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The night cometh, when no man can work.

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The Way To Come Back To God

(Luke 15:11-19, 21-24)

By Sis. Anita Adams

And he said, A certain man had two sons: And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven,

and before thee, And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.



Did the Father go chasing after the son when he left? Did he beg and plead with the son to come back home and stay? No, he just let him go and waited for him. The Father longed and looked and waited. It was not until the Father saw the son coming up the same road that took him away that he ran out to meet him. Sometimes the devil tells those who have known the dealings of the Lord that it must not be possible for them to be saved because they haven't felt the dealings of the Lord within their hearts. But in this parable the Father waited until the son **wanted** to come home. Not only wanted to come, but started retracing the path that led him away. After the Father could see the son returning, by his actions, then and then only did the Father go out to meet him.

The son had to decide on his own that things were better at Father's house, even if he was treated only as a hired servant. It did him no

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good to realize that, until he got up on his feet and started winding his way back home.

The same road that he took away from home was the very same road he had to retrace to find his way back. He had to be willing to leave each corner and every town behind. As he had taken this road away from home, each bend in the road, each town and each business had been an allurements. But on his way back there was not a thing calling or enticing him to any of the cities. He was sick and tired of the way he had been treated and was going home. Are you sick and tired of the way the devil and sin has been treating you? I want to remind you, that at this point, the son had not received any invitation to come home. No search party had been sent to entice him back. He was going because he

wanted to. He did not even know if the Father would receive him back.

Now let us take note of the son's attitude. He didn't come home saying, "I know I haven't done what you wanted me to, BUT I'm not as bad as you think I am. I'm a lot better than those heathens out there, and I still have some morals." No, he came back humbly. Father, ***I have sinned against heaven, and before you, and am not worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.*** To me he was saying, "I'll clean the horses' stable, or feed the pigs. I'll cut the wheat or take out the garbage. Just please let me come back home."

Any man, boy, woman or girl who will take such steps will find their way back to God the Father and eternal life.

Where Is Now Thy God?

A Tale of The French Revolution

By James F. Cobb

(Continued from July, *Faith and Victory*.)

Thus day after day passed away. They were days of anxious suspense, for no tidings came from Strasburg as to the fate of their beloved one, but divine consolation was never wanting. The twelfth verse of the forty-second Psalm was again and again repeated.

One evening the postman brought a newspaper—the Strasburg Journal. The pastor's wife dared not look at it, but his mother at once took it up, in the confiding hope of finding in it the liberation of her son. She had scarcely glanced at it, when she changed color and let the paper fall. The aunt took it up and read—

"Tomorrow a number of prisoners will be brought before the Tribunal; as no one doubts their guilt, they will probably be condemned together and executed. Among them is the celebrated Jacobin Laforest, and his cousin, the former pastor at C—."

The sad intelligence almost paralyzed them with grief. For a time no one spoke. At length the aunt exclaimed,

"My son too! Alas, alas! All is then over now. The Lord be merciful to them and us!"

Presently she bowed her knees in prayer, and all joined her. She entreated the Lord for pardon for her son. She did not ask for his life, this she deemed hopeless, but she asked for his conversion before death, so that the second death might have no power over him. So earnestly and fervently did she plead, that all were

deeply moved, and almost forgot their own sorrow in sympathy with hers.

It was a night full of grief and anguish which they passed together. The mother alone did not give up all hope.

"We have," she said, "a strong God, a God who helps, and the Lord of lords, 'who delivers from death.' With Him nothing is impossible." And then she repeated her favorite verse from the forty-second Psalm.

In the morning they were just about to take a little breakfast after this mournful night, when the watch-dog barked. Immediately they heard the door open. The eldest boy, Henri, hastened to the window. "Papa is coming!" he exclaimed quickly.

They all rushed down the steps, out in to the court-yard: the pastor's wife alone was unable to follow. Weeping aloud, she sank back fainting on the sofa. Kerner's mother was the first who pressed her returning son in her arms, repeating the concluding words of that Psalm which during this whole sad time had so often been her comfort.

"How remarkable!" said Kerner. "Those words, dear mother, mightily strengthened me in the hour which I thought must be the last of my life: and now they are the first which you repeat to me, who am as one risen from the grave. But more of this hereafter. Where is Agnes?"

Before the mother could answer, the children hung round his neck.

"Papa," said Anna, "now I shall thank the dear Savior that He has brought you back to us again."

"Do so, my dear, dear child!" replied he, and hastened up stairs to his wife, who was just regaining consciousness. For some time they remained in each other's arms.

"Thanks be to the Lord!" she said at last, when she could find words to speak. "Thanks be to the Lord, who has been 'the Health of my countenance and my God.' If it had not been for Him, I should never have seen you again."

She wept for a long time; but her tears now were those of joy.

Madame Laforest too had seen and embraced her son; but the manner in which he met her welcome of joy caused her the greatest alarm. He allowed her to embrace him, but he did not return it. He stared at her as if he did not know her, and said not a word.

"Jean, my son, tell me what ails you. Are you ill?"

He did not answer.

"O God!" she cried, "what does this mean?"

When she wished to lead him into the house, he fell down. The pastor came at once.

"Ah, that in my joy I should have forgotten my friend, who almost lost his life for my sake," he exclaimed sorrowfully, "Jean is ill—very ill, dear aunty; we must take him to bed at once."

"No," she replied, decidedly; "he must come to my house—he must be laid in my bed—he is my son. Jean, dear Jean! I too thank the Lord from the bottom of my heart that I have you back again."

The sick man was carried to his mother's house, and placed on her bed. A physician was quickly sent for. He felt his pulse, and attentively examined him. Then, beckoning his mother into the adjoining room, he said,—

"Madame, your son is very ill, but more ill in mind than body. The terrible excitement he sustained when he thought himself so near death, and was suddenly set free, was too much for him. There is great danger of his becoming and remaining insane. Without a severe nervous fever this cannot pass away; indeed, dangerous as it would be, I almost wish for it. If it does not come, I fear the worst."

The fever came that very night. In the evening he became restless. In the night he was so excited that his state bordered upon insanity.

