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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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Christ Is Our Deliverer

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. . . A cheerful good morning to all the listeners of this radio station. This is Willie Murphey speaking, and we are certainly happy to be coming your way by means of radio with a short gospel message. We hope you will stay tuned to this station for the next few minutes as we bring you some very important scriptures from the word of God.

First I want to say we are very grateful that God has made it possible for the message to be heard over another radio station. That makes three stations which now carry the broadcast. This is especially for all of you in the Hammond, Louisiana area. Beginning today, for the first time, The Mission Trail is being heard over radio station WFPR of Hammond, Louisiana.

It is our sincere desire that we may be a blessing to those who hear the weekly message. If so, would you do us a favor by writing us a few lines and let us know that you hear the message and that you are praying with us for the salvation of souls. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Then to those who are not familiar with the work which we are endeavoring to do for the Lord, I want to tell you that we print these messages and mail them each week free of charge to those who request them. There is no gimmick or catch to this offer. Just send us your name and address and let us know that you would like to have the messages mailed to you without cost or obligation. We are trusting the Lord by faith to keep his word on the air and keep going forth in the printed form.

Listen now to this scripture from Colossians, chapter 1 and verse 13. "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son." I am confident that there is more in this verse than I will be able to tell you within the next few minutes, but I am happy today for Christ our deliverer. Before one can experience the happiness of deliverance, they must first realize that they are helpless and in darkness. And isn't that true with so many of those

living in this modern age of ours? People talk about liberty of conscience, and they want to do away with restraint placed on their lives by God's Word. They want to have liberty to do as they please. But let me show you something.

This scripture in II Peter, 2nd chapter and verse 19 says, "While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption; for of whom a man is overcome, of the same

is he brought in bondage." Therefore, I say if a man is filled with hatred, envy, malice, and wickedness, he is in darkness and needs to be delivered.

Our text says, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness." Did you know there is a power about evil which gets hold of people, and they are not at liberty to choose the way they would like to go? They need to call on God for help.

I once heard about a man a good many years ago who was given to the habit of drinking and gambling. He would go to town and sell his farm produce such as a bale of cotton, and instead of taking the money and buying groceries for the family and shoes for the children, he would spend much of it for whiskey and gambling. When he came home and began to recover from the effects of the alcohol, then he saw how foolishly he had spent his money. He would take his children upon his knee and talk to them like this, "Well, your old daddy isn't worth very much today. He ought to be taken out and shot." Yes, perhaps he would gain the sympathy of the little boys and girls in his home, but I want to tell you what he needed was a Saviour. He needed to be delivered from the power of drink. And instead of his children seeing him come home drunk, they would then see him walking uprightly and spending his money for the things which his family needed.

Do you know evil habits fasten themselves to a person, and they are unable to do the things that they would like to do until they have been delivered?

Just think of the prodigal son. He had left home. He had spent his money in riotous living. He had tried to have

a good time, but he found himself at last with his money gone. His clothes were no doubt ragged, and he had no shoes for his feet. He was hired by a man of that country to feed swine or that is hogs. No doubt, it took all of this to cause him to come to himself, but when he did, he began to think of the good things in his father's house. His father's servants had plenty to eat and were well cared for, and there he was a son literally starving to death. I believe he really wanted happiness, but he had sought for it in the wrong way.

Friends, there is a way out of your darkness if you will accept it. It is the humble lowly way of the cross. A verse of song says, "If thou would'st have the dear saviour from heaven walk by thy side from the morn till the evening, there is a rule that each day you must follow; humble thyself to walk with God." It goes on to say, "Just as a stream finds a bed that is lowly, so Jesus walks with the pure and the holy. Cast out thy pride and in heartfelt contrition, humble thyself to walk with God." I want to tell you God is able to deliver people. This is not only true in the spiritual but also in the natural. Sometimes he answers prayer even beyond our fondest expectations.

Take for example Peter. When Peter was bound in prison, and it had been planned that the next day he should be brought forth and put to death, the angel of the Lord came upon the scene that night as he lay there sleeping between two soldiers. The angel awoke him, led him forth from the prison, and the iron gate which had been locked so securely swung open of its own accord. Peter marched forth that night to deliverance. The saints had been pray-

ing, but they were astonished when the maiden went to the door and came back with the news that Peter was knocking for admittance. Some wondered if he had been killed and his spirit had then returned. Others were unable to believe because it seemed impossible, and yet the maiden constantly affirmed that it was Peter. And so it was. He was delivered from prison.

All of this came about through the power of interceding prayer. Friends, most of us have loved ones and relatives who need our prayers today. Some have children who are walking the downward paths of sin to destruction. There is a deliverer who is able to straighten out the kinks in their lives. God is calling upon us to be the intercessors. Let us be faithful even unto death. Here is a poem. It says:

NEARER HOME

One sweetly solemn thought
Comes to me o'er and o'er:
I am nearer home today
Than I ever have been before.

Nearer the bound of life,
Where we lay our burdens down;
Nearer leaving the cross,
Nearer gaining the crown!

But lying darkly between,
Winding down through the night,
Is the silent unknown stream
That leads at last to the light.

Oh, if my mortal feet
Have almost gained the brink;
If it be I am nearer home
Even today than I think;

Father, perfect my trust;
Let my spirit feel in death,
That her feet are firmly set
On the rock of a living Faith.

Let us pray.

Our Father,

We are indeed glad that a way has been made for our escape and deliverance even when we were lost in sin and away from God. For this we are thankful. But for those who yet remain in sin, our hearts are yearning for their deliverance. Awaken them, and lead them to the light of the gospel through Christ, and to thee we will give the praise forever. Amen

We hope you will enjoy the song now, "Home of the Soul". The singers are Bobby and Dorral Forbes, Leslie Busbee, and Willie Murphey.

