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Christ Is Born



While the world is celebrating
Christmas in its sport and play,
Let us find a better rating
For this blessed holy day.

Let us seek to know the goodness
Of His grace divinely willed,
Who so lovingly has showed us
All His heart with mercy filled.

For the Babe Who graced the manger
With His holy infant form
Was to carnal man a stranger,
Though He sought to do no harm.

And the lofty minds of people
Reach for vanity so gay:
Altar, pew, stained glass, and steeple
Fill their darkened hearts astray.

What about the birth of Jesus?
All its wonder we recall:
How the Son of God so precious
Came in flesh to save us all.

But He tarried not forever
As a Babe, a Child, a Youth,
But in Manhood's great endeavor
Brought a witness for the Truth.

And a Sacrifice He offered
On the cross of Calvary,
And in death He surely suffered
That our souls might be set free.

If today we do remember
Him our joy and praise shall be
That His love's undying ember
Burns yet in us tenderly.

And the angels' song rejoicing:
"Peace on earth, good will t'ward men"
In the gospel we are voicing:
"Jesus saves TODAY from sin!"

—Leslie C. Busbee

Where to Lay Up Treasures

It is natural for the human family to desire to lay up treasures somewhere. The saved lay them up in heaven (although some are more zealous than others), while the unsaved are still more zealous to lay theirs up on earth. But "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." Matt. 19:21. The Lord did all this to protect us, and make our treasures secure, for He knew that where our treasures were, there would our heart be also. Oh, how good the Lord is! He knew the frailty of mankind, and thus provided a protection for them. Matt. 5:11, 12, tells us one way we may lay up treasures in heaven, by rejoicing in persecutions, and bearing it meekly for Christ's sake. Matt. 6:1-4, plainly teaches that if we do things to be seen of men, whether it be praying in public, or giving alms before men, we have our reward *here*, and not hereafter. So if we are working for the glory of men, our reward is limited to this world, and yet in the face of all this, some dear souls are trying to work for the Lord and expecting their reward here. Oh, how sad! To a certain extent, of course, the Lord does reward us here, but the deeds of the righteous are not done for earthly reward alone, but rather for the compensation that awaits in heaven.

Imagine a little flower out in a leafy glen ready to bloom and send forth its pleasant odor. Now if this little flower because no eye saw it, or no traveler passed its way to enjoy its rare perfume, should in despair droop its head and die, would you not think it a very foolish one? When God was watching it, was that not enough? To please Him, is that not sufficient? In like manner, if you and I will fill our little mission here below and no one but God sees and knows, is it not enough? Will He not reward us at the resurrection morn?

In Luke 14:12-14, we find an exhortation to care for the poor, the lame, the maimed, and the blind—

those who can not reward us here; for thus another treasure will be awaiting us there. So let us never slight the neglected ones who have not been favored as we have. God will take notice of it all, and reward us accordingly. We can also lay up treasures in heaven by denying ourselves for Christ and the gospel's sake. Luke 12:33, implies that giving alms is a means of securing a treasure in heaven that faileth not. So let us see to it that we do our whole duty on that line, living unselfish lives here on earth that we may be rewarded in our heavenly home, where the redeemed ones and the angels will be, to help us rejoice over them. —Mary Cole

Should Saints Participate in Halloween?

We have been approached with this question several times in the past few months. When we first came in contact with the Truth, we were taught that Halloween was a festival that originated from paganism and Catholicism, and we taught it to our children that way. Since this question is arising more frequently, we thought it good to look into the meaning of "Halloween," and to write down some of our findings. This information was taken from the World Encyclopedia, but I'm sure there is much more, as a Church of Christ minister wrote a whole page in our weekly newspaper a few years ago, entitled, "Why Christians Should Not Participate in Halloween."

"Halloween is a festival celebrated on October 31st. Its name means hallowed or holy evening, because it takes place the day before All Saints' Day, which is a holy day observed by many Christians on November 1st. This day honors all Christian saints, especially those who do not have days named for them. It was first celebrated on May 13, 610 A. D., as The Feast of All Holy Martyrs. In the Roman Catholic Church it is a holy day of obligation when Catholics are required to attend mass, and to refrain from unnecessary servile work. Halloween takes its name from All Saints' Day because October 31st was called All Hallows Eve, 'eve of the holy ones' days.'

"In the 700's, the Roman Catholic Church named November 1st as All Saints' Day. The old pagan customs and the Christian feast day were combined into the Halloween festival.

"Many superstitions and symbols are connected with Halloween. The Irish have a tale about the origin of jack-o-lanterns. They say that a man named Jack was unable to enter heaven because of his miserliness. He could not enter hell because he had played practical jokes on the devil. So he had to walk the earth with his lantern until the Judgment Day.

"The Druids, an order of priests in ancient Gaul and Britain, believed that on Halloween ghosts, spirits, fairies, witches, and elves came out to harm people. They thought the cat was sacred, and believed that cats had once been human beings, but were changed as a punishment for evil deeds. From these Druid beliefs came the present day use of witches, ghosts, and cats in Halloween festivities."

Space will not permit us to write about all the superstitions and symbols that go with Halloween, but I think we have written enough to answer our question.

Would we want to send our children out with a false face from house to house, asking for a treat or there will be a trick played? Trick or treat? Are our children under the fear and admonition of the Lord when they are out there, "trick or treating?" Are they glorifying God in their body and their spirit? Does not human reason alone teach us that it isn't safe for our children to be out not properly dressed and accepting food from strangers? Almost every year we read or hear about deaths, accidents, abuses, and vandalism.

Dear ones, if there is still a question in your mind about the matter, would you prayerfully seek the Lord about it, and I believe He will give you understanding. —Curtis and Burnice Williams

Some Truths About Sanctification

IT IS OBTAINED BY CONSECRATION AND FAITH

To devote to the service and worship of God, means to consecrate. This applies to any object or person. The priests were consecrated by Moses by the ceremonies of the sprinkling of blood and oil upon them. Also, the vessels of the sanctuary and the sanctuary itself, with the altars and laver, were ceremonially consecrated to the service and worship of God. They were set apart and dedicated in this manner, and could be employed for no other purpose. This was typical of the consecration of every child of God in the gospel day.

There is a setting apart and dedicating of ourselves and all that we have and are and all that we ever expect to have and be, that every one of us must make to God. We cannot enjoy the fulness of His grace in any experience below this standard.

This consecration is described in Rom. 12:1, 2, R. V., "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." In 1 Cor. 6:20, R. V., we read: "For ye are bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body." In Rom. 6:13, 16, 19, R. V., "Neither present your members unto sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves unto God, as alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. . . . Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves as servants unto obedience, his servants ye are whom ye obey. . . . I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye presented your members as servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now present your members as servants to righteousness unto sanctification."

Consecration implies a definite act, whether the act includes one object or many. In the consecration of our life to God the act includes everything there is of ourselves, which means more than words can tell. It means an act so definite that needs never to be repeated if we keep true to it. It can be made once for all, to cover the present and future—an eternal separation and dedication to God. It is only the justified believer who can make this consecration. A guilty sinner is all absorbed with his sins when he comes to God. All he can say or think of is about his awful lost and undone condition. It requires a knowledge of the will and love of God and His claims upon us and also a knowledge of those things that are so near and dear to us to be able to make this consecration. In repentance, the sinner forsakes his evil ways, his bad habits, and everything that is sinful. In consecration, the justified believer presents himself to God with all the God-given blessings, and sacred treasures of his heart. Only those who have made this consecration, can tell the depths of its meaning. It brings us into a state where we are completely cut loose from all that is of earth, to henceforth not live for ourselves but for Him who died for us. It brings us into the inner sanctuary, within the second veil, into the presence of the heavenly Shekinah.

