



Fifth Year of Gospel Broadcasting and Publishing

# 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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## The Benefits of Chastisement

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A cheerful greeting, friends, to each and every listener of THE MISSION TRAIL broadcast. It is indeed a privilege to bring you the word of the Lord by means of the radio. It is certainly my sincere desire that it will prove a blessing and help to you. Listen to this verse of song, "In the light of God".

And now this scripture. "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees; And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed." Heb. 12: 5-13

Now you may be wondering what I am going to get from this scripture but the thoughts of the message today are directed primarily to those who are the children of God. In other words, it is to those who are saved. Now there is plenty of warnings to the unsaved but I want to be an encouragement to those who are bravely fighting the battle of faith that they may keep encouraged and not give up when the trials become so great.

Let me call your attention to the fact that if you belong to God he is going to correct you. When you step aside and get out of his order you had better be ready for the chastening rod of God. Someone might say, "The Lord never does correct me." Friends, do you know what kind of people the Lord doesn't correct? It is those hard hearted ungodly sinners that won't give heed to his voice. If your heart is really soft and you want to do the right thing then the Lord is going to correct you. And the scripture also reminds us that we have had earthly fathers that corrected us and we gave them reverence. If you have had the misfortune of being brought up without an earthly father or mother or else if they didn't care enough



for you that they corrected you when you needed it, then I'll say you missed much in life which would have been good for you. If a child doesn't learn to obey at home it is rather difficult for him to learn to obey after leaving home. Obedience should be learned while they are young. And let me drop a word of caution here to the parents. Don't take some of this modern advice which says "wait until your child is old enough to decide right and wrong for himself and let him decide". You teach him the right thing and show him what is the good way. Then when he gets older he will be in a position to decide what is the right and the wrong. Otherwise he may never learn the value of the difference between the two. There are a few high points which stand out in my memory of my childhood days and I would like to tell you one of them especially. It was this: My mother one time gave me a good chastisement and if I remember correctly it was on my birthday. And it wasn't for fun either. It was for real. Well, friends, it surely was grievous but I suspect now that I needed it and I believe I am none the worse off. In fact, it might have helped a little.

Dear ones, God wants obedience and submissiveness to his will. There is no substitute for a submissive and a willing heart. Now don't confuse this with trials, because you are going to have trials and problems, it matters not how submissive you may be to the will of God. The Lord is going to let your faith be tried and sometimes he will let the enemy tempt you and accuse you.

But what I am talking about is correction and chastisement from the Lord himself. If you will search your heart you will probably be able to tell the dif-

ference if the trial or accusation is coming from the enemy or if it is really the still small voice of God speaking in no unmistakable terms. Listen to this solemn warning to those who refuse chastisement.

"And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat." Lev. 26:27-29

Now, there you will see, I hope, some of the rewards and punishment that God does send to those who absolutely refuse to walk in his ways.

Sis. Mamie Norcutt of Ft. Scott, Kan. recently wrote a letter which contained some excellent thoughts. Let me share a part of it with you. She writes: "It certainly takes a lot of praying to make it in this day and age." How true this is, friends. It is going to take some effort to row upstream. Then she went on to tell about some preaching she had recently heard and in describing the messages for a certain day she had this to say. "She spoke about how the devil was doing everything he could to hinder people in prayer. It did my soul good, because I had been having a battle with the devil. When I would be praying the devil would flood my mind with the cares of life and even things that was meaningless to you. I know that no trial will come to us that isn't common unto man. But it helps me when others tell of their trials. I'm sending a tract to you. I thought you might be able to use it. Many times I've read it when my trials would be weighing so heavy upon my heart." Then here is the tract which Sis. Mamie sent:

## THE ANSWERED PRAYER

She asked to be made like her Saviour;  
He took her right then at her word,  
And sent her a heart-crushing burden  
Till the depths of her soul was  
stirred.

She asked for a faith strong, yet  
simple;  
He permitted the dark clouds to come  
And she staggered by faith through the  
darkness  
For the storm had quite obscured the  
sun.

She prayed to be filled with a passion  
Of love for lost souls and for God,  
And again in response to her longings,  
She sank neath the chastening rod.

She wanted a place in His vineyard;  
He took her away from her home,  
And placed her among hardened  
sinners  
Where she--humanly--stood all alone.

She saw she must give up her  
ambitions  
Which had been her "air castles" for  
years;  
But as she knelt in consecration,  
She whispered "Amen" through her  
tears.

She wanted a meek, lowly spirit;  
The work He gave answered that cry,  
Till some who had once been  
companions,  
With a pitying smile passed her by.

She asked to lean hard on her Saviour;  
He took human props quite away,  
Till no earthly friend could give  
comfort,  
And she could do nothing but pray.

I saw her go out in the vineyard,

To harvest the ripening grain;  
Her eyes were still moistened with  
weeping,  
Her heart was yet throbbing with pain.

But many a heart that was broken,  
And many a wrecked, blighted life  
Was made to thank God for her  
coming,  
And rejoiced in the midst of the  
strife.

She had prayed to be made like the  
Saviour,  
And the burdens He gave her to bear  
Had been but the great Sculptor's  
teaching,  
To help answer her earnest  
prayer.

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Thank you, Sis. Mamie Norcutt.

Let us pray,

Our heavenly Father,

The scriptures tell us that all things  
work together for good to them that  
love God. We accept this and we pray  
that our lives may be enriched by even  
the chastisement which the Lord may  
send our way. Bless each listener of  
the broadcast this day with the richest  
blessings of heaven for both soul and  
body and thine shall be the praise  
through Christ our Lord. Amen

Listen to the saints singing this song,  
"What will it be to be there?"

