ps. 134:2.

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At the National campmeeting, which closed on August 1st, Sister Jewel Whitley of Marshall, Texas, was anointed and prayed for. She got out of her wheelchair and walked amid shouts of praise to God.

We visited her and her husband, Lee, at their home in Texas on August 16th and she is still walking, but needs more help from God. Praise the Lord for what He has done!

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Bro. Titus Enu, native pastor in Nigeria, West Africa, who arrived in Guthrie, Okla., on May 23rd, has been attending and participating in all these campmeetings up to this date (Aug. 24) except the one at Blackford, Ky. Bro. Tom Melot kindly took him by auto to these campmeetings, traveling thousands of miles. Bro. W. R. Davison of Portland, Ore., took Bro. Enu in his pick-up camper to the campmeeting at Bakersfield, Calif., and Bro. Andrews of Bakersfield brought him back to Oklahoma. At this writing, Bro. Enu is in the Boley, Okla., campmeeting where the Bible truth is going forth with Holy Ghost power and authority.

In these campmeetings, Bro. Enu has endeared himself to the saints because of his humble spirit and yet firm stand for the Bible truths, especially on the line of faith and taking God at His Word. With the preaching that he has heard he will go back to Nigeria with a clearer vision of the truth and with a greater determination to evangelize his country. Bro. Enu desires to obtain a car or a bus equipped with loudspeakers to use in his homeland of Nigeria to spread this glorious gospel more quickly and effectively. Some amount of money for that purpose has been received, but much more is needed. May the Lord direct each one what to do to help finance this worthy project. Three other native preachers are working with him at other mission stations, and it is thought wise to support them financially. Last spring, Bro. Enu resigned his secular position with the Post Office Department in Nigeria and will be putting his full time in the gospel work when he returns home. The Lord willing, Bro. Enu will leave Oklahoma City by airline on Sept. 6th on the return trip. The church in America prays God's blessings to be upon him, that he will have a safe arrival in his homeland, and that God will bless and prosper his efforts in the salvation of many more precious souls in his country.

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Sister Nellie Poulos of Enid, Okla., who is aged and very frail in body, has made arrangements for us to reprint her book, "My Life Story and Healings," which has been out of print many years. She has added several chapters which will increase the pages to about 192. Lord willing, we expect to start setting the type for this reprint this fall.

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New Phototypesetter Machine Delivered . . .

Thank the Lord that we are able to report that the new phototypesetter machine was delivered on August 17th, but the Company service man has not yet come to put it in operation. We are anticipating good service from it, and it should perform well at the price of about \$11,000.00. Of course, the type for this issue was set on our old machine which is working good at the moment, but it is not dependable.

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A number of saints have recently been called to their eternal Home whose obituaries appear in this issue. Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to and for all the bereaved relatives. May our Father comfort every sorrowing heart.

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Most of our co-workers are back from the camp-meetings and trips, and are busy in their respective departments in the office and shop, printing and mailing out the gospel literature. The large hymnal, "Evening Light Songs," is being reprinted this summer. Preparations are also going forward to print this September paper, and "The Beautiful Way" paper and the "Bible Lessons" for the 4th quarter of 1976.

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To this writer the Lord is fulfilling His promise: ". . . and as thy days, so shall thy strength be."

I am still trusting fully in the promises of God for healing, with confidence that deliverance will come in His own time and way. Continue to pray that my faith fail not, for faith is the victory. —L. D. Pruitt

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OBITUARIES



Rilla Cora (Nicholson) Wadley was born to Nancy and Phillip Nicholson, Jan. 18, 1897, near Sugarlo, Miss. Her mother died when the children were all quite young and her father moved the family to Hennessey, Okla. to be near his mother.

Rilla married Alexander Breckenridge about 1919. No children were born to this union, but they reared Rilla's half brother, Delbert, after her stepmother died an untimely death. Her husband, Alexander, passed away in 1949.

On Jan. 8, 1953, she was united in marriage to Marshall F. Wadley, and then moved to his home near Geary, Oklahoma, where she resided until her death. She had been in failing health for several years and passed away August 9, 1976, at the age of 79 years.

A number of years ago she sought the Lord through repentance and received salvation, thereby being born into the Church of God. She loved the Lord and labored earnestly for the cause of Christ, endeavoring to win others to Him. She loved people. Because of her Christian example and efforts she was made to rejoice to see her husband turn to Christ also.

Rilla is survived by her husband, Marshall Wadley; two brothers, Joseph Nicholson of New York and Delbert of Los Angeles; six stepchildren; Doc Wadley of Okla. City, James Wadley of Tulsa, Okla., Melvin Johnson and Bernice Williams of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Louise Edwards of Los Angeles and Rosie Mae Richey of Spokane, Washington; many other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Lewis Williams, assisted by Sister Katherine Williams and Sister Beverly Reed. Text: Genesis 35:18.

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Beulah Mae (White) Flynn, daughter of Roy and Leola White, was born September 4, 1926, at Guthrie, Okla., and departed this life after a long illness at Loranger, La., at the age of 49 years and 11 months.

She was united in marriage to Delbert Myron Flynn on August 4, 1949, and to this union were born four children. She was preceded in death by her mother, Leola White, in February, 1974.

From early childhood, Beulah Mae was taught the truths of the Church of God. She was a member of the congregation of the Oak Grove Church of God at Loranger, La.

Beulah Mae is survived by her husband, Delbert, and three daughters, Phyllis, Lawanda and Cindy Lou Flynn, of the home at Loranger, La.; one son, Dwayne Flynn, of Tulsa, Okla.; her father, Roy White, and one sister, Cleith Ochs, both of Guthrie, Okla.; and one granddaughter, Heather Diane Flynn.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Willie C. Murphey, assisted by Bro. Richard Madden, at the Thomas Funeral Home in Hammond, La. Interment was in the Oak Grove Cemetery near Loranger, La.

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Leta Sorrell Porter, daughter of Irvin and Dora Arnold Reynolds, was born June 19, 1913, in Randolph County, Ark., and departed this life August 3, 1976, at her home near Granby, Mo., at the age of 63 years, one month and fourteen days.

She was united in marriage on Oct. 6, 1930, at Dalton, Ark., to Earl Sorrell, who preceded her in death. Later she was united in marriage on Nov. 29, 1975, at Myrtle, Mo., to Amos Porter.