There is a consciousness in a definite consecration that dispels all doubt as to its completeness. We come to the place where we know it is done because there is nothing more to be included. All the known and all the unknown is on the altar, and as we thus look up to God, it is not hard to believe all that He has said about sanctification.

Now comes the next step in this precious experience. We are taught that sanctification is obtained by faith. In the great commission of the apostle, Jesus said He would send him to the Gentiles with the gospel; "To open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me." Acts 26:18, R. V. Paul, in his writings some years after this wonderful commission writes about sanctification in a number of his letters. To the brethren at Rome he writes in chapter 5:1, 2, of the two graces he obtained, where he speaks of the second grace wherein we stand, and states that it is obtained by faith. In the letter to the Hebrews, chapter 13:12, we see that the blood of Jesus was shed for our sanctification. This grace is an experience that makes us free from sin. Rom. 6:6, 7, 11. Peter in relating the Pentecostal experience and also that of the household of Cornelius, describes it as the purifying of their hearts. Acts 15:8, 9. Paul also speaks of it as identical with the baptism of the Holy Spirit which agrees with the above statement of Peter. Gal. 3:14; Rom. 15:16. These and other texts teach us that we receive the grace of sanctification by faith.

Now the sum of these Scriptures is this: We are sanctified by *consecration* and *faith*. A definite con-

secration and a definite faith will produce the definite experience. Jesus has done His part on the cross. He shed His blood. We have done our part in consecration and faith. His part is done, and our part is done, and now faith brings the cleansing blood and the Holy Spirit—the divine provisions of grace—into the heart and we are sanctified. Glory, honor, and praise to Him who is our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

—J. W. Byers

Irrepressible Joy

By Earl Langley

"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation" (Hab. 3:17, 18).

One can hardly imagine a more deplorable situation than the above text mentions. All avenues to prosperity or even to human subsistence have closed. Bereft of any foreseeable help; the land in a most unproductive state of desolation, the text presents a very dark and foreboding picture. There is nothing in it that would naturally lend itself to a spirit of rejoicing. But, fortunately, the prophet isn't living just in the mundane realm of circumstance. No, he has a much higher perspective and outlook on life so that he is able to display a resignation and confidence rarely met with in Christians of today. There are, however, some most praiseworthy and gratifying exceptions to this statement. The secret, of course, lies in the prophet's resolute determination, "I will." "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

Let us not deceive ourselves. Joy does not just happen. It is the inevitable outgrowth of certain lines of conduct followed. It is the practiced and voluntary outflow of a fully surrendered heart and life overflowing with love toward God. It pertains to character that has been trained through the burning furnace of trial, pain, and sorrow, and which is capable of expressing itself in that dauntless spirit and courage of the suffering but faithful Job: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in him," and, again, "when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." Here is exhibited that ultimate in self-denial and that God-given hope associated in destiny and Divine promise.

Habakkuk was well rooted and grounded in the art of humility and faith in God. He was fully convinced that even though he suffered the loss of all things still he could rejoice. Why? Because he knew that life's adversities, however severe—"these light afflictions", as the beloved apostle Paul calls them—are for but a short time, then cometh the morning and the sunshine. May praises be to our blessed Redeemer! The joys of salvation are for eternity! [for now and forever].

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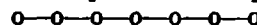
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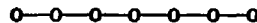


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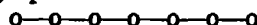
In the gospel according to Saint Matthew we read: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Matt. 2:1, 2. When these wise men from the east were informed that Jesus was born in Bethlehem, "they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." Matt. 2:9-11. The star of Bethlehem still shines spiritually to guide "wise men" to the Lord Jesus Christ where the treasures of their hearts are poured out in adoration and joyful praise. Let us ever follow the star to the very point where Christ, the King, is enthroned in our hearts. That is the experience of supreme happiness.



Thinking of Christ's birthday at this season of the year, let us give a birthday offering more directly to Him and His great cause. It is nice to give gifts to friends and relatives, but whose birthday should we be remembering? What would be more fitting than to give a gift or offering in honor of our Lord and Saviour to a needy person, a special offering for literature evangelism, or to support the home and foreign missionary work? Jesus said in Matt. 25:40, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."



As this last issue of the year of 1981 goes to press, we offer many thanks to our readers for the considerable number of yearly gift subscriptions that you have sent. We welcome all you can send at any time at the price of \$1.00 for three yearly subscriptions. We pray and trust that the Bible truth in the coming issues will prove a real spiritual blessing to every recipient. There is transforming power in believing the gospel of Jesus Christ.



We are thankful to have Sister Sandra Whitson back with the Faith and Victory family of workers after an absence of a few months. She arrived at the office from Alabama on her birthday, November 10. Sister Sandra is the new editor of The Beau-

tiful Way paper which is published quarterly especially for the use of the primary and junior Sunday school classes. She fills this place left vacant with the Home-going of this editor's sister, Marie Miles, on July 29, 1981. May the Lord bless and inspire Sister Sandra for the editorial responsibility of that publication.

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Bro. Leslie Busbee, pastor here at Guthrie, has accepted the editorship of the Bible Lessons which are published quarterly in booklet form for the use of young people and adult Sunday school classes. His assistant in writing the lessons is Brother Wayne Murphey, a young minister and faithful printer and helper here at the Lord's Printshop. May the Lord ever bless and reward their efforts for His cause.

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Some of the out-of-print books scheduled for reprinting in the near future are: "Harry the Newsboy and Other Stories" by Isabel Byrum, and "Heart Talks" by C. W. Naylor.

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As everyone knows, the first class letter postage has risen to 20c for the first ounce and 17c for each additional ounce. The second class rates on our three publications have also increased, as well as the postage rates on the fourth class printed matter, such as tracts and pamphlets. Our faith and trust are in God that He will supply the means needed to keep the gospel literature going out to this perishing world in order to rescue a few more souls.

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The Oklahoma State Assembly Meeting, the largest winter gathering of God's people in the U. S., will be held, Lord willing, at Guthrie, Okla., from Dec. 25, 1981 to Jan. 3, 1982. Further announcement of the meeting appears on another page.

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Microfilm Reader in Operation . . .

The microfilm reader has been received and is now in operation. Using this machine a person can view on a lighted screen the enlarged pages of all

the Gospel Trumpet papers from its beginning in the year of 1881 to 1920. The film reader is available for use here at the office for interested readers and researchers. We will likely select articles and information from these issues for reprinting in our publications. Again, thanks to the contributors for their help in purchasing the 35mm microfilm in roll form and this film reader.

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Sorry, Space Ran Out . . .

So many testimonies and articles have come in for this issue that it is not possible to get them all in the space available. So if your writing does not appear in this issue, just remember that the space ran out, and we hope to print it in future issues as the Lord directs.

—L. D. Pruitt

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Sister Gladys Harper, the undersigned, would like to purchase and pay all expenses to secure tapes of sermons, or copies of them, preached by her step-father, Bro. E. B. Pinkerton. She would prefer the cassette tapes, but would be happy to get the reel type. Address your information to Gladys Harper, Rt. 2 Box 91A, Hammond, La. 70401.