His mother, and a man she had to help her, could scarcely keep him in bed. He wandered in his talk. His words pierced his mother's heart. He thought he was in the Jacobin Club, and spoke a great deal of the rights of men and the need of shedding much blood before real liberty could be established. Presently he talked of the abolition of the Christian and all other religions. Then he went on defending Kerner, reproaching the judge, and called Robespierre, first his friend, and then a monster and a tyrant. All this his mother bore, dreadful as the insight was which it gave her of his former life; but a greater trial followed, when she heard him frequently repeat the words—

"Kerner, where is now they God? There is no God. They are the dreams of fools and the fables of women, which speak of a God who troubles Himself about the fate of men. There is no eternity, for with death all is over."

She could scarcely listen to him any longer. She sank back in her chair, covered her face, and wept bitterly. Then she knelt down by the bed-side, and prayed for the poor prodigal, that the Lord might find him and save him.

For fourteen days the sick man floated between life and death. There were hours when he was raving mad, and several men were required to hold him. He ate very little, scarcely slept at all, and gave no sign of returning reason. Who can describe the poor mother's feelings? At last, one afternoon he fell into a restless sleep, which gradually become quieter. His mother was fearful lest he should awake in eternity.

"O my God," she prayed, "grant that it may not be so! So unprepared! Oh, have pity on my poor son!"

She sent for the physician. He soon came. He looked at the sick man, felt his pulse, and smiled.

"Madame," said he, "I congratulate you; this sleep is not for death, but for life. Your son will recover."

The poor mother was obliged to retire and weep, while the physician remained to write a new prescription. He slept long, until late in the night.

When he awoke, his first word was "Mother!" He took her hand, which she gave him, but sank back again. She placed her finger on his mouth, the physician having strictly forbidden all speaking for the first three days.

(To be continued next month.)

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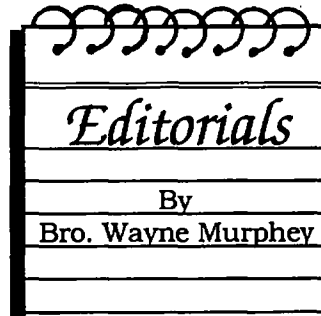
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Since we did not publish an August *Faith and Victory*, as is customary, it has been two months since the last issue, which seems like a long time.

Much has transpired in the meantime. Summer camp meetings have come and gone, and for all the good which was accomplished, we thank God. One of the highlights of the National Camp Meeting at Monark Springs, MO, was the visit of Bro. John Varghese from India. He brought several messages which heartened the saints to reach out to others with the gospel.

Another monumental accomplishment since the last issue of the *Faith and Victory* has been the moving of printing presses and other large equipment from the old shop to the new. We consider it a blessing that the move went as smoothly as it did and that we are now up and running in the new facility.

I would like to reiterate that we feel greatly indebted to God and the saints for the provision of the new building. It will greatly enhance the ease and quality of printing gospel literature.

Our daughter, Patina, is planning to be married to Lindell Campbell on Sept. 10. Mary and I will miss the enjoyment which Patina has brought to our home. We are glad, however, for the happiness she and Lindell have found in each other and in their plans to establish a home of their own in Springfield, MO. We pray God's blessings upon them as they begin their lives together.

We will also miss Patina's work here at the Print Shop. This will leave an opening which necessitates acquiring another worker. The position would include working in the darkroom, computer word processing and page-up, as well as proofreading and perhaps other duties.

We are looking for a person with a genuine burden to work for God, and someone physically capable of the duties of darkroom work, which involve a good deal of bending and stepping.

Our workers do not make large salaries, but God has always provided for their needs, in-

cluding housing and utilities. Please let us hear from you if you feel a God-given interest in this position.

We are still receiving forwarded mail from our old location. Please make sure that all of your correspondence is addressed to either P. O. Box 518, or 4318 S. Division, Guthrie, OK 73044.

For several days during August, there was a problem with our internet server and we were unable to receive orders submitted through our web site. If you placed an internet order during August and have not received it, please contact us at 1-800-767-1479.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalm 33:12. This observation by David came through his knowledge of history and experience. He knew the prosperity which existed when Israel served God.

Former President Calvin Coolidge once said, "The strength of a country is the strength of its religious convictions." Much of the comfort we enjoy in our lives today results from the faith in God which the founders of our country exhibited.

Roger Babson, the famous financier and statistician, tells of a visit he made some years ago to the president of the Argentine republic. He says, "One day we sat in his sun parlor overlooking the river. Suddenly he turned to me and said, 'Mr. Babson, I have been wondering why it is that South America, with all its great natural advantages, is so far behind North America, notwithstanding that South America was settled first?'"

"Then he went on to tell how the forests of South America have 286 varieties of trees that can be found in no book of botany, because no one has classified them.

"He told me about many ranches that had thousands of acres of alfalfa...he mentioned the mines of iron, coal, copper, silver and gold, and all those great rivers with water power rivaling our Niagara.

"Why is it, with all these natural resources, South America is so far behind?" he repeated.

"Those of you who have been there know the reason, but being a guest, I asked, 'Mr. President, what do you think is the reason?' He replied thoughtfully, 'I have come to this conclusion: South America was settled by the Spanish who came in search of gold, but North

America was settled by the Pilgrim Fathers who went there primarily in search of God."

May we never forget the foundation upon which our prosperity is based—may we never kick down the ladder by which we climbed up. We are living in an era when certain factions of our society are doing what they can to dilute our religious heritage. If America is to continue to be prosperous we must resist that trend. We must not allow the cataracts of infidelity to dim our vision so slowly that we are not aware of our change in discernment. God must be kept alive in our nation's conscience, and invited to thrive!

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IN—"Please pray for my son, Nolan. He is taking treatments for cancer. I need prayer for several ailments. Remember my loved ones in prayer that they will get saved."

—Sis. Dessie Wilson

OH—"Please remember my four children."

—Sis. Ruth Garrett

KY—"Dearest saints, I have a friend in Ohio who has gall stones and has been told she needs her gall bladder removed. She also has other physical problems. Please pray that the Lord will touch and heal her."

