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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 pleasant greeting to all the listeners of radio station XEG. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma with another gospel message which we hope will bring encouragement to each of you. We also hope that it will inspire faith for the healing of those who are sick and last, but by no means least, we hope that it will kindle within the hearts of those who may be careless a great desire to dedicate their lives to the cause of God. And in doing so, we are especially concerned about reaching those in the distant corners of the world who have not the opportunity to hear the gospel as we do.

Now before I proceed any further, let me explain that my name is Willie Murphey, and if you have a prayer request or a need for which you would like us to pray, you may write to us this way: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are indeed grateful for those who have stood by with the letters of encouragement and prayers and also those who are helping financially to make this program possible.

Consider now this scripture in Matthew 24 and verse 35. I quote: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but

MY WORDS SHALL NOT PASS AWAY."

Now the scientists may be able to study the structure of the rocks and the formation of the mountains and make an estimate as to how long they think the world has been in existence, but here Christ makes the emphatic statement that the heavens and the earth shall pass away, but his words shall not pass away. Can you think of anything more enduring than his words?

Consider also this verse found in Hebrews, chapter 15, and verse 8. It says, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever." Indeed these scriptures seem to furnish a solid foundation for our faith in him in the midst of a changing world when the old is rapidly passing away and ad-

vancement is constantly being made with new techniques.

To give you a better sense of security and the feeling of certainty in the midst of the changing circumstances of the world, listen to this verse in Psalms 90 and beginning with verse 2. I quote: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night."

Now this should give everyone who

may be tempest tossed and perplexed some hope and encouragement which will serve as an anchor to the soul both sure and steadfast. But your faith should not stop here. It should take in the other words which were spoken by the Master. Remember the text. It says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

Now here are some of the last words spoken from the lips of our Saviour recorded in Matthew 28:18. He said and I quote, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." I believe it can safely be said that the depths of one's spirituality is largely measured by his concern to impart the gospel to others. This is also true for a nation, a state, a local congregation, a family, or an individual.

Now let us be more specific. On our last broadcast we told you about India. We mentioned the 480 million people living there, but tonight let us think of another field which is also very needy. This time you will not have to cross the ocean to get there. All that's necessary to reach our neighbor of Mexico is just cross the border of Texas.

Here we find a country of 26 millions, and that was sometime back for this estimate. One of the cities very close to the United States border, namely, Tijuana, Mexico, has a population of 22,000 in it alone. Anyway to make the statistics short, let me say the need is great with many who are hungry for true examples of Christian living. Re-

cently Kathleen made a missionary trip into some of the areas where gospel work is being promoted. I hope you will enjoy her report. Listen now to her own words.

"Here is the report of my missionary trip to Mexico.

"The first week I spent with Sisters Edith Cole and Carrie Shepperd in Mexicali, Mexico. We were in service there on Sunday morning. Quite a number come to the services and they go to different homes to pick up those who want to come, but don't have a way except by walking. Sister Edith preached that morning about having the victory over all the enemy will try to tempt us with.

"After dinner Sister Edith, Angel, Celia, and several young girls and I went to another home some miles distant from there to have service. This is the home of an elderly couple who desired to know more about God. When they were told of the creation of the world in service that afternoon, they listened with great interest because they had never heard it before.

"During the week we visited in many of the homes there and talked with the people. On Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays Sister Edith has sewing classes for the girls. While they are sewing they are always asking questions about the Lord and other things which interest them.

"Then on Wednesdays they have a prayer meeting around 3:30 in the afternoon. Many of them give their testimony for the Lord, and the children read verses out of the Bible. In this way all who desire to have a part in the service. Afterwards they sit around and talk for quite a while before they leave for home. Then on Saturday

afternoons they have children's meeting. They said that between fifty and seventy children come sometimes.

"The next weekend I was in Ensenada with Sister Geneva Hite and her daughter Rebecca. On Saturday evening one of the girls who is saved came to the house and asked if she and I could have a class for the children just to teach them a Bible verse. This was an encouragement to us, and we were glad to do it. So on Sunday morning while Sister Geneva talked with the adults, Georgina and I taught the children John 3:16. It was rather a long verse for some of them, but they worked on it and learned it very well. Afterward we had them say it for their parents, and it made the parents happy, too. The next Sunday we taught the children Psalms 23:1. After one girl had learned both verses she asked if she could have another one to learn.

