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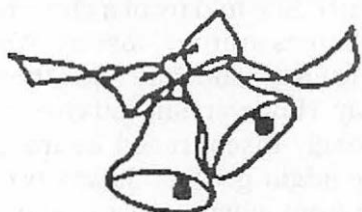
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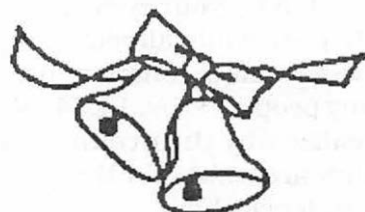
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Bells Across the Snow



Oh Christmas, merry Christmas,
Is it really come again,
With its memories and greetings,
With its joy and with its pain!
There's a minor in the carol
And a shadow in the light,
And a spray of cypress twining
With the holly wreath tonight.
And the hush is never broken
By laughter light and low,
As we listen in the starlight
To the "bells across the snow."

Oh Christmas, merry Christmas,
'Tis not so very long
Since others voices blended
With the carol and the song!
If we could but hear them singing,
As they are singing now,
If we could but see the radiance
Of the crown on each dear brow,
There would be no sigh to smother,
No hidden tear to flow,
As we listen in the starlight
To the "bells across the snow."

Oh Christmas, merry Christmas,
This nevermore can be;
We cannot bring again the days
Of our unshadowed glee,

But Christmas, happy Christmas,
Sweet herald of good will,
With holy songs of glory
Brings holy gladness still.
For peace and hope may brighten,
And patient love may glow,
As we listen in the starlight
To the "bells across the snow."
—Frances Ridley Havergal

Christmas is a time of fellowship with friends and family, which makes for many nostalgic memories. It is also inevitable that time brings about changes and Christmas is a season which can deliver a full impact of how things used to be and what we have lost.

The full meaning of Christmas filters down to the solitary person. Joy of the past and hope for the future is accomplished by the birth of Christ in each individual heart. This is how the Christmas season can be joyous.

—Wayne Murphey

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Russian Missionary Trip Report



Dear ones:

We are so very grateful to you for your prayers during our trip, Oct. 14-25, to Moscow, Russia. Everywhere we went God took good care of us and provided us with someone who spoke English and Russian who knew how to get around in that big city of 9.5 million. We never were afraid. Thank the Lord! I'm sure that during the most difficult times God gave you a burden to pray for us and that is why everything went so smoothly. God knew better than we did how much we needed Him. If I had to sum up our trip in a few words, it would be John 4:35, "... Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34. We found a people who realize why their country is in such chaos and they are calling for the gospel and workers who can teach them.

It is legal to own a Bible in Russia now. We had no trouble in customs getting Bibles into the country. The Faith Publishing House donated 60 Bibles, the young people bought us 20 New Testaments, the Four Corners congregation sent a bunch of adult Sunday school Bible Lessons, and the Shreveport children sent some gifts and tracts to give to the young people. They were all well received and some of the older people wept and trembled to get a Bible. We were so thankful to get the Bibles and tracts in the Russian language.

We were hosted by Mr. Yuri Shamilov, Deputy Director of the Moscow International Comparative Educational Committee. We stayed about 20 miles west of Moscow in what used to be a Young Pioneer camp. We paid \$3.00 per day for our room and board. There was also a group of teachers from Siberia at the camp, studying new forms of education. Olga, a secondary English teacher, got saved the first evening we were there. Therefore, for the rest of the week we had an interpreter who was also eager to learn about the Lord. None of the other Russian people at the camp understood English, so we were so thankful for how the Lord helped Olga to be there and also for saving her.

We asked the Lord to direct us to some of His people who stayed true during the time of great persecution.

Praise the Lord! A miracle followed. The Lord directed a young woman, Veronica, to us who was an English/Russian interpreter by profession. She had gotten saved about a month before when she was interpreting for some other missionaries. God had made such a change in her life. She said, "It has made such a difference in my life. I don't worry any more. Even though the lack of food and other problems are still there, I know that God is taking care of me. God has supplied my needs in unusual ways." We really felt bonded to her. She has a very gentle and quiet spirit and is very eager to know the truth. She told us of a church who met in different homes around Moscow. We asked her to take us to visit it, but she had other obligations on Sunday. However, she did give us the address but strongly discouraged us from trying it, because we might get lost. It was two hours traveling time from where we were staying and very difficult to find. However, James felt the Lord wanted us to at least try, so on Sunday morning, we ventured out with our interpreter, Olga, and her friend, Marina, who had also just gotten saved the first night at the camp. We walked a mile, then boarded a bus and traveled to the subway and paid 1/3 of a cent or 15 Kopeks to get on. Then while riding along, we noticed a young man, Kirill, reading his Bible. James walked over and said, "Good Book," then motioned for him to come sit by Olga. After a short inquiry, she said, "This is fantastic! He is going to the same service we are hoping to find." We began praising God and crying with joy for this was no small miracle.

We got off the subway then onto a train that took us to a far southeast suburb of Moscow.

Soon we were being ushered into an apartment house where approximately 85 very fervent souls were gathered singing acapella. Our tears mingled with theirs for the joy of meeting the saints on the other side of the world. The service lasted 4-5 hours. The

people were happy, holy, and humble looking folks. The ministers preached messages on sacrifice, purity, complete dedication and selflessness. The pastor asked James to share the Word with them. He preached on "Hearing the Shepherd's Voice." This church is not licensed by the government so they



have suffered persecution. The pastor was in house arrest for two years in 1984. They plan to continue worshiping in the homes during the winter and in the woods during the summer because they fear that this present freedom of religion won't last long, and strong persecutions from the Orthodox church will follow in a few years. The service had lasted so long that Olga and Marina had to leave; but the Lord impressed a Spanish-speaking woman to ask me if I spoke Spanish. After the service, we visited through Elena, the Spanish-speaking sister, in the pastor's home. They served us beets, potatoes, bread and Spam for lunch. Here we met his wife and his ten children, who were not in the service, because of the lack of space in the 15' x 17' room. They were so gracious and showed us so much love, which was also very evident in their actions toward each other. The six daughters' names are Evangeline, Esther, Ruth, Leah, Hannah, and Miriam. His sons' names are Chris, Mark, Emmanuel, and Joel. The pastor's name is Richard and his wife's Hope. We visited with them for three hours. Other young people were singing and praying in other rooms of the house. The saints there asked us to pray for their church that it would not cool down or become lax during this time of freedom. We enjoyed our visit with them so much and had to leave sooner than what we wished. We had to meet the rest of the Americans in our group at a registered First Baptist Church but which we didn't know how to find; but thank the Lord, Sister Hope said, "I can take you right to it." Praise the Lord! He always had someone present to show us the way to get around in this huge and strange city.

