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happy to be coming your way by means of radio for a short gospel broadcast. To the many faithful readers and listeners of THE MISSION TRAIL, we are glad to be back with you once again. Then today it gives me great pleasure indeed to welcome the new listeners who are hearing the broadcast for the first time. This includes three radio stations which have not carried this broadcast before. But, first, let me tell you that this is Willie Murphey speaking, and you are listening to The Mission Trail broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We hope you will become better acquainted with us and we with you as we enjoy the pure truths of God's word together on this weekly broadcast. So we say a cheerful greeting to all the listeners of KCRS of Midland, Texas. It is a real pleasure to be reaching into this area of the state of Texas. We hope to hear from those who listen to the broadcast there.

And then we welcome all those who are listening to KCLO from Leavenworth, Kansas. It is indeed a pleasure to be bringing to you the gospel of Christ. We are certainly happy to be reaching into the Kansas City area. We would like to know about it if you enjoy the broadcast there.

And we are extremely happy to know that this message is also being heard over radio station KXOW from Hot Springs, Arkansas. Now these are the three stations which are carrying the broadcast for the first time, and, of course, we say welcome back to all those who have been hearing it on the other stations which are familiar with our broadcast. We would be very pleased to hear from those who listen wherever you may be.

But so much for the introduction.

As time goes on we hope you will learn to know us better. We want you to know that we print these weekly messages and mail them free of charge to those who request them. If you are not already on our mailing list and receive the printed copies each week, be sure to let us know, and let us add your name to our mailing list without cost or obligation. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Here now is our thought for today. It is the verse of all verses found in the Bible. We might call it the golden text of the Bible. Let me read it to you. Perhaps you have heard it many times before. From John 3:16 we read, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Now in this verse is wrapped up a

great wealth of God's treasures. One of the first things we observe is the word "love". Notice that it was God's love. God, being the perfect creator as He is, we naturally expect, and rightly so, that He should have perfect love. It was this love of God that brought Christ to the world. Now at this season of the year there is much celebration taking place and all supposedly in honor of the birth of Christ. However. I am sometimes made to wonder if there are not those who are more interested in the gifts which we receive daily from God than they are in knowing and experiencing the real love of God who is the giver of all good gifts.

Listen to these verses beginning with Matthew 22:36. "Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself." This then was the answer which Christ gave to one who wanted to know what the greatest commandment was. It is love--divine love for God first of all, and secondly, love for others.

In the 13th chapter of I Corinthians and the 13th verse we read these words, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity." Friends, let me tell you that the greatest need in our age is that we may learn to love God more. It is then that His love will radiate from our lives and reach others.

Let us analyze love for a few moments. Perhaps you have seen a rainbow. We understand that some way light waves are broken down through moisture in the air or clouds, and the

colors are shown separately in a rainbow. There is the red, the blue, the yellow, the violet, and the orange. Even so, did you know that love is made of various ingredients.

Love is a blend of many virtues. Here are just a few: patience, kindness, generosity, unselfishness, gentleness, and sincerity. We could go on into some length discussing these but time does not permit for us to bring out the many good qualities of each virtue. But if God so loved us that He gave His son to come into this world of sorrow and endured the scoffs and scorn of those who despised him, I believe that we should learn to love God.

Now the business of our lives is to have these things fitted into our characters. That is the supreme work to which we need to address ourselves in this world--to learn love. Is not life full of opportunities to learn love? Every man and woman, every day, has many opportunities to learn this grace which is above all virtues--the love of God. The world is not a playground. It is a schoolroom. Life is not a holiday but an opportunity to learn one eternal lesson for us all--how better we can love.

What makes a man a good artist or a good musician? Practice. What makes a young lady a good stenographer? Practice. What makes a man a good man? Well, really and truly first it is to have the love of God in his heart. Next that he should practice that in his daily life. Friends, I want to give you a little motto here which I hope you will not adopt for your policy in life. Too many people already have this attitude.

Listen.

"I lived for myself, I thought for myself, For myself, and none beside-Just as if Jesus had never lived,
As if He had never died."

Friends, you show me a person practicing that motto, and I will show you a person who is dead spiritually. Instead let us strive daily to love him who died for us, and then go one step further and show the love of God through our lives to those who do not love us. This is life eternal.

