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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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God's Grace Is All-Sufficient

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. . . A cheerful good morning to all the listeners of this radio station. We are certainly happy to be coming your way with a short gospel message. We hope you will stay tuned to this radio station for the next few minutes, and we hope that by your doing so your life will be enriched.

To those who may be hearing the broadcast for the first time, I want to say we print these messages and mail them weekly free to those who request them. We usually have other things of interest included in the printed copies. We have heard from many of our readers that they enjoy getting them. Then, too, I would like to add if there is one listening who feels they need some spiritual assistance or help, we invite you to write us and let us do what we can to help you with your problems. Address your letter to THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma. This is Willie Murphey speaking. We appreciate your interest and prayers in the work which we are endeavoring to do for the Lord.

I am going to speak now about the word "sufficient". The definition of the word "sufficient" means: equal, or enough for the needs or demands. Therefore, I would say that sufficient means there is plenty to supply the demand.

I wonder how many of you remember how hard it was to buy a pound of butter or even oleo and sometimes shortening such as Crisco or a quart of milk back in the 1940's when World War II was going on? Do you remember that? How many times have you been turned away from the store without making the purchase you went there for because there was not a "sufficient" amount to supply the demand? There just simply was not enough to go around.

You know when there is a shortage of something, a person feels that he needs it all the more and he wants it even greater than if there were plenty of it.

I remember one time while driving to one of my Sunday morning appointments I knew that my gas was a little low in the tank, but I was hoping that I would have "sufficient" to make the trip. Well, I kept watching that gauge, and it sank lower and lower toward the empty mark. Perhaps you could guess the answer. It was some 14 or 16 miles before I reached my destination when, sure enough, I pulled over to the side of the road with an empty tank. There just simply was not a sufficient amount on hands to make the trip.

Friends, it is not so serious a matter to run out of butter and milk or even more durable goods in the stores and

to have the customers turn and walk away without making their purchase, but I want to tell you today that there is one thing everyone should have a "sufficient" amount of. That is the grace of God. The voyage upon which you and I are traveling through this world will often lead into dangerous places. We sometimes are in perils; sometimes we are distressed; and other times perplexed, not knowing which way to turn. It is then that we need to find the grace of God sufficient for our particular case.

Listen to this scripture from II Cor. the 9th chapter and verse 8. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." Now I believe that. I believe when the need grows greater, that God will pour in an additional supply of grace. I do not mean that you are not going to have any problems. I do not mean that troubles are going to stay away from your door, but I believe the more the troubles come, the greater God's grace will be sufficient to meet that need.

When God's people the Israelites were in the wilderness journeying from Egypt to the Canaan land, they became very unhappy and murmured because they did not have sufficient bread and meat. One morning when they got up and the dew had been dried from the grass, they noticed a small wafer-like bread scattered through the wilderness. This was the thing which God had given them to supply their need--bread right out of heaven to satisfy the thousands of hungry stomachs of his people.

I believe that this has a particular meaning to God's children today. Let me draw a few parallels for you. First

it was not given until it was needed. By this I understand that God is not going to give us the grace to face the burning stake until we need it. God is not going to fit us to stand before a firing squad until we need it, but I am of the opinion that when he lets his children be tried to the very limit, it is then they will find his grace sufficient. The second thing about the manna is this. They were told to gather only what they needed for that day. They were not to gather up enough to supply them for an entire week. You can read about this in the 16th chapter of Exodus. But they were told to gather up just for one day. The 17th and 18th verses say: "And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less. And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating."

You see, they had just enough to supply their needs--no more, no less. Well, some of the more enterprising ones got the idea that they could just gather up enough to last them much longer. They did so. Do you know what happened? The manna that was kept until the second day had worms in it, and it stank. How true it is, friends. God's grace for tomorrow will be sufficient for us when we get there.

And yet, when Moses told them to gather up a double portion on the day before the sabbath, they thought that would be all out of line because they had tried that already. Again they were mistaken because the manna which was gathered up to last over the sabbath kept fresh and clean and did not spoil. They found it sufficient for their needs.