The Soviets outlawed the Bible in their country and in their schools for 70 years, but now they are begging Christian people to come start Bible-based education all over the union. The government has accredited the ACE (Accelerated Christian Education) school and invited its educators to administer one in every public school in Russia. They are even donating the buildings rent free. We had the opportunity to visit an American family of six who are living in Moscow and teaching in the Christian school. In the mornings they work together with a bilingual Russian teacher who aids in helping the children understand English. In the afternoon the classes are in the Russian Literature. The children take home the gospel that they learned in school, in turn, the parents become inter-

ested in the truth and ask questions. This teacher said, "If I were a preacher, I could stay busy night and day preaching to these hungry souls. I already have more Bible studies than what I can handle." We asked him what it was like to live in Moscow; he told us that they live comfortably for under \$300.00 a month; they travel on the subway just like everybody else. His four children have adjusted well and are learning the language. Nobody has washers and dryers so they wear their clothes all week then wash by hand on Saturdays. They have a "food man" who shops for them because the lines are so long in some places. It is a very time consuming job. He said all the people are so eager to learn the Bible and its principles of truth. Other Russian teachers told us, "We want a new form of education that teaches truth and life." We met a Russian physicist who told us, "We want our daughter to learn the Bible. In our school days we were denied it, but we don't want our children to grow up with our ignorance of God." We visited with him about the shortage of food in their country and about the interest that our government may have in helping them through this crisis; to which he responded, "We don't need your meat and bread. Just give us the Word of God." Several Russian people invited us back to teach them the Bible. The day before we left, a college student asked me, "Where do we go to learn about Jesus after you leave?" The hunger for spiritual food was evident in almost everyone we talked to.

The Soviet Union is in great confusion. The laws have been changing so rapidly that nobody really knows which are in effect and which ones have been changed. The search for food grows tiresome. Some families have not seen eggs and milk in a year. Divorce is common and alcoholism in the men is rampant. They are hopeless without God. Many Russians with families have only one or two children. The family structure is almost non-existent. Because families are divided with the parents both working and the children in day care centers and in schools for nine hours everyday, they don't have the opportunity to be together. Teenagers leave home as soon as they are of age. They all must serve two year in the military, and many go to the university five years. The Russian people are educated highly in their minds but not in their hearts. They have been oppressed for several generations. We witnessed at least five deaths on the

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Editorials

This year of 1991 is winding to a close, and we want to pause and thank each one who has helped make it possible to print and send out gospel literature to many homes. We feel it has been a profitable year and that good things have been accomplished for the Lord. We anticipate 1992 to contain new horizons to be conquered in the continued marking of time. If you will keep us on your hearts, we feel confident of God's blessings.

It has come to our attention that Sis. Nellie West and her husband, Johnie, of Newport, AR, observed their 65th wedding anniversary on Nov. 9. This is a milestone that few couples see, and we trust God will be especially near to them as they continue their lives together.

Income tax time is right around the corner and if anyone who has made a contribution during 1991 to this work would like to have a receipt for the sake of deductions, notify us and we will be glad to send it.

We still have 1992 wall calendars in stock for the price of \$2.00. This includes handling and shipping. If you would like to purchase them for Christmas gifts you still have time to send in your order and receive them. If you have friends that you would like us to mail calendars to, send their names and addresses with the remittance and we will do so, notifying them of who is having it sent.

If things go as planned we will have the *Evening Light* song book back in stock and ready for sale by the first part of January. All who have hold orders will be receiving them thereafter. If anyone is considering purchasing these song books, you may want to do so promptly, for the price will be increased on January 1, 1992, to \$8.00 per book with a 10% discount on a purchase of 12 or more. The current price is \$6.50 per book with a 10% discount on 12 or more. For postage and handling please add 90¢ for the first dollar and 9¢ for each additional dollar of the total order.

For some time Bro. Josiah Pah and his wife of Liberia have desired to come to the United States to attend gospel meetings. Bro. Pah has never had this privilege and feels it would be of

great help in his missionary work. Consequently we plan to start a fund at this office for their air fare. If enough interest from the saints is shown we will make arrangements for them to be in some of the summer meetings of 1992.

From all the workers at Faith Publishing House, we wish you a very enjoyable holiday season. Remember, the magic or enigma of Christmas is not in the celebration, but in a baby, born of a virgin, who would have the power to take away the sins of the world.

—Wayne Murphey

Prayer Requests

OK—Sis. Mona Johnson requests prayer for her son, Donald Royston, who has cancer.

OH—"Pray that Uncle Herbert Hogan might be saved." —Sis. Juanita Blankenship

LA—"Please pray for me." —N. P. Futch

KS—"I desire your prayers that I will grow stronger in the Lord every day."

—Johnnie Gutierrez

AL—Jeanette Mooney desires prayer for herself and her son, Mike.

LA—"I have a need for healing in my hands."

—Sis. Ivy Brooks

IL—Sis. Margaret Whitecotton desires prayer for her daughter, Brenda, who is sick; as well as her husband for soul and body.

NM—William Weir has requested prayer for circumstances surrounding his job.

TAPE NOTICE

Sis. Lydia Bennett has requested the saints be notified that at this time the VCR tapes of Bro. Herchell Hargrave's funeral are not available. She also apologizes for the poor quality of some of the tapes that have already been sent out. If they are available in the future, further notice will be made.

MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The California State Assembly Meeting of the Church of God has been set for Dec. 20-29, 1991, on the campground at 12312 Osborne Place, Pacoima, CA. We are praying and expecting a blessed meeting. All are invited and welcome.

There will be all-day services throughout the meeting; lodging and meals are provided. Please come praying and expecting to labor and receive a blessing. Phone numbers that can be called for more information are: Sunset Guest Home, (818) 899-2022; campgrounds, (818) 899-9021; Bro James Pierro, (818) 896-5331.

