

FAITH^{AND}VICTORY

USPS184-660

Church of God Servant

Unto Him shall the
gathering of the
people be.

God Is
LOVE

YE SHINE AS
LIGHTS IN
THE WORLD.

JESUS
SAVES

The night cometh,
when no man
can work.

Volume 74, No. 1

74th Year

Guthrie, Oklahoma

\$1.00 Per Year

Mar., 1996

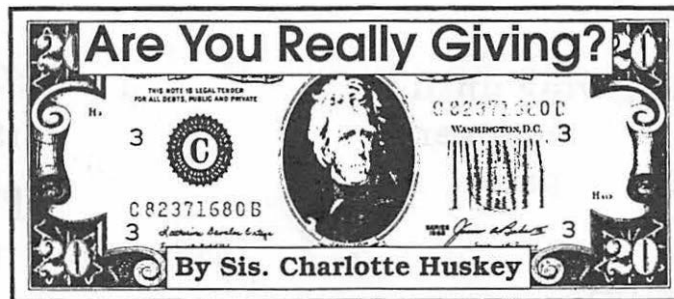
"...He looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said. Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had." Luke 21:1-4.

It was Sunday morning, January 28, 1996. I stood in the Church of God chapel in Chapultepec, Mexico. The children had settled into their places after Sunday school.

We had sung five songs and two brethren had prayed. Now we were singing again and people were placing coins in the offering basket. The six-inch straw basket designated to hold the offering sat on a small table in front of the plain, homemade pulpit.

The first one to put in an offering was a little girl whose father is an alcoholic. Then the bubbly, four-year-old grandson of Fransica came bouncing up the aisle and dropped his grandma's offering in the basket. I

watched Sis. Josephine, (a widow who had no roof over her kitchen until the saints supplied for it this Christmas). She was dressed as usual in a red, hand-me-down dress and white



shoes. She gives an offering every time she comes to church. Among the others who pressed forward was 85-year-old Don Romolo. His steps are unsure and he leans heavily on

his cane for stability. In this condition he goes uptown each day and cleans cars to have money to give. Suddenly a little boy dashed passed me, and hurriedly dropped in a few coins. It was Fredrico's son. A father of five—who has been out of work for about a month. (None of these people receive food stamps or welfare checks.)

What deep, stirring thoughts I had while watching these poor ones giving "all their living." I wondered if I felt somewhat like Jesus did when He watched the widow and said, "...this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury." Mark 12:43.

How much offering did you give to Jesus this week? Did you give "all your living" or did you just give "of your abundance?" Was it close to ten percent of your week's income? Was it nearer to five percent? Perhaps you gave a total of one percent of the wages you had earned. Ever wonder what Jesus might say if He were watching as you dropped in your offering?

*"Ever wonder what Jesus might say
if He were watching as you
dropped in your offering?"*

Many people give a tenth to the Lord—a tenth of what they should give.

Support the Church with your money. You can't take it with you but you can send it on ahead.

The Lord loves a cheerful giver—until he brags about it.

He who gives only when he is asked has waited too long.

When it comes to giving until it hurts, most of us have a very low threshold of pain.

Where there is no interest, there is no investment.

Blessed are those who can give without remembering, and receive without forgetting.

Give not from the top of your purse, but from the bottom of your heart.

From the amount that some people give to the Lord, they are positive that it is the little things that count.

It is the will and not the gift that makes the giver.

“Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.” Matt. 6:1-4.

He gives not best who gives most; but he gives most who gives best. If I cannot give bountifully, yet I will give freely, and what I want in my hand I will supply by my heart.

Mentoring

(Part 2—Continued from Oct. 1995)

By Bro. Joe Fine

Men' tor, 1. A wise, loyal advisor. 2. A teacher or coach.

In this process of mentoring, I find that there are many of us who have skills that we should be transferring to those who are younger in the faith. This is especially true of those who have the luxury of retirement. I am not in that class, but, I can see that there are many advantages, the greatest of which are time and maturity. The retiree has more time for meeting with and training, as well as a storehouse of experiences from which to draw in his training. Nevertheless, you don't have to be a senior citizen to get involved in mentoring. All you need is to be "fat": faithful, available and teachable.

One person has defined spiritual mentoring as "passing on to others what God has given to you." I would like to provide some practical tips on how you can get involved in mentoring.

First of all, realize that you don't have to possess all the gifts of the Spirit. You can't be someone's total resource. You just need to transfer what you have. Remember that the servant with the five talents wasn't expected to do the same as the one who had the ten. Are you an encourager? Then encourage your disciple. Are you an avid reader? Then share what you have uncovered. Perhaps your brother will have need of that resource that you have discovered. In your work most likely you have developed some skill which would be helpful to another. It doesn't necessarily have to be a "spiritual" skill. You would be surprised how much patience I have learned by working with a carpenter.

You can mentor through existing relationships. Begin where you are. Most of us have a few close friends, and generally we can see their needs. It's also true that the Lord places us in positions and relationships so that we can all benefit through mutual caring and sharing. Just being around your brother can be a mentoring experience.

Anyone in church leadership is a mentor. As one pastor said to me, "Ministers live in a fishbowl." This is true, but it also means that ministers are in a unique position to mentor men in the Church by virtue of their position.

Many young men wish they had their pastor's skills in preaching, counseling and leading. The way a leader responds to others in the many different situations he faces is mentoring by model. This is verified by the Apostle Paul as he wrote that others should follow his example (I Corinthians 11:1). I feel that it would be beneficial if some of the pastors took a few young men under their wings and spent some time in training and providing opportunities for serving. This was Paul's pattern as he appointed elders in the churches where he ministered (Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5).

As I mentioned above, the Lord desires us to be faithful and available. You should be ready in case a brother seeks your help in a matter. Perhaps he has seen something in you, some attitude, ability or quality that he desires for himself. Or perhaps another brother has recommended you to this brother. If this is so, then be ready to do what you can to help.

