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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 cheerful greeting to all the listeners of radio station XEG. We are happy to be coming your way once again with the gospel message which we hope will bring comfort and cheer to the hearts of those who are tuned to this radio station. My name is Willie Murphey, and we are glad to witness to the saving grace of our Lord.

We appreciate those who have helped us maintain this radio program and those who help us share the cost of mailing the printed copies each week. If you are not presently on our mailing list, be sure to send us your name and address and let us send you these copies each week. Of course, you can read them over and look at them there in your own home. There is no cost or obligation. If you desire to write us you may do so by addressing your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. We do appreciate also your prayers.

I have a scripture which should be of great interest to everyone. Please stay with us for just a few moments now. Listen to what Jesus told his seventy disciples who returned with great joy after witnessing the wonderful power of God, enabling them to cast out devils and heal the sick. In Luke chapter 10 and verse 20 we read these words of Jesus: "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because

YOUR NAMES ARE WRITTEN IN HEAVEN."

Friends, did you ever stop to consider how important it is that your name should be written in heaven? I am not speaking about your name engraved upon a plaque to be exhibited in some hall of fame, neither am I speaking of your name being enrolled upon some man-made organization where you may receive recognition and honor, but I am speaking to you about your name being enrolled in heaven.

In other words, your life and heart have been transformed by the power of God, and you have been made a new creature in Christ. New goals and aspirations are then before you.

There are some who gain the fame and applause of the world and yet never come to the knowledge of the saving grace of God. However, on the other hand, there are those who because of their love for the plain, simple teachings of the gospel are unwilling to follow the crowd even though it may lead to honor and fortune.

On October 6, 1820, there was born in the country of Sweden a child who was named Jenny Lind. Did you ever hear of her? Let me tell you more about her life.

At a very young age she possessed

the ability to thrill the hearts of an audience who heard her sing. It was not unusual for those who listened to her to have tears trickling down their cheeks. Even though her natural features appeared to be plain and simple, yet her God-given ability to thrill the hearts of thousands by her singing won her recognition throughout her native land of Sweden, then much of Europe and even the United States of America.

She not only sang for audiences but before those who were sick. Of course, she could not expect income from them as they listened in awe. She was known as the Swedish Nightingale. Yet Jenny Lind seemed to hold a reverence for God which she had been taught as a child.

It is reported that she left the stage when singing her best and never went back to it. She must have missed the money, the fame and the applause of thousands, but she apparently was content to live in privacy.

We understand that once an English friend found her on the sea shore with a Bible on her knee looking into the glory of a sunset. They talked and the conversation drew near to the inevitable question. "O, Madame Goldschmidt, how is it that you ever came to abandon the stage at the very height of your success?" Her reply was given in this manner. "When, every day it made me think less of this (laying a finger on the Bible) and nothing at all of that (pointing to the sunset) what else could I do?" I wonder if Jenny Lind did not realize the importance of doing that which she felt was pleasing to God more than the fame or fortune which had come to her so quickly in life.

When her last days on earth approached and she lay on her death-bed, she must have thought longingly of the time so soon to come when she would be singing again forever free from pain. It is written that one day she raised herself from her pillow when the window blinds had been opened to her in the sunlight and sang in a voice still sweet a song she loved which interpreted into English means, "And Then Sunshine".

Friends, do you rejoice tonight because your name is written in heaven? Are you conscious of a fellowship with Him who has promised to be nearer to us than a companion? What is your goal in life? Is it fame or fortune, or is it to live with that inner consciousness that you have been redeemed from the corruptible things of this world?

You see, the things of this life are so fleeting. In fact, even life itself is fleeting. We read in James, chapter 4 and verse 14, "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."

Yes, friends, how true this is that life itself is fleeting, and the things of this world are fleeting. Fame and fortune, and many times, health and other things which we cherish so greatly are fleeting.

One by one our moments pass away and ere long our life itself will be taken from us, and our spirit and soul shall go out to meet our reward as we face our maker in that day. Certainly it would be something for us to consider how important it is that we should have an eternal assurance that we belong to Christ.

This verse in Hebrews, 13th chapter and verse 8, I like so well. Let me pass it along to you. In the midst of fleeting things of this world it certainly is a comforting assurance to know that this is true. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

Wouldn't it be comforting for you to know that your name is written in heaven and that God is going to care for you through all the changing scenes of life. We find it that way. May God bless each one of our listeners and grant you the peace and comfort which comes only from the knowledge that your name is written in heaven.

Let us pray.

Our Father,

As these words are carried by the radio waves to the ears of everyone who has their radio tuned to this station, may they come to know and feel the assurance of what it means to be a member of thy great family through the new birth, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Listen to this poem entitled:

GOD'S HALL OF FAME

Your name may not appear down here
In this world's Hall of Fame;
In fact, you may be so unknown,
That no one knows your name.
The Oscars here may pass you by,
And neon lights of blue;
But if you love and serve the Lord,
Then, I have news for you!

