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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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## "Three Score Years and Ten"

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... and a cheerful and pleasant greeting indeed to our many listeners and readers of THE MISSION TRAIL. Once again we are glad to be coming your way with a short gospel message. As we see this year so swiftly drawing to a close it seems proper that we should pause long enough to take a spiritual inventory and also to see whether or not we have been faithful in the opportunities extended to us throughout the year. Do you realize that only a few days remain in this year and then it will be 1969? But before I go further listen to this song, "What Would Jesus Do?"

Listen now to the scripture reading beginning at the first verse of the 90th Psalm. "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth. For we are consumed by thine anger, and by thy wrath are we troubled. Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance. For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are three score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their

strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

Now from this scripture we notice the uncertainty of life and also the brevity of it. Life is so short at its best. Take note especially of verse 10. "The days of our years are three score years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." We don't have to have a computer to determine how many days that would be. Let us calculate for just a moment. Say one year is 365 days. Then multiply that by 10. That makes 3,650 days. So if your child is 10 yr. old he has had 3,650 days. Well, we might need to add a few days to make up for the leap years. You may do that if you like. But let us go on. Three score years and ten then would be 70 years or 7 times 3,650 which is



25,550 days. Now of course, we should not forget the extra days in the leap years. Then the verse goes on to say, if by reason of strength they be four score years, or we might say, 29,200 days. Then just to round out the figure with good measure we will add 20 days for the leap years. That gives us a total of 29,220 days for an 80 yr. old person. Does that sound like a lot to you? Well, it is not so many after all when we realize that we are using them up one at a time. Each day counts one day to our credit we have used. Then did you ever think of the possibility that maybe you will never reach 80 years of age. There are lots of folks who don't.

I used to drive back and forth to Oklahoma City to work on a job. It is at least 30 miles or more one way and I worked there for more than 10 years. It was not unusual for me to drive along the road and be thinking and figuring in my mind, "I wonder how many trips I have made over this road." Then I would start calculating how many years I had worked and about how many times per year that I had driven the road. With a little calculating you can readily see that twice a day for 5 days a week would be 10 times each week. Then multiply that by the number of weeks per year I have worked and you can see that the figure would be a little astonishing. It doesn't seem to take so long after all when it is past. When it is all over with it just seems like it was just a brief time.

And, friends, isn't this true with life? There is a time in childhood when it seems that Thanksgiving or Christmas or a birthday is ever so slow in getting there. But do you know something? I would just as soon not have birthdays anymore. They come all too

often to suit me. And so consider well the 12th verse, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." The all important question then is not how many days you have lived, or will live, before you leave this world, but the question is this: Have you done your best for God and for lost humanity every day that you have been here? Have you witnessed to those who have not heard the gospel or have you helped to send someone who would witness to them of the saving power of Christ? Those are sobering questions and as we take a brief inventory of the past days of 1968 may it inspire us to use every forth coming day of 1969 to the best advantage for the cause of God.

Wait a minute, friends. Think of this for a moment. Are you aware that the days of the unsaved and those who have not the knowledge of Christ are passing just as swiftly as your days are? Do you know that one by one the days of our unsaved loved ones and the days of the heathen who live in darkness are slipping away from them just as surely and as swiftly as ours are? Could it be that many of them will go into eternity before they have heard or before they have accepted Christ. Perhaps their days will end before yours. Then what? And what will be our answer before God if we have failed to wisely use our days and have not applied our hearts unto wisdom?

When David Livingston was on his missionary journey through Africa one of the things which the chief of the Bakwains wanted to know was, since all who had died being unforgiven were lost, then why were they not told before and what about his ancestors who were already dead who had never heard the gospel? This was indeed a hard



question for Livingston to answer. Do you know a good answer?

Listen to this poem:

### Today

So here hath been dawning another  
blue day;  
Think, wilt thou let it slip useless,  
away?

Out of eternity this new day is born;  
Into eternity at night will return.

Behold it aforetime no eye ever did;  
So soon it forever from all eyes is  
hid.

Here hath been dawning another blue  
day;  
Think, wilt thou let it slip useless,  
away?

Friends, how true that is. So many  
people are wasting the days which are  
God given blessings and should be  
used for his glory.