Do you remember what God said to

Paul after Paul had prayed so long for God to remove the thorn from his flesh? In II Corinthians 12:9 we read this. It says, "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Again in Matthew 6:34 we read Jesus' own words. "Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Friends, let me sum it up this way. No doubt, tomorrow and the next day we are going to need a new supply of grace, but that is not our problem just now. Our need is for sufficient grace for today. If we overcome each temptation which comes our way today, it will make us much stronger as we face the needs of tomorrow. But above other things, we must realize that it is God only which can fit us for the temptations of tomorrow.

Listen to this verse from II Cor. 3:5. "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God." Here is a poem entitled:

MY PRAYER

Give me courage, Lord, I pray
To take me safely through the day,
Strength to help me battle strife,
Surmount the trials and storms of life;
Tolerance toward all others
To remember all are sisters, brothers.
Renew my joy in simple things,
That perfect contentment each day brings
And all things great and small
We know, dear Lord, Thou made them all
All things beautiful and bright

The sun's warm glow, the moon's pale
light,
You clothe the lily of the field,
Give the harvest's sumptuous yield.
Thy wondrous blessing around us lies,
Each new day to greet our eyes.
I am grateful. Help me to know
That Thou, dear Lord, has made it so.
Teach me humility, I pray,
And as I go upon life's way
May I enjoy thy gifts with glad heart
and free
And daily remember that Thou died for
me. --Sel. by Sybil Goldsberry

Let us pray.

Our Father,

Our hearts are filled with gratitude when we remember that you have a supply of grace sufficient to meet all of our needs. First, we believe your grace is sufficient to save every sinner that will come to repentance. Next, we believe your grace is sufficient to keep every saint under the most trying circumstances of life, and then we are glad that your power is sufficient to heal sick bodies, to restore the backslider, and to give us an abundant entrance into the everlasting kingdom of the Lord. Help us to continually humble ourselves in thy hands that we may find your grace sufficient for every need, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

(The song: "It's All Right Now" by Bobby and Dorral Forbes, Randall Flynn and Melvin Doolittle.)

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Until next Sunday this same time, this same station, this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a cheerful good-bye!

The Lord's People Find His Grace Sufficient

Our limited space does not permit us to include all the many encouraging letters and testimonies. However, a few are included on the following pages. We hope they will prove a blessing to others. The interest of the Lord's people is appreciated.

From California: ". . . here I am thinking of my Jesus and His wonderful works. I was sitting in the church services and all at once I felt hungry and ever since that hour I have been able to eat more than I did before I became sick, and I feel much better. I surely thank God for the miracle healing for He is so faithful to us who believe. Your friend,"

--Brother Victor S. Reel

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From Missouri: "Dear brothers and sisters and all the readers of the little paper, May God bless you all in whatever way you need. I am so thankful for God's love. His love is wonderful. It is worth more than anything this old world can offer. People seek pleasure in every way in every kind of amusement, but dear ones, true lasting pleasure cannot be found in any worldly amusement. God's word says He will make us drink of rivers of pleasure. So it is by turning from sin and coming to Jesus that we find peace, pleasure, contentment, and satisfaction. If anyone who reads this is sad, unhappy, dissatisfied, has no peace, no joy, and no lasting pleasure, I can recommend my dear Saviour to you. Come to Him and find the things you need, and you can have rest, joy, pleasure and contentment. He is the best friend anyone can have. . ."

--Sister Becky Barnes

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From California: ". . . I am quite ill with high blood pressure and a heart condition. I desire your earnest prayers. Thank you and may the Lord bless you all always is my prayer."

