



# The Mission Trail

Box 99

Guthrie, Okla. 73044

Willie C. Murphey • Frances E. Murphey • Kathleen E. Murphey • Patsy M. Murphey

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

VOL. 3, NO. 33

PUBLISHED WEEKLY

SEPTEMBER 1, 1967

## "Look on Us"

(Radio broadcast on KOMA Sunday, August 27, 1967.)

. . . A very pleasant good morning to all the listeners of radio station KOMA. It gives me great pleasure to be with you again by means of radio to bring another short gospel message. We hope that it may be an encouragement to you, and one that will help you to live better lives for the cause of God. We invite you to write for the printed copies of this weekly message. They are mailed free of charge without cost or obligation to those who request them. You may address your letter to us in this way: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking to you.

In the 3rd chapter of Acts we have a record of a very notable miracle which Peter and John performed through the healing power of a resurrected Saviour. There was a certain man who had been crippled from the time of his birth. He was unable to walk because of his crippled feet and ankle bones. Really, he was looking for someone to give him a handout, or, we might say, a contribution for this is the way he made his living, by begging. Instead he received a blessing which affected his entire life, not only his life, but the lives of many others around him. He received healing and began to leap and shout. But here is the one thing which I want to emphasize from the 3rd chapter of Acts and verse 4. "And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us."

That would certainly be some instructions to give a beggar sitting by the temple. I am persuaded that the lame man became deeply interested when Peter said, "Look on us". Perhaps he thought he was going to surely get a nice handout now, but he received something greater than silver and gold.

And I want to tell you today that there are some things worth more than silver and gold. These are the blessings which we receive daily from the Lord when we put our trust in him, but in order to receive from him, we must first "look". Let me bring it out with this illustration.

This summer as our family of six was traveling across the state of Texas on the way to the west coast, we pulled into a certain filling station for service. Kathleen noticed a wooden box inside the station with various inscriptions which conveyed this message to travelers, "Texas baby rattlers, harmless".

Kathleen nudged Willie, our son of 12 years, and he was ready to go take a free look at the Texas baby rattlers. He quietly slipped inside the station and cautiously approached the cage. Even then he appeared to have some misgivings as he endeavored to muster up enough courage to look into the box

containing the baby rattlers. He did "look", and sure enough, he found that the inscription was 100% correct.

There were some "baby rattlers", the kind which infants play with, lying harmlessly in the box. I suppose they must have been Texas rattlers, for it was in the state of Texas. There seems to be something about human nature which causes people to have a desire to "look". Now my son could have read the sign, or he could have been told what was in the box, but it would not be quite like taking a look for himself.

When Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to the empty tomb on the resurrection morning, the angels said to them, "Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." You see, they were given the invitation to "look" where the Lord had been. They were given further instructions to go quickly and tell his disciples of his resurrection. Even so, I believe that we should first "look" to the resurrected Saviour, and then we should be so filled with his power and glory that we could invite others to "look on us".

Now this plan of redemption which Christ brought to mankind is so important that Peter speaking of it in I Peter chapter 1 and verse 12 said, "which things the angels desire to look into." If the angels desire to know more about the redemption story, it must surely be worth telling.

When God's people Israel were suffering because of their sins, we read in Numbers 21:6 that "the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people

of Israel died." Now that would be a horrible thing to have literally hundreds of snakes crawling among the camp and biting the people. Of course, this is a symbol of the poison of sin.

Then we read in verse 8 that, "the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live." The brazen serpent was the symbol of Christ, for we read in John, chapter 3 and verses 14 and 15, "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life."

The antidote for the serpent bite was very simple. The people were only asked to "look and live". But if they refused to look, they were subject to the penalty of death. The same thing is true in a spiritual sense today. Sinners are asked to believe and be saved.

In Isaiah 24:22 we read, "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." Again we find in Isaiah 17:7, "At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel."

This 8th verse is so good, I would also like to pass it along to you. I quote: "And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves, or the images." You see, what we need today is to get our eyes upon the Lord and keep them there.

Listen now to this verse from II Cor. 4:18. "While we look not at the things

which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. "

Friends, where are you looking today? Upon what are your eyes fastened? Are they upon the eternal things of God? I hope that you are not looking only at the temporal things or the pleasures of the world which soon fade away.

If there are some hearing this broadcast who have their eyes upon such things, let me give you this theme verse of our very message itself. It is found in John 4:35. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, for they are white already to harvest." Then when you do that, I believe this poem will have even greater meaning to you than ever before.