Let us pray,

Our gracious Father,

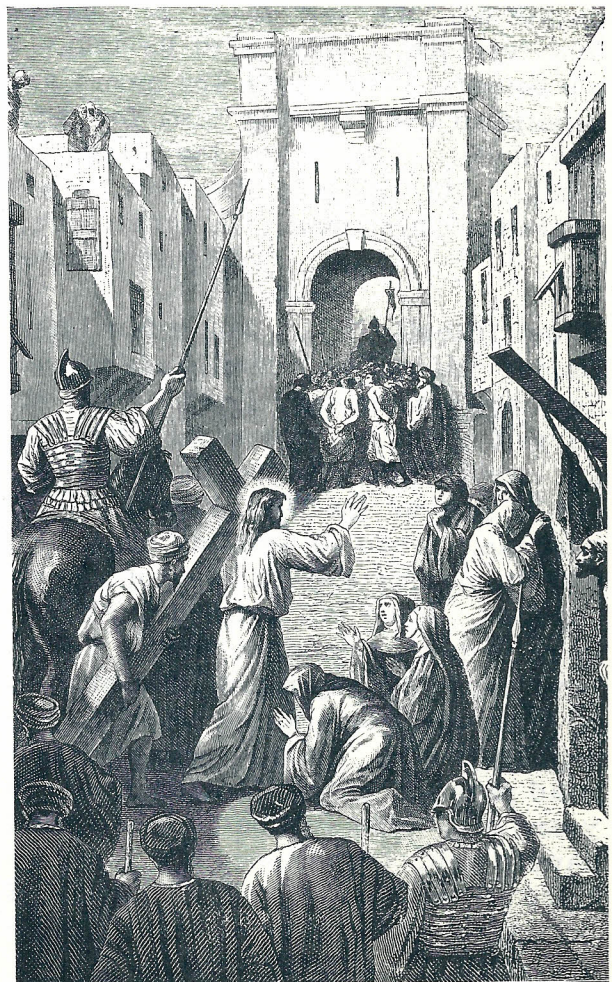
We know not how many days may be  
allotted for us to spend in this world.  
This is within the knowledge and  
keeping of thy power. But we implore  
thy grace and strength that we may  
use each and every one of them in a  
way that would be profitable to thy  
cause and kingdom. Save every soul  
who is willing to accept the truth and  
to thee we will give the praise through  
Christ our Lord. Amen

I want to take just a few moments now  
to remind you that this message is heard  
weekly over this radio station and is  
made possible by those who co-operate

to help support it. We do need your  
prayers and interest, and if we may be  
of any help to you, or if you have a  
prayer request for healing or for spirit-  
ual problems be sure to let us know.  
Address your letter to THE MISSION  
TRAIL, Guthrie, Okla. Or you may  
send it to me personally if you like.  
That is Willie Murphey, Guthrie, Okla.

Listen now to this song: "I know whom  
I have believed". The singers are  
Lynn and Alma Carver, Arnett and  
Genevieve Carver.

Friends, until we meet again this is  
Willie Murphey wishing you each and  
every one God's richest blessings and  
a very cheerful goodbye!



"AND HE, BEARING HIS CROSS, WENT FORTH."



## Testimonies

From Calif.: "Here we are doing our best to live for the Lord. Isn't it wonderful to be going the Lord's way? Praise God." --Victor S. Reel

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From Calif.: "Dear Saints, May the Lord bless you as you each work to send out the truth to souls. He is blessing us richly here in Orland. Christian love," --Letha Reece

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From Wash.: "Greetings of love in the dear saviour's name. The one that left heaven and came down here and walked among sinful men that we might be saved. Oh, how we ought to love and adore him, and all God's people do. We are made to realize how terrible it will be to be lost. I am thankful I can say I am saved and sanctified and trusting him for soul and body. . . do enjoy the paper so much. We do pray that you have a real nice Christmas. Christian love,"

--Sister Thomas

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From Illinois: ". . . Just a few lines. Hoping you and your family are all well and happy in the dear Lord. I am not so well in body. I have an affliction. . . would like for you to remember me in prayer that the dear Lord will heal me. I had to sell my trailer. I wasn't making enough to keep up the expense. I am not able to work, but have to try to do some work. I don't have any home any more, just have to go from one house to the other to have a place to stay. I tried to get my railroad pension, but can't until I am 60 years old. That will be 22 months I'll have to wait. Please pray that the dear Lord will make a way. . . I believe if the saints agree with me in prayer the Lord will come to my rescue."

