



# The Mission Trail

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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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## Counting the Cost

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. . . and a cheerful greeting to each and every one who is tuned to THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We are happy to be coming your way once again. We hope that each of you will make the year of 1969 a good year for the Lord, making each day count for him. May we dedicate our lives afresh to the task which is before us and let us be faithful to the Lord and spread his word through the doors which are open, bringing salvation to those who are lost. I hope that our decision to live for God will not be like the new year's resolutions of many folks. Sometimes their resolutions only last a few days. And that brings me to this scripture in Luke 14 beginning with verse 25,

"And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?"

Now, did you notice in this scripture that there were great multitudes with Jesus when he told them this. He

made it plain that for one to follow Christ meant a giving up of everything that would stand in his way. Then he compared this to one who was building a tower and he mentioned how one should first sit down and count the cost before he starts to build. Otherwise he might make a good showing and make a good start, and be unable to finish that which he had begun. This is certainly true of altogether too many people who begin to serve Christ today. As long as the road is easy and the going is smooth and there is no opposition it is easy to walk the road of least resistance. But it is going to cost you something if you serve Christ. You may as well know that now. Now I do not say these things to discourage one from becoming a saint of God, because that is exactly what I want you to do, is to become a child of God and remain one as long as you live. But you should be well informed and know beforehand what to expect. There is going to be opposition, there is going to be trials and there is going



to be a cross for everyone. You remember a verse of that old song which says:

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone,  
And all the world go free?  
No, there's a cross for everyone  
And there's a cross for me."

Now your cross may be different from what mine is. The circumstances surrounding your life will be different from those of another, but the result is the same and that is the pressure from the outside world is great against a saint of God. And then of course, the biggest obstacle in complete success is denying one's own self. Listen to this 33rd verse, "So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

Now it is true that we must give up everything that is contrary to Christian principles. But it is also true that most of what we give up is exchanged for something far better. Let me point out to you a few things which we give up and what we get in return. First we give up dissatisfaction and get satisfaction. Did you ever notice how restless and unhappy one is whose heart is condemned? He seems to never be contented very long at a time. Jesus said, "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."

I have sometimes heard it said that dairymen like to have soft music playing for their cattle while they are doing the milking. Do you suppose that would have anything to do with the company which advertise their milk as 'From

contented cows'? Well, let me tell you something. It means something for a person to be at rest in their souls and have peace with God. In other words you give up your own way to go God's way. Some people would like to argue that everyone who doesn't go their way is going to be lost. To me it is not a question of going your way or my way. But it is certainly a question of whether or not you are going God's way and furthermore you might be reminded that God only has but one way. When the astronauts came down through the thick atmosphere of the earth a few days ago on their return flight from the moon there was an angle at which they were to come in. If they came in too sharply it might mean disaster. If the angle was too shallow they might also suffer a great loss. But there was a right way. And friends, let me tell you something. In the midst of confusion in the world today and dissention and many things which are leading people away from God there is a right way. Let me assure you that God also is able to lead you in that way if you will give yourself wholly to him.

What else is one required to give up to serve God? Well, to be truthful many things. One gives up the pleasures of the world to find real and lasting true pleasures. One gives up the darkness of sin and despair to find the true light. We give up doubts to get trust and strife to get peace. Yes and more than this, we give up poverty to obtain the true riches and sorrow for great joy. And how about the despair which one gives up to get hope? Do you know it is the child of God that has hope in this life and in the promises of God in the life hereafter? Do you know what the prodigal son gave up? He gave up husks to find

bread. In fact, I don't know if he was really eating that husk or not because it said he fain would have filled his belly with the husks which the swine did eat and no man gave unto him. So he might not even have had that to eat. But anyway he gave it up. He gave up disappointment in his old friends to find the peace and warmth and comfort of home. And finally, one gives up death in order that they might find life eternal. Think of that scripture which says, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Now dear ones, let us pray one for another as we begin the new year of 1969.

