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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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“...In Everything Give Thanks”

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Greetings, dear ones. I am indeed happy and thankful for the opportunity of coming your way once again by means of radio and the printed page. As we pause to count a few of our many blessings we should realize that they come from the bountiful hand of God. Now listen to this scripture reading from the one hundred and third Psalm.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies; Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed. He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy. He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger for ever. He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us."

Now don't you find a lot of things in those verses for which we should be thankful? Listen to this song: "Glorious peace". Then here is a poem:

Showers of Blessings

In a moment of stillness, I gazed
across the way,
To the forest in its beauty on an
autumn day.
The leaves were falling in a constant
shower,
Reminding me again of our God's
mighty power.
The morning was quiet--with a hazy,
misty sunshine,
As the dew fell from heaven in beauty
sublime.
As I remained silent and enjoyed the
falling leaves,
I thought how God's blessings compare
with these.
A constant shower falling gently to the
earth,
Returning to fertile the soil from
which they gained birth.
For another moment I beheld how the
leaves failed not,
But continued colorfully to carpet the
beautiful lot.
Is not this a type of God's blessings to
men?
They seem to fall continuously on us
without end.
Then as I gazed for no reason at all,

For just a little while, not a leaf
seemed to fall.
I had become so engrossed with their
constant flow,
That when they all stopped, I just
wondered why so.
God seemed to say, these are works
of Mine.
Your blessings were stopped, that
through trials you'll shine.
Just as the lesson was learned quite
well,
Again I looked as in abundance the
leaves fell.
And I heard my Lord as again He did
say,
Through the trials of life I can show
you the way.
Blessings I send to lead you to Me,
Blessings as numerous as the leaves
on a tree.
But lest you forget me, I with-hold
them now and then
That you might remember the frailty
of men.
I mused on His goodness and His
gentle way,
In which He doeth lead us day by day;
And my soul rejoiced as I praise His
name,
For His gracious dealings, my soul
to gain.

Gladys S. Cashio
100 White Street
Hammond, Louisiana

Thank you, Sis. Gladys. Friends, I
hope as you count your many blessings
during this Thanksgiving season that
you will see and know that we are bless-
ed above many. When people fail to
be thankful, like so many folks are
these days, they often find plenty of
things to complain about. Folks com-
plain about the weather, they complain
about the schools, they complain about
the government. In other words it is

not hard to find someone who has ob-
jections to various things, but on the
other hand, what constructive purpose
and plan do they have? In other words,
what is the ultimate goal? Is it to tear
down and destroy or is it to construc-
tively build better homes, better
schools, and better governments, and
better morals, and of course most of
all, better spiritual lives?

Let me show you what happens to folks
when they fail to be thankful. In Rom.
1:21 we find these words, "Because
that, when they knew God, they glorified
him not as God, neither were thankful;
but became vain in their imaginations,
and their foolish heart was darkened."

Let me enumerate a few of the things
for which I am personally thankful.

1. Most of all I am thankful for the
privilege of knowing the true God and
for being a child of the Lord. I am
glad for the price which was paid for
my redemption.
2. I am grateful for the Word and the
Spirit.
3. How thankful I am to know other
saints and to associate with those who
also love the Lord and worship him in
spirit and in truth. It would certainly
be a lonely place without the fellowship
of others.
4. Then I am thankful for a happy home
and a good companion and children who
also love the Lord, which makes our
home complete.
5. We, of course, could just go on and
on enumerating many other things such
as food, clothing, shelter, a land where
we are yet privileged to worship God,
all of these for which we are thankful.

Now dear ones, if we are really thankful for our many blessings I believe we will have a desire to share some of them with others. Let us not forget those who are in trouble and sorrow. In some places of the world folks don't have enough to eat. And that which should not be our least concern is the people throughout the world, who have not heard or do not have, the opportunity to know the truth as we have it. Let us be willing and ready to give of our time, our talents, our finances, and our lives that they too may be thankful for God's great gift to all mankind.