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In Memorial

Floyd O. Hines, born on May 12, 1895, in Mercer County, Ohio, to George and Eliza Hines, departed this life to be with the Lord on Nov. 13, 1981, at the Golden Rule Home, Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 86 years.

On Sept. 22, 1920, he married Ether Tuttle of Witt Springs, Ky., and to this union were born one son and three daughters.

In his youth he heard the gospel and accepted Christ as his personal Saviour, by which experience he became a member of the Church of God. After his wife passed away in 1978, in Michigan, he decided to make his home in Guthrie, Okla., moving there in the fall of 1979, where he faithfully attended the services and worshipped the Lord at the Church of God chapel as long as he was able. With failing health, he went to live at the Golden Rule Home in March, 1981.

Survivors include: a son, Leo, of Defiance, Ohio; three daughters, Lois Olson of Niles, Mich., Naomi Myers of Waldron, Mich., and Marjorie Hanna of Delaware, Ohio; a sister, Inez Betz, of Tawas City, Mich.; nine grandchildren; sixteen great-grandchildren; and many other relatives, friends, and saints. He was preceded in death by his wife and two sisters.

A funeral service was held at the Smith Funeral Home in Guthrie, Okla., on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 15, conducted by Bro. Leslie Busbee. Another service was scheduled in Hudson, Mich., on Nov. 18, with interment to be in the Maple Grove Cemetery, Hudson, Mich.

[Editor's note: For a number of years Bro. and Sister Hines had been faithful supporters of various phases of the gospel work, and now they are at rest with the Lord and "their works do follow them."]

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

WICHITA, KAN., REVIVAL REPORT

We are happy to be able to report that God was faithful to choose and send ministers to preach His Word with power and authority during the Wichita, Kan., meeting, held Oct. 30 through Nov. 8. The truth went forth on different lines for the saints, and was filled with clear warnings to the sinners. The Lord blessed and anointed in the meeting, and we believe that every honest soul received blessings and encouragement.

We were greatly disappointed because the sinners held out and would not press their way into the Kingdom. But we know God was fair to them, and gave them a chance to seek Him, and we feel the urgency to keep on praying for them as if the meeting were still going on, with the fervent belief that some will get saved soon. Through the earnest prayers of the saints we trust that people will let

God open their eyes and they will see their need of running for their lives and escaping NOW into the city of refuge, for soon the world may be on fire.

We appreciate the prayers of saints who had a burden for the meeting, and are so thankful for all who came to be in the battle here with us. All glory and praise go to our God who still rules and has full control.

—Shirley Knight

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OKMULGEE, OKLA., REVIVAL REPORT

The Lord was faithful to visit Okmulgee, Okla., again, and to send forth His messengers of light to bring His Word by His Spirit. Our souls have been revived once more. The power of His majesty and might was manifested. Souls were newly saved, believers sanctified, edified, and encouraged to press on. To God be the glory!

From start to finish the Lord blessed with an old-fashioned, Holy Ghost-led revival, with a breakthrough on Wednesday night. The Lord healed some of backsliding, some of unbelief, and also touched the bodies of the sick. There were touching testimonies of deliverance, songs of victory, amens, and shouts of praise to the Lord Most High. Tears of joy, and broken and contrite spirits were freely witnessed in the noon-day prayer services. There were messages on: supreme love, keeping our heart (be not deceived, God is not mocked), consecration, lest we forget, the Lord's will, build you up, humility, and backsliding. Saints from California, Kansas, and Oklahoma helped to make the meeting a success.

Good meetings truly are prayed down. "O look at the faithfulness of Christ our Lord!"

A baptismal service was held on Nov. 1. We do thank the Lord for these blessings.

Gratefully His servant, —Erma Johnson

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CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The California State Assembly Meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, on the campground in Pacoima, Calif., Dec. 25, through Jan. 3, 1982. Because of Christmas, the first service of the meeting will be 7:30 p. m., Friday, Dec. 25.

We are trusting God to send us a rich spiritual blessing in this meeting. We desire the support of all the saints through prayer and, if possible, your presence.

The campground is located at 12312 Osborne Pl., Pacoima, Ca., phone (213) 899-9021. For further information or assistance, contact Bro. Robert Sherman, phone (213) 896-7593 or Bro. James Pierro, 11316 Glenoaks Blvd., Pacoima, 91331, phone (213) 896-5331.

—Edward L. Sorrell

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OKLAHOMA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The 75th annual Oklahoma State Assembly meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Guthrie, Okla., on Dec. 25, 1981, to Jan.

3, 1982, inclusive. The meeting begins on Christmas day with the first service beginning at 7:30 p. m., and the first meal at the dining hall will be served at breakfast on Sat., Dec. 26. A hearty invitation is extended to all to attend this annual gathering of God's people in the central area of the U. S. A.

The chapel is located on the corner of 6th Street and W. Warner Ave. The dining hall and dormitories are in the same block for your convenience. All who come will be cared for. The expenses of the meeting will be met as usual by freewill offerings.

We are praying and expecting the Lord to send Spirit-filled ministers to preach the Word with heaven's anointing. All hungry souls seeking light or spiritual help, come, and God will meet you here. If you are sick in body, come and be healed by faith in the Great Physician. Saints, come praying with a burden for the unsaved and for all who need help in soul and body. These are perilous times; and we need to be about our Father's business, doing all we can to rescue lost souls.

Please send all contributions for this coming State meeting directly to Sis. Frances Deforth, Rt. 5 Guthrie, Ok. 73044. For further information, contact the pastor, Bro. Leslie Busbee, 417 N. 11th, Guthrie, Ok. 73044, phone (405)282-2421. The phone number at the chapel is (405)282-5499. —Editor

Prayer Requests



Fla.—Continue to pray earnestly for Bro. and Sis. H. H. Hargrave and their 12-year-old daughter Rachel in Goulds, who are still in a real test in regard to their Bible position of trusting God for the child's healing. By court order she was taken from their home, placed in the hospital, and operations performed on her head for brain tumor. As a result, the pituitary gland on her brain was damaged which has adversely affected the functions of the thyroid gland and the glands producing hormones. Her appetite is abnormally great, though with an excess loss of water which causes dehydration.

Talking to Bro. and Sis. Hargrave by phone on Nov. 19, the undersigned was informed that Rachel was released from the hospital and returned to their home on Nov. 7, on a temporary basis under certain provisions. Of course, the parents and child are thankful for answered prayer for her release, but please pray earnestly now for Rachel's healing of the brain injury and the restoration of normal gland functions.

Bro. Hargrave is charged with medical neglect of the child, and the court is seeking permanent custody of her. His trial has been rescheduled for Monday, Dec. 14, to be represented by a court-appointed attorney who says that the Church has a strong position for a favorable court decision if it would be carried to higher courts of appeal. Pray that the Lord will overrule the whole situation, release Bro. Har-

grave from the charges, grant permanent custody to her parents, and get glory to His name.

The local news media have put out damaging misinformation about the case and the Church of God, and their source of information was a local minister who had no connection with the Church of God as we know it.

Though the authorities took the child to the hospital under the protest of the parents, yet the hospital is now demanding the parents to pay the costs. They are threatening to garnishee Bro. Hargrave's income. Of course, this demand is not fair or reasonable. Let us pray that this matter will also be overruled.