Sister Leta was a member of the Church of God, and was formerly of Myrtle, Mo., having moved to Granby, Mo., in December, 1975.

She is survived by her husband, Bro. Amos Porter, of the home at Granby, Mo.; three sons, Edward L. Sorrell, Bakersfield, Calif., Sherman H. Sorrell, Springfield, Mo., and Joe E. Sorrell, Myrtle, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. Coquette Elwell, Gladstone, Ore.; two brothers, Jake Reynolds, Thayer, Mo., and Lehman Reynolds, Myrtle, Mo.; one sister, Mrs. Clara Westfall, Perkins, Okla.; three step-daughters, Mrs. Kathryn Baltzell, Overland Park, Kansas, Mrs. Vera M. Roaseau, Denver, Colo., and Miss Janyce E. Porter, Webb City, Mo.; ten grandchildren and six step-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by Bro. Cecil Carver and Bro. Charles Smith. Burial was in the Myrtle Cemetery, Myrtle, Mo.

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W. C. (Willie) McMakin was born Jan. 6, 1898, in Muskogee, Okla., and departed this life after a long illness on Aug. 6, 1976, in Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 78 years and seven months.

Bro. Willie McMakin was united in marriage to Sis. Ella Allen in Tecumseh, Okla., on Jan. 22, 1922, and they observed their 54th wedding anniversary this year. To this union were born five children, all of whom survive.

He was a member of the Church of God in Shawnee, Okla., where he had lived many years.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Ella McMakin, of the home; his children, Mrs. George (Charlotte) Dilliner, Mr. and Mrs. Bill L. McMakin, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. (Mary) Dunavan, all of Shawnee, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. O. W. (Wanda) Adams, Tecumseh, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. James A. McMakin, Oxnard, Calif.; two brothers, C. A. McMakin and Ben McMakin, both of Shawnee, Okla.; three sisters, Mrs. Jesse Malicoat, Fountain Valley, Calif., Mrs. Eunice Rains, Torrance, Calif., Mrs. Grace Ross, Blue Springs, Mo.; 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Gaskill Funeral Chapel, Shawnee, Okla., on Aug. 7, 1976, with Bro. Charles Smith officiating. Interment was in the Resthaven Memorial Park, Shawnee, Okla.

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Alvah Walter Lawson, son of Bro. Dennis and Sis. Minnie Lawson, was born in Webb City, Missouri, and departed from this life August 3, 1976, at the age of 61 years.

He had to go through life handicapped, as he was a cripple from birth, but lived a beautiful life, serving the Lord, and was very conscientious in endeavoring to please the Lord in all he said and did. He will be missed in his usual place in the chapel at Webb City, Mo., and at the Monark Springs campmeeting in Missouri.

Bro. Alvah is survived by three sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were conducted by Sister Ruth Murphey, and burial was in the Carterville Cemetery, Carterville, Mo. "He fought a good fight."

—Sis. R. Murphey

Robert James Forbes, born on August 21, 1889, at Deerford, La., departed this life at his home in Hammond, La., on Aug. 17, 1976, at the age of 86 years, 11 months and 26 days.

Bro. Forbes was a member of the congregation of the Church of God at Hammond, La., for many years. At the end of a long life, he was desiring to be present with the Lord. He will surely be missed in his place in the house of worship.

He is survived by his wife, Elma (Williamson) Forbes of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Kenneth (Gertrude) Pickett, Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Steve (Audrey) Henry, Baton Rouge, La., Mrs. Warner (Clotilde) Forbes, Hammond, La.; two sons, Carroll J., of Baton Rouge, La., and Robert W. (Bob), of Hammond, La.; 13 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren; four sisters, Mrs. Clara Ashford, Mrs. Lula Bailey, Mrs. Monroe Kent and Mrs. Luby Watts, all of Baton Rouge, La.; and two brothers, Ollie and Leon Forbes of East Baton Rouge Parish, La.

The funeral services were conducted by Bros. Richard Madden and Charles Smith at the Thomas Funeral Chapel in Hammond, La. on August 18, 1976. Interment was in the Oak Grove Church of God Cemetery, Loranger, La.

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Spencer Morgan Howell, son of James D. and Betty (Myers) Howell, was born on Jan. 10, 1961, at Hammond, La., and departed this life near Robert, La., on August 19, 1976, at the age of 15 years, seven months and nine days. His death evidently was a result of accidental drowning.

Spencer Morgan was reared in the teachings of the Church of God, Hammond, La., and had sought the Lord for salvation.

Survivors include his parents, James D. and Betty Howell, of the home, Loranger, La.; one brother, Matthew Howell, of the home; two sisters, Becky Howell, of the home, and Faith (Short) McCarlie, Hammond, La.; maternal grandparents, Spencer and Veva (Jackson) Myers, and many other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held at the Thomas Memorial Chapel, Hammond, La. on Aug. 21, 1976, with Bro. Bob Forbes and Bro. Richard Madden officiating. Burial was in the Oak Grove Church of God Cemetery, Loranger, La.

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Orin P. (Pat) Cole, son of Emerson and Roberta Cole, was born February 19, 1909, at Portsmouth, Ohio, and departed this life August 23, 1976, at the age of 67 years, six months, and four days.

He was united in marriage to Eunice Decocq on July 13, 1935. To this union nine children were born. One child, an infant son, preceded him in death.

He gave his heart to the Lord in July, 1954. He embraced the truth and endeavored to uphold its principles the remainder of his life. He spent his life trying to be of service to others. His burden was divine healing. He went to the sick and suffering in homes and hospitals and was not ashamed of his Lord. He talked to the lost and tried to encourage them to give their hearts to the Lord.

He is survived by his wife, Eunice Cole; eight children, Edith Lara of Old Mexico, Alice Eubank of Pomona, Calif., Paul Cole of Kansas City, Kansas, Naomi Campbell

of Aurora, Missouri, Norene Harmon of Kansas City, Mo., David Cole of Granby, Mo., Jim Cole of Granby, Mo., and Fannie Ruth Rodriguez of Pomona, Calif.; thirty-one grandchildren; two brothers, Junior Cole of Purdy, Mo., and Max Cole of Monett, Mo. He also leaves behind a host of relatives, saints, and friends.

The funeral services were conducted at the Clark Funeral Chapel in Neosho, Mo., by Bro. Orie Young, assisted by Bro. Vada McMillian and Bro. Austin McMillian. Interment was in the cemetery at Purdy, Mo.