I am not speaking of an idealistic love, but I am speaking of a realistic love; one which is active and will work for us the thing which hatred can never do. Show me a family where love is the rule of the home, and I will show you a happy home. Show me a city where love is the rule, and I will show you a city where the problems are few. Show me a nation whose God is the God of love, and I will show you a nation where the approval of God is resting and where the angels of his love are encamping about the inhabitants thereof.

Then show me a world where the gospel has gone and those who were living in hatred and sin repented and turned from their sin as did Ninevah when Jonah preached to them, and I will show you a world where there will be "peace on earth and good will toward men."

Listen to this poem.

I ought to love my Saviour.

He loved me long ago,
Looked on my soul with favor,
When deep in guilt and woe;
And though my sin had grieved him,
His father's law had crossed,
Love drew him down from heaven
To seek and save the lost.

I ought to love my Saviour,
He bore my sin and shame;
From glory to the manger,
On wings of love he came.
He trod this earth in sorrow,
Endured the pains of hell,
That I should not be banished,
But in his glory dwell.

--D. S. Warner

Let us pray.

Our Father,

We are indeed happy that you loved us before we loved thee and that because of that love our lives have been richer and fuller than they could have possibly been otherwise. Accept our thanks today and so fill us with the virtue and power of God that we may be a light to reflect the true love of God to others, and we will give thee the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Be with us again next Sunday for our broadcast, same time, same station. Before we go listen to this song, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus". The singers are Bob Forbes, Dorral Forbes, Melvin Doolittle and Randall Flynn.

This message has been brought to you by THE MISSION TRAIL of Guthrie, Oklahoma. If you would like a printed copy free of charge, let us know. Let us send you one without cost or obligation on your part. If we may be of any help to you, be sure to write us. Address your letter to The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Oklahoma, and now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you. A pleasant Good-bye!

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."

Provisions Are Made for Soul and Body

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases..." Psalms 103:2-3

From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings in the name of Jesus. We enjoy your broadcast on WFPR. We enjoy 'The Mission Trail' paper also for it gives testimonies and announcements that we don't get on the broadcast...

"We went to Seymour, Mo. the 2nd of Nov. to see Vivian and Reuel and family. That was Thursday. The next afternoon Angus was taken with severe pains in his stomach. They would leave, but more would come so that he was hurting almost constantly. He ate very little food. We had planned to come home Tuesday a.m. He didn't sleep any to speak of Sun. night and felt very bad Monday. Bro. and Sis. Audney Davis were at Bro. Gibson's. called there for prayer. Bro. Gibson was poorly also. Bro. and Sis. E. C. Tombleson came to see us Monday evening and prayed earnestly for Angus' healing. He went to bed early and slept till midnight and awoke free of all those We left for pains, thank the Lord! home early that morning--about 600 miles, and he had very little symptoms.

"We thank the Lord for all blessings of life, but most of all we do appreciate salvation. The Word teaches us to be fervent in the spirit; to love one another fervently; a real strong interest and love in the work of the Lord and for one another, but when we see so much lack of interest and luke warmness, it grieves our heart for we know when one loses an interest in services and especially prayer meetings; when they lose the testimony they once had and the warm love and fellowship that flows from heart to heart, they are getting in great danger.

We had a good message Sunday night on these perilous times as given in II Tim. 3:1-5. We'll be without excuse in the day of judgment for we have the warnings given all through the Bible, and the ministers are faithful in instructing and warning. Oh, if only sinners and professors could be awakened, how wonderful it would be. May the Lord bless you in your labors through the coming new year. Christian love,"

--Angus and Myrtis Flynn

From California: "... I consider it a privilege and a blessing that words cannot describe to walk the pathway of faith. It is glorious to deny one's self and defeat the adversary to the glory of our God. Oh! that I might partake of that glory more often. It would be for our good and bring honor to God for us to partake of that glory. This we receive also by faith and grace from God our Father.

