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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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Don't Play With Words

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...and a cheerful greeting to each and every listener of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast of Guthrie, Oklahoma. We certainly hope that each of you are well and happy and that things are going well with you in the beginning of the new year. We are pleased to be coming your way once again with a short gospel message. Often people make new year's resolutions which they hope to observe and I would like to present to you a message which I feel is worthy of consideration. And along with this I hope that in your new year's resolutions you are making the kind that would be pleasing to the Lord and that God will help you to keep them. Now in doing so there is one thing you should not forget, that is to pray. Listen to this song "Do you think to pray". The singers are Manuel and Marie Mitchell, their daughter Shirlene, and Cynthia LaCroix.

Yes, indeed it is necessary that we pray as we go along each day from time to time as God would direct and lead us. Listen to this scripture beginning with Matt. 12:36. "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." So first of all then, I would like to remind you that words are not toys. They are powerful things. Did you ever stop to think what great meaning one word could convey to an individual. Take for instance the word "Fire!" What do you immediately think of? Well, you would probably think of a building being consumed by flames, or an automobile, or the forest. There is a little expression which says, "Boys flying kites pull in their white winged birds. You can't do that when you are flying words." So let me emphasize again that words are not toys. They should be used discreetly and wisely.

One word can make a lot of difference in the meaning of a sentence. And I have come to realize this even more as we prepare the broadcast from week to week. We know that we are subject to mistakes, but we endeavor to be accurate in giving out God's word.

I am real glad that during my first airplane flight on an airliner recently that no one shouted "Bomb, bomb". I was apprehensive enough without something like that taking place. But do you know that if someone had done such a thing and it wasn't really true that they would have been subject to investigation and even a penalty? Of course, the fellow might explain that he was only doing it as a joke. But let me tell you something, friends, that word 'bomb' is more than a joke to an airline official. Did you know why? It might mean the delay of a flight. It could mean the unloading of passengers and luggage and a thorough search of suitcases and the

aircraft. And of course they would rather do that than have the plane blown to pieces in mid-flight. Now if words are that powerful, and we know that they are, no wonder the scripture has said, "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

So as you make your new year's resolutions perhaps you would like to ask the Lord to give you grace to guard your words each moment of the day. Listen to this verse from Prov. 10:19, "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise." The power of words is indeed great. Sometimes just a few words of comfort spoken to one in sorrow or trials will stay with them for many years and lighten the load which they are bearing. Here is a verse to show how true it is, Prov. 25:11, "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." And then again a few words can often cut deep into the heart and the wound may never heal or even at best it may take years for it to heal. So instead of looking on words as toys, they should be considered as powerful instruments either for good or bad. One verse of a song says,

Guide my words, that they be spoken
In such kind and loving way
They may heal a heart that's broken,
Some one's darkness turn to day.

Now do you realize that your words are an index to the heart and indicate what actions are to be expected. Well, of course some people never get around to putting into action their words but at least it shows what is in the heart. One scripture says that from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. So not only should our words be guided but also our actions. Listen to another verse of

this song:

Guide my actions, O my Father,
Guide my soul to heaven's shore;
Thee I'll follow, and no other,
Be my guide for evermore.

Sometimes the very closest of friends are separated because of a few words spoken out of season. Oh, perhaps they were really not meant to hurt as deeply as they did. But the damage was done nevertheless.

Here is another good scripture from Eph. 5:6, "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience." You see, every body may not be as careful as saints are in the way they use words. Sometimes people use words to really deceive others. Let me illustrate it this way. When Joshua was leading God's people who were being blessed with victory in driving out and conquering their enemies there was a certain group from Gibeon who had heard how God was working. They didn't want to be driven out so they were seeking to make an agreement with Joshua and they pretended that they were from a long way off. So here is what they did. You can read it in Joshua chap. 9 beginning with verse 4. "They did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up; And old shoes and clouted upon their feet and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy." Now that would be quite a sight to see, wouldn't it?

