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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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Active Love

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. . . and a very cheerful greeting to all the listeners of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. We are certainly happy to be coming your way once again with a short gospel message. If I should come on this radio station and talk about love, l-o-v-e, I am wondering just what the reaction would be from different individuals. I can imagine that some teenagers would think, "Oh my, love, that's something I am really interested in." Of course, your thoughts might not be running exactly along the same line as I am thinking. Then there might be that emotional type of person that would think, "Oh yes, love is something you experience on a moonlit night under the stars listening to the tune of a guitar." According to the popular trend and the concept of what some people have of love, one might think that it is some emotion that you experience in the presence of another. But friends, I want to tell you that real genuine love is more than this. It is difficult to express love by words or emotion. This is true because love goes deeper into the innmost being of a person and words are inadequate to fully express the compelling force, especially of God's love.

In other words, the love of God is an active force and is more than a dormant, passive emotion. Listen to this scripture from I John 14:15, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Don't you see by this that it takes more than words to prove your love for God? And again in John 15:10 we find these words, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."

Now let us go back and review God's love for us. Are you familiar with the golden text of the Bible which begins thus: "For God so loved the world, that he gave. . ." How many times have you heard that verse repeated and it is a good verse too. I like it. But do you notice that the love which God

had for us was a compelling force? It caused him to do something about our condition. He loved us to such an extent that He gave his son. Well, you might say, "What did he give him for?" I will tell you in a few short words. Christ died to save sinners. A sinner of course would be the enemy of God, so Christ died for his enemies. That is genuine love. Listen to these verses from the 5th chapter of Romans. "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Have you experienced the joy of being forgiven of the sins which you have com-

mitted. It is then that you can understand more of the love of God. Listen to this poem:

Loved Much

While sat our Saviour down one day
At Simon's house for meat
Behold a woman came and lay
Her sorrows at His feet.
Her tears that fell in bitterness
Gushed from a broken heart,
She washed His feet in her distress;
She sought that better part.

She kissed His feet and opened there
A cask of ointment sweet
And in the depths of her despair
She poured it on His feet.
What was the Saviour's answer then
As lowly there she bowed?
As scorn rose in the hearts of men
Religious, vain, and proud?

"Her many sins are all forgiven,
For great has been her love,"
Much love, much blessings fall from
Heaven

The Father's riches of.
Oh, ask yourself, who e'er ye be,
This question now today:
"Do I love Him who died for me?
What love do I repay?"

Oh think of love divine and all
That it to us has brought;
Weigh up the wealth of Heaven's call
And see what it has wrought.
And can you say that the return
Of your devotion now
Is worthy incense sweet to burn
As at His shrine you bow?

Oh, may (remembering her of old)
It be with you as such
The Saviour's testimony told:
That you have loved Him much.

--Leslie Busbee

The great need of our day is more of the love of God, manifested not only toward our heavenly father but to our brothers and sisters, to our family and our neighbors, yes, even our enemies. In Matt. 5 beginning with verse 43 we find these words, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;" So may I remind you that love is an active force. It is more than a sentimental emotion felt or expressed in a moment of rapture. You see, some folks pretend to love God but this is only in word and not in deed and in truth. Luke 6:46 puts it this way, "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" So there is no need of saying Lord, Lord if you aren't going to do what he commands you. One writer put it this way,

The Love of My Lord

The love of my Lord is so precious
When bowed 'neath a load of care.
When fond hopes have been disappointed
And trials seem harder to bear.
When my heart has been wounded and
sore
And everything seems to go wrong
The love of my Lord is a blessing
And soon I grow cheerful and strong.

The love of my Lord is so precious
Each day as I journey along
Through sunny or shadowy weather
He puts in my life a new song.
And whether it be joy or sorrow
Whatever the swift years bring
I'll gladly rejoice in the knowledge
Of the love of my Lord and king.

The love of my Lord is so precious
I feel I must share with the throng,
The tenderness, love and mercy
With which he has blessed me so long.
And I'll daily and truly endeavor
Each day to scatter abroad
A part of the loving kindness
That is given to me by my Lord.

Here is a good way to describe God's love within our hearts and thanks to Sis. Lou Bray for sending in this quotation:

"A task without a vision makes a man a drudge,
A vision without a task makes a man a dreamer,
But a vision with a task makes a man a missionary."

