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He Gave His Only Begotten Son

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Christ Is Born

Christ is born, the King of Glory, Born in yonder Bethlehem; And the shepherds heard the story, Which the angels brought to them.

Christ is born, the King of Glory, Born to save the human race. Tell, Oh, tell the wondrous story Of His tender love and grace.

Christ is born to bring salvation
To a fallen, sinful rade;
Preach to every tribe and nation
Of His love and saving grace.

God in His great love and kindness Saw this world all lost in sin, Lost in darkness and in blindness, And no peace and rest within.

So He sent a mighty Saviour
To set all sin's captives free;
By His pow'r and by His favor
All may have the victory.

Hallelujah, tell the story,
And proclaim His wondrous birth:
Christ is born, the King of Glory-King of kings of all this earth.

I am glad to say serenely, Christ is also born in me. May I ask the question keenly, If He also born in thee?

F. F. Ortmann

Friends, we are happy to be coming your way by means of radio on this day before Christmas. Indeed as we count our blessings we find that we have much to be thankful for. At a time when so many are thinking of giving gifts and likewise receiving gifts, I would like to speak to you for the next few moments about the world's greatest gift of all.

Last week on the broadcast we read the golden text of the Bible, John 3:16. Let me read it to you once again with the emphasis placed this time on the gift. "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."

I consider that this gift which God has given to the world is the greatest of all gifts. It was his only begotten son. The reason this gift is so great is because that through one man's life, death, burial, and resurrection we may all have eternal life who believe in his name. Therefore, the unmerited favor of God reaches to the lowest degree of sin to elevate and save a soul which would otherwise be eternally lost. Listen to this verse of poetry again.

I am glad to say serenely, Christ is also born in me. May I ask the question keenly, Is He also born in thee? Here then is the paramount question which I am asking each of you today. Is He also born in thee? It is sad, but, indeed how true, that there are many whose hearts have never experienced the new birth. There are those who live in sin, full of hatred, envy, malice, jealousy, with many of the associated works of evil that accompany these works of the flesh.

Then there are some who know what it is to taste the joys of salvation. And yet they are longing for some loved one, a son, a daughter, or perhaps even a father or a mother to know the joys of salvation. It is for these loved ones that their prayers are continually offered to God. For you I have encouragement.

Listen.

God Answers Prayer

At first I prayed with heartfelt longing, For my boy to mend his way, In the wakeful hours of night time, In the busy hours of day.

Pleading with my heavenly Father, For the one I loved so dear, Bitter tears I shed in silence, Oft my hopes would turn to fears.

To renew my failing courage, I would read again His word, Read again his precious promises, Just to know my prayer was heard.

Now my prayers have turned to praising, For I know God sees and cares, When a mother's heart is breaking, Yes, I know God answers prayer.

O what joy to see my loved one, Serving God with heart sincere, And to know he will be ready, When my Saviour shall appear. Take new courage, mothers, father, If your heart is filled with care, For a child who seems so wayward, God does hear and answer prayer.

-- Sel. by Mrs. Hugh Wilson

And now I want to share with you some thoughts expressed in a letter from some very good friends of ours. Patsy will give this to you.

"Dear Friends, Greetings at this joyous season of the year. During this time of the year we love to think of the wonderful little package that came to this world almost 2000 years ago. The scripture says: 'Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift'. '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. ' At this season much thought is given to giving. Some gifts are lasting and practical while other gifts are for looks and beauty. Some gifts are exchanged because of duty or tradition. Some gifts are appreciated while others are not. But when God gave His gift to this world, He gave the finest quality and most lasting gift of all gifts. People can never tell--words can't be put in writing the benefits and blessings that have been received through this unspeakable gift--benefits for soul and body while in this life and then the provision of eternal life in ages to come. . .

"This year has been full of the blessings from above. All is well with our family at this writing and seems that we are especially thankful that we have all been spared and with our loved ones again through the holidays.

"One of the highlights of this year was on June 3rd our home was blessed with a baby girl, whom we named

Glenetta Lynn, but is better known around 9220 Eastern Avenue as Baby Sister. She has blue eyes and brown hair and is dearly loved by all. . .

"Will close for now, trusting the very best God has to offer to be upon you and yours. Remember, too, we all will 'start even' with this new year of 1968. No one has traveled it before. No human being, whether he is rich, poor, learned, ignorant... saved, lost or whatever, knows what 1968 may bring. So let's travel it with the only ONE who does know and sing His praises as we go. Love, Glen and Leta Inman, Charles Glen, David Dean, and Glenetta Lynn."