Let us pray,

O Lord, the giver of all good gifts,

We are indeed thankful this day for your love shown toward us. Help us that we may in turn prove our love and devotion to thee with a ready mind and a willing heart to spread thy gospel throughout the world and to thee we will give the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Friends, if you are not already on our mailing list for weekly copies of the printed message be sure to send us your name and address and let us mail them to you without cost or obligation. Address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. And be sure to tune in again next week at this same time for another broadcast. We certainly do appreciate so very much those who co-operate with us to send out the gospel from week to week. We need your prayers, we need your co-operation, and if we may be a help to you in a spiritual way, be sure to let us know.

Now here is a song. Listen carefully and be sure to be with us next Sunday at this same time.

Friends, if you are not acquainted with the true saints of the Church of God and would like to know if there is a congregation near you, be sure to write us a letter and let us tell you. Address your letter to the Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. Now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

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A CALL FOR FASTING AND PRAYER DECEMBER 11, 1969

"There are many needs among the 'household of faith' also many souls are fast approaching eternity without God. We believe it would be the Lord's will for the 'church' to go on their knees in fasting and prayer before God that He will be 'touched by the feelings of our infirmities' and also that His Spirit will deal with souls. There is power in agreement and the promise from God is behind it. If you are isolated from the saints, you put your request before the Lord on that day and the saints in general will agree with you. We especially desire you to remember our brother, Lawrence Pruitt. He has two places on his face that doesn't heal. Many others need a healing touch. The ministers, saints, and missionaries on foreign lands need a touch of extra strength and a greater anointing so that their labors will be more effective. The devil would like to stop this pure, unadulterated gospel from going forth. Prayer changes things."

--Sis. Marie Miles

If any little word of ours can make
one life the brighter,
If any little song of ours can make one
heart the lighter,
God help us speak that little word and
take a bit of singing
And drop it in some lonely vale and
set the echoes ringing.

--Selected by Sybil Goldsberry

Testimonies

From W. Va.: "I am not personally acquainted with many of the saints but I know when they meet each other there is harmony and fellowship because the spirit of God rules and reigns in their hearts. I have never had the privilege of attending but few campmeetings, but I love the truth, the Bible way, the way that leads from earth to heaven. My desire is to do his will and keep pressing on. 'Not all that sayeth Lord Lord shall be saved but he that doeth the will of the Lord.' Enclosed is a little offering. May the Lord bless you and the work there, and supply all your needs."

--Olive Keene

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From Ill.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. I trust this finds all well. I've been going to write, just hadn't gotten around to it. I enjoy the Mission Trail paper very much. I'm enclosing an offering to help support the work of the Lord, that others too will find spiritual help through the little paper and the broadcast, those that are able to get on the air. I'm very thankful to the Lord and his blessings to me. I'm feeling much better in body and it is through his mercy and power. I thank all that has prayed for me too, for there is power in agreement in prayer. May God bless you folks as you labor for the Master, that many will be saved. Pray that I'll be all that God wants me to be. May God bless you is my prayer."

--Mrs. Truman Pitts

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From W. Va.: "Has been a long time since we wrote, but we are still saved and living for Jesus, looking to Him for all our needs, both in soul and body. Surely in this whole world we have never found a friend like Jesus. We are still enjoying your paper very much and it keeps us in touch with our bro.

and sis. in the Lord. We are so happy to be a part of this family of God and so thankful He showed us this one way. We love the words of Isaiah when talking of this way said 'The unclean shall not pass over it.' And in the next verse he said 'No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon it shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.' We are happy the Lord made it this way, so that every one who is saved by the blood of Jesus is led by His spirit in to the family of God regardless who we are or how far apart we are from one another. Truly this is far better than all this old world has to offer anyone. Sorry we missed you dear ones at Akron last month, but we still remember your precious visit with us last winter. Surely the Lord will bless you richly for your labors of love."

--Bro. White

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From Ill.: "This is a winter day here. We greet you in Jesus name. We are so thankful for the Children of God. We got to go to Decatur for the services this past weekend. Spent Sat. night with Mother Selle. She got up Sun. morning and said I'm going to the services in Jesus name. We had a good crowd for the day. In Sept. she went and while we were eating our lunch she had a stroke. The Lord came to her rescue and healed her. She seems better now than before. The Lord is good to His children. . . We still enjoy the Mission Trail and look forward to its coming each week. We are very well, the Lord gives us health and strength, also grace in our trying hours. I'm sure the saints are praying for me, as I feel the results in my heart. . ."