Friends, are you a missionary at heart? Is it your desire to see the truth spread through every land and nation, and if so what are you doing to let others know of the peace and contentment which you have found in Christ your lord? Are you keeping it all to yourself or are you witnessing day by day for your saviour? The Apostle Paul said, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Then if you are not ashamed of what the Lord has done for you, do the words of this song create within you a fervent desire to not only live for Christ but to witness for him even unto the regions beyond? Listen:

Many souls today are dying
Sin and sorrow is their lot;
Darkness shrouds them with its mantle,
All because we love them not!

Brother, can we guiltless linger,
When to us the truth is giv'n?
Tearless, see the heathen dying
Without God or hope of heav'n?

Love bro't Jesus down from glory,
On the cruel cross to die;
Can we say we love the heathen,
If we turn away their cry?

Love undying, love eternal
Love will send us o'er the wave,
Will impel us to our duty,
Helpless heathen souls to save.

Jesus said, "Go teach all nations"
They are lost if we delay
Can we face him at the judgment
If his word we disobey?

Let us pray,

Our father,

We are grateful for the privilege of speaking thy word over this radio station. Bless the truth as it goes forth over the air. Convict the sinner, sanctify the believer, and comfort the saints, and provide healing to the bodies of those who have faith in God and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

I would like to remind you that this message is brought your way weekly over this station by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. We appreciate those who support the truth with their prayers and contributions. We are depending upon you, the readers and listeners, to hold us up to the throne of God. If we may be of any help to you be sure to let us know. Address your letter to the Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Here is a song: "He's everything to me". The singers are: Bob Forbes, Randall Flynn, Dale Doolittle, and Melvin Doolittle.

Friends, if you have enjoyed and appreciated the message we would be happy to hear from you and now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey wishing each and every one of you the richest of heaven's blessings and saying a very cheerful good-bye!

Testimonies

From Missouri: "We are sending two prayer requests for husband and I. Husband has a cold. I have high blood pressure. I am very weak. Continue to pray for our healing. . . I sent in some time ago for my sister and brother. They are better. They still need help from the Lord. We enjoy reading the paper. It is so much encouragement to us. Let not your heart be troubled ye believe in God believe also in me." --Sis. Edna Blacksher

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From La.: "Trust all is well with you all. Greetings in the name of our blessed Lord. He has been so good to us. We took the flu on the 10th of Jan. but the Lord blessed and healed us of the flu. I still have a cold. I'd like for you all to remember us in your prayers. We enjoy the Mission Trail very much and look forward to getting it every week. I love to read all the testimonies and enjoy all of them and all the other reading too. I trust all the sick ones are well. I have some requests I'd like for you all to pray about. And I'm sending in a small offering to help with the work. I'll close and may God bless you all is our prayer." --Bro. and Sis. Futch

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God broke our years to hours and
days,
That, hour by hour, and day by day,
Just going on a little way,
We might be able all along to keep
quite strong,
If all the weight of life,
Should be laid upon our shoulders,
and the future rife,
With woe and struggle, meet us face
to face
At just one place, We could not go,
Our feet would stop, and so
God lays a little on us every day.

From Ore.: "I greet you in Jesus dear name. I am thanking the dear Lord for victory in my soul and praise him for what he has done for my body. The Lord has shielded us this winter. We haven't either one of us had the flu and we do thank the dear Lord for his goodness to us. Gearld and Marie's boy got his leg broken at school the 7 of this month. . . I sure feel sorry for him. The doctor says he won't get to go to school any more this term. We are having rain yesterday. Last night and today, just showers, not steady. I received my Mission Trail today. Always glad to get it. So thankful for it, and may the Lord continue to bless you in putting it out. . . I enjoy the testimonies of the saints far and near and for what he has done for them. It is after 11 p.m. May the Lord bless you." --Emma Busch

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From Mo.: "We were down at Pea Ridge yesterday. Jimmie and Bro. Austin were used of the Lord to bring the messages. The Lord blessed wonderfully. Had a good all day service. Bro. and Sis. Wall from Huntsville, Ark. and Bro. and Sis. McMurrin and family were there, some others from Neosho and then the local ones. We rejoiced to know that the Lord is still caring for his people. Bro. Farmer Wilson is holding his own but still not well. Remember him and his wife in prayer. She is not very strong. But does a good job in caring for him. Sis. Porter still needs healing. I trust the saints there are better. We think of Sis. Taylor and others of the saints that are afflicted and trust the dear Lord to bless them, comfort, sustain, and heal them to his glory. Well, I must close for this time. Remember us all in prayer and come when the Lord directs. Your brother in Christ," --T. V. McMillian