Now actually these Hivites did not live as far away as they pretended. But here is the way they presented their story to Joshua. In verses 12 and 13 we

find these words, "This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you but now, behold, it is dry, and it is mouldy: And these bottles of wine, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey. "

Now the mistake which was made was the one which happened when the people did not seek counsel from the Lord, that is, God's people did not inquire of him. So they made an agreement with these Hivites and it really turned out to be a thorn in their side, so to speak, and gave them much trouble. You see, that old mouldy bread and the worn out shoes along with a few words of deception sure worked to deceive and misled the Lord's people.

In II Tim. 1:13 we find these words, "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." And then in Titus 2:8, "Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." So let me remind you once again, friends, when you are using words you are not playing with toys, you are playing with words which are powerful things. They can accomplish much good or they can bring about great destruction and heartache.

Shall we pray,

Our gracious Father,

Help us to guard with great caution the words which we speak. May they be choice words and spoken in such a way that will accomplish thy purpose for our lives and the lives of others and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Now, friends, we hope you have enjoyed the message. Will you be with us again next Sunday at this same time on this same station for another broadcast of The Mission Trail. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very prosperous and a happy new year. Good-bye!

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From Colorado: "Greetings in our blessed Saviour's name, who has saved us from sin and put a song of joy in our hearts. I thank him for his great blessings he has been so good to me, and I want to do all I can for him by helping others to know and become established in the knowledge and work of the Lord. . . I was in bed the last 16 days of Nov. and the first 2 of Dec. but thanks be to God for healing me . . . In Christ's service, "

--Fred B. Allen

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From Louisiana: "While I was listening to my radio this day while getting ready to go to church I heard your . . . Christmas message on the Messiah's (Jesus) and his mission on earth. That we may know Christ and his mission on earth and strive to further it in whatever way we can. John came preparing the way for Jesus. He said he was not that light. John introduced the true light to the people, Luke 4:16-19. After Jesus finished his work on earth, he said ye are the light of the world. (Matt. 5:14-16) "My, my" I didn't know I was going to write all this. I wanted you to send me a copy of your Christmas message. Now about me. I am a widow 73 years old live alone, and don't have much money or not any to send you for a copy, so read James 1:27th verse. Hoping you and your Mission Trail success in winning the lost. Yes, I am a Christian." --Mrs. John H. Lumbley

Testimonies

From Minnesota: "Dear Brother and Sister, I need the help of my Lord every day, so keep me on your prayer list. It is hard for me to write. . . I need help in soul and body. . . Your brother in Christian love, "

--Ernest Kirchner

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From South Carolina: "I thank God tonight for health and strength. I am in this way for the Lord as I intend to go right on. . . I do love the Lord and want to make Heaven my home soon. All pray for me that God will lead me on in this way. . . Pray for me. Happy new year. . . "

--Sister Sallie Sweat

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From Golden Rule Home: "Sending greetings to you in the precious name of Jesus. I'm thankful for all of God's blessings, they are many. I love his service. He blesses me each day with health and strength to be a little help here in the Golden Rule Home, the place where I feel the Lord wants us. I count it valuable to work for Him, realizing as we care for His older saints we do it as unto Him, and our reward is heaven. Thank the Lord! Several here are sick with virus flu, and the Lord is right here to help us out. We enjoy the Mission Trail very much, may the Lord bless your efforts. In Christian love, "

--Sis. Malinda Penner

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From Kentucky: "Dear ones, We send greetings in the lovely name of Jesus. He is so good to us and we appreciate His goodness and mercy to us. Curtis is much better for which we do thank and praise our God. He is still very weak and not able to be up very much. We still desire your earnest prayers for his complete healing. . . "

--The Curtis Williams family

From Indiana: "Trust you had a holiday season of joy. This season should mean more to God's true children than anyone else on earth. We know why he was born and the mission he came to fulfill. Thanks again for the Mission Trail. Sincerely"