Mentoring doesn't have to be formal. It can be as simple as a word fitly spoken (Proverbs 25:11). It may even consist of no words at all, as when someone needs a strong arm to lean upon in time of need. It may be a letter of encouragement or a phone call. The Apostle Paul wrote many letters to his disciples, some of which we read today in the New Testament. I am sure that if the telephone, as well as other methods of communication, had existed 2,000 years ago, he would have used them as well!

As you see, we can all be mentors. It yields great rewards. The only training you need is what you already know. How happy you will be as you give praise to God for the growth and maturity that others show as a result of His using you in their lives (II Corinthians 1:3-4, II Timothy 2:2)! Who knows but that you might have been used to raise up a John Mark? Remember how he was rejected by Paul because he turned back? How glad I am that Barnabas, the "Son of Encouragement," was there to pick up the pieces and help Mark become the apostle that he turned out to be. The world is richer today because of it. According to tradition, Mark was Peter's interpreter on his missionary travels. Later he wrote his words, which we know as the Gospel of Mark.

FAITH AND VICTORY

16 PAGE HOLINESS MONTHLY



This non-sectarian paper is edited and published in the interest of the universal CHURCH OF GOD each month (except August of each year, and we omit an issue that month to attend camp meetings), by Wayne Murphey, and other consecrated workers at the FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE, 920 W. Mansur, Guthrie, OK 73044 (USPS184-660).

(Second class postage paid at Guthrie, OK)

Notice to subscribers: Whenever you move or change your address, please write us at once, giving your old and new address, and include your zip code number. The post office now charges 50¢ to notify us of each change of address.

Dated copy for publication must be received by the 18th of the month prior to the month of issue.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES



Single copy, one year \$1.00
 Package of 4 papers to one address, one year \$3.00
 Larger quantities are figured at the same rate.

This publication teaches salvation from all sin, sanctification for believers, unity and oneness for which Jesus prayed as recorded in John 17:21, and manifested by the apostles and believers after Pentecost. By God's grace we teach, preach, and practice the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ—the same gospel that Peter, John, and Paul preached, taught, and practiced, including divine healing for the body. James 5:14-15.

Its motto: Have faith in God. Its object: The glory of God and the salvation of men; the restoration and promulgation of the whole truth to the people in this "evening time" as it was in the morning Church of the first century; the unification of all true believers in one body by the love of God. Its standard: separation from the sinful world and entire devotion to the service and will of God. Its characteristics: No discipline but the Bible, no bond of union but the love of God, and no test of fellowship but the indwelling Spirit of Christ.

Through the Free Literature Fund thousands of gospel tracts are published and sent out free of charge as the Lord supplies. Cooperation of our readers is solicited, and will be appreciated in any way as the Bible and the Holy Spirit teach you to do or stir your heart. "Freely ye have received, freely give." Read Ex. 25:2; I Chron. 29:9; II Cor. 9:7; and Luke 6:38.

Freewill offerings sent in to the work will be thankfully received as from the Lord. Checks and money orders should be made payable to Faith Publishing House. All donations are tax deductible.

A separate Missionary Fund is maintained in order to relay missionary funds from our readers to the support of home and foreign missionaries and evangelists.

In order to comply with the Oklahoma laws as a non-profit religious work, the Faith Publishing House is incorporated thereunder.

FAITH PUBLISHING HOUSE

P. O. Box 518, 920 W. Mansur, Guthrie, OK 73044
 Office phone numbers: 405-282-1479, 800-767-1479;
 fax number: 405-282-6318; home phone: 405-282-6170.

Postmaster: Please send address corrections to: Faith
 Publishing House, P. O. Box 518, Guthrie, OK 73044.

Editorials

In 1887, Queen Victoria of England celebrated her Jubilee, and the London *Times* commissioned Rudyard Kipling to compose a lyric in honor of the occasion. He found the task harder than he had anticipated. Inspiration simply would not flow. Messenger after messenger came hotfoot from the editorial office clamoring for copy, but none was forthcoming.

At last, in sheer desperation, Kipling shut himself in a room for three whole days, sorely tempted to give up. Then, suddenly, he spotted a shopping list, detailing groceries, which his wife had jotted down. At the top of the list of required items was the phrase, "Lest we forget." It was enough. The three words lit the fuse which created in the mind of the poet an explosion of inspiration.

"God of our fathers, known of old,
 Lord of the far-flung battle line,
 Beneath whose awful hand we hold
 Dominion over palm and pine:
 Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
 Lest we forget, lest we forget."

This seems an appropriate sentiment for the Print Shop at this time, for with the March issue of the *Faith and Victory* we begin our 74th year of publication. Uncle Lawrence Pruitt, in noting the beginning of another year of gospel printing work, would often liken it to another "Ebenezer Stone."

We hold in remembrance the battles and victories through which this work has come. Its very inception was the result of a battle and victory, as attested to by the hand of my grandfather, Fred Pruitt, and as quoted in this issue of "Windows to the Past" on page sixteen.

We would be derelict to regard the work simply by present blessings and fail to recall those of the past. Neither do we rely upon past successes for today's effectiveness. We still face uphill struggles and sometimes feel the dark breezes of Satan's power as we follow where we perceive Christ leading. However, to hear of souls who have been enlightened, and their burdens lifted by the power of the printed Word, is to experience the joy of accomplishment.

So we thank God for making 73 years of operation possible and invite all of our readers to join with us in prayer that this 74th year will reveal even greater victories in imprinting the gospel on the hearts of men and women.

Printed in this issue are a list of 1996 Camp Meeting dates. If your meeting is not listed, be sure to send the date to us as soon as possible so it can be published in the April *Faith and Victory*.

Interest has been shown in sponsoring Bro. John Varghese of India to attend some of the Camp Meetings in the states this summer. Consequently we have begun a fund to make this possible.

We also feel it would be advantageous to the Philippine missionary work to bring Bro. Matias Tangunan here to attend some of the Camp Meetings. We have yet to establish an exact figure for the cost of the air fare, but we know it will be a substantial amount.

If you feel burdened to help in this project, we would be glad to hear from you. Simply state that your offering is for the Camp Meeting Missionary project. Any funds received over the cost of air fare will be used for the native missionary's care and transportation while here.

