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### *The New Harvest-Home*

Once more the time has rolled around  
For us to sing of "Harvest-Home,"  
Amid the blessings that abound  
And from His hand doth daily come:

While all the sheaves are gathered in  
For storage 'gainst the wint'ry blast,  
And warmth and shelter still again  
Are promised long as it shall last.

How thankful ought our hearts to be  
To count the blessings we enjoy,  
For living in a country free  
Where faith is lawful to employ:

The democratic way of life,  
The system of free enterprise—  
But wait! above this mortal strife  
We hear a message from the skies:

"Be thankful for a Saviour's love,  
For still a Heav'nly Father's care;  
Rejoice in Him who lives above,  
Who can and will your burdens bear.

"Thank God for truth and light divine,  
The inner man to teach and guide;  
Correction and reproof to shine,  
A Friend so true to walk beside.

"Thanks be to God for victory  
Through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord;  
For life eternal pure and free,  
And all the hope He does afford."

This is the "Harvest-Home" so true:  
A gathering of a feast above,  
The Bread of Life, all things made new  
In Christ, the dear Redeemer's love.

So come, ye thankful people, come,  
And feast on that which is so good;  
Let's raise the song of "Harvest-Home,"  
Perfecting Christian Brotherhood.

—Leslie Busbee

### God Rules in the Kingdom of Men

Amid the feverish excitement of political activity and the spending of millions of dollars in campaigns to win votes for the various presidential candidates, the large majority of the American people have forgotten or overlooked a basic Bible truth — "that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." Daniel 4:32.

People think they put the president in the office by their votes alone, but in reality it is not true, though God's choice may correspond to the people's choice. In spite of the manipulations of political machines, power politics, bribery, and corruption in the election process, God's hand is working far above and beyond to place in the office the ruler who will carry out His purposes. He may set up the basest of men like He did Pharaoh, the ancient king of Egypt. He sets up kings and puts them down at His pleasure. God's choice for president may also be the people's choice by vote. Then God may remove him and set up another, even as it has been demonstrated repeatedly in this nation of ours.

Nebuchadnezzar, the great king of Babylon, was lifted up with pride and felt, no doubt, that he was indispensable to that kingdom. It was by a tragic experience of seven years' duration that King Nebuchadnezzar learned those lessons that each of us should keep in our mind and heart — that "the heavens do rule" and "those that walk in pride he [God] is able to abase." Daniel 4:37.

King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream which he could not interpret, neither could any of the magicians of his great kingdom. Finally, Daniel, the prophet of God, was called to hear and interpret the dream. Nebuchadnezzar said he saw a great tree in the midst of the earth whose height reached unto heaven, and the leaves thereof were fair and the fruit thereof much. In his vision "a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven; He cried aloud, . . . Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit . . . Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth . . . ; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass of the earth: Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over him. This matter is by the . . . word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of

men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men." Daniel 4:10-17.

The Prophet Daniel interpreted his dream thus: "The tree that thou sawest, . . . It is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: . . . And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, . . . and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over him; this is the interpretation, O king, and this is the decree of the most High, which is come upon my lord the king: That they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule." Daniel 4:20-26. At the end of twelve months . . . a voice from heaven, saying, "O king, Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: . . . And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever, . . . And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth. . . ." Daniel 4:29-35.

It is noted in this account that God used severe measures to impress upon the heart and mind of the proud king, Nebuchadnezzar, the vital lesson that "the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." If God rules in the kingdom of men — and we must believe God's Word — then we should pray for that person whom He puts in official position, and say amen to God's will. Instead of taking time to study the party platforms, the programs, promises and appearance of the presidential candidates, God's people should spend much time on their knees imploring His help for the one He places in the office. The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty." I Timothy 2:1,2.

—Lawrence Pruitt

**God seeks eagle men.** No bird is as solitary as the eagle. Eagles never fly in flocks. No man ever comes into a realization of the best things of God, who does not, upon the Godward side of his life, learn to walk alone with God. The life that is lived unto God, however it forfeits human companionship, knows Divine fellowship.

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## WORD — WATER



Words are the means by which we communicate thoughts, ideas — in fact, learning is based primarily on words, either spoken or written. How can an abstract thought be made known except by means of words? All we know concerning God or Christ or what our conduct should be, is through His written words (Bible) or the conscience He gave each one. The conscience speaks to us in WORDS. The world was created by the WORD of God. "God said," (the WORD) and it was done. The WORD was with God and the Word was God. (John 1:1). That WORD was made flesh and SPOKE WORDS to His disciples, and they passed those WORDS on to us by means of written words. Praise the Lord! Christ's WORDS give us spirit and life. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." John 6:63. Now, our words are very important. Jesus said in Matt. 12:37, "By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." James 1:22.

Water is an absolute necessity for life. All life uses water. Where there is no water there is neither vegetable life, nor animal life. The scientists have sent rockets and men to the moon, but they found neither organic matter nor animal matter. No WATER. No LIFE. The report has just been given that the rockets sent to Mars, which rockets were equipped to dig and then analyze what they dug, did not find ANY ORGANIC MATTER. It was reported that snow (frozen water) was observed at Mars' North Pole, but it takes more than water to have LIFE. So, Paul Harvey says the scientists may have to go to Genesis yet. I wish they would!

Water is one of this world's most useful substances. While it is not a universal dissolver, it is about the greatest. It is required by both plant and animal life. It is universally used for cleansings of many kinds. It has its beauties. It has its hurts. Look at a snowflake — beautiful Look at a hailstone — hurtful Look at a calm, peaceful lake — beautiful Look at a tidal wave — dreadful and hurtful Our deserts are caused by lack of water. Our rain forests are filled with luxurious growths because there is much water there.

What is the Temple of God? "What agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the TEMPLE of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." II Cor. 6:16. "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God." I Cor. 3:16. "Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you?" I Cor. 6:19. A wonderful description of the TEMPLE is given by the Prophet Ezekiel, chapters 40 through 48. This house described in these chapters is pointed out to be the TEMPLE. Ezek. 41:1 says, "Afterwards he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts." In Ezekiel the 47th chapter we find the vision of the WATERS issuing from this Temple of God. "Behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward . . . and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. And, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. The man that had the line . . . measured a thousand cubits . . . the waters were to the ankles. Again he measured a thousand . . . the

waters to the knees. Again a thousand . . . the waters to the loins. Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over." Ezek. 47:1-5. "These waters issue out . . . into the desert, and go into the sea: which being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. And it shall come to pass, that every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall LIVE . . . And everything shall live whither the river cometh." Ezek. 47:8,9.

Through Adam's transgression his descendants came into this world with a marred nature. We are in the Kingdom of God when born, but this marred nature causes us to leave the Kingdom of God, and enter the Kingdom of Satan, at the age of accountability. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that [in whom — margin] all have sinned: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.)" Rom. 5:12,13. Sin brings pollution, degradation, filthiness, dirtiness, and death. To be restored to the Kingdom of God we must be cleansed from all these. "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." Col. 1:13. Must we be cleansed before we can enter into this holy kingdom? Rev. 21:27, "And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

How will this cleansing take place? "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and CLEANSE IT with the washing of WATER by the WORD, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:25-27. Again, John 15:3, "Now ye are CLEAN through the WORD which I have SPOKEN unto you." How beautiful, how precious! The WATER, the cleansing agent, is the WORD. Obedience to the WORD cleanses us, and makes us CLEAN enough to be translated into His kingdom! As washing in literal water cleanses us physically, washing in the WORD cleanses us spiritually.