—Sis. Saprena Cooley

WI—"I need prayer for my eyesight. I am blind in one eye, and recently got a virus in my other eye."

—Paul Steitz

MO—"Pray for my eyes." —Sis. Lavena Cole

LA—"Please remember my eyes in prayer. My seeing is dim. I am thankful I can see as well as I do."

—Sis. Velma Mancil

CA—"Please have special prayer for my oldest son, Mike, as he has cancer of the pancreas and liver. He is getting worse. It doesn't look like we are going to have him much longer unless the Lord sees fit to heal him. I am praying that he will get saved even if he can't be healed."

—Sis. Doris Pihaylic

KY—"Pray for me and my lost family."

—Sis. Lola Jones

OK—Bro. Ben Harrison's mother, Dolly O'Neill, needs special prayer.

OK—Sis. Marilyn Rendall, a resident of the Golden Rule Home, would like prayer for her hearing.

MO—Sis. Lavena Cole has a very special, urgent prayer request.

OK—Sis. Earnestine Jordon had a stroke in February, and is looking to the Lord for help.

Canada—"Both Karin Weiner and Rita Stuttowsky have cancer. Ron Brust has a heart condition and has problems breathing."

—Bro. Wilfred Froese

MO—"Please pray for my mother who is living with us while recuperating from a broken shoulder. Pray for our 27 year old niece who has cancer. Pray for my healing from whatever has been causing pains in my left side."

—Bro. Jim Broker

Standing Prayer Requests

Sis. Lydia Bennett
 Sis. Alscene Breckenridge
 Bro. Jon Busbee
 Sis. Mamie Butcher
 Bro. Nathan Carver
 Sis. Estelene Cramer
 Bro. Daniel Davis, Jr.
 Bro. Dale Doolittle
 Sis. Elaine Dunn
 Sis. Eleanor Fingerle
 Sis. Esther Gordon
 Bro. Huey Gordon, Jr.
 Bro. Ben Harrison
 Sis. Mary Hughes
 Sis. Janice Johnston
 Sis. Earnestine Jordan
 Bro. Louis Kimble
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 Sis. Loraine Lucas
 Sis. Mattie McIntyre
 Sis. Bertha Miles
 Sis. Virginia Myers
 Sis. Dollie O'Neill
 Bro. O. C. Porter
 Sis. Melba Powell
 Bro. John Robinson
 Sis. Rose Samons
 Sis. Myrtle Savoie
 Bro. Rudolf Schmidt
 Sis. Violet Sinkhorn
 Sis. Kay Stover

The Mitch Taylor family
 Bro. Curtis Williams, Sr.
 Bro. Max Williamson
 Sis. Esther Wilson



INSTRUMENTAL TAPES



Dear saints: Greetings from Minnesota! We missed getting to be in any of the camp meetings this year, but we are encouraged to press on for the Lord.

I would like to let anyone who may be interested know that I have a new cassette available called "Ozark Mountain Hymns." It includes nineteen songs and features seven different instruments. Anyone interested may send \$10.00 postpaid to: Camille Zacharias, Rt. 3, Box 324A, Hinckley, MN 55037. Phone: (320) 384-7541.

MONARK SPRINGS CAMP MEETING TAPES AVAILABLE

Cassette tape recordings of both the singing and the messages preached this year at the Monark Springs Camp Meeting are available by order. There are two tapes of congregational singing and two tapes of special singing. You may write and request a list of messages.

Tapes are priced at \$3.00 each.

Send your request or order to: Harlan Sorrell, Rt. 1, Box 118A, Myrtle, MO 65778.



MEETING REPORTS AND NOTICES

MYRTLE, MO, CAMP MEETING AND THAYER, MO, TENT MEETING REPORT

We are very thankful to report the rich blessings of the Lord upon the Myrtle, MO, camp meeting and the Thayer, MO, tent meeting effort this year. It was wonderful and refreshing to see how the saints responded and came in to be in the camp meeting as well as help with the tent meeting effort. Day services were held in the chapel on the Myrtle camp ground and night services under the tent at Thayer. Several dedicated a part of their time going door to door around the Thayer area inviting folks to the meeting and handing out tracts. Several who were invited came out to the tent meeting. The Lord richly anointed the services and the preaching of His Word. Al-

though not many visible responses were noticed, much seed was sown. As song #329 in the *Evening Light Songs* says, "Some may fall in crowded places, On the dry, unyielding plain, but, if watered by thy graces, Not a seed is sown in vain." We believe the Lord will water the seed by His graces now, and His Word will not return unto Him void.

As well as a time of seed sowing, it was a time of much spiritual refreshing for the saints. Besides the richly anointed services the Lord gave us, it seemed so good to see the chapel nearly full again, which hadn't been the case in several years. I, personally, was deeply touched by the love, concern and interest shown by the saints and the ministers for the work of the Lord in this place. We of the local congregation cannot tell you how much it meant to us. I pray the Lord will richly reward each one who sacrificed their time and means to come to this meeting and help make it the blessing that it was.

With love to all, —Bro. Harlan Sorrell
and the Myrtle congregation

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**NORTHPORT/TUSCALOOSA, AL,
MEETING REPORT**

Once again God's presence blessed the tent meeting held June 23—July 2 in the Northport/Tuscaloosa, AL area. Saints from many different states came to support the meeting. There was some response from the neighborhood, many listening to the messages on their porches at night. Children's meetings, including some of the neighbor children, were held before the day services through the weekdays. "The Law of Love" was the theme for these day services and evangelistic services were held at night. The larger, newly purchased tent was much appreciated. Pray that God will bless the seed sown to bear fruit. We appreciate all the prayers and support for this meeting. Continually pray for the work of God in AL. —Sis. Bonnie L. Riley

Contact numbers are Sis. Jessie Shelton, (205) 345-3536 or Sis. Sharon Horn, (205) 556-7527.

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CAMP MEETING IN WISCONSIN

Lord willing, there will be a special tent meeting to be held September 7-10 in Spooner, WI, with Bros. Ivan Eck and Marty Clevenger who have a burden for the work in Wisconsin.

