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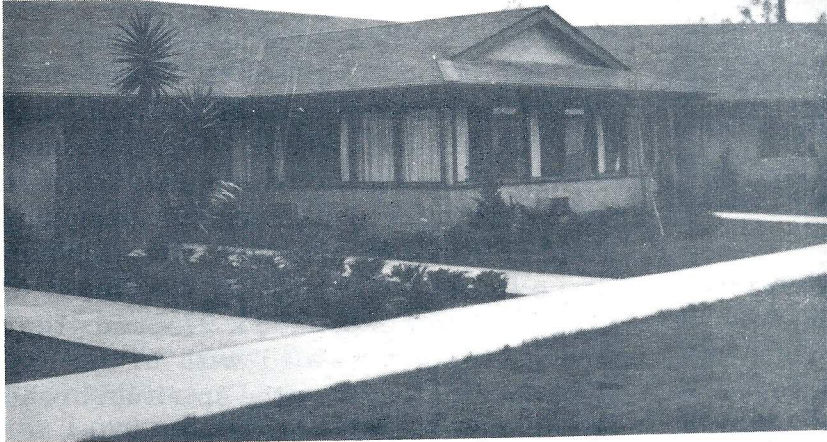
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"LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST." — JOHN 4:35

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The beautiful Church of God Senior Citizens' Home which is located on the campground in Pacoima, California required many months of planning.

... It is with much pleasure that we bring to the listeners of radio station XEG another gospel message of The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you. If you enjoy our little sermonette tonight, we would be pleased to hear from you.

We do appreciate those who help to make this message possible from week to week. If you are not already

on our mailing list, be sure to write us and let us know that you would like to have the messages each week in printed form. They are free of charge without cost or obligation to our listeners and readers. Address your letter to us in this manner: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Listen now to our text from I Chronicles, chapter 29 and verse 15. It says, "For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers:

OUR DAYS ON THE EARTH ARE AS A SHADOW,

and there is none abiding." I would like to impress upon the minds of those who hear the broadcast tonight that life is fleeting. Yesterday you and I were boys and girls without responsibility who enjoyed the pleasures of childhood. Yet there are, no doubt, those who are able to recall fifty or even sixty years ago very vividly as they think of the days of their childhood and youth.

But we are reminded over and over again that our days on the earth are as a shadow. In other words, time moves swiftly down the stream of life, and we soon find ourselves shouldering the responsibility of manhood and assuming our places in life. Even then it is only a short time until we reach that age in life when the vim and vitality of youth have passed away, and we



Josephine Stone, age 95, enjoys the care she receives from Evelyn Linch.



Home residents shown from left to right are: Amelia Smith, Gertrude Hartgray, Murtice Hurst, Marilyn Rendal, Mattie Smith, Josephine Stone, Emma Luehring, and Dot Henry.

are no longer as active as we were in the days which are gone.

In James, chapter 4 and verse 14, we read, "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."

There are those who have so lived in their earlier days that when they reach the eventide in the afterglow of the years of their youth, their life is still radiant with the glory of God about them. It is indeed a joy to behold a child of God who is rich and mellow with a sweetness which comes only with the realization that the years of their life have not been wasted.

We want to point to a few such examples. To do this I would like to present to you some of the scenes which we enjoyed on a recent trip to the SENIOR CITIZENS' HOME of Pacoima, California.

Some will, no doubt, recall that it was the fervent desire of Sister Opal Wilson to see in her lifetime a home built for our aged saints. However, God in his infinite wisdom never per-

mitted Sister Opal Wilson to see the completed structure in Pacoima, California which now provides convenience and comfort to those who spend their later years sheltered beneath its roof. Bro. Ostis Wilson is the administrator, and we did enjoy seeing the happiness of those who live in that home.

It is not unusual when the call for the mealtime is given to hear these dear ones marching down the hall singing "Come and Dine". How precious is the environment which we found in the morning worship service as they gathered in the spacious living room there to hear a portion of the Word of God read and expounded. Indeed, they are not only provided with bread for their bodies but also the spiritual bread to strengthen their inner souls.

Listen to this testimony of Sis. Atha who is blind but apparently sees "visions of rapture bursting upon her sight."

"Dear Willie and Family, Greetings in Jesus' name. I am so thankful to know the pure unadulterated true word of God is going out to the lost world



Sister Flossie F. Atha, aged 78, is pictured with the scriptures in Braille which she enjoys reading.

through the means of the radio, for I have longed for this for several years, and praise the Lord I am able to hear of this being done now.

"I am so thankful to add my testimony to the others. I want to thank the Lord for salvation that saves to the uttermost and keeps us from sin in this evil wicked world and makes us rejoice in the God of our salvation, and by his stripes we are healed. Praise his dear name! He is my healer now for about fifty-five years, and my heart is fixed to go all the way with my Jesus who suffered and died on the cross, shedding his precious blood for me.

