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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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We Are Debtors to Both God and Man

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. . . A cheerful good morning to all the listeners of radio station KOMA. I am indeed happy to be coming your way once again over this station. It gives me great pleasure to know that we have a small part in proclaiming the gospel-- that is the saving grace of our Lord. To our new listeners let me explain that this is THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you. We feel indebted to God and His people who love the truth and those who are co-operating with us in this effort to spread the gospel by means of radio and the printed page. We appreciate those who have stood by with their prayers and interest in the past. We need your prayers today.

To those who have spiritual problems or burdens and you feel that you need some assistance, let me say we welcome your letters, and we shall be happy to join with you in prayer concerning your need. You may address your letter to: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you have an affliction or sickness, tell us about that too. We believe that God still heals. We believe that God's people should learn to trust Him and to depend upon Him in every time of need.

It was indeed a pleasure for me and Frances to attend the Pacoima, Calif. campmeeting. Kathleen and Patsy accompanied us and also our sons, Willie and Wayne. It was a long trip, but the Lord's blessings and protection was with us. We believe that the good messages and the singing will be long remembered by many of those who were present.

One of the services which held a special attraction for us was the one in which a number of the missionaries gave their reports and testimonies. It was a real blessing to hear how those laboring in Mexico had felt the presence of the Lord.

But wait just a moment. Let me

read you this scripture which is on my heart and mind. In Romans, chapter 1 and verses 14 through 16 we read the words of the Apostle Paul. "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

Stress is often put upon the fact that the children of God should be careful to pay their financial obligations. Of course, this is in order, and I believe the word of God teaches us to live within our means. I do not believe we should

make obligations which we are unable to pay. This is the downfall of many people. And let me add for good measure that our nation is treading on dangerous ground by maintaining such a high debt level which they are unable to pay. Sooner or later the creditors are bound to knock on your door if you live in this manner.

But there is another obligation which I am thinking of, and that is our obligation to God. Now please do not get in a hurry and suppose I am speaking only of financial obligations. It is true that each of us are financially obligated to God, but we are obligated to even a greater extent than this. Would you like for me to tell you about it?

We are obligated to God by reason of creation. In Psalms, chapter 100 and verse 3 we read, "Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture." All right then, if it is the Lord who hath made us, don't you think we are obligated to Him? I say "yes". We are very much in debt to him by reason of creation. He is rightfully entitled to our respect and devotion. This is one of the first duties to which we should be awakened.

Next we are indebted to God by reason of the redemption of our souls brought about through the death and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. This makes us doubly indebted to God. I am sure that we will never be able to repay this debt, but there is one way in which we can at least be paying on our obligations--that is by proclaiming the good news of redemption to those who have not heard the truth.

You see, this is a third obligation

which the Lord's people have. Paul said that he was indebted to both the wise and to the unwise. Then he went on to say that he was ready to preach the gospel to those that were at Rome. The reason he was so willing to do this was because he knew what the gospel had done for him, and he was not ashamed to tell others about it.

Yes, it is true that the preaching of the cross is foolishness to those that are lost. But more than this, it pleases God through the foolishness of preaching to save them which believe.

Let us seriously ask ourselves, are we paying our debts both to God and man? Shall we selfishly enjoy the truth while withholding it from those who have not heard? Shall we content ourselves and not be awakened to our great obligation to tell the good news of redemption to others. God forbid! It is both our desire and plan to spread the good news even to the "regions beyond".

But this brings us once again to the missionary aspect of the Lord's people. Listen now as Patsy reads this report from Sister Edith Cole who is so faithfully laboring in Mexico.

"I am grateful for God's blessings to my soul today--for salvation and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in my life.

"I felt like telling you some about the campmeeting in El Alamo. Sister Ramona Esquer and myself went from Rosarito to El Ejido Patzcuaro to take folks from there to the meeting, and Pablo Anrade and family and a young girl went with us. You may remember of my mentioning his name before. He was the one who gave the land to build the chapel. One time he was saved but

left the Lord, yet the merciful Father blessed him through a terrible sickness and didn't take him on to eternity in that condition.