--Sister Hoffman

From Ky.: "Dear Bro. Murphey, Greetings in Jesus' name. . . We now have a work started here in Kentucky, (Shelby City) though it's small at present but we are hoping and praying that it will grow as time goes on. And with the real truth of the Bible being preached by Brothers Mart Samons, Curtis Williams, and S. E. Abbott, I'm sure God's word will not return to them void. Bro. Mart Samons and family are living here now. (We are sure God sent them.) And they are working with us. We are so happy to have found the true Church of God. . . Well, I didn't mean to write all this. I just wanted to add to the notice you sent us as to whether we still wanted the paper sent to us (The Mission Trail) which we sure do. . . A sister in Christ,"

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From Oklahoma: "Dear ones at The Mission Trail, Greetings of love to all in Jesus' precious name. The name we love so well. We love Him because He first loved us and gave His life a ransom for the sins of the world. I'm so thankful He called after me, and I heard and answered the call. He is good to His trusting children. Heb. 12:1 'Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that doth so easily beset us and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.' Thank God for His wonderful plan of salvation. He is our Saviour, our Sanctifier, our Healer, and our Keeper. Praise His dear name this morning. We surely love Him and want to love Him more. . . Love and prayers,"

--Sis. Emma Dille

From South Carolina: ". . . Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. I am glad that I can still report victory in my soul, trusting in One that will stick closer than a brother, One that is a companion for me, a sister, mother, and father also. Praise His name. . . I desire the prayers of all the saints. . . I desire to be all that God would have me to be. I want to be found low and humble. . . I truly hope the Lord will bless you and yours in your effort of sending the gospel over the world to lost souls. Yours in the Lord,"

--Sister Winter

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From California: "The Season's greetings to the Willie Murphey family, It's a little early, but time is fleeting. We are here today and gone tomorrow according to God's will. I love to study on Rom. 11:33. I think of the depth of the ocean and how high is the sky. O, I can't express myself, but His ways are so far above our ways. . . May the Lord continue to bless and direct you in His work of the Mission Trail. Christian love,"

--Dottie Henry

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From Louisiana: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, Praise God for his blessings. He has been so good to me. I got real sick back in Sept. We called the saints as Bro. Carver was out of town. Bro. Marler, his wife, Bro. Don Gentry, his wife, Bro. Lynn Carver, and his wife came and prayed for me. I would get better for awhile, then the fever would come back up. That went on for four or five days. Bro. Carver got back in town. One of my daughters called him three times in one day. I would get better every time I was prayed for, so I decided God was going to take me, but I was ready to go. Praise God, He healed me. . . I sure enjoy the little paper."

--Sister Berniece Constable

From Missouri: ". . . I trust you are all well and happy in the Lord's work. I am sending the little slipback that I received yesterday with The Mission Trail. I surely do want to keep the little paper coming. It has been so much encouragement to me. I look forward to getting it each week. I enjoy reading the message, the testimonies, and also the news about the saints. May the Lord bless you all in every needed way is our prayers. Please pray for an unspoken request for us."

--Edith Robinson

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From Oklahoma: ". . . I feel rich in my soul. I am yet saved, living for the dear Lord to all I understand and know, although I have many, many trials and tests, but by the grace of God I am determined to press on until the crown is won. . . I am yet not quite well of this poison ivy. . . Still pray for my complete healing. I am not tired of waiting on the dear Lord because I said not my will, dear Lord, but thy will be done in my healing. . . Your sister in Christ,"

--Sarah F. Brown

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From Louisiana: ". . . Trust this finds you and all your family well and busy in the work of the Lord. We have been enjoying listening to the Mission Trail on WFPR. . . We do love the truth and expect to live by the word of God. So pray for us. Christian love,"

--Elva and Neva Joiner

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From Michigan: "We are still pressing on, appreciating all that God does for us from day to day. We are always so glad when some of the saints visit us. Bro. Key is with us and is a faithful brother, but we are always glad when others come in to visit too. It's been quite awhile since any of the saints have been by. . . Yours in Christ,"

--Clarence and Margaret Brant

From Kansas: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, This letter finds us encouraged and satisfied in the ways of the Lord. We have appreciated and enjoyed receiving The Mission Trail in the past. We are looking forward to receiving it in the future. May God bless you and yours in the coming year in carrying on this blessed gospel to a sin-sick world. We are made to remember the words of the Master, 'I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; The night cometh when no man can work.' St. John 9:4 Surely the evening shadows are falling, and the midnight hour will soon call us all into the great eternity. Pray for us that the furtherance of the gospel will not be hindered in the closing hours of time. Yours in the service of the Master," --Bro. Donald Sharp & family

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From Mo.: ". . . I'm still happy in Jesus and praising Him for all His many blessings. I was sick all of last week with a severe cold and flu, but the Lord healed me and I feel good again now. He daily blesses His children with many blessings. . ."