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Meeting Reports . . .

REPORT OF CAMPMEETING AT AKRON, OHIO

Greetings in the name of God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us the spirit of wisdom and knowledge by the revelation of the Holy Spirit, and by which He has opened the eyes of our understanding, being enlightened that we may know what is the hope of His calling, or an invitation to all the glorious abundance of grace, which is a spiritual heritage to all people who will accept free and full salvation. Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us from all sin (iniquity), being made a new creature with a born-again experience and translated into the spiritual kingdom of righteousness here.

This wonderful experience was received by some in this campmeeting held July 2nd through 11th in Akron, Ohio. Bodies were miraculously healed and saints edified, joy flowing like a river, the inner man being enriched by His graces given to us. Our meeting was blessed to have the visitation of fourteen ministers. The singing and the Word of God was truly anointed and the Spirit of God had preeminence. In answer to prayer, Titus Enu, a native pastor of the Church of God in Nigeria, West Africa, arrived in the U. S. A. in May. He was especially endowed by the Holy Spirit with rich and inspiring messages, experiences and active faith in God, and many bodies were healed. Miracles are still being performed by our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our appreciation is extended to the editor of the "Faith and Victory" paper, Bro. and Sis. Lawrence Pruitt, of Guthrie, Oklahoma, who made an abundant supply of literature available. Books of spiritual writers and the supply of tracts, song books and papers were a blessing to all. Their ministering service by the "white-winged" pages, and their presence was all appreciated.

All visitors from far and near are extended our appreciation for the success of the meeting. We are asking prayer of all the children of God that you would continue to remember us in some very special requests.

—The Akron Congregation by Sis. Hazel Clark, Pastor

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JEFFERSON, OREGON, CAMPMEETING REPORT

We send greetings to all from Oregon. We want to thank the good Lord for His goodness to us. We were able to come to the Guthrie campmeeting and did enjoy the good services and visiting with all the saints there, also for touching our bodies, as we both had bad colds.

We had such a good campmeeting here in Jefferson. We were thankful for all the out-of-state ministers who

aided us by coming to the meeting here. We enjoyed them. It is so far out here, as we just got back the day before our campmeeting, so we do know about the long drive here. The Lord gave us some good soul food, and I pray that we all will live by it now and that we will have a stronger congregation by another campmeeting. We also enjoyed Bro. Titus Enu from Nigeria and Bro. Tommy Melot coming out here. We had the largest attendance this year than any year since we have been up here, which has been over five years. Our little chapel was filled. We are buying five acres of land now, and when the Lord opens up the way we plan to build a larger chapel and establish a more spacious camp ground.

Pray for us, and may the Lord bless all of you.

—Bro. Ostis and Sis. Evelyn Wilson

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FRESNO, CALIF., CAMPMEETING REPORT

The campmeeting at Fresno, Calif., held on July 9 to 18, was a success. We thank the Lord for the ministers and workers that He sent to be with us. Some souls were saved and others sought help on many lines. One morning in our early prayer meeting, the altar was full. There was much rejoicing. The preaching instructed us to dig deeper and go a little farther in the things of God.

—Naomi Jennings

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REVIVAL MEETING REPORT

Ga.—Dear Sis. Marie and Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the name of our loving Lord. We want you to know what a great and wonderful revival the Lord blessed us with here at Swainsboro. We are much encouraged in the Lord. We had a good attendance. Souls were revived. Praise the God of heaven! Sis. C. W. Nelson from Durham, N. C. was the evangelist. The Lord did use her in His own way, speaking through her the truth of His Holy Word. We were blessed of the Lord to have had an old-time, soul-stirring revival. Thank the Lord! The ordinances of the Lord's House were observed; the Lord also touched our bodies. We are giving the Lord all the glory, praise and honor. —Sis. P. R. Bowers

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REPORT OF TRIP AND OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO, CAMPMEETING

The Lord made it possible for me to leave Guthrie, Okla., June 16 for Ojos Negros, Mexico, going via my son's, friends', and Edith Cole Lara's home and be in service with them there in Patzcuaro, Mexico, before arriving in Ojos Negros that night. It seemed, my first day out, the Lord impressed me to drive at night and until noon of the following day, then rest through the heat of the afternoons and resume my driving at dark. This proved to be very good. The Lord richly blessed my entire trip, even to sending someone along with jumper cables when the battery was dried out in the desert heat.

On arrival, work was started in both preparation for campmeeting and visitation to several quite a distance from there, having services and inviting them to campmeeting. Through visitation, we came across one of the poorest couples I've ever encountered in Mexico. They desired to come to campmeeting and some folks

went after them twice but they couldn't come. They have given us their address and are desirous of all the Spanish literature we can get to them. We made several new contacts who desire the literature.

After arrival, the pickup began giving me trouble, and even though I told the couple who wanted it, about the trouble, they bought it anyway. A group of Guthrie saints who came to the campmeeting graciously permitted my coming back with them. Isn't the Lord good to those who will trust Him?

The Lord richly blessed the Ojos Negros Campmeeting. There were more ministers who came to help shoulder the load than ever before. Some people were brought each day from La Huerta, the Indian reservation 10 miles away. Meals were prepared and served in the brush arbor dining hall, and for nearly every service, the dining hall benches had to be brought in to seat the people in the chapel.

Three people made their way to the altar. We desired much more altar work, but we are grateful for these, and they were worth every effort made toward the campmeeting. The ordinances of feet-washing and the Lord's supper were observed on Saturday morning. It was a precious service, and the explanation of the ordinances was made so plain and simple to all. Twenty-two women and four men partook of the ordinances. During each adult service, the children were taken apart and were taught a Bible lesson. The Lord richly blessed in providing ministers, gospel workers, cooks, janitors, drivers and plenty of food for all.

We want to thank each and every one for your part in helping to make the campmeeting possible. We desire that the Lord will richly bless you for your sacrifice and your prayers.

Your Sister in Christ, —Opal Kelly, also in behalf of Brother Mayarino Escobar R. and wife, Panchita, who are worthy of your support. Their address is, Ap. Postal No. 284, Ensenada, B. Cfa., Mexico.

TENT MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN ALABAMA AND MISSISSIPPI

An evangelistic tent meeting will be held, Lord willing, at Bessemer, Alabama, beginning Sept. 10 and continue as long as the Lord leads.