"Our trip to El Alamo up through the mountains was an enjoyable and safe trip though a very hot and dusty one. It was really good to see the saints gather in from different places. Some came from Rosarito, Santa Catarina, El Rodeo, Llano Colorado, Cerro Colorado and from El Valle de Trinidad. For most meetings there were about forty people, of course, that number varied.

"The Lord blessed us with really rich and soul stirring messages with His anointing. There were several who went to the altar for salvation and some to be sanctified. Among them was Pablo. He testified to being saved again with peace in his soul. His wife has been saved about six months now and still has the victory. Also Ana, the young girl who came with us, went to the altar to be saved.

"At night after meeting, we built a fire in our adobe hand made stove and made tortillas (Mexican bread) for the next day. Every day and for every meal we had brown beans that we cooked in large earthen pots, besides other food that was typical Mexican and very good.

"Sunday morning we had the service at a pond where we had the baptismal service. This service was the exceptional one to me as the Lord just blessed my soul in a special way. The Lord blessed as the prayers, songs, and His Word went forth, and five persons were buried in the watery grave in baptism. Their testimonies were so precious. It really touched hearts and my own. Through this meeting we were made to

see some of the fruits of our labors over and through the years, encouraging us to live, preach and pray on for lost and eternity bound souls. Pray for me and all the workers and these young ones in the Lord." --Edith Cole Box 1425, Calexico, California

Thank you, Patsy. Let us pray.

Our Father,

We know that we are indebted to thee beyond measure. Not only are we indebted to thee, but we feel our obligation to others as we endeavor to carry out thy commission to "go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature". Help us to not be selfish, but may we quickly and gladly impart the good news of salvation which will bring redemption to those who believe, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Before going off the air, let me leave these words with you.

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace,

Where there is hatred--Let me sow love,

Where there is injury--pardon,

Where there is doubt--faith,

Where there is despair--hope,

Where there is darkness--light,

Where there is sadness--joy.

Oh! Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek;

To be consoled--as to console,

To be understood--as to understand,

To be loved--as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life. --Selected by Eva Wiggins

Here now is a song "Dwelling in Beulah Land", and is sung by Bobby

Forbes, Randall Flynn, Troy Gentry, and Dale Doolittle.

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, and now until next Sunday morning at 8:30, this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be yours and a very pleasant good-bye!

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Testimonies

From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, I'm thankful to report victory in my soul this morning. The Lord is so good to me. I'm having quite a bit of pain at times with this affliction, but the Lord is with me to ease and comfort. I was privileged to attend the campmeeting at Hammond the last week-end and received much good food for my soul, also enjoyed seeing the saints. I'm enjoying the Mission Trail very much. Christian love,"

--Viva LaCroix

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From Oklahoma: "Brother Willie Murphey, Just a few lines to let you hear from me. I am yet saved and living for the dear Lord every day of my life. I love the dear Lord with all my heart. . . May God bless you in his work. You have my prayers. . . Pray for me. I need your prayers."

--Annie Bowen

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From Illinois: ". . . Please remember me in prayer as I have been ill with liver and heart trouble. Thank you so much for your prayers. My soul is so happy in Jesus. I have a house not made by hands, eternal in the heavens. Praise our dear loving Saviour's name. Your Sister in Christ,"

--Bertha Gill

From California: "Dear Brother & Sister Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus' name. We thank the Lord for this day he has made, and may we seek him for grace to live it to please him. I enjoy the Mission Trail paper very much. May God's richest blessings be bestowed upon you in the good work you are doing for him.

"James and Charlotte Huskey and family have been with us for a short time. James showed us a number of colored slides of their work in Mexico. We enjoyed them very much. As we were seeing them one could have a much clearer picture of the need of missionaries in that field. May God help us here in our homes who cannot go to do our part to help with their needs on the different fields of labor for our Master.