"'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take him at His word,
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know thus saith the Lord.'
A part of this song says, 'Oh for grace
to trust him more.' This is my prayer
for myself and all others who desire it.
... Lovingly," --Carol Woodhull

From Oregon: "Greetings in Jesus' love this yule time. May God richly bless and encourage you in the work you are doing for Him. We here at Jefferson, Oregon don't get to hear you over radio which we wish we were able to. We enjoy very much your messages and the testimonies in the Mission Trail and get much good from them. We are praying for you." --Sis. Dolly Locker

From Tennessee: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, Enclosed is the notice for including my name on your 1968 mailing list, also a little offering to help you in the Lord's work. May God richly bless your efforts in his service. I'm sure there are obstacles and disappointments along the way but continue to look beyond these and with faith and courage continue to serve in the vineyard as he leads and directs. With Christian love,"

--Charles B. Williams

From Kansas: "... We wish to be kept on the mailing list for The Mission Trail. I enjoy reading it each week so very much and especially one several weeks ago with a quotation from the 23rd Psalm. .. Thank you very much,"

--Elsie Martens

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From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie, Have wanted to write you for some time, but just never did sit down and take the time. We do thank the Lord so much for His many blessings to us. Surely time will never permit us to praise the Lord enough for all He has We are so thankful the done for us. Lord called to us and placed a desire in our heart to serve Him. Oh, what a different world this would be if more people would heed the call of the Holy Spirit! We have moved since we saw you last. We are buying a place here in Hammond. Our place is just a few This makes it blocks from my work. very convenient. Also the Lord has blessed our family with the addition of We named her a precious little girl. Charlene Marie. We surely need wisdom in raising our children. Pray that the Lord will bless us with the grace and wisdom we need. May the Lord bless you in your labors for Him. Christian love,"

-- Randall, June Flynn and children

From Kansas: "Dear Bro. Murphey, We felt impressed to send a little testimony along with the card asking that you continue to send us the Mission Trail. Different times we have received help and encouragement from reading the little paper.

"Isn't it wonderful that God has prepared various ways for our encouragement and spiritual growth? 'Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. . . but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.' I have never failed to receive a blessing and uplift to my soul when meeting with the saints in the house of God. There we can sing songs inspired by God and pray and listen to the minister He has anointed. And how blessed it is to attend a campmeeting or revival. I have found that my best weapon to use against the enemy is my sword. When discouragement or a trial comes, what assurance it is to know that God will have in His word something that will just fit our need. Many times that is when a scripture will be revealed to me, and how precious Then the devil has to be a conit is. quered foe.

"The Lord has surely blessed us in many ways, spiritually, physically, and temporally. 'Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.' He has given us a little family, a boy, a girl, and another little boy. He was born this December on the third. We have named him Orin Lynn. How we desire to raise them and train them in the right way. It has put us on our knees different times seeking for help. . .

"Enclosed is a little offering as the Lord impressed us to give it. May the Lord richly bless you in all your efforts. With Christian love,"

--Carol and Paul Cole and family

From Colorado: ". . . It is won-derful how the Lord has helped me. I can do a lot more than I have for a long time. God is good to me. . ."

--Addie McEndree

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"Dear Brother From Oklahoma: Murphey, Sis. Frances and children, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. We do enjoy the Mission Trail paper greatly. Each week we look forward for it. Because this is one way of spreading the true gospel quickly, we have wanted to see this for a long time by radio. can reach so many lost souls in a short time. We are indeed thankful for being saved, living for the Lord, and very much encouraged to press on. I want to thank the many saints for their prayers and visits during my illness. I am still thanking the Lord for his mercy. . . "--Maria & Joe Breckenridge --0--

"Dear Willie From Wisconsin: Murphey family, Greetings in the wonderful name of Jesus. Hope you are well and enjoying the blessings of God upon your lives. I thank God for everyone who is bringing forth the true gospel. There is so much wild fire and false teaching on the air and in the papers today. I had a bad cold in November and it left me with a bad after effect. Have not been able to gain my strength Please remember us here back yet. in your prayers as we do you. . . Keep the Mission Trail coming as we do enjoy reading how the saints are all doing. Our love to you,"

--Bro. and Sis. Frank Dietrich

From California: "Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am glad to be saved and living for the dear Lord. I enjoy your little paper very much. Do pray that I stay humble in obedience to His Word. Enclosed is a small offering. Christian love," --Seretha Atkinson

From California: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings in the name of our dear Saviour. I am so thankful for this great salvation that enables us to live free from sin. I wish to report that in answer to prayer the Lord has helped me to get a steady job doing maintenance work at a school. I have previously been self-employed and for the past two years building has dropped off so much that I was out of work much of the time. I had numerous opportunities to go to work in defense plants but felt that God's approval was not in this. How can we love our enemies and at the same time make our livelihood forming weapons to destroy them. God's grace I intend to live true to my convictions that I may feel his approval on my life. . . I am so happy to report that Virginia is much improved and is able to do most of her housework again, but she does yet suffer with her feet and needs more strength. May God bless you all in your labors for souls. With Christian love," --Barney Wittenborn, Virginia and children