From Calif.: "Dear Bro. Willie and family and all the dear saints scattered abroad in this land of ours, I send warm greetings of sincere Christian love in Jesus dear name and for the sick and shut-ins and the isolated ones I send special greetings of love prayers and encouragement. Our Lord is watching over each of us his dear children. I love him tonight more than ever in life. He has been my constant friend and companion daily. He is my physician and counselor. I just couldn't ever do without him. Some say to me, don't you get lonesome in that big house all alone. I say how could I be lonesome when Jesus is with me. He said he would never leave me nor forsake me. All of the saints are dear to my heart. I love to help bear their burdens and pray with and for them. All the saved on earth are my brothers and sisters in the Lord, Matt. 12:49, 50. I am glad to report victory in my soul, saved to sin no more. We are not in bondage to sin or the old covenant (law) that was nailed to the cross. We are free through the precious blood of Jesus to love and serve him with all our hearts. I am so glad he found me and brought me up and out of the pit of sin. O that we would stir our hearts to work for souls for the Lord. Satan is bidding high for souls in these awful wicked and perilous days. Time is so valuable and it slips by so rapidly. May the dear Lord keep us pure from all the ungodly fashions of the world. Some of the snares of Satan are set before the saints of God, he is bold enough to do just that, so saints let's lift up the standard of modesty and true righteousness and cry out against all such. Isa. 58:1 What are we going to cry out about? If we don't name it, describe it, and protest against it in the name of our Lord, it has gotten such

a hold on our women and girls and young people that even the men blush at the awful styles. May the Lord stir our hearts to pray and teach and help our women to be modest with shamefacedness and sobriety. I need your prayers that I be true to God and true to my fellowbeings and true to my own conscience. Yours in the fear of God and in his love," --Sis. Georgia Zinn

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From Calif.: "Holy greeting to all the saints, Today finds me yet saved and encouraged to press on. I just finished reading the Mission Trail. I love to read the wonderful testimonies, also the poems and Bro. Willie's sermon. I wish I could get them over the radio station. I mean to press on to glory . . . May the dear Lord bless you all,"

--Lucinda Chiles

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From Mo.: "We trust this finds you all well. We just returned from the Hammond, La. meeting. We trust that there will be some lasting good result from the meeting. . . We would like to remind you again of the change in the all-day meeting. There will not be all-day meeting each first Sun. at Myrtle, Mo. The all-day meeting, first Sun. in April, will be at Grubbs, Ark. The all-day meeting, the first Sun. in May, will be at Myrtle, all-day meeting at Senath, first Sun. in June. We extend a hearty invitation for all to come. For further information please write:

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--Murphy Allen.

From Washington: "Greetings of love in Jesus dear name. I am so thankful to the Lord for salvation. It is surely perilous times we are living in. It surely seems like the Lord would not tarry long, but his word says, "He waiteth long and has much patience for the fruit of the earth". Also "That a day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day". I want to live pleasing to the Lord and be able to help others to see the need to be ready to meet the Lord. I certainly enjoy the Mission Trail paper and get much good from the radio message in it, also love the poetry and testimonies. I am planning, Lord willing, to attend the Easter meetings at Jefferson, Ore. . . Christian love,"--Sis. D. T. Thomas

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From La.: "We send greeting of love to you and all your family. We trust all are well and able to carry on with your work for the Lord. We enjoy listening to your little message over the radio and all the good testimonies in the Mission Trail. The Lord is so good to all his trusting children. He has done so much for us. Sometime I don't feel worthy of it, and recently I have had something like rheumatism across the high part of my back and it has been quite painful especially to get up and down. But thank the good Lord I feel much better this a. m. As the song says what a mighty God we do serve. Bro. Allen had a few nights meeting at Hammond which ended Sun. night. Dallas and I wasn't able to go. But we heard all his messages over the tape cartridge. I believe the Lord sent him down this way. . . Oh! how we do need to keep our hearts open to receive all the truth that goes forth from God's ministers. . . Dallas is about the same. Some days he's better than others. If he doesn't sleep much

it affects his nerves and he gets more helpless. I tell him we have lots to be thankful for. For it could be so much worse with us. He's not at all discouraged. All his trust and faith is in our big God, one that knows best and how to get us to heaven. If we keep faithful to the end. By God's help and grace that's what we intend to do. So continue to pray for us. We surely do need each others' prayers and we do appreciate how many times the saints have prayed for us in the past. We love all the saints. Much Christian love," --Dallas and Mamie Flynn