Then on Sept. 24th, a tent meeting will begin at Louin, Miss., in the area of Pugh's Grocery Store on Highway 18, about 12 miles east of Bay Springs.

Everyone is cordially invited and urged to attend these gospel services. Pray the Lord to richly anoint the preaching of His Word, and prosper these evangelistic efforts. For further information on the exact location of the tent, contact Bro. Bob Forbes, 109 White St., Hammond, La. 70401, phone number 504-542-1144.

AUTUMN GOSPEL SINGING AT MYRTLE, MO.

The Lord willing, the 8th annual autumn gospel singing at Myrtle, Mo., will be held on Saturday night, Oct. 2, 1976. We extend an invitation to all to come and worship the Lord with us in holy song. This is not a time of entertainment, but rather to worship the Lord in sincerity.

On the following day, Sunday, Oct. 3, there will be all-day services. Cabins and dormitories will be avail-

able for those who wish to stay on the campgrounds. Also, the saints will be happy to have you in their homes. We trust God will richly bless on this weekend. May we see you at that time. —Harlan Sorrell

AUTUMN REVIVAL IN OKMULGEE, OKLA.

If the Lord permits, the Church of God in Okmulgee, Okla., will have a revival meeting from October 18 to 24, 1976. We are praying for the will of the Lord to be done. The summer is ending, the harvest is past, and many are not saved. Jer. 8:20. We welcome all the saints to come and join in the burden for precious souls. Services are scheduled nightly at 7:45 p.m. There will be all-day services on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 23 and 24. For further information, contact Bro. Woodrow Warren at 810 N. Porter, Okmulgee, Okla., or phone 918-756-6425. —By Sister Erma Johnson

CONGREGATION AT SANDUSKY, OHIO

This is to inform the saints that there is a congregation of Evening Light saints of the Church of God in Sandusky, Ohio, at 2017 Third Street with Bro. James Bruner as the overseer. Address all correspondence to Bro. James Bruner, 1404 Farwell, Sandusky, Ohio.

Yours in Christ, —J. A. Bruner

Correction Notice. . .

Please note the mistake in the paragraphs in the "Beautiful Way" Junior paper for September 26th. The fourth and fifth paragraphs should have been before the second paragraph on the front page. This will make the incidents related to be in proper sequence. —Sis. Marie Miles

NOTICE

Wanted: A sister to live in and care for an aged mother, not an invalid, in Welch, Okla. (near Vinita). Some cooking and light housework. Ideal for widow with limited income. Write Bro. B. E. Goldsberry, 107 Oliece Dr., West Monroe, La. 71291, giving age, phone number and salary expected.

—Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

SPECIAL NOTICE TO OKLAHOMA CHURCH

The Church of God in Oklahoma has purchased 15 acres of land on the south edge of Guthrie on which to construct buildings and facilities for our state and local meetings out of the flood area of West Guthrie. Thank the Lord and the saints for supplying the price of the land already, yet there is a need for a large fund for the construction of buildings. A special appeal is made to the saints of Oklahoma to contribute liberally to this building fund. Please send your freewill offerings directly to the state treasurer, Sister Frances Deforth, R. 2, Guthrie, Okla. 73044, or to the Guthrie treasurer, Sister Bertha Miles, 10 Magnolia Ct., Guthrie, Okla. 73044. —Editor

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PRAYER REQUESTS



Okla.—"My blood pressure has been high. . . Pray for me." —Sis. Della Harrison

Canada—"Pray for a woman who tried to commit suicide twice and another who is an alcoholic."

—Sis. E. Weatherall

Calif.—"Pray for my granddaughter who has liver trouble and high blood pressure. My husband's breathing is bad." —Sis. Ada Leach

Mo.—Pray for Sis. Mamie Butcher's husband. A horse fell on him and he was seriously hurt.

Kan.—Remember Sis. Wildenna Huffman. She has a serious affliction and is trusting the Lord for healing.

Okla.—"Please remember Bro. Clarence Fry. He has been such a pillar in the congregation here [Nowata], but is now very sick. He still remains steadfast in the Lord, thus being an encouragement to us still. He is worthy of much prayer." —Tony and Jeanie Samons

Calif.—Still remember Sis. Huskey, and also Bro. Pat Huskey as he is real worn, caring for her.

Okla.—Remember Sis. Sarah Brown in prayer. She has not been well enough to be in services for a couple of months. She is a dear sister in the Lord.

Okla.—Sis. Christine Eck needs prayer as she has arthritis all over her body. It is hard for her to get around or get out of bed in the mornings. She is trusting the Lord to heal her.

La.—Remember the bereaved family of Spencer Howell. Spencer's drowning on Aug. 19 was such a shock to his family. He was only 15. We do pray that the Lord will comfort and sustain them in this trying time.

Beulah Mae Flynn was only 49 at her passing. I used to hold her when she was a baby, and her going touched me deeply. Next to the last time I saw her, she testified to me that she had been searching her life and felt that all was clear between her and her God. I read I John 3:21,22 to her. Sis. H. Probst and I had prayer with Beulah Mae, and she testified that God gave her a definite touch. Several days after that, she got worse and was soon gone. We do not understand all of these things, but God doesn't reveal everything to us. Some things are His secrets. Deut. 29:29. In our talk, I told her of the beauties of heaven and how God comforted me in 1973 when I faced death many times, and also how God had healed me. This seemed to be a comfort to her and her family. We did not know that God would call her so soon. So, dear ones, be encouraged and trust God's wisdom as well as His power. Pray that God will comfort the relatives.

Bro. Robert Forbes was 86 years of age at his passing on Aug. 17. His going makes three (in the Hammond, La. area) within eight days' time. He was wanting the saints to pray that the Lord would take him. Pray that God will comfort his family. So, we see that God takes the young, the middle-aged and the old. All of us should take warning and be prepared for that time.

I attended the funeral of Bro. Pat Cole, who had lived in Granby, Mo. The Lord blessed Sis. Eunice to bear up, also his eight children, who all love the Lord. As the days come, they will need prayer, as well as all the others who have recently lost their loved ones.