Bro. and Sister Hargrave are still expressing their heartfelt appreciation to everyone for their prayers, phone calls, letters, love offerings, and words of comfort in this testing time, and they solicit your continued prayers and concern for complete victory in this trial.

Okla.—Bro. Elbert Johnson in the McAlister State Prison, requests the saints to pray the Lord to work out certain matters for his good and to the glory of God.

Ohio—Pray for Bro. Thomas Anthony who is suffering greatly in body and oppressed in soul by the enemy.

Iowa—Pray for the salvation of Kelvin Ward who is a student in Iowa University. He desires to be saved and have an experience that will preserve him from backsliding.

Pray for the complete healing of Bro. Murphy Allen, Sister Eva Lou Gaines, Sister Essie Moore, Sister Carmen Simpson, Sister Maude Britt, Sister Evelyn McCoy, Sister Geneva Ray, Sister Thelma Sprague, and others whose requests for prayer come in daily here at the office. —L. D. Pruitt

URGENT PRAYER NEEDED FOR THE MISSION WORK IN DALLAS, TEXAS

We extend our appreciation to all the dear saints who have supported the mission work in Dallas, Texas, with their prayers, finances, and physical labors.

We have chosen the **third Wednesday of each month** to fast and pray for the salvation of souls here in Dallas. We solicit some of the Christian warriors to join with us in this endeavor.

Yours for the upbuilding of God's cause,

—Sister Annie Bell Allen

8702 Shiloh Rd., Apt. 123, Dallas, Tex. 75228

Note of Appreciation

Many thanks to all who prayed for my nephew Franklin Strickland of Pineland, Tex., and a special thanks to Bros. C. Carver and C. Wilson who drove from Shreveport to pray for him. God took Frankie Home on Nov. 8, 1981. He left a testimony that there was nothing between his soul and his Saviour.

—Louise Strickland

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS

MEXICO MISSION REPORT

Calif. (Nov. 6)—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: We greet you in the precious name of Jesus, trusting that complete victory and joy are yours today, and that you are enjoying the richest blessings of heaven.

We have so very much to thank the Lord for. In September, all five adopted children were given parole entry into the United States. Congressman Jerry Lewis helped us in the White House, and we are grateful to him and his staff for their kindness. His secretary, Corriene Valdez, told us that being granted the parole entry is no common thing. She said that the Government receives some 10,000 requests for parole entry every year, and out of that number sometimes ten petitions are answered and granted.

Then we have something more to tell you. At one time in the process of all the papers for the children, the authorities said we had to have adoption papers for the children here in the States and approved by the adoption board of California. This included a home study, and to get a home study we would have to wait our turn with the board of adoptions where many folks were already waiting their turn. All of this time for almost a year we have lived separated—I in Mexico with the five adopted children and Paulino with the other five here in Thermal, Calif. Having to maintain two households was pretty hard to do, and we told them about it. We guess that they had mercy, because in October a lady came to give the home study so that they could approve our papers to let the children in the country. But when she came to approve or disapprove our home, to see if we had a suitable home and if we were suitable parents, the children had been up here and in school for two weeks. Finally she said, "Well, if the children are adopted in Mexico and they are here in the states by a special permission, then I guess there isn't any need of my giving you a home study," and she thanked me kindly and went back to her office in Los Angeles. Oh, how good the Lord is to us all! You can never imagine the happiness there is here in our little home in the country with all 12 of us living under the same roof.

At the beginning of all of this, the authorities said that the two older children, Jose Ines and Hermelinda, could never come into the country because they were older than 14 years, even though they were our adopted children and the three younger ones couldn't be immigrated as our children until they had lived with us, their adopted parents, for two years. But thanks be to our God, who talks to the hearts of men, that we are all up here now. We certainly do appreciate each one who has been so kind to remember us to the Lord in this time of long waiting. We feel the Lord has had a hand in all of this, and our desire is to be waiting with willing hearts to hear the voice of the Lord and do His bidding in whatever He leads us to do.

Now, about the chapel in Ejido Patzcuaro, Mexico. The government has given the residents until the last of this year to get out of the village. They have also given us the permission to take all we can take or want of the houses, etc. Most all of the people have gone now, and scattered in all different directions. Some bought homes, others bought lots and are building their homes elsewhere. We are tearing the chapel down, and selling the lumber and things that the people want, and will put the proceeds in the bank with the other money until the time the Lord shows us where we should buy or build another chapel. With everyone scattered, it is hard to know where would be the right place to have another chapel. We trust that you will help us pray about this matter that the Lord will have His way, and cause the gospel to grow in the hearts and lives of the people. We trust that this move that we have all been forced to make will not be the end of the mission work, but that it might prove a real blessing far and near, and that all who love the Lord will brighten the corner where they are, and that the life of Christ might be manifest in every little city and town. This is our prayer and desire, and we hope you will join with us in this burden and prayer.

Here in this valley at Thermal, Calif., there is a large population of Spanish-speaking people. Maybe even here we might find some hungry souls. We want to be pliable in the Lord's hands. We want to live in a way that the Lord can use us any and everywhere. We are only a two hours' drive away from Mexico, so we can be with them on weekends if He chooses that way. Last week, the saints from Pomona came here to be in meeting with us here in our home. It is only a two hours' drive to Pomona from here also, and even closer to San Bernardino.

We are overjoyed with the blessings and dealings of the Lord, and we do appreciate each of you who helped us pray about these matters. May God bless each of you, is our prayer.

Thank you for the offering. Our new address is: Paulino and Edith Lara, P. O. Box 824, Thermal, Calif. 92274-0824.

Christian love and prayers, —Edith Lara

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MISSION REPORT FROM INDIA

South India (Oct. 17)—Dear Bro. Pruitt and saints everywhere in America: We send our Christian love and greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our great Saviour, Comforter, and Healer.

Thank you very much for your kind letter dated Oct. 3, 1981, and the enclosures were noted with much gratitude. May God bless each donor in a special way.

The Church activities are moving on very well in India. The ordinance service at Karikkom on Oct. 4, and our monthly meeting and ordinance service at Nadukkunnu on Oct. 10 and 11, were blessed times of worship and fellowship.

Sister Dorothy Keiser wrote that she had a visa to come over to India this winter. May God give her

a safe trip. We pray God to send some more saints from America this year as we cannot predict the chances for the future.

The political, social, financial, religious, and moral situations in India and everywhere are getting worse. Many crimes and murders are due to the Communist rule. As Isaiah wrote: "Oh sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil doers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. . . . The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it." Isa. 1:4-6. The blood of Christ is the only cure for the healing of this heart sickness. In the midst of this crooked and perverse nation, we watch and pray that we may be blameless and harmless to shine as lights.

As Jesus said, we must be about our Father's business. He also said, "For I came down from heaven not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." John 6:38. Again He said to His disciples, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." The Father's business is to seek and save that which is lost. Let us get down to this all-important business.

We pray God to find a qualified person of special grace in the place of Sister Marie Miles whom you miss more and more. We also earnestly pray God to continue to give you strength in soul and body.

Yours in Christ's service, —John Varghese
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SCHEDULED TO INDIA IN DECEMBER

Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt, all of the workers and the dear saints scattered abroad far and near: Greetings in the lovely name of Jesus at this precious time of the year. May all of the joys be yours that abound in Christ Jesus as we enter one more time into the Christmas season.

