



# 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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This is a snapshot of some of the boys and girls which attend the services in Patzcuaro. Should they not hear the gospel and receive instructions which will help them develop into men and women for God? Jesus said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." Luke 18:16

. . . A very cheerful greeting to all the listeners of radio station XEG. It is indeed a pleasure to be back with another gospel message from the word of God. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you. Those who desire to write us may do so by addressing their letter to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

We do appreciate so much those who have shown an interest in the work which we are endeavoring to do for God and his cause throughout the world.

Listen now to our text from Isaiah, chapter 32 and verse 20,

**"BLESSED ARE YE THAT SOW BESIDE ALL WATERS,**

that send forth thither the feet of the ox and the ass."

I can clearly see that there is a wide

field of activity in which everyone who has a desire to do so, may be active in proclaiming the gospel. This verse says, "Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters." I believe this would include, first, our home congregation, and our own family. Our life and influence before them should be such as is becoming to a child of God.

However, this should not be the end of our endeavors for Christ, but we should reach out into the "regions beyond" into every land and nation where the name of Christ is not named. This is primarily the desire of our heart. We want to see the truth reach every distant land. Let us hope and pray that the seed sown even in areas which are not considered to be the most desirable may spring up and bring fruit to the glory of God.

In our broadcast today I want to tell you a little of our recent trip into Baja





In this picture are shown some of the children which attend the Saturday afternoon Sunday school. Bro. Harland is shown at the left and Sis. Edith Cole at the extreme right.

California, which is a state of Mexico. It was indeed encouraging to visit Sis. Edith Cole at Patzcuaro and see the eager faces of those who heard the gospel in that place. Pictured in this edition of THE MISSION TRAIL are some of those present in the services which are held there.

I am speaking now about the printed copies which we make of this weekly message. If you are not on our mailing list, be sure to let us know that we may add your name without cost or obligation to you to receive these weekly messages.

God is blessing her labors, and she is doing an excellent job with the Spanish language. I considered it a real privilege to be able to speak in two of the services there while Brother Harland Smith interpreted the message for me into the Spanish language.

You see, when Christ gave his final instructions to his disciples in Matthew 28 and verses 19 and 20, we read, "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 always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

I would say it is rather a difficult task for us to prove to our brothers and sisters in Mexico, India, and Nigeria that we love them as long as we withhold the bread of life from them, which would cause them to grow and develop into true saints of God and assume the responsibilities of the church in their own lands.

I believe that more should catch a glimpse of the call of God to the foreign mission fields. After we have told those about us from day to day of the saving grace of Christ, we should lift up our eyes and look on the fields of those who have not heard the glorious doctrines of the saving grace of our Lord. Herein lies some of the greatest joys of serving Christ. Just think of the thrill of being able to tell others about Him who is able to make their lives happy.

Sister Carrie Sheppard who is laboring in Rosarito is finding great joy in doing this. It was a real inspiration to see her happiness as she went about her duties in the field where God has placed her.

Bro. James Huskey and his wife Charlotte are living in a trailer house



Sister Carrie Sheppard is shown here to the left. In the center is Chachita Esquer Villa, and her mother, Cristina Villa de Esquer, is shown on the right.





James and Charlotte Huskey and their children, from left to right, Patricia, Timothy, Rosa, Bobby, and Leah, are shown near the trailer in which they live.

near La Mision, and there are a number of doors which are open for them to proclaim the gospel of Christ.

In the instructions which Christ left for his disciples he first told them to tarry in Jerusalem until they were given power. In the first chapter of Acts and verse 8 we read, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

It takes a special anointing to be successful in witnessing for Christ. But after we have received such an anointing and feel his hand upon us, we should delay no longer in arising and being about the responsibility of proclaiming his word to the ends of the world.

In another needy field on our trip into Mexico, it was heart-warming to meet Bro. Tomas Mendoza and his faithful wife Diama laboring for God in the Valle de Trinidad. When we crossed the last mountain range leading into the valley, we could see the vast expanse of the valley stretching out for miles



Bro. Tomas Mendoza and his wife Diamantina are shown with their children, from left to right, David, Tomas Jr., Lupe, and Samuel.

before us. It indeed brought a thrill of joy when we encountered Bro. Tomas with the two-seated pickup and the camper busily gathering up the children for Sunday school.

Bro. Tomas understands the language and customs of his people. He knows their problems as only one could know them by living among them from day to day. Shown in this edition of THE MISSION TRAIL is a picture of Bro. Tomas and Diama with their four child-



Here is a closeup of Samuel Mendoza. It is hoped that he will grow up to be used of God mightily, even as the prophet Samuel.



ren. Many of the saints will remember that Bro. Tomas was at the national campmeeting in July last summer. Let us pray that God may continue to bless him and his faithful wife and family and raise up more like him in these needy fields.