Thank you, Glen and Leta Inman. May God bless those thoughts and carry them home to the hearts of those who hear the broadcast today. Let us pray.

Our Father,

Unworthy as we were, we are made happy today for the gift, the greatest gift of all--redemption brought to all mankind if they will only taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless the words of the message today to each one listening, and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Saviour.

Amen.

And, now, friends, may I take just a moment to tell you that you have been listening to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. Iam Willie Murphey. It has been a real pleasure to bring you this brief gospel message. It is our hope and sincere desire that God may bless each of you with the fullness of his blessings, not only at this special season of the year, but throughout the coming new year. If you would like a printed copy of the message, we would be glad to send you

one free of charge upon your request. If we may be of any help to you, be sure to let us know. We are trusting the Lord by faith to keep his word on the air and in the mail. We desire your prayers and co-operation, and now here is a song, "Come Unto Me". The singers are Bob Forbes, Dorral Forbes, Leslie Busbee, Waldo Eck, Willie Murphey.

Friends, until we meet again this is Willie Murphey of The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma wishing each of you a Christmas day filled with joy and God's blessings throughout the new year. A very cheerful good-bye!

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From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. Trust all are well and still encouraged to press on. We look forward to hearing the radio broadcast each Sun. morn., also to receiving the little paper each week. It is encouraging to know the gospel is going forth, giving people a chance to accept it.

"We missed you folks during the assembly meeting here. Was glad for all that got to come be with us and for the good messages that went forth in each service. The Lord is good to us and to all who will look to Him for their help. The Lord has proven many many times that His way is the happiest and best way for us. . .

"We appreciate your labors for the Lord and pray God to continue His blessings on you each one in every needed way. Kenneth's folks are much in need of prayer. They didn't get to attend any of the assembly meeting. Christian love,"

--Kenneth, Virgie Flynn and Kevin

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"I would rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today."

--Minnie M. Reichelderfer

Salvation Brings Contentment

"... that there be no complaining in our streets. Happy is that people, that is in such a case: yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord." Psalms 144:14-15.

From Colorado: "Dear Bro Murphey and family, Yes, I want the Mission Trail to keep coming to my mail box and am enclosing an offering to help keep it coming. I appreciate the news it brings, also the testimonies. Psalms 107:2, 'Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.' I have had many temptations and trials to do evil, but I thank God that he redeemed me from them all, and He has given me better health all through my life than any of my relatives have enjoyed. love the saints of the true Church of God and would love to be where I could fellowship them. I appreciated the visit of Bro. Murphey and Kathleen on their trip to Idaho, and I hope they can come again. Any of the saints passing through Canon City, Colo. will find a welcome at 118 1/2 E. Stanley. Christian love," --Fred B. Allen

From South Dakota: "Dear Brother Willie and Sister Frances, We greet you in Jesus' name! Praise the Lord for up-to-date victory through His precious blood! Not only does He save and sanctify, but He heals all our diseases and encourages our hearts. especially enjoyed this last issue of the Mission Trail and the message to the backslider. It is real good and inspired of the Lord. . . Pray for us as we do our best to bring the old fashioned gospel of Jesus to these poor Indian people. The door is closing fast. Just one soul really repenting and being converted to Christ will be worth all the effort we've put out which seems so very little. In Jesus' name,"

--Bro. & Sis. Lyons and family

From Missouri: "Dear Ones in Christ, Just a few words in our Saviour's name tonight. It has been some time since I wrote you, but I haven't forgotten you. May God bless you every one in your labors for Him. It is a joy to do what God wants us to do, isn't it? I know you folks love to work and do what you can to win souls for Christ. I pray God to reward you. Remember me in prayer."

--Sister Goldie Knapp

From Oregon: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings in Jesus name! This finds us back at home in Bend after nearly six months of travels and meetings. We thank the Lord for safe journeys and wonderful blessings of fellowship throughout the whole time. We also thank the Lord for the opportunity to get acquainted more with the saints abroad. We wish to thank one and all for the hospitality and wonderful times together which we enjoyed all along the way as we visited and worked together for God's cause. . . May the Lord bless your labors. . . Pray for us that we may be led by His hand in all we do for Him. In His service, " -- Bro. and Sis. Dan Kroker 850 W. 12th, Bend, Oregon 97701