"On the next weekend we were back in Ensenada again. While we were waiting for everyone to come for service one lady came to the door with her four little children. She had heard of the services and desired to be in them. We invited her to come on in, and we talked with her for a while. Her oldest boy of eight years seemed to be completely helpless and was in a little cart which she pushed. Everyone began to question among themselves, 'What does he have?'

"Finally they asked her, and she said that he had spinal meningitis. Of course, everyone felt a little afraid to stay there and one lady held her baby a little closer to her and said, 'But they die!' We had special prayer for the little boy, and we know that the Lord heard it. The mother was much encouraged when she left.

"In Ensenada we have services in a

home close by the place where we stay. This family is a very nice family and seem to be interested in the gospel. The only girl in the family, Georgina, is saved and always tells others about how the Lord helps her. The others in the family haven't yet experienced true salvation, but we know that the Lord is working with them, and we pray that one day they will all be saved.

"Before we had services in their home, we had it in the yard of a very dear sister. She invited us to have service in her yard when the landlord of another lady said that we must never have service in his house. Rufina would have been glad for us to have service in her house, but it wasn't big enough so she offered her yard. The Lord blessed us in services there, and we had service in the yard for over a year before the neighbors invited us into their home, our present place of service.

"Rufina accepted the Lord as her personal Saviour and truly manifested it in her daily life. When she learned that she was losing her eyesight, she requested that we pray for her that the Lord would spare her enough eyesight that she might be able to read the Word. Later she became so frail that she had to live with her daughter and son-in-law. But even after she had to stay in bed she talked of how good the Lord was to her. When the cancer came, and we know she must have suffered greatly with it, her faith in God stood the test and held firm. When her time came to go home, they said that 'she arrived with peace'. Truly God is working with the people there, and it will be through the lives of those who are as faithful as Rufina was that others will be saved."

Thank you, Kathleen, for that report on Mexico. Friends, we hope you have enjoyed the message today, and that



Sister Edith Cole speaks in Mexicali, Mexico

the background noise of the typewriters and press have not been too objectionable on the broadcast.

Do remember us in your prayers that we may be useful in getting the gospel to as many as possible. We also would like to give a special prayer request for Bro. Harland Smith and others who have labored so hard in this field. And now let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father,

Take the words of the message today and carry them to the hearts of those who hear, and may we each one do our best to spread the gospel to the ends of the world, and we will give thee the praise in the name of Christ our Saviour.

Here now is a song "They're Perishing Now" as sung by Bobby Forbes, Dorall Forbes, Randall Flynn, and Melvin Doolittle.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like a printed copy free of charge, you may have one

by sending us your request. Until next Friday night at 10:45 this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours and a very pleasant goodnight!

TENT MEETING REPORT

Charlestown, Indiana--Dear Bro. Willie & Family, We greet you again in Jesus dear name--the name we love so well--the one that has done so much for us. We are here in Charlestown. The meeting is already in progress. Jesus said "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, teaching them to observe all things and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." We can truly say we know what that means. He has been with us all the way. We have had some problems. But he has been in them, too. We are looking for the Lord to bless in a special way. The Lord has worked out everything so far. David Baird and Larry Sneed are with us. Wife and boys are fine. Pray for us. Our address is, General Delivery, Charlestown, Indiana. After that it will be Thelma, Kentucky. Give all the saints our love. Bye now,

--Bro. Samons and Workers

Lamar, Colorado--Dear Saints, I want to report this evening I am so glad I can say the Lord is helping me. My bad headaches and eyeaches are much better, but I don't have my eyesight yet, but am still trusting God. I know he is able. . . So please still remember me. I would like to have my sight again for his glory, my good, and so the people could see there is still power in the blood of Jesus. --Sis. McEndree

From Alabama--Gentlemen: I heard your broadcast for the first time tonight over XEG. It was a blessing to me. Please send me a free copy of your message. Thank you so much. Sincerely in Him, Charles R. Dodge, Jr.

