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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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"It Is Written"

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. . . A very cheerful good morning. We are happy to be coming your way once again. It is our sincere desire that we may speak something that will prove of lasting benefit to those who hear the broadcast. We maintain this work by faith in God, trusting Him to keep His word on the air and going forth each week by the printed copies. You see we mail these copies in print each week to those who request them. If you are not getting them, be sure to send us your name and address and let us send them to you free of charge. Those who desire to write us may address their letter to: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking.

I believe I have something which will prove of real interest to our listeners, but let me first give you at this point a scripture from Romans 15:4. "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." For the next few minutes I want to speak about the things which are "written".

It is hard for any of us to know what was the first writing which was ever done. Historians have delved into the mystery of when man first began to communicate his ideas by writing, and indications are that crude forms of writing were in existence hundreds of years before Christ came. Sometimes symbols and pictures were used to convey ideas before the alphabet was perfected. But now in our day writing is an absolute necessity. Without it how confused we would be. We read newspapers, we read letters, and, in fact, a good part of our life is molded by that which has been "written".

Do you like to get letters at your home? This is one form of writing which proves of great interest to most people. You see it is sometimes a

little hard for a person to settle down to write a letter, but most people sure do like to get them. When I go to the postoffice and come home with the mail, that is one time when the members of our family are quite interested. Sometimes they will leave other things which they are doing to walk into the front room to see what letters have been written to us. Then, of course, if a letter is addressed to one particular member of the family, they are all the more interested.

Another thought about the written language is this: in most legal agreements or contracts the only part which will stand when questioned is the part which has been "written". Sometimes this may consist of many words written in small print, but after all, that is the

thing that counts and not verbal agreements. Sometimes letters bring joy and happiness. At other times that which is written brings great sorrow. The Lord, realizing how important the written word is, has passed on to us many deep and wonderful things through His word which is written.

Notice again the text which I read. Let me repeat it. It says, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." I am indeed happy for the written word. In the time of deep sorrow or trouble it is the written word to which we turn for solace.

When Jesus was sorely tempted of Satan in the wilderness, He had this to say as recorded in Matthew 4:4. "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

When He was again tempted--to cast himself down from the temple--he said in verse 7, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." And finally when Satan so desired that Christ should fall down and worship him, our Saviour came back with these words as recorded in the 10th verse. "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

Friends, do you have a Bible in your home? If so, do you read it? Do you consider it as a letter with good news from your father? Listen to what John said in chapter 20 and verses 30 and 31. "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

Do you know that only God is the author of real true and lasting hope? You can read about it in that letter which He has written.

Then here are some other verses which I am certainly glad have been written. In Malachi 3:16 and 17 we read, "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."

Let me show you what is being written. In Luke the 10th chapter and verse 20 we read these words. Jesus was speaking here to his disciples. "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven. Again in Hebrews 12:23 we find this verse, "To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect."

Sometimes the Lord has things to be written which do not please men very well. Pilate had an inscription to be placed above the cross of our Saviour, and it said, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews". When the chief priests and Jews wanted to change that writing, Pilate said, "What I have written, I have written." You see, friends, sometimes the things which are written will be a witness against

those who are unwilling to live up to their own agreement.

In Revelation 20 and verse 12 we read, "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

That will indeed be a sad day for many, but listen to verse 15. "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." Listen to the words of this song by B. E. Warren.

I have read within the Bible
How a sinner vile and low
Need but come in faith to Jesus
To be washed as white as snow;
How the heart so stained and wicked,
Hardened by the guilt of sin,
May be purified and softened,
Till the Lord will dwell within.

I have read how sin was conquered,
When he bled upon the tree,
How its binding chains were broken,
That the captives might be free;
How I need not still do evil,
And repent from day to day,
But should find his grace sufficient,
Keeping sinless all the day.

I have read how a believer,
One who knows his wrongs forgiv'n,
May be cleansed from sin completely,
Made as pure and clean as heav'n--
Have the very root of evil
From his being swept away,
Leaving in his joyous bosom,
An unending sabbath day.

I have read and have believed it,
How the Holy Ghost would come

In his power and his glory,
Make the heart of man his home;
Keep it as a sacred temple,
Seal its door to every foe,
And preserve it pure and holy,
All life's journey here below.

Let us pray.

Our Father,

We are glad for the written word.
We are glad also that you will and do
write your word in the hearts of those
who believe. Bless the words of the
message today to all those who hear,
and may they find comfort and strength
in the written word of God. This we
ask in Jesus' name. Amen

Listen to this song, "My Sins Are
Gone". The singers--Bobby and Dorral
Forbes, Randall Flynn, and Melvin
Doolittle.

Friends, it has been a real pleasure
to bring you this message of the gospel
from the written Word. If we may be
of any help to you, or if you would like
a printed copy of the message free of
charge, just let us know. We would be
glad to send you one. Or if the Lord
should speak to you and direct you to
help us carry the gospel message to
others, we would be pleased to hear
from you. Simply address your letter
to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla-
homa. Be with us again next Sunday
over this same station at the same
time. Until then may the Lord's richest
blessings be with each of you. A very
cheerful good-bye!

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From Mo. " . . . This leaves me en-
couraged in the Lord. By His help and
grace I mean to follow on for Him.
We need your prayers. . . We often
think of you in prayers. As ever yours
in Jesus. --Myrtle Glass.

