



# The Mission Trail

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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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. . . A very cheerful greeting to all who are listening to THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey coming to you once again for our weekly visit. And this is the beginning of our second year on radio station XEG. We feel that this past year has certainly been a profitable one in the spiritual things of the Lord, and we do appreciate so much hearing from those who have been so faithful in the Lord's service. May I remind you that if you would like to receive our weekly printed message, be sure to send us your request. It is not necessary for you to send money. If you would like for us to pray for you or if you have a burden or a problem which you feel that you would like to share with us that we may pray together, be sure to let us know about it when you write. God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think. We also desire your prayers that we may be able in some small measure to pay our debt of love to God and his people for all they mean to us. As we go forth by faith this year of 1966, we trust that God will let his richest blessings come your way and that you may receive from him the desire of your heart.

Now listen to this verse in Psalms 119:18.

"OPEN THOU MINE EYES,

that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

Now it certainly must be a dreadful thing for a person to be born blind or perhaps this might even be worse for one who had eyesight to lose it in an accident and be no longer able to see the beautiful things in this life. One might hear and speak and feel and even smell, but to lose one's eyesight is no doubt a great loss. Now we are speaking of natural eyesight.

There is an incident recorded in St. John, chapter 9, and beginning at verse 1, that tells us of a man who was born blind. He had never been able to see in all his life, but one day the Master came along. This contact with the

Saviour brought about a change in the blind man's life which gave him great joy, for Jesus anointed his eyes "And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam; . . . He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing."

Now don't you think this was a gift even greater than any earthly treasure? No doubt, his joy was so great as he went down the road beholding the things of nature that he began to tell it wherever he went. It was beyond his fondest expectations to think that he was now able to see; and, of course, all this came about because his eyes had been opened.

Now, let us go one step further and compare this to the spiritual condition of those who are blinded. In II Corin-



thians, chapter 3 and verse 14, we read, "But their minds were blinded:" This is speaking of those who lived under the law of Moses, but were unable to comprehend the spiritual things of God. They were blinded to the real truths of the Word.

Again we see in II Corinthians, chapter 4 and verse 3 and 4, "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Even though there may be some who would not accept this fact, those who disbelieve the gospel and reject it, those who are unwilling to accept the light of its teachings, those who refuse to obey its commands are blinded and groping their way through life in darkness.

Look at this verse in I John, chapter 2 and verse 11, "But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes."

Wouldn't it be a beautiful thing for those who are blinded if they could see the spiritual things of God after their eyes have been opened? Listen now once again to this text which I read to you in the beginning. It says, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

Now just as the man whose eyes were opened at the Pool of Siloam went his way rejoicing and beholding the beauties about him, even so those who are born into the family of God began to see the beauties of his family and of his church. There are things which they have never known before. They see people mani-

festing the grace of God in such a marvelous way which they never realized even existed in this world. All of this has been brought about because their eyes have been opened. It is a new world to them. Old things are passed away, and the old things which they once loved they now hate.

Now in comparing those who are able to see with those who are blind, listen to this scripture in Proverbs, chapter 4 and verses 18 and 19. "But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day. The way of the wicked is as darkness: they know not at what they stumble."

There are those in the world today who profess to know God, but they refuse to accept the teachings of his word. This same class of people should be compared with the Pharisees in the time of Christ. They taught the law and made a good outward show, but inwardly they were full of wickedness. Listen to the words of the Master from Matthew chapter 15 and verse 14, "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

Now sometimes children play games blindfolded. They endeavor to perform certain acts with their eyes closed, hoping to see how well they can do this. They provide a laughing stock to their playmates. Now for playing games, this may be a great sport, but when we are dealing with the eternal truths of the Bible, let us remember that we are performing in this life and playing "for keeps". It is not something to provide a laughing stock to others, but we should be sincere and earnest in this business of serving God. And it is not time for us to play this game of life with our eyes closed, but we must have our eyes opened and be fully aware of the dangers

which surround us on every hand. There we will find professors of religion who are only playing this game for financial gain or personal advantage or for the praise of men.

Let us as the true children of God have our eyes opened that we may be able to realize the value of the eternal things of life. Remember the text as I repeat it once again, "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law."