—Submitted by Sis. Wynema Clay

OKLAHOMA STATE ASSEMBLY MEETING

The 85th annual Oklahoma State Assembly meeting of the Church of God will be held, Lord willing, at Guthrie, OK, on Dec. 20-29, 1991. A hearty welcome is extended to all to attend this annual gathering of God's people.

For more information, contact the pastor, Bro. Charles Elwell, phone, (405) 282-0743.

GOULDS, FL REVIVAL

Lord willing, there will be a revival meeting at the Goulds, FL congregation, Dec. 22-29, 1991. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be services nightly at 7:30. If you would like further information contact one of the phone numbers listed. Sis. Mary Hargrave, (305) 258-4102; Sis. Florine Edwards, (305) 258-4925; Chapel, (305) 251-3873.

Yours in prayer,

—Florine Edwards, Secretary

Lest we Forget

In that last hour, with anguish riven,
Praying for a world that was unforgiven,
While unconcerned the world slept on,
Not knowing His life would soon be gone.

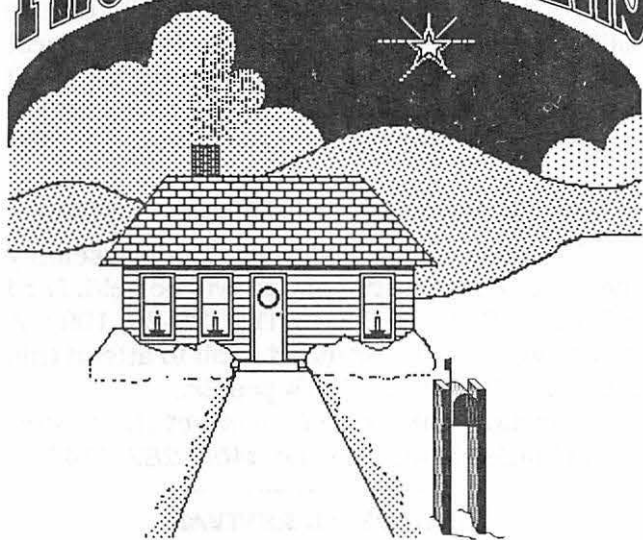
'Twas a bitter cup He drank that night,
While His own disciples fled in fright.
On the cross He hung, where all could see,
And there He died for you and me.

Oh! let me ne'er forget, Dear Lord,
Thy consecration there,
Beside that rock, that cold dark rock,
That last long anguished prayer.

And as that stone rolled from the tomb,
Dispelling death and darkest gloom,
We know your prayer was not in vain,
And that we too, will live again.

—Grace Jones

FROM OUR READERS



MO—Dear saints everywhere: I greet all in the sweet name of our dear Lord. I received my *Faith and Victory* paper yesterday, and it is food to my soul.

The Hargrave family has my prayers and sympathy, and all others who have lost loved ones. I know what it is, and I know God knows best. It is so good to know God is with us and will give us strength to go on.

I don't want to ever get too busy to pray and think of others. It seems we are in times when people are so busy and time goes so fast.

I can't see that time will go on much longer, so it really pays to slow up and pray. Evil days are here and will get worse as time goes on.

Remember me and mine in your prayers. Remember Sis. Zella Dollins. She has been a true saint to me. Her son, Dennis, needs prayer too. Thank you all and keep up the good work.

Love and prayers, —Hettie Clements

CT—Dear Brother Wayne and saints at the Publishing House: I have been blessed by the books, tracts, and *Faith and Victory* magazine. It is truly the Church of God servant, and I enjoy all the truths I receive as I read and compare Scriptures with my Bible, and let the Holy Spirit teach me. Thank you all for being so faithful in printing God's truth from His Word.

Your brother in Jesus Christ,

—Tom Stoliker

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne and all: May our heavenly Father bless and keep each of you in

the center of His will. Time is going by so fast that we cannot conceive in our minds where it goes.

Our Lord is blessing us very richly each day. Continue to pray for my eyes. We are holding onto His promise in His Word where He states, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

Christian love and prayers,

—Sister Letha Reece

MI—Greetings to all of you in the dear and sweet name of Jesus. I pray all is going well in the Lord's work, and that everyone is well. I thank you so much for the anointed cloth and your prayers. I feel much better than I did. I am still waiting upon the Lord for complete healing, and I know He can do it. He has healed me many times.

I enjoy all the letters of saints who write about what the Lord has done for them. The Lord is so good. He is the best friend we could ever have.

May God bless each and every one of you in His precious work. —Sis. Olive Gettersen

OK—Dear people: I thank you for the *Faith and Victory* magazine that was sent to me by someone unknown by me. I am real hard of hearing and I especially enjoy reading.

I need your prayers, as I live in a nursing home. I love it here, for we have many comforts in our last days. I am nearing 80 years of age. The workers here are so kind and good.

Please pray for me and for my five generation family. I love them so much.

God bless you all, —Arzada Sequichie

IL—The Lord has been good to us, even though we are not too well in body. We are able to carry on our regular work, and that is a blessing.

We look forward to the coming of the *Faith and Victory* paper. How many years we have taken it I have no idea, but it goes way back there.

Our desire is to please and honor the Lord so long as we are here. May His blessings be upon you as you publish His truths.

Christian love, —The Reineking's

AR—Our Oklahoma friends: I thank God for all the good things that are ours to enjoy. We have had a very beautiful fall. The hills are so colorful. Only God could create such beauty.

The valleys are richly clad, all for our pleasure.

Let us live that our lives will be filled with God's love and His graces so that it will be a pleasure to those who pause to look at our lives; that they may see humility, love and kindness.

We surely need each other's prayers. Most of us have lost loved ones, some who once knew the Lord and have slipped back. Sin is raging on every side and our time is running out. Let us be on duty and ready to do and be what our Lord wants us to be. . . . —Sis. Lou Bray
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LA—Dear saints: We want to thank the Lord for His love, goodness, and mercy to us. In May of this year, we were blessed with a healthy, baby girl. Again, we had trouble finding someone to deliver the baby, and didn't until a few weeks before she was born. We do thank the Lord for working this out for us.

