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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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## Letterwriting

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To open my message I would like to begin with the words of a letter written by the Apostle Paul to the church at Ephesus, "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ". Now doesn't that sound to you like a beautiful way to begin a letter? Well, it certainly does to me. And in speaking of letters I have chosen that as our topic for the broadcast--"Letterwriting".

As strange as it may seem many folks don't like to write letters. Do you know some folks like this? Well, there are very few people indeed who do not enjoy a good letter from a close friend or relative or perhaps even from some one whom they don't know so well if it shows an interest in them. In other words most folks like to get letters, especially if they are good letters. We have received many many good and encouraging letters and we appreciate them. Sometimes we receive letters which are not so encouraging. These, of course, we just commit to the Lord too. And we would especially like to stress at this time the importance of letterwriting. One of the next best things to a good personal visit with a friend is a letter from that friend. Soldier boys who are far from home in a distant land look forward for 'mail-time'. And no doubt many a comforting word has been a blessing to lonely hearts. In Prov. 25:25 we find these words, "As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far

country."

Here is another letter Paul wrote to the Philippian brethren. He said, "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

No doubt it was a comfort to the Apostle Paul when he would get some good news of the saints who were encouraged in the Lord. It was refreshing to him too.

You know, friends, it is not so hard



to talk of leaving all for Christ, that is, just as long as it is only talk. But when those words are put into action it is a little different thing. Listen to a part of this letter written by James Taylor before he left for the mission field of China. He wrote this to his mother, "I think, Mother dear, it will be well to comply with Mr. Bird's suggestion, and propose myself to the Committee. I shall await your answer, however, and rely upon your prayers. If I should be accepted to go at once, would you advise me to come home before sailing? . . . I almost think it would be easier for us not to meet, than having met, to part again forever. No, not forever! . . . It is easy to talk of leaving all for Christ, but when we come to the test, it is only as we stand complete in him we can go through with it. God bless you, my own dear, dear Mother. Can not write more, but hope to hear from you soon as possible. Pray. . . for me." So you see some letters bring sorrow and heartache while others bring comfort and joy. But letter writing is a means of expressing one's own self to another. I really believe that many folks miss a blessing because they don't do more letter-writing.

So let me tell you what I think we will do. I believe we will just share some of the letters with you which have been such a blessing to us. You see it is letters from our listeners and readers which inform us how the gospel message is being received both over the air and through the mail. So here is Frances to bring you some of these letters.

Here is a letter from Oklahoma:

"Greetings to all in the precious name of Jesus, our sure and firm foundation,

our strength and guide, our help in every time of need. I have been slow in telling you I received such a blessing from the poem, title: "At Wits' End Corner". I reread it often. Also dear Sister Jessie Taylor's testimony about the little dog. Thru this last winter it seemed as the poem said. I was just in the very spot more times than one to learn the wondrous resources of Him who faileth not. Praise His precious name. We do enjoy all of the Mission Trail, also the broadcast. We thank the Lord for you all. May he keep you under His wings. Use this small offering where needed. I am sending in a few names to send the little paper to. Christian love, Doris Bowers"

This next letter comes from some very good friends and listeners in La. :

"Dear Brother Willie, Frances, and family, Greetings of love to you from the sunny south in Jesus name. We are thankful for salvation this morning and for the many blessings of the Lord to us. It's so wonderful to have health and strength and a person appreciates them more after being sick, don't they? We have all had the flu at one time or another thru this past winter and spring, but we're thankful for the Lord's healing power to each one. We are still enjoying the Mission Trail paper and over the WFPR radio station. . . We do pray that the Lord will bless you in your efforts to work for Him and supply your needs. We trust this offering will help out. . . Pray for us, too. Christian love, Doyle, Cynthia LaCroix"

This last letter comes from an aged reader of the Mission Trail who lives in Oregon:

"Dear Brother, Am sending two dollars



for the Lord's work. Have been receiving your paper. Sure enjoy reading them very much. I am saved and still serving the Lord every day. Please pray for me. Had a light touch of the flu but am better now, and am praying for you. . . Thanking you very much and God be with you. Your bro. in Christ, Ed Olson"

This is all for today. We appreciate those who have taken time to write us and tell how they are being blessed by the message. If you have enjoyed the broadcast we would be glad to hear from you, too!