We invite all to come and be a support and

help in these special services. A special invitation is given to those who will be coming for the first time and those who have an interest in old-fashioned, Bible believing truths.

We will try to have accommodations for all who come, but would appreciate it if you could call ahead and let us know if you plan to attend.

Contact Bro. Ron and Sis. Martha Zacharias at (715) 635-2994.

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DUNCANNON, PA, REVIVAL

The Duncannon, PA, congregation has scheduled revival services for September 13-17, at the Church of God chapel, located 5 1/2 miles from Duncannon on Route 849, on the right side of the highway.

We are planning morning and evening services, with the first service being held on Wednesday evening.

Accommodations and camper sites are limited, but there are motels within a half-hour's drive in the Harrisburg area, and some smaller ones even closer. For further details and/or to acquire overnight accommodations, contact Sis. Virginia Myers, (717) 834-4541 or Bro. Stanley and Sis. Nancy Huss, (717) 834-4490. The chapel phone number is (717) 567-6988.

Our desire is to reach the lost in this area and to receive inspiration and encouragement ourselves. The enemy of souls is working hard and we need to work harder. We solicit the saints' prayers and participation.

In His love, —Sis. Barbara J. Campbell

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WICHITA, KS, FALL MEETING

The Wichita, KS, fall meeting has been set for September 15-24. On both Sundays we will have three services. Monday through Saturday (18-23), we will have two services daily—11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. God has always been faithful to supply the ministers needed for our meetings and we will again trust Him to do so. There is an open invitation to anyone to come to be a help, or to receive help, or both. God will provide any and everything that we all need. We will be expecting all-around blessings from our great, big God.

For further information, you may contact Bro. Emmanuel Gracey at (316) 778-1848, or Bro. Paul Phillips at (316) 721-9557. The chapel is located at 1701 N. Ash, St. and the phone number is (316) 267-9582. —Sis. Shirley Knight

WEEKEND SERVICES AT HARRISONVILLE, MO

There are plans for weekend services to be held at Harrisonville, MO, September 23 and 24. Starting times for the services will be at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. The location of the services will be at the North Park Activity Center.

For further information contact Sis. Gertrude Lounds at (913) 722-3488 or Bro. Glen Inman at (816) 779-5526.

APPRECIATION SERVICE

The congregation of the Church of God at New Orleans, LA, wishes to thank everyone for their prayers and contributions towards our chapel building project. It is now ready for worship. In appreciation for what the Lord has done, we are planning a five day meeting, September 27-October 1, with Bro. Keith Fuller of Akron, OH, as the evangelist.

As sleeping space will be limited, we ask that you bring your own bedding. Motels are available in the area.

For motel information and general information, contact Bro. John or Sis. Diane Clement, (502) 536-3767 or Sis. Diane Kimble, (504) 467-9039.

WORK DAY AND SINGSPIRATION AT MYRTLE, MO

Saturday, October 7th, has been set as a work day on the Myrtle, MO, camp ground for the accomplishment of various projects relative to the maintenance of the buildings, etc.

We plan to have a service of spiritual singing at 7:00 p.m. that evening. Everyone is invited to come and be with us on this weekend and stay over for services Sunday morning. We are looking forward to another time of spiritual refreshing and blessings from the Lord.

Cabins and dormitories will be available.

For further information contact Sis. Carol Sorrell, (417) 938-4493 or Bro. Harlan Sorrell, (417) 938-4336. —Bro. Harlan Sorrell

FALL MEETING HOLLY HILL, SC

Lord willing, our fall meeting will be October 8-15, 2000. Plans are for three services to be held on the first Sunday, beginning at 10:00 a.m.; the afternoon service soon after the noon

meal and all evening services to be at 7:30 p.m.

On the last Saturday we plan to have a special midday meal and gathering, along with a regular night service. The meeting will close at the end of the morning service on the last Sunday.

There are cabins and dormitory spaces on the camp ground, and we try to care for all who come, but for those who might prefer a motel, there are several in Santee, approximately 10 miles from the camp ground: Super 8 Motel in Santee (803) 854-3456; Ramada Inn (803) 854-2191; and Days Inn (803) 854-2175.

A hearty invitation is given to all. Please help us pray the Lord will pour out His anointing, conviction, and blessings in sending the vessels and servants of His choice. May our hearts be open to receive as God sends.

For more information you may contact Bro. Carl Shaffer (803) 492-3256, (e-mail: crshaffer@juno.com); Bro. Floyd Crummie (803) 496-5768; or Bro. Alvoid Pratt (803) 492-3366.

We would be glad to see you here!

—The saints at Holly Hill

PHELAN/BALDY MESA, CA, MEETING

The Phelan/Baldy Mesa, CA, Church of God, 2000 meeting is set for October 11-15, Lord willing. We thank the Lord for reaching our 87th year of worship since our incorporation in 1913.

We extend a warm welcome to everyone who wishes to join us at our new location. There are several motels nearby and limited homes for accommodation. We are praying and expecting the divine presence of the Holy Spirit in our meeting.

There will be services nightly at 7:30 p.m. Saturday services will be as follows: 2:30 p.m. special dedication service and 7:30 p.m. general service.

Sunday services are 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. general service with dinner on the grounds.

The chapel address is 11515 Baldy Mesa Road and the chapel phone number is (760) 956-7741. For further information please contact the pastors, Bro. Travis and Sis. Alice Johnson (760) 261-2564.

SAPULPA, OK, CHURCH OF GOD REVIVAL

The congregation of the Sapulpa Road Church of God has announced that, Lord will-

ing, a revival will be held October 15-22, Sunday to Sunday, at 7:00 p.m. nightly. Bro. Michael Smith has felt led to be with the congregation for this revival.

There will be a singing on Saturday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m., the night before the revival begins.