From Louisiana: "... I just want to say we really enjoy the messages every Sunday as we don't get to go to church too often. I am asking the saints to keep praying for my wife as she is still looking for help from the Lord. She isn't improving like we want to see her. She hasn't got her voice back as yet... She is steadfast holding on to the Lord. ... Yours in the Lord,"

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--Bill and Beulah Carter

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From Louisiana: "... We love to see the young saints taking an interest in working for the Lord as the harvest is white but the laborers are few. May God bless the few and give the added strength and grace that each one of us stands in need of to endure unto the end is our prayer..." --Mrs. Effie Miller

From Oregon: ". . . The dear Lord is good to me. I can never find words to tell of His great love and tender care. Yes. He heals me when I am sick and comforts when sorrow comes. when trouble arises He gives the victory. The 46th Psalm is my testimony. I surely do want to 'be still'. . . The dear Lord blessed us this past summer in visiting some isolated saints. Sister Evalee Stice and I are looking to the Lord about making another missionary trip here in the northwest. Please remember us in your prayers. . . Bro. and Sis. Harmon left yesterday for California. We will miss them. Benson will leave Fri. for the Pacoima meeting, taking with him Bro. Clyde Southwell and Bro. and Sis. Edd Kroker. . . . Your sister and co-worker, "

--Beatrice Spaur

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From Michigan: "Dear Brother & Sister Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Oh how good it is to know that we have the good Lord to go to every day. We hope and pray that you and your family are well. Wife gets tired so easily. We went down to Defiance O. last Friday to see our seven year old grandson. He has Bright's disease. He was in critical condition but is in much better condition now. It was 48 miles down there, and we came back the same day. The trip was certainly hard on wife. . . It is nice out today for this time of year. Brother and Sister Gibson certainly have been having a lot of tests and trials. remember them day by day in our They wanted to come up here prayers. before winter set in but health hindered them from coming up to Michigan and Ohio and Indiana. . . We certainly would enjoy having you visit us or any of the other saints. . . Your brother and sister in Christ,"

--Floyd and Esther Hines

The Greatest Treasure

The soldiers pierced Him in the side
That we might live because He died.
He conquered death, hell and the grave
And arose again our souls to save.
Seek Him then with all your heart,
He will come in and never depart.
He is the sweetest treasure you can find
How do I know? Because He's mine!

--Nellie Lovell

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From Arkansas: "Dear Bro. and Sis. Murphey, I want to write you to request special prayer for our son. He accidentally got his foot shot today about 2:30. . . The doctor said it was bad. He went into shock in the operating room, and they are giving him blood. The doctor said it was worth a try--to try to save his foot, but said it might have to be taken off. He is our married son, 24 years old. They have a 4 month old baby. He was taking the gun out to his car and didn't know it had a shell in it and stumped his foot. Somehow it went off, but I know the God whom I serve can heal it. . . I am so thankful I know the Lord and such a wonderful Saviour. Bye with Christian love," --Della Anschultz

From California: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, Greetings in Jesus' precious name. Today finds us still saved, sanctified, and much encouraged to live for the Lord. He has been blessing us in a wonderful way, and we praise his name. We have found the Mission Trail a spiritual blessing and would like to continue it. Enclosed is a little token. Have a joyous Christmas and a prosperous new year. Yours in Him,"

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--Bonnie and Ann Matthews & family

". . . I am praying daily for you and the work of $God.\ .\ .$ "

-- Sister Anna L. White

From Ohio: "Dear Ones, We send greetings of love in the name of Jesus that loved this sinful world so much that He gave His precious life for it. I'm glad to be saved this morning and to be included in this great family of God. This family is such a peaceful one. It's so wonderful to be in as there's so much unrest on the outside and all about us. I do appreciate having the assurance in my heart of the sweet rest in Jesus.

"One night not too long ago I was kneeling in prayer at my bedside. There were burdens that seemed to be weighting me down, some of our unsaved loved ones and of homes where the devil was taking advantage of our children. I was praying and weeping till after the midnight hour about a certain home. It was on a Saturday night, then the next day on Sunday the Lord answered prayer and worked it out so wonderfully. I sure do appreciate what the Lord did. I do thank Him and appreciate every time that He answers prayer. It pays to pray and hold on to God. I've found it to be so.