Thank you, Frances, and many thanks to each and every listener and reader who has taken the time to write and let us know they are concerned about the gospel message going forth on the air. We do appreciate this so much and may God's richest blessings be with each of you. Now here is a poem by one of the readers of The Mission Trail.

### Light and Life

Time is passing on, our days are  
short and gone  
Sun rises, sun sets, days come and  
days go  
We live to learn, we laugh, we cry,  
We live our short lives, time to die.

The flesh lives, the flesh dies,  
Soul lives on for our Lord in the skies  
Life, we live, here in this world  
below  
Is as vapor that vanishes and goes.

We live to learn, we live to love  
Live for our loved ones, live for the  
Lord  
Our lives are full of thought, work,  
and play

As we go through this world of night  
and days.

But when time, life's days are gone  
When on eternal shores we stand  
Will be life so full and free  
And with dear Jesus we will ever be.

As time here is day and night,  
Sun, stars, moon to give us light  
There our dear Saviour, King of kings  
Will be the light of our heavenly  
domain.

We will need no stars, moon or sun  
And for us life will have just begun  
With Jesus our Saviour, Lord of lords  
To live forever with him in heavenly  
accord. --Dolly Williams

Let us pray,

Our father,  
We are grateful for the saints scattered throughout all the wide world. Comfort and encourage each one to be faithful and true, heal the afflicted and give an abundance of grace for those who are in trials and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Let me give you now these words of the Apostle Paul in closing his letter to Titus. "All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all. Amen" Here is a song: "The Echoes of Calvary" by Kenneth and Lois Abbott.

This message has been brought your way by The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. And so until we meet again this is Willie Murphey, and Frances, and Kathleen, and Willie Eugene, and Wayne saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!



## Testimonies

From Ark.: "Greetings in our Saviour's name. I love Him and want to praise Him ever more. He has been so good to me. I have had quite a test but I thank the dear Lord for grace to bear it without the aid of man. One night I was really suffering and about 2 o'clock I got up and had prayer and the dear Lord came to my rescue and I have been getting better ever since. I have had a few symptoms but I have looked to the dear Lord and I want to thank all the dear saints who helped my dear brother and family in their time of need, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Carey of Clifton, Colo. and for the prayers for them too, and they still need prayers. . . I sure enjoy the good message and testimonies from the dear saints. Pray for my loved ones that they will get saved before it is too late. My husband is not well at all. Remember him especially. Love and prayers," --Sis. Nellie West

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### WATCHING YOU

All seeing eye, watching you  
Remember whether at home or abroad  
In town, city, or out on the road;  
God's all seeing eye watching you!

An eye that sees all in the dark,  
An eye that looks on all our hearts,  
Hears our prayers, knows soul  
thoughts,  
An all seeing eye watching you.

Eye watching from up in the sky  
Eye that sees both far and nigh  
Eye that sees to the end of the earth  
God's all seeing eye watching you.

The eyes of our God is everywhere  
God cares for all, he answers prayer  
He hears, knows, he loves, he cares  
An all seeing eye watching you.

--Dolly Williams

From Texas: "I love your messages and poems. I wish I could send you more. I pray God will bless you a whole lot." --Bill Hawkins

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From La.: "Dear Bro. Murphey and family and saints, Here's just a line to say all is well and still enjoying the presence of our Lord. This leaves me OK, still watching and praying. My garden is fine, just had rain on it. Early snaps are shedding the blooms. I trust all is OK with you all. . . Love to all," --J. M. Mitchell

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From Kansas: "'Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the Sons of God: Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not' I John 3:1 We surely do appreciate the manner in which God showed his love to us. Without resentment he gave the best that heaven could give. In return what manner of love we ought to have for God and his word. Manner means 'a way of acting out'. Acting out his word in our lives only, prove that we love him. Jesus said, 'If ye love me keep my commandments.' John 14:15 Also 'If a man love me he will keep my commandments'. John 14:23 True love to God will compel us to serve him in sincerity and truth. Paul says 'For the love of Christ constraineth us'. II Cor. 5:14 In answer to prayer God sent Bro. Mart Samons our way and held us a week's meeting. The word was straight to the point, the Holy Spirit ministering to every soul. Some received sanctification, and a closer walk with God. Truly every one was edified and refreshed by the word. We appreciated having the visiting saints from other congregations with us. We appreciate your work in Lord. Pray for us. Yours in the one true way,"