--Zella Dollins

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From Illinois: "Dear Bro. Murphey, . . . I love the Lord with all my heart. I count it a great privilege to be a child of God and to walk with Jesus in the narrow way. His word is my daily bread. His Spirit is my teacher and comforter. He gives me joy and peace while darkness settles on the earth and gross darkness upon the people. He supplies my needs and heals me when I am sick. I have a great desire to be qualified of God for personal work and witnessing. I covet earnestly the Holy Ghost and the gifts needed for service to God. Pray for me that God will be pleased to trust me with his treasures. Yours and His for Truth,"

--Sister Ada Scanlon

From Texas: "Greetings, I love the Lord and his dear people. . . I'm so thankful I'm one of his children and thank Him for his goodness to me. All things work together for good to those that love God. He doeth all things well. Christian love,"

--Sis. Essie Moore

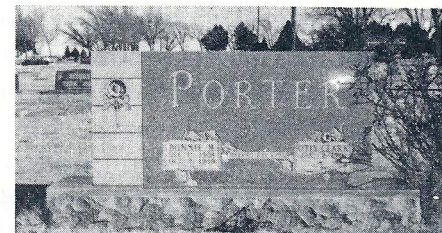
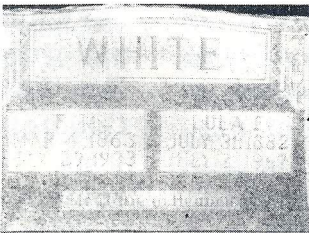
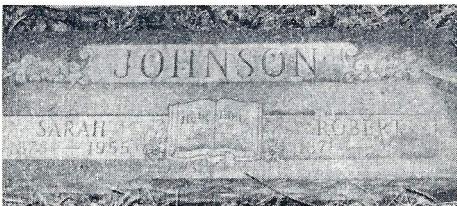
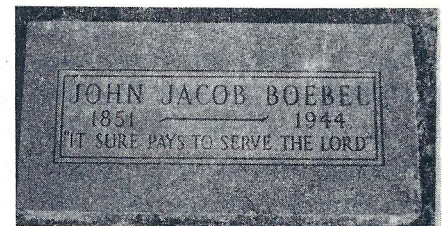
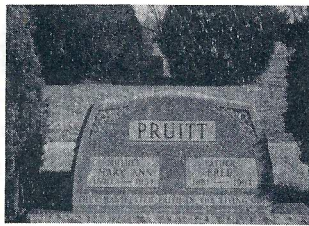
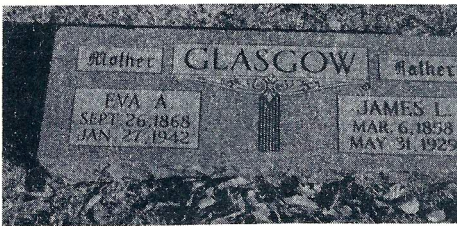
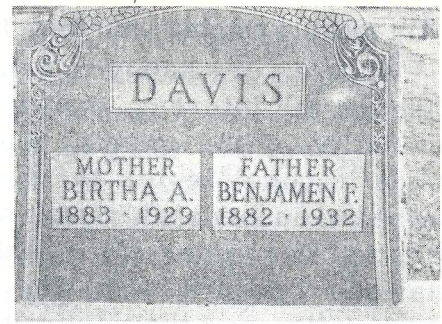
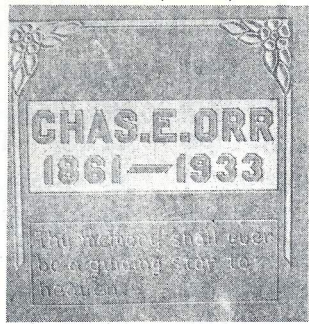
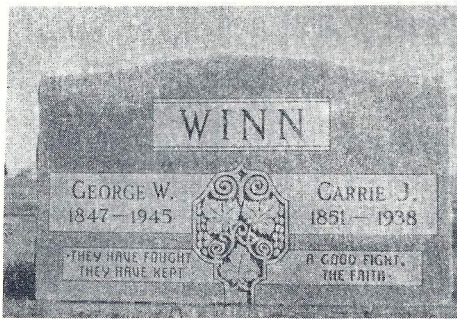
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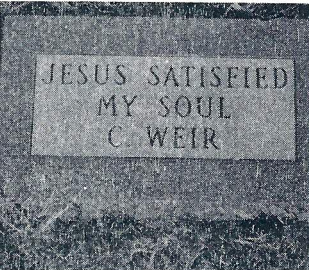
From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and Saints, We wish to express our appreciation to each one of you for your letters, cards and prayers for my dear mother, Sis. Mable Doolittle. Even though the Lord, in His great wisdom, saw fit to take her home Nov. 17, your prayers still availed much, and the Lord eased her pains which seemed unbearable two or three days before her passing, and she knew the Lord was with her even through the valley of the shadow of death. We, as a family, also felt your prayers and the loving arms of our dear Saviour underneath us. Even though we keenly feel the loss of a precious and Godly mother, we are only stirred to live closer to the Lord that we may be able to meet her again. Many years ago when I married, I felt burdened to ask the Lord to prepare me for a time like this, and when it was time for one of my parents to leave us, that He would permit me to be with them before that time came. One year ago my parents visited with us several weeks, and last August we visited with them in Calif., and then I looked to the Lord as to when to go to be with her this time, and the Lord truly led me aright. . . Daddy is here with us now but will be going back to Kernville, Calif. in a week or two. The Lord is sustaining him. He has had head and ear trouble which is very uncomfortable, and we desire your prayers that the Lord will heal him. Christian love,"

