



# 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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. . . A cheerful greeting to all of our friends and listeners of radio station XEG. It is with joy that we bring to you another gospel message. This is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and your speaker is Willie Murphey. I am wondering if there are any listening to this broadcast tonight who heard our very first broadcast on this radio station in January of 1965.

I am going to use a text now which we used on that first night of The Mission Trail. It is found 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."

This verse was given on the night of our first broadcast over station XEG in January of 1965. Just as this scripture was true on that day, it is certainly true today. We know not what shall be on the morrow. There are changes which come in our lives, and we must be willing to accept them as from the Lord and profit by them.

It has indeed been my pleasure to present weekly messages on the air for more than two years. We have also printed many messages and mailed them to those who have requested them. Tonight I have some very important news for you in regard to our broadcast. Next week our message will not be on radio station XEG. The hour at which we are heard over this station is quite late, and it is not convenient for many to sit up and wait for this time before going to bed. Therefore, we are making a change in our broadcast schedule.

Beginning Sunday, July 2nd, THE MISSION TRAIL will be heard over an Oklahoma station each Sunday morning at 8:30. We hope that many of you will be able to tune us in at that time. If you are not already getting the printed copies of this weekly message, be sure to write us and let us add your name to our mailing list. In that way you may know the call letters of the station over which the message will be heard and also the frequency.

We thank God for his help and your prayers and co-operation in sending forth the gospel now for more than two years. We surely need your co-operation in this new venture which is even a greater undertaking.

Now join with me in some of my reminiscences of the past two years. On that first broadcast of January 1965 as comments were made on this verse which I have just read, these words were given. I quote:

"First, that life is very short, that it will not be long until all of us will



have spent the days allotted to us in this world. This is now the month of January, and the beginning of the new year of 1965. I am sure many have made new year's resolutions and plans for this year. It is uncertain whether or not you shall be able to live to carry out those plans and resolutions. No doubt, many listening to the sound of my voice at this moment, some in their homes and others in their automobile driving along the highways, are disappointed because already those resolutions have been broken, and you are disappointed in yourself and the plans which you had." End of quote.

Do you remember that? It is true, friends, that many things have happened in our lives and yours since that first broadcast date. We are happy for those who have stood by with their prayers and support and helped us through the rough places.

I wonder how many heard that poem written by Leslie Busbee on our second broadcast in January 1965. It is entitled:

#### THE MISSION TRAIL

The Mission Trail our Saviour trod  
No man had ever seen before:  
The wine-press of the wrath of God  
Bespoke the stains His garments bore,  
When offered He on Calv'ry's cross  
To save us from eternal loss  
And give us peace, dispelling strife.

The mission trail entwined about  
The rugged hills of human fears;  
It crossed the barren fields of doubt,  
And bridged the darksome flood of tears.  
And through the forest of despair  
He paved a road of hope and trust;  
His voice was music in the air  
For weary pilgrims of the dust.

The mission trail for you and me  
He trod, yes, many years ago;  
The path of life and victory  
Now stretches through this earth below.  
No tongue or creed was left unreached,  
His voice went out to all the earth;  
And men can hear the gospel preached:  
The wonders of the Heav'nly birth.

But there are other trails that lead  
From all who hear the joyful sound:  
A trail of faith is ours to plead  
If we would gain that sacred ground.  
For all who hear the story told,  
Believing it with heart sincere  
The loving Saviour will enfold  
And fill their lives with hope and cheer.

How blest the soul who thus can win  
An ent'rance to the Heavenly Life,  
Whose faith o'ermasters doubt and sin  
And triumphs in this vale of strife,  
And be to other souls a light  
Upon the path of life so true,  
Like Him, who now in grace and might  
This mission trail once surely knew.

Now let me quote again from one of our messages which was given on June 18, 1965. I quote:

"But back to the first text. 'Where hast thou gleaned today?' This was the question Naomi asked Ruth when she came home from gleaning in the harvest field of Boaz. She had been treated kindly and found much favor and grace in the sight of her master.

"But now let us consider this text in the spiritual application of today. 'Where hast thou gleaned today?' While others are doing their part to gather in the gospel harvest, are you sharing your responsibility to God and man? Surely the task of carrying the good news of the gospel to all the world is one which requires a combined effort



on the part of God's people. There is something which we can all do.