Let us now look at the saying of Jesus in John 7:37-39, "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living WATER. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive.)" The belly, or the bowels, were considered by the Jews as the seat of the affections. Remember what was said when Joseph was about to reveal himself to his own brethren who had brought Benjamin with them, "And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought where to weep." Gen. 43:30. We would say, "Out of his heart, or out of his innermost being." So this river of water flowing out of our heart is the WATER OF LIFE, which they that receive shall be cleansed and brought into the temple or Church of God.

Since the WATER represents the WORD of God, let us take a look at Ezek. 47. Since WORDS are flowing out of the Temple, or church, obedience to them will bring

LIFE to the dead soul. Can we say that CONVICTION brings us into the WATER to the ankles, repentance to the knees, baptism to the loins, and SANCTIFICATION to the swimming water? In sanctification we are completely supported by the WORD — out of touch with the world, completely swimming in the WORD of God.

So, as we individuals compose the temple of God, there is a duty to pass the cleansing water — the WORD to all nations. "Go ye into all the world and preach [say words] to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15,16. "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching [speaking words] them to observe all things [words] whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28:19,20.

"A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." Proverbs 25:11. —C. C. Carver

## "Persecuted, But Not Forsaken"



A man who was born blind was healed by the power of Jesus Christ. He was deeply touched and greatly praised the Lord. There were those around him who did not believe in Jesus, nor His power to heal. As you know, the man who was healed was greatly persecuted. He belonged to a religious sect that did not believe in Jesus Christ, but they could not persuade him to discount the healing power of Jesus, so they cast him out of their midst. This was a severe blow to this man. He knew who had healed him, and he would not turn against Jesus. Now this man needed help. He needed a friend. He needed some encouragement. Who came to this man when he had been severely persecuted? It was Jesus. "Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might believe on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I believe. And he worshipped him." John 11:35-38. This man was "persecuted, but not forsaken." II Cor. 4:9.

Dear child of God, has the battle been fierce and severe? Is your heart broken and bleeding? Have you been misunderstood, and the yoke of bearing it has been weighing you down? Remember, that you are not forsaken. You have a Friend that is watching and does care. We can "boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me," because God has promised to "never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Heb. 13:5,6. Look up and rejoice in a Saviour's love and care. He is right there to give you joy in the midst of trouble. How can this be? Because we have faith and confidence in God, who is taking care of us. God knows our hearts and if our hearts condemn us not then we have peace. Others might condemn, but all that really matters is, that God does not condemn us. God is the One that we have to give an account to. God knows if we are honest before Him, so we need not be overly troubled about what others might do or say. "He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not." I John 5:18. Praise God for victory through Jesus Christ!

—Sis. Marie Miles

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# EDITORIALS



## “O GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD, . . .”

The Bible abounds with exhortations to mankind to offer thanksgiving and praise to their Creator and Redeemer. All praise is surely due unto Him, not only once a year on Thanksgiving Day—a time set aside for thanksgiving by the nation—, but also every day. Daily thanksgiving and praise is the normal practice of the child of God, for he knows the Giver of all his blessings. Thanks and praise are the wings which carry his petitions to the throne of mercy, for he is exhorted to let his requests be made known unto God with thanksgiving. “In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” 1 Thess. 5:18. “By him [Jesus] therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.” Heb. 13:15.

If God’s people do not praise Him, who will? The world of mankind in general is unthankful and unholy. They take the Lord’s bounteous temporal blessings for granted, as though they deserved them. The Apostle James informs us that “every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights. . . .” James 1:17. In Psa. 150:6, the Psalmist David exclaims: “Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord,” and all the pure in heart say, Amen. “Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift,” the gift of His only begotten Son for our salvation!



We are so thankful for the gift subscriptions that we have received since the October issue was put in the mail. Many more would be appreciated, and the Lord will reward you many fold.

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Bros. Mackey Francisco and Ronnie Hattley of California, and Bro. Lewis Williams of Kansas held a revival meeting at the Green Pastures chapel, 57th and Denver Streets, Oklahoma City, Okla., from October 8 to 17. The meeting was well attended. The heart-searching truth went forth with divine anointing and a number of souls found help at the altar of prayer.



This writer’s good wife, Maybelle, was 65 years of age on Sept. 14, and your servant will be 65 years

old, if the Lord wills, on Nov. 15. On Nov. 18, 1976, we will have been married 43 years. The event took place on Nov. 18, 1933, in the home of her parents, Bro. and Sister W. I. Miles, on the hill south across the creek from the National campground at Monark Springs, Mo. We established our home in the order and fear of God, and Jesus Christ has been the Head and Pilot of our lives. For time and eternity we belong to Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

#### Bro. Ken Probst to Hold Meeting in Louisiana . . .

Bro. Kenneth Probst, pastor at Miles Chapel near Vinita, Okla., is scheduled to hold a revival meeting in Shreveport, La., where Bro. Clifford Wilson is the pastor, from Nov. 3 to 10, inclusive. The chapel is located at 4220 Greenwood Blvd. Everyone is cordially invited and urged to attend these revival services. Pray for an outpouring of Holy Spirit conviction in conjunction with the preached Word.

Bro. Ostis B. Wilson, pastor at Jefferson, Ore., has kindly consented to our request for him to conduct a question and answer column in this publication. Of course, the space is limited and perhaps we will not be able to print more than one or two answers in each issue. Bro. Wilson will use his own discretion on what questions to answer. Send your questions to this office and we will forward them to Bro. Wilson. We pray and trust that this new feature will be very profitable to our readers.

Our best wishes and prayers are extended to and for Marshall Whitson and Melonie Marler on their marriage which was an event of October 16. May God grant them a long and happy life together in His service. Melonie is the daughter of Sister Evodna (Thurman) Marler who is a former member of the "Faith and Victory" family, having worked here at the office many years ago when she was a single young lady.

One hundred New Testaments and twenty-three Old Testaments in the Ilocano language have been recently mailed to the Philippine Islands for free distribution, and another large order of these Testaments will be shipped to the same area in the near future. The good financial response to this worthy project is certainly appreciated, and the Lord will reward each contributor.

Letters from the two Granil brothers, Benjamin and Florencio, indicate they are laboring faithfully there in the Philippines to spread the pure gospel in their respective communities. Bro. Florencio Granil has occupied the chapel and parsonage which was recently purchased for their worship services. May the Lord continue to add His special blessings upon these missionary efforts.

Bro. Titus Enu, native pastor in Nigeria, sent price quotations from an automobile agency in his country on a new French car, Peugeot 504. Depend-

ing on the optional equipment, the prices ranged from \$10,500 to \$12,000, which seems extremely high. The present fund for that purpose is increasing slowly, and falls far short of those prices. They are in urgent need of transportation in order to carry the gospel, so let us continue to pray and give as the Lord directs until a suitable vehicle is supplied.

Bro. and Sister Wm. McCoy of Guthrie, Okla., formerly of Dayton, Ohio, reported a very profitable revival meeting in Dayton from Oct. 8 to 17. The Lord used Bro. Egbert Allen and Bro. Tom Melot to deliver His Word with divine anointing. The services were well attended, and a number received special help. Bro. and Sister McCoy were happy to be back there with the saints where they had cared for the congregation. They thank the Lord for the round trip without any trouble.