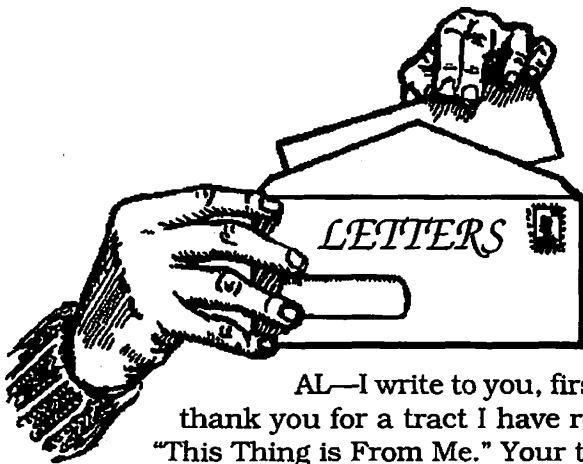
For further information or for accommodations, please contact the pastor, Bro. James or Sis. Patricia Bell at (918) 247-4579.

GUTHRIE, OK, REVIVAL/SINGING

The saints of the Guthrie, OK, congregation have expressed a desire to have a revival October 29-November 5. Nightly services will be held during the weekdays, with morning and evening services on both Sundays. Plans are to have a singing on the evening of November 4.

The chapel is located at 304 Lake View Ave. A hearty invitation is extended to everyone to come.

For further information contact the pastor, Bro. Stanley Dickson, (405) 260-8822.



AL—I write to you, first to thank you for a tract I have read, "This Thing is From Me." Your tract was a letter sent by God in a time He had planned for me to read it. Only He knew what I was going through and how this would change my day. Thank God for your service and let the blessings overflow in each of your lives.

Thank you once again, —Alfred Potter

KY—Greetings dear saints: I would like to give God praises for all He has done for me! I thank the Lord most of all for saving and sanctifying me, and making me who I am today!

I found the truth when I was about 18 years old. I had just gotten out of high school and wasn't aware of what my future held for me. I got married to a very precious girl who was also

saved. At that time we were going to church in Sandusky, OH, where we met some very special saints. Our pastor, Bro. James Bruner, and his dear wife, Sis. Alberta Bruner, along with two other dear sisters, all took us right in like they knew us!

We later moved to Tollesboro, KY, where we now reside. We now have Sis. Mary Hughes as our dear pastor. She has many afflictions which we desire the Lord to heal.

My wife and I also desire the saints' prayers for some of our afflictions and other needs. Most of all, that we will keep going on, by the grace of God, until we all meet in our home on high. No matter what happens, keep encouraged saints! With brotherly love,

—Bro. Matthew Howard

FL—Hi: My name is Marilyn Evans. I would like to thank God for your trust in Him, knowing and allowing yourselves to give out tracts and other merchandise which you send out to customers, not knowing that they will pay you. I thank you for trusting in me on the orders I made.

I am so glad that through what I purchased from you I found peace.

May God bless you and your family.

—Marilyn Evans

CA—Greetings in Jesus' dear name: I am happy in the Lord. He has been so good to me and my family.

I would like to tell to the glory of the Lord how He has blessed me. For years I was tormented by the devil. I mean tormented. He kept telling me from age 16, "You will not live the rest of this year." I would tremble all that year. On New Year's Day I would say, "I didn't die."

Then I got married. In raising my children, satan would often whisper, "You can't live to see your poor little children grown." I would go into depression.

Then God saved me, but satan didn't quit. When I would leave home to go to meeting the devil would whisper, "You'll get killed before you get back." I would tremble all the way there and back.

I know you think I should have caught on to the devil, but as I said, fear is torment. I don't know how long it was before I realized it was the enemy tormenting me. My 7 children and my 21 grandchildren lived to be grown....

Satan still comes sometimes. He says, "You

are going to die," I say, "Yes, I know. But I don't know when, and you don't know either." I know now why I was tormented for so long. I was afraid to die. Now I tell satan, "When I die, I will go sweeping into glory and you won't know anything about it."

I have gotten victory over being afraid to die. I try to live every day as if it is my last.

I am writing this to give good news to anyone who is tormented like I was. Step out on faith and use the power God gave you. Satan has no power over God's children. As long as we stand our ground on the Word of God, we can tell Satan he must flee.

I know the devil doesn't let older saints alone, but I thank God for victory.

Pray for me because I mean to press on.
—Naomi Jennings

OK—Dear Bro. Jason: Just a quick note to let you know how much your work and efforts are appreciated. Many souls are, and can be reached through the Internet. My family in Ohio go to the *Faith and Victory* site and read.

In His service, —Sis. Pat Rhodes

FL—Dear Brother Wayne Murphey: I am so glad Jesus loved even me. He is blessing my body. I am able to do my housework.

Love and prayers,
—Sis. Kathleen Williams

WV—Dear brothers and sisters: I want to thank you all for what you are doing to help God's family down here.

I am still enjoying my *Faith and Victory*. The *Bible Lessons* are a lot of help too. I share these too with a 93 year old lady.

I want to thank you all for keeping me on your prayer list. In the last two years I can see a change in my health. I am still working, but just four half-days instead of five. I still have a small garden too.

Thank you all for your love,
—Melba Powell

WA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Praise God from whom all blessings flow! I am so thankful unto Him for giving me a mind to serve the living God. If I give my will over to Him, He is all I need.

I am glad for the people of God, although I am isolated from church services. I am thankful for the tapes of each Sunday service which I receive. When I hear them it seems as though I

am right there with the people of God, hearing the messages and singing.

May God bless you and the workers who help you in the work of the *Faith and Victory* paper. We do enjoy it each time we read it. May God keep the paper going because it helps all of His people and others.

God touched my body this last week. I have been ill since the first of the year, but through prayer I am better today.

Keep me in prayer, and I will remember you also.
—Sis. Naomi Jones

MI—I thank our dearest God for my new job. Please continue to pray for me. I need His strength and guidance daily. I can't live without Him.

My mother also needs prayer for her health and emotional state since father has passed away....
—Sis. Renate Hess

CA—Dear Bro. Wayne and Sis. Mary: Greetings to you in the lovely name of Jesus. God watches and cares for me and for my precious, saved husband, Elmer, as well. He is eighty-seven and I am seventy-eight. God has blessed us and healed us through the years. We glorify His name. Surely His faithful and trusting children are His very own and He will give us anything that is good for us. It soon will be eternity as time is passing fast for us....