I am anticipating my trip to India with happiness and confidence that God will be with me all of the way, and that I will be able to fulfill His purpose for me, making the trip. I desire your prayers, and if anyone would like to write to me, the mail would be most welcome. My address in India will be: Dorothy N. Keiser, c/o John Varghese, Church of God, Karikkom P.O., Pulaman, Kottarakara, Kerala State, South India 691531. Don't send any mail to my home address after the 10th of Dec., for I will be leaving on the 16th, and I might not receive it until I return home.

Yours for souls in India,
—Sis. Dorothy Keiser
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It is the Christian's privilege to always have a song in his soul. James tells us that if any are merry, let them sing psalms; if they be afflicted let them pray. The thought is that if the afflicted (troubled) will pray they will soon become merry and then they can sing psalms.

From the Mailbox . . .

Tex.—Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus, who died that we might live. Such love we can hardly fathom. It is the most wonderful love burning in our souls who have believed and trusted and obeyed.

I'm praying to the Lord that, if it be His will, to call another Pruitt to help out Bro. Lawrence.

I enjoyed your good letter. I also enjoy the *Faith and Victory* papers. I got behind in my reading while I was gone to Dallas.

May the good Lord bless and keep you in His care and in the center of His will. I've always heard that the darkest hour is just before dawn. Be encouraged, heaven will surely be worth it all.

With Christian love and prayers,
—Sis. Nellie Lovell

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Maryland.—Dear friends and workers at the Lord's Print Shop and readers of the *Faith and Victory*: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus.

I've wanted to write for a long time after reading of Sister Miles' home-going. I knew that she had been sick for some time, but it still was a shock. She was such a wonderful person, yet I never met her in person, but I just loved her. We miss Sis. Miles, but God so loved her that He saw fit to call her from labor to her reward. Praise the Lord!

Pray for me as I am not well, but it is well with my soul. Thank God!

Please keep my *Faith and Victory* coming. I enjoy each issue.

Yours in Christ, —Sallie Gaither
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Wash.—Dear readers of the *Faith and Victory*: Greetings to one and all. Sis. Marie Miles was a blessing to me through her comforting letters. Also, when we lived in Enid, Okla., Sis. Marie and her father, Bro. Fred Pruitt, would come once a month to hold all-day meeting. We would have a good time in the Lord.

Our heavenly Father was so good to us this past year. My daughter and I went to Oklahoma by car to visit my children, relatives, and Christian friends. The Lord was with us and answered our prayers. To God be all the honor and praise!

Enclosed is a check for the addresses and the rest in memory of Sis. Marie Miles. . . . May the dear Lord bless all of you, is my prayer.

In Christian love, —Sis. Martha Ruhl
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La.—Greetings to all the saints and workers at the Print Shop: We surely will miss Sister Marie Miles. For a long time I have just loved to read her writings. She was so precious.

I was also very depressed about Emma Leona Green's passing. She was about my first playmate. We started to school together at Jonesville, La. We went to school on a motor boat. One day, just as we went in after the things we were to take home from school, there were some children in the school room

making a lot of noise. The principal came in at the other door. He told us all to remain in the room. We were young and afraid to say anything. We missed the boat home. All we knew to do was go about one-half mile to the river and follow it until we got to the landing where we got on the boat. We had quite a distance to go. Then we had to go another one-half mile from the landing to where I lived. It was dark when we got to where I lived. Some of my family took Leona Green on home, which was about one mile farther. There were wild animals in those woods, and alligators in the water. People would put us across streams of water. We walked logs and ran every place that we could. Our families had been looking for us when we got home.

Sister Fannie Boles is much in need of prayer for healing. I am not very well. I have arthritis very bad, and suffer quite a bit. God is able to completely heal me. My niece, Ola Faye Cater, of Harrisonburg, surely is in a terrible condition. She has had surgery three times. They found cancer. Only God can heal her. Please pray for her.

Yours in Christian love, —Mrs. Beulah Johnson
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Ind.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and workers at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' name. I enjoy my *Faith and Victory* paper. This month's reading about the *Gospel Trumpet* paper of by-gone days brought precious memories of another day, another time. My grandmother was affiliated with the Church of God when the paper was published in Moundsville, W. Virginia. She had some books from Anderson, Ind., when I was four years old. When I visited her, she would read to me the little books, "Grandmother's Lily," "Darling A B C Book for Children," "The Pilot's Voice," and "The Drummer Boy."

Love in Jesus, —Sue M. Morrison
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Okla.—Dear saints: May God bless all of you and the good work you are doing. I am old and not well. I need your prayers and the help of the dear Lord daily. I get very lonely, as I am not able to go to church services because of poor health now. I do love the Lord and all the saints everywhere, and I pray much for all.

Love and prayers, —Sis. Lydia Jantz
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Mo.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt: We greet you and all the family of our dear Sis. Marie Miles with our deepest sympathy. We miss her. I'm so thankful I had the privilege of knowing her. Her articles in the *Faith and Victory* paper and her good letters were such a blessing and encouragement to me. I remembered her in prayer and was expecting her to be healed, but the Lord had something better for her. Truly, she had fought a good fight and was ready to meet her blessed Lord and Saviour.

We prayed for you, Bro. Pruitt, that the Lord would give you strength and comfort, and we are still praying and holding on for your healing.

With Christian love, —Sis. Lena Bowman

New Mexico—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt: Greetings of love in Jesus' precious holy name. This is the day that the Lord has made and we will rejoice and be glad in it. The farmers here are still busy harvesting crops.

The last time I wrote was on Oct. 16, my birthday when I was 80 years old. I received my Nov. *Faith and Victory* paper which I am reading and finding so much encouragement. I can remember Mother Doolittle taking the paper back in 1920, the year I married her son.

I have letters written by Sister Marie Miles from 1958, and I never wanted to throw them away.

The Lord has been so good to me, and I learn more each day to praise Him. . . .

Christian love, —Ruth Doolittle

Testimonies and Answers to Prayer

Canada—Dear Bro. and Sister Pruitt and all the workers at the Print Shop: May the Lord God bless all of you in the work there. And I pray that the good Lord will give you strength and health to carry on the work even after the departure of Sister Miles.

It was with a saddened heart that we took the news of the passing of our dear sister in the Lord. May the Lord comfort all of you in Guthrie and elsewhere. The family of God is the only true family, even closer than any other family on earth can be.

We are glad to report victory in our souls, and enjoying the true fellowship of being born into the Church of the living God. Bro. D. S. Warner often called the saints "the little ones."

I would like to request prayer for myself. I was off work a long time with an affliction, but by the help of the Lord I am working again, and feel a lot better. Praise the Lord!

We are praying to the Lord to help everyone there to keep that good gospel literature work going for Him. . . .

Christian love, —Bro. George Schroeder
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La.—Dear Bro. and Sis. Pruitt and saints everywhere: God has power to do with men as He sees fit! If men would fear God, it would stop a lot of reckless living. And we should reverence God.

Oh, that men would praise God for His wonderful love to the children of men! So let us all reverence God's work and His Word. May God bless us all and keep us all true saints with heaven in view. May we all meet Him in peace and welcome His coming. Read Romans 13:11; 7:21, and Proverbs 14:26; 8:13.