"Bro. Curtis Williams and family were with us on our last all-day meeting which was Dec. 10th. He gave a message on the Church. We appreciate so much what the Lord has done in healing Bro. Williams.

"... Remember us when you pray as I have different requests, and may God bless you and yours is my prayer.

Love and prayers," --Verga McCoy

From Minnesota: "... O the burden of my heart is heavy. My dear Lord has promised to exalt us in due time. I have done all I know to do, dear brother and sister. Pray earnestly, please. We realize that God alone can do for us that which we cannot do for ourselves. I love my God and Saviour Jesus Christ with all my heart..."

—E. J. Kirchner

Bro. Clyde Southwell of Nashville, Oregon desires special prayer for the healing of his eyes which give him considerable trouble.

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From Arkansas: ". . . I really enjoyed the December 8 paper. really true if we are not walking in the light of God's word, we are backsliding to some extent. I never thought about it in that way, but it's true. May God help us all to really settle down and climb upward. I really enjoyed the testimony from La. from Sister Goldsberry. How true it is that so much money is spent for things that are not pleasing to our God. May God help me to have more wisdom to know how and where to use what little mite I have. I do want the little paper to come my way in '68. . . " --Nellie West

From Ohio: "Dear Bro. Willie, May God bless you and your family in your work for the Master. May the gospel message go forth and proclaim the glad tidings of salvation. May this coming year bring greater victories to God's people, and may the Church of God shine brighter and stand firm for the truth of God's word. . . As you think of us pray for us and continue to remember my mother (Sis. Sharp) in your prayers. In Christian love,"

--Bro. Earl Sharp

From Oregon: "Dear Bro. & Sister & family, Yes, I still want you to send the Mission Trail to me. I am here in a rest home and one of the patients here is in bed, and I go to read to her each morning out of the Bible and we talk about what we read. Then we have prayer. . Please pray for us as we need your prayers. Thank God for the true word of God and for salvation. Your sister in Christ,"

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-- Margaret M. Travis

at press time

we understand:

From Texas: "... Trust that all are well there. I have been ill and still am not well. The Lord certainly has been a help, but I still need a touch. I can't get over this terrible cough, and I have something wrong with my circulatory system, I guess, as I can't hold a pencil or needle without the feeling all leaving my hands, but our Lord is able and our trust is in Him whatever He has for us. . Love and prayers,"

--Anecia and Joe Dutton

From Missouri: "... we are still having a battle, but determined to conquer. Our faces are set heavenward like a flint..."

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--Darius and Evelyn Gibson

From California: "... May the Lord bless you and yours in your air borne ministry is our prayer. We are sorry that we are not able to hear you by way of radio. .."

--Bro. and Sis. Ulysses Phillips

From California: "... So many have never heard this story yet and time steadily races onward, souls nearing eternity. We are only individuals, but I am sure if we sought God for guidance, He would use us all more to help others see the light of the gospel..."

--Edith Cole

From Kentucky: "... Bro. Abbott was with the folks at Junction City (Ky.) and reports that 41 were present at the Thanksgiving service..."

--Sister S. E. Abbott

Earnest prayer is requested for Sis. Lavina Martens of Anthony, Kansas who needs a special healing touch.

From Mexico: ". . . As many of you know we have moved into an adobe house, and are having services here each Sunday. We will be here till we move into our new house that the Lord is helping us to build. The walls of baked adobe are up and will soon be putting the roof on. If funds are available to finish it, we expect, Lord willing, to move in before Christmas. . "

--James and Charlotte Huskey

Congratulations to Carolyn and Dave Denver of Wichita, Kansas on the birth of their second daughter on Saturday, December 16.

From Oklahoma: "... I deeply appreciate the press news which helps me to know more of what is going on in the 'royal Christian family'. I rejoice that my name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life. .. Love and prayers,"

--Elnora Conley

Have you sent in your request to remain on our mailing list for 1968? Many have, but others have not let us know yet whether or not they want to continue receiving The Mission Trail. If you have not done so, please let us know at once! There is no subscription price, and we are trusting the Lord to keep His word going forth on the air and through the mail as He supplies the means.

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 Iowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."

Broadcast Schedule

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

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KXOW	Hot Springs, Ark.	1420 kc.	Sunday, 7:15 a.m.
KCRS	Midland, Texas	550 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kan	s. 1410 kc.	Sunday, 3:00 p.m.
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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