In Christian love, —Sis. Eleanor Fingerle

NIGERIA—Sirs: I just want to thank our Almighty God, as well as you. He has opened my eyes in a most miraculous way through your publications—especially the Sunday School manuals. Ever since coming into contact with those manuals, I have been enjoying studying and practicing the Word of God. It really remains unchangeable, never subject to fashion.

Please continue to send the manual and magazines and any tract or book that will be of help to the development of my spiritual life. We are surrounded here in Nigeria by pagans who claim to be men of God. Please pray for us.

God bless, —Ikechukwu Ibeamalu

KY—Dear saints: Greetings in Jesus' name! It is the most precious in all the earth!! I praise God for His many blessings and mercies upon an unworthy child! Thanks be to Him who counted us worthy!

On June 20, 2000, I went across the street to check my mail. On my way, I saw a car coming down, and then up a hill that's before my home. I thought to myself that I needed to watch in coming back across. I got the mail from the mail box and then walked the small piece across the neighbor's drive to cross the street. Before I did, I only looked to my right, not to my left, or the way that the car was coming at me! When I looked, my very first instinct was — RUN! And that is what I did! I ran out in front of the car! I know God was watching over me, because the jumper I had on didn't give me much room to run in and I almost fell! I know God was there. He held that car back until I got past it and He held me up so that I didn't fall in front of it! Praises be to Jesus!

I believe that on the same day my husband went to buy a used riding tractor to mow grass with, and I went with him. The man was showing my husband that the tractor worked, and in doing this he put the blades down as though he was going to cut grass. He had a gravel driveway and rocks flew! One rock hit my glasses and put a chip in them. I want to give God praise that the rock hit my glasses and not my eye.

Pray for me because Jesus is coming and I want to be ready. There are souls in my neighborhood who are just "church goers" and I want to help them see the truth. Pray for our lost loved ones and all unsaved souls.

In Christian love, —Sis. Sarah C. Howard

KS—To the Saints of the Church of God at *Faith and Victory*: My name is Michael, and I am a fellow servant of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ. I am currently incarcerated in U.S.P. Leavenworth, and I have been saved 2 1/2 years. Just recently I have found out the truths in the Bible. I was on my way into the wide gates (Matt. 7:13) of Protestantism, tithes and tongues and every other false doctrine that is contrary to sound doctrine, but the Lord led me to a brother you all probably know well, Bro. John Austin. Through the grace of the Holy Ghost he helped me find the truth about things like sanctification, feet washing, free will offering, etc. I have read books by F. G. Smith, Bro. Riggle, Bro. Hall, Bro. Schell, Bro. Wilson, Bro. Orr, Bro. Teasley, Bro. Byrum and others, and I have read some *Faith and Victory* papers of which I am a subscriber. I have learned about the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation, and I know that what

these holy men wrote are truths because my spirit bears witness....

I am only 24 years old, and I still have a lot of learning to do. I have been kind of lost because I didn't have any spiritual guide like Bro. Austin, and I didn't know where the Church was. Then I realized that you all are the true Church and that you all are my family. So I decided I would write a letter and let you all know that there are saints here in Leavenworth offering up prayers for you.

I am going to conclude this letter with a thank you for publishing and helping me and others find the truth. I ask you to pray for me that God will help me teach the truth and that nothing false will come out of my mouth. May the Lord Jesus continue to bless you.

—Bro. Michael Clyburn

CA—Dear Bro. Jason: Thank you for having the courage to keep improving this on-line ministry! The *Bible Lessons* and *Lamp of Youth* publications are just what our children need to be focusing on when they get on-line. May the Lord continue to bless your efforts! And many inbound elderly/sickly are benefiting greatly from hearing the Sunday sermons! In Christ we triumph over the evil of the world when men follow His lead to witness His love!

Sincerely touched,

—Sis. Michelle Pierro and family

CA—*Faith and Victory*: Greetings to all of you at the Print Shop. May God richly bless all of your efforts to spread the Word of God.

We thank the Lord for His goodness and mercy to both of us. God surely has blessed us in body, soul and spirit.

We hope and pray that the moving of all the machinery and presses to the new Print Shop goes well.

Yours in Christ,

—Bro. Hubert and Sis. Elizabeth Corteway

OK—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus, our blessed Lord. I trust all is going well with all of you there at the Print Shop.

I have been thinking some of late about the great reward awaiting those who are faithful to God and to their calling. The scripture says in I Cor. 2:9, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that

love him." The next verse says, "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God."

When the three disciples were upon the mount of transfiguration and saw Jesus, Moses and Elias appear in glory, they said, "It is good for us to be here." They thought it good to be there while they beheld Jesus, Moses and Elias as they appeared in glory. They themselves were still in the flesh. How much greater joy it will be at Jesus' coming when we meet all the saints and all have a spiritual or glorified body....

Your saved brother, —T. V. McMillian
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SC—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour.

The Lord is so good to us all. Let us give Him the praise. He has been and always will be my Saviour and friend.

I am feeling so much better. Thank you all for your prayers

Pray for us always, —Sis. Nettie Harbeson
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CA—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in the name of the God of all grace, whose only begotten Son is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords, and our Saviour.

May Jesus' blessings fall upon your work of love, that it will continue to grow and grow.

The little note at the end of the June issue of the *Faith and Victory* stating that Bro. Titus Enu had died was as a stab to my heart. I was staying at the camp grounds when he came to this area many years ago. I had the privilege to drive him around some and help him to get some things that he needed. He preached in Los Angeles as well as Pacoima, and we drove together to Bakersfield. I surely enjoyed his letters....

My wife is on Hospice with end stage congestive heart failure. Her first six months are past. For the last few days she has been experiencing greater chest pain than usual. Pray for all of my family.

May the God of all grace make His face to shine on you and give you peace.

Your brother, —Bob Mickelson
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CA—Dear Bro. Wayne and all others: Just a quick note, as I want to get this in the mail.

I hope this finds you and everyone there at the Print Shop well.