#### Beautiful 1977 Wall Calendar with Scripture . . .

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Thank you so much for your continued prayers and co-operation in this vital work of getting the gospel literature out in all directions to this perishing world. Jesus Christ is the only name whereby one may be saved, so everyone world-wide should be given the GOOD NEWS that Jesus saves from sin today!

—Lawrence Pruitt

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**Do We Have Troubles?**



Sometimes, if we are not careful, we will think we have more troubles than anyone.

While in Mexico this summer, I came in contact with some who are really in trouble. One of the Indian women from La Huerta came to me and asked especially that I would put in a special request for her daughter and all of the family. This daughter, Maura, went to Ensenada on the bus one day to buy groceries for the family. She took her baby with her, and left her other five children, all under eight years, with her mother until she would return in the afternoon on the bus. This

happened about June 15th, and to my knowledge she and the baby have not been seen since. This would seem like enough, but the mother which whom she left children has eight or nine children of her own. They are very poor people, and though the children's father and grandfather have work part of the time, they make very little when they do work, as the working-wage there is very low.

I wonder: do we really have troubles? Let us look around us, and also begin to count our blessings and begin to try to lighten someone else's load, and our load will be much lighter. "Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; . . . And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." Col. 3:12-15. —Sis. Opal Kelly

**What Do We Believe?**



A discussion once took place over the meaning of a single word. Upon the decision rested the destiny of a world. The word in question was "die." And because a wrong interpretation was believed and accepted, Adam and Eve lost paradise, holiness, purity, eternal life, and reaped sorrow, labor, and death. The result was momentous to millions of human souls. Eternity alone will reveal the awful consequences. Oh, the importance of right belief! What we believe regulates our conscience; conscience regulates our conduct; conduct forms our character; and character fixes our destiny.

Truth is an eternal principle; it can never be destroyed. The truth, believed, will effect our eternal salvation; yes, secure for us an eternal inheritance above. At the cost of traditions, early teachings we may have imbibed, creeds of men, human dogmas, and all the contradictory faiths extant, it will pay to "buy the truth, and sell it not."

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6. . . . Believing ye might have life through his name." John 20:31b.

—H. M. Riggle

"God sends no one away empty except those who are full of themselves."

**OBITUARIES**



**Mary Louise Brewer** was born at Marlin, Texas, on Nov. 16, 1917, and departed this life on Aug. 28, 1976, at Tulsa, Okla., at the age of 59 years, 9 months and 12 days.

Sister Louise had gotten back to the Lord a few weeks before her passing.

Survivors include five daughters, one son, nine grandchildren, three sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held at the Church of God chapel, Sapulpa Road, Okla., with Bro. Richard Madden officiating. Interment was in the Greenhill Cemetery.

Bro. Archie Sweat of Holly Hill, S. C., was born on Nov. 29, 1888, and departed this life to be with the Lord on Oct. 14, 1976, at the age of 87 years.

Bro. Sweat gave his life to the Lord many years ago, and was faithful in the service of the Master. He will surely be missed. Pray for his aged widow, one son, and three daughters who survive. Bro. S. E. Abbott officiated and burial was in the White Oak Cemetery —O'Neal Pratt

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Maggie Taborn, daughter of the late William and Mahalia Leonard, departed this life on September 12, 1976. Born in Paulding County, Ohio, she came to Fort Wayne, Indiana about 1918.

She accepted God as her personal Saviour at an early age and worked faithfully in the Church of God as a Sunday school teacher and was ordained an elder. She also labored faithfully in her private ministry until her death.

She leaves to mourn: her sister, Mrs. Eva Walton, ten nieces, two nephews, many friends and loved ones.

If you go first and we remain,  
Our grief will be hard to bear.  
You've helped us thru many a trial,  
Showing us you really care.  
You'd quote the Bible fluently,  
And helped us to understand  
Nothing matters here on earth,  
But to prepare for that better land.  
You made your Saviour so real to us  
That our faith in Him does abound;  
His faithful prophet you surely are—  
A more blessed one cannot be found.  
He loves you dearly and trusts you so;  
He hears your every plea.  
Then, when it is His holy will,  
He showers blessings on thee.  
You know we'd be lost without you;  
You would be missed by one and all.  
But we know you'd not hesitate to obey,  
When your Saviour sent you the call  
It'll be so wonderful up in Heaven  
When you see His glorious face.  
We'll all be looking forward to the day  
When we join you in that beautiful place.

Composed by her niece, Mrs. Ada M. Miller

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Mary Ingram of Dayton, Ohio, went to be with the Lord on Oct. 4, 1976. She leaves to mourn her passing her mother, Cora Thomas; four children, Jean Brown, Brenda Puckett, Brent Ingram, and Mickel Ingram; five grandchildren, and three sisters, Dartha Woodard, Rosa Riley, and Elsie O'Neill.

Funeral service was conducted by Bro. Everett Abbott. Final resting place is in the Fairview Cemetery, Stanford, Kentucky.

#### NOTES OF THANKS

We want to thank those wonderful saints in Dayton, Ohio, who went to the home of our sister and daughter, Mary Ingram, and prayed and sang with her. She enjoyed their visits very much. She called the saints to come over after prayer meeting on September 29, 1976. They came, sang, and prayed with her. I believe this really helped her get ready for heaven. The following Monday, Oct. 4th, she

went to be with the Lord. Although she suffered much in this life, she has her reward now.

—Sis. Dartha Woodard and Sis. Cora Thomas

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We wish to thank every one for their prayers, cards and letters, flowers, calls, and the love and kindness shown to us during the sickness and passing of our dear wife and mother. —Delbert Flynn and family

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La.—Dear Friends: We wish to thank every one for their prayers, cards, letters, and love extended to us over the loss of our son, Spencer. We have needed your prayers, for it is very hard to go on each day without him in our home. He was a very good boy, happy, and contented. He never gave us trouble. We have so much to be thankful for. All during the funeral service we thanked God for giving us this child who had been such a blessing.

In April, we let him go on a trip with 85 children and teachers to Washington, D. C., and New York. They were gone two weeks. Upon his return he said over and over how glad he was to be home, how good it was to be home. Then he said, "Mama, while we were gone I didn't do one thing that was wrong, not one thing." I started to cry and he said, "Don't cry, I didn't do one thing wrong." How good it is to have these words to help comfort us now.

We were and are strict parents. Sometimes I wondered if we were too strict, but now I don't think so. This summer during campmeeting I called him down, thinking he was misbehaving. When I realized he was not, I apologized to him. It is good for parents to apologize when they make a mistake. How thankful I am now that I did.

We have tried to write notes of thanks to a great many people, but we are finding it hard to write to all. Please accept our deepest thanks for everything from every one, and do pray for us.

Love, —Jimmy and Betty Howell and children

#### AUTUMN MEETING AT GOULDS, FLA.

The annual fall meeting at Goulds, Fla., will be held, Lord willing, from Nov. 10 through Nov. 17, 1976. Everyone is welcome, and provisions will be made to care for all who come.

For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. H. Hargrave, 22345 S. W. 117th Place, Goulds, Fla. 33170, phone 305-247-4102, or Bro. Robert McIntyre, 21460 S. W. 109th Ave., phone 233-2166, or Sister Bonnie Riley, phone 253-2834.