Listen to this poem entitled:

### NEGLECT

When the pain of bitter bereavement,  
Has filled another with grief,  
You wished that a portion of comfort  
Might bring him needed relief,  
But never a word did you utter,  
To lighten the sky that was bleak,  
It was well enough that you pitied,  
But, brother, why didn't you speak?

You have seen the giddy and thoughtless,  
Ensnared by the things that must blight,  
You have seen the lost and discouraged  
Take hold on the portals of night,  
You counted the risk he was taking,  
Too costly for one that was weak,  
You were conscious of all of his danger,  
But, brother, why didn't you speak?

You have thought of some friend that  
has helped you,  
Along your pathway thus far,  
You know that because of his kindness,

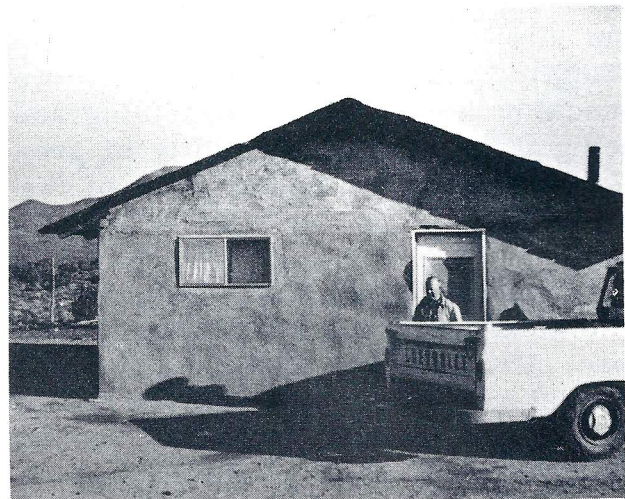
Today you're the man that you are:  
The tenderest feelings have stirred you,  
And teardrops have moistened your  
cheek,  
As you thought of all that you owed him,  
But, brother, why didn't you speak?

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Our hearts are stirred when we realize that in a certain field of which we know, there are two mission stations which are unoccupied. The buildings are there, and the people are there, but who will go and witness to them of the saving grace of our Lord? There is a need for more consecrated workers to dedicate themselves to the cause of God and help spread the gospel in these areas.

We hope that God will soon impress the vision of his work upon the hearts of both the young and old that we all may do His work faithfully. These stations should be occupied by consecrated workers who have a desire to witness for Christ.

Now I know we cannot all go in person, but we can all pray and ask God to send those of his own choosing. Then there are those who could give of their financial means to help support those who do answer the call to go. This is



Shown here is a picture of the mission station and the house which is presently unoccupied because of a shortage of consecrated workers. Let us pray that God may move on those of His own choosing and send them to fill this need.



just as important as going in person. And now let us spend a few moments in prayer.

Our Father,

We realize that the responsibility of spreading the word of thy saving grace throughout the world is no small task, but we entreat thee that you would call, qualify, and send more laborers into thy harvest field. Supply the needs of those who are presently laboring in this capacity. And may they have the joy of seeing many brought into thy kingdom and to thee we'll give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Here now is a song entitled, "Praise the Lord, I'm Free". Listen to it. We hope you'll enjoy it, as sung by the Carver quartet.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like to have a printed copy free of charge, you may have one by simply sending us your request. Address your request to: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Now until next Friday night at 10:45 this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours and a very pleasant goodnight!

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Bombay Harbour, "Dear Mr. W. C. Murphey, I am well by the blessings of Him. I pray Him to bless you and your family. . . I am receiving your Mission Trail regularly. . . Please include my name on your mailing list for 1967. . . If it is not disturb to you, you can add one of my friend also in your 1967 mailing list. His name is R. Settu. He is also a Naval Airman serving on board my ship. He is an ordnance mechanic aged 18, and he is from South India. He will be writing letter to you as soon as he receives your first copy of Mission Trail. . . May He bless you and your family members so as to continue your service to Him. With a great love,"

--V. V. Samy

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PATIENT WAITING FOR CHRIST

Patience does not exclude eager anticipation, but rather demands it. Patience simply means waiting God's time while acting with a "sound mind". Waiting carries the thought of expectation. So should we fill the days until our Lord comes with practical, doctrinally sound, Christian work and witness: directed by the Holy Spirit, moved by the knowledge "He may come today".--Selected

NEGLECT

Someday you will come to the end of this life.