#### SOULS IN DARKNESS

Souls in heathen darkness lying,  
Where no light has broken through,  
Souls that Jesus bought by dying,  
Whom His soul in travail knew;  
Thousand voices  
Call us o'er the waters blue.

Christians harken! None has taught them  
Of His love so deep and dear;  
Of His precious price that bought them;  
Of the nail, the thorn, the spear;  
Ye who know Him  
Guide them from their darkness drear.

Haste, O haste, and spread the tidings,  
Wide to earth's remotest strand;  
Let no brother's bitter chidings  
Rise against us when we stand  
In the judgment,  
From some far, forgotten land!

Lo! the hills for harvest whiten  
All along each distant shore;

Seaward far the islands brighten;  
Light of nations lead us o'er;  
When we seek them  
Let Thy spirit go before. --Selected

Let us pray.

Our Father,

We pray that you would help us to so look upon thee that our entire lives and beings may be transformed into the image of God. Bless each one who hears the message today, and may they receive a blessing as they look upon thee and thy word, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, it has been a real privilege to bring you this message today. We hope that each of you will receive a blessing from it. If so, we would be real happy to hear from you. It doesn't take but a few minutes. We would like for you to sit down and write us a letter and let us know of your interest in the things of God. Address it to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Be with us again next Sunday morning at 8:30 for another short message from the Word of God. Here then is a song entitled, "My Faith Looks up to Thee", as sung by the Carver quartet. We hope that your faith also may look unto the Lord and that He will be your helper in the times of need.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Until we meet again, may God's richest blessings be yours and a very cheerful good-bye!

--o--

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

*"we...do testify that the Father sent the Son..."*

Lord, help us in this life to be, A bright and shining light--

Our lives consecrated unto Thee, Both morning, noon, and night. --Josephine Taylor

From Oklahoma: "Dear Brother & Sister Murphey, A few lines to let you know I enjoy The Mission Trail very much, but haven't heard you on the radio--have tried, but I will try again. May God richly bless you all in the good work you all are doing. The Lord is so good to us all. I don't know what I would do if I didn't know God. He is my healer and my all. He is everything to me. Praise his dear name. . . Pray for me. . ." --Sister Ida Ruckman

--o--

From Texas: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family, We send greetings in Jesus' dear name. This finds us much encouraged to live each day for our dear Lord. He has done so much for us. We have been so very sick since the Monark meeting. We suppose from an ear and throat infection. My throat had large yellow sores on it, but it seemed to be deeper in my neck and chest. When I would lie down, it would pull the muscles and seemed my head, throat and chest would burst. It would soon relax and I'd get relief, but the infection caused night sweats, and I grew weaker. Then my heart beat so fast and fluttered so bad, I told my husband I didn't feel I was going to live through that spell and wanted to call my daughter for prayer. . . We are so thankful for the mercy the Lord had on us. He's spared me for a purpose, and it's my desire to do all He would have me to do. We want to thank the saints for their prayers, cards, letters and phone calls, also Sis. Frances loving me enough to come care for me. How we have enjoyed and appreciated her tender care. If the world could only see the love the saints have one

for another, but few there be who see the kingdom. We also want you to know we got the program on the car radio the last Sunday of the Monark meeting. . . . May the Lord bless you for your labors of love. I am gaining strength each day. . . Yours in the one true way," --Edith Wall

--o--

From California: "Dear Bro. and Sister Willie Murphey and family, Greetings of sincere Christian love to you in the blessed name of our dear Lord Jesus, the saviour of our souls. He is so precious and indispensable to us. His love is so wonderful that He has shared with us, and by his stripes we are healed. . . I want to do all I can to find a soul for Christ. I love my Lord and want to be faithful, willing, and obedient till he calls me from labor to reward. God bless, keep, and use you dear ones till he says it is enough, come up higher. Your co-worker in the Lord's vineyard."

--Sister Georgia Zinn

--o--

From Arkansas: "Dear Christian Friends, Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. The only name that can save, sanctify, heal and keep. It's so precious to me. I'm glad one day his wonderful grace affected my soul in a way I said, 'yes', to Him. I want to ever be willing to do each task with joy He has for me to do. I feel so unworthy and helpless, but as I'm learning, the closer I get to Him, the easier each trial is to bear, and for sure they don't fail to come. . . I thought of the Guthrie campmeeting every day and had a longing to be there with the saints. . ."