Saints, I want to say that God took my middle toe on the left foot with gangrene. He was with me the whole way through. The bone and all rotted. It was precious how He did it. Folks kept asking if it was off yet. But one day God just flushed the blood and poison out of the foot, and the toe, bone, and all came off. It was a beautiful operation, and from that time it started to heal! Glory to His dear name!

God is a present help in time of trouble, and we will be joyful when we know our name is in the Lamb's Book of Life. Let's not let anyone, not even our own family take us away from God. Declare our freedom in the Lord. We should be awake to trials and things around us and take heed to ourselves. The enemy is on our trail, and we will fail if we are not careful and prayerful. God bless all the saints, missionaries, and ministers everywhere. Continue to be faithful, and we will reap our reward at the last!

Happy in the Lord, —Sis. Ruby Quave

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and co-workers: Greetings in the precious name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

I've long wanted to write and testify of God's loving kindness to me. About one year ago this past August, I became afflicted with a bad kidney condition. At that time I was carrying our 10th child, and the condition became quite serious. The Lord helped me to take a definite stand to trust the Lord and not resort to medical aid. The condition became so critical that I had to take my bed. I became anemic and dehydrated, with weight loss, loss of appetite, and extreme weakness in my bones to the extent that someone had to be with me part time to help me move. At times thick pus would pass through my urine which was grapefruit color to a light brown all the time.

The doctors wanted to put me in the hospital several times, but Jesus helped me to hold fast to the stand I had taken for Him. On an occasion I was taken to the hospital for the baby when I was not able to stand alone, sit, or even see straight. The doctor said to Norman, my husband, "Please let us give her some of God's medicine. She's not going to make it, or possibly lose the child." The Lord helped me to sign the release papers, and Norman took me home.

The Lord blessed tremendously in the delivery. Our baby daughter Kristi, now 10½ months old, is a living proof of His amazing power. Since the delivery I became very ill again, much worse than before. The saints took turns staying with me through the day while Norman was at work and sometimes during the evenings. Pain was my greatest enemy next to Satan. The Lord inspired me with the text in Psalms 34:19, "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all." The swelling of my kidney has gone down now, although the right kidney died right after the birth of Kristi. The swelling recurs sometimes. There is a small opening on my back that is draining pus or infection, and it has been doing so for about three months. Praise God for His love to me, and I dearly love Him.

We truly appreciate all the saints that prayed for us, called, visited, sent offerings, and extended their love to us. I exhort all souls who have not received Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour to pray through to victory. Divine healing is one of God's many provisions for us. All praise to Him!

Pray for us that we will prove faithful and keep utmost confidence in our Lord until He returns for His Church.

Your Bro. and Sister in Christ,

—Norman and Carmen Simpson

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Mich.—Dear Bro. Pruitt and all the saints there and everywhere: Greetings in the sweet name of Jesus. He surely is precious to me. I love Him because He first loved me, and I mean to live for Him all the days of my life.

I was so sorry to read of the passing of dear Sis. Marie. I've received so many inspiring letters and tracts from her, and they would be such a comfort to me. I feel our loss is heaven's gain. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Psa. 116:15. May the Lord comfort the broken hearts that are left behind, and bless all of you and give you the strength and health to carry on the good work you are doing. I also pray for you that you will be healed. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

... Do remember me and my loved ones in your prayers.

Christian love,

—Lela Stewart

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Penn.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. I am so glad that He is mine, and I wouldn't want to live without Him. He has surely been precious to me through affliction and through joy. He is always there when we need Him.

I was reading your part of the *Faith and Victory* paper. Yes, I am sure your strength is waning, and it is only through God's help that you have been able to keep going. I am praying for you each day, as hundreds of others are, too, I am sure. May someone come to help out in the work, and be a permanent part when needed and you can't go any more. God knows and will surely fill the need there. I do enjoy the paper so much. I feel as though I know each one who writes, personally, and we shall meet up there when our life is over. We must work now and do all we can while time lasts, for we know not what day or hour He will come or call.

I have been able to testify, and God is helping me to get His Word to some people. They see my life, and I want the prayers of all there that I may be what He wants me to be and to say the right word at the right time.

Yours in Him,

—Eva Cox

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La.—Greetings of love in the name of our Lord and Saviour: I thank God for protecting my left eye about a week ago. I was doing some work with a router, and the cutting tool that I had in the router broke into several pieces. One piece hit my eye-glass over my left eye and shattered it into many pieces, but none fell out except small slivers that were found on my face around my eye, but none entered the eye. How I do thank the Lord for pro-

tecting my eye! Another piece of the cutting tool hit my forehead and cut a place about one and one-half inches long. I had it sewed up, and the good Lord healed it up in good time. In four days the bandage was removed, and in seven days the stitches were removed. The Lord is surely good to His children to look after them.

I hope all are well at the Print Shop, and I'm praying a special prayer for Bro. Lawrence and all that stand in need of healing.

Remember us in prayer that we be faithful to the end.

—Albert Green

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Lawrence: . . . We do so enjoy the materials we've received from there and want to help others to receive it also.

We have been reading some of Bro. Orr's books. They are so deep. We've been striving for a closer walk with Jesus. He is becoming more to us each and every day. Oh, the secrets of heaven revealed to our hearts, if we but yield totally into His hands! God is so good to us; supplies our every need. How could we thank Him enough? We feel Him drawing us closer to Him every day, whispering His words of love and encouragement to the depths of our very soul. God's promises in His Word are so precious, but I wonder how many saints read the Word carefully and prayerfully enough to receive its rich blessings to the soul. We are seeking deeper depths in God. Please pray for us.

Husband may be laid off work in a few weeks. Work around here is scarce. We are looking to God to supply, and we realize that could mean relocating. . . This could be a permanent move. Both of us being young ministers, we would like to be with the saints, but would like to be where we could be of some help. . . . We are praying the Lord to definitely lead us. Please pray for the Lord to make His will known to us. We only want to please the Lord, not ourselves.

Christian love, —Bryan and Sheri Rich

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Fla.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sister Maybelle, and all the staff there at the Lord's Print Shop: Greetings to each of you, and all the dear saints scattered abroad, in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the One who died and rose again that we might have life in His name. Praise the Lord!

It has been quite some time since I have written to you, but my trust and hope are yet in the great God of our salvation. I surely appreciate the goodness of our merciful God for enabling me to see one more day and finding myself secure in His great love and keeping power. I love Him, and want to love Him more.

It seems somewhat odd to me to not address this letter to our dear Sis. Marie. However, we know she has finished her work here in this world, and has gone on to her reward which, I believe, is a joyful one. Praise the Lord! Oh, how we all miss her presence here, but we know God is too wise to make any mistakes. We are left here in this time

world to finish our work that He has laid on our hearts and hands to do. Pray with and for me that I will finish mine with victory, and be humble and faithful in obedience to His every call and teaching, then sending forth as I understand. He calls us, instructs us, and sends us out to instruct others of His love and care. I'm thinking of Matt. 10:1, of how Jesus called unto Him His twelve disciples, gave them power against unclean spirits to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of diseases. Verse five notes that He sent them, commanding them where not to go and where to go; also, what to do after they were there, telling them to preach and what to preach. Oh, dear ones, His Word to us who are called is just the same today. He changeth not. I surely mean to obey Him in every way. I need the prayers of the righteous ones.

You have my prayers there in getting out the gospel to the world in printed form. I'm yet remembering you, Bro. Lawrence, in your affliction that the Lord will intervene in His own way.