Bro. Pat had a heart full of sympathy for the poor, the afflicted and those who were in trouble. His daughter told me that he never has been ashamed to speak of the Lord. She said that recently, while on the bus, going to Florida, he talked to a woman who had a bad eye that was in a terrible shape, and told her God could heal her. He prayed for her right there on the bus and God healed her. Very few on the bus had dry eyes as Bro. Pat talked of the great love of God and His power to heal them. We truly need more who have simple faith to be able to take God at His Word. —Sis. Marie Miles

SINCE MOTHER WENT AWAY

In Memory of Sister A. W. Marken
Who Departed September 25, 1975,
By Her Daughter, Wilma Harris

It's lonely round the old farm house,
It's not the same as of yore,
For Mother's steps are never heard
Upon the kitchen floor.
I do not see her 'round the yard,
Nor hear her gentle voice;
For one day she went to a better Home—
She said it was her choice.

Some times 'tis hard to understand
Just why such things must be:
We get attached to one we love,
Then passed and gone is she.
She was so happy ere she went,
I think she did not know
How sad and lonely we would get
When from us she would go.

But, oh! I try not to be sad,
Nor lonely, nor despair—
For I've a hope that lies beyond
That river, over there:
A hope that we some day shall meet
In a land that is sublime,
Beyond the sun and moon and stars;
Oh! what a happy clime!

Since she has gone I've thought a lot
Of many things she said,
Especially what she spoke so low
While lying on her bed.
She knew that she must leave us now,
For she saw the gate ajar,
She said, "My loved ones wait for me,
I see them pass the door."

IN MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER, NETTIE PERKINS Written on August 26, 1976

Today, dear precious Mother,
You have had one year of rest;
Although we miss you greatly,
Our Father knoweth best.
You often talked of heaven,
And going Home up there;
So we think of you in Glory,
Free from every pain and care.

You were so patient, sweet and kind,
And never did complain;
You left a precious thought for us,
Who here on earth remain.
Just to know you're sleeping,
In Christ, our Savior's name;
Gives us joy and comfort,
Through sunshine and the rain.
We have the hope of meeting
Someday up in the sky;
And be with our dear Savior
Through the ages by and by.
—By her daughter, Flora Keller

America, The Beautiful



America, the Beautiful, your grace is not your own,
But comes from out eternity, from God upon His throne—
Flow'r seeds with all the honey bees, and fruit on every
tree
Has its own gift of life within; it did not come from thee.

America, the Beautiful, with fields of waving grain:
What would you do if God should say, "It shall not live
again"?
Your purple mountain majesties, your broad and fruitful
plain—
Did you lay out your grandeur, was it birthed by all your
pain?

How can you be so bold to say: "We shall not praise
His name
On every street, in every place, On mountain, or on
plain"?
Why, even every breath we draw is God's breath to
command,
And every thing of good we have was given from His
Hand.

America the Beautiful, God shed His grace on thee!
How can you wound the Saviour so who gave His life
for thee?
America, America, if only you could see
Through Jesus' blood comes brotherhood, only saved
men are free.

Should we let those of foreign birth (with whom we've
shared our blessings)
Destroy our nation's heritage and cause so much
distressings?
Oh, let us give our God His dues: Our love and
adoration,
"Lest we forget" and as reward, we'll cease to be a
nation.
—H. M. Plumb

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Better be satisfied with a little cabin clear of debt
than a fine home under mortgage. It is more Christ-
like. It will be better for your soul. Oh, the souls that
have been dwarfed because man was not contented with
the scarcity of earthly things! —C. E. Orr

Mission Trip to the Philippines

Bro. George Hammond of Kenosha, Wis., who for a number of years has been sincerely interested in home and foreign mission work, felt led of the Lord to go to the Philippines to aid the native brethren in establishing and unifying the mission stations. Accordingly, on July 11, he left Oklahoma City by airline, paying all expenses himself, and arrived on July 14, at Cauayan, Philippines, where Bro. Florencio Granil has a mission station. He was expected to arrive and was warmly received by the four Granil brothers, ministers who got the light on the one true church a few years ago and came out of sec-tism. Bro. Hammond held very profitable services at their various mission stations. By the blessing of the Lord he returned safely to the States and reported to the saints of his trip on the last Saturday, July 31st, of the National Campmeeting at Neosho, Mo. (Those who were concerned about Bro. Hammond's beard may rest easy. He has shaved it off.) Bro. Florencio Granil had intended to return with Bro. Hammond to attend the remaining campmeetings this summer, but he could not secure his exit visa in time to do so. Bro. Hammond's written report follows:

(Aug. 2)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints:

Greetings of love to all through the great and all-prevailing name of Jesus. It was a most blessed trip the Lord allowed me to take to visit the brethren in the Philippines. It was a blessing to see how God worked everything out to bring His work of truth into unity. The four Granil brothers are now united and want to work together for the progress of God's Church. Their transportation consists of two motorcycles, one with a side car with which they carry as many as eight people. Bro. Florencio has no means of travel except by public transportation. They are in need of several chapels which they build out of bamboo with thatch roof. They have one started with a roof on at Medilla where Bro. Benjamin Granil resides. He is also planning to reach some mountain people who have never heard the gospel and have not advanced to the clothes-wearing stage.

The first night (July 14) in Cauayan, where Bro. Florencio lives, we met in a rented meeting-house. At the close of the service about 20 people came for prayer. None had a Bible and there were no Bibles to give them. We located a concrete block building for sale, having enough space for a chapel and a home for Bro. Florencio and family for the price of about \$2400.00. [Since coming home, Bro. Hammond has advanced the money to purchase this property for mission use. —Editor]

On July 22, we baptized 14 converts in a river at Mabini where Bro. Corales is the pastor. It is near Roxas where Bro. Primitivo is the pastor. They, too, had not a single Bible. They can read English and can obtain English King James Bibles in Manila for about \$4.00 each. The native translations are by a priest and are not very reliable. The gospel work could progress greatly with help from the church in America. They are very desirous of reaching out into new communities with the gospel of Christ. Two young people dedicated themselves to serving a new station near Cauayan which had been started by Bro. Justo Granil. We visited six different mission stations and several others we were un-

able to visit. The young people are very zealous in serving the Lord, and on a Saturday night at Bro. Justo's we stayed up until nearly 12 p.m. answering questions and problems.

The Filipinos are a very lovely people, childlike in character, with a warm heart, smile and greeting. I believe God has brought many things together at this appointed time. There seems to be a God-consciousness throughout the country. There are signs on most of the buses about God, both private and public. President and Mrs. Marco are doing wonders with the country. Crime is very low, and there is no divorce rate. The brethren are praying that someone may be able to come over and stay longer to help establish the gospel work there. They need instruction in the Bible truth which they see and accept readily. For the price of one air conditioner in our car or home they could build a bamboo chapel.