Listen to the decision this poem writer had:

## Praying for Me

When the battle is long, and I'm  
weary with strife,  
When the legions of sin and evil are  
rife;  
I feel--and new courage flows into  
my life--  
That you are praying for me.

When victory comes out of seeming  
defeat,  
And dark lowering clouds shine with  
rainbows replete,  
'Tis then that I know--the assurance  
is sweet--  
That you are praying for me.

I'll gird tighter my armor and  
advance in the fight,  
With a staunch heart and brave I'll  
battle for right,  
I'll retreat at no danger, and fear no  
might--  
If you'll keep praying for me.

--Selected by Alberta Cook

Shall we look to the Lord in prayer,

Our gracious Father,

We indeed confess that we need your guidance each and every day of the new year. Give us the grace and courage to relinquish our hold upon everything that would hinder us from being all that your grace could make us. Use the broadcast for the glory of God and the salvation of souls and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

This message has been brought your way over this radio station by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. Indeed we count it a privilege to come to you each week with scriptures, and words of encouragement and sometimes with poetry. We hope it will be a blessing. If we may further assist you in finding the peace and satisfaction for which you are looking, please let us know. Or if you would like a printed copy of the sermon you may have one free of charge by writing. Let us take new courage as we begin this year together and be faithful in all which God requires us to do.

Listen now to this song: "By the grace of God". The singers are: Bob and Dorrall Forbes, Randal Flynn, and Melvin Doolittle.

And now, dear ones, let me leave this final scripture with you as we begin the new year together. From Hebrews the 11th chapter and the 6th verse, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Now if we are going to be successful for God this year, or any other year for that matter, at any time, we are going to have to live by faith in him



and his promises and count upon him standing by us when the way grows dark or the trials become heavy and thick.

It has been a pleasure to come your way. We hope that you will be with us again next Sunday at this same time on this same radio station. We trust that God will let his richest blessings come your way throughout the new year as you walk by faith in him. If we may be of any help to you now, be sure to let us know. Address your letter to: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma. And now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying a very pleasant good-bye!

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### *Testimonies*

From California: "Greetings in the dear name of Jesus. I am saved and sanctified and living to all that I know for him, depending upon him for body and soul, in fact for every thing. I could not have said this just a very short while back, but thank God it is so now. Praise his dear name. Pray that I stay real humble before him and the world, serving him as best I can in spirit and in truth and obedience to him always. Christian love,"

--Seretha Atkinson

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From Oklahoma: "Greetings in the name of our saviour, Jesus Christ. This leaves me feeling very well. I have been so afflicted with a cold, but the Lord blessed me and never had to stay in bed. He is a wonderful saviour. He takes care of me. I have been alone almost 6 years. . . the Lord provided a way for me. I know nothing is too hard for the Lord if we only put our trust in him. I've gone through quite a test this year but the Lord fixed it all. . ."

--Fannie Henderson

From Oklahoma: "Blessings to you in the name of our saviour in the work of the Lord for the coming year. We feel our smallness when we see so much to be done for the cause of Christ, and so little where with to do it. . ."

--Rilla C. Wadley

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From North Carolina: ". . . Please have your radio audience to pray for me. . ."

--Arthur A. Brown

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From Illinois: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. I am home. . . came home the day before Christmas. I'm slowly gaining strength, but cannot walk yet. I have taken a few small steps with my crutches and can stand on crutches a few minutes after being helped to my feet. I am a polio victim of 1946. Have to wear a long leg brace on left leg. Please keep earnestly praying I will receive strength in my legs and body to walk again soon. Also remember my husband for his lameness in his left leg. Your sister in Christ,"

--Daisy M. Payton

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From Indiana: "Greetings to you across the miles from Ind. I am sure you have heard of my coming here. Gus came by to get me and bring me here. Everything was prearranged by the children and made so comfortable for me to make the trip. They are so happy to have me here and you can guess how happy I am to be here. Had a lovely Christmas together. . . I am happy in the Lord and enjoying his presence abiding with me continually. Oh He means so much to me. I am still very weak in my body and cannot retain much nourishment but slowly gaining. Continue to pray for me. My nerves are quite bad and I have a very special request I am seeking God's guidance in and Him to work out. . . Love,"

--Nellie Poulos



From Missouri: "Greetings in the name of Jesus who saved us and is keeping us by his power. The dear Lord has been good to us. This leaves us still saved and much encouraged to press on for God at all times. We are thankful for all his many blessings to us. I wrote sometime ago about my husband who had a heart attack. The dear Lord touched him in answer to prayer and raised him up. We do thank and praise the dear Lord for all he has done for him. . . ."