--Mrs. Edward Boling

From Ill.: "Dear ones of The Mission Trail, We so much appreciate and enjoy the little paper and look forward to its coming each week of the news of the dear ones of the children of God. I would like to request prayer for my son in the navy. He is to sail in Jan. for Viet Nam. He so wanted to stay in the States. He supposed he had enough time in to request shore duty. But they said no chance. But God can work when man is not aware of it. He was over in the Mediterranean area 8 months during that crisis. . . Our God is able yet to answer. Pray for the rest of my family that they will be saved and work out some problems and needs that look so big. Christian love and prayers," --Viola Perry

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From Kansas: "Greeting in the precious name of Jesus. I'm so glad I gave my heart to God in my youth. I enjoyed the message on being thankful so much. When we read about others like the Nigerian brother in The Mission Trail, it helps us to realize how much we have to be thankful for. God has been so good to us. . . I'm so glad we have a real God to trust and a great big God. . . God doesn't usually heal me immediately. He will give me that healing assurance, and say, "Now, thank me." and I have thanked God for healing for over a year before the suffering would be completely taken away. I thought because I had to thank God for healing for so long it was lack of faith on my part but Brother Darius Gibson told me it wasn't and that helped me. I am so glad to hear the precious Word go forth over the radio. . . I was thinking one day about lost souls hearing the messages and would it cause them to give their heart to God, but if they didn't it was certainly food for the saved one soul. . . With love,"

--Mamie Norcutt



From Okla.: "Dear Sister Murphey: I'm still saved and living for Jesus. Hope this finds you and your family well and still saved. . . the Lord will soon be here--let us all stay down to business for Jesus. Give my love to all the saints,"

--Sister Lizzie Jordan

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From Va.: ". . . Gina, my little girl, was real sick the day after you all left and she said, "Mommy, I know Jesus will heal me. Will you pray with me?" After we'd asked the Lord to heal her, she got better that evening and has never been sick since. She has so much faith and where there's faith the Lord can never fail, does He? He's been so very good to us. We have so much to thank Him for. Remember us in your prayers. . . Pray for me to stay strong in the Lord and perhaps be able to help someone along the way. . . With Christian love,"

--Sis. Patsy Harris

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From Mo.: "Dear Christian friends, Greeting at this wonderful Christmas season. How I loved it as a child growing up, walking thru the snow under a heaven full of stars with my mother to a little white country church, then enjoying the story being told of the birth of our Lord and Saviour. What precious memories, so different from our hustle and rushing. Our skies so overcast with fog and smog. One seldom sees the stars anymore. However we can't live in the past. I enjoy your little paper so much, your good messages, also the testimonies given by the saints. I read all of them sometime over and over. Hope all are well. . . Sis. Adams and Johnnie sends their love. . . God bless you all. You pray for us and we will pray for you. Very sincerely and with Christian love," --Mrs. J. Edward Leach

From Okla.: "Greetings this leaves me encouraged in the Lord. We surely need the Lord and he is so good to us. There is so much to pray about, so many afflicted and so many out in sin without God. . . Love and prayers,"

--Minnie White

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From Okla.: ". . . I am still saved, still living for the dear Lord, trusting him for soul and body. I am not feeling good this morning. I am still enjoying The Mission Trail. May the Lord bless each one of you all in working for the Lord. Pray for me until you pray through. Your sister," --Mary May

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From Okla.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. I enjoy The Mission Trail very much and I am sure it is an encouragement to many as we get to hear from more of the dear saints and get the gospel also. May the Lord continue his blessing on you all and the work . . . Continue to send the paper,"

--Sister Willa J. Williams

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From Ohio: "This letter leaves us still encouraged to go on for the master, still trusting him for both soul and body. I'm glad that we can put our whole trust in him for he said he would supply our every need. The Lord saw fit to give us a home in which to glorify his name. We sure do praise his name for it. We had been praying for this house for about a year. It pays to put your whole trust in the Lord. . . Some one might say how long should you wait upon the Lord. Wait until the answer comes. We sure feel unworthy of the blessing he had given us. . . Dear saints of God, you are always welcome to come at anytime. This is our new address: 430 W. Thornton St., Akron, Ohio 44307. Phone: 376-0158. Pray for us always,"

--Bro. and Sis. Kenneth A. Knight



From Kansas: "Greetings in our Saviour's name. I am still thanking the Lord for salvation and the precious truth. . . praise God. I am one of the few who have found the strait and narrow way which is a good example that the majority is not always right. I hear the broadcast over KGGF, Coffeyville and it is real clear. It is encouraging to hear the message and song as I prepare to go to church. May the Lord bless you in every way so this important and needful work can be continued. . . Your sister in Christ,"

--Shirley Knight

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From Mo.: "Dear ones, We are happy to say the Lord has been very good to us--giving us the desires of our heart. Even before we received our Mission Trail which had our appeal for help--the Ralph Beisleys called us saying they heard we wished someone would take over the Missionary Fund job. They felt burdened to once again care for this. Several other sisters offered their assistance. We felt very thankful for those who were willing, as we have been so very busy since then--having company most every weekend. We love to work for the Lord and desire to do well, whatever He wants us to do. Pray for us. Then the Lord granted us another desire by sending the Murphy Allen family to be with us in services. We had been longing for someone to come and help us and after being disappointed several times we almost hesitated to pray for someone to come. It pays to not give up but just continue to pray. We feel the need of hearing good spirit filled messages. The Mission Trail has been a help to us at different times, the messages just what we needed. May the Lord bless your efforts, we will be praying to this end. Thank you for your help,"