Also needed will be brethren to volunteer to take Bro. Varghese and Bro. Tangunan to the different meetings. During the time that no Camp Meetings are in session, these visiting ministers may be available to hold a few revivals for congregations who invite them.

Although it has been several months since we last reported on the progress of the Print Shop relocation project, the planning stage is still forging ahead. We soon hope to be able to report that we have obtained a building permit from the city and are commencing with the actual structure.

—Wayne Murphey

Prayer Requests



WV—"Please pray for some needs I have. The Lord knows what they are."

—Bro. William Ford

NC—"We want to put in a prayer request for Frankie's uncle, Robert Duke. He is suffering with cancer."

—Frankie and Lynne Millis

NC—"I am asking you to pray for my daughter who has gotten a promotion on her job. She is over two people, and the devil is trying to create a problem."

—Julia Holt

Mexico—James Huskey is still coughing. This cough has lasted seven weeks.

TX—Sis. Magdalena Cervantez has several prayer requests for members of her family.

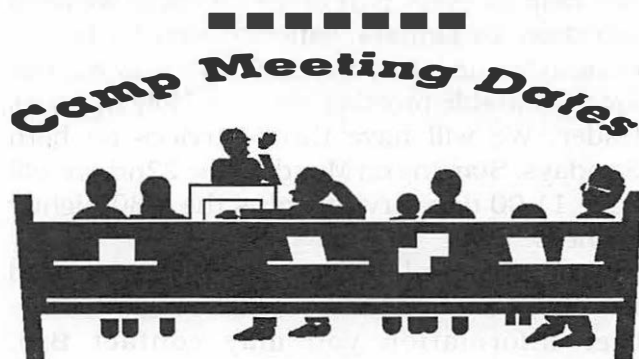
TN—"Sis. Nora Clayton is suffering much pain in her body. Please remember her in prayer."

—Helen Derrick

NC—"I have an unspoken request."

—Brenda White

TX—Bro. Clarence Campbell's sister has psoriasis and needs prayer.



Oklahoma State (Guthrie)—May 24-June 2

Holly Hill, SC—June 1-9

Tulsa, OK—June 1-9

Jefferson, OR—June 14-23

Loranger, LA—June 30-July 7

National (Monark Springs, MO)—July 19-28

Myrtle, MO—July 31-August 4

Boley, OK—August 19-25

Meeting Reports and Notices

ENTERPRISE, AL SINGING

The Church of God in the Enterprise Community, near Warrior, AL, is planning a singing for March 9, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., with dinner on the grounds and special services on Sunday. The chapel is located two miles west of Interstate 65, just off of Empire road. (Exit #289.)

Everyone is welcome. For further information about Saturday's activities, and about accommodations, please call Bro. Roy Herron, (205) 647-7869, or Bro. Marshall Whitson, (205) 647-6325.

SHAWNEE, OK REVIVAL

Lord willing, Bro. James Bell will hold our Spring revival in Shawnee, OK, March 13-17, with services at 7:30 p.m. On Sunday, the 17th, there will be morning and evening services and lunch will be served. Everyone is welcome to come and hear the blessed Word of God. If you

can't attend, please pray for the Lord to bless. Lodging accommodations will be available at the *Golden Rule Home*.

For more information contact Bro. Derrill Smith at (405) 275-0459 or Bro. Bill McMakin at (405) 275-2575.

WICHITA, KS MEETING NOTICE

The Wichita, KS 1996 Spring Meeting has been set for April 19-28. We need God's leading and help for every part of the meeting. We need salvation for sinners, sanctification for believers and healing for the sick. Please pray with us for a profitable meeting with the Holy Spirit as leader. We will have three services on both Sundays. Starting on Monday, the 22nd, we will have 11:00 day services, plus the 7:30 nightly services.

The chapel address is 1701 North Ash, and the phone number is (316) 267-9582. For further information you may contact Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 778-1848.

—Submitted by Shirley Knight

NORTHPORT, AL REVIVAL

The saints of God in Northport, AL wish to announce a revival meeting to be held on June 27-30, 1996. We extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you who wish to attend.

The meeting will be held on a freewill offering basis. Anyone desiring to help with the expense may contact Sis. Bernice Petty at 2207 4th St. East, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404. Phone: (205) 553-4450, or Sis. Jessie Shelton at 3940 28th Ave., Northport, AL 35476. Phone: (205) 339-3026.

Services will be held nightly at 7:30 p.m., with day services to be announced.

There will be some home accommodations and there are motels within walking distance.

Our souls do hunger to be filled, and we trust the Lord will send what is needed and by whom He pleases.

For more information you may contact Bro. Louis Kimble, 2712 Phoenix Street, Kenner, LA 70062. Phone: (504) 467-9039 or (504) 467-8842.

—Sis. Bernice Petty

The Best Choice

He knows, He loves, He cares,
Nothing this truth can dim,
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice with Him.

TX—Dear Bro. Wayne and all that work at the Publishing House: Truly God has saved me and sanctified this poor soul. I praise His holy name and truly worship my God and Savior, Christ

Jesus. My heart rejoices for all that I read in the *Faith and Victory* paper; at all the testimonies, teachings and meeting reports. So many times I have wished to go to a camp meeting, but it hasn't become possible so I take joy in the *Faith and Victory* paper. Also my prayers are for all who request prayer in the *Faith and Victory*. I am eternally grateful for receiving the paper....

I read the testimony of how God healed Bro. Don Butler. My stomach has given me trouble since December 28, and I am in need of God to touch me. Jesus, our Savior, said, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do,..." John 14:13. I know we have to be obedient to our Savior and do His will. I need your prayers. Please pray for me.

—Sis. Betty Anderson

PA—Dear saints at the Print Shop: Greetings to all there in the Lord's service. We are starting this new year in rather turbulent weather, which I am sure is causing a lot more sincere prayers to be sent heavenward than would be true otherwise. I suppose God has various ways to get mankind's attention, and to cause us to see our frailty and need for each other as well....