I am praying for all the camp meetings and

wish I could somehow go to at least one. I am so crippled up in my legs that I am limited in many things, so it is probably not going to happen.

I need your prayers for my family, as they are all unsaved. Please have special prayer for my oldest son, Mike, as he has cancer of the pancreas and liver. He is getting worse. It doesn't look like we are going to have him too much longer, unless the Lord sees fit to heal him. I am praying that he will get saved even if he can't be healed.

Love and prayers, —Sis. Doris Pihaylic
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MISSION REPORTS



From the Philippines

July 14, 2000—Dearest Bro. and Sis. Murphey: Greetings of Christian love to you and your family, to the patient workers at the Print Shop, and to all the dear saints of God around you.

The construction of the camp ground projects are going on. The building of the ladies' dormitory is almost finished. As soon as it will be finished they will start the men's dormitory. The tabernacle has a lesser degree of work to be finished. The ground is leveled and is ready for the flooring. Thank you so much, dear brother and sister, for your wonderful help to the mission work in the Philippines.

I am planning to start a gospel work in Cabanatuan, and my daughter, Miriam, said she will help me.

They are having a regular worship service in Manila. I went there not long after you left and I tried my best to answer their questions from the Bible, and they were all very happy.

Bro. Pat and Sis. Rose are still in Guimba, and they are very happy because they now have a regular worship, and more people are becoming interested to study the Bible.

My cousin, who is an ex-Governor of the province of Quirino, has been visiting me in San

Jose. I studied the Bible with him for several nights and he said he wanted to be saved, but he didn't know how to come to Christ. He said he is tired of dirty politics. He wants to serve God the rest of his life on earth. He asked me if God would forgive him for his crooked life and many sins. I asked him to read Isaiah 1:16-18, and also the story of the prodigal son. His tears fell from his eyes, and he asked me if he could be baptized. I baptized him in the creek in Mount Zion. He is now very happy, and he came to me the other day and said he is teaching the Bible to his family. His son, who is an official of the Philippine National Police in Manila, is desiring to be baptized. He said many people in his province are surprised and wondering because of his salvation. Quirino is a province in Northern Luzon and he said he will spend the rest of his life preaching the gospel in his province. Our Lord Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work." (John 5:17.) I believe this is the work of God to save souls in that area of Luzon....

There were many calamities in the Philippines after you left last April. There is now war in Mindanao. There are two groups of Muslim rebels and they were able to strengthen their armies supported by Muslim countries and fight our government Armed Forces. Many are being killed among the civilians. They have taken two groups of hostages. They entered a school building and took some teachers, students and the priest. They tortured some of the hostages and killed them. They killed the priest. They have taken a group of foreign tourists and are holding them in the forest. Some of them are now sick. There are many correspondents, or media men, today in the Philippines from different countries. The Philippines is now called the capital of calamity in the world by the World Health Organization.

The smoky mountain, the mountain of garbage outside Manila, collapsed and many people were buried alive. These people built their small houses below the pile of mountain garbage because that is their means of livelihood, to get anything that they can sell from the garbage. One hundred and thirty dead bodies were recovered. Seventy people are in hospitals and many are still missing because the rescue teams have a hard time because of heavy rains.

Many places in the Philippines are under water because of continued heavy rains. Malabon, a city in metro Manila, is almost

covered by water. Twenty-nine of the thirty barangays [suburbs] are under water. Many people are on top of their house roofs. The province of Bulacan, Tarlac, Pampanga and Pangasinan are very much affected. Many plants and crops were also destroyed. Thank the Lord, we are not so much affected in San Jose, although the crops of our farmer brothers, especially in the barrios, were destroyed.

Thank the Lord for the hope of a better life in heaven and perhaps it will not be very long. After all these hardships, it will be eternal bliss.

Please tell all the brothers and sisters in the U.S.A. that we are doing everything we can with much prayers and petitions to God to bring the message of salvation to every soul as far as we can, and as early as possible. We hope that our efforts will bring a harvest of souls to eternal life. We cannot do this alone, without your precious support. We are praying for you and may you receive special blessings from heaven, and after all, when our Lord Jesus returns, He will give you a great reward.

Your brother, —Matias S. Tangunan

August 3, 2000—Dear Bro. Wayne: Greetings in Jesus' name who pours out many blessings for His children.

I believe I am blessed because God has really stood by me. The Church of Christ in metro Manila has ex-communicated me. I don't feel that bad now, unlike before when I first heard about it. I know God has a good purpose in it. Three people in our church group have decided to be baptized, that's including my daughter, Arlene. I have to go to San Jose to talk to Bro. Matias Tangunan to do the baptizing.

We are having our Bible study and worship service inside our house now. We have done so for more than a month now because of the rain. It is more convenient for us to stay and worship inside the house.

Please continue to pray for our work here in Manila. I am hoping that, with God's help and guidance, we can establish a strong and firm Church of God. Someday, here in Manila, will stand a Church of God building and a self-supporting church.

Many nations need to be evangelized. With your love and concern, and all the saints who give support to the mission work, I believe all nations will know God our Savior.

May God bless you all, —Sis. Nellie Tibayan

From India...

August 10, 2000—Dear Bro. Wayne Murphey: Greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus Christ. By the grace of God I reached home safely on August 5th. God's presence was with me all the way through my journey. I appreciate the prayers of the saints for my safe journey.

My visit to the U.S.A. this time was a real blessing to me. I enjoyed the meetings at Loranger, LA, and Monark Springs, MO, and the fellowship with the saints in America.

I have already started visiting each congregation here. Monsoon rains are still going on here, and yet church activities are going on fine.

Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we do for you.

Yours in Him, —Bro. John Varghese

From Nigeria...

July 14, 2000—Dear Bro. Murphey: Greetings to you and the saints once again through Christ who gave His life unto us. We thank Him for providing all things for our lives.