They all send their greetings to the saints in America. Remember these saints in prayer. They need much instruction. I surely pray that our hearts will be opened to the needs of these good brethren in the gospel work.

May God bless and keep us all until Jesus' coming.

—Bro. George Hammond



Recent picture of native missionaries, Bro. John Varghese and his family, who are sending forth the gospel by pulpit and press in South India.

MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

South India (July 19)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints abroad: We in India are very glad to greet all of you again in holy Christian love. "If God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Romans 8:31-32.

Thank you very much for your nice letter, and the enclosures were noted with heartfelt gratitude. I hope you are in receipt of my June letter with the picture of the new chapel at Thevalappuram. . . . Especially, I pray God to bless Bro. Enu in all these campmeetings going on there.

We do not have much rain this year yet. Diseases are spreading out everywhere. My wife is suffering from some liver troubles. Your prayers are essential for her complete recovery.

The Lord willing, the new chapel at Thevalappuram will be opened for services on July 31. The saints from everywhere will assemble there on that day, and we expect a very blessed meeting for the opening service at Thevalappuram. The saints in that locality are very happy for a place to worship. May God use that chapel for the salvation of many sinners around.

Dear saints, I wish to call your attention to the essential need of building a new chapel at Kalayapuram. We just started work on it. Will you please pray for its completion? Our God is faithful towards His children.

With greetings and love to all, yours in the Lord,

—John Varghese

(Correction: The July mission report from India should have read, "We purchased the tile and thatched the roof of the chapel at Thevalappuram," not at Trichur.)

NIGERIAN MISSION REPORT

Bendel State, Nigeria (Aug. 6)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints abroad: Greetings in the most powerful name of Jesus, the name that startles Satan and shakes his kingdom, even to the pulling down of his strongholds. We shall not give up in this spiritual warfare until the battle is won. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" And this is our confidence that He is with us always, even unto the end of the world. We do not think of defeat as we are on the winning side, so we are pressing on fearlessly with the gospel truth lighting our pathway. We love the Man of Galilee as you do, too.

Since our last report, the congregation of the Church of God at Afor is waxing strong. Their spiritual condition is improved. The brethren of the Utagba-Ogbe congregation have increased their visits to them. Continue to pray for them.

At Utagba-Ogbe and Abbi, Kwale, the Lord is moving mightily. The young ones (youth) have caught a vision to evangelize this whole district, state, and country. Their meeting days at Utagba-Ogbe are Tuesdays and Sundays. At Abbi, they meet on Wednesdays. At the moment, what is slowing evangelism is the lack of transport and preaching equipment. We are earnestly seeking the Lord to supply these things. Please join us in prayer. The Lord is indeed gathering His sheep to the one fold and we praise His holy name.

In our thinking we follow the visits of Bro. Titus Enu to the brethren in the States. We praise God for what has been accomplished so far.

Yours in the bond of love,

—Bro. Patryks E. Obi, Secretary
Bro. Titus U. E. Enu, Pastor

FROM THE MAIL BOX . . .

La.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sis. Marie: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We were so thankful for the blessed privilege of being in the Monark Campmeeting at Neosho, Mo., and feasting on the good spiritual food, also having sweet fellowship with the saints. We are enjoying the messages and singing that we recorded on tapes and the two song records we bought while there.

We received our order of books and have read them, and we are reading Bro. Susag's book again. How thankful we are for such good reading that inspires and challenges us to greater faith and a closer walk with God!

—Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie and all of God's children: May God's blessing be yours throughout the days to come. Sister Marie, I love to read your and Bro. Lawrence's writings in the paper, as well as all of the rest. I always read it through, as it is so good to read.

I want to live each day of my life to please my dear Jesus. (We just live one day at a time.) Thank God for His precious love and care. I know I do not deserve anything, but I do know I need and desire my Jesus more than anything else.

—Sis. Jewell Lane

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S. Carolina—Dear Bro. Lawrence: We are much encouraged to press on, as we see that time is fast coming to an end. We surely need to work harder.

I need all the saints to pray with me for strength to walk and use my hand. I can hardly hold the pen to write.

Yours in the Lord's service,

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Minn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: I am well in soul and body, desiring to do all things well in the sight of the Lord. He keeps me day by day in the holy way. I continue to look to our Father, who is in heaven, for all His saints and those who are still to come. I still love the Lord God Almighty for His keeping power, and for His healing power. He provides all our needs and more. So, may God help us to live the life commanded in His Word.

—Bro. Andrew Senti

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Ky.—Dear Brothers and Sisters: Without Jesus we don't know what we would do. He is the One we look to for our help. Praise His name! Psalms 23:1 says, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." He is everything that we need. He watches over us day and night. He said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Oh, what a sweet promise! It is a pleasure to know that we have a Friend like Jesus, one that "sticketh closer than a brother." We can boldly say that we have Jesus. We are so glad that we can come to Him in time of trials, temptations and sickness, and He is always near. Praise

His dear name! He will hear us and come to our rescue. The old song says, 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word.' His Word is truth. We thank God for the blessed old Bible. It shows the way from earth to heaven. Praise God!

I still want all of you to pray for my good Christian wife, as she is still bedfast, and pray for me, also. I need your prayers to hold me up, as I wait on my dear wife and do the house work. I know God can strengthen and keep me.

May God bless all of you at the Print Shop. . . .

—Bro. Frank and Sis. Mabel Dunaway

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Colo.—Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: I will be 85 years old on the 30th of August, 1976, if I live that long. My parents met D. S. Warner and a group of workers when I was about nine years old. Bro. Warner and two or three others, including Mary Cole, were traveling through the country by horses and carriage on their way to a meeting. My parents lived on a farm in Kansas, between Ottawa and Emporia, near the little town of Melvern. This group stopped at my parents' home one evening, and talked to my mother who was a very religious woman. It ended up that the Warner group stayed all night with my parents, and they had a service that night in our home. That was our first knowledge of the Church of God doctrine. Later, one of my husband's brothers, Lillern Neal, started prayer meetings and then Sunday services at homes in that country. His other brothers, George and Harry Neal, were also preachers.

Many of the names of the books and those early writers are very familiar to me. I have read many of the books. I was a home missionary worker when I was 19 years old in the Kansas City, Mo., missionary home which was managed by Bro. James B. Peterson.