We of the Donald E. Huss family wish to thank those who prayed for our father during his illness, and for the expressions of sympathy and prayers in our behalf. God certainly answered those prayers of many years standing, for prior to his death in October, he found glorious peace with God and rejoiced greatly. The Lord has blessed us in many ways since as well. He indeed moved some mountains!

Please remember Sis. Virginia Myers' husband, Lawrence, who has serious heart problems. Also keep the Joyce Houck family in your prayers.

—Sis. Barbara J. Campbell

NC—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to you and God's precious saints everywhere in Jesus' matchless name. What a privilege we have to serve Him and to know that He cares for us.

Just recently, He proved to us again that He loves us and He cares. And what is so good is that He has the answers to all of life's problems.



We would like to share something that happened to us. For a month or more before Christmas, Elaine and I awoke every morning with very severe headaches. We did not know at the time the cause of them, but late in December (the week after Christmas) we learned that we had carbon monoxide (known as the silent killer) in our house. We had to stay away from home for eighteen nights.

On December 29th, I got ready to go to service and while Elaine was getting ready, her friend, Jim, came into the den to talk with me. But I just could not talk to him. I felt I would just simply die if I couldn't go to sleep. I pushed back in my recliner and was soon asleep. Jim went to Elaine and told her I wasn't acting right and he thought there was something wrong with me. She came to me and tried to awaken me. I kept telling her "I can't" when she would tell me to wake up. She said my speech was slurred as though I was drunk, and I was so numb I could hardly move. It took all the strength I had just to lift my hand from the arms of my chair.

Well, we didn't know what was going on until our carbon monoxide detector began to sound within just minutes afterwards. When that happened, Elaine realized what was wrong, so she and Jim opened the doors, turned on our fans and got me to the door where I could breathe in some fresh air—I began to lose the numbness and to wake up.

We thought the problem was in our gas logs, but our gas supplier came and replaced all the equipment he had installed in our home. We thought it would solve all our problems, but it didn't. We still had the headaches, dizziness, etc., and the detector continued to go off at intervals when only the furnace was running. So we began to deal with the furnace company that installed the furnace. All of the evidence pointed to the furnace and several told us that there must be a hole or even a hairline crack in the heat exchanger of the furnace.

We called all the emergency services we could think of, but to no avail. All we could do was trust in God and call on His people to pray for us. Right here, I would like to thank each of you who lifted us up in prayer, and to those here in our county who opened their doors to us when we weren't able to stay at home. For every kindness we say "thank you" and may God repay you.

Finally, last Friday, (January 19th) we had

a new heat exchanger put in our furnace, and thanks be to God, Elaine and I have not awakened a single morning with a headache, and the detector hasn't sounded a time since then.

The furnace company now tries to tell us there was nothing wrong with the heat exchanger they took out of our furnace, and that we will be billed for it. Our furnace will not be two years old until May, and we have a twenty year warranty on it, so we ask all of you to pray that it will all work out for us.

In Christian love,

—Margaret and Elaine Dunn

— — — — —

OK—Dear Bro. Wayne and workers: Greetings of Christian love to you on this beautiful afternoon.

I received my *Faith and Victory* paper last week, and enjoyed it very much. I get it in the morning mail and usually get it entirely read the day I get it. I really enjoy it. I don't like to lay it down until it is finished.

The Lord is so good to me. Praise His dear name. He is my Savior, my Sanctifier, my Healer and my Keeper. He is all I need. He is my all in all.

Love and prayers, —Sister Emma Dilley

— — — — —

MI—Dear Bro. Wayne and Sis. Mary and all the dear workers: Greetings in the love of Jesus. This is just a few lines to thank all of you for your good prayers, and for the wonderful *Faith and Victory* paper, with the good soul food for our souls. It is so wonderful to read how the Lord heals His dear children who trust in Him.

On January 25, I suffered terrible pains in my left side. I could hardly move. I begged and prayed to Jesus to take them away. I live alone and I am seventy years old, and know I can easily get sick, but Jesus took those pains away in just a short time. I just thanked Him and praised Him for His healing touch. God wants us to know He is always with us and that He still heals. He is the same as when He walked this earth.

I thank God for His children that pray for me. Your prayers mean so much to me.

Yours in Christ, —Sis. Olive Getterson

— — — — —

MO—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to you in Jesus' precious name, the one that was faithful in all the tasks that were given Him. He was faithful in every point, even though it meant suffering. It is through His faithfulness that we

can be saved from our sins. He was not only faithful in giving His life for us, but He is also faithful as our High Priest who makes intercession for us, who has promised to sustain us in all our needs.

No wonder that the prophet Isaiah said, "...because of the Lord that is faithful,..." Isaiah 49:7. His faithfulness helps us to want to be faithful.

We are thankful for the Lord's mercies to us. He just recently healed wife of the flu, and not long ago He touched my body when I was in pain. I thank Him and all the dear ones who prayed for us....

We desire your prayers, —Bro. T.V. McMillian
— — — — —

KS—Dear Bro. Wayne and staff at the Print Shop: May God bless you in every needed way. I tell folks that I have enough of this world's wisdom,—what I need is divine wisdom from above, and thank God we can ask for it and not be upbraided. The Lord is blessing me along the way. The windows of heaven are still open....

God bless all of you, —Bro. Ralph Beisly
— — — — —

OK—I want to thank the saints for their prayers. Please keep them up.... —Larry D. Eck
— — — — —

VA—Dear Bro. and Sis. in Christ: Greetings in the name of the Lord, which was, is and will be.

I would like to thank all who have been praying for me since last summer. I was retrieved from "outer darkness" by the Lord, through His mercies and the prayers of the saints.

I also want to thank you for remembering my mother, Sis. Tressie Adkins, of Cardington, OH. The Lord has richly blessed me with a mother like her.

I pray that the Lord will bless all the saints, their families and lift their burdens....

I ask that the saints remember a couple of requests I have of the Lord.

Grace be unto all of you, —Chris Adkins
— — — — —

AL—Dear Bro. Wayne: ...I receive a blessing from reading the *Faith and Victory* paper, and have placed many of the poems and small articles in the little newsletter I put out for our cottage prayer and Bible study group that meets each week.