--Viola Perry

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"In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge."

Prov. 14:26

From Ark.: "We are thankful tonight for the goodness and mercies of God. We are thankful we can report victory in our souls over sin and the devil. So thankful the Lord placed a desire in my heart to please him. We are all pressing on, meet together each Sunday for a little Bible study, Sunday school for the children. They seem to look forward to it. Bro. and Sis. Albert Eck was with us last Wed. night for a Bible study. We were so happy to have them and enjoy the fellowship with them. It is always a pleasure for any of the saints to come by. We trust the Lord will open up the way for you to come by some time. We are enclosing a little offering and pray the blessing of God upon you and your labor for him. Christian love,"

--Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Loftis

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From Mo.: "Greeting of holy Christian love in the precious name of Jesus. Trust the Lord to bless you in your labor for souls. Surely the gospel is the most precious thing there is and it is the only thing that will give hope to man. I am thankful for the hope that I have in God. I was privileged to attend services at Pea Ridge today. This was their all day service. I enjoyed the day. Then tonight we enjoyed the service at home here. We appreciated having two saints from your congregation up here with us, Sister Davis and Sis. Evelyn Gibson. They were here this morning too, I understand. Last Sun. I was privileged to be in meeting with the saints at Horton Creek, near Huntsville, Ark., which I enjoyed very much. Came back by the meeting place at Garfield, Ark. and Sis. Bray was giving a message from the 17th chapter of St. John. I received much good from it. Our trials have been a little weighty but I can testify that God's grace has been suf-

ficient and his blessings far surpasses and outweighs the trials. Thank God for a privilege knowing God who exercises lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth; for in these things he delights. Jer. 9:24 I can truly say that the blessing of the Lord maketh rich and that he addeth no sorrow there with. Prov. 10:22. . . It will soon be assembly meeting time. I am wanting to attend the meeting at Guthrie if the Lord wills. It won't be long. . . Your brother in Christ,"

--T. V. McMillian

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From Ohio: "I would like to say 'deepest sympathy' to the family of Sis. Verga McCoy, who passed away Oct. 27th. She and Bro. McCoy have made several visits in our home. These visits meant much to me. She will be missed much by me. But I truly feel our loss is Heaven's gain. May God comfort each one in this hour of sorrow as only He can."

--Sister Stamm

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From La.: "Greetings of love this lovely day. I am still enjoying the Mission Trail and encouraged in the Lord. I am enclosing a little article that was written on my Father's and Mother's birthday celebration."

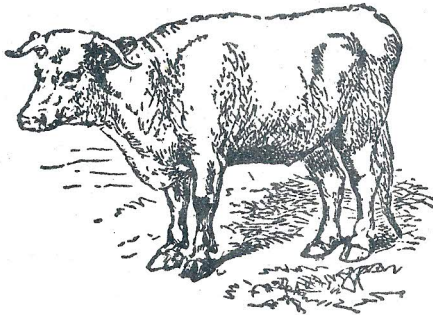
"Saturday evening family and a few friends celebrated the birthdays of Bro. and Sis. Harry S. Jackson Sr. of Hammond, La. Bro. Jackson being 89 yrs. old and Sis. Jackson nearing 87. Last Sept. they celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary. They have 5 children, 23 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. Thus far all are living. Known to all family and friends as "Mama" and "Daddy Jack" they very satisfactory state 'We have had a good life. . . Our motto has been truthfulness'." "With Christian love,"