We want to share what He has done for the baby, Cherie. She was born with a lump in the corner of both eyes. The one in her left eye was larger. The right eye was soon looking normal, but the left eye didn't seem to be going down as soon as we thought it would. We were praying and trusting the Lord to take care of it. Of course, the Devil brought the thought that she might have to look like this the rest of her life, but thank the Lord she doesn't! On an evening that we needed to go into town, the lump was looking worse than that it ever had. We know the lump was still there when we entered the store, but as my mother was carrying Cherie around the store, she glanced down at her eye and the lump was gone! We don't know just how the Lord did it, but we do thank and praise Him for answering prayer. We were expecting it to get smaller in a gradual process, but He made it more special to us when the lump just disappeared! We do love the Lord and desire to live close to Him. —Bobby and Janet Forbes
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WA—Dear saints: Greetings to one and all in Jesus' dear name. I surely thank the Lord for His love and concern for His children. I am thankful for salvation, life, health, and the strength He gives me daily to do my duties.

May God bless all at the Print Shop.

Christian love, —Sister Violet Thomas
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MO—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: I am thankful for salvation. It is free to all who will receive it, to the Jews first, then to the Gentiles. It has been paid in full by my blessed Saviour. He died

on the cross that we might have eternal life in heaven forever with Him. . . .

Pray for my eye that is giving me trouble. Please pray that God will heal it. Thank you and God bless you.

With Christian love, —Sister Eathel Hill
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CA—Dear Bro. Wayne and Print Shop: I want to tell you how the Lord has been wonderful to me. I enjoy the *Faith and Victory* and it has encouraged me. I am partially blind, but the Lord has made a way for me to attend all church services here at Pacoima. Brother Cebe or Sister Kim Francisco come and take me to church from the home, and I just appreciate it. For years I wasn't able to go by myself, yet the Lord made it possible. Isn't that wonderful?

May the Lord bless you also! Please remember me in your prayers.

—Sister Marilyn Rendall
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OK—Dear saints at the Print Shop: "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness." Lam. 3:22-23.

On Nov. 6, I was driving home from prayer meeting with my family. A deer suddenly appeared on the road and just stood there. I was driving east, and swerved to the westbound lane to avoid hitting it. I slammed on the brakes, hitting it anyway. I called on the name of Jesus over and over. (There is power even in the mention of His name.) I felt so helpless. When the car stopped moving, it was facing west on the shoulder of the eastbound lane. We were not injured at all, and there was only minor damage to the car. For this we give God the praise.

This road is well traveled night and day, and is the main artery connecting Tulsa to Owasso, where we live. All traffic was stopped during the time of this accident. It was as if the Lord had summoned two of His angels of protection to stop traffic in all directions.

My husband commented that I handled the car well, especially since I was driving between 50-55 m.p.h. I told him that I did not do anything. It was the Lord who did it all. So an Ebenezer stone has been placed on that road, for hitherto hath the Lord helped us. (I Sam. 7:12). —Patricia Rhodes
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WV—I am writing to ask for your prayers for a very special situation in my life. Reading the

Ed Johnston letter in a recent issue regarding having a normal baby at age 40, helped to kindle my faith.

My husband and I recently lost a premature baby. . . . Please pray that I also will be able to have a happy and healthy child in the future.

My heart is broken over the loss of our child, but God is using the situation to draw me to Him.

I know that with God nothing is impossible. I believe in miracles through the power of prayer.

Thank you, —Vickie Campbell

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AL—Dear ones: Many times we have been blessed by reading the testimonies of others in the *Faith and Victory* paper. It does encourage our hearts to hear of how the Lord is blessing His children. We don't want to fail to give Him the glory due unto His name.

Recently Marshall suffered with an affliction in his right shoulder. He came home from work with his arm just hanging limply. He couldn't move his arm even inches at a time without severe pain. For three days and nights he had constant pain, and excruciating pain when he tried to move. We were calling on the Lord for relief. It began to improve and he was soon able to return to work. A few weeks later he was even able to lay a few concrete blocks for our new Sunday school room at the chapel without any bad after-effects.

We appreciate God's blessings to us!

Christian love,

—Marshall and Melonie Whitson

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CA—Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am so happy to be saved, sanctified, and rejoicing in the Lord.

This year coming in brought a sadness to my family. My children's father passed away on New Year's Day. Although we had been separated 29 1/2 years, it made me sad to see them sad, but God stood by us. He worked out many complicated problems.

As the year progressed, it brought lots of strange problems and trials. I thought of the Scripture that says the trying of your faith, being more precious than gold that perisheth, though it be tried by fire might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ." (1 Pet. 1:7). Jesus Christ certainly came when I was at the despairing place. Thank God, His presence simply sat down with me, right by my side. It was heavenly just to have

God talk to me. He lifted the burden and encouraged my heart. I give honor and glory to His dear name. . . . The trial is still there, but God has blessed my soul.

I thank the Lord for blessing me to attend some of every one of the camp meetings in California. It was a special blessing to be in some of the Monark, MO meeting this year. All of the meetings were real good. God has given us a heavenly place to live in, right here on earth. . . .

Please pray for me that I will carry the burdens the Lord lays on my heart. I have many unsaved loved ones. We have lost four out of our family since December 1990.

Pray for us that we will keep faithful and our faith will not fail us.

Yours in Christ, —Sis. Naomi Jennings

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CA—Loved ones: Greetings to the saints in God's workshop. What a mighty God we serve. Life is full of sickness, sin, and disease, but I thank God for the shelter and protection He provides for those who love, honor, and obey Him. No harm will He allow to befall us that we cannot bear. We live in peace regarding the turmoil of the world. When I am ill I am sheltered in His arms. When trials come my way I am sheltered. When all is well I am sheltered in His arms. What a benefit from a Saviour so dear.

Christian love and fellowship,

—Loyce Davenport

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CO—Dear saints at the Print Shop: Greetings in Jesus' name. I am blessed of the Lord today. By His mercy I am one of His. I am now settled in Denver, CO, and missing my home church in Gladstone, OR, with my brothers and sisters there. I do yet enjoy God's care and keeping, but it is lonely without a church here. I love the Lord and by His grace will keep pressing on. Please pray for my upward move in Him, because I don't want to fail my God.