This Hall of Fame is only good
As long as time shall be;
But keep in mind, God's Hall of Fame
Is for Eternity!

To have your name inscribed up there
Is greater, yes by far,
Than all the Halls of Fame down here,
And every man made star.

This crowd on earth they soon forget
The heroes of the past,
They cheer like mad until you fall,
And that's how long you last!
But God, He never does forget,
And in His Hall of Fame,
By just believing in His Son,
Inscribed you'll find your name.

I tell you, friend, I wouldn't trade
My name, however small,
That's written there beyond the stars
In that celestial Hall
For every famous name on earth
Or glory that they share:
I'd rather be an unknown here,
And have my name up there!

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Listen now to the song, "Never Ending Joy", as sung by Bobby Forbes, Randall Flynn, Melvin Doolittle, and Dale Doolittle.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you have enjoyed our little visit, we would be pleased to hear from you and now may the Lord's richest blessings be with each of you until we meet again and a very pleasant good-night!

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From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Enclosed find small offering to help you keep the gospel going on the air and through the paper. May the Lord ever bless your labors. The Lord is blessing us each day. Pray that we will find grace to press on to the end with victory. Remember wife for complete healing."

--Bro. and Sister G. A. Nichols

THE NARROW WAY

"Enter ye in at the strait gate."

I have considered of late how people respond to the Lord when they first come to him. Christ sets before them an open door which is himself, for he is the door. The opening is plenty large to receive them if they will simply and humbly repent of all their sins. Though the door is wide enough, it seems they turn the path to life around so the narrow end of it is to them. Then they begin debating about the things they won't be able to give up.

God doesn't expect anyone to walk in light they don't have. That's why I feel Christ makes ample room for a man or woman to enter the door and go into the pasture and on out into deeper feeding places in his kingdom of love.

Man can obtain the pearl of great price. Then with joy he goes and sells all he has--his ideas and opinions--and goes God's way. To give a simple illustration--you take a funnel and turn it upside down with the small end up and pour something in it. You will find it difficult to do. You will waste anything you attempt to put in, but turn it around, and it simplifies matters. So it is when we let God work. It seems people strain at the strict, rigid way which truly the gate to life is. If man would simply throw themselves on the mercy of God, he would lead them along the narrow path to joy and peace.

But, on the other hand, I notice people are inclined to look at the broad way to destruction somewhat the same. They choose a seem-right way, but as they go along, the way gets wider and wider, and they allow things to come into their lives and cause them to lose all sight of the narrow way. Finally they find they have gone too far down the wide path to narrow down and walk with Christ. --Willard Underdown

TESTIMONY

"We are ambassadors for Christ."

From Oregon: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances, Greetings to you in the name that saves us from all sin, the name that is power to give us victory over all opposition, afflictions, and gives us victory to rejoice, that name Jesus. I am beginning to find time to do a few personal things that need to be done. It is a job to move, but a bigger job to find a nook and corner for everything. I am so thankful to be relieved of moving and getting settled down.

"We love our place very much. We are on over three acres of land, with cherries, apples, pear, and walnut trees. We have several bushes of blackberries and a small bush of raspberries, as well as grape. The property is surrounded by yellow flowers in bush form, and it is so lovely. We enjoy the blue jays, the robins, and the other birds. I don't know all by name. Steve has a nice garden coming up, and I do have a pantry in the house. Strawberries will soon be ready for harvest, and when they open it to the public for so much a box, Lord willing, I want to get some and can and freeze some. As the vegetables begin to come in their season, I want to be ready to can. The more I can, the more money I have for the Lord's work, and we have friends that own seven farms, so they give us more than we know what to do with. So all it really costs me is the ingredients to use in the food. I feel when the Lord provides in several ways, then it is time for me to share with the Lord and his work. . . .

"If you have a line or two of space in the paper, would you let it be known we have moved to Oregon. . . . May God bless you each one is our prayer."
--Steve and Margaret Cable, 281 W. Locust Street, Stayton, Oregon 97383

WE HAVE SEEN AND DO TESTIFY THAT THE FATHER SENT THE SON TO BE THE SAVIOUR

"Sing praises to the Lord, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings."

From Missouri: ". . . Greetings of love in the sweetest name we know--our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We can never begin to thank him enough for all he has done for us. We have found him a present help in every time of need. So glad he has promised to never leave nor forsake us. . . Sister Nina Porter is still improving. What a mighty God we serve. We surely did thank the Lord for sending Bro. and Sis. Fry this way Sunday. We went to Webb City last night (Tuesday) with Bro. Mac and Bro. Wyte. Bro. Mart Samons brought such a good message on the end of time. Sure stirred our hearts to deepen down more and more for we surely are living in a time that we need to be stirred. We need to search our hearts, also ask the Lord to turn his search light in our hearts. Bro. Samons will have meeting there through Sunday, (May 21) Pray for us."