I'm just about to get over the pinkeye. Thank the Lord! There are quite a few cases of it here.

Now may God's blessings pour on each of you there, is my prayer.

Your Sister in Christ, —Sis. Mattie B. Savage

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Calif.—Dear Bro. Pruitt: Greetings to you in the name of Jesus, our loving Lord. Oh, the goodness of God!

Sometimes we do not understand our lot in life with its trials and tests, but we are given grace to trust when we cannot see. I am encouraged today, and seeking more of the love of God in my soul.

I trust the Lord is blessing you in soul and body. Keep pressing on. Our reward will soon be gained. I covet your prayers.

Christian love, —Jim Kutra

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sister Maybelle, saints, and friends: We send greetings in the name of our precious Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our hearts are filled with much thankfulness as we think of all the dear Lord has done for us since we moved here to Guthrie from Salem, Ore., two and one-half months ago.

We came very close to having a fire in the trunk of our car as we were leaving Oregon, but the Lord stopped us in time, and the problem was discovered and fixed. Some letters which were in a purse were scorched, and some had the edges burned. How we thanked God as we realized that a fire over the gas tank could have caused an explosion!

The day after we arrived in Guthrie, the Lord gave us a nice, big, two-story home to live in, and the men found work the first morning they went out. Many thanks to the dear Lord for His good people and all He is doing for us.

This afternoon my heart is burdened, as it often is, for the many souls who have rejected Christ and

gone their own ways. How the great heart of God must be grieving as He looks out over the multitudes who have turned their backs on Him!

Let us pray the Lord to stir souls to examine themselves and turn to God.

Your Sister in Christ, —Marlana Hale

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Okla.—Dear saints of God: We're so thankful to be a part of the big family of God. His blessings to us are too many to be numbered. He has saved our souls from sin, led us into the light of His Word, and healed us many times besides.

Early this summer, a large growth like a boil developed from a small bump on my neck. It was very sore and painful. The devil was right there on the job to paint dark pictures and to whisper that I would die and leave my family.

I felt led to be anointed and prayed for at the Guthrie campmeeting. I also felt impressed to ask the saints to pray that I would not be fearful. The Lord answered prayer and gave me a peace and calmness that He had everything in control. We continued to pray earnestly that the Lord would heal me.

We made a trip to Pennsylvania in June to be at the tent meeting there. Several of the unsaved ones that we were especially burdened for there, expressed deep concern over my affliction. One afternoon, while still there at the meeting, I was combing my hair, and I noticed that the boil had opened and was draining. Praise God! My neck began improving from that moment and now is almost completely well and normal.

We want to thank God for another miracle in our lives. He has blessed us wonderfully. Now we can see how God worked through the affliction that He permitted to come my way. Unsaved souls praised the Lord when they saw God's healing power, and we were greatly encouraged and our faith was strengthened as we watched God work. The Scripture comes to our mind, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God. . ."

Do pray for us as we endeavor to teach our boys this wonderful way of salvation. The love for God and His truth is the greatest inheritance we could ever give them.

Christian love, —Cheryl and Danny Doolittle

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Okla.—Dear Bro. Lawrence, Sis. Maybelle, and co-workers in the Lord's work: Greetings of much love by the name and love of my Saviour, Jesus Christ. We suffer with all of you in your trials of afflictions and in all your rejoicings in the victories God gives every day. Praise His name!

I have been shut in and shut up with God for some weeks. I have not been to the chapel services for some weeks, but the holy Ones of heaven come continually to my room and the Holy Spirit pours out many blessings upon us through the Word, prayers, exhortations, and testimonies until we are filled, refreshed, strengthened, and empowered to press on up

the highway as we travel on our way through this earth to our "long home" in heaven. Mal. 3:16-18; Eph. 5:16-18.

I want to testify for the glory of God how He protected me from many broken bones and eye injury when I was with Sis. Verlène and Edna on my way to the evening worship in the Home where Sis. Mary Lawson was going to preach. I caught my toes on a heavy rubber mat on the walk where the corner was curled up. It threw me full force across the cement steps and cement porch. I thought my left eye had been cut, as I had to pull to get my glasses' frame out of the socket around my eye. The pain all through my body was terrible. It was in my left side, arm and shoulder to my fingers, hips, and legs. A wheel chair was brought, and Sis. Mary and others took me back to my home. I asked them to come in and pray. They did, and told me to go right to bed, and then they left to go back to the service. I began to praise God and rejoice that, as far as I knew, there were no broken bones, but the eye seemed to be hurt the worst.

Sis. Verlène and I had been getting a box of used clothing ready to send to the needy in Burma, so my rooms were upset, so with one hand I held my eye and began to hurry to straighten up the rooms, praising God with great joy and thanksgiving for His great mercies to me. As the pains began to leave, the faster I could work, and the more I would praise God. At 9:30 p. m., I went to bed, and even though I was hurting in my bones I went to sleep. The eye with its very dim vision was pretty bad, but now it is almost well. To God be all the glory for our Saviour's blood-bought privileges to be a partaker of His healing virtue for the body as well as for the soul. Numberless times through my eighty years I have been blessed with the healing ministries of our precious Jesus. How great was His suffering to bring me these riches!

Under the will and good pleasure of God through Jesus, I am pressing on in the great burden of getting the pure Church of God truth to all souls in Burma. The vision increases and the doors open. Hearts and minds open while the Holy Ghost quickens them in the light of the knowledge of the truths of Zion. Every letter from a new Burmese is an open door for Jesus to enter as I send His pure gospel to them. I will tell you about the Buddhist priest that has been redeemed, baptized, and is going from house to house and village to village with the Truth. He wrote his testimony, which follows in the next paragraph. Perchance the Holy Spirit will use it to stir up many young and old to surrender their lives for the preaching of the gospel in Burma or wheresoever God wants to lead. Millions in denominations are running fast throughout the world to carry Bibles, literature, and Bible lessons to those in darkness, but as yet I have not found any of the Church of God proclaiming the "faith that was once delivered to the saints" in Burma. Thank God for those who have gone, are now going, and for those who will listen to the call of Jesus. Joel 2.

"Dear Sister in Christ: Greetings to you in the blessed name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I am Mr. Zaw Lan, replying to your letter of Sept. 14, with joy. I have received the two Bibles (one Bible and one Cruden's Concordance) that you sent me through a friend of mine. I praise the Lord and thank you very much for the Bibles which I need. I hope you will continue to help me in the future. Though we have never met personally, we can contact each other by letter, and though we cannot see each other, I love you as my very own dear ones or relatives since I have found Christ. I am serving the Lord as an evangelist now, and I want to share my testimony with you and others.