I am enjoying the *Faith and Victory* paper and praying for your success. Please remember me in your prayers.

Your sister in the Lord, —Naomi Jones

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"He careth for you." 1 Pet. 5:7

"You can never get beyond God's care, for it always reaches you; you can never be outside of it, for it is always enfolding you."

—Frances Havergal

FOREIGN MISSION REPORTS



From the Philippines . . .

Oct. 18—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: Greetings to you with Christian love, together with the workers of the Printing Shop, and all the saints in the U.S.

May this letter reach you in the best of health. I am so thankful to the Lord for His great love and mercy, for keeping me fine as I am serving the Lord daily. I do praise His almighty power, for His wonderful works to the children of men.

It is timely that we keep busy helping sinners to see their need of our precious Saviour. I am praying hard for all the saints, as well as those who are lost.

I am still praying for peace in our country. There are troubles everywhere. We need the Lord's mercy to look upon our needs.

May our Lord Jesus bless you all richly with grace, love, and mercy.

Your brother, —Nonilon Capuyan

From India . . .

Oct. 20—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey, and dear saints in America: Greetings to you all dear ones again in the mighty name of Jesus Christ.

We were sorry to hear of the departure of dear Bro. Hargrave. We lost one more soldier who fought a good fight for the revival of the Church of God. The echoes of his messages are still living. We send our condolence to his bereaved family and the congregation in Florida.

I just came back home after a three-day convention at Trichur. God strengthened me with special grace to preach in the night meetings and in daytime services. The meeting concluded with an ordinance service.

The camp meeting for young people in the church at Karikkom last week was also very successful with the salvation of a few youths. Street meetings and other soul winning activities are going on without much hindrance.

Lord willing, our 27th General Convention will be held during the third week of Jan. 1992. We invite the saints in America to come over and attend our convention. Those who feel burdened to come over, please let me know a little earlier.

We are in the midst of some financial needs for the work in different places. Please continue to pray. Our prayers are for you all always.

Yours in Him, —John Varghese

From Nigeria . . .

Oct. 21—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey, and holy vessels of God: Greetings in the matchless name of Jesus, our Saviour, healer, and sanctifier. We live because He lives, and we live to die no more.

We have to intimate with an exceeding great joy that we are influencing circumstances now, having passed through the Lord's Academy of Faith. Faith in Him is the answer to provide against the depression which life brings. It melts away difficulties and disappointments which are bound to arise in our ordinary life by having them treated as inevitable. Saints are gathering around Him to learn more of Him, and admirably availing themselves in a variety of subjects of cardinal importance and priceless worth. The Lord is an instructor of no compare. "Who teacheth like him?" (Job 36:22).

Creation of more states in Nigeria was recently effected which had the former Bendel State cut into two, namely Edo State and Delta State. Kwale is in the Delta State, headquarters of which is Asaba, a small town on the bank of the River Niger.

We experienced the worst type of flood disaster this year; worse than that of 1985. It came up unexpectedly, as early as Sept. 4, when the cultivated crops are yet to near maturity. Both our old and new farms perished in the huge flood. Countless thousands of other people were equally affected adversely. Few folks living in the riverine area of the Delta State, who deemed the destruction unbearable, foolishly took their lives. We of the household of faith can still sing songs in the night despite these problems.

We request our U.S. brethren to take immediate stop payment action on checks enclosed to us with effect from July, which have not been acknowledged as received. Most of our first class letters are in the hands of Post Office thieves who intercept them for extraction of their contents. What we thought to be a way out shall be communicated to the congregations in the U.S. for adoption. Our eyes are upon the Lord for endowment with spiritual instincts of a high order.

—Bro. Titus U.E. Enu

From Mexico. . .

Dear brethren:

May the peace and love of God be with you. The church in Ensenada greets you with much love in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I desire that the blessings of God be with you and that His purpose be fulfilled in each of you, and in each one of us who are trying to live for Him each day.

The purpose of this letter is to share with you the joy that we have to know that God is working here in Mexico. We have here with us a minister of God who used to live in Sinaloa, Mexico. He is very encouraged and has a great desire to serve God. This brother left all that he had and came to Ensenada with the purpose of working and helping us with our efforts here in the church. Please help us pray that the Lord will supply what he, his wife, and his little girl need. His name is Bro. Lucas.

Also the work in McFarland, CA is growing. There's been new people who have come seeking the Lord. Bro. Mayarino and his wife have services there every month, and we feel that the Lord has blessed each time.

We also have services in Mexicali B.C. with one lady who got saved during our meeting. There are a few who have been coming, but all with a desire to seek the Lord. The place where they are having services now is very small, so we are praying that the Lord will supply as needed.

During our meeting two young men who came with Bro. Tom Pollock got saved. A few days after the meeting they decided to go to Mexico City to bring their mother. Their mother, one brother, and two nephews decided to come back with them. On their way back the motor of the pick-up broke, and since it was late they decided to spend the night on the side of the road. Later that night some robbers came with guns and beat them and took all the money they had. When they finally got here the mother could hardly stop praising God because they were still alive. She is a Christian and is very happy to be here with us. We are overjoyed to know that our God is so great, and that He's got everything in His hands. The names of the two young men are, Hector and Jesús Martinez.

My wife and I are still pressing onward, and the more we learn, the more we want to know of Him. Please help us pray for the things we have mentioned. We know that God is working by bringing new people to worship with us. We also

need to pray for Bro. Mayarino, that the Lord will use him to minister to us, so that each of us can live a better life for God each day.

The church of Ensenada has a group of people who will help Bro. Mayarino with church matters. If somebody has a desire to write please write to this address:

Apartado No. 255
Chapultepec B.C. Norte
C.P. 22785

Sincerely,

—Bro. Rúben Vázquez



In Memoriam

Benjamin and Daisy Foster reared 11 children in Bristow, OK. **Oprel Dee**, their ninth child, was born Jan. 18, 1922. He departed this life on Sept. 21, 1991 at the age of 69 years.

As a child, Dee had a deep respect and great love for life and God that remained with him and shined through his actions all the days of his life.

As a young man, Dee met Violet Haley and on Aug. 7, 1943 they were joined in holy matrimony in Bristow, OK. After two children, David and Lenora were born they moved to California. Later, in Bakersfield, Dee and Violet had two more children, Ronnie and Phyllis. Ronnie, preceding him in death, will be reunited on high with his dad.