#### RIDGEVILLE, S. C., REVIVAL

A revival is scheduled at Ridgeville, S. Carolina, from Nov. 14 to 21, 1976. Everyone is invited and urged to attend these gospel services. Pray that the Lord will send ministers of His choosing.

For further information, contact Bro. O'Neal Pratt, the pastor, at R. 1, Box 38, Holly Hill, S. C., 29059, phone 803-496-5176.

Deep tenderness of spirit is the very soul and marrow of the Christ-life. —Sel.

### LOS ANGELES AUTUMN MEETING

The annual fall meeting of the Church of God on the corner of Naomi and Walnut Streets, Los Angeles, California, will convene, Lord willing, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night, November 26th, and continue nightly through Sunday, December 5, 1976. Day services will also be held on Saturday, November 27th, and Friday and Saturday, December 3rd and 4th.

Spirit-filled ministers will be present to expound the gospel. All are welcome. Come praying.

For further information, please contact our pastor, Bro. Mackey Francisco, 719 W. 58th St., Los Angeles, Ca., phone 213-778-5669, or Bro. T. R. Summers, 711 West 85th St., Los Angeles, Ca., phone 213-752-1135. Chapel phone is: 213-746-9474. —By Sis. Leon Phillips

### REVIVAL IN SANDUSKY, OHIO

We are thankful how the Lord blessed us with a profitable meeting here in Sandusky, Ohio. The Lord surely did visit us in a definite way. A number of souls were saved. Bro. Warren of Okmulgee, Okla., was with us Oct. 4th through Oct. 10th. He was anointed by the Holy Ghost in every service, and it was a time of rejoicing. Thank the Lord! The attendance was good. We appreciated the support of the Akron saints. Also, some of the saints from Canada attended the meeting. Pray for the work here.

—Bro. James Bruner, overseer

### SPECIAL SERVICES IN AKRON, OHIO

On Sunday, Oct. 10, a group of brothers and sisters from Canada visited us in our services in Akron. The Spirit of the Lord had pre-eminence in each service, and, as the poet wrote, "The fellowship sweet as we sat at His feet," was precious to our souls.

We appreciated the three nights, beginning Oct. 11, that Bro. Woodrow Warren of Okmulgee, Okla., was with us. It is a precious thought that the Word of God is forever settled in heaven. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away." Luke 21:33.

—Sister Hazel Clark

### NOTICE TO THE OKLAHOMA CHURCH

A problem developed with the land recently purchased at the south edge of Guthrie for the Oklahoma campground. The municipal airport is just across the road from the ground, and when the City Council of Guthrie and the Federal Aviation Administration learned that we planned to construct buildings on the land, part of which is in the flight path, they strongly objected to that use of the land because of the aircraft danger and the noise level. The city council voted to purchase the land, and now we are in the process of closing the deal.

Seemingly, this is a disappointment and a setback to our plans, but it could be a blessing in disguise. Perhaps the Lord has a much better location, so let us pray and trust His wisdom.

—L. D. Pruitt, Trustee

### Notice for Help

Sis. Alma Smith of San Bernardino, Calif., who is elderly and blind, desires a self-supporting Christian lady

to live in her home. Room and board would be furnished.

You may write to: E. V. Davenport, 1406 W. Trenton, San Bernardino, Calif. 92411.

### Prayer Requests

Mich.—"My mother has an open sore on her foot . . . She also has a little bump on her hairline and it pains her at times."

—Sis. Olive Getterson

N. C.—J. McDonald wrote begging us to pray for his salvation.

Calif.—"My son-in-law had a nervous breakdown."

—Margaret Hall

Okla.—"I am very nervous and can't eat much. I am nauseated all the time."

—Sis. Carl Thomas

Mo.—Remember Sis. Mamie Butcher's husband in prayer as he is still not well.

Calif.—Doris Pihaylic desires prayer for her salvation and her family.

Ind.—"I am in much pain and misery. My eyesight is almost gone."

—Sis. Lettie West

Okla.—"I have trouble with one of my legs."

—Elizabeth Jenkins

Okla.—Remember Sis. Ruby Stover in prayer as she has not been well, and not able to be out very much.

Okla.—Bro. Ori Young needs a healing touch to his body, so pray for him. He is needed in the work of the Lord.

Tex.—Remember Sis. Velda Ellis in prayer. She has been suffering greatly.

La.—Sister J. H. Brown desires prayer for complete healing.

Let us pray for one another, as we are surely being tested and tried in various ways. Some of our afflictions (sickness, problems, troubles, disappointments, persecutions) might just touch us "for a moment" (II Cor. 4:17), or they might be "for a season" (I Pet. 1:6), but if we will let them, they will work "for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (I Cor. 4:17). Our life is short. It is compared to a shadow, a handbreadth, a weaver's shuttle, like a vapor, and swifter than a post. The Apostle Paul sums it all up by saying "for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." II Cor. 12:9. We know that we are in the last days, as time is fast coming to an end. God is letting His children know about this. The writing in the sky in Tambow, Russia, on June 30, 1975, was just another warning to His children. People of the world go on unheeding these warnings, but God's children know and understand. They take heed.

The Lord blessed me on my trip out west and I am glad to be back at my desk in the office. My heart is in this work and I do need your prayers that God will give me grace, strength, anointing, and wisdom to do God's bidding. It was truly wonderful to be with my dear relatives and also the dear saints of God in various places in services.

—Sis. Marie Miles

All perfection consists in entire conformity with Jesus Christ, not in shining things which men esteem.

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### OJOS NEGROS, MEXICO, REPORT AND PROGRESS OF THE SPANISH LITERATURE

Dear Ones: Greetings of Christian love in the precious name of our loving Saviour, Jesus Christ. A letter from Bro. Mayarino Escobar and his wife, Panchita, missionaries at the mission in Ojos Negros, Mexico, says they are especially burdened for some souls and plead the prayers of the saints in their behalf. They are going to the Valley of the Trinity and taking care of the services there besides doing their regular work in Ojos Negros. They realize that time is short and are working faithfully while it is day. Having a dependable pickup truck has enabled them to do more as the two places are 53 miles apart. We thank the Lord for all who helped in securing the pickup and ask the Lord to bless you.

How I thank the Lord for those who are carrying a burden for the Spanish printing work and have been helping by their prayers and offerings. I know the Lord will reward each of you. I want to thank the Lord for answered prayer in regard to getting some literature printed in regular tract form. The Lord has laid the burden of this on some hearts who have responded, and already there are some tracts in the process of being printed. The Lord permitted me to be tested severely, after coming in from the mission field and beginning the work at hand, but, saints, it pays to be faithful. The leadings by His Spirit were so clear, I knew He wanted me to begin my work here though many things seemed to the contrary. I told Him: "Lord, I'm going to be faithful anyhow." Now, He is rewarding that faithfulness. Praise the Lord! "Though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." Hab. 2:3.

—Yours for the gleaning of souls in Mexico, Mayarino and Panchita Escobar, Ap. Postal No. 284, Ensenada, B. Cfa. Mex. and Opal Kelly, 919 W. Mansur, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

### MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

S. India (Sept. 18)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and the saints abroad: Loving greetings in the glorious name of Jesus Christ "Who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption." (1 Cor. 1:30).