And speaking of the path which shines brighter and brighter unto the perfect day, listen now to this poem which Kathleen has for you.

### THE PATHWAY OF THE JUST

by B. E. Warren

There are beams of brilliant sunlight along the  
holy way,

Where the weary pilgrims travel in the dust;  
They are happy as they're nearing that land  
of blissful day,

They are walking in the pathway of the just.

They are walking in the footsteps of Jesus all  
the time,

For the needed strength and grace in him they  
trust;

They are on the way to glory where joys are  
more sublime,

They are walking in the pathway of the just.

They are joyful in temptation because the  
Lord is near,

Let offences come, for Jesus said they must;  
So with sword and shield they conquer with-  
out a doubt or fear,

They are walking in the pathway of the just.

By the pastures ever green, by refreshing  
waters free,

Christ will lead them if in him they fully trust;  
To the Father he will say, "These are mine  
thou gavest me,

I have kept them in the pathway of the just.

Thank you, Kathleen, now let us pause for a moment of prayer.

Our gracious heavenly Father,

We thank you today for the privilege of having our spiritual eyes open to behold wondrous things from thy law. We pray that you would bless all those who hear the broadcast, and may thy spirit accompany this message to provide deliverance and healing and lasting joy to those who accept thy word, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Listen now to this song entitled, "Jesus Took My Burden" as sung by Margaretta Kennedy and Dixie Hand.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like to have a free copy in print, send us your request. Address it to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Until next Friday night at 11:00, this is Willie Murphey wishing you each and everyone the very richest blessings of God and a pleasant goodnight!

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### YOUNG PEOPLE'S SECTION

by Kathleen and Patsy

New Burlington, Ohio, January 4, 1966

"Dear Kathleen, I am really glad that you asked at the Monark camp meeting if I would like to receive a copy of The Mission Trail. I have truly enjoyed it. Thank you for the little booklet that you sent me with your family picture. My family enjoyed seeing it.

I am now starting on my last half of my sophomore year at Central State University. As I look back on the first portion of my school year, I can see many times the Lord has blessed me in my lessons and also in other things, beyond what I was hoping for. I really do appreciate it . . . " --Nancy Sallee



## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

Bro. Donald Sharp, a young minister, and his wife Lois are making plans to move with their family to Coffeyville, Kansas, in early June at the close of this present school term, to be actively engaged in the gospel work with the Coffeyville congregation.

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From California

"Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings this fine Wednesday morning . . . Keep up the good work. Would like to see you face to face . . . Salute all the brethren for me. Don't forget us in your prayers. Much Christian love and God bless you."

--Bro. Harland Smith

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Many of the saints are deeply concerned about Sis. Katherine Key, who has been very sick. She is well-known by many in this reformation and has laboured in the gospel work for many years. No doubt many could recall words of encouragement which she has spoken to them in the time of sickness or trial. Now it seems it would be good for us to show our love and appreciation to her in this time of trial. Why not sit down right now and write her a card or letter while you are thinking of it, and let her know that her labours of love have not been in vain, and that you are praying for her? You may send these letters to her in care of Louie Marler, Route 1, Box 180, Senath, Missouri 63876.

God has answered prayer in behalf of Bro. Wayne Turner, who was confined to death row under the sentence of death for many months. The Supreme Court granted him a new trial and his sentence has been modified to one of life imprisonment. Since Wayne has given his heart to God, he has been an inspiration to many and the saints rejoice with him. Let us continue to pray that God may work even greater miracles in his behalf.

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Our latest word concerning Johnny Bray is encouraging since he is recovering nicely from the severe head injury which he suffered. We indeed give thanks for this.

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Sis. Dorothy Barton of 2262 N. Columbia Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74115, has also been in the furnace of affliction and is still standing in the need of prayer. Indications are that she was bitten by a spider which has caused severe suffering.

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Our many thanks to all who have offered their kind words of encouragement and support to help keep THE MISSION TRAIL on the air. This issue begins our second year. Continue to remember us in your prayers. If you are not now receiving these weekly messages, please send us your address and let us mail them to you free of charge. There is no obligation on your part.

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