Several years after arriving in Bakersfield, Bro. Dee began working for Kern Valley Packing Company, a career that spanned over 21 years. Bro. Dee took great pleasure in raising greyhounds and hunting; however in the early seventies Bro. Dee turned all of his attention to the church and the service of God. He united with the Church of God, under the leadership of Bro. Robert Mays, where he often sought encouragement and counsel that he diligently adhered to. He delighted in rejoicing, praising and sharing his love of God and the blessings of God with others. Bro. Dee's faith in God's goodness, power and wisdom was unyielding. He leaves a beautiful example of faithfulness and caring gentleness to all who were touched by his life.

Bro. Dee leaves to celebrate his homegoing his beloved wife of 48 years, Violet Foster; his son and daughter-in-law, David and Joyce Foster of Wasco, CA; his daughter and son-in-law,

Lenora and Robert Daniels Jr. of Bakersfield, CA; and daughter Phyllis Alexander of Visalia, CA; Bro. Dee's sisters and their husbands, Magnolia and J. B. Wilson of Richmond, CA, Narine and Charles Reese of Bakersfield, CA, and Josephine Foster of Bakersfield, CA; one aunt, Ethel Jackson of Bakersfield, CA; four grandchildren, Latonya and husband J. C. of Hemet, CA, Dee Wayne Daniels of Bakersfield, CA, Prentice Alexander of Visalia, CA, and Yolanda Foster of Watsonville, CA. Bro. Dee also leaves a host of other relatives, saints and friends.

Bro. Clarence Hattley and Sis. Janice Herring conducted the funeral service. Burial was in The Garden of Good Shepherd cemetery, Bakersfield, CA.

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William Edward Bramlett, son of Harry and Ionia Bramlett was born Feb. 25, 1912, in Anderson, OK. His childhood was spent in Missouri, Texas, and Kansas. As a young man he moved to Bristow, OK where he met Louella Norling. Later, on Oct. 26, 1929, they were united in holy matrimony. To this union five sons and seven daughters were born. Two infant sons, Leon and Leroy, preceded him in death. After 42 years of marriage his wife preceded him in death. His only sister, Louise, also preceded him in death.

On Mar. 1, 1973 Brother Bramlett and Lillie Adams were united in holy matrimony. To this union one daughter was born.

For many years Brother Bramlett was employed as a construction worker where he was involved with various state projects including the construction of Isabella Dam and California Aquaduct. After his retirement he volunteered for the Senior Citizen's Grandparenting Program at Kern County Juvenile Hall.

As a young man he gave his heart to the Lord. He served the local congregation of the Church of God as a trustee, a deacon, and song leader. He loved singing and at one time was involved in special singing groups. He was known in many congregations by his favorite song, "I Have Learned the Wondrous Secret of Abiding in the Lord."

He was a loving husband and father. His grandchildren and great-grandchildren adored him, calling him "Pawpaw." He had a personal interest in each one of them.

He leaves to cherish his memories a faithful wife, Lillie Bramlett; three sons and their wives,

George and Mary Bramlett of Palo Alto, CA, Eugene and Mona Bramlett of Atherton, CA, and Al and Darlene Bramlett of Gardena, CA; eight daughters and their husbands, Louise and David Pierro of Clovis, CA, May and Abraham Adu of Sacramento, CA, Maxine Robinson of Sacramento, CA, Joyce McClendon of Sacramento, CA, Sharon and Bobby Smith of Fresno, CA, Beverly and Kay Madden of Bakersfield, CA, Debra and Michael Mowatt of Sacramento, CA, and Robin Bramlett of Bakersfield, CA; 25 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives, saints and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by E. J. Trotter and Sis. Janice Herring. Interment was in the Garden of Eternal Peace cemetery, Bakersfield, CA.

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Ada Estella was born to Corinne and Henry Robinson, Oct. 5, 1907, in Birmingham, AL.

Ada spent her childhood and school years in Okmulgee, Grayson and Hoffman, OK.

She was united in holy matrimony with Taft Wilson. To this union one daughter was born. Later she married Henry Bruner. Both husbands preceded her in death. In her later years, Sister Ada was born into the Church of God where she remained faithful until God called her home on Sunday, Nov. 3, 1991.

She leaves to cherish her memory, one daughter, Gertrude Wilson of Tulsa, OK; one brother, Frazier H. Robinson of King Mountain, NC; two sisters-in-law, Winnie Robinson of King Mountain, NC, and Sarah Robinson of Pacoima, CA; a host of nieces, nephews, saints and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by Bro. Charles Lowe with burial being in the Booker T. Washington cemetery, Tulsa, OK.

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Frank Edward Pruitt was born to Fred and Mary Pruitt on Aug. 22, 1918, in Guthrie, OK, and passed away on Oct. 31, 1991 in Peoria, AZ, at the age of 73.

In growing up he learned the printing trade by working in the Faith Publishing House, which his father, Fred Pruitt, founded. He followed this trade for the rest of his working life.

He was married to Helen Partenheimer on Dec. 24, 1938. To this union two sons, Gary and Dennis Pruitt, were born.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Mary Pruitt, his wife Helen; one brother, Lawrence Pruitt; and one sister, Marie

Miles. He is survived by his two sons, Gary and Dennis, of Phoenix, AZ; one brother, Andrew Pruitt, Eugene, OR; two sisters, Mary Embly, San Diego, CA, and twin sister, Frances Murphey, Guthrie, OK.

Interment was at the Resthaven Park Cemetery in Glendale, AZ.



Question and Answer

by

Ostis B. Wilson

Note: This is the fourth article in a series of articles on the subject of sin, both inherited and committed, and how each of these affects the process of redemption; how it was accomplished; our deliverance from sin and how it is brought about; the two steps involved in our salvation known as justification and sanctification and what is contained in each; why two steps are required and what each does; etc.

Answer: The article in the November paper closed with several Scriptures introduced by Jesus showing that sin in the individual is rated by the light and understanding the person has, and that Christ's coming into the world was to declare what God expected of each person! The way of salvation was proclaimed in the power of the Holy Spirit, showing up sin, its power and effects, as had never been done before.