Thank you very much for your encouraging letter dated Sept. 2, and the enclosures were noted with heartfelt gratitude.

I note that the victorious campmeetings are over and Bro. Enu left for his home in Nigeria on Sept. 6th. May God bless his labors in Nigeria in the future also. I was enlightened to read the report of the blessed trip of Bro. G. Hammond to the Philippines.

We had very blessed days during the last two weeks with profitable gospel meetings in several villages in connection with the holidays of our national festival. One car fitted with a microphone was kept busy during those days preaching the Word of God with my co-workers. We also conducted open air meetings, night meetings, distributed tracts and Gospel portions. Certainly our Lord is at the gate ready to appear again. We thank God for the blessed hope of the saints everywhere.

After prayer, we started to build a new chapel at Kalayapuram, and about two-thirds of it is already

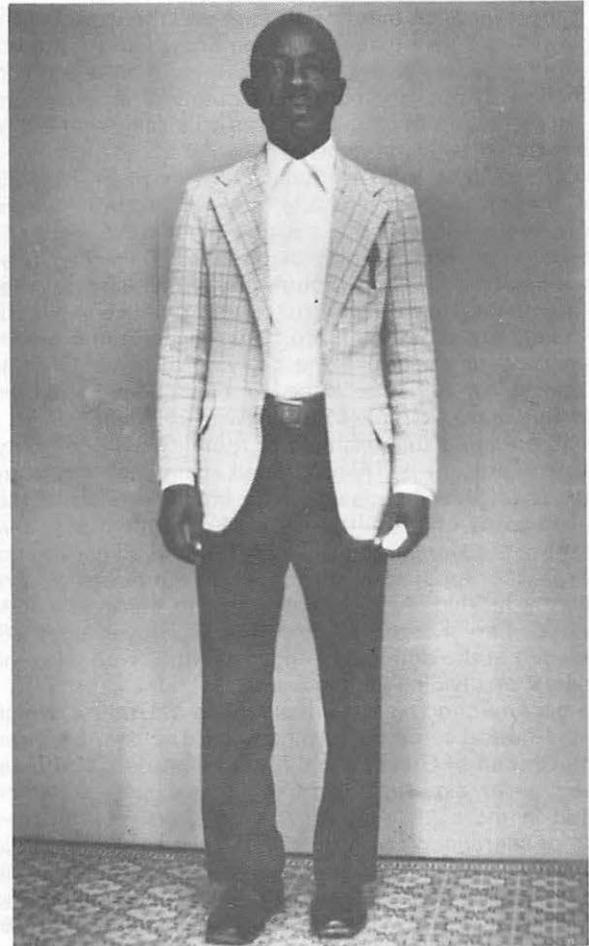
finished. I trust its construction will be completed soon as a place to worship God. Praise the Lord!

Dear ones, up to now I have been living in my father's home which now belongs to my youngest brother. This is the time for me to build a separate home in which to live. I just started to build a home for my family and myself at the back of our Bethel chapel. Your prayers are requested for its completion soon.

May God keep us here and all of you there under His wings. Our special prayers are for your complete healing. Let us exchange our prayers.

Yours in the Lord,

—John Varghese



Bro. Titus Enu, native pastor in Nigeria, W. Africa

### BRO. ENU'S REPORT OF HIS TRIP TO U.S.

Nigeria, W. Africa, (Sept. 30)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints of the Most High: Greetings in the precious name of the Holy One of Israel — our indefatigable Christ, our Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. Praise Him forever!

I am back in my country of Nigeria, W. Africa, after approximately three and a half months' stay in the United States of America, during which campmeetings of various congregations of the Church of God were attended.

It was a joy that could not be adequately expressed, for which the name of our God should be glorified, for the

opportunity thus granted me to participate in the campmeetings of this year with the saints of the holy Church of God in America. It is a happy privilege to belong to this wonderful family, divinely framed out for the universal intake of the saved of all nations. Truly, "God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Acts 10:34,35. The Bible way with the Holy Ghost direction is the rigid stand of the Church of God. No human doctrine or tradition is permitted to hold sway in the Church of God. Amen.

I am grateful to the Almighty God for the sincere love and cooperation prevailing in the congregations of the Church of God in the United States.

I must mention that I never expected the extent of the whole-hearted love extended to me anywhere I visited by the brethren across the United States. It is a score of distinction to receive more than ninety-nine percent of the people's love. My reception was on a scale that left no possibility of being surpassed.

On arrival at the Oklahoma City Airport on May 23, even though behind schedule, several brethren waited patiently to receive me. Right from here was the demonstration of the spirit of oneness. Crowning it all was the spirit of humility brought to light which marvelled me. It was unexpected and truly out of practice in Nigeria for an elderly brother of Bro. Lawrence Pruitt's age to condescend to undertake the carrying of my luggage to his parked car far outside the airport building. I did not allow this good example to pass away unimbibed. With a view to pursuing this example of humility with certainty, ministers present in Akron, Ohio, campmeeting were invited to lay their hands on me for the impartation of this coveted spirit of humility. Candidly, about ninety-five percent of the saints are pleasingly humble. Regardless of age, post or position, duties at campmeetings are conjointly tackled. At different times, to mention a few, Bro. C. C. Carver, aged 73, and Bro. Ira Stover, aged 76, were seen at the dining hall engaged either with washing of plates or dividing of food.

I began attending the campmeeting at Guthrie, which was the first to come up as scheduled. The dear brethren of the Church of God saw me first in Guthrie, Oklahoma. What I never expected was happily in existence, which kindled in me a joy that knew no bounds. Having read much of segregation prevalent in American society, I did not expect to see black Americans at worship in the same chapel with the white. I was hitherto of the belief that the membership of the Church was comprised entirely of white Americans. It was therefore a matter of exceeding great joy to find the membership made up of the two races, with both taking their stand equally before the living God. The universality of the Church of God is here proven. I wore continuously a smile for the crucifixion of color segregation in the family of God. Hallelujah!

Messages from me were found difficult at first to understand in full, all due to the difference in accent, coupled with the noted fastness in my speech. I am by nature a fast speaker. The Lord in answer to prayer reduced the rapidity and opened unto me the door of more understandable utterance, thereby making His servant to prove that He is in control of every situation. The Lord finally gave me mastery to an extent of the American accent. Praise Him forever!

I took off from Guthrie on different occasions to either visit or attend campmeetings at the following congregations: Tulsa, Okla.; Jefferson, Oregon; Oakland, Calif.; Hammond, La.; Orland, Calif.; Bakersfield, Calif.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Pacoima, Calif.; Akron, Ohio; Muncie, Indiana; Monark Springs, Mo.; Myrtle, Mo.; Boley, Okla.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Okmulgee, Okla.; Hoffman, Okla.; Wichita, Kans.; Dover, Okla., and Shawnee, Okla. Monark Springs at Neosho, Mo., is, of course, a national campmeeting meant to be attended by all the congregations of the Church of God in the United States.

The messages were powerfully preached with anointing of the Holy Spirit and the campmeetings were blessed with the down-pouring of the Holy Ghost fire. Amen. The Lord heard prayer and healed many bodies. Praise the Lord!

At the Oklahoma City Airport to see me off on my return home on Sept. 6th, were a group of precious saints.

May the Lord bless all the saints for their hospitality and readiness to cooperate with the work of God in Nigeria.