Oklahoma - - Dear Bro. Willie: Last week Bro. Murphy Allen and myself were privileged to answer a call to do some missionary gospel work on the Sioux Indian reservation in S. Dakota where the Lyons' family are resident missionaries. Gospel literature in the form of tracts, papers and booklets were distributed and placed before the people. Some public and personal contacts were made, all of which we pray will result in much lasting good. Bro. and Sister Lyons have only been saved eight years, and had never personally come in contact with the Church of God people before, though they have been reading our literature for several months. Sister Lyons and their five children would like to attend the National Camp meeting at Neosho (Monark Springs), Mo. if the means are supplied for the trip. Pray that the way will be provided. Yours in Christ,

--Lawrence Pruitt

Kentucky--Dear Bro. Willie: Greetings in Jesus' name. . . We are home from So. Carolina and found the Mission Trail in the mail. Surely we do appreciate this little messenger. May God bless you all to keep it going out to help and encourage souls to a closer walk with God. The Lord richly blessed in the Holly Hill, So. Car. meeting. Not many from out of state attended, but local attendance was fair. Several testified how they enjoyed the evening Bible study and had received much help. I helped in the kitchen during the day, but each night service was precious. The last night, God really poured out his blessings. Several were at the altar for help. Some to be saved--others for more power with God, and encouragement. More than half the congregation were on their knees praying. . . Praise God for all He has done--(Bro. Abbott has a very red and infected eye--pray for his healing).

--Sis. S. E. Abbott

SERVING BY SUFFERING

Sickness is discouraging. It is disheartening not to be able to do the things that the spirit yearns to do. Life seems to be useless. The days seem lost in which no active service can be done for the Master. Sometimes persons suffering thus from illness, laid aside or broken, lose out of the heart the joy, the peace, and hope, thus becoming depressed, unhappy, cast down, sometimes almost despairing.

But this is not a victorious Christian life. The lesson for such is that the noblest thing in life is always the doing of God's will. Furthermore, we are reminded of the comforting words which God spake to the Apostle Paul when he said, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

He Knows the Way that Leads to Glory

There is a Guide that never falters,
And when He leads I cannot stray,
For step by step, He goes before me,
And marks my path. He knows the way.

He knows the way that leads to glory;
Thy ev'ry fear He will allay,
And bring thee safe at last to heaven,
Let Jesus lead, He knows the way.

Oft times the path grows dim and dreary,
The darkness hides the cheering ray,
Still I will trust tho' worn and weary,
My Saviour leads, He knows the way.

He knows the evils that surround me,
The turnings that would lead a-stray,
No foes of night can ere confound me,
For Jesus leads, He knows the way.

O heart weighed down with nameless
anguish,
O guilty soul torn with dismay,
Thine ev'ry foe, His pow'r will vanquish,
Let Jesus lead, He knows the way.

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AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

It was a pleasure for us to spend a few days in Louisiana at the beginning of the Hammond campmeeting. The fellowship of the Lord's people was very encouraging, and it was with great reluctance that we left just as the attendance began to increase and the meeting was getting well under way. We know that many other good services will be enjoyed by those who were in attendance, however, duties were pressing back home, and we felt that the short visit would assist, at least in a small way in the opening services where we enjoyed the fellowship of the Lord's people. The blessings received did compensate for the trip.

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The saints of Loranger, Louisiana have made plans to build a new parsonage for their pastor, Bro. and Sis. Herbert Probst.

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Bro. and Sis. Stover are presently in California.

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Sister Marie Miles has been attending the Jefferson, Oregon campmeeting.

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The Myrtle, Missouri campmeeting and also the Pacoima, California, campmeeting begin next Friday, July 8.

The El Alamo campmeeting in Baja Mexico will begin July 1st and continue through July 4th.

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The National Campmeeting at Monark Springs, Missouri begins July 22nd.

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From Louisiana--Dear Bro. Murphey, and family, and saints there, Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour. This leaves me still saved and looking up to see the face of our Master. . .

--J. M. Mitchell

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From Oklahoma--The Mission Trail: We greet you all with much love this morning in the name of Jesus. We are praying for the work and do enjoy reading the paper and will do all that we can to help spread the word far and near. . . Pray for us,

--Nancy Jones

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From India--. . . I am receiving The Mission Trail properly. My humble thanks to you for this kindness. . .

--V. V. Samy

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We continue to add more names to our weekly mailing list, and we appreciate the interest in our very humble work. We acknowledge God as the giver of all good gifts and desire to be faithful.

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