--The Leon Sorrells

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From Arkansas: "Yes, I do want the Mission Trail to keep coming to me. I love the messages and testimonies. I love to read about how God is blessing his people, and for his great mercies toward all, even to those who do not love and trust in him. He is my holy portion, my safe hiding place, my refuge and peace. Oh, how we ought to love and trust in him. I enjoyed the message on: from rags to riches, and this one on three score years and ten. Oh, how God has kept me all through the 80 and a half years. Till I was 25 I wondered about, wanting to know just how to serve him in the true and living way. I would pray and repent, then stumble and have to repent again. I didn't go deep in sin, but I know I wasn't living as I wanted to live. Then through sickness and death of our only little son, God sent one of his faithful servants to our home and he showed us the true church of God, and what we must do to be saved, and to be sanctified, and how to keep victory over all the power of the enemy of our soul. Now for 55 years God has been my all and in all. Oh, how I do thank and praise him for his love and mercy, his patience and goodness. He has healed so many many times, a few times when some thought I would not ever be well again. My heart would say, 'have thine way, Lord. Thy will is my will'. . . Thank God we can have the victory and peace of God in our heart always if we keep humble and obey. "

--Sister N. E. Adams

From Arkansas: "I sure enjoy the little paper and look forward for it each week. When I go pick it up at the mail box it's like some one has come in. It encouraged me so much as I live all alone, but Jesus is always near me. I'm trusting in him with all my heart to keep me in the strait and narrow way. Yes, I want the paper to keep coming to me through 1969. . ."

--Mrs. Luster Jones

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From Wisconsin: "Dear ones, Mrs. Frank Dietrich had The Mission Trail sent to me and I do enjoy it very much and I wish you to continue sending it. . . . Just read your good sermon about God's promise of three score and 10 years. I have reached my 3 score and 10 in October and I am abiding in Him. Joyfully yours in the service of my King,"

--Myrtle Baerenwald

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From California: "This is the beginning of a new year and we can no more live over the old year of '68. How we have lived will stand. We have left it but we have a new year to now live if so God permits, and it behooves us now to take inventory and see if all is well between us and God. If not let us now humble ourselves before Him and begin this new year to give our all to Him. This is my heart's desire to watch and pray more, to do my best to understand more of His will concerning me that I may be a better vessel for Him to work thru to the glorifying of His precious name. I need your prayers. . . I send my love to all the saints."

--Hazel Cones

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From Louisiana: "We have been enjoying the Mission Trail broadcast over WFPR. . . We thank the dear Lord for His many blessings to us each day. Christian love,"

--Elva and Neva Joiner

From Arkansas: "I am glad that I can say I find it a joy to serve the Lord. I can feel his presence with me every day helping me in the many problems of life. It seems like the devil has so many different ways of creeping in trying to discourage, but we're told to resist him and he will flee from us and draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to us. I have certainly found that to be so. . . May God bless and supply all your needs is my prayer. Christian love,"

--Sis. Nellie Henderson

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From Wisconsin: "Dear children of God: Received your seasons greeting card. Trust this greeting in return finds all well. I was praying and thinking about being with you all at Guthrie meeting at this season. I feel it is a nice place to be at this time. Trust you will have a nice profitable meeting. . . Today up our way we are having a snow storm. I really enjoy it. When I was younger I was out in it. My, how good that was, nice clean white fresh snow to stimulate vigor. . . . We are not having meeting today --roads are closed, 15 or more inches of snow. Really yours in the Lord,"

--Roman Deforth

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From Oklahoma: "Today finds me saved, encouraged and happy in the Lord. I have a stronger determination than ever to go all the way. . . Christian love,"

--Ophelia Campbell

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From Michigan: "We hope everything there is fine. We are in fair health. . . . We certainly enjoy the Mission Trail. Glad there are some people that are trying to get the truth to the people. You have our prayers that the good Lord will richly bless you in your endeavors to spread the gospel. Your brother in Christ,"

--Floyd Hines

From La.: "We are all about as usual except Dallas is frail. But we thank the good Lord for what He means to us day by day."--Dallas and Mamie Flynn

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From Kansas: "I feel much impressed to follow on until the end. Jesus has been so good to me. He keepeth me well in body though I am nearing the three score years and ten which I am so thankful for. I do not get to service at Wichita as I once did with the train service as it is. But how I miss the people of God for they are my people and I have it settled to go on until the battle is finished."