"First, we should all pray for God to send forth more laborers. Then we should be willing to go or speak a word in season, or, for that matter, any time when the opportunity presents itself. Then there are some who are not called to preach, but you are expected to help shoulder the burden to carry the gospel by whatever means God places in your hands.

"Let us say like Isaiah of old when the question was asked, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' He came back with the voluntary offer: 'Here am I; send me:' See Isaiah 6:8." End of quote.

Now you realize that over this period of time in which there have been more than 120 broadcasts on this station, we have spoken about many different things. We have discussed how one may be saved and know that his sins are forgiven. We have talked about how those that are saved are members of God's family already and a part of His church. We have spoken of the duty of his church to the mission fields and how they should spread his word throughout the world.

In fact, we have given you some first hand reports of those who have gone and of their adventures in Mexico and Nigeria. We have had testimonies from many states of the union, from those who have both heard the broadcast and read its messages in printed form.

Your letters have brought us much encouragement. You may recall that in July of 1966 I resigned from my job with Oklahoma Publishing Company to devote full time to the gospel work.

We have depended upon the Lord to supply our needs both for our home and for the broadcast. Even though, at times, we were made to wonder how he was going to do it, He has not failed us. To him and to you, our listeners and readers, we give our heartfelt thanks.

But this is no time to dream of the past without a plan for the future. Therefore, we believe and know that there is much yet to be accomplished for God. It is our purpose to continue with our broadcast over a very powerful Oklahoma City radio station. We also plan to continue mailing the printed copies. Therefore, we would urge you not to lose contact with us because of the change which we are making in our broadcast schedule. Be sure to listen for us on our new Sunday morning broadcast. Write to us, and we will give you the exact time and station over which we will be heard.

So now as Laban said unto Jacob, I quote from Genesis 31:49. "The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another."

Let us spend a moment in prayer.

Our Father,

We thank thee for the privilege of having spoken thy word to those who listen to radio station XEG. Bless each one tonight and give them the grace, strength, and courage to press on and be faithful even unto death, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Saviour. Amen

We certainly need your prayers and cooperation now as we launch forth upon an even greater undertaking in the broadcast field.



Here now is a very familiar old song entitled, "My Faith Looks up to Thee" and is sung by the Carver quartet.

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 simply sending us your request, and now until we meet again, may God's richest blessings watch between you and me. Goodnight!

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### Willing Workers Are Needed

"Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances, Greetings in the love of Christ. Surely He is our all and all. We are writing you wondering if this announcement could be in your paper for special work days at Monark 1st, 3rd and 4th of July. We are in need of assistance in putting up sheet rock and other work on the grounds. Campmeeting will be here before we realize it. Our Christian love,"

--Ralph and Inez Beisly

407 Eldridge, Coffeyville, Kansas 67337

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### Testimonies

From Mo.: "Dear Ones in Christ, . . . Thank God for the blessed word and for the blessed truths and for God's people everywhere. . . May the dear Lord encourage your hearts to keep on with the good work you have started for Him. Please pray for us that we will be faithful and be a light for Him. . . Sincerely,"

--Mrs. Joe Bowman

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". . . I learned no matter how big a hurry we are in, we surely want to take time to live for God in every way for my desire is to live as much like Jesus as I can and to do all to His glory. I love God with all my heart. I thank God for saving my soul most of all. . ."

--Helen Lambright

From Louisiana: ". . . Please put this poem in The Mission Trail and dedicate it to our dear Sister Carrie Sheppard. She and I worked a lot together with old people while we were both living in Baton Rouge. It was a joy to work with her. . ."

### JESUS

The hands of Jesus, gentle hands  
That touched the sick in yester-years,  
Are still outstretched to all who need  
His touch to banish doubt and fears.

The feet of Jesus, blessed feet  
That trod this earth so long ago,  
Will walk again into our midst  
Relieving sorrow, pain, and woe.

The head of Jesus, kingly head  
That wore a crown of thorns for me,  
Was bowed on cruel cross and thus  
Completed salvation's mystery.

The eyes of Jesus that once looked  
In great compassion on the throng,  
Still look in pity, mercy, love  
To heal us, tho' we've suffered long.

The heart of Jesus, tender heart,  
Was broken there on Calvary.  
And as His life-blood ebbed away,  
He seemed to say, 'It was for thee'.

O, Jesus, let us feel thy Hand  
And see once more thine eyes of love.  
Come, walk with us, yea, live in us,  
While traveling to our home above.