*T*estimonies

From Tennessee: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey, We send greetings of love again in our Lord's name. Many today are denying Jesus' words and his name by their lives, deeds and actions, but we know in the last day every tongue will confess that he is the Christ. I certainly want to be able as Thomas said, "My Lord and my God", and by his love, mercy and grace we can all be able to. It's not his will that any should perish.

"Bro. & Sis. Gordon Humphrey from Ohio were down our way about the 18th of Oct. We had several services in the homes here. They plan to attend the assembly meeting in Hammond, La. this month.

"Trust you and all the workers there are still encouraged. I especially liked the paper for Oct. 27, "Is Your Life Approved of God?" I must close. Remember us in prayer. Christian love and prayers," --Sue Shell

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From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey and family, Greetings in the dear name of the Lord. I hope this finds you well and happy in the dear Lord who does so much for us. We can't praise him enough. We've listened to the broadcast for the last two Sunday mornings and really enjoyed it. . . We also just wait for the little paper. It's such an encouragement to us. Pray for us as we do for you. Much love,"

--Finley and Eunice Joiner

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From Illinois: ". . . We enjoy the little paper so much and to read about the dear saints we know and never hear from. We are thankful the radio work is growing. . . Remember us in your prayers. . . as we do pray for the work there in Guthrie."

--Viola Perry

From Michigan: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We hope and pray that all is well with you. . . Wife and I are getting along in years. Wife and my ages average 74 years. We do not know where some real saints live in this part of the U.S.A. or who they are. Bro. and Sister Darius Gibson have been here to see us three times. They certainly are real saints. They are the only real saints we have met that we know of. . . Yours in Him,"

--Floyd Hines

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From Oklahoma: ". . . Well at long last the Lord has blessed me with a better paying job. I am cashier at a large discount store just two miles from my home. Today was my first day, and the Lord helped me to make it quite well. As I am sure you know, the Lord is very good to his people. . ."

--Dolly Brown

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From California: ". . . Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I have been wanting to write to you for some time but have been pretty busy as I am still helping out some in the home. The folks here all seem to be doing quite well. . . I love the saints of God and the Lord. I want to be found ready when He calls. Love," --Edith Wittenborn

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From Louisiana: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, May the Lord's blessings be with you and yours this morning. I heard the 'Mission Trail' over the air for the first time last Sunday morning. It was so nice and clear, and I really enjoyed it. Surely am glad to have it over WFPR now. . . I am enclosing a little donation to help with the mailing of the papers. With Christian love," --Veva Myers

at press time

we understand:



Mabel and Francis Doolittle

It is with deep sorrow that we report the death of Sister Mabel Doolittle of Kernville, California. She departed this life to be with the Lord on Friday, November 17, after a lingering illness in which she manifested much patience and endurance as she trusted the Lord to do for her that which He saw best. This is certainly a loss to her husband Bro. Francis Doolittle and their children. Last year Bro. Francis and Sis. Mabel made an extended trip and visited many saints and congregations. The cheerful manner in which she patiently bore her affliction while her body wasted away was a marvelous example of God's grace to those of us who know her so well. Bro. Isaac Chandler and Bro. Ostis Wilson spoke at the funeral service in Pacoima, Monday, and her body is being taken to Louisiana this week where she will be buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery near Loranger after a service in the chapel nearby on Thursday, November 23.

Bro. Curtis Williams from Kentucky is in revival meeting with the saints at Enid, Oklahoma this week.

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Sister Jessie Taylor desires to thank the saints for their prayers and reports that she has been feeling much better. Her suffering with her back has not been nearly so great since prayer was requested.

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Bro. Trotter from Fresno, California is in services with the Oklahoma City congregation at Phillips and 3rd Streets where Bro. Herman Kelley is pastor.

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Quite a number of saints and ministers are attending the Hammond, La. assembly meeting which is in progress this week.

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We have been receiving a number of requests for the new 72 page poem book--"Poems of Hope and Cheer" which we are offering free and post paid to those who request it. This book was compiled by Patsy and published right here in our office. It contains many of the poems which we have used on the broadcast over the years.

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On the back of our season's greeting card which we are mailing to our readers this week is a coupon which we are asking you to clip and return to us if you would like to be continued on our mailing list for 1968. We are also including a book mark containing a 1968 calendar. Let us know if you need others. We do have some extras.



THE MISSION TRAIL, originating in Guthrie, Okla., is broadcast by radio and published weekly in printed form by Willie and Frances Murphey with the help of others. It is mailed free of charge to those who request it. Its purpose is to reach the hungry hearts of the unsaved everywhere with the gospel which will save them. Its principal support comes from the free will contributions of its listeners and readers. Those who feel directed by the Lord to assist may do so by sending their offering to: THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla. 73044.

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.

Please Return the Enclosed Coupon!

We hope that our readers will notice we have included this week a coupon to indicate if you would like to continue receiving The Mission Trail for 1968. God's blessings have been many during the year of 1967, and we are glad to have had a part in helping to proclaim the gospel. It is because of the interest of those who are concerned for the lost that we have been able to maintain the weekly broadcast and the sending forth of thousands of printed copies.

Many of you have expressed your interest and have shown it by your letters throughout this year. However, some names and addresses have been given us from whom we do not hear. Therefore, we hope it will not be asking too much for each of you to return the coupon in the self-addressed envelope which will enable us to know that it is your wish to remain on our mailing list for 1968. Pray with us that God may continue to bless his Word.