--Brother and Sister Ralph Sell

From California: ". . . I am happy that I can report victory in my soul over the enemy. God is so good to me in my last days. It seems I enjoy the blessings of God more than I did in years past. . . Pray for me as I mean heaven at any cost. . ."--Melissa Greer

From Nigeria: ". . . We were very happy and praising God together in Ukpom Church of God chapel one evening when we read from your letter that God has given healing to Bro. Arnett. Glory be to His name! . . . The wording of the song i. e. 'The Echoes from Calvary' that you sent to me has all been translated into our Efik language and is now our familiar chorus. . . Your brother in Christ," --B. U. Udemé

From Kansas: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and family, We sure enjoy reading The Mission Trail. Thank you so much for sending it to us. Sure wonderful to know there are a few standing for our Lord. There are so many that will not give up the world. How sad when we stop and think of all the people that are not ready to meet God. The time is so short, and so much to do for our Lord. . . May the Lord bless you all and keep you in His loving care. Yours in Christ," --Delores, Jerry, Gary, Debra and Susan Hill

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From South Dakota: "Dear Willie, Frances and family, Greetings to each of you from the Sioux Reservation! I think spring is here, but I wouldn't guarantee it. We are all well. . .

"I enjoy the little weekly paper. The messages are good. I just wish I could hear the special songs! I enjoy the testimonies, also.

"Our campmeeting will soon be here, June 9 to 18. I'm hoping we can find some cots and extra beds, as we'll sure need them. Pray for us. In Christian fellowship," --Bro. Charles and Sis. Marilyn Lyons and family, c/o By The Way Store, Mission, South Dakota 57555

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From Mississippi: "Dear Brother Murphey and the saints abroad, . . . Many thanks to all of you for your prayers, cards, and good letters. They meant a lot to me. It has been wonderful how God helped from the fall for I came near passing out with my heart I was hurt so badly. He has done three other wonderful healings for me since then for which I praise God very much. . . Christian love," --Dorothy Bridges

From Arkansas: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey, A copy of your paper was handed me by Sis. Albert Eck of Swifton, Arkansas, and I'm enjoying the wonderful testimonies very much and decided would add my own.

"I do love my Lord with all my heart. He saved my soul when 11 years old, and I have loved him ever since, and I'm now 72. Praise his dear name! My father and I lined up with the New Testament Church of God when I was 16 years old, and I know this is the one church--the one that Jesus founded and all truly born again Christians are in the one true church.

My burden is for the lost souls of this day and time when it looks sometimes almost like the devil has our youth in his control. My daily prayer is that some way God will defeat the devil and save our young people. I, too, have three boys who are unsaved. I wish the dear saints of God to pray with me for them. . . I know prayer changes things. God loves all of us, and he wants us to tell him of our needs and then believe and have faith. God will not fail us. He will answer in his own way and time. I love all the saints of God. We are all brothers and sisters in Spirit. Let us pray earnestly for more of the love of God in our hearts. Let us pray for more of the indwelling of his spirit. Your Sister in Christ,"

--Belva L. Howard

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From Missouri: ". . . Trust these few lines find you well and encouraged in the Lord. I enjoy The Mission Trail. May God bless you and your family in your labors for him. . . We will never know how much good will come of what we do for God. We just do, and we know God will do the rest. . . . Pray for me. I remember you in prayer. Christian love,"

--Sister Goldie Knapp

From Arkansas: "Dear Friends, Greetings again in the dear name of Jesus. Only through him can we say we are laborers together. . . He makes all things possible for us to be complete. . . . I enjoy the printed copies and used one this week in our devotion at school. One never knows just where a tiny seed may fall. . . At present I have written on the blackboard, 'The worst misfit is the boy or girl who fails to fit his or her life into God's plan.' . . ."

--Sister Lou Bray

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From Oregon: ". . . Thanks for sending me The Mission Trail. I enjoy reading it. I have been intending to write for some time. O the Lord is so good to me. He has healed me many times. I have rheumatism. I guess it is in my knees. . . I am expecting a complete healing so I can get around without so much pain. . . The Lord is my all in all. I do love him and by his grace I mean to serve him the rest of my life. . ."

--Sister Emma Busch

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From Missouri: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings to you in the name and love of Jesus. We're thankful today for the blood He shed for us. If it hadn't been for His blood, we couldn't be free in this world of sin and sorrow. I'm so thankful for what He has done for me and by His grace I mean to press on. Sometimes things look dark, but the Lord is the light to make our way bright. I need your prayers that I'll stay true and not let the enemy of my soul cheat me out of my inheritance.