--Bro. and Sis. Donald Sharp



From Ohio: "We send greetings of Christian love once again your way. Though it has been quite a while since we last wrote, we have been praying for you dear ones, and for the Lord to bless your labors of love to the good of every soul. We are still saved and strongly desire to ever be faithful to the dear Lord, who has done so much for us. We love Him and His dear saints. We need much prayer, that we can keep humble and fill our little place in His great kingdom. Keep encouraged and labor on. The Lord willing we may be coming your way the middle of June. The Lord has wonderfully healed Kenneth's body of stomach trouble . . . Remember us in your prayers, and my Dad also, which has been very poorly. In Christian love,"

--Bro. Kenneth Abbott family

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From Ore.: "I greet you all in Jesus dear name, can report victory in my soul and so thankful for all his blessings this beautiful day the Lord has given us. . . I am always glad to get the Mission Trail. We hear from so many of the saints and how the Lord is blessing them in soul and body. Sis. Spaur is in Seattle at present, will be home Sat. The rest of the saints are pretty well. The Lord has blessed us with some different seats for the chapel. I guess they will get them in by Sunday. So will have better seats for our camp meeting which isn't long till it will be here. We are hoping and praying for a good meeting and trust the Lord will send ministers of his own choosing that can bring the word with power and anointing that will feed our soul and win the unsaved to the Lord. Pray with us for this meeting. . . Pray for our loved ones and children that the Lord will show his mercy to them. I have some unspoken requests. . . Christian love and prayers,"--Sis. Emma Busch

From Calif.: "Holy greetings in the precious name of the Lord. May the sweet presence of the Lord ever be your abundant store down from heaven is our prayer. Trust all are well and are pressing on to the final "goal". You will find enclosed \$2 for those good messages which is so badly needed at this needful time. Love to all."

--Sis. Ella Phillips

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From S. C.: "I got your nice letter today saying you all have been praying for me, so God heard and answered prayer and thank God today for the healing touch of the Hand of God. . . Jesus healed when He was here so He is just the same today as He ever was. Wife is doing fine. It is the goodness of God for both to be spared to be living. It sure was a bad wreck. I just don't know how much to thank God for what He has done. My dear Christian people don't be afraid to put your whole trust in God for He will never leave us nor forsake us when we are in trouble. . . Pray much for me."

--Eddie Driggers

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From Mo.: "Greetings in Jesus name. I was reading the Mission Trail I got today and I wouldn't think of having my body frozen. I don't see how anyone could invest in something like that. I'm glad I have Jesus to invest my life in. I want to write my testimony at this time. My little girl had a bad cold. We think it was almost pneumonia. I was worried, I thought we was going to loose her. We prayed for her and for two or three days we didn't think the Lord was going to undertake. . . but we trusted the Lord for her healing. He finally healed her. I praise the Lord for it. I have a . . . request for all you saints to pray about. Your sister in Christ,"

--Mary McPherson



From Ark.: Friday Mattie, Tressa, and Mary Ann, Ethel's girls, went up to clean the meeting house up some and we'd had a visitor. Here is what he or she had written on a piece of cardboard 12 X 4 and attached a \$5 bill to it: "You will never know who I am. I can never tell you what it means to find an old place like this. I am 37 yr. old and really have no home, no place. Please pray for me. I wish I had more than \$5 but I don't.

--A lost sole who can ask no more"  
This poem was up there:

Nothing Fails When God Is In It  
Nothing fails when God is in it,  
Be it great or be it small,  
Though sometimes we're made to wonder

Why for us He gives a call,  
When we feel so weak and helpless  
For the work He calls us to.  
As we think there should be others  
Stronger far than me and you.

But the God of grace and wisdom  
Knows the gifts and hearts of men,  
Who will bless the lives of others  
With the tongue or with the pen;  
Who will sacrifice and labor  
In the lands both far and near,  
Out among all kinds of people,  
All of whom to God are dear.

Nothing fails when God is in it--  
If it's preach or pray or sing,  
Or invite the poor lost sinner  
To the altar of our King:  
Or to help a little pilgrim  
Who is tempted hard with sin,  
Just to pray and hold quite steady  
That the battle he may win.