--Veva Myers

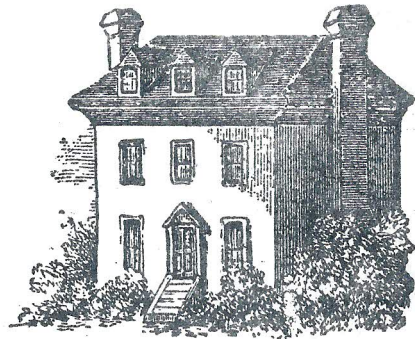
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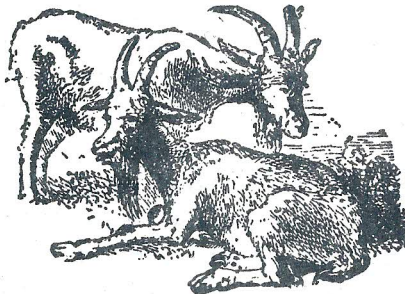
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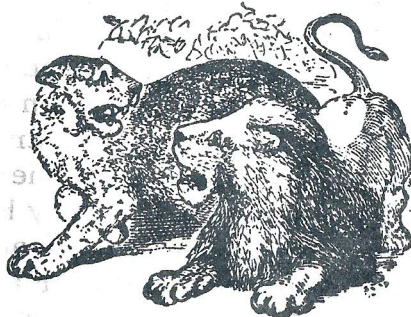
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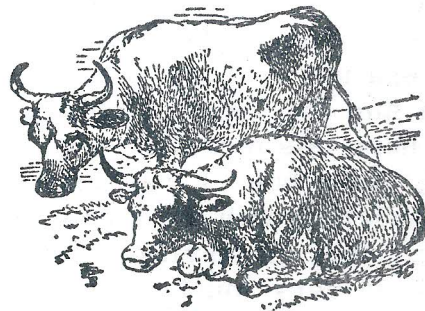
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at press time

we understand:

Congratulations to David and Marilyn Cole of Kansas on the birth of their son Timothy David, Nov. 12, 1969.

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"The congregation here is announcing plans for 5th Sunday all-day services. We extend an invitation to all who will be permitted to come to be here and pray for a special spiritual feast. We also are planning a service in song which will be on Saturday night before the all-day services on Sunday. The dates are November 29 and 30, Saturday and Sunday. All are cordially welcome. The Church of God, 718 N. Kansas, Springfield, Mo."

--Bro. Leslie Busbee, Pastor

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Our sympathy is extended to Bro. Isaac and Sis. Joy Williams of 712 Nebraska, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73117. Their 14 year old son, Lemuel, was struck by an auto last week and fatally injured. His funeral was Nov. 22. He was the grandson of Bro. and Sis. Ulysses Phillips, who live in California. Bro. Phillips and his daughter Olive attended the funeral.

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Plan now to attend the Guthrie assembly meeting which begins Dec. 19. The chapel is located at the corner of Sixth and West Warner Streets.

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Urgent prayer is requested for Sis. Jessie Taylor who has been afflicted for so long. She is having difficulty with her breathing and circulation. She has looked to the Lord so earnestly during this affliction.

The annual fall meeting at Los Angeles, Calif. will convene on Fri. night Nov. 28th thru Sun. Dec. 7th. Day services on Sat. Nov. 29th and Fri. and Sat., Dec. 5th and 6th; All day on Sunday. Night services will begin at 7:30 p. m. Chapel located on the corner of Naomi and Walnut Streets, phone number 746-9474. Spirit filled ministers will be present to expound the full gospel. All are welcome. Bro. I. C. Chandler, Pastor, written by Sis. Leon Phillips.

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Sis. Edna Murry of Paramount, Calif. is happy for her new granddaughter, Joli Gail, born Nov. 15. The parents are Steve and Janet Gail Graves.

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From Kansas: "We send warm greetings in Jesus' name. We're thankful for all He means to us. Our desire is to please Him with our life. We had hoped to write sooner than this to let you know how much we enjoyed being in the meeting in Northwest Missouri. We saw better interest there than we had seen in several years. Was real encouraging to see the good attendance. We trust the Lord will continue to bless the work there."--Bro. Donald, Sis. Lois Sharp

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With this issue we are enclosing our season's greetings to the readers of The Mission Trail. May God bless everyone of you for your prayers and co-operation. Please find enclosed also a coupon to be returned to us if you would like your name to remain on our mailing list in 1970. Do it right away before you forget about it!



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.
WFPR	Hammond, Louisiana	1400 kc.	Sunday, 7:45 a. m.

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