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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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## The Gift of God

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...and a pleasant greeting indeed to each and every listener of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. We hope that you are enjoying the spring weather wherever you may be hearing the sound of my voice. Not only that but we hope that you are enjoying God's love and sunshine in your heart too. Here's a song for you, "No tears in heaven".

Here now is our text. It is the same one we used on our last broadcast but we want to speak about the second part of it. Listen, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Earlier we talked about the wages of sin and how some folks work so hard for such a little pay. But the second part of this sentence goes on to say that "the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Say, have you heard about a few of the folks these days who are making plans to have their bodies frozen and placed in a cylinder containing liquid nitrogen at approximately 320 degrees below zero? This, of course, is being done after they die. You see there are 3 of these bodies already in cold storage, so we understand. Here is the way it works. Those who desire to participate in this plan take out an insurance policy for \$10,000. \$4,000 goes for buying the cylinder, \$1,000 for preparation of the body, etc. Now that leaves another \$5,000 to be placed in savings somewhere to draw interest a little of which will be used along to replace the nitrogen and other expenses.

Here then is what these folks are hoping for. Somewhere down through the years they are hoping that medical science will have the knowledge necessary to restore life to these bodies and actually bring them back to life again to live in this world. Does that sound a little far fetched to you? Would you like to invest \$10,000 in such a project? Of course, there might be some readjustment problems if such a thing should occur. The man might find that he had been gone so long from the earth that he would have to learn how to live all over again. Then another question might be whether the insurance company was happy about paying off if the folks really weren't dead. But this is enough of this kind of talk.

Let us go back to the scriptures. There are two things which people cannot avoid. It tells about both of them right here in Heb. 9:27, "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment". Regardless of the advancement of medical science there is no avoiding death and let us not forget that, friends. This is an appointment of God and it is one which every one of us must keep. Of course there

would be an exception for those living when the Lord returns. Do you suppose by now that these 3 people whose bodies are in cold storage have actually discovered that they are dead? Do you remember that the rich man who died and lifted up his eyes in hell, being in torment and called for a drop of water to cool his tongue? He would have been glad to have returned again and had another opportunity at reliving his life. But he was then, and is now, even yet, reaping the wages of sin. I will tell you when life is going to be restored to these bodies again. It will be in that great judgment morning when God calls all the dead from the tomb. Jesus in speaking of these things said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation." John 5: 28, 29. That will be one day, friends, that those cylinders will give up the dead bodies which are in them, but it won't be to come back here to live on this world. It will be to face the rewards of a life which has already been lived, either good or bad.

Listen now to the words of Jesus, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed." John 6:27 Then in verse 40 he goes on to say, "And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." Friends, I am looking for a greater, fuller, richer life beyond the tomb which Christ has promised to those who love him. Fur-

thermore, it is the "gift of God". You don't earn it. You are not able to work hard enough and long enough to merit it but it is freely given to those who love God. Listen to this poem:

### The Love of God

Deeper than the depths of ocean  
Wider than the boundless sea,  
Higher than the lofty mountains,  
Is the love of God to me.  
Filled with all his glorious fulness,  
Sitting at his blessed feet,  
Doing only as he bids me, ---  
This is all my drink and meat.

You may have these earthly pleasures,  
You may have earth's fame and store;  
I have found a richer treasure,  
One that satisfies me more.  
In God's love I find completeness  
And an everlasting rest,  
Joy that passeth understanding,  
Where my soul is ever blest.

Trials, yes, they come quite often;  
Friends forsake me, that is true;  
Heavy burdens press upon me,  
Disappointments not a few;  
But the love of Jesus ever  
Makes these burdens light to bear,  
And the one who never leaves me  
Bids me cast on him my care.

So I ask for nothing better  
Than to ever simply know  
That my life is pleasing Jesus,  
While I linger here below;  
And when all the toil is over,  
And when all the trials are past,  
Seated by his throne in glory  
I shall be with him at last.

Listen now to this verse from Rev. 1:18, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys

of hell and of death." Friends, God holds the key to your life. It is he and he alone who is able to give eternal life and raise you up in that last great judgment day.