"I enjoy The Mission Trail papers very much, and I thought I'd like to send a little amount to be used in some way. It's not much, but you can use it wherever you think it's needed most. . . . May the Lord bless you each one. . . . In Christian love," --Lana Lasiter

From Illinois: "Dear Sirs: I have not heard before of The Mission Trail. I should like very much to have the May 5th issue. . . Thank you,"

--Mrs. Ada Scanlon

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From Oklahoma: ". . . Greetings of love in Jesus' name--the name we all love because he first loved us. Surely he is a wonderful Saviour. I'm so thankful for the lessons he teaches us from time to time, even though we are so slow to learn. He has been so patient, merciful, and kind. I love him this morning and plan by his grace to live for him and do his will continually. Heaven is where we have started and we don't want to make a ship-wreck along the way.

"Here are some scriptures he gave me while I was ironing this morning. . . 'Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.' Praise God, isn't that wonderful? . . . Christian love,"

--Emma L. Dilley

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From Texas: ". . . I am so glad I found the true way to heaven. I thank you for The Mission Trail paper. It is encouragement to my soul. The March 17th paper was a great help to me. I love to read the testimonies of others. . . I lost my glasses, and I looked everywhere I could think in the house and never found them, so I asked God to help me find them. I told him I would testify to others, so I went into my bedroom and moved a chest, and there they were. I do thank God for his help in time of need. . ." --Helen Lambright

NO TENT MEETINGS?

From Missouri: "Dear Friends, We want you to know how much we enjoy the weekly paper The Mission Trail. Our whole family enjoys the message as I usually read it at family worship time. The news of the week is of great interest also because we are as concerned about the welfare of all God's children as if we were one big family (which we can be in Christ).

"The Lord is doing a lot for us, and just a few days ago spared us a lot of damage when a hail storm hit one night. During prayer the hail and wind ceased. Praise our God!

"The gospel tent is going to be idle until after Monark as far as we now know. If any of the ministers of God feel impressed to use it, they can contact us. This is an important part of getting the gospel to souls who are in darkness. Pray for this tent work and all of the ministers who preach all the Word of God."

--Louie and Evodna Marler

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From Nigeria: "Dear Bro. Murphey, With ectasy we saints in Nigeria greet you and family in our Saviour's holy name. We are your brothers and sisters in Ukpom church. . . We are happy in the Lord for his manifold blessings on us. He really listens to and answers our prayers in a wonderful way. Let us adore his sweet name. . . Your brothers and sisters in Christ, B. E. A. Inyang, S. U. Udoh, Akan Sunday, Dorothy N. Robson, Bro. N. Robson on behalf of the saints."

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From Oklahoma: ". . . I have got it settled and fixed to go all the way for the Lord. . . Pray for me. I am very nervous. . . I have some unsaved loved ones. Please pray for them. . ."

--Viola C. Black

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:

We appreciate the interest which has been shown in our efforts to spread the gospel by radio and the printed copies of the message each week. Excerpts from a number of letters are included in the eight pages of this issue. In these letters we read of a number of requests for prayer. Reports of victory are also given by those for whom prayer has already been answered. Many have expressed their interest in testimonies of the Lord's children.

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The schools of Guthrie are closing this week for the summer vacation. This is another reminder that it is time to prepare for the meetings which will be held throughout the summer. Tulsa, Oklahoma, Holly Hill, South Carolina, and Mission, South Dakota are some of the first ones scheduled with a starting date of June 9th. Many others scattered throughout the nation will be held on various dates.

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If you have a report of interest to the saints, it should reach us before Wed. in order to be published within the same week.

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Our sympathy is extended to Sister Lou Bray of Garfield, Arkansas, and other relatives upon the death of her father, Tuesday, May 16. May God comfort their hearts in their sorrow.

ALL-DAY MEETING POSTPONED

From Ohio: ". . . I am encouraged in the Lord as that is the only place that we can find real help. . . We certainly enjoyed having Bro. Ostis Wilson with us some time back and the rich truths that the Lord gave us through him. We had our last all-day meeting this past Sunday, May 14th, until campmeeting season is over. As some will be gone away, we thought it best to cancel them till probably Sept. We will let the saints know, Lord willing. . . In Christian love," --Sister Verga McCoy, 24 Belpre Place, Dayton, Ohio

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From Louisiana: ". . . We love the Lord and realize our need of him each day. We thank him for his daily blessings. We are praying for you in this work of the Lord. . . " --Kenneth and Virgie Flynn and son

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From Oklahoma: ". . . The Lord is caring for me, comforting my heart, filling that place that is vacated by the passing of my dear husband. I am leaning on His arms." Willa Williams

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