Bro. and Sis. Emmett Gerald of Jasper, Alabama visit us when they are in town, and

their visits are such a wonderful joy and goodly fellowship.

My precious wife, and friend, was called into the presence of Jesus, July 5th, very unexpectedly. Many adjustments have had to be made, which the Lord has so helped me with. Those who pass through this valley know of the loneliness a loved companion leaves behind. Best of all, we shall soon be together again because of Calvary.

Sincerely, —Bro. Don L. Ferguson
— — — — —

NC—Dear ones: I would like to give my testimony if I may. God has been so gracious to me through the years. In 1969 I had my first opportunity to attend a meeting with the saints. My heart was so touched by the love that was shown to me in that first service. That was the year of my graduation from high school, and I had made up my mind to go from church to church in Springfield, Missouri, until I found one that taught the Bible. God saw the desire of my heart and preserved me from being exposed to different doctrines. He led me to the Church of God through a school friend who was saved.

I was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota and from there my parents moved to Nebraska, then Ohio and finally Missouri. God's ways are so unsearchable. He knew all along that I would have a desire to live for Him. He directed my parents in their moves so that I would have an opportunity to meet the saints. Many times God uses a zig-zag course to take us where He wants us. To our human minds God's directions make no sense. When we lived in the Florida Keys the traffic was so heavy we would have to turn right to go left. We drove with the flow of traffic until we could turn around and travel in the desired direction. God works like that in routing us around obstacles in our lives. He has an overhead view of what is happening in our lives and is well able to direct our steps. My desire is to have a "hearing ear" to God's guidance.

I am thankful for Jesus' blood that saves us from sin. Soon He will come in the clouds and I want to be ready to meet Him in peace. Please pray for me that I will be faithful to the Lord.

Sincerely, —Lynne Millis
— — — — —

TN—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in Jesus' name this morning.

My niece, that I have been requesting prayer for, is eating much better. Thanks be to God for His mercies, goodness and kindness to all.

Pray for me. The Lord knows my needs. I know that the Lord can repair our bodies, but the greatest need is to be able to say, "I know in whom I have believed."

Sincerely, —Miss Helen Derrick
— — — — —

SC—Dear ones in Christ, —Greetings in the name of our Lord, the Lord that died for every lost soul. We trust this finds you all much encouraged to press on toward the prize that awaits the true and faithful servants of Christ.

The dear ones here at Holly Hill need a lot of prayer. We are just a small group here but we are still rejoicing in the Lord. Praise the Lord!

There are a few sick ones here that need special prayer. Please pray also for our unsaved loved ones....

Love and prayers, —Sis. Judie Crummie
— — — — —

OR—Dear Bro. Wayne and all at the Print Shop: Greetings in the name of Jesus. I pray this finds all there healthy and happy in the service of our Lord.

I will make this short, but I want to say that God answered prayer for me very wonderfully this morning. He relieved me from a severe stomach ache. Praise His holy name!...

With Christian love, —Bro. Bill Busch
— — — — —

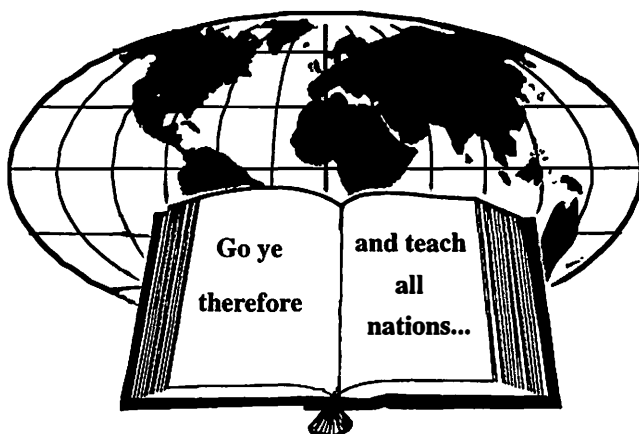
OK—Dear ones: We send greetings of much gratitude and praises to our God for His mercy and your love extended to our family again of late. As was mentioned in last month's *Faith and Victory*, our two daughters were in a very traumatic car wreck on Sunday, January 21st, 1996.

Our oldest daughter never had to be hospitalized and our youngest one was only in the hospital less than one week. I have marveled at the speed with which she is recovering. I expected us to have some days of quiet with lots of rest, but the very next day after being released from the hospital, Ladonna was able to resume most of her daily activities, returning more and more to full capacity as the days go by. All four of us were able to be in meeting at Crutch Chapel the very next Sunday after the wreck. Our hearts are so full from God's wonderfulness that words fail us to know how to really express our feelings. God has been so real to us through all of this. We have definitely felt carried and strengthened. Some had expressed concern about me, knowing how bad my nerves had become in other situations. One day after

Ladonna had come home I got to thinking about that and wondered if now that the crisis seems to be over if I might "fall apart." Then I thought, "No, God carried me and so I don't have to fall apart now!" Praise God!

We cannot thank our God enough for all He has done. Neither can we thank all of you enough. We would like to be able to thank each of you in person, or by card, but at times there was so much going on that we really have no way of knowing just who did what. So, we would like to take this opportunity to thank anyone that may have been missed. I hope you each one know that we truly appreciate every prayer, phone call, card, offering, gift of love to the girls, visit and any act of love that was extended to us during this time. Our words are so insufficient, and we are so indebted to you. We ask God to richly bless you each one.

With Christian love, —Carl and Rebecca Shaffer, Cynthia and Ladonna



From Mexico...

Dear Bro. Wayne and saints: Some other modern countries are progressing, Mexico is still struggling. In a book I have by Bro. Ben Elliott, a Church of God missionary in Baja California in 1907, he said, "The people are oppressed with high prices and low wages. According to the present moral standing of the people it may be all for the best but we trust better things are in store for them. We shall count whatever will bring them to the knowledge of the truth in Christ, to be the best good for this people." Now, ninety years later, there is more corruption and graft. Generally, most of the populace says that government officials have plundered Mexico's progress. Families with two members earning minimum wages are having a hard time making ends meet. Thank the

Lord some are finding comfort in knowing the Lord and are coming together to worship and encourage each other.