Shall we pray,

Our gracious father,

We are glad for the gift of eternal life through our lord Jesus Christ. Bless each and every listener of the broadcast and may they be made to realize the importance of laying hold upon eternal life while the opportunity is theirs and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Thanks for listening, friends. Be with us again next Sunday at this same time on this same station and in the meantime if you would like a printed copy of the messages be sure to let us know. There is no cost or obligation. We are mailing about 1100 copies each week and some of the folks seem to enjoy them. Some like the message, others enjoy the testimonies, and some like to read the news items concerning the Lord's people. May we add your name to our mailing list? Send your request to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. May God bless you until we meet again. . . .

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## Testimonies

From Okla.: "Greeting in Jesus dear name. Enclosed is a small offering. I don't have much money but I try to help in the Lord's work. I don't spend all on my self. I think the Bible says our labor is not in vain in the Lord. I thank you for your prayers. I realize we are living in the last days, so much is happening. Please remember my unsaved loved ones in your prayers."

--Sis. S. Williams

From S. C.: Trust you all are well in the name of our dear Lord. Tonight finds me well and trusting in the good Lord for more of His blessed Word. Ask all of the good saints to pray for me to always live for Him. God gives us so many precious years here on earth to get ready to meet Him. . . I pray I will still be waiting on His call to go to live with Him and keep ready when He comes. . . Thank God I accepted Him when He called me. . .

--Sis. Sallie Sweat

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From Mo.: "We have a busy week-end . . . We stopped Thursday nite and visited Sis. Ruth to see how she and her mother was, then on to Fayetteville. Friday, we along with my parents visited Bro. and Sis. Barton, visited both of our parents, then Glen and boys came home with Vonda and Tom --Glenetta and I stayed in Neosho Sun. nite, attended the funeral, then came on home and as I don't drive much, I was tired when I got here. One of Sis. Nina Porter's older sisters passed away here in Grandview--funeral is today. . . Love,"

--The Inmans

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From Wisc.: "I suppose by now you folks are safely back home. It was indeed a pleasure to meet you and your family! How good it was to worship with folks who believe exactly as I do! . . . The snow is gone completely now and the grass is getting green and the days are gorgeous. I have been out raking my front and back yards and I have been praising God for life and health and strength with which to do these things. So far I haven't seen one robin. People use those insect sprays and we lose our precious song birds. I don't like a silent spring. . . My prayers are with you in all of your efforts for God. Yours because of Calvary,"

--Sis. Myrtle Baerenwald

From Minn. : "Happy are we who walk with the Lord and keep His commandments. Words cannot express the joy that I had in meeting you and all the saints at Stanley, Wis. And for the precious spiritual food we had there. It helps to keep us in the straight and narrow way. I was a little tired when I got home and no doubt you all were tired after driving all that distance. This finds me well in soul and body and have a desire to go all the way with the Lord. Great are his tender mercies and loving kindness. We are still having good weather. The snow and ice is all gone. . . God's love and power be yours until He comes to take us home. What a great reunion that will be. Praise His holy name. As ever your brother in Christ Jesus,"

--Andrew Senti

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### Revival Wanted

"Greetings of love in His most precious name. This leaves us glad to be one of his little ones. Oh, it is precious to just trust and not be afraid. We are glad for your efforts to get the gospel message to a lost world. We are sending a little offering. May God bless it to the great cause. Bro. Willie, we, the saints here have been praying and looking forward to a meeting of about two weeks or longer. The interest is good. Sinners are interested. Some are attending the regular services. As we have been praying, so long, that the Lord would talk to a minister or ministers of his choice to get under the burden for this place. We feel that some one surely must be considering coming out here. We believe it would be well, the Lord willing, that we have the meeting in May. We will appreciate it very much if you put a little write up in the paper requesting that some one or more, if they have a

burden to come and really believe that God wants them here to contact us. We want God's will to be done in all things. We hope the one or ones who come will be sure that they are moving in order, according to His will. We enjoyed the Easter meeting at Jefferson, Ore. One soul was saved and delivered from the tobacco habit. Do pray that souls get saved in our meeting. May God bless each of you as you labor on for him."--Bro. and Sis. H. P. Huskey, 127 E. Chapman, Orland, Calif. 95963