It has been a pleasure to bring you the words of the gospel today. If we may be of help to you in finding the Lord, please let us know, or if you would like a printed copy of the message, just send us your request. Address it to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. Be with us again next Sunday as we come to you over this same station at the same time. Until then may God's richest blessings be with each of you. A cheerful good-bye!

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BEAUTIFUL

Beautiful hands are those that do
Work that is earnest, brave and true.
Moment by moment the long day through.

Beautiful feet are those that go
On kindest ministries to and fro.
Down lowliest way, if God wills it so.

Beautiful lives are those that bless-
Silent rivers of happiness,
Whose hidden fountains but few may
guess.

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My Dear Co-Laborers

I will take time to say hello to you and write a letter, though it would be much nicer to sit down for a visit. I hope that as you receive this you are well and happy, happy in your journey through this life. I am so very grateful to be saved and sanctified and because of this I can say from the depth of my being that I am happy. An obedient life and a close walk with God brings a happy and satisfied life.

I am thankful to say that the Lord has continued to bless the work here with several new ones coming from time to time. Not long ago a young man came to the altar to be saved and after prayer he testified to salvation. It thrills the soul to hear the testimonies of those saved. A young girl named Ana was saved in the El Alamo camp-meeting and is now helping in the children's meetings on Saturdays. Ana seems to be very earnest in her desire to live for the Lord. Do you remember my mentioning Pablo? He is the one who gave the land for the Chapel here. His life was very much an up and down experience, would get saved & then soon go back to the old life again. He got saved in the El Alamo camp-meeting and is still holding on to his salvation. Let's pray that he go on to sanctification and live a godly life. His wife Esperanza is saved also and it is so sweet to see the whole family of 8 come to meeting.

We are grateful for your prayers for the work of the Lord in this tiny place. It has been nearly 3 years since I came here and I feel the Lord has blessed the saints efforts during this period because there seem to be some established saints right here in El Ejido Patcuaro. Let's continue to be faithful to pray that God should find some one here to use in His great harvest field. The need for native workers is great.

I am busier now than ever because of the sewing classes. Last time I taught each person 1 hour a week but am teaching 2 hours now. They are sewing, as usual by ripping up a used garment washing and ironing it then cutting out what they want to make. Some are making curtains, dresses, shirts, blouses, skirts, boys trousers, under garments and quilts or comforters. Though the classes are time consuming, I am glad for the opportunity because it is another contact with the people, some who never darken the door for services.

In closing, I want to thank you for your interest in the work and prayer for us, but please don't forget to pray that God can own, bless and prosper the work in every way. Pray for me, I want to live by the direction of the Holy Spirit day by day. As far as I know my own heart I have no other desire.

Your co-worker in the vineyard of the Lord

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at press time

we understand:

The two weeks' meeting which Bro. Ostis Wilson just finished in Guthrie proved to be very beneficial to the saints. Much good, sound instruction was received. A number came forward seeking the needed grace for their lives.

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It is reported that Bro. Wheeler of Bristow, Oklahoma died this week. His funeral was Tuesday.

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From Ohio: ". . . We do send greetings of Christian love. Thought we would write a few lines to say we haven't forgotten you dear ones and are still praying the dear Lord to bless your labors and efforts to get help to precious souls and to be a blessing and encouragement to the dear saints of God. We are still pressing onward and upward, desiring to be faithful to our great God who has done so much for us. You dear ones keep encouraged, and we need your prayers also to be what we ought to be. Much Christian love," --Bro. Kenneth, Sis. Lois Abbott and family

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From Louisiana: "I . . . have almost lost the sight of my right eye with cataract. . . I know that He heals and can heal my eyes so I ask you to please pray about it." --Lula Ochsner

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This week Guthrie has had a little sample of winter weather. It turned cold and has been raining. The leaves are falling from the trees, and we are reminded that some cold days are just ahead.

L. D. Chrisman of Enid, Oklahoma whose job is to wreck buildings recently came up with a bit of very interesting information when he wrecked a building in Hennessey, Oklahoma. Among a number of other things was a list of saints in Hennessey, Oklahoma in 1940! Some of them such as Sister Davis and Sister Wiley have gone to their eternal reward, while others named on the list are still living.

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Earnest prayer is requested for Merl Taylor, also Ida Mae Weir. Both are in serious condition. It is comforting to know that the God whom we serve is abundantly able for every need. Pray for others also who send in requests.

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From Neosho, Mo.: ". . . Please pray for us as we do not know just how much longer we can stay here on the grounds because of the unsteady job which Willard has. This job just isn't sufficient enough to supply all the necessary needs. We want to do the Lord's will, so do pray earnestly for us that we will make the right move and that God will be glorified with our lives. . . We do thank the Lord that his grace has brought us this far. It has been more than sufficient. . . Much Christian love and prayer,"

--Willard and Helen Underdown

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From California: ". . . This morning finds me yet saved and encouraged to work on and on for my blessed Lord. I still have victory in my soul."

--Sister Lucinda Chiles



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For some it will come true: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jer. 8:20. Let us hasten with the message which Jesus gave: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Broadcast Schedule

Listen for THE MISSION TRAIL weekly on one of the following radio stations:

RADIO STATION	LOCATION	DIAL SETTING	TIME
WFPR	Hammond, La.	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCKW	Jena, La.	1480 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.
KCIJ	Shreveport, La.	980 kc.	Sunday, 7:30 a.m.

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