



# 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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. . . It is a real pleasure to be coming to the listeners of radio station XEG once again for our Friday evening visit. We hope that the time of 10:45 p. m. which is fifteen minutes earlier than we have normally been coming to you will please you very much and be more convenient for many of you to listen.

Let me explain that this is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and your speaker is Willie Murphey. We feel deeply indebted to those who have been so faithfully standing by to help us maintain this radio broadcast and share with us the expenses of publishing and mailing the weekly message. We sincerely desire that God may reward each one a hundredfold.

Tonight I would like to point out the great need for gospel workers both at home and abroad. I hope that the young people of today will seriously consider the dedication of their entire lives to the service of God, and that each one may have a testimony such as the Apostle Paul had which is recorded in Romans, chapter 1, and beginning at verse 15. I quote: "So, as much as in me is,

## I AM READY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL

to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith,"

Now I mentioned earlier in the press time news of a recent edition that for the broadcast at this time we were going to have the testimony from a brother in India. This we are going to read to you tonight, but first let us get an overall picture of the great need before God's church to carry the gospel into every corner of the world.

Now I do not single out India as being the most spiritually needy field in the

world, for there are many places both at home and abroad where the people are hungry for the gospel. These we are endeavoring to reach, and it has brought a great satisfaction to us when we feel that in some small measure both by radio and publication, you and I have been able to reach a few of these precious souls.

Now to be more specific, let us lift up our eyes and look upon the fields of the world. This time let us imagine that we are on our way to India across the Atlantic. We might make a few stops in Southern Europe as we headed still further east around the southern end of Africa which would be south of the equator. There we might find ourselves crossing the Indian Ocean and going in an northeasternly direction



until finally after some distance of approximately halfway around the world we would arrive at the Asian country of India.

Now as many of you recall, last year Bro. Carver made a missionary trip to India and saw first hand this land with a population of 480 million people who speak a total of fourteen major languages. Think of it, friends, if you can, imagine how many this would be-- 480 million!

Now in January of 1966 there fell upon the shoulders of Indira Gandhi, a woman, if you please, the responsibility of prime minister of this great nation. Some of you may recall that earlier this year Madame Gandhi made a visit to the United States. Many were impressed by her elegance. Indeed, I think it would be in order just now as we think of the great need in India both temporally and spiritually, that we have it before us a standing request to remember Madame Gandhi and also this 480 million people that they may have more opportunities to see and know the real meaning of true Christianity.

Remember now the text which I gave you earlier. This was the testimony of Paul when he said, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are at Rome also. Now just as he was ready to declare the wonderful works of God, even so I believe that we should be ready to speak the name of Christ both at home and abroad.

Let me share with you now the joy which came to my heart when I received this testimony from India. Here is one into whose hands fell a copy of The Mission Trail. I quote from his letter.

"Dear brother: Greetings to you in the name of Jesus Christ who said, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life.'

"A few weeks back I happened to see your Mission Trail. I pleased very much when I went through your speech in it. Now, I like to write a testimony.

"I am the son of Brother C. M. Varghese. I am now about to take my B. S. C. degree. During my long life as a student God helped me very much. I came up to this level not because of my ability, but only due to the kindness which God showed to me. I am so grateful to God for how He has blessed and watched over me through these days. I thank God for bringing me through the many burdens, crosses, fiery trials, tests and sorrows. I also thank Him for watching over me since my early childhood. From my experience of life I can now very well conclude that there is nothing too hard for God to do and He helps only those who trust Him and believe him. God permits us to be ill to test our faith and love in Him.

"Bro. Carver knows me very well because he stayed with us about a month during his missionary work in India. One day he visited our college where I completed my three year degree course. There he visited our laboratories.

"Now, I will try to include your work as a subject in my every day prayers. At the same time I request your prayers also for my future life. Expecting The Mission Trail of the next week I stop here now. Try to give me a reply. Your brother in Christ, John Varghese C."

End of letter. Now isn't that an encouraging letter. Just think, this young man knows what it is to have education, he knows what it is to attend the schools of higher learning, and yet he also recognizes that only God can satisfy the hearts of the millions of the world.