"I want to thank the Lord for the courage he gave me when I faced the realization I was losing my sight, but the Lord has so blessed me I can say with Paul I rather glory in mine infirmity that the grace of God may rest upon me. I was sixty-two when I could read my Bible no more, but thank God, he made a way and sent me a teacher to teach me to read the Braille system for the blind, and I have been reading my Bible in Braille now for fifteen years. Praise him for his love and



This picture was made of Sister Emma Luehring on her 88th birthday. God's blessings have been many.



Brother Ostis Wilson, the administrator, finds many duties which require his attention and time.

mercy toward me. Pray for me and the Lord bless you in your labours for him is my prayer. Sister Atha"

Here then is a letter from another of God's children.

"Dear Bro. Willie Murphey and family, Greetings in the love of Jesus and in His dear name. I am praising my dear Lord and Saviour for victory in body and soul. He saved my soul from sin and the world, sanctified my nature, and has been my physician for 60 years or more and has never lost a case. I will be 88 years, 3rd day of March if it is God's will for me to live that long. . . I came to live in the home here August 22, and I like it here. It is just wonderful that we can live in such a Christian Home where we don't hear any slangor. . . worldliness, and we have good care. I have said it is a heavenly home to go to heaven in. We want to keep heaven in view and watch and pray that we will be ready any minute. . . Sis. Emma Luehring"

Thank you, Sister Luehring. We were happy to have been in the Senior Citizens' Home on your 88th birthday. Here is another testimony of one who tells of the healing power of God.

"In 1932 I had a bad tooth extracted. The cavity left in the bone was packed with cement to keep food out. That gave me so much discomfort I accidentally pushed the packing further into the bone, which finally caused osteomyelitis. After 13 years of endurance, the condition became serious. . . No doctor or dentist could do anything for me. Finally I was sent to a bone specialist in L. A. He said the whole jaw bone was termitted. . . My face was so swollen. I suffered. . . day and night with no relief. . . Our pastor came and prayed for me. I was healed instantly. I felt the power of healing. No one but me could believe the miracle that took place. . .

"My folks said. . . I should not turn down the chance to have this bone specialist. They took me in the next morning. Several doctors chiselled and hollowed out the bone. They said I would not be able to use my dentures as a silver bridge would be substituted. I was there ten days. Before I left the hospital I was using my denture plate. That was 21 years ago. Doctors and nurses all said that it had gotten into the blood stream, and it might break out any place in my body. Praise the Lord! He does perfect work! I am 83 years old, enjoying the blessings of the Lord with reasonably good health today. The doctors and nurses all had to admit I was healed before I came to the hospital. . . Mattie Smith"

Friends, we hope you have enjoyed our little visit today. Let us spend a few moments in prayer as we pray for you wherever you may be tonight.

Our Father,

Indeed we are glad to know that thou art the God of all the earth. Bless each one who hears the broadcast tonight whether they are at home or riding along the highways in their automobiles.

Let thy spirit and presence be around them to illuminate their ways, for we ask it in the name of Christ our Saviour. Amen

Listen now to this very touching song, "Drifting", as sung by Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Manuel Mitchell.

It has been a pleasure to be with you on our little visit tonight. And 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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There is never a day so dreary
 But God can make it bright,
 And unto the soul that trusts Him,
 He giveth songs in the night,
 There is never a path so hidden,
 But God can lead the way,
 If we seek for the Spirit's guidance
 And patiently wait and pray.
 There is never a cross so heavy
 But the nail-scarred hands are there
 Outstretched in tender compassion
 The burden to help us bear.
 There is never a heart so broken,
 But the loving Lord can heal
 The heart that was pierced on Calvary
 Doth still for his loved ones feel.
 There is never a sin or sorrow,
 There is never a care or loss,
 But that we may bring to Jesus
 And leave at the foot of the cross.

From California: "Dear Willie, Frances and family, Greetings to all in Jesus dear name. I enjoy The Mission Trail paper very much and would like to tell what the Lord has done for me.

"When I was asked to be the manager at the rest home here in Pacoima, there were several things involved. When I was first asked to take the job I wasn't close enough to work here. I put the problem up before the Lord if I were to come up here and work that the Lord would help me sell my house also take care of some other business of mine. In the next several weeks I was asked by six different saints if I would consider taking the managing of the home, but I just waited for the Lord to open up the way if it was meant to be for me to make this move. In about two months my house was sold. (My house was the only one sold in my neighborhood in over a year, and there were eight others for sale at the same time, and only one other one of these have sold since, so thank the good Lord for helping to sell my house. After losing my husband and son a little over three months apart I did want to move to a new neighborhood.)