The church suffered a slide on her land yesterday, July 13th, 2000. After days of heavy rain, a large portion of the land cut off and slid down the slope at the back of the premises. This is the third major slide since we occupied the land. At each time, a reasonable portion of the land was lost. To check further occurrence therefore, a concrete reinforced wall is required to be erected. The church, however, could not do anything as much money beyond her means is involved. As of now, the church in Port Harcourt is concerned about the financing of the following major projects: roofing of the church building, erection of a concrete reinforced wall, payment of additional fees to the Government on the church land and completion of the pastorage. We are trusting that the Lord, who brought things into being out of nothing, will provide the means through His children to promote His work.

Take us along on your knees as you approach the throne of grace please. May the Lord bless you all in your effort of reaching souls.

Your brother in Christ, —F. Naths Igbanibo



Marvin Friend was born Nov. 22, 1943, in Guthrie, OK. He departed this life on July 15, 2000, at his home in Guthrie.

The following are excerpts from a testimony which Marvin wrote in the October, 1999, *Faith and Victory*.

"I have been acquainted with the Church of God since around 1970, but I never came to a saving knowledge of the grace of Jesus Christ until now. But thank the dear Lord, I want to testify to the saving grace of our mighty God. He has saved my soul in this the eleventh hour. Praise His name.

"I have lived a very wicked and sinful life and

have done nothing to merit the love of Jesus Christ. The past of my life has been a life of wasted years and disappointment to God, my family and myself.

"I have mistreated many dear people and I am so sorry for the things I have done to them. In August of this year, I prayed, repented and asked God with tears to save my soul. In His mercy He heard my cry and saved my soul. I am so thankful and I praise His name.

"I can never relive those wasted years, nor can I change them, but my heart's desire is to be faithful and live the rest of my days for my Lord and Savior.

"I have many serious health problems, and any of them could take my life. Please pray that God's will shall be done in my life, and that I will remain faithful unto death."

Marvin is survived by his wife, Barbara, of Arkansas; a daughter, Shelly Friend, of Arkansas; four sons, Michael, of Portland, OR, Marquette, Richard and William, of Guthrie, OK; his father, Robert A Friend, of Guthrie; five brothers, Allen Moad, of Coyle, OK, Robert Lloyd, Hugh, Robbie and Joe, of Guthrie, OK; two sisters, Arlena Monden and Marla Belding, of Guthrie, OK; nine grandchildren and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother,

Nora Moad Friend, twin brothers and his grandparents.

Funeral services were conducted by Bros. Stanley Dickson and Wayne Murphey, with interment in the Summit View Cemetery, Guthrie, OK.

Rosa Lee Walker was born on April 1, 1916, in Oklahoma City, OK, the oldest of three children. One sister, Mae Frances Walker, as well as her parents, Willie Lawrence Walker and Mary Lee Simmons preceded her in death.

Rosa attended private and public schools here in Oklahoma City. She later united in marriage to Joseph Hubbard, who also preceded her in death. From this union was one child, Harriett Hubbard, who was the joy of Rosa's life.

Rosa worked for many years as a domestic worker. She was a member of the Church of God in Spencer, OK, and she stayed active through crafts, sewing, quilting and reading. She attended the Daily Living Center in Northwest Oklahoma City. She had a great love for her grandchildren and for God who called on her April 6, 2000, after much sickness.

She leaves to mourn her passing, one daughter, Mrs. Harriett Hooks; one sister, Mrs. Arletta Coulter; one granddaughter, Carolyn Minnis Owens; one grandson-in-law, Earnest Owens; one great-granddaughter, Megara Owens; one great-grandson, Barid Douglas, who always put a smile on her face; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins, wonderful friends and the congregation of saints who supported her family during their time of crisis.

Bro. Charles Chandler officiated at the funeral service which was held on April 12. Burial was in the Hillcrest Memory Gardens, Spencer, OK.

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, great-great grandfather, **Elvin Helman Embly**, passed away June 17, 2000, after suffering a heart attack.

Elvin was born in Pamona, CA, October 1, 1912, the fourth child of Emma Ruth Dudeck and William James Embly. He had seven brothers and sisters; Faith, Ralph, Hope, Carol, Grace, Irene and Art. In the "Life Story" he related to his granddaughter, Deanna De Boer, he said his parents came from German descent and the children grew up with the family motto, "Hard work never hurt anybody, young or old." The

family moved to a farm in Chino, CA. Elvin didn't know it at that time, but it would be his home for the majority of his life and the original "poultry ranch" that he and Mary would establish later in their marriage. Elvin attended Chino High School. At the age of 21, he enlisted in the navy and his first station was on the U.S.S. Oklahoma, his final ship being the U.S.S. Arizona. During his duty on the U.S.S. Arizona, he made many friends who were later killed at Pearl Harbor.

Elvin's sister, Hope, introduced him to Mary Lola Pruitt, and he was smitten by the beautiful redhead. They were married November 20, 1937. At the time they were married, Elvin was still in the service, but he completed his tour of duty in 1938. In Elvin's "Life Story," he stated that jobs were hard to come by in 1938, but he found a job at a foundry. He started out as a flunky, progressing to foundry superintendent during his fifteen years of employment there. Mary and Elvin made their home in Glendale and in 1939, their first daughter, June, was born. In 1946, their second daughter, Betty, was born. The following year they moved back to Chino.

Their new home was located across the street from a chicken ranch. The neighbor was prosperous and the business looked inviting, so in 1948 Elvin got his start in the chicken business with thirteen chickens. The following year they expanded to 500 chickens and received 80 cents a dozen for the eggs. Meanwhile he retained his job at the foundry, driving forty miles one way and often six days a week. The job in the foundry enabled him to finance the egg enterprise. As Elvin said in his story, "Mary was a great help and strong worker during this time, as she fed the chickens, gathered the eggs and raised our daughters, and son, Ed, who was born in 1949. Each night after work at the foundry, I would grade and case the eggs in our basement. Our first egg buyer was Safeway, to which we sold for eight years, while enlarging our flock."

In 1953, Elvin notified the foundry he would be quitting in the fall, but during the summer he suffered an attack of acute appendicitis. He was promptly hospitalized for surgery to remove his appendix. This ended his foundry career.

During the following years the chicken business expanded. Mary worked outside the home to help support the family while Elvin continued to enlarge the business. The children all had jobs in the business. June fed the chickens