--Mrs. Merrill Williamson

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord..."



How many of these stone markers can you identify? Shown on this page are some photographs taken at the Summit View cemetery near Guthrie. They represent a wide range of those who have attended the Guthrie congregation in the years gone by. Some of the people whose bodies are awaiting the coming of the Lord on this beautiful hilltop are the pioneers who had an active part in helping to establish and maintain the Guthrie congregation in the early days. No Doubt, there are others buried here whose grave markers are not shown. Also I am reminded that in the outlying cemeteries others are buried such as: Bro. and Sis. Charles Christ, east of Guthrie; Sis. Mary Roethler, north of Guthrie; and Sis. Spradling, west of Guthrie. Those who come for the assembly meeting which begins next Friday, December 22, may wish to visit the Summit View Cemetery where these monuments can be seen.



Pray for These New Listeners

"he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray and not to faint."

We are very happy to announce that through the interest, prayers, and cooperation of the saints, the Lord has made it possible for the broadcast to be heard on three additional stations beginning December 17. Each of these stations operate with the power of 5000 watts, and the coverage should be very good.

KCRS is located in Midland, Texas and operates on a frequency of 550 kcs. The time of the broadcast will be 7:45 each Sunday morning. We expect this to cover a large portion of west Texas and a part of New Mexico.

KCLO is located in Leavenworth, Kansas, and their operating frequency is 1410. The broadcast time for that station will be 3:00 p. m. each Sunday. They virtually blanket the area of Kansas City and should reach a considerable distance south and east of Kansas City.

KXOW operates from Hot Springs, Arkansas on a frequency of 1420 kcs. The Mission Trail broadcast will be heard on that station each Sunday morning at 7:15. KXOW covers large portions of central Arkansas.