Yours devotedly,

—Titus U. E. Enu, Pastor

## FROM THE MAIL BOX . . .

Mo.—Dear Bro. Lawrence and Sister Maybelle: Greetings of Christian love to all of you. We have been remembering you both in prayer, and trust the Lord is blessing.

The Lord is blessing us in our souls, and keeping us encouraged to press right on for truth and right. We are not very well in our bodies at times. Dollie has much ache and pain in her legs, hips, and back. We feel the Lord helps us both each day, or we might be worse. We thank the Lord each day for His great love and compassion for us in saving and keeping us saved every day. Praise His dear Name!

Sister Lydia Hall is doing very well all alone. Dollie and I try to visit with her a few minutes each day or night. She always wants Dollie and me to have prayer with her before we leave. We all desire your prayers that the Lord will give comfort and help, especially to Sis. Lydia.

Bro. Donald and Sister Lois Sharp and children seem to like being here real well. We all appreciate having them here with us.

May the Lord bless you and all the workers there at the Print Shop is our prayer.

Christian love,

—Alesia and Dollie Sorrell

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Mo.—Dear Ones at the Print Shop: Today finds us still pressing on for the Lord. Surely He is precious to us. We have had many problems and burdens, but the Lord is helping us and I believe He will see us through to the end.

We are thankful to have Aunt Katie, Cassie, and Willard here with us. Although Cassie has had quite a spell of affliction, the Lord has blessed and she is much better, for which we thank the dear Lord.

We are sending our payment for Bible Lessons for next year, also an offering to be used wherever it is needed in the Lord's work.

Trust the Lord is blessing all of you and keeping you encouraged. Surely, we are living in a trying time. The devil would like to get us all down. He is no respecter of

persons. I'm thankful we can look to Jesus and still have victory. Pray for us.  
—Eula and Leslie Adams

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Illinois—Dear Bro. Pruitt: This leaves us still saved and living for the Lord. He has been so good to us.

It has been some time since we sent an offering for the Lord's work, so enclosed you will find a check. I know you will use it for the Lord's work.

Pray for our lost boy and girl, for they once were saved but have gone back on the Lord.

—John and Louise Matlock

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Kentucky—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Thank the Lord for His saving and keeping power. We are thankful to see the light of another day. I sometimes think how bad it would be to be blind and not able to see. But, praise the Lord, for His light. Many people are blind spiritually in the world today—no light in their souls at all. The sad part is that most of them don't want any light given unto them, either.

Pray for me that I may always keep the light that God has shown unto me.

Christian love,  
—Charles W. Knight, Jr.

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S. Carolina—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sis. Marie and all the workers at the Print Shop: Greetings of love to all. This letter leaves me with victory in my soul over the devil. Praise the Lord! God is so good to me that I just can't praise Him enough for all His blessings upon me each day.

I surely do enjoy reading the "Faith and Victory" paper. It gives me more courage to press the battle on until Jesus comes.

I am sending a little offering to help in the gospel work. I know it takes a lot of money to carry on that work. May God bless you in what you are doing for Him. Pray much for me.  
—Bro. Eddie Driggers

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Wisc.—Dear ones at the Print Shop: Greetings, and may the Lord bless each one richly. This leaves us still on the firing line. Even if we don't see results, God knows and cares and blesses according to our efforts. We are still going on. As the end of time is drawing nearer, we try harder to keep at least a small flame brightly burning, leading the way to Home and Heaven. . . .

We have been giving out the "Faith and Victory" papers and leaving the results with the Lord.

May the Lord bless all of you according to His will. He will never fail nor forsake us.

Your Sisters in Him,

—Florence Knoll and Gertrude Monette

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Kans.—Dear Sis. Marie and Bro. Pruitt: Greetings in the name of the Saviour. Before writing this time, I was able to finish reading my entire "Faith and Victory," and received much encouragement from it. Sis. Marie, I was especially blessed by your article, "I'm Hid Away." I am seeking that type of humble life where I will do all things to the glory of God and die to self and give all glory and honor to God and His Son. The more we become dead to self and hid away in Christ, the more freely He can use us and work through us in a way that is pleasing to Him. It seems like one of the hardest things for humans to do is to humble themselves, and I believe that is the main

reason that most people will end up lost. If we will only pay the price of losing ourself, we will discover that finding it in the Lord is so sweet and blessed and there is no comparison to what we have and experience when we continue seeking to save our life. I truly thank the Lord for "my personal experience of salvation." I also thank the Lord for His mercy, patience, and longsuffering toward me. I am truly finding that "The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows." I just bemoan the fact that many people won't try the Lord, and many of the few who do try getting saved will not humble themselves and die to self and go all the way; therefore, they turn back and get into a worse state than they were at first.

May the Lord bless all the saints at the Print Shop.  
Christian love,  
—Shirley Knight

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Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Wife and I are pretty well. The Lord is good to us. Hope you folks are all well and happy in the Lord's work, getting the truth out to lost souls, as so many are in spiritual darkness. I do love my dear Redeemer, Jesus, and I am glad I found the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:28), and that I am a part of it — the body of Christ which is His dwelling place on earth. Praise God for ever! I am fully satisfied in the body of Christ which is His church, His kingdom, and His bride. Praise God for ever and ever!

Your brother in the one body,  
—Nathan Mobley

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Mo.—Dear Sis. Miles: Greetings in Jesus' name, the One who gave His Son for our sins and, oh, how I appreciate it! I just want to be humble and true to Him. "Without Him I can do nothing, without Him I'd surely fail; without Him I would be drifting like a ship without a sail." I want to ever be in the will of the Lord. I need more faith. It seems like I can't have faith, so help me pray for faith.

Yours in the Lord,  
—Sis. Minnie Boulden

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Nigeria, W. Africa—My dear Sister in Christ: Greetings to you in Jesus' holy name. This is to thank you and the rest of the brethren over there for the warm reception given to my husband, Bro. Titus Enu, on his arrival there and also caring for him throughout his stay with you in America. We conjointly thank the Almighty God for making the campmeetings of this year a success. May His name be praised. Hallelujah!

I thank you, my dear sister, for the gifts sent to me. In fact, sister, I can not definitely express my gratitude to you in writing, but I pray God to reward you for all that you have done for us this year. May He richly bless you. Amen. Sister, although I do not know you yet, I trust my God that He will enable us to know each other in no distant time.

We are happy to hear that the work of God in the U. S. is going on smoothly. God is working marvelously with us here in Nigeria, too. Praise Him forever!

Keep fit in the Lord, sister.

I remain yours in His vineyard,  
—Sis. M. E. Enu

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Calif.—Dear Brothers and Sisters: I enjoy every issue of the "Faith and Victory." Keep up the good work. This paper is the most effective evangelist there is.

—Bro. Robert Mickelson

## Testimonies and Answers to Prayer



Ala.—Dear Sis. Marie: Your letter came and I deeply appreciate it. I know you have many things to do and it takes much of your time to write letters. As you know, I am alone and my only contact with God's people is through your letters and the "Faith and Victory" paper. Yet I am not alone, for Jesus said He would never leave me nor forsake me.

I am much improved in health at the present, for which I give God all the praise and thanksgiving. I was in much pain at work last Thursday night. I just didn't see how I could stay until time to go home. I began to call on the Lord silently. In just a little while the pain had gone and hasn't returned since. I know that someone was praying for me at this time.