--The Louie Marlars

From Missouri: "Greetings in Jesus dear sweet name to you all this morning! What would we do without Him? It's very possible I would be in eternity, lost, had it not been for His love reaching down, picking me up out of the miry clay. Oh, I'm so glad He did. He has ladened me down with benefits. Praise His dear name!. . . Well, I've been thinking about you folks and felt the need to write. I was so happy and thankful you came by to see us a while back. It brought courage to our soul. When you were here, I never thought of such a thing as taking my cast off before time for it to come off. But I didn't know how God would work, either. On Wed. night Nov. 20th, the Lord touched my ankle and made it able to be lowered without much swelling and turning red. So on Thursday, He began dealing with me to take the cast off. I didn't think I could. I could just see that ankle fall apart. But the Lord kept dealing. So I went to fasting and praying as I wanted to be sure it was the Lord and I knew I had to have more faith and grace to do it. So I kept looking to the Lord to show me when and where and how to do it. . . So Friday morning when I woke up it was still with me. . . it seemed I could hear him say "Today is the day for that cast to come off." So I begin asking for more faith and grace to do it. . . we began the task of cutting it off. It took us a little over an hour, using scissors, a pointed case knife, a razor blade, and a coping saw blade. After we got it off, I rubbed my ankle a while and then called for my hose and shoe. So I got up and walked in the name of Jesus, Joan holding my hand. . . every day I can tell an improvement. . . Yesterday I walked quite a bit without even my crutches. . . I can tell it's getting stronger. . . We're still just looking daily to God. . . ."

--Mildred McIntosh



# at press time

we understand:



Emma and Dewey Dilley

Congratulations to Emma and Dewey Dilley on their Golden wedding anniversary, Dec. 19, 1968. Their children are inviting friends and relatives to an open house for their parents on Sunday, Dec. 22, 1968 beginning at 2 p. m. in the Dilley's home east of Guthrie, Oklahoma.

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Special prayer is requested for Connie Schudy of Norwood, Missouri that God will heal her of a heart condition and strengthen her nerves.

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As we see the forces of evil combining against the truth let us begin the new year of 1969 more dedicated than ever before to the task of sending forth the gospel. Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." Let us realize if we fail in our task mischief will surely befall us.

Congratulations to Tommy and Esther Dutton of Odessa, Texas on the birth of their daughter, Leslie Ruth on Dec. 1, 1968.

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From Washington: "I hope you all will have a nice Christmas and enjoy the blessing of the dear Lord who is so near and dear to us at Christmas and always. Pray for me as you pray for the rest who are sick. . . thankful I still can get around. Christian love,"

--Sister Westrope

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The Oklahoma State Assembly meeting begins in Guthrie, Friday, Dec. 20. It is operated on a free will basis and in the past a number of congregations have shared the responsibility of cooking the noonday meal. It is hoped that each congregation will be present especially on their day to work in the kitchen. It is also suggested that at least part of them, if not all, attend some of the services. Come expecting to receive a blessing for soul and body!

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To those on our regular mailing list we are sending a small 1969 calendar bookmark along with our season's greeting card. We trust that God will cause his face to shine upon you not only at this special season but through out the new year. Also we are asking that you return the coupon with your name and address on it if you desire to remain on our mailing list in 1969. Please do this and help us keep the record straight. Do it at once.

--Willie





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 stations:

| RADIO<br>STATION | LOCATION              | DIAL<br>SETTING | TIME               |
|------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| KGGF             | Coffeyville, Kansas   | 690 kc.         | Sunday, 8:00 a. m. |
| KCKW             | Jena, Louisiana       | 1480 kc.        | Sunday, 7:30 a. m. |
| KCLO             | Leavenworth, Kansas   | 1410 kc.        | Sunday, 3:00 p. m. |
| WFPR             | Hammond, Louisiana    | 1400 kc.        | Sunday, 7:45 a. m. |
| KCIJ             | Shreveport, Louisiana | 980 kc.         | Sunday, 7:30 a. m. |
| KXOW *           | Hot Springs, Arkansas | 1420 kc.        | Sunday, 7:45 a. m. |

\*Additional broadcast is heard on this station Sunday, 3:30 p. m.

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