--Elmer and Edna Blacksher

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From Oklahoma: "Greetings in Jesus name. The Lord has been so good to me all the years of my life and I want to serve him and live for him all the days of my life and meet him in peace and then live with him throughout the ceaseless ages of eternity. He is so precious to me. I don't know how I could live without him and glad I don't have to. Surely life would be miserable without him. Many times he has come to my rescue when I knew not what to do. John said we love him because he first loved us. "

--Pearl Johnson

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From Oklahoma: ". . . I have enjoyed reading The Mission Trail. Heard you on the radio for the first time yesterday morn on the Coffeyville station. I wrote you last summer about my husband. He hasn't changed yet but am holding on to God's promises that prayers will be answered in the way that is best. . . I thank God that he gives me the grace to go on. Would appreciate it for the saints to remember me in prayer that God's will will be done in this matter. I have been ill since in Nov. but am so much improved now. I thank God for all his goodness to me. God bless you folks in your good work. "

--Vesta Gray

From Oklahoma: "Holy greeting in Jesus' dear name. This leaves all doing pretty good and enjoyed Christmas. Thank the Lord for enabling us to see another Christmas in this life. . . . May God bless you all is my prayer. Pray for us. Yours in Christ, "

--Sister Amelia Lignons

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From Missouri: ". . . We can surely look back and see many blessings of the past year. He surely is mindful of us each day. I love my job of teaching 21 sixth graders. It is real rewarding and challenging. But as each day comes I can only be help to them as God helps me. May the new year be prosperous for you and yours. "

--Vicki Taylor

## The Little Things

Help me to do the little things,

Dear Lord, to thee I pray:

That I may help some troubled soul

Along life's weary way.

I have no millions to bestow,

No noble place to fill,

But surely there is something, Lord,

If I but seek thy will.

When He was here, our blessed Lord,

And o'er the sands did tread,

He had no wealth, nor millions, nay--

No place to lay his head.

But meek and lowly was life,

Full of compassion, too--

His deeds of love and kindness great

Will live the whole world through.

A beautiful life I want to live,

For I want the world to see

The life of our blessed Saviour,

Being lived again in me.

So help me, Lord, as in this life

I travel day by day,

To do the little things I can

In a kind and loving way.

--Armilda Abbott



From Louisiana: ". . . I realize that I can never start to repay God for all He's done for me. The very least I can do is give Him my life and let Him do with it as He pleases. Although it's the very least, it's the only way I know how to show Him my gratitude. . ."

--Earl and Violet Watson

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From Arkansas: "We send greetings of love in Jesus dear name. How we do thank God for salvation this morning. God is so good to us. As you know by now, on the 18th of Dec. we went to Bro. and Sis. C. Williams. The Lord gave a safe trip and the Lord was surely with us and answered prayer for Bro. Curtis. Every day we could see him gaining strength. We had a lot of good visits in his room. He would get so anxious to get out again in the Lord's work. The Lord also touched Sis. Williams to give her strength. She was so weak. . . on Dec. 27 we felt clear in coming home. But the devil has sure given them a battle since we left. Bro. Curtis' father had a stroke on Sat. Bro. Curtis has had a real test again with those chills. Beverly and Brenda both have been sick, also little Ruth Ann, earache and fever. Surely they are in a battle. We just talked to Sis. Williams this morning, Dec. the 31st. Let us all continue to pray for them. We also wish to thank God for the good day he gave us Sunday the 29th here at Grubbs. The saints all seem so encouraged. . . We were all so thankful to the Lord for sending Sis. Ruth Murphey to hold us a week's meeting beginning the 9th of Dec. The Lord sure blest her in bringing the good Word of God. Two young people that had slipped away from God came back to Him. How thankful we feel for young people who will take a stand for God in these evil days. . . With Christian love," --Bro. & Sis. Albert Eck