Your group seems to be nearer than any to the early Church of God. I would like to hear from you.

Sincerely, —Grace Neal

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N. Carolina—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, our loving Saviour who was tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin. . . .

In the name of Jesus I pray that the presses won't stop running a day, but that they will put out much more truth before it is too late. Eternity is near, closer than the majority realize. Even the ones that are saved do not realize how close we are. The end is at hand, even at the door. It was through the printed page that I found Jesus' outstretched arms.

Please remember me in prayer that I may be kept blameless before Him at His coming. I am still with you in spirit, though not in this house of clay.

Your saved Brother, —Frankie Millis

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Canada—Dear Bro. Pruitt, co-workers at the Print Shop and the saints abroad: Greetings in Jesus' name. We are surely blessed by what we have seen and heard at the National campmeeting at Neosho, Mo., such as the unity and the visible Church of God. Praise the Lord! We have seen and heard what our hearts have been longing for. We also told some of our congregation about the fellowship, the humility of the saints (ministers included), the leading of the Holy Spirit (not man-rule), and the truth preached with an "Amen" by the saints. . . .

Pray for us that we stay true and do what the Lord wants us to do.

Your Brother in Christ, —Alfons Oppel

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Calif.—Dear fellow-workers with God: Greetings in the name of Him who washed us in His own blood.

We are still holding on to God to deliver my wife from her suffering, either to heal her severe afflictions or to call her Home, so pray with us. Her nerves are no better and she has a serious head trouble. . . .

May God bless the "white-winged" messengers as they go forth to a lost world.

Your Brother and Sister, —H. P. Huskey

117 South Street, Orland, Calif. 95963

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Ill.—Dear Sister Marie: I am enjoying my blessed Saviour, and I'm so glad He said, "Whosoever will," and that meant me. I am thankful someone told me the truth and then I could read it for myself. I see so much and wonder why others cannot see the truth, then I think of myself. I had always gone to church, and even led the song service, but I didn't have salvation. Bro. Pinkerton, who has gone to his reward, came to our little town and showed me I was lost. I very seldom go to my knees that I don't thank God for him.

—Sis. Mildred Snell

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Mich.—Just to let you know our change of address for the "Faith and Victory" paper. —Lela Ann Ruhl

(Thank you, Sis. Ruhl, for sending us your old address and your new address. The post office charges us 25¢ if they notify us. —Editor)

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Ohio—Dear Saints: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, who saves, keeps, and satisfies every longing of our souls. Praise His dear name! I am happy in the dear Lord and am trusting Him for all things.

I thank the dear Lord for you dear ones and the truth you send out in the "Faith and Victory." That is the way I heard it when I first got saved, and it is the same today. I pray God to give you health and strength to carry on His work until Jesus comes. . . .

Pray for me, as I am weak in body.

—Sis. Adah Smalley

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Mich.—The Lord has truly been good to me this summer. Since I turned sixteen last winter, I was of age to start working. I started praying for a job while still going to school. Before school was out, I had gotten a small part-time job at a resort. A month later, I had gotten another job as a waitress. Instead of one job, I have been blessed with two! The Lord had heard my prayers and answered them with fantastic results! I thank Him greatly. This month is another joyous time for me. I plan to be baptized! The Lord is so great and powerful. We all need His precious help to guide us.

—Renate Hess

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Okla.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and co-workers: I am writing to inform you that I have moved and I would like you to send the "Faith and Victory" paper to this new address. I get much joy, encouragement and receive a better understanding of how to serve the Lord from the

messages in these printed pages. So continue to pray for us as we are praying for all the family of God, also for the world in general. —Sis. Mattie Simpson

(Thank you, Sister Simpson, for notifying us. The Post office charges us 25¢ to notify us of a change of address. —Sis. Marie)

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N. Mex.—Greetings of love in Jesus' precious name: I trust that all are well there. We are so thankful for a dear Lord to go to at any time of need. We praise Him for His unspeakable Gift.

Thank you so much for the tracts and encouraging letters, also "Faith and Victory" paper. They are a great help to me. —Sis. Ruth Doolittle

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La.—Dear Sis. Marie: I trust you are receiving many blessings from the hand of our dear Lord. There are always so many needs temporally and spiritually, but I am so thankful we have learned that the Lord is able to supply them all for each of His children. He is the source of all we need in this life. I was thinking, what a privilege we have to have the Lord for our very own. For when we have Him we have everything we need. I believe it was Paul who said, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." That "all" means a lot to us.

I still rejoice and thank the Lord for the way He has undertaken for you with the heart trouble you had. I got some 1973 "Faith and Victory" papers out a few days ago and, as I read in one or two telling of your heart attacks, was reminded again of what wonderful work the Lord did for you in undertaking and delivering you when you could have so easily gone on, as so many do with heart trouble. I am so thankful the Lord spared you and made you able to carry on in the great work you are doing for Him. May He continue to bless and keep His big protecting hand on you as you labor on for Him. We appreciate you much, also Lawrence and Maybelle and the firm, solid truth you are standing for and teaching, as your dear father and mother did. —Sis. Alta Flynn

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Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



Mo.—Dear saints everywhere: The Lord has done much for me. I asked Him to take me off insulin, as my blood sugar had been high; so yesterday I had a test and showed a very small trace, so small you could hardly see it. Today I am praising God. I stopped taking the blood thinner pill, too. I had a lot of opposition, but I knew I had to stop taking it before the Lord could do any thing. Praise His name! After the test, I said I was going to tell about it.

I hope everyone is well, and living true to God. Perhaps you know I had a stroke, caused by a blood clot on my brain that was caused by the hardening of the arteries. The doctor said I was lucky to be here. He said a miracle was performed. I knew God had a great hand in it all. I thought I was going to die, but a miracle happened just as I was about to go. . . .

I have been staggering some since I had the stroke, but Jesus is leading me by the hand and I'm beginning to

do better. I praise God for that. Without God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, what would we do? Pray for me.

—Sis. Pearl Logan

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Ala.—Dear Sis. Marie: I just want to thank God for touching my body, when I requested prayer in the latter part of June. My back and hip still give me some trouble, but I know God heard and answered prayer, for I could hardly walk without limping badly. I am so much better, and I do praise God for it and want to thank each one who prayed.

Please pray that my children will make a full surrender to Jesus and let Him guide and direct their lives.