"Some of my other problems were also worked out at the same time so was ready to move the same week the home was ready to open. I do thank the Lord for working all out for me, and I love all the old folks here and will do all I can to make them happy is my prayer. I am encouraged and desire to press on for the Lord. Christian love,"

--Evelyn Linch

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From Tennessee: "Dear Brother and Sis. Murphey, Again we send greetings of love in the name of Jesus. We feel you're still encouraged in the work there. From all the letters we have read in the paper we know you are touching souls and feeding the hungry with the word of God, and we know for a fact

that God is still answering prayer for his people. . . Bro. and Sis. Carver came up from Atlanta, Ga. to be in 2 services with us. They are visiting their son Vernon and waiting for the visa to India. Bro. Kenneth's grandmother passed away and they could not be here.

"It will soon be camp meeting time again. We trust to attend one of them, probably Hammond, La. as the date for that one is the same time JB gets his vacation. . . Still remember us here. There's few in number, but we can serve God anywhere, and he said he'd be in our midst where one or two are together in his name. We'd like for you all to still keep our grandson on your prayer list. I'm looking for God to heal. Christian love and prayers,"

--JB and Sue Shell

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From Wisconsin: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, May the Lord bless you and your family as you present this everlasting gospel to a lost and dying world. This wonderful salvation, how it satisfies my soul--is my testimony this morning as I write. We are witnessing to those about us and striving to present this everlasting gospel that saves from all sin and prepares us for heaven. . . In Christian love,"

--Frank and Elsie Dietrich

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From Texas: "Greetings of Christian love to each of you, . . . The news about the saints is like a letter from home, as we love the saints. Their burdens are our burdens too. . . How thankful we are to know the truth and love it enough to suffer with the people of God, rather than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. . . The Lord has been so good to me. How he healed me of that arthritis I had so bad. . . I am free from it today. . . The Lord has been my strength, a present help in every time of need. . . Yours for the One True Way,"

--Edith Wall

A FIELD REPORT FROM MEXICO

El Ejido Patzcuaro
Baja Calif. Mexico
April 10, 1967

My Dear Fellow Laborers,

"Heavenly greetings in Jesus' holy name! How grateful we should be for this name which means everything to us--salvation, sanctification, and all benefits that we receive through them. The price has been paid long ago that we can have spiritual life and have it in abundance. I am grateful to be learning to live. I would never want to trade lives from what I used to be to what the Lord helps me to be in Him now. My heart overflows in emotion as I think along the lines of how each and everyone can live victorious lives every day through every circumstance, and if we don't live victorious, it is because of our own failing because through Christ's blood the bands of sin were broken and through the Holy Spirit sanctifies us holy, giving us power to overcome. I rejoice in this power today. Praise His holy name!!

"Since the last letter was written we've had many experiences. So trusting you are interested, we'll relate some of them to you. Saturday morning the last of February, the Lord gave us a real surprise by sending Brother Willie Murphey and daughters, Kathleen and Patsy, our way. About 30 minutes later Brother Harland Smith came. It was so good to see them. The Lord had permitted me to pass through a hard trial, and their coming was a real refreshment to my soul. We had childrens' meeting that afternoon, then were called on for prayer for a sick baby. Sunday the Lord came and blessed us so sweetly in the service. Several souls came to the altar for help, salvation, and sanctification. This visit of the Murpheys and Brother Smith is still remembered.

"Sister Lois Wittenborn came to spend a little time with me, and we felt led of the Lord to make a trip back up in the mountains. So one Sunday after meeting in the morning here, we left to visit Brother Tomas Mendoza and family who now live in La Valle de Trinidad. As we arrived there, the evening service was just over, and Bro. Tomas was taking some people home. We spent two days there with them and felt the Lord's blessings in our stay. We were permitted to be in meeting there one night, and the Lord blessed His word. It was good to see the saints and to meet some we had never met. Bro. Tomas and wife Diama were well encouraged in their souls and the work there. They still carry a burden for the lost and the lack of consecrated workers for the places that need some one to guide them.

"From there we visited in El Alamo, El Llano, and El Rodeo and then on to La Mission where the Huskeys are. We spent some good hours together and in prayer poured our hearts out to God for the many burdens and problems. They are hoping to get a place to have services there. It is so very pretty in La Mission--nothing at all like dusty, dirty, and hot Patzcuaro. There are high green mountains, and the valley looks like a huge green carpet dotted through with homes, trees and flowers.

"To finish our trip we went to see Sis. Carrie Sheppard in Rosarito. She was as cheerful as ever in her big task and rejoicing for what the Lord has done. Our trip was a rewarding one, and one we won't forget soon. I feel that my soul has been stirred more to deepen my consecration so God can work more through me. Time is so short and souls are going out into eternity LOST. Let us individually ask God to open and clear our vision and let go and let God accomplish His will

through us.