Nothing fails when God is in it  
When we give our best to Him,  
Even if we lift a candle  
Just to light some pathway dim;  
Or to give a drink of water

To some fainty, thirsty soul,  
Who has fallen by the wayside  
On his journey to the goal.

and some was written as you see on it. "I am 37 years old. I really have no home. I cannot really tell you what it means to find an old time church." . . . Isn't this pathetic? We are surely remembering them, he or she, I'd say a man. Bro. and Sis. Sell were down Sun. and tears fell from Bro. Sell when he read it--it touched Bro. Jimmy McMillian too. . . Our love,

--Lou Bray

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From Mo.: "I'll write you all in Jesus dear name. The Lord knows his own. The Lord is so good to His trusting children. I enjoy good sermons every Sunday morning. I believe it is getting better all the time. May the Lord bless you in the work there. Pray for me."

--Lily Mae Glass

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From Okla.: "This leaves me still saved and encouraged to go all the way with the Lord, to all I know and understand. I will be 94 years old on the 9th day of May. I am completely blind. I had a stroke in 1963. I can hardly walk but I can pray, and I can talk. My wife and daughter, Callie, are doing their best waiting on me. And I do thank the Lord for both of them. My wife will be 90 years old on the 28th day of Aug. Our daughter is still waiting on both of us. And we do thank the Lord for her. And also do thank the Lord for saving her last year in the Wichita meeting. And she is really encouraged and happy in the Lord. And the Lord has blessed her with a 2 bedroom trailer house. And we just thank the Lord for how he supplies our need. We don't want for anything. Pray for us."

--Mr. & Mrs. W. W. Crawley, Route 4, Box 104, Okemah, Okla. 74859



# at press time

we understand:



Sister Ruby Creel

Our sympathy and prayers go out to the husband, children, and other relatives of Sis. Ruby Creel who was fatally injured when struck by an auto in the street near her home at Enid, Oklahoma on Wednesday night, May 7. She died within a few hours shortly before 2 a. m. May 8. She was 51 yrs. old. Many of the saints will remember Ruby's parents, Bro. and Sis. Duncan who heard and accepted the truth at a tent meeting in Lahoma, Okla. Most of Ruby's school days were spent in the Ringwood and Lahoma area. She was married to Leroy Creel on Nov. 30, 1942. Four children were born of this marriage. Even though it was not always convenient to attend services with the saints Sis. Ruby had a desire to please the Lord in her life and activities. Since a recent move to Enid where she has attended services regularly at the Church of God she has lived an even more devoted life. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her so well. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 10 and the burial was made in the cemetery west of Meno, Okla.

"Enjoy the Mission Trail and usually hear the Sunday A. M. broadcast over Coffeyville station. Thanks for everything. Love,"

--Fern Johnson

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"Trust the Lord is still blessing you folks as He is us."

--Mr. and Mrs. John LaVeau

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". . . there will be a tent meeting at Junction City, Ky. where Bro. Samons is pastor, starting June 1st. We would be glad for everyone that can to come and help us out in this meeting. We are praying and looking to the Lord for a good meeting. We desire your prayers."

--Curtis Williams and family

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We were pleased to have Dale and Linda Probst in the services at Guthrie, Sun. May 11.

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Also Jim and Anecia Wall from Tulsa, were in Guthrie Sunday. Jim is making plans to go to Libya in connection with his work, where he and his family will be stationed in or near Tripoli. This is in North Africa near the Mediterranean. We wish them well in their new venture.

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Congratulations to Norman and Rhenda Allen of Garfield, Arkansas, on the birth of their daughter, Marcia Dawn, on May 6th.

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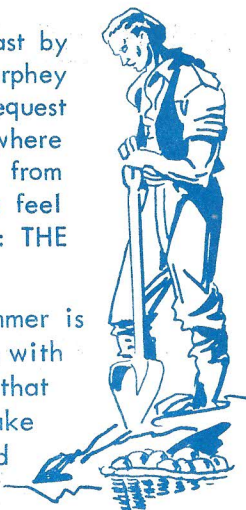
"A few of us in the congregation here had the flu. I believe the Lord has healed us everyone."

--Sis. Velda Ellis



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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. |
| KCIJ          | Shreveport, Louisiana | 980 kc.      | Sunday, 7:30 a. m. |

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