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From Mo.: "Greeting of Christian love in the dear name of Jesus our Lord. I hope you and your family are all well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. We are encouraged to follow the Lord all the way. His service and presence becomes more real to me as I draw nigh to him. . . Bro. Pat Cole has been sick some, but is better now. Bro. Gordon Humphrey was here in the last part of . . . March and held us a few meeting. We enjoyed it very much. Trust the Lord to send him back again sometime. Well I must close for this time. Your saved bro.,"

--T. V. McMillian and family

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### HE GIVETH MORE GRACE

He giveth more grace, when the burdens grow greater.  
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;  
To added affliction He addeth His mercy.  
To multiplied trials His multiplied peace.  
His love has no limit, His grace has no measure,  
His power no boundary known unto men.

For out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
He giveth and giveth and giveth again.

--Submitted by Alpha Baldrige

From Wisc.: "Was just thinking of you folks. Did you come home good? Trust you did. I want to say I enjoyed your company when we went to my brother's place. Most of all the singing you help me with. I like singing but I do not know much. I am so sick today. I was sick two days before you came. The day you came I tried to work some--felt good. But the last day was not so good. But more sick each day--flu, I guess. How are you folks. Love,"

--Roman Deforth

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From La.: "Our greetings of love to you and the family. We have expected to write you before now but time has gotten away. So nice to get to hear from you each week as we receive the Mission Trail, but it doesn't work in the other direction. It was nice to see the pictures of some of our long time friends in Wisconsin. We love them all, and enjoyed a short visit and Sunday services with them last Oct. I'm sure you have heard of the passing of Bro. Finley Joiner, here on Mar. 25, 1969. He had passed his 79th birthday in January. He seemed to anticipate his going for sometime and his testimony was that he was ready. His funeral was largely attended at the Loranger chapel, and burial was in the saints' cemetery. Messages were delivered by Bros. Merrill Williamson and Herbert Probst. During the night before Bro. Finley's funeral we received the call that my father, William Bracken, of Effingham, Ill. had suddenly passed away. His funeral was on Saturday the 29th. We made the trip to Illinois on Friday feeling quite a sore throat and cold coming on, but the Lord helped and we were able to be with the family during the time of funeral activities. While I was not able to do much visiting for a few days, Herbert was able to see some of the

families in the area and then as we stopped by Neosho, Mo. and on to Kansas to visit Kenneth and LaVerna for a day and night, and from there to Dale and Linda's in Tulsa, for our first little visit with them since their marriage in Dec. We also enjoyed a visit in the home of Bro. and Sis. Stover. We had expected to leave for Louisiana on Saturday when we heard of Kenneth's case of poisoning on his hands from cement, so we returned there for the week end. We were happy to get back home on Tuesday early, April 8th. These are busy days for us all, and we know that you have much, much experience along that line. We are looking forward to your coming this way as the Lord leads and makes it possible. Christian love,"

--Herbert and Eva Probst

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From Ill.: "Enclosed is a small offering for your work there. We are so thankful for the little paper and look forward each week of receiving it. We often think and pray for the ones who labor and give their time, that we can enjoy these things. We still need your prayers. God has been so good to us. Our desire is to please Him and live to His word. With Christian love,"

--Viola Perry

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From Calif.: "Greetings of love in the name of Jesus. I am glad I can report victory in my soul, over the enemy. Not so well in body but I can thank and praise God that I am as well as I am. I have lots to be thankful for, for which I am very grateful, not any good of my own, but the mercy of God that he extends to those that trust him. I mean by the help of God to trust him as long as he lends me breath. I think that will be long enough. Thank God. . . Pray for me as I am not so well. . . Yours for souls,"

--Melissa Greer

From Okla. : "I'm doing a little better with my crutches but still have to use them when I go outside. All pray for me that my leg can be healed."