The stations which have been and are yet carrying the message each Sunday are KCIJ of Shreveport, La., WFPR of Hammond, La. and KCKW of Jena, La. The time and frequency of these stations is shown on the back page of the printed copies. Next week a complete listing will be made of all stations broadcasting the message.

We would be glad if those who live within hearing distance of these sta-

tions would listen for the broadcast and let us know how well it reaches their area. Then let us know which station you listen to when you write. We hope that God will cause the seed to be sown in good and honest hearts and that many may hear who have not heard the message before.

Our first radio broadcast was heard on station XEG on Friday night, January 22, 1965. This has been almost three years ago. The first copies of The Mission Trail were produced on a hand-turned mimeograph machine. We did not have many calls for those copies, and a number of the ones we made we kept for a good many weeks.

It is true that our progress sometimes for the Lord seems not to come very quickly. It has taken much time, and work to run this race with patience. But today we rejoice and give thanks to God for His continued help until this time. We still do not have all of the equipment which we would like to have in order to do a better job in the printing and broadcasting of the gospel, but we are contented to labor with what we have until God sees best to entrust us with more. We are presently using offset method, and our printing is done with a 1250 Multilith. Electric typewriters are used for the type along with a Strip Printer for the heads, and we do have a camera which makes a picture of each page before printing. The negative size of the camera is 8" x 10".

The shop is located in the basement of our home. We are mailing more than 1200 copies of the message weekly. We humbly acknowledge God's blessings. Pray for us in the coming year of 1968.

at press time

we understand:

From Guthrie: "Dear Bro. Willie and Sis. Frances, I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness and remembering me and putting it in the paper about me. I want to thank all the saints for their prayers, cards, and long distance phone calls while I have been sick. The Lord was so near and precious to me and did many great things for me, and I love him from the depths of my heart, and I mean to be faithful to Him for the remainder of my life. I can't put into words how I appreciate the flowers, cards, and phone calls and the visits of the dear saints and friends. The Lord surely has proven that He would never leave us nor forsake us, but He would be with us all the way. I am much improved, but I still need your prayers. Christian love," --Lillian Meek

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From California: "I've attended some of the meeting that is going on in Los Angeles now, and it has been real good. Sermons are extra good--singing, too, and there has been some altar work." --Vera Forbes

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Correction: Sister Mabel Doolittle's funeral service was held in the Oak Grove, Louisiana chapel on Wednesday, November 22 and not on Thursday as previously reported.

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Our sympathy is extended to the loved ones and friends of Sis. Katie Freeman of Magnolia, Miss. who died Sat., Dec. 9. Sis. Ruth Murphey spoke at her funeral Sun. afternoon. The assurance that she died in the Lord is a consolation.



THE CHAPEL in Guthrie gets some paint before the assembly meeting.

Bro. Darius Gibson has not been well for some months and is still in need of prayer. We trust God will richly bless him on his 70th birthday, today, December 15.

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Pacoima, California: "Everyone in congregation are pretty well. We are getting our chapel painted inside this week, and three hundred new seats for which we are thankful."

--Sister Rada Watkins

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Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Andrew Senti of Minneapolis on the death of his son, Edwin G. Senti, November 12. He was 41 years old. Remember Bro. Senti in prayer and the other saints who live in Minneapolis.

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Congratulations to Paul and Carol Jean Cole of Kansas City on the birth of their son Orrin Lynn, Sun., Dec. 3.

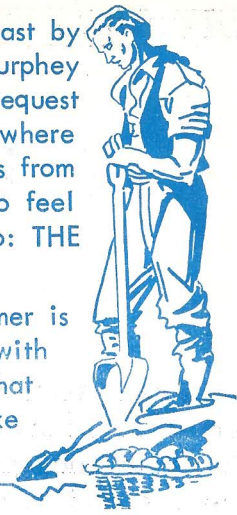
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Sister Rubye Quave sends her love to all the saints and requests prayer for a friend who is sick, Mrs. Annie Pelloat, Box 215, Madisonville, La. 70447



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. |

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