From Oklahoma: "Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and family, Greetings of love in Jesus' dear name. The Lord is blessing us from day to day. Our souls are fed by the Word of God from the sermons of the Mission Trail, those good testimonies and the poems too. We do enjoy it so much each week. . . Yours in Him,"

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-- Alferd and Martha Classen

From California: ". . . I would like to testify to the goodness of our Lord. For several years I have had severe headaches which would last as long as two days. A few weeks ago one started one Sunday afternoon, and I said to my husband, 'I won't be able to go to meeting', as when one started it generally continued for some time, however, the Lord would undertake, and I would get relief for a period of time. This evening I said to my husband, 'This is quite discouraging, but if the Lord doesn't see fit to heal me, I must trust Him whatever the result is. ' In a very short time the pain left in a flash, and I was able to get up and go to meeting. I testified at meeting as I felt I should tell it out. Manuel said sing 'To God Be the Glory'. . . . May the Lord bless you as you start a new year for the work of the Lord. Your sister in Christ, "

--Bernadine Thompson

From Missouri: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, our Lord who does all things well. We have received blessing after blessing from reading the Mission Trail paper through the past year. It was indeed a source of help to my dear companion that the Lord took home on the 2nd day of Dec. It is very lonely here in our little home, but the dear Lord is giving me some help and comfort which I do thank Him for. Through the prayers of the dear saints of God, He helped her to endure her affliction with much patience. Many times the Lord would give relief when I would make calls for prayer. I want to thank everyone for the many sympathy cards and letters that I have received, also My desire is even now prayers. greater to live that my life will be accepted of our dear Lord who has done so much for us. . . " --A. J. Sorrell

"Brother Willie From Alabama: Murphey, Greeting you and family in the name of Jesus. I hope these few lines will find you all and others well. We are glad to be able to write with our heart full of praises, having a mind to go on with the Lord to the end. are very well today. We don't get to hear the broadcast, but we enjoy reading the Mission Trail paper, the sermon and the good testimonies from the saints. We here in Alabama are striving to get the evening light set up in the hearts of the people that God is our leader. We are having meeting every Sunday, and those that are standing for the truth seem to be much encouraged to go on. We are yet thanking God for the saints coming to us this year and helping us out in the work of God. . . We are yet asking prayers of the saints. We want to try, by the help of God, to be ready some time next year to have a camp meeting here in Ala. We also are asking prayers for our sick people, Sis. Cook and some others. . . Yours in Christ,"

--Bro. Lindsey Shelton

From California: "Greetings to the dear saints at Mission Trail and to the dear saints far and wide, Iam grateful to you at Mission Trail for having sent me the printed sermons. I was encouraged through them, and I do enjoy reading them and the testimonies of the dear saints. . .

"I truly desire the prayers of the saints for a gall bladder condition. I had a severe attack recently which was almost unbearable, but the Lord has wonderfully blessed me and I desire complete healing. The Lord has miraculously healed me instantly in times past for which I praise his dear name. Please remember me soul and body in your prayers. . . In Christian love,"

--Magnolia Wilson

"All Things"

As all things work together for our good We surely have no care o'er which to brood. So, troubled soul, look up!rejoice! and sing! Your Saviour God is still the reigning King!

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God freely gives us all things to enjoy Oh! how much praise our lips should employ! For He who spared not His own blessed Son Gives us all blessings with that precious One.

More than conquerors are we in all these things. Why is it, then, that so much hurts and stings? No famine, nakedness, distress or sword Can separate us from the love of God!

--Sel. by Lou Bray

From Ohio: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings to you in the name of our holy Saviour, Jesus Christ. . . Oh! may I prove faithful to God for what He has done for all mankind and myself. This letter leaves me still saved and pressing on to the goal set before me. We love the Lord with all of our being. The Lord has been good to us this past year. He has manifested himself to me and blessed us many times with spiritual and temporal blessings. He's been a present help in time of need. . . I pray all is well with your family, and may our Lord bless you abundantly for your labors. There are but few that are willing to make a complete sacrifice of self and all earthly possessions. The fields around us are so white. Many souls are dying, lost, because of the lack of laborers. desire your prayers for we want to do our very best in getting souls to God. Time is so short we have no time to lose. . . I have someone I'd like you to send the Mission Trail to. He's in the State Penitentiary. He needs help and much prayer. . . Your Sis. in Christ," --LaDolia Fuller