"I am a pure Burmese among many tribes in Burma. Though I am a Christian now, my parents, relatives, and friends are not, but they are Buddhists. I was born and brought up in a Buddhist family. I was not an ordinary or nominal Buddhist, but I was one who followed strictly the teaching laws of Buddha. I was born January 10, 1957. In my boyhood I avoided to kill any animal due to the fact or belief of reincarnation. Because of this belief I have had a desire to know where I have to go if I die. I asked my father a question: 'Father, where shall I go after death?' He answered me, 'If you want to know, study about Buddhism.' Then I joined the Buddhist monks to study about Buddhism and the Sau Crits until 1979. I was seeking for the answer to the same question in all Buddhist literature. Still I could not find it. Then I tried to find it by good deeds and good works. But I could not find the answer to my question, 'Where will I go if I die?' After all of this, I asked my teacher, who was a great monk, this same question and he answered me, 'I don't know if the god of Buddha is still alive; he may answer your question.' Then I was so discouraged since I **knew** the god (Buddha) was dead. At that time I thought the Christian God was only for foreigners, but not for the Burmese. In 1980 I was given a Bible, and by the grace of God I went through it. Afterwards I found the Truth. I found the answer for, 'Where shall I go if I die?' I received that everlasting life. Since I received the eternal life, I have joy and peace of mind. That's why I left the Buddhist monks and became a Christian. The Scripture portions for my salvation are Matt. 11:28-30, Rev. 3:20, and John 3:16. After being born again, I was baptized. Then I began to testify for my Lord here and there in Burma. When I testified for my Lord, my parents, brothers and sisters, and relatives chased me out from my home, from my town, and even from my locality. After being chased out, I went to Tiddim, which is in Chin State, and served the Lord there as He led. When I gave my testimony in Tiddim, some of the Buddhist people made a conspiracy to put me in jail. They betrayed me by saying that Mr. Zaw Lan is mocking and condemning the Buddhists. The police came and arrested me on the 28th of Feb., 1981. I was not discouraged for this because Christ suffered even unto death for me on the cross, and

not only that, Jesus said in John 16:33, 'These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.' Though I have many problems and tribulations on this earth, Jesus has overcome the world. I believe that text is **for me**. In the midst of problems and difficulties, I praise God and thank God for all things. Please uphold me, sister, in your prayers that I may be a strong Christian and a soul winner for Christ. I thank you, Sister, and hope for your reply.

"Yours in Christ,

—Mr. Zaw Lan"

Who do you think is to blame because there is not a missionary of the Church of God in Burma to lead these dear souls into the "evening light" Bible truth? If any has been born again, then with all my heart I pray that the Holy Spirit will quicken their mind and heart, and lead them into the truth by the Holy Ghost, God's teacher, and through the many Church of God books I am sending to Burma and other places.

Bro. Pum Nang tells me that this saved ex-Buddhist priest has a strong, bold testimony for Christ. Keep praying for his courage. He is sharply opposed by the other Buddhist priests who are trying to have him put in jail. While he was in jail once about fourteen days, he cried loudly: "For God so loved the world [Buddhists who put me here in jail, the prosecutors, the jail keepers, the commander, and me] that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Every person who heard him crying so loudly laughed at him favorably. (Foreign people laugh a great deal when they are in favor of something or very happy about something, because they do not know how to express themselves otherwise.) No one found any criminal act against Zaw Lan, so the judge set him free and dismissed him, so he escaped as usual. He is really a bold, flaming light and witness for Jesus.

Bro. Pum Nang also tells me that they have received the Church of God *Faith and Victory* papers and tracts, and have translated them into their language with a full and complete explanation about them. He asked for many more papers and tracts to be translated to give to the people. They have no typewriters, so all of this is done by hand printing. Thousands are done this way. Every night they go from house to house to pray and read the Word. They pray for us by name, for all the work of God, for many believers to be added to the Church daily, and for all the "dear sick people, blind eyes, and deaf ears."

Please remember them all in prayer, and also me that I may always know God's will and do it without delay.

Sincerely yours in the Faith once delivered to the saints,

—Sis. Ada Scanlan

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Question and Answer Column

By Ostis B. Wilson

Question: At what point in time was the Old Testament (Law of Moses) fulfilled and the New Testament put in force?

Answer: Rom. 10:4, says, "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." But at what point was Christ the end of the law? Was it at his birth; or during His life and ministry; or at His death; or when? In Matt. 5:17, 18, Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." We see here that the law had to be fulfilled in all of its details (sacrifices, sin offerings, ordinances, and every thing connected with it) in Christ. But numbers of Scriptures make it clear that Jesus never fulfilled the law until the time of His death so the law still had a standing throughout the life and ministry of Jesus. In Luke 5:12-14, we read of Jesus healing a leper and in verse 14 He instructed him to "Go, and show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them." So we are sure the law was still in effect and Jesus recognized the validity of it at this point.

In Heb. 10:1, it says that the law had a shadow of good things to come and not the very image of the things. Col. 2:17, makes it clear that the shadow of things contained in the law (in this case it was the sabbath but the same principle would apply to all the shadows contained in the law) found their body, or substance, or reality, or fulfillment in Christ. Col. 2:13, says that Christ has quickened us together with Himself, having forgiven us all trespasses, and verse 14 says, "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, **NAILING IT TO HIS CROSS.**" This text makes it clear that all the carnal ordinances, rituals, and every thing pertaining to the law were taken away when Christ was nailed to the cross. Heb. 10:8, says that God had no pleasure in the sacrifices and offerings for sin which were offered under the law. Then verse 9 says, "Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second." Thus, it is clear that Christ removed the Old Covenant to make place for the New Covenant. And verse 10 says that this was through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Heb. 9:11, 12, makes it clear that Christ became a high priest of good things to come (the New Covenant) by His own blood.

All the above texts make it clear that the fulfillment of the law was not complete until Christ died. Yea, as Jesus hung upon the cross, He said, "It is finished." These were His dying words—His last

utterance. The law age with its daily and yearly sacrifices for sin was ended and completely fulfilled in Him Who said He came not to destroy the law but to fulfill it (Matt. 5:17). The last and final, and permanent, continuous sacrifice for sin had been offered and was now complete. The plan of salvation was completely executed and the dispensation of grace had been ushered in. All things were now ready for all to come into the kingdom of God. (Matt. 22:2-4).

Thus, we see the law was not abolished and ended until Christ's death. It came to its end then. However, the New Covenant was not fully established until some 52 or 53 days later when the Holy Spirit came and ushered in the kingdom of God with power, filled the hearts of all believers on the Day of Pentecost, and set the Church in full operation under the New Covenant.

Rules For Home

Husbands, love your wives. Col. 3:19.

Wives, reverence your husbands. Eph. 5:33.

Children, obey your parents. Col. 3:20.

Fathers, provoke not your children to anger. Col. 3:21. Parents, train your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Eph. 6:4.

If these rules were obeyed in the fear and love of God, it would forever put an end to men and women applying for divorces. The first rule, if obeyed from the heart by the husband, will have a good bearing on the whole family; and when the wife in a quiet and meek spirit obeys the second rule, what joy, peace, and satisfaction will be in that home, Jesus reigning supremely, and the children taught to be obedient and to love God with pure hearts. Fathers should be very careful not to provoke their children to wrath, so they will not grow weary in well doing. Then how sweet it is to train them in the ways of the Lord!

If fathers and mothers would give heed to the Word of the Lord on this line, we would not see so many homes broken up and we would not see so many disobedient children. How the great heart of Jesus must be grieved when He sees little children who are permitted to grow up to manhood and womanhood with hearts hardened, and bodies and souls defiled by the use of tobacco, strong drink, and profanity! Oh, dear parents, awake to righteousness and sin not. Be to each other what God's Word demands, and train your children in the ways of the Lord. Surely then when He comes to make up His jewels, you will be one of the brightest to shine through eternity.

Dear ones, you who are obeying God's Word on this line, be encouraged. You may have many trials, and the enemy may whisper, "There is no use trying," but rebuke him in Jesus' name. Seek after the throne of grace, and God will give the victory.

—J. E. Rineberger