"Enclosed you will find a small offering to help as you see the need in your work to win souls for our Lord. Christian love, Your sister in the Lord,"

--Letha Reece

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From Oklahoma: "To The Mission Trail, We greet you all in the name of Jesus for He is so good to us. He makes the way for us all, and I love Him. We heard the broadcast last Sunday and like it so very much. May the Lord continue to bless the family and that the work will spread all over the world. We are praying for The Mission Trail. . . Sisters,"

--Nancy Jones and Sister Bell

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From Oregon: ". . . We had a wonderful meeting in Jefferson. Sister Spaur and Bro. McClendon both were at death's door, but God raised them up so they got the last part of the meeting. It was precious and rich how the word of God was preached and anointed. . . . In Christian love,"

--Steve and Margaret Cable

"The Door of Hope"

". . . At that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:"

By Patsy Murphey

On the evening of July 11, 1967, we drove down the lane that was shaded on both sides by the California orange trees toward the highway. Soon we were on the multi-lane expressway heading into Los Angeles. I had heard about the meetings the saints held once a month in the skidrow section of L. A., but this was the first time I had a chance to go with them.

That day word had been received that Charles and Bill Elwell would be unable to meet their regular appointment for the service that night and wanted some who were at the Pacoima, California campground to go in their place, so Bro. and Sis. Samons, Bro. James Huskey and a group of us young people were going. As we came to the section of the city where the mission was located we began seeing the marks of sin heavily engraved on the people.

The mission is in the basement of an apartment building and is named "The Door of Hope". A lady opens this door every evening to the men and women on the street and welcomes them in to hear about One who is able to save them from their sins, and after the meeting she has a hot meal prepared for them.

After we went in, the men started coming. They were pitiful sights! They showed many signs of what a life lived in sin and given over to the power of liquor will do for a person. The lady showed us some saving stamps a man had brought to her, and they were in a tobacco bag. That was their life!

After the opening song, we sang "Safe in the Arms of Jesus". One man

sat there crying, others seemed touched, and some showed no signs of emotion. We sang a few songs and some of the men helped sing. A few words were spoken, and then Bro. Samons started telling them about Jesus.

He used the scripture in Titus 2:11, "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." He told them how the Lord was able to raise them from this state of sin and give them new hope and new desires in life.

At the end of the message we gave them an opportunity to come and kneel at the altar for prayer. During the service two young men had been paying close attention to what was said. Bro. Huskey asked one if he would like to have prayer. He did, and knelt at the altar. The Lord touched his heart that night, and he got up with a smile on his face.

When the service was over, we went outside. As a group of us were standing by the car a man came up and started talking. He said his mother was sick, and he wanted prayer for her. He said he had been drinking all day, and at times he was almost overcome and would lean up against the car and ask us to please excuse him. Before we left, we had prayer for him.

This was a trip that will long stay in my memory. Until we come in close contact with people like this, we are not fully aware of the degradation of sin. The enemy may start out getting you to do just a small thing, but you have no assurance that he will not lead you to a life of misery on the streets of some skidrow unless you give your life to God!

AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:

The attendance and interest at the National Campmeeting near Neosho, Missouri has been excellent this week. It has been refreshing for the saints to meet one another again and enjoy the good word of God as it is proclaimed both from the pulpit and also in testimonies and spiritual singing. Some people have attended the services this week who have never before been at the Monark Springs meeting. This is encouraging as the Lord brings His people together in one body, some from the north, some from the south, with others from the east and west. Many states are represented on the campground. Perhaps many will receive this edition of The Mission Trail in time to get ready and come to the last few days of this meeting which closes July 30th. If you have a need in soul or in body, come expecting to receive that help. Many have already sought the Lord at the altar of prayer.

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The Guthrie campmeeting is scheduled to begin Friday, August 4th. The Bakersfield, California campmeeting begins on the same date. Plan to attend one of these meetings.

One cause of great rejoicing among the saints this week on the campground was the testimony which Bro. Curtis Williams gave to a definite touch of healing in his body. Shouts of rejoicing were heard over the hillside of the camp. Sister T. H. Coffey of Hammond, Louisiana also gave a report of healing to her body. This is an answer for which the saints have long been praying.

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A number of requests yet being held before the Lord include healing for: Sis. May Carver, Sis. Viva LaCroix, Sis. Jessie Taylor, Brother Ernest Mitchell, Sis. Inez Beisly, as well as others which we often hear of through the mail.

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We are anxious to know how well the broadcast is being heard each Sunday morning at 8:30 over KOMA. A number have mentioned that they are unable to get this station. We hope as the cooler weather comes on reception will be better and that many others will be able to tune in KOMA at 1520 kc. It is a 50,000 watt station and does cover a wide area. Please continue to listen for it.

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