--Sister Lou Bray

## *"Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters"*

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

"Dear Brother Willie, Greetings in Jesus' name to you and your family. May God continue to bless and supply your every need, as you send out the gospel truth over the air and by the printed page is our prayer. We recently returned home from a brief visit and trip to California. We found two editions of the Mission Trail in the mail. We deeply appreciate these little messengers of poems and news items. We were so glad to learn of how God blessed in the campmeetings. We're thankful to be serving a LIVING GOD that hears and answers the prayers of his trusting children. Praise his dear name!

"We're sorry to have missed the Monark and Guthrie meetings, but it just didn't work out for us this time. Two of my sisters in Ohio had been planning a trip with us to California, and this was the only time they could go. We enjoyed visiting with our daughter and family, Alberta and Kenneth Cook, and children, Julia, Brenda and Kelly, who live in Pomona. We enjoyed one precious service with the saints at the chapel there. We visited other saints and friends in the Los Angeles area. We returned by the way of the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona. Words cannot describe the beautiful handi-work of our GOD, more over, in all our travels we have never seen the deserts and mountains more beautiful and green. God sent rain showers through the day and through the night which cooled the air, and the clouds were a shield against the sun. We could feel the saints prayers and the protecting hand of God about us.

"Upon returning home, we received

word the next day of dear Brother J. D. Winter passing away. We attended the funeral three days later in Summerville, South Carolina. We are at home now and are attending the tent meeting near Junction City, Kentucky where Brother Mart Samons, Brother Curtis Williams and the missionary group are laboring for souls. A few years ago a tent meeting was conducted by the saints a short distance from where the tent now stands. God blessed and some lasting good was done, and we feel this campaign will be even a greater success. The interest is good, the tent is mostly filled every night. God is richly anointing and blessing his servants to preach the WORD without fear or favor. We feel that souls are getting help. Pray that God will glean out and establish a true Church of God congregation here in Kentucky. Pray for us,"

--Sister S. E. Abbott

---o---

From Virginia: "My Dear Brother Murphey, Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus. Bless God for the truth. I love it with all my heart, and am thankful for men committed to its teaching and dare in the fear of God to preach it.

"I received The Mission Trail and enjoyed it immensely. The truth was very constructive, simple, plain and logical. Keep up the good work, and may God bless you as needed. In Christian love," --William J. Preston

---o---

From Louisiana: ". . . Yes, I mean to live for the Lord regardless of the world. I mean to see my Saviour face to face. I don't know of anything in the way."

--J. M. Mitchell

## AT PRESS TIME WE UNDERSTAND:

From Canada: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family. . . The testimonies in the Mission Trail thrill my heart, for I know we do serve an ever-loving heavenly Father. . . God truly knows how to meet our needs. 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.' Psa. 46:1. 'Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.' Psa. 106:1. Our Manitoba weather has been just beautiful. Temperatures have been in the 80's and 90's each week. Today we are enjoying a nice cool day. It rained some today. . . Before closing for this time I include this scripture. 'Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.' III John 1:2. Yours in Christian love,"

--Florence Squire

--o--

From Texas: "Dear Bro. Murphey, Enclosed is an offering. I really enjoy reading The Mission Trail program. Since our time has been changed, also your broadcasting station, I have been unable to pick it up on my radio. Here's hoping you and family the best of everything. . ."

--Charles Ray Leazar

Many of the saints were present at the wedding of John Edward Sisk and Loretta (Wahl) in Enid, Okla. on August 23rd. They were married on the 25th wedding anniversary of her parents, Leonard and Clara Wahl. We wish them much happiness!

--o--

Our sympathy is extended to the wife and relatives of Brother John David Winter, age 74, of Summerville, South Carolina who passed to his reward on August 13, 1967. Funeral by Bro. Sam E. Abbott and Bro. Oniel Pratt.

--o--

Congratulations to Eugene Fields and his wife Patsy (Francisco) who were married August 19th in the Pacoima, California chapel.

--o--

Next Sunday, September 3rd, will be our last broadcast over KOMA under present agreement. We hope to have an announcement soon of another station which is even more desirable. Agree with us in prayer that the Lord will open this door for us. In the meantime, those who can do so be sure to listen to KCKW of Jena, Louisiana, at 7:30 Sunday mornings on 1480 kc.

## The Mission Trail

Box 99

Guthrie, Okla. 73044

*Return Requested*



BULK RATE  
U. S. POSTAGE  
2½¢ PAID  
Guthrie, Okla.  
Permit No. 133