--Mae Belle Jennings

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From Kansas: "Greetings, this leaves me saved and encouraged in the Lord. I enjoyed the Mission Trail very much. May the Lord bless each one of you all in working for the Lord. Pray for me and my family. I felt impressed to send you the amount enclosed with this letter."--Sister Frances Johnson

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From Arkansas: "Greetings, A new year and new experiences in the Lord! It's real in my heart and soul, and I love God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. 1968 was the best year I had ever had with the Lord. Oh yes, there was room for a lot of improvement. I didn't accomplish for God all that could have been, but I grew more in grace and closer to the Lord that I had in all my life combined. This new year, my goal is to pray harder, read His word more, work for the lost souls of my loved ones and friends and live the life every minute of every day. I want to live each day as if it were my last day on earth in the will of my Father which is in Heaven. My prayer is that God will help make me a blessing to someone. Christian love,"

--Odessa Cryer

From Ohio: "How is everyone down your way? Up here the flu is going through families. I don't know if that's what I had or not, but I'm out of bed now and just about well. I'm thankful it was no worse and that it happened during vacation. . . Remember us all in prayer. Love," --Nancy Sallee

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From Okla.: "Our son Sonny barely escaped with his life Friday night when he went to sleep driving home. His car was demolished, but God was in it and he hardly got a scratch. He and his girlfriend went to an altar of prayer Sunday and gave their hearts to the Lord. . ."

--The Roberts family

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From Missouri: "We must all be up and doing what we can for lost souls. So many are being called suddenly some without time to pray. Sad to think of. People are seeking after pleasure and going the wrong way to find it. Oh, if only they would turn to the Lord, who has peace, pleasure, joy, and satisfaction for all who will live for Him. There is no friend like Jesus. He is a present help in every time of need. . . If anyone reads this that is sad, lonely, without peace and joy, nothing that satisfies you. What you need is Jesus. Seek Him. Turn from sin, get saved, and you will be contented, satisfied, and have peace. . . ."

--Sister Becky Barnes

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From Missouri: "We enjoy the Mission Trail so much. Look forward to getting it each time. We want you to continue to send it to us. Enclosing a little offering. We pray the Lord's blessing upon you all there and the work through this year of 1969. Pray for us that we be all the Lord would have us to be. Your brother and sister in the Lord."

--Alsia and Dollie Sorrell

at press time

we understand:

From Colorado: "I am feeling so much better. Thanking the Lord for hearing and answering prayer and all the saints that prayed for me. I thank the Lord for His wonderful love to me and His healing power. . . May God bless all and remember me in prayer. The way is lonely since I lost my dear husband. In Christian love, "

--Mrs. Roland Tombleson

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From Michigan: "Greetings of love in the precious name of Jesus. Trust all are well and encouraged to press on for the Lord. For surely this is the only way that leads to Heaven and happiness. We do love the Lord with all our hearts and endeavoring to keep Him in the first and foremost place in our lives. He has done so much for us. The best we can do is give Him our all, talents, time, and everything that we might be able to do for Him. Jesus said to "Watch and pray, lest ye enter into temptation." So we need to be ever diligent in keeping our souls clear before the Lord. Praise God, he has supplied sufficient grace for this. . . We sure have got lots and lots of snow around here this year. The children were out of school today because snowy and drifting in the roads. And the last I was out, it was still snowing quite bad. We have really had to use the tractor, with the snow plow lately. We have to keep the driveway open for business, and some times it keeps Ralph and Delmar busy . . . Yours in Christ, "

--Bro. Ralph, Sis. Dorothy Wilkins

We were glad to be in services at Enid last Sunday. Quite a number were present and the Lord's blessings were enjoyed.

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We are sorry that Abe Penner had the mishap to break his collar bone while attempting to dismount from a running horse. We visited him Sunday, Jan. 12 and he seemed to be recovering satisfactorily.

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"Please request prayer for my terribly swollen limbs. I am hoping it will help a lot by sleeping and being off my feet more. . . I truly thank the Lord how he healed my hip from the fall I had. "

--Velda Ellis

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Earnest prayer is requested for Alma Embory, who is seriously ill in Blehm's rest home here in Guthrie. She is a sister of Minnie White. Sis. Minnie's daughter, Vera McClure has also been very sick. Pray for her.

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We are reminding our readers once again that some have not yet sent in their request to remain on the mailing list for 1969. Please let us know at once if you wish to continue receiving the weekly printed copies if you have not already done so.

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Our limited space makes it difficult for us to include all the encouraging letters and testimonies which we have recently received. We hope those which are included in this issue will be an encouragement.



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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