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From Pa.: "Greeting of love in the name of Jesus. Hope this finds all well out there. I haven't been too good with my heart and chest trouble but thank God I am so much better in answer to the saints' prayers. Truly I thank the Lord for all that He has done for me. He gets all the honor and glory. I am just looking to Him to heal it all completely. I desire the saints' prayers to hold me before the throne, for God to heal me of all the afflictions I have. We are serving a mighty God . . ."

--Avis Tinsley

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From Kentucky: "Greetings to you in the name of Jesus. Trusting this finds you all well. Please pray earnestly for John Fields in the Vets Hospital at Huntington, W. Va. --serious head operation. Agree that the Lord will spare him, and that he will get saved. I am not able to visit him at this time. We are having plenty of snow now. Schools are closed on account of it. So glad when I can read of the good meetings. My recorder is out and I cannot listen to messages any more unless we could go some where and it sure costs to travel by bus or train. So remember us in your prayers. Love and prayers," --Sis. Alpha Baldrige

at press time

we understand:

"Dear ones,. . . We are able to be about the house. Sam very sick at times. We are still pressing. Frances [Perkins] has had the flu, not getting well so fast." --Sis. Barton

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Terry Morgan and Marilyn Burdette have their wedding date set for Friday, April 4th, in Oklahoma City.

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From Ala.: "I have some very special unspoken requests that I would like for you all to pray about also, very important. I do praise Jesus for being so good to me." --Sis. Whitson

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The Shreveport, La. church has set Sunday, April 13 as a special day, with plans for all-day services--that is, Sunday school and preaching before noon. Then an after-dinner service of song. This is an invitation to one and all to come and join with the saints at Shreveport, to gladden their hearts with your presence and participation. Come with a song, new or old, come with a message! Come with an exhortation, a testimony, a prayer! If you don't have either come and listen. Mother and Father, bring your children. Young people, bring your friends. Children, bring grandma and grandpa. An old fashioned dinner will be served in the basement before afternoon service. The place is 7106 Southern Ave. chapel.

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And you folks in Illinois, don't forget the second Sunday all-day services (April 13) at the YMCA in Decatur.

From Mo.: "Just a few words in the name of Jesus. I am encouraged today to go all the way. It is a wonderful life to live. I trust you folks are encouraged and enjoying salvation and health. God has really blessed me in body. I thank him so much. I surely do want to get the Mission Trail. I enjoy it so much. May God bless you all in your labor for him. Pray for me as I do you." --Sis. Goldie Knapp

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Sonny Roberts and Kathy Pinson plan to be married Friday, March 28 in Bristow, Okla. He is the son of Bro. and Sis. Leonard Roberts.

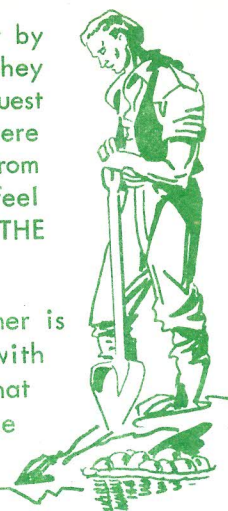
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From Calif.: "I have meant to write sooner. . . we had a wonderful wedding, everyone was so precious. We do appreciate everyone and the many gifts and cards. It's been very precious, the Lord is blessing us together also we are so thankful. . . We were in Oregon last week, went up for the all day meeting at Jefferson. . . we had a good meeting. The saints are all well I believe up there. We plan Lord willing to attend the Easter meeting in Jefferson. We still have some that are afflicted here in Orland. Please remember them, our young saints here are encouraged and pressing on which is a joy to our hearts and we are looking to the Lord for some other ones here. . . We all need to have a greater soul burden. It seems people just go on as tho there isn't going to be an eternity. . . Christian love and prayers," --Bro. and Sis. A. E. Harmon



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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:

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.
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