You know not how, or when,  
But the summons will come and you must go--

Rejector of Christ, what then?  
You have spurned God's Word; reviled  
His name;

Rejected His cleansing blood,  
What then will you do, when you come  
at last,

To stand in the presence of God?  
You have turned your back on the Crucified;

Rejected His nail pierced hand.  
What then will you do at the Great White  
Throne?

For there, in judgment, you'll stand.  
Too late to cry for the mercy of God,  
When death has silenced all plea.

Today you must answer: "What think ye of Christ?"

What then will your answer be?  
Today is the day of salvation, my friend.  
Death closes its door for aye.

You may find tomorrow, forever too late--

Then why not accept Him today?

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Air Mail from California: "Dear Bro. Willie and Family: Greetings from California and Mexico. It seems almost a dream that you and Kathleen and Patsy paid us a visit, and yet it was very real. Everyone expressed great joy for having had you in the various congregations in the states, the Sr. Citizens' Home, and in Mexico. We shall look for your return in God's time and order.

"One high-light in Mexico since you were here was the two-day Easter weekend tent meeting in Rosarito. Brethren from as far south as Valle de la Trinidad and as far east as Patzcuaro, Mexicali came together for all day services Saturday and Sunday. Souls were blessed by God's presence and the rich ministry of Bro. Tomas Mendoza. A good number received help at the altar.

"Sunday afternoon the ordinances of foot washing and the Lord's supper were observed. The sisters went to the chapel while the brothers remained in the tent for the foot washing. Never have I received a greater blessing as the American and Mexican brethren carried out Jesus' command, 'If I your Lord and Master have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet.' Truly we are made 'happy' when we do that from the heart.

"One precious scene was little 4 year old Tomas Mendoza Jr. washing a grown brother's feet. There were praises going up to God mingled with tears of joy and shouts of victory during that service.

"There have been different ones expressing a desire for a summer camp-meeting in Rosarito as well as in El Alamo this year. We are praying about that.

"Surely, the many open doors and the cry for the gospel is a challenge to be at our best for God. We solicit the prayers of all as the Lord directs from day to day.

"Once again, thanks for taking time to come to Mexico. May God continue to bless your labors. Your brother in His service," --Harland Smith

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From Calexico, California: "My dear Murphey Family, Greetings to one and all today in the sweet and precious name of Jesus. I am so grateful for life today and that in abundance because of our dear Saviour. I am so grateful that as we journey through life among trials, problems and such that we have someone who will help us meet each thing and that we can be overcomers and really live and have joy while we do it. . .

"I have really been on the run since I have seen you last and doesn't look like there is a resting place yet. . . We, Celia, Angel, a crippled lady that we have met recently, and myself went to Rosarito for the Easter service which was an ordinance meeting. It was a precious meeting, and I think we were all benefitted by it. . . We went and came back in the same day, making it a real long day. . .

"Celia and Angel send their greetings to you today, too. They are still working on their house. The old one is torn down now, just a pile of broken adobes and the such. The new house is looking fine. They are plastering on the inside and have the floors to put in next. It will surely look nice I think when all finished.

"I think I had better go now, and once again want to thank you for all your kindness. I do trust that the Lord has rewarded you for it in every way you need and desire in Him. . . May God bless you." --Edith Cole

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From Arizona: "Dear Bro. Willie, Heard your program on the radio. Thanks for the program--the good songs and your message. Thank you for asking us to write you. Yes, will be glad to receive your literature. . ." Nelson Poe



From La.: "Our Beloved Murphey Family, We send holy greetings of love to each of you in the name of our dear Jesus. We are thanking Him today for salvation and that He keeps us encouraged in Him. The Lord has blessed and strengthened us in body since we last wrote to you, and we are enjoying better health, for which we can't thank and praise the dear Lord enough.

"Bro. M. Allen was with us in meeting for 2 nights recently. We feel strengthened and built up more in the Lord from the good messages he brought us. The Lord has also blessed Kristi. She hadn't been well since Jan. Bro. Allen anointed and prayed for her, and the Lord healed her and gave her strength in body for which we are thankful. We spent Easter Sun. with the saints in Jena and enjoyed the day's service and the association of the saints. Several of the saints there need prayer for various afflictions.

"We were happy to receive the recent letters from you, Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances. We feel almost isolated here and it's always such a blessing to hear from the saints.

"We keep you dear ones on our prayer list continually. . . We were glad to know you'd been with. . . Edith in Mexico. . . We love and appreciate her so very much.