Two years ago a small group of believers was formed in the outskirts of Tijuana by a man that fell into sin a year later. But there are four families still worshipping in one of their small homes each week. They have gone to other churches but do not feel comfortable there, because they want to walk in the truth that they have been taught. In a meeting I had with them last Sunday (February 18) they expressed a desire to pay down on a lot and build a meeting place. A lot possibly can be bought for \$1,000. They say other families want to come to church with them, but they have no place to take them. Pray for a church building and pastor for Morita Colony.

The congregation here in Chapultepec is getting more active for the Lord and some are being added. We trust that they will grow to be a model church in this area.

A year ago, Bro. A. Gonzalez of Culiacan, Sinaloa left a denomination and started a new work. The foundation for a building has been laid but they have not been able to build. There are several families in his congregation. We are praying to make a trip this month to be with them in some teaching meetings, but the way has not been supplied. It is about 1,000 miles one way from here. Bro. Gonzalez has announced a special camp meeting for the first week of April. We are praying with him that the Lord will send ministers of His choosing. Some of the brethren from here want to go for that meeting but their van is not in good enough condition to go. If the Lord is talking to some one about helping with travel expenses or church buildings in either of these two places, please designate the project that you want to help. Pray for Mexico's poor, lying at the doorstep of the U.S.A. Your servant in His work,

—Bro. James Huskey, P.O. Box 2963, Chula Vista, CA 91912.

From India...

January 20, 1996—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey and dear saints everywhere in America: Greetings to all you dear ones again.

By the help of God, our 31st General convention ended with many blessings and victories. The attendance was good and the messages were very heart-touching. Every day we had Bible studies, women's meetings, youth meetings and minister's meetings. All the ser-

vices were good and blessed with rich spiritual food.

Enclosed are the pictures of the new chapel at Kothamangalam which opened for services on December 1, 1995. There is much progress in this congregation.

We appreciate your prayers for the progress of our work here. Our prayers are for the saints in America.

With love and prayers, —John Varghese

*The new
chapel at
Kothamangalam,
dedicated and
opened for
services on
December 1,
1995.*





The ministers and saints in front of the new chapel at Kothamangalam



Maurice William Probst, the second son of Herbert and Eva Probst, was born December 5, 1937, at Springfield, IL, and died at the Gardens Health Care Center in Sapulpa, OK, on January 24, 1996, at the age of 58 years, one month and nineteen days.

He was preceded in death by his father in December of 1980, and leaves to mourn his passing, one daughter, Valerie Vickers of Morrisonville, IL; one son, Maurice Edward of Champion, IL; five grandchildren; his mother, Eva Probst of Tulsa, OK; one sister, Janice Probst of Tulsa, OK; along with four brothers,

Donald of Sand Springs, OK, Kenneth of Camas, WA, Dale of Edmond, OK and Marvin of Sapulpa, OK.

From his infancy Maurice had a special individuality, and was a happy child who learned to read above fourth grade level before entering school.

He loved to learn about Jesus and as a small child could easily explain how He came and died for us. He also learned to sing, and could carry a tune well at an early age, singing his first solo in a Sunday evening service at the age of seven.

As he grew he developed a special talent for art, and sketched various pictures of wildlife and scenery, later receiving national awards for his skills in mechanical drafting.

He chose to enlist in the Navy at the age of seventeen and, due to high enlistment test scores, was offered training as a sonar technician following graduation from boot camp, at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

Between his enlistment in 1955, and his discharge in 1958, he secured a high school equivalency diploma, and following discharge, secured employment with Caterpillar Tractor Co. in Decatur, IL. He worked there until experiencing a nervous breakdown. This break-

down, and following checkup disclosed a service-related incident that resulted in his being placed on 100% veterans disability.

Throughout many difficult years, Maurice often exhibited a pleasant personality and keen sense of wit and humor along with a sharp memory.

He was regarded as a favorite resident in a number of VA Hospitals and care facilities where he lived, and spent the last ten years at the Sunny Acres Care Facility near Owasso, OK.

Funeral services were held at the Church of God Chapel in Sapulpa, OK, officiated by Bro. Charles Elwell.

— — — — —

Sheila Mae Davidson, 35, of Stanford, KY, died Sunday, January 28, 1996.

A native of Lincoln County, KY, she was born February 20, 1960, to Robert L. and Elizabeth Jarvis Davidson of Standford, KY. She was a self-employed residential house cleaner and attended the Church of God in Junction City, KY.

Other survivors include a sister, Judy D. Wright of Eubank, KY; paternal grandmother, Margaret Davidson Middleton of Stanford, KY; and one niece Carla Kay Wright of Eubank, KY.

Funeral services were held at the Fox Funeral Home. Burial was in Danville Memorial Gardens.

Thank You

We are so thankful for how the Lord dealt with Sheila during her illness. She was always glad for anyone's prayers. We are so thankful that she did get saved.

After she gave her life to God she began to tell others. She was a witness to friends, relatives, doctors and nurses. She would tell different ones, "I got saved." She told a nurse, "I gave my soul to God." One night she began to make restitution to different people over the phone. One of her many testimonies was, "I think I've got everything done that I need to do."

We are thankful for those who visited Sheila and for the love and kindness shown to her during her illness. Words cannot express our thanks for all the kind deeds of love shown to us in the loss of our loved one.

Thank you each and every one for all the prayers, cards, phone calls, offerings and food. They were all very much appreciated.

Heaven is a little more dear to us knowing Sheila is there waiting for us. She is greatly missed by her parents, her sister and her niece.

THANK YOU

The family of Louie Marler wishes to express our appreciation to all who remembered us in various acts of kindness these last few years, most of all for upholding us in your prayers. Because of these prayers, Louie's final days were made easier than expected. Being cared for in the *Golden Rule Home* by the loving hands of the staff was a great blessing too.

We pray the Lord to bless you who expressed your concern in the lovely cards, offerings, visits and calls. Even yet we find it warming our hearts! What a blessing also to have Bro. and Sis. Leslie Adams with me after the funeral, and then the Lord sent my old standbys, Sis. Genevieve and Bro. Arnett Carver for a few days.