From North Carolina: "Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, the one that loved us and died for us, the one that was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities, and by His stripes we are healed. Thank God for such a loving Savior, the one that said He would never leave us nor forsake us. Thank His dear name. I have found Him to be a Present help in every time of need. He was so precious through the sickness and death of my precious wife. He heard and answered prayer so many times in her behalf. And since she has been gone He has been so near and dear to us, although our sorrow has been so deep and hard to bear. He has been so merciful to us, and we are encouraged as never before to press the battle on. I expect to meet my dear companion some day where there will be no sad farewells, no parting hands, and no tear dimmed eyes. Oh! my wife was so precious to me. The dear Lord gave her to me and He took her away, but blessed be the name of the Lord. Bro. Samons used the 31 chapter of Proverbs beginning at the 10th verse for the funeral service. It was so appropriate and so fitting and brought so much comfort at such a sad time. We do thank the dear Lord for all of His saints. They were so mindful of us through our sorrow. We thank them for the many nice sympathy cards and for the beautiful flowers. It was so good to have Bro. and Sis. S. E. Abbott for the funeral. They were such a comfort to us. Continue to pray much for me and the children, especially the ones that are not saved. Pray that the Lord would touch and heal my body to the glory of God. In Christian love,"

--Stacy Biddix

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

--Rev. 14:13



# at press time

we understand:

From Illinois: "I am slowly improving from my cripple from the fall. My ribs and hip are still sore, but I am able to do all the light work in the home and can walk uptown for anything I need to go for." --Sis. Lettie West

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From Alabama: "We are thanking the saints for their prayers. My wife was sick all summer. I know it was the good Lord heard and answered them. Our little band is looking up to God with a mind to go forward in Christ Jesus. We are asking your prayers to keep going. We mean to go on. We are glad of this opportunity to serve the One that brought us this great salvation. My wife and I read our Bible every night and sing some of the beautiful songs and pray. . . so please saints, don't forget us in Alabama. . . Your brother and sister in Christ,"

--Lindsey Shelton

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From Louisiana: "Bro. Murphy Allen and Janice are here for a few nights' meeting. . . We few in the congregation rejoice to have our souls fed by the ministers. Aunt Laura Goldsberry passed away December 14 before the paper came out with the request for prayer for her. . . They said she suffered terribly those last three weeks after her fall. . . When we lived in Missouri she used to attend services sometimes and really loved the saints and often asked us to pray for her. We were grieved and shocked to hear of Bro. H. Smith's passing. . . Much love,"

--Sybil Goldsberry

We want to thank each and every one for the many cards and gifts, also the friends, relatives, and saints who visited us, all of which helped to make our 50th wedding anniversary a day to be long remembered.

--Dewey and Emma Dilley

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I am grateful the Lord made it possible for me to make a quick trip to California and be present at the funeral of Brother Harland Smith. The service was on Monday, Dec. 30. Many were there who showed their respect and love for Bro. Harland. The funeral and burial was in Pomona. Brother Ostis Wilson and Sister Laverne Manuel was in charge of the service and Brother Charles Smith spoke at the cemetery. It was very touching to see the missionaries and workers from Mexico who also shared in our sorrow at the passing of this beloved brother. It was a blessing to attend a few days of the assembly meeting in Pacoima before returning home.

--Willie

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Many have returned their coupon to remain on our mailing list for 1969. We appreciate the interest which has been shown. However, some have not yet done so. If you have lost or misplaced the coupon which was mailed to the readers in December a few lines written on a card or in a letter will be sufficient, if you desire to remain on the mailing list. Do this at once and pray for us as we look to the Lord for guidance in the new year.



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 STATION	LOCATION	DIAL 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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