"We look forward to receiving the Mission Trail paper each week and enjoy all of it--so thankful for current news of different ones of our 'family in the Lord'. Much love," --Ben and Sybil Goldsberry, Conchita and Kristi

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Bro. and Sis. and family: Greetings of love in the dear name of our Saviour and healer. In answer to prayer the Lord healed my arm of the blocked artery. Since then I have had pneumonia, and for sometime before I had pneumonia and sometime after, I had a hurting around

my heart. One morning I awoke. This hurting was very severe. As I lay there, I began talking to the Lord in my heart. I said, 'Lord, you have said you would not put on us more than we can bear. You have healed me many times before and I believe you will again.' Before I had this all thought out, the dear healer and Saviour touched my side and healed me instantly, and I could turn on my side or back--something I had not been able to do for so long. How I rejoiced! Pray for me that I may have a closer walk with the Lord each day, for this is a joyous way. . . I enjoy the little Mission Trail each time, and pray for you all. I thank each one of you for an interest in your prayers." --Sis. Doris Bowers

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From Jefferson, Oregon: "Brother Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. . . Please send me your little paper 'Mission Trail'.

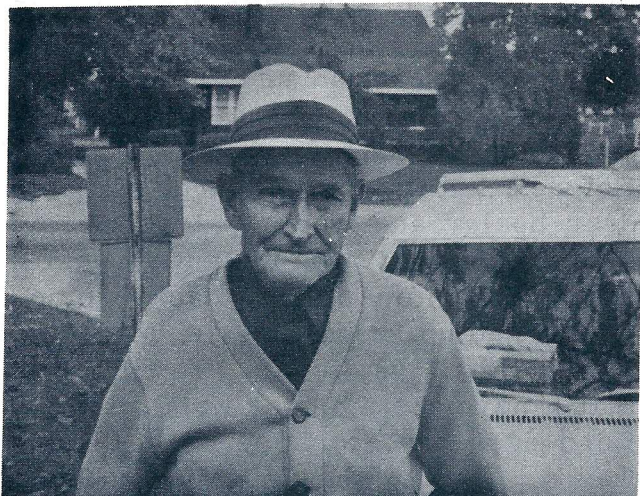
"I plan to send some names and addresses soon. . . We are having our Easter meeting. . . Our weather is warm but from cloudy to rain and some sunshine. . . We have folks here as far north as Seattle, Washington, south from Grant Pass and Eugene, Oregon and expect another from Klamath Falls, Oregon later. Bro. Gene Harmon is here. . . Respectfully," --Sis. King

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From Louisiana: "We enjoy the Mission Trail very, very much. We appreciate a family that gives of their time. . . for God and the gospel to save at least a few of the ones that Jesus gave his life to save. When he lived his life here and then left his work here for his obedient servants to carry on, He gave instructions. . . Still pray for us. The growth on Ernest's face is larger than when you saw it, but seems it has quit growing the last month or since Bro. Allen was here. . . We need your prayers that our faith be increased." --Ernest and Eva Mitchell



AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:



Brother Thomas H. Golden

Our heavenly Father has seen best to call Bro. Thomas H. Golden, aged 90, of Cincinnati, Ohio, to his eternal reward. Bro. Sam Abbott preached his funeral on April 4. Only eternity will reveal the good which he accomplished by his faithful life and devotion to God. It was not unusual for him to pray many hours of the night for those who were afflicted. He was once told that some saints who were traveling were to be at the home of Bro. Earl Bliss on a given day. Not wanting to miss the opportunity to be there, Bro. Golden was found sitting on the front porch the morning before the day of the scheduled visit!

### NO STORM CLOUDS

No storm clouds up in Heaven,  
No shadows to darken the day,  
For Christ the Lamb in that City,  
Is the Life, the Truth, the Way.  
No tears will dim our eyesight,  
In the Spirit we're happy and free.  
Don't you want to dwell in that City,  
Throughout Eternity?

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A cordial invitation is given to those in the Dayton, Ohio area to attend revival services in the chapel located at 622 Tyron. Bro. Ostis Wilson anticipates being there about the 16th of April, and services will be held nightly. Plan to come and hear the truth as given from the word of God. Further information may be obtained from Bro. William McCoy, 24 Belpre Place, Dayton, Ohio.

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Bro. Mart Samons and Bro. Curtis Williams are leaving for Loranger, Louisiana where they plan to be in services this coming week.

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Many thanks to those who remembered Sister Grace Barber in prayer during her recent sickness. The Lord has touched her body, and she is now able to be at home, 301 E. Main, Anthony, Kansas.

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