"The little '50 Chevy did a real good job with the Lord's help on this trip. We drove nearly 500 miles and no car trouble much except a flat tire. We were so grateful!

"We still have the 30 women and girls in the sewing classes and more wanting to enter but feel that 30 is all we can handle for now. Some have finished their garments and have begun others. We use the two machines, one a peddle and one an electric. So far no one has sewn their fingers for which we are grateful. For the most part they show good interest, especially the tiny girls 8 to 10 years old. They are making baby quilts for their little brothers and sisters. We're happy to have this privilege to serve the Lord in this manner. Pray that every opportunity will be used to the greatest advantage.

"We have met a crippled lady who is saved and seems so happy to be able to be in meeting. She wants to be well and asks your prayers that the Lord will heal her. Her name is Marta Medina. She and some other from Patzcuaro accompanied me to Rosarito for the ordinance meeting on Easter. The Lord blessed this meeting in a special way.

"Last week Brother James Huskey and family were with us over the week end, and many bad teeth were taken care of. The people are really grateful for this great act of kindness to them. This week Sister Carol Woodhull was with us. We were happy to have her with us, and she was a blessing to the people.

"Do remember us daily in prayer, seems we do so little. Pray that we can do more for the lost and dying souls about us. In Christian love,"
--Edith Cole, P. O. Box 1425, Calexico, California 92331

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Edith's mailing address is given for all those who desire to write her. --Willie

From Ohio: "Dear Bro. Murphey and all, . . . We sure thank the Lord for his watch-care over us all. We receive your paper, and it sure encourages us to read it. . . We deeply appreciate your visit through these parts and to our home. . . You created a challenge in our hearts to please the Lord and go higher and deeper in Him. . . I enjoyed this week's message. We have moved and changed jobs since you were last here. I work at the Wright-Patterson field here and am making it pretty well. The Lord led me to leave the last job in order to please him more. I really appreciate how the Lord can talk to us. My previous employer had plans up to five years for me which would have meant more involvment. The Lord had other plans for me. The children are all well. The baby is growing real fast and God is blessing her richly. She had a group of sores on her back, you notice I said 'had'. The Lord saw fit to favor us in taking them off. Thanks to Him! Pray for us that we will be true to God in every respect. Continue your work. May God bless you and family. Yours in Christ,"

--Willard and Helen Underdown

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"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony;" Revelation 12:11

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From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. I'm encouraged this morn. to press on for the Lord. I'm enjoying reading the Mission Trail and wish I could help more. I'm sure the work you all are doing is a blessing to many souls.

"I'm still very much afflicted in body and am looking only to the Lord for healing, so please continue to remember me in prayer. I do appreciate all the prayers of the saints. . . I have unsaved loved ones I'm burdened for. Much Christian love," --Viva LaCroix

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND THAT:

Other members of the Senior Citizens' Home of Pacoima whose pictures do not appear in this edition are Ruth Rudd and Lucy Phebus.

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We regret the death of Sis. Pauline Brown of Tulsa, Oklahoma on Sunday, April 16th. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to the relatives and loved ones. Her funeral was held on Wednesday, April 19th.

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Bro. and Sis. O. C. Porter of Guthrie are in meeting with the saints of Neosho, Missouri this week.

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From Arkansas: "Dear Christian Friends, . . . I'm sure you are all busy and like we, enjoying the blessings of a beautiful spring season. I don't think things were ever so pretty. The birds sing louder and sweeter. What a beautiful world--all for us because He loves us so. . . Love and prayers,"

--Sister Lou Bray

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". . . The devil is surely loose and working hard to get every soul he can, but if God is for us who can be against us. God's grace is sufficient if we put our trust in Him. . ."

--Brother and Sister J. L. Thompson

Had I wealth and love in fullest measure,
And a name revered both far and near,
Yet no hope beyond, no harbor waiting,
Where my storm-tossed vessel I could
steer;

If I gained the world, but lost the Saviour,
Who endured the cross and died for me,
Could then all the world afford a refuge,
Whither, in my anguish, I might flee?

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From Oklahoma: ". . . I just want to write and tell you that I heard you tonight on the radio--way it happened: I felt bad and went to bed after eight and felt hungry so got up to eat a little and noticed the time and thought, I wonder if The Mission Trails are on and turned on the radio. You were talking so I listened. . . You sang 'He Took Away my Burdens and Left Me with a Song.' I believe you said you would send the sermon. If you did say you would, I would like to have a copy. . . I like the truth. It always helps. Will you please pray for me. I am not well and feel so bad every day. . . Just thought I would let you know I appreciated what you said and thankful to hear it. Sincerely,"

--Mrs. F. J. Warner

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"If thou faint in the day of adversity,
thy strength is small." Proverbs 24:10

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