—Mrs. Leora Frink

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Mich.—Dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' name. We are happy to report victory in our souls, and truly thank the Lord for salvation. He is so good to us, especially in this day and age when wickedness is everywhere and men's hearts are failing them. We are encouraged to dig down deeper into God, and be hid behind Him, who is our only protection. We feel more and more the need of looking up to Jesus as He has the government of the Church upon His shoulder. Oh, be encouraged to go on, as He never will fail us or forsake us. The Body of Christ, the church, is so beautiful. Keep encouraged no matter what.

Your Sister in Christ, —Aneita Corteway

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Ohio—I had been sick for a year with bronchitis and asthma. About two weeks ago the Lord healed me completely. I am feeling like a new person and I give Him the praise for hearing and answering prayer. It pays to trust in God. —Ida Hartley

Which One Is Right?



There are many translations of the Bible. In our modern world, people say they cannot understand what God has to say to them in the old and original Bible, therefore, they have written many new ones to satisfy their own religion and ideas.

One of the main new translations is called "The Living Bible." The word "Paraphrased" is just below the name. Concerning this one we will be trying to enlighten the reader and cause him to realize and see the hidden, and some not so hidden, changes. Some of the changes are so deceiving that one will scarcely notice the difference in meaning. However, some are very noticeable, as language is used that only very wicked people use. Words have been added that change the meaning and cause the reader to picture a much different idea of what happened or was said.

To our understanding, there are three editions of "The Living Bible," all written to fit various age groups. Do men have the right to change the "Holy Bible" and put into it what they feel will meet the needs of our modern society? Let the holy scriptures answer. "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." II Peter 1:20,21.

Now let us read some of the divinely-inspired words. "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book." Rev. 22:18, 19.

God spoke to "holy men of old" and they penned down prophecy, warnings, etc. There was no error this way. We will find plenty of error when men change the scriptures to read like they feel is a better way to understand them.

The late E. E. Byrum traveled extensively to libraries around the world to see for himself the accuracy of the scriptures after they were translated from the original manuscripts. After going to libraries in Oxford and London, England and Paris, France and maybe others, he said, "Here we examined three of the ancient manuscripts of the Bible. The first of these, the Codex Alexandrinus, one of the three most ancient manuscripts of the Bible in the world, was written in Greek paleography about 1,500 years ago, on fine parchments that have so well stood the hostile attacks of unfavorable ages, and the wear and tear of centuries past, standing as a firm and strong monumental witness to the providence of God in preserving the sacred Oracles on record. The original of these precious documents are kept with great care and are not for public handling or inspection; but a perfect facsimile photographic copy is allowed to be used. At first, they refused to allow us to examine the original. However, through the grace of God we had the privilege of reading the very original volume." (Quoted from "How We Got Our Bible," by E. E. Byrum. Readers should get this book from Faith Publishing House; also "The Bible, The Inspired Word of God," by Earl B. Bliss.) This should be sufficient proof for anyone doubting the accuracy of the scriptures. If not, one can arrange to go see them for himself if he so desires.

After some examination of the "Living Bible," also the "Children's Edition," we found plenty of error. We will not be able to mention them all, as there are many, some more degrading than others. For example, read John 9:34 and I Sam. 20:30 in the "Living Bible" version. These changes are not respectful enough to quote in this writing! Even in the children's edition (I Sam. 20:30) it's giving Satan a chance to say to children, "It's all right, it's even in the Bible." Statements such as these are not Holy Spirit dictated; they are from the gutter. How much better to read, "thou, nay, yea, shalt," etc. Let's continue to compare a few more changes. Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (King James Version). "When God began creating the heaven and the earth." (Living Bible Version). God didn't "begin creating." He spoke and it was so! Read Gen. 1:9 and Heb. 11:3. Genesis 6:8, "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord," (KJV). "But Noah was a pleasure to the Lord," (LBV). Is there any change in meaning here? Grace is unearned, unmerited, undeserved, favor from God. Gen. 7:1, "... come thou and all thy house into the ark. ..." (KJV). "... Go into the boat with all your family. ..."

(LBV). When the Lord said, "come thou into the ark," it meant God, himself was already in the ark and He was going to be right there with Noah on this long and dangerous voyage. The "Go into the boat" leaves the wrong idea. We believe God said, "Come thou" and not "Go into the boat." Job 3:26. "I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came." (KJV). "I was not fat and lazy, yet trouble struck me down." (LBV). What a way to make understanding easier!

There are many more comparisons, and much could be said. We know by various testimonies of people around the world what reading the Bible has inspired them to do for God. We don't believe that "The Living Bible" will do as much, when we read such statements as "talk is cheap" (Luke 5:22), and "this wonderful stuff," speaking of the water changed to wine at the marriage feast. Obscene language used in I Sam. 20:30 and John 9:34 will lower morals of the readers after a length of time. We know the Holy Spirit would not dictate these changes. After checking the reading of the "Children's Living Bible" we found the same sort of changes there also. In the introduction it reads. "This Bible is written so you can understand all of it, if you read carefully." There is only one way for a child, or anyone, to understand the Bible correctly, and that is through the enlightening of the Holy Spirit, as taught in I Cor. 2:10-11, "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God." Read the rest of the chapter also.

We are sure there are some well meaning people who read "The Living Bible" as God's Word. It is to them that we challenge the very close comparing of changes in it and to see for themselves if it is Holy Spirit dictated. Children growing up, reading a book as this, thinking of it as God's divinely inspired word, will be disappointed and not have the deep feeling of awe over them as past generations have had.

We want to quote one more example from "The Children's Living Bible." Matt. 8:27 in the King James Version says, "But the men marvelled, saying What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him!" The Living Bible says, "The disciples just sat there awed! ..." They inserted, "just sat there," and it is not even indicated in the real scriptures, thus changing the picture in a child's mind. This is only one example of so many that space would not permit all of them to be brought out.

We conclude that "The Living Bible" is not the one believers should live by and practice today, neither should they refer to it to explain the meaning of "hard to understand" Scriptures, as one could very easily get the wrong impression, as pointed out in this writing.

—Paul Sorrell

"I know thy works, and thy tribulation, and poverty, but thou art rich." Rev. 2:9. Faith makes rich in the midst of poverty. The Christian lives by faith and not by sight. If he lived by sight, he would see his poverty, but since he lives by faith he sees only his riches.

—C. E. Orr