The next morning I was led to the 107th Psalm. I realized that I had not been trusting enough in the goodness of God. I was going more in my own strength. We often take things for granted. I know that just being able to work part-time and take care of myself at my age is a wonderful work of God. Many times I feel like I just can't go on, and then I talk to God about my problems and He comes to my rescue.

I read in the paper about Bro. Hammond's visit to the Philippines and the need of Bibles. I have been able to work a little and am sending a part of the money to be used for Bibles for those people. As soon as I read about it, I felt like the Lord would have me to use this money for that purpose. Once before when I had some money I felt led to send it to be used for Spanish literature. I am glad that God does impress on my heart the needs that arise from time to time. I don't have much of this world's goods and won't need what I do have too much longer, as I am getting along in years. I could spend a lot on my home, but I would rather spend the most on the Home I intend to occupy in eternity.

There is much to be done and it looks like I can do such a little. But I know that God does not despise the little things we do. Not many of us can do the truly great things. I believe that God demands our best, be it large or small.

Continue to pray for my health, and pray for my grandson who is giving us much pain and sorrow. I feel very sorry for the youth of today, with moral values so low and much lust in the world to entice them.

Yours in Christian love, —Sis. Frances Everhart



Va.—Dear Sis. Marie: Greetings in the name of our precious Lord and Saviour. I have such a desire to live for the One who died for me. Only the Lord can satisfy a longing soul. The joy and peace I find in the Lord is far greater than anything this old world can offer. My soul is stirred as I see the end of time is very near. I desire to be ready to stand before my Lord. He died that I can be ready for that day. If I fail to be ready, it is my own fault. Jesus made all the provisions for us. His blood cleansed us of all the sin we committed and He also made a way to keep us from sin through sanctification. When the Holy Spirit dwells within our souls, we have power to overcome the world. We will be without excuse as it is all there for us. Jesus would not be coming for a church without spot or wrinkle, if He had not made it possible for us to live

without sin. My soul rejoices to know that amidst all the confusion and man-made churches, there is a church that's glorious and without sin. Praise the Lord!

Sis. Marie, the past year has brought many trials my way. Some were so severe that I thought I could bear no more, but the Lord has brought me through! I want to live for Jesus. Each day I ask Him to keep me saved as the world is very wicked and the devil is doing all he can to get my soul. I rejoice to know Jesus is keeping me. As long as I obey the Lord and stay true to Him, the enemy can't get me. Praise the Lord!

I can see where the Lord has answered prayer so many times. He has changed things and calmed the sea in my life. The Lord knows just what we need and I believe He saw I needed rest from my battle as He surely has given me that. I still need prayer for my nerves, but I can feel them mending as time passes. He not only gave me rest, but has worked out problems that seemed very hard and beyond me. When I got back to the Lord and made up my mind to let the Lord have His way, He began to help me, and He took care of the thing that had broken my heart. I could praise Him and go on and on about how He has helped me. He took me through a storm, and brought me out into a sunny place. Things looked so dark at times that I just settled down to suffer the thing and let it happen if it had to, but Jesus kept a limit on the devil. He only went so far. Jesus came and dried my tears and took care of the matter. It was time to give me a rest. Oh, praise His precious name! I love Him with all my heart and soul.

—Sis. Nancy Wagoner



Canada—Dear Bro. Pruitt, the saints at the Print Shop and all others abroad: We greet you with the love of Jesus, our Savior, and trust you are being blessed as you continue steadfast in the wonderful work of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

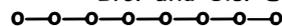
The Lord richly blessed me and all of us at the National Campmeeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. We will never forget those days. They are written in our hearts. As you probably know, we got about every book from you we could of the early "evening light" saints, such as D. S. Warner, Orr, Riggle and others, and the more we read, the more we are blessed. What a wonderful Lord we have! He fills all our needs and is willing to heal all sickness. Thanks to the Lord for full salvation.

Dear Bro. Pruitt, thanks for the first "Faith and Victory" paper sent to us. We appreciate this very much. We are waiting for the next one to come. We had a safe trip home from Neosho, Mo. We were singing all the way home. At the end of August we went to Akron, Ohio. Sis. H. Clark and all the other saints were a real blessing to us. The Lord blessed all the sermons given by Bro. Curtis Williams. We were moved by the Holy Ghost and some sinners were saved. Praise the Lord!

May God's presence abide with all the readers of the "Faith and Victory" and guide each one on the way of life, and, Lord willing, we will meet again.

In the love of Jesus,

—Bro. and Sis. George Schroeder



Ind.—Loving greetings in the name of Christ Jesus, my Lord and Saviour. I enjoy reading your paper. I rejoice to know and testify that Jesus has saved my soul! I find that walking with Him is real joy and peace! The cross that He

gives never outweighs His infinite grace! I thank God that He called me when I was in my first youthful years, and as I recall the sweet peace I found when I repented of my sins, yielding to Him, I can only say, "Amazing Grace." He is my all and all! Now at the age of 18, I can say from my heart, "Living for Jesus is the only life worth living."

My exhortation to all, and especially the young in life who may think there is plenty of time: Seek the Lord while He may be found, and call upon Him while He is near! Who is willing to forsake the world to follow Jesus all the way? "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matt. 5:8. Life's best motto: Live as though Christ died yesterday, arose this morning, and is coming back tomorrow!

Love in Jesus, —Sarah Miller

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Okla.—Dear saints: I want to testify to the healing of our little boy, Bryon. He was born with a hernia. The doctor told me not to let him strain or cry hard, and they would have to operate in a year, if it was not gone. All last year I worried about it and tried to watch him. But the last few months it would stay swollen for longer periods of time. I felt like I needed to have him anointed and prayed for and look to the Lord for help as much as if I trusted in man to have an operation. I called Bro. and Sis. Gordon Humphrey and Bro. and Sis. Fry to anoint and pray for him. They came and for a few weeks it was gone. Then for about two weeks straight it stayed swollen. Now, it is completely gone, and how I do praise the Lord for His healing power! Satan surely knows how to weaken our faith, but by prayer and standing on the Word of God we can defeat him and prove him to be a liar.

My highest goal is to make heaven my home. We surely need each other's prayers and encouragement to help make the load easier.

Christian love, —Reba Wittenborn

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Minn.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints: Greetings in Christian love in Jesus' holy name. I am happy in the knowledge of sins forgiven and walking in all the truth that I have. I read my Bible clear. I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that He will keep that which I have entrusted to Him against that day.

I am well in soul and body, looking for the Lord Jesus to come soon. I am ready when the Great Day comes, and it is my desire to bring others with me when He comes. I love to distribute tracts and to use kindness to all I meet.

Much Christian love and prayers,  
—Bro. Andrew Senti

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Okla.—Dear Sis. Marie: This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and rejoice in it. Today I am saved and encouraged in the Lord and determined to press on until that final day when our Saviour shall say, "Well done, my servant, come and rest."

I hope all at the Print Shop and the dear saints scattered far and near are getting along fine. Some are not well in body, as we know, but hope all are feeling well in their souls.

I get much good from the "Beautiful Way" papers and pass some on to others. I also enjoy the "Faith and Victory" paper. You will find \$5.00 enclosed for renewal of the "Beautiful Way" paper. The balance is just a little gift to help send out the gospel message. It is needed

greatly, for the world in sin is lost. We, the saints of God, must work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

Love and prayers, —Sis. Vera Mae Hawkins

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La.—Dear saints: Today finds us much encouraged to serve the Lord. We are thanking Him for His many blessings to us. We really appreciate His saving, keeping grace and the love He has bestowed upon us.