After Jesus' time of temptation from the Devil, the Scripture says that He returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee. (Luke 4:14). Jesus was baptized with the Holy Spirit at His baptism, then went through His temptation, and then returned in the "power of the Spirit" and began to preach in the "power of the Spirit." The word He preached was accompanied by the Spirit and brought conviction of sin to the hearts of the hearers. When Jesus returned to heaven after His resurrection, He sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in the hearts of all believers, and to direct and supervise the operation of the Church He had built. The ministers of the Jerusalem Church preached the gospel of Christ in the "power of the Spirit," as Jesus Himself had done, and it produced the same effect. It was said of Stephen in Acts 6:10 that they were not able to resist the wisdom and spirit with which He spoke.

In John 16:8, Jesus, speaking of the Holy Spirit, said, "And when he is come, he will reprove, convince, or convict the world of sin." It takes a work of the Holy Spirit in a person's heart to really convince and convict him of sin to the extent he can genuinely repent of sin and believe in Christ to the saving of his soul. Before the Holy Spirit came into the world and into men's hearts as He does now in this Holy Spirit-dispensation, men could not actually see sin in its true color. Old Testament saints did not see the depths of sin as we can see it in this age of time. The Holy Spirit gives us a new way of seeing things, with which we can see spiritual things where all has been darkness before. This is the age of spiritual light because the Holy Spirit is in the world and dealing with men's hearts.

Just as the dust in a room rises or appears when the sunlight is let in; so when the light of God's law (the gospel of Jesus Christ) enters the heart accompanied by the Holy Spirit, it causes sin to appear as sin. The apostle Paul said in Romans 7:13, "... But sin, that it might appear sin, ..." It took an operation of the Holy Spirit in the heart to cause this to happen. Then we see in sin that which we had never seen in it before. We see sin in its true colors; defiling, deforming, the breaking of a righteous law, affronting an awful majesty, and profaning a sovereign crown by casting it to the ground. We see sin in its consequences with death at its heels. "The wages of sin is death," (Rom. 6:23); and "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." (Ezek. 18:4). Thus sin revives and we die, or lose our innocence before God in which we have lived up until then, and become guilty before Him and condemned in our conscience. There is nothing about which the natural man is more blind than about inherent corruption, concerning which the understanding is altogether in the dark until the Holy Spirit by the Word of God—the gospel of Christ—reveals it and makes it known.

Now, let us return to Romans 5:12 and look at it a little further. It is said in the Scripture, "... so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." There would surely be no question in any of our minds about all dying. All our ancestors have died and gone on and we see people around us dying every day, and we all accept the fact that we will die. But in the text the fact that all die is predicated on the fact that all have sinned. Why can we not as readily accept that statement as the one preceding it?

Notwithstanding, there may be some question in the minds of some as to how this could be and whether it includes children (before the age of accountability), etc. I feel it the safest policy to accept the statement as it is in God's Word whether we may be able to explain every feature of it or not, and especially when a statement that we all do accept without question is predicated upon this statement.

It is my persuasion that small children do sin. They do unrighteous things and "All unrighteousness is sin." (1 John 5:17). Very small children do things that are not right. They do things that they could not do and remain in innocence before God if they were older and more mature in judgment. They deceive their parents, fuss and fight over their toys, strike each other, bite, scratch, and pull hair when another child has a toy they want. They throw temper tantrums when they can't have their own way and many other things that are not right and is therefore sin in the strictest sense of the word. All of this indicates something in that child's nature that is selfish. It also indicates something in the child's nature to want his own way and to rebel when he can't have it.

The question has been asked, "What makes a child cry?" Ordinary crying could be for many ordinary causes. But when a child throws a temper tantrum because he cannot have his or her own way, that goes deeper and indicates that something is in his nature to want his own way. His actions show rebellion inside of him against not being able to have his own way. I have seen some real small children throw themselves on the floor, scream, yell and cry because they could not have something done their own way. You may say, "My child doesn't have those kind of spells. I just won't allow it and he knows just what he would get for trying something like that. Well, that is real wonderful and you ought not to allow your child to act that way. But if you have your child under better control than that, it does not mean that he does not have the same thing in his nature as the child who does act that way. He just knows he could not get by with it. But you just let him alone and exercise no control over him and he will be just as bad as that other child who is not under proper control. Take a whole lot of children and just leave them all to themselves and they will all be bad that way because it is in their nature to be selfish, to want their own way and to rebel when they can't have it.

Let us compare the moral man who doesn't lie, steal, cheat, drink, gamble, commit adultery, etc., with the man who does these things. We would all agree that he needs salvation just as much as the man who does those evil, immoral things and will be lost the same as he, if he isn't born again. Jesus said, "... Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:5. He has the same root of sin (sin nature) in him that the other man has but he has exercised better control over his life perhaps through the influence, teaching and prayers of godly parents, and that root just has not developed that far and borne that much fruit. But he will still be lost if he fails to be born again and obtain salvation through faith in the all-atoning blood of Jesus Christ.



What Does the Lord Require of Thee?

by
Carol Cole

Not long ago, I felt the keen edge of disappointment cutting my heart. I felt a real let-down, but I realized I should not let it overcome me. I sought the Lord for help and asked Him to give me something special that my soul could stand on. I received an immediate answer, "Love mercy."

Though I had received my answer, I could not comprehend its' meaning, but I do know that I was comforted, for God had spoken to me. As I went about my duties pondering what it meant to "love mercy," I wondered how it could help me in my disappointment. I knew there was a verse in the Bible more fully worded, so I found the verse in Micah 6:8.

"He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

It wasn't long until the Lord did reveal something so rich and precious to me. I hope it will mean as much to you as it did to me when God just flooded my soul with these thoughts.

The Lord requires us to love mercy in order to please Him. What is mercy? It is Jesus Christ and His redemptive power over sin. We must long for freedom, and to be out from under the yoke and bondage of sin. Long for what Christ so willingly wants to give us—mercy. Mercy from eternal damnation. After we have asked and received this mercy and been cleansed from our

sins, Christ still wants to extend mercy to us through all of our trials. Every trial and hardship we go through is actually a stepping stone to heaven. Each trial is just more proof of God's love and mercy extended to us in order to get us to heaven. If God let our lives be only sunshine and "flowery beds of ease," we would get lax and completely forget about God and live only for ourselves. So mercy is more than saving us from our sins, it is keeping us saved by permitting some disappointments, sickness, sorrows, and other hard things in life. Hard things are actually mercy in disguise, and we are to love mercy. In other words, love God and all His dealings with us, for it is His saving, keeping power that will get us to heaven.