It is heartwarming also to know the Guthrie congregation hurriedly made ready the chapel at Guthrie for the service. Having it in the new chapel contributed in making everything just as we felt Louie would have desired.

I am overwhelmed with the love manifested in so many ways, especially by the many beautiful flowers and plants that were sent. Words lack in saying how thankful we are to be a part of the wonderful family of God. You know we love you.

—Sis. Evodna Marler

■ ■ ■ ■ ■

I Thought of You

by

Mary Murphey



Today I thought of you, my friend
and all you've done for me...
your helpfulness,
the kindnesses,
your generosity.

"What a shame," my mind exclaimed,
"to let this day go by,
with all these thoughts of love locked up
and kept from public eye!"

A dormant deed does not a thing
to let another know
the measure of their worth to me,
I have to let it show!

I'll write a note, or make a call
to share what's in my heart,
I'll activate potential good
by such a simple start!



MEDITATION

A study from
the first chapter
of Ephesians

by
Sis. Margaretta Kennedy

"In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." Ephesians 1:11-14.

In this scripture Paul continues the thought of God's purpose to bring all mankind, both Jews and Gentiles, to salvation, not by works or any human means, but by Jesus Christ.

Paul speaks of having obtained an inheritance in Christ. When God told Abram to leave his homeland and go into an unknown country, He gave Abram the promise, "In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." Many years later, after Abraham proved his willingness to obey when God told him to give his son, Isaac, as an offering to God, God's promise was repeated. "And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." Genesis 22:18. This promise was fulfilled in Christ when He came to earth to bring the blessing of salvation to mankind. God predestinated (planned) that the Jewish nation, the descendants of Abraham, would be the people through whom the Redeemer would come and to whom the gospel of salvation would first be given. It was to be their duty and privilege to first carry the good news of Christ to the Gentile world.

Those Jews who first believed in Christ, now apostles and messengers of God, preached Christ crucified and risen from the dead to both the Jews and the Gentiles, spreading the gospel throughout the then known world, bringing praise and glory to God.

In verse 13 Paul acknowledges the new Gentile converts to Christ. These had been in heathen darkness, but after hearing the Word of truth, the gospel of salvation, they, too, trusted in Christ. After they became believers in Christ they received (were sealed with) the Holy Spirit, which Jesus had promised to send. Now to the Gentile world was brought not only the good news of salvation, but also the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit.

In verse 14 Paul is thinking of the Holy Spirit as a pledge or guarantee of that which God has in store for those who belong to Him. The experience of the Holy Spirit we have in this life is just a faint foretaste of the joys of heaven. It is the guarantee that sometime we will enter into the full joys and bliss of the place Christ has gone to prepare for those who love Him and live for Him in this life. John 14:2-3.

By the promise of the Father,
Comes the Spirit from on high,
Into hearts redeemed from evil,
By his power to sanctify.

Reigning there without a rival,
Paradise is now restored;
Perfect peace, abiding pleasure,
Bliss the world cannot afford.

Power to overcome he gives us,
Power to reign thro' Jesus' grace,
Holy boldness in each conflict,
Entrance to that heav'nly place.

Since the Comforter abideth,
Naught my spirit can molest;
I am sanctified and happy—
Sweet and peaceful is my rest.

Holy Spirit, faithful Teacher,
In my trusting heart abide;
By thy sacred, holy presence
Be my Comforter and Guide.

(Song number 338—*Evening Light Songs*)



"To be the called of God is not only to receive the invitation, but to accept it. In every call of God we need feel in the deep of our soul the right He has to that for which He calls and promptly give it over to Him. We are not the called of God except we respond at once to His every call. To such ones everything works together for good. To live where we can hear His faintest call and give immediate answer is holy living.

—C. E. Orr

QUESTION AND ANSWER

BY

BRO. OSTIS B. WILSON

Reprint

QUESTION: What is the biblical explanation of I Timothy 2:11, and I Corinthians 14:35?

ANSWER: I Timothy 2:11 says, "Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection." Verses 12-15 need to be included here to establish the context and complete the thought. These verses read thus: "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety."

In his book *What the Bible Teaches*, F. G. Smith observes on this passage that it refers to a woman's proper relationship with her own husband, and is not related to the other texts concerning the official position of women in the Church. Adam Clarke sets forth the same thing in his commentary at this place. F. G. Smith further says that this is evidenced by the example given—Adam and Eve—and its connection with childbearing. Adam Clarke inserts a quote from Dr. Macknight which reads thus: "However, though Eve was first in the transgression, and brought death on herself, her husband, and all her posterity, the female sex shall be saved (equally with the male) through childbearing—through bringing forth the Saviour," etc.

Hence it is evident that this entire passage has reference to a woman with her husband and not to any public relationship. In the proper domestic relationship the wife is to recognize her own husband as her head and be subject to him (Ephesians 5:23 and numerous other texts). However, in spiritual things, the woman's husband is not her head. She is a separate, distinct individual before God and is personally responsible to Him the same as is her husband. To make the wife subject to her husband and him her head in spiritual things would fix it so a woman with an unsaved husband could not live a saved life. The answer of Peter to the magistrates who had commanded them to teach no more in the name of Jesus (Acts. 5:29, "...We

ought to obey God rather than men") is applicable to any case where one is required to be subject to and obedient to another. Consequently, we conclude that a married woman is to obey God rather than man even if that man is her husband. It is therefore evident that a husband is not given to be the head of his wife in spiritual things but only in domestic and temporal things.

The reference to the woman learning in silence in verse 11, I would not interpret as meaning that the woman has no voice at all in the affairs of the home, business affairs, and plans for the future and welfare of the family. I feel there should be a generous and free exchange of views between a husband and wife on all important matters, but in the final analysis the decision is in the hands of the husband, and the wife is to accept it without contention.

I Corinthians 14:35 says, "And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church."

The position of women in the Church is an age-old issue and has never been settled to the complete satisfaction of all. I have no idea at all that what I say here will satisfy the minds of all who read it. But the question is a persistent one and keeps popping up, so we have to keep dealing with it.