We certainly enjoyed the campmeetings we were permitted to attend this past summer, and they gave us renewed hope and courage to press on for the Lord. We really appreciate the protection of the Lord to our family and nephew when we were in a severe accident last May; also for how He spared the life of the woman in the other vehicle involved. We could feel His arms of protection over us.

I thank the Lord for touching my body this past weekend when I was suffering much with my back and shoulders. It is wonderful to be able to trust the Lord for everything. Pray for us to keep faithful to the Lord.

Christian love,  
—Doyle and Cynthia LaCroix and family

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Mo.—Dear Sister Marie, Sister Maybelle, and Bro. Lawrence: Trust the dear Lord is blessing every one there, and the work is moving along well.

Thank you all for remembering me in prayer. I have been very sick, and never suffered so much in my life. Thank the dear Lord, I feel much better now, but very weak. It has hurt me so much for my dear 82-year-old mother to have to wait on me. She has held up real well. Willard, my brother, has been so much help, too. . . .

Sister Marie, thank you for your letter I received not long ago. I am also thankful for all the good reading that is printed there. We do pray for all of you and the work. Keep praying for us. I am so weak that I don't feel like sitting up very long at a time. I had a bad sick spell after we got back from the trip to Oklahoma. Now I am looking forward to complete victory over all this affliction. Keep me on your prayer list.

—Sis. Cassie Wilson

## The Lad's Prayer



A gentleman's son, in England, of ten or eleven years of age, told an untruth one day, which afterwards came to the knowledge of his father, who determined to chastise him severely for it.

He took the boy and an instrument of correction into a chamber, and there reprimanded him, setting forth the heinousness of the sin against God, and the injury he was doing to his own soul. He then proceeded to the work of correction, though every stroke was doubtless as afflictive to the parent as the child. After this, the father left the boy in the room, and made as though he were going down the stairs, shutting the door behind him. But, pausing a little, he returned softly to the door, and waited some time, hearing the sobbing and sighing of the boy. After a while the father heard a movement and began to think of retreating. But after descending a step or two, he heard his son speak, and softly resumed his former station, and looking through the keyhole of the door, he perceived his son on his knees! The boy proceeded to acknowledge his

guilt and shame before God and to plead for forgiveness; thanking God for favoring him with such a father as would not suffer sin upon him. In many similar instances, the faithful punishment of disobedient children leads them to be contrite towards their parents for their offences against them; and the transition from such penitence in a child religiously educated, to a scriptural repentance towards God, is, comparatively speaking, an easy and natural one. Other things being equal, there can be no doubt of this proposition at least, that a child who is often led humbly to acknowledge and mourn over his offences against his earthly parents, is more likely to be convicted of his sins against his heavenly Father, to confess, forsake, and find mercy.

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## THE BIBLE

The Bible! Hast thou ever heard  
Of such a book? The Author, God Himself;  
The subject, God and man; salvation, life,  
And death—eternal life, eternal death—  
Dread words! whose meaning has no end, no bounds—  
Most wondrous book! bright candle of the Lord!  
Star of eternity! the only star  
By which the bark of man could navigate  
The sea of life, and gain the shores of bliss  
Securely; only star which rose on Time,  
And, on its dark and troubled billows, still,  
As generation, drifting swiftly by,  
Succeeded generation, threw a ray  
Of Heaven's own light, and to the hills of God  
The everlasting hills, pointed the sinner's eye.

This book, this holiest, this sublimest book,  
Was sent. Heaven's will, Heaven's code of laws entire  
To man, this book contained; defined the bounds  
Of vice and virtue, and of life and death.

This did that book declare in obvious phrase,  
In most sincere and honest words, by God  
Himself selected and arranged; so clear,  
So plain, so perfectly distinct, that none  
Who read with humble pray'r to understand,  
And asked the Spirit, given to all who asked,  
Could miss their meaning, blazed in heavenly light.

The book—this holy book, on every line  
Marked with the seal of high divinity,  
On every leaf bedewed with drops of love  
Divine, and with the eternal heraldry  
And signature of God Almighty stamped  
From first to last—this ray of sacred light,  
This lamp, from off the everlasting throne,  
Mercy took down, and, in the night of time  
Stood, casting on the dark her gracious bow;  
And evermore beseeching men, with tears  
And earnest sighs, to read, believe, and live.

And many to her voice gave ear, and read,  
Believed, obeyed; and now, as the Amen,  
True, faithful Witness swore, with snowy robes  
And branchy palms surround the fount of life,  
And drink the streams of immortality,  
Forever happy, and forever young.

—Robert Pollock

## A DREAM ON THURSDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 16, 1976

After coming home from a revival in Oklahoma, I went to bed on Thursday night, Sept. 16, 1976, and had a dream which was outstanding and impressed me very much. I thought and prayed very earnestly for God to reveal what the dream meant. The following day I prayed almost all day, and went back to the revival that night. I came home and went to bed, but I did not sleep very much that night as I was praying that God would tell me what my dream meant. The next day (Saturday), a visiting minister came and I told her my dream. My daughter and my wife were there also, but they could not help me. I just kept on praying to the Lord, asking Him to help me know what that dream meant.

Just a week later to the night (Sept. 23), the good Lord brought that dream before me again. Here is the dream: Another minister and I were out visiting and working for the Lord. We came up to a big hole in the ground, and it was rounded out very even and smooth. There was a crowd of people down in this hole. We were walking along the bank, and I was watching the people down in this hole. Their heads lacked about two feet coming even with the top of the hole. Suddenly, a woman came up out of the hole. She came right up facing us, and I stepped out in front of her. I started to tell her about Christ, but she said to me, "If you want to preach, go down in that hole and preach to those people." She showed me a small group off to the left, and said, "You go tell them." We started down into the hole, but every one we would come to would warn us to get out, and to get out quickly, that there was trouble coming. But we went on to this small group that we had started to go see. They, like the rest, said, "You get out, for trouble is coming." So we turned and started out, and by the time we got back on the bank we could see spirits coming down on those people. They were in an oblong shape — about three feet long and about eight inches wide with hooks all along their bodies. The first thing I said to the minister that was with me was that those things have centipede legs on them. But those legs turned into hooks, and they began to kill and tear those people to pieces. I never saw such a slaughter in all my days. They just tore those people to bits.

In the dream I had Thursday night was the same hole with a grader standing on the bank, and I could see how perfect that hole was dug. God said, "Those spirits you saw are evil spirits, and they are mechanical spirits. Those people you saw in that hole are ministers. They go to school and learn to be preachers, but they are mechanical preachers. They can preach beautifully, but they don't have the Spirit of God, and they don't bring conviction with their preaching. They can fool the people, and many will say they are just wonderful. Then I thought of Revelation 12:4, "And his [dragon] tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth." Rev. 1:20 says, "The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches." So we see that we are living in the time of the falling of ministers, and they are taking the so-called church down with them.

Dear saints, can we tell spiritual preaching from mechanical preaching? I am not against education, but, brother, don't let your education do the preaching. Only God can call and qualify anyone to preach His Word. Let the Lord build the house.

—Lawrence B. Scott