I thank God and love His mercy extended to me. If we do what God requires of us, "do justly" (follow His commandments) "love mercy" (love Jesus for His saving and keeping power), "and walk humbly" (esteem God's way better than our own way), we are sure to fulfill all the requirements for an eternal home in heaven.

As this Christmas season draws nearer, ponder in your heart the love and mercy extended to mankind when the Christ-child was born into this world.

This event was so wonderful and glorious that a multitude of angels were praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14.

Let us also recognize the love and mercy extended to us amid the trials of our Christian life. How does God want us to react toward our hard times? God requires us "to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly" with Him. These requirements can be fulfilled because of a precious baby born almost two thousand years ago—the Christ-child.



"Alone With God"

by

Connie Sorrell

How wonderful it felt to have all the children in bed and asleep by 8:00! What perfect timing right before Christmas! Now Mother had the entire evening all to herself and there were two dozen things to do.

"Tonight I will sew on those two flannel nightgowns for the girls," she thought. "It won't take long at all. I don't know why I haven't finished them sooner. I need to get the two picture albums put together for our mother's

Christmas gifts also. It will be so much easier to do when the children are asleep and not rearranging the pictures. I need to wrap a gift apiece for the two younger boys and hide them where they can't possibly be peeking. Oh, and I must get the rest of our Christmas cards addressed and mailed or some folks won't get theirs before the new year. Maybe tonight I ought to make those two pumpkin pies for my husband. He has been asking about them for a week now and I should have already made them but it is so hard to do during the day when there are so many errands to run."

Mother was busy making plans in her mind while her hands were busy tidying the bathroom from the last child's bath. Of course, she still had a couple or more things to do before she could start any of her free evening plans. There were three loads of laundry yet to do, four school lunches to pack, and a kitchen to clean with a floor to mop. She could get that done in an hour, so she hoped.

The house was so gloriously quiet. Then a song came to her mind:

"Alone with God, the world forbidden,
Alone with God O blest retreat!
Alone with God, and in Him hidden,
To hold with Him communion sweet."

"What were the rest of the words to that song?" she asked herself. The question could not go unanswered so she found the song in the *Evening Light Songs* (490) and sang the whole song twice while she packed lunches and finished in the kitchen.

This song reminded her of Jesus and how He had left the multitudes of people and had gone into the wilderness to pray and be alone with God, His Father.

"Did Jesus go alone to pray in the wilderness or up on a mountain? Oh, dear, I just don't remember," she said to herself.

While the laundry was drying, Mother searched her Bible to refresh her memory on part of the story. The more she read about Jesus, the more interesting her study became.

Surely Jesus was a busy man! When people began to know of His healing power, they flocked about Him so closely that He had Simon Peter take Him out to the sea in a ship from where He could teach the people more easily. "Great

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Pastor Richard and family with Sis. Tricia on left and Bro. James on right.



Kirill, history teacher, front right - Marina, school teacher front left.

highway while we were there. Nobody seemed to be hurrying for help. Four of these were pedestrians trying to cross a busy street. Death is so

ordinary that little attention is given to it and the possibility of saving an injured body is hopeless because the few hospitals are full. Medical

attention is almost non-existent. These people really could use the plan of salvation and divine healing.

The opportunities to work for Jesus are great in the Soviet Union and all the Eastern Block countries. Pray for us and other families whom God is calling to go. We would like to learn the Russian language so we can publish the truth more effectively. Jesus is coming soon so we need to take this opportunity to share the gospel with the millions who have not heard it.

Thanks again for all your prayers and concern for our trip. We love you all. We have been so blessed by all the interest you have shown. Thank you also for your financial support. We have started a Soviet Union Ministries Fund under the Church of God, 444 E. Evergreen, Springfield, MO 65803, or mail to James Bell, Rt. 10, Box 1051, Springfield, MO 65803. Make checks payable to the Church of God. We will send you a receipt for all cash donations. All contributions will be used for Bibles, literature, and transportation to and from Russia. May God richly bless you.



"Alone With God"

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multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him of their infirmities," (Luke 5:15). So great was the pressure that Jesus "withdrew himself into the wilderness and prayed." He took that time to be alone with God right when His demand was so great.

Another time Jesus went out into the wilderness and the multitudes followed Him there. When it was evening, these five thousand and more people were hungry. The disciples thought of nothing else but to send the people away. However, Jesus received power to meet this great need for food when He blessed five loaves and two small fish. Those about Jesus benefited because He took time to speak to His Father. "And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray; and when the evening was come, he was there alone." Matt. 14:23. Jesus knew what His Father could do, because He spent time alone with Him.

Just the thought of time caused Mother to look at the clock. How times does fly when there is so much to do! Yet Mother was glad she had slowed down her work to learn that song. What a blessing to be alone with God.



Excerpts Taken From Dec. 1941, *Faith and Victory*

Bro. George Stephenson, who has been helping the saints build the addition to the meeting house here at Guthrie and also helped in the meeting at Anthony, Kans. [held by Bro. & Sis. Key] has left for Madisonville, Tenn. where he will be engaged in a meeting and may remain there to pastor and help the saints at that place.

—Fred Pruitt

The Silent Preacher

I preach some weighty sermons,
But utter not a word;
And tell folks things worth hearing
Although I can't be heard.

Born of a love for mortals,
I help those in distress
To find the loving Jesus,
Who gives the weary rest.

I go into the prisons
Where captives sadly mope,
And for eternal freedom
I tell them how to hope.

Unto the sick I hasten
With a prescription sure;
Tell where the poor and needy
Great riches can secure.

'Tis strange but true: my message
Doth comfort, bless, and cheer;
Yet oft the truths I herald
Make sinner quake and fear.

Yes, many miles I travel—
And sometimes I'm sent back.
I go where you can't enter,
For I am a GOSPEL TRACT.

—Geneva Ray