First, I would say that any scripture on any subject must be interpreted according to the rule of the unanimity of faith. What this means is that any scripture on any subject must be interpreted to harmonize with every other text in the entire New Testament on the same subject. Therefore, if this were the only scripture in the New Testament we would just have to accept it as the norm. Then we could allow women to attend church services but require them to be silent and say nothing while there. But it is not the only scripture on the subject, and I say we would surely lose a lot of fine talent to enforce it that way.

In *What the Bible Teaches*, F. G. Smith says that the idea of male superiority and female inferiority in the human race has its roots in paganism. Christianity is the only religion in the world that recognizes the equality of men and women. Paganism regards women as greatly inferior to men, and they have very little part in religion. Among the Jews, even under the law, special provisions were made for women and they were honored and respected. Some of them

even rose to positions of prominence. Deborah was a prophetess and a judge in Israel (Judges 4:4). In her position as judge she would have been her husband's judge, too, if she were a married woman. Barak refused to go to battle with Sisera unless Deborah went with him (Judges 4:8). She went with him, and God gave them a great victory.

In John 4, Jesus delivered one of His greatest sermons to a lone woman of Samaria. Then the woman took the message to the men in the town and many of them became believers. Paul recognized the equality of men and women in Christ in Galatians 3:28—"There is...neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." In Acts 21:9, it is recorded that Philip had four daughters which did prophesy. In the second chapter of Acts where the initial outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Church is recorded, Peter said in verses 14-18 that this was what was prophesied by Joel (Joel 2:28-29). And he said in verses 17-18, "...I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,... And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy."

Prophecy or to *prophesy* primarily means to speak forth, to tell out the mysteries of God. It is to proclaim the mysteries and knowledge of God. Paul declares that redemption itself is a mystery (I Corinthians 2:7-14). To preach the

gospel of Christ, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, is to proclaim the *mysteries*, the *hidden wisdom* of God—to prophesy. Both men and women participated in this according to the above scriptures.

This is the general teaching of the New Testament scriptures; other cases could be cited if space permitted. But there were necessary exceptions to this because of the different customs of the Gentile people among whom Paul labored, and I Corinthians 14:35 is such a case.

The following quote is from F. G. Smith in *What the Bible Teaches*. "Paul was the Apostle to the Gentiles and, as such, was engaged in planting the gospel among various nations and peoples with different customs and social conditions. He found it necessary to identify with them in many of these respects in order to gain them. This is shown in his own writing in I Corinthians 9:20-23. Paul said in some of his instructions to this Corinthian Church in I Corinthians 7:26, 'I suppose therefore that this is good for the present distress.' In such cases, those instructions would not be a standard for all people and for all time. This would be true concerning women's silence in the Church because to interpret it otherwise would create a contradiction in the Scriptures which cannot be. The Corinthian Church was in a heathen environment so all he could do was accommodate himself to their custom."

Missions And The Local Church

By Bro. James Huskey

The word missionary comes from the Latin word *mitto*—"I send"—and is closely related with the New Testament Greek word *apostello*—"to send." Studying the scriptures related to the Great Commission (Mark 16:15) gives us an understanding that missionary means: "A messenger with a message from God, sent forth by divine authority for the definite purpose of evangelism, church planting and edification of believers."

To be a missionary is not necessarily being called to cross national borders. First, each one should be a missionary without ever crossing his or her own threshold. A good example was my godly mother, who gathered all the neighbor children in for games and a

Bible story, then she would kindly motivate all the children to help clean up the mess that all had made in the house. The key to being a good witness to the world is to start right at home with those nearest to us.

Godly homes make a congregation that functions as the visible body of Christ, which will evangelize and bring people to a saving knowledge, then nurture, train, discipline and shepherd them. Those newly saved without this loving backing of others may grow cold, go back into sin or stray into doctrinal error. (These things can befall old timers also, as we well know.) When there are Spirit-filled workers with a divine passion for souls in the congregation, there is much more hope that

they will be spiritually warmed, helped forward and taught in truth. If one should stumble, he will be admonished with such love and grace that he may be quickly restored again.

Is ours a model congregation, a "soul-saving" church, on the move, "reaching out" and "sending out" to the lost world for which Christ died? A properly functioning local Church is the joy of any pastor.

So you see, the great commission starts within our house and then goes across national and cultural borders to a world suffering from loneliness and deprivation. “For from you sounded out the word of the Lord...in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad;...” I Thessalonians 1:8. Aren’t you thankful that someone told you how to be saved?



Order Blank

\$1.00 PER YEAR (11 Issues)

**Mail this form to start or renew your own
subscription — give a friend a gift —
or do both! It only takes a minute.**

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

☐ **Start or renew my**
***Faith and Victory* subscription.**

☐ **Send a 1-year gift subscription to the person named below:**

Gift to _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Mail Order Blank and remittance to:

Faith Publishing House
P. O. Box 518
Guthrie, OK 73044

3/96



**Excerpts Taken From
March, 1945 *Faith and Victory***

"It was just twenty-three years ago this March when we put the first *Faith and Victory* paper in the mail. Bro. Robert Longley was with us in the work at that time and we had been going through a prolonged and drawn-out multiplication of fiery trials. For over a month we had been in the furnace of afflictions, fasting and praying, yielding ourselves to God for service, life or death, and when it was made plain to us by His Spirit to print and send forth the *Faith and Victory* paper with the assurance from God found in the eighth verse of the ninth chapter of II Corinthians which reads as follows, 'And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work,' we were not disobedient to the heavenly voice, but went to do the thing He said to do. I never shall forget that day when we started to obey God in getting the first paper ready for the mail. It seemed like everything we touched in the preparation moved of its own accord without any particular effort on our part. Our life had been so burned and deadened by the fiery furnaces that we seemed to be all spirit and no flesh, and our supreme joy was moving as He moved.

"As we faced the future in the printing work, we keenly realized our weakness and inabilities,... and consoled our hearts by leaving all in His hands."—Fred Pruitt