--Sis. Guy Keeler

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## Easter in Mexico

From Ejido Patzcuaro: "Well, service is just over and while waiting on dinner to cook I'll begin your letter. The Lord blessed His Word today to my heart in a real and special way. It was taken from the 12th and 13th chapters of I Cor. The thought was the oneness of God's people, His calling and putting each one in his own special place in the body and how every one with his own work special from God must be founded on love--That Love was why Christ came and died, died loving, we must love till death too. Last Sunday, Easter we had all day meeting and an ordinance service here just the home congregation. For dinner we had a huge stack of tortillas spanish rice (Mex. style) and caldo de pollo, what you would probably call chicken soup--and plenty of hot salsa, hot with chili peppers. After dinner we observed the ordinance service. This was truly a blessing to me and I trust to all others. There were 4 men and 8 women. It was a quiet and sacred time in the Lord. There were others but didn't partake in the services and children. It was the first service of this kind here. During the services held in Feb. a couple gave their hearts to the Lord and have been a real joy to the church here to see their zeal and growth in the things of the Lord. The man had been a real gambler here even helped build the little shack where they gambled. But the Lord began to make him miserable. He began to see how much time was lost and wasted in

this and what it robbed from his family. He had a little store and it began going down due to the poverty here and folks not paying their bills and they began to be destitute. With 11 children to feed and clothe it all loomed up before him a big impossibility. Since giving his heart to the Lord, God has shown Himself strong in their behalf and has really helped the family. Pray for them. Their names are Raul and Lupe. Several different folks besides the regular ones are coming to services now. All this is a real encouragement to us here to pray more, and work harder. We do appreciate your praying for us. If there was ever a time when we need to pray one for another it's now. I can testify that I am saved, sanctified and enjoying my walk with God here in this present world. I can from real sincerity say that it is growing in my soul, this soul peace and joy. There are several needs spiritually and physically here. Please help us pray. May God bless each one is our prayer. Yours in Christ,"

--Edith Cole

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From Okla. : "Greetings. So happy to be saved from my sins. Heard the broadcast--was so good. Happy in Jesus for the gospel of salvation to all mankind. 'In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.' I Thes. 5:18 Was with my dear Aunt Lizzie for our Sunday school Bible lesson. Enjoyed it. She is making garden. Love the prayers of the saints for us. We truly want to be faithful in Christ Jesus. I think of the golden vials full of odors, which are the prayers of saints. I think it is beautiful. It is wonderful we have this blessedness in the kingdom of God to pray one for another to our Father in heaven."

--Eva Penner

# at press time

we understand:

From Ore.: "We had a good Easter meeting. There were 2 saved and all of us blessed and encouraged to press on to higher heights and deeper depths."

--Sis. Emma Busch

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From Ill.: "I went to Grubbs, Ark. Easter Sunday for services there--sure did enjoy the meeting. It was the first meeting I had been in for several years. If I had someone to help me drive I sure would love to be in campmeetings this summer with the dear Lord's people."--

--Sis. Iva Boling

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From Mo.: "Trust you all are well, and happy in God's service. We sure enjoy the Mission Trail paper and the broadcast messages over the radio. We are praying daily for God's work. Still remember us as we are still holding on to God. It is so good to trust in the Lord."

--Bro. and Sis. F. E. Wilson

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From Calif.: "I am writing to say hello again and to let you know that I am eating somewhat better now, thanks to the good Lord for his help. When I think of so many people in hospitals sick and dying, I feel that God has been so good to me. I have thanked God many times for preserving as much of my sight as he did, healing my heart and high blood pressure over four years ago. I have not touched a drop of medicine since then, am doing much better. I thank God for all the prayers offered up for me. Your brother in Christ."

--Victor Reel

From Kansas: "I hope this letter finds the Lord happy in your souls, and you happy in the Lord's work. I am praying for the work there and, I know the Lord will help, please pray for me also. I am saved, and loving the life I live by the help of the dear Lord. I would love to have you send me a Mission Trail paper. God bless you and yours."

--Sis. Oretha Williams

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Arrangements have been made for the purchase of some used benches for use in the new addition of the Guthrie chapel. New tile has been placed on the floor and a dishwasher purchased for use in the dining hall. However, much work yet remains to be done before the opening of the state campmeeting on May 30. Business meeting is scheduled for May 21.

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We are grateful that God continues to make it possible for us to send forth the gospel weekly over the air and through the mail. We are well aware that God sometimes chooses one to sow the seed, another to water it, but it is the Lord which giveth the increase. It is our sincere desire to fill our small place in the wonderful body of Christ and to him we give the glory for that which is accomplished.

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In some way or other the Lord will provide:

It may not be my way,  
It may not be thy way,  
And yet, in his own way,  
"The Lord will provide".



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. |

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