From Louisiana: "Dear Ones, We send greetings of love to your family in the name of Jesus, our wonderful Saviour. . . I do thank the Lord for His goodness in every way. He is always a present help to His children in every time of need. He knows when there are extra duties and responsibilities put on us which from the human side would look impossible for us to do, but He is always there to make a way and gives us physical strength for our duties as well as the spiritual strength and guidance we need daily to please Him in every way. . . May the Lord bless you dear ones much in your labors for Him. . . Christian love," --Alta Flynn

From Kansas: "Dear ones of Mission Trail, I thank the dear Lord for His love shown unto me in giving me His great salvation and for the joy and peace that has come into my life to stay for in Him I find all I need while tarrying here below. . . do keep the little paper coming as I am here alone with my Saviour who is all in all to me. May the Lord continue Hisblessings on you and yours,"

--Mae Belle Jennings

From Oklahoma: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, Greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am happy to report salvation This is indeed a and satisfaction. sweet, peaceful, satisfied life when we live for the Lord and trust in His love. In the face of trials, tests or problems, He is always near and His promises are true. I am glad I found Him. is all I need. . . I surely want the Mission Trail. It's messages and testimonies are precious and manna to my soul. It's my weekly uplift. May God bless all of you and bless the words of truth and love you send forth. In Christian love," --Sis. Amy Hunter From Manitoba: "Dear Brother Murphey and family, greetings! God's blessings upon you In all that you do-His mercy and courage,
His strength ever new,
His grace and His goodness;
God's blessings upon you. . .

Thank you for the Mission Trail I have received and your last letter. always of great encouragement to hear from you all. I am very glad to hear that the Mission Trail is being heard over more than one radio station. prayers are with you all. As for myself I am in good health and thankful to be a child of God. He has given and helped me in so many ways. The way of the Lord is the only one, praise His precious name! . . . As for our Winnipeg weather, well, I must say, we finally have winter here in Manitoba. It snowed the other day leaving the city in a blanket of white fresh snow. Somehow the first fall of snow is so lovely. The temperatures have reached freezing point, but it hasn't gone below zero yet. It's been quite clear, cold and crisp out the past few days. though our Manitoba weather is quite cold at times, I kind of like it for the air always feels so fresh and clean. . . 'Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. Lord be with you all. ' II Thess. 3:16 Yours in Christ," -- Florence Squire

From Missouri: "... We are still saved and very much encouraged to press the battle on to victory. Thank Him for his precious word and for the promises He has given us in His word. He said He would never leave us nor forsake us but be with us always, even to the end of the world. We are never alone, and I'm glad that the Lord is very much alive today. . . One that loves the Lord," --Minnie Epley

From Ohio: "Dear Murphey family, It is with love and thanksgiving that I greet you this day in Jesus' name; in love, because when the Lord saved me, He gave me not only love for him, but for his children and for the souls of lost humanity; in thanksgiving, because He chose me out of the world to be a member in particular in Hiskingdom. . . You can be assured that we never forget to pray for the work you are doing. We desire that you remember God's work in Akron also. Lord is indeed blessing, but there is yet much land to possess. . . Very truly yours and His, " -- Sis. Beverly Brown --0--

"God is so good, kind, full of love and tender mercy. It is so, the Lord is our helper."

--Eva Penner

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From South Carolina: "... all of the saints here seem to be pressing on for the Lord. Bro. Oneal needs prayer for his body, but He is still on the go for the Lord. . . Remember us in prayer. Yours sister in Christ,"

--Edna Crummie

From the Golden Rule Home: "God's word tells us not to rejoice because the spirits are subject to us but to rejoice because our names are written in heaven. I am rejoicing. My name is written in Heaven. I thank God for that."

--Mary Whitmore

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From Texas: "... You will never know how your Mission Trail blesses me as I am still a shut-in cripple... I need your prayers every day as I can't walk--paralyzed on left side. Here is my morning prayer every day:

Saviour let me walk beside you
Let me slip my hand in thine
Let me know the joy of walking
In your strength and not in mine. . . "
--Maudie Jones

Voices From Mexico

"Just a note from Old Mexico in praise to our wonderful God of Heaven and earth and skies. . . Last night (Dec. 14) some of the ones from Rosarito went with me to attend services in San Diego, Calif. . . The beautiful spirit of God was so felt throughout the spiritual service until I could not hold back tears of joy and much happiness as the blessings were so sweetly pouring down. The spirit of God was in the singing, in the testimonies and in the prayer. It was good to call such precious ones my sisters and brothers. How marvelous to be changed by the spirit of God into a tool useful in His hands.