". . . Christian love and prayers,"

--Sister Rubye Quave

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Brother Murphey, This leaves me still saved and pressing on. I enjoy the message so much. . . Pray for me. Your sister in Christ,"

--Mittie Jackson



From California: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I trust this finds you and your family well. I sure enjoy The Mission Trail and also appreciate your work for the Master. May He bless you as you endeavor to get the gospel to people by radio and The Mission Trail. We trust you will get the larger station. Christian sincerity,"

--Sister Loretta Miles

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From Missouri: "Dear Bro. and Sister Murphey and family, Greetings in the Lord. I will write you all: This finds me still living for and trusting the Lord. I'm glad I can report victory in my soul. I mean to please him in every thing I know how to. Your little papers are much food to my soul. Remember us all in prayer. Bye for this time. Yours in Christ,"

--Myrtle Glass

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From Oklahoma: "Dear Bro. and Sister Murphey, I am sending you \$1.00 for The Mission Trail. I'm looking forward for the change in the broadcast. . ."

--Tempie Crisp

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From Louisiana: "Dear Ones, We're still in need of prayer, but we understand God is still on the throne, and He will remember his own."

--Ernest and Eva Mitchell

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From Missouri: "Dear Murphey family, For several months now I have been receiving 'The Mission Trail'. . . I do enjoy the poems you use from time to time. . . Thanks again. Sincerely,"

--Mrs. Oleene Grimes

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"But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand." Isaiah 64:8

From Oregon: "Dear Brother and family, Once more I greet you in the name of Jesus our precious Saviour who means so much to all this world of people. O! I am so glad He shed His precious blood for all. One place in the Bible says it is not His will that any be lost. O! how sad that so many won't heed this scripture but will choose to be lost. O, I am so glad He called me when a child, and I listened and sought Him till I knew he saved me. He has been with me all the years. I was 86 years old in April. All my desire is to live closer and do more for Him. I am so glad we can bear fruit in old age, and there's so much to do. There is no time for idlers in His vineyard. Now I am writing you to agree with me in prayer that God will heal me of rheumatism. I am suffering and can hardly walk, and there is so much to do in this place. . .

"We are so near eternity at the longest. Pray that God will help me to be a blessing and help to these dear ones. . ."

--Sister O. K. Myers

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### Harvesters

To pray as Jesus prayed,

When faithless brethren sleep--

To weep the ruin sin has made,

The only ones that weep;

To bear the heavy cross

To toil, yet murmur not;

To suffer pain, reproach and loss--

Be such our earthly lot;

Yet, oh! how richly blest

The Master's cup to share,

The lonely grief that wrung His breast,

His broken-hearted prayer.

If thus we may but gain

One sheaf of golden wheat,

Gleaned from earth's sultry harvest-  
plain,

To lay at His dear feet.

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## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:

We are looking forward to having the message on radio station KOMA next Sunday, July 2nd. The time will be 8:30 a. m., and the frequency is 1520. Although this station is not as powerful as XEG, we believe that the listening hours will be much more desirable, and we hope that many new ones will be able to tune in the broadcast. Radio stations in the United States are limited to 50,000 watts. Please do us the favor of listening for this station in your area and let us know if it can be heard.

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Earnest prayer is requested for Duter Kuchne of Winnipeg, Manitoba that God will open his heart to the knowledge of salvation.

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The meetings of Pacoima, California, Akron, Ohio, and Myrtle, Missouri are scheduled to begin Friday, July 7.

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Announcements and notices of importance to the church can usually be published in these columns the same week in which we receive the copy provided it reaches us no later than Monday. There is no charge for this service.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those who plan to attend at least one campmeeting or more this summer should, if possible, include the national campmeeting near Neosho, Missouri, beginning Friday, July 21st. This is a national meeting and is attended by many people from a considerable number of states. Much work remains to be done before the meeting begins, and a request for volunteer workers is given on page four in this issue.

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The Guthrie campmeeting begins Aug. 4th. It is planned to have these services in the chapel located at the corner of Sixth and Warner Streets. An additional 32 feet in width has been added to the building, and a great amount of work is yet to be done before it is completed. Those who can help are urged to come or contact Bro. M. A. Davis, Route 4, Guthrie, Oklahoma, Phone Bu 2-3442.

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The Oregon campmeeting at Jefferson is now in progress, and the one for Louisiana begins in Hammond, Friday, June 30th.

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