Friends, let us ask ourselves this question: "Am I doing my part to see



the gospel reach every nation of the world?" Then as we ponder this thought let us arise and put into action our decisions to reach as many in "the regions beyond" as possible while the door of opportunity is open. Let us seek out the means and ways of best doing this. Listen now as Patsy brings you this poem.

### THE PATH OF DUTY

I said, "Let me walk in the field."  
He said, "No, walk in the town."  
I said, "There are no flowers there."  
He said, "No flowers, but a crown."

I said, "But the skies are black,  
There is nothing but noise and din."  
And He wept as He sent me back.  
"There is more," He said, "there is sin."

I said, "But the air is thick,  
And fogs are veiling the sun,"  
He answered, "Yet souls are sick,  
And souls in the dark undone."

I said, "I shall miss the light,  
And friends will miss me, they say."  
He answered, "Choose tonight  
If I am to miss you, or they."

I pleaded for time to be given  
He said, "Is it hard to decide?  
It will not seem so hard in heaven  
To have followed the steps of your Guide."

Then into His hand went mine;  
And into my heart came He;  
And I walk in a light divine,  
The path I had feared to see.

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Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our gracious heavenly Father,  
Indeed it is a wonderful and glorious privilege that we have to know thee, the

true and living God. For this we are thankful, nevertheless, with this privilege comes also the responsibility that we share with others the gospel of our Saviour. This we are willing and ready to do. Take the words of the message tonight, both by radio and by print, and carry them to every corner of the world where they may be a blessing. Especially do we pray for Madame Gandhi and the 480 million in India. Then, too, we pray for Bro. John Varghese and his father and others who are so faithfully laboring for the advancement of your cause in the world. Bless each one who hears the broadcast tonight, and to thee we will give the praise in the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen

Listen now to this song, "It Is Not An Easy Road" as sung by Margretta 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 copy in print, free of charge, you may have one by sending us your request. Address it to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Until next Friday night at 10:45, this is Willie Murphey wishing you each and everyone the very richest of heaven's blessings and a very pleasant goodnight!

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No more certain planning for a Life Time can be made than to study the youth of great men and women. . .

Many young people are so intoxicated with the glamor of frivolous interests that they will have little place for life planning. But you can find a few who will sense the difference between passing pleasures and the inspiration of great experiences. Plant an orchard, tend it and wait years of unfolding. That takes patience but it is wonderful to sit back when the harvests of the years comes.

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## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

From Mo.: Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and all, Greetings to you this afternoon. The Lord has been good to us; surely our desire is to press on. I would like to testify of some of the Lord's goodness. We were preparing to move from Kansas City to Webb City and the night Wayne was loading the trailer I had a terrible pain in my left ear. It continually got worse till the pain was almost unbearable. We prayed asking God to relieve the pain. About 9:30 p. m. I was in agony but we continued to pray, our faith looking toward God. We never doubted and at 12:30 a. m. I felt great relief. I ran to the door and told Wayne and we rejoiced together. . . I slept and was able to make the trip from Kansas City to Webb City about 150 miles. Our baby who is six months old has had a cold in his left eye. We trusted God completely and the Lord has touched and healed his little body. We could write many pages of the Lord's goodness but this time we'll only tell of these two experiences. We receive The Mission Trail regularly. Thankful to receive it each time. . . May God richly bless each reader and keep up the good work. Christian love,

--Kathryn Baltzell

From Louisiana: Dear Sister Frances: . . . We started meeting here at Kentwood Monday night (June 13). The Lord is blessing. . . The saints at Loranger and Hammond have been faithful to come. The Lord has blessed these dear ones here with a nice new chapel. They are few in number but all have a mind to work for God. Bro. Bobby Forbes has been real sick but feel the Lord has undertaken for him. . . Pray for us. . .

--The Curtis Williams family

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We offer our congratulations to Bobby Harmon and Norene Cole who were united in marriage Saturday, June 18, at Neosho, Mo. We wish them happiness.

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The Hammond, La. campmeeting begins, today, June 24. More information may be obtained from Bro. and Sis. T. H. Coffey, Box 1177, Hammond, La.

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It was a real pleasure to have breakfast with and visit Bro. and Sis. Darius Gibson on the Monark campgrounds this past weekend. He is greatly improved but very weak. Their hearts are still upon the gospel fields.

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National Campmeeting begins at Monark Springs, Mo. near Neosho, July 22.

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