"Our dear Sister Ramona Esquer is one too who has found the truth and been changed into a tool useful in His hands. The Lord helped me interpret her precious testimony for the saints there last night. They rejoiced with her throughout her testimony. Am sending her testimony. . . We are still very much encouraged and thankful to God for His mighty blessings. Your Sister in Christ," --Carrie Shepperd

Thank you, Sister Carrie. We are glad that the Lord is blessing and using you at your post of duty. We hope that God may continue to shed forth his light in Mexico to the hearts of those who are eager for the truth.

Ramona Esquer is only sixteen years old, and she has proven quite helpful to Sister Carrie. The Lord is blessing her young life, and we rejoice with her that she has found peace and happiness in a life surrendered to Christ. The next column on this page is Ramona's testimony which has been translated into English. We are passing it along to our readers with the hope that it may cause them to realize both the joy and possibilities of spreading the gospel

"I want to give thanks to God in the first place for the salvation which is very important and very precious! After I received Christ in my heart, my life was changed much, thanks to God, because He gave me a humble heart, and I fell at his feet in order to become one of his sheep.

"Also I want to give thanks to God for the Holy Spirit which guides me anywhere and fortifies me and gives me courage in my problems and afflictions. Thanks to God for his grand and faithful promises. Thanks to God because always when I am in tribulations and I have confided all in the precious hands of God, He has always heard me, and at that moment I have the victory. I remember one day that I had a very hard pain. At that moment I was very frightened because never before had I had a pain like that. was praying but always with fear. When I said, 'Lord all powerful, thy will be done, and if you want me to suffer this, please give me patience and grace, 'and at that moment all pain disappeared, and I was singing a hymn with a smile on my lips, and never did the suffering return or any other sickness. Praise to our great God! Glory to His holy name!

"Always we can confide our all in the powerful hands of God. He hears us and helps us and has joy in us when we confide in Him. My desire is to do always His will although sometimes it is difficult for me. . . but the things that God has for us are better than the worldly riches.

"Please do not forget me in your prayers, and I also will pray for you as I am doing now. God bless you! Always be faithful and follow the footsteps of God each day closer to Him. Amen."

--Ramona Esquer Villa

at press time

we understand:

"I am yet saved and encouraged to press the battle on. The Lord is all we need in life if we put our whole trust in Him. . . " --Annie Bowen

"Pray much for my eyes and other afflictions I have in my body. . . "

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--Mary May

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From Louisiana: "Dear Bro. Willie and family, The funeral service for my mother, Sis. Mable Doolittle, was held in Hammond at the Thomas Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 22, and not in Oak Grove on Thursday as we had thought. However she was buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery. We are sorry we did not let you know this after the plans were changed."

--Mrs. Merrill Williamson (Many thanks, Sister Ruby, for helping us get the record straight. --Willie)

"Any time any of you saints are this way please stop by to see me. My house is open at all times to the saints. . ."
--Wm. J. Preston, Shawsville, Va.

Prayer is requested for a young mother of two children in Ohio who is having family trouble. She has recently gotten saved.

From New York: "... I thank God for His unspeakable gift for while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us to bring us back to God. Praise His name!
... Please be agreed in prayer for my complete healing from arthritis..."
--Ella Mae Hemphill

"I think it's marvelous how the Lord ever saved my soul and brought me to the one true people of God. I can never thank and praise Him enough for that."

--Katie Gibson

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From Ohio: "... We are sending you our new address as we have moved back to Dayton. We have seen the Lord work so definitely in our behalf that we have had to really marvel at it... Continue to pray for us..."

--Bro. Willard & Sis. Helen Underdown 33 Ernest Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45405

From Louisiana: "... We are encouraged to serve the Lord. He does more for us than we can even ask or think! Pray for us... Sincerely,"

--Doyle, Cynthia LaCroix & family

From Oregon: "... I only want to hear one praise from his beloved lips when I enter into his presence, 'Well done, thou faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord.' That is reward enough for me..." --Grace Jones

The Lord is richly blessing in the assembly meeting this week. Some are in attendance who came from as far away as Ohio, Kentucky, Michigan, Louisiana as well as those from Oklahoma and the adjoining states. We are expecting God's anointing to rest upon His ministers as they continue to proclaim the truth of the gospel. The desire of the saints is that the lost may be brought into God's fold before the meeting closes.

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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 stations:

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KCRS	Midland, Texas	550 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a.m.	
KCLO	Leavenworth, Kans.	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.	
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