Friends, be with us again next Sunday  
at this same time on this same station  
for another broadcast of The Mission  
Trail. And now until we meet again  
this is Willie Murphey saying may the  
Lord's richest blessings be with each  
and every one of you and a very cheer-  
ful good-bye!



## Testimonies

From Miss.: "The Mission Trail has been coming to us for some time. We enjoy it very much. We appreciate people who dare to preach the gospel as you do and pray that you will be able to carry on until God says it is enough. We can't get your program on the radio. Thankful that there are still people who take time to listen to the word of God. Enclosed check to help with expenses." --The Olen Williamsons

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From Okla.: "Greetings in his precious Name. I was so glad to get your nice letter and Christmas greeting. Thank you so much for remembering me and reminding me about the little 'Mission Trail' paper. I do enjoy it so much and read it from cover to cover. I can't get your service on radio. I got . . . a new radio thinking maybe I could. Once in a great while I can get Coffeyville at night is all. I sure do want to stay on the mailing list. I do enjoy the paper so much. There are a few names mentioned in the paper I do know, such as Sister Eck. She preached my mother's funeral. Ralph and Inez Beisly. They are my own cousins. . . We were all together a month ago in Iowa. One of our dear cousin's husband passed away. Mrs. Everett Glassing's. She has written you a time or two. I read it in the paper. Seems like we don't get together any more, only at a funeral. Two years ago I gave up my little brother. He was 63 yrs. but he has always been my little brother as he had meningitis when he was four years old. So all of us cousins were together then. We all love the Lord and trying to serve him the best we know how. I do love Him and thank Him each and every day for his goodness and wonderful mercies to me and my family."

--Mrs. Goldie Harmon

From Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada: "Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Through his grace I am saved and have victory in my life for Him. I have found many of your messages, as printed in Mission Trail very inspiring and full of blessing. May our faithful Father grant you much grace to continue in His service. Your message 'What is your life' had especial impact on me and I would request a few extra copies if still available to pass on. . . Enclosed please find a small contribution. Wishing you and yours God's richest blessings and much grace to serve Him I remain your brother in Christ,"

--Alfred Lange

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From Ill.: "One time a dear one said to me as she contemplated my sober face, 'But I thought Christians were supposed to be happy!' There is a joy that is unspeakable in serving God, and we are happy because we are saved and have escaped the bondage of sin; but is it not sobering, and enough to cause heaviness of heart when we realize that altho Jesus died to save every soul, and salvation is to be desired above all else, and it is good and worth all it costs (pleasures of sin) to obtain it, so few seem to be interested anymore? . . . Another thing that could cause heaviness of heart is the times we are living in, sin is all around us, swallowing up our loved ones, neighbors, friends. With all that we can think to do or say, it seems they go on unconcerned, plunging towards eternity--lost, lost, and we can not seem to stop them. God does use human instruments to further the gospel and to help save souls. But some he can not use as He would for they are not fully yielded to Him! Oh, I want to be completely, wholly, the Lord's. I want to be an instrument He can use!"

--Sister Thelma Sprague



From Okla.: "I am very thankful to be one of God's children, and very grateful for the Mission Trail. I enjoy it very much. I got acquainted with the Mission Trail through a dear family named John Sisk which we thank God for. . . May the Lord bless you and your family, also the work there."

--Helen Rader

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From S. C.: "This writing finds me still pressing on hard to make heaven. . . . pray much for me that God will keep me each day with a clean heart and the right spirit that I may be a blessing to other people through this old sinful world. May God bless you and your family in that work that it will cause many to turn to God. I am sending you a little offering to help in the printing of Mission Trail paper. Your brother in the one body standing for the whole truth of the God's word,"

--Eddie Driggers

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From Pa.: "Greetings to you and yours in the precious Name of our Savior and Lord. What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear. Am so glad I know Him as my personal Savior and Keeper and that He is always there in any time of need. Praise His Name! Today is dark, starting to rain. We had a big snow last weekend. Very unexpected after warm days, but God knows what we need and has promised to send just that. If we need snow, He knows best, so we should never murmur nor complain. . . . Mother fell off her chair today. Landed on her hip. She says she isn't hurt bad, so we hope not. She is out of yarn for two days, so is very restless, so hope to get the colors she wants today. God bless you in all you do for Him and make you wise as serpents and as harmless as doves."

--Eva Cox

From Okla.: "Greeting in Jesus dear name to all. I'm still pressing on. The Lord has delivered me from taking medicine. I feel better. Still need prayer. I enjoy the Mission Trail paper."

--Sis. Lizzie Eck

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From La.: "I want to keep my name on the list to get the Mission Trail message. I am keeping each one to make a book from. They are so easy to put in folder. I do want to keep the gospel on the radio station here, and everywhere. Many people, like myself can't get out and go, and I know how glad I am to hear the Word of God."

--Mildred Spurlock

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From Mo.: "We were glad to have Bro. Huskey. Enjoyed his message. It was real heart searching. It may be later than we think. I wish we could interest souls and help them to see what they are missing even in this life. Sorry about Sister Jessie Taylor. But no doubt she is with Jesus. The saints have been praying for the Lord to comfort her family."

--Sis. Lula Caughron

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From Nigeria: "Warm greetings of love in Jesus precious name. . . We read with a good interest the Mission Trail of August 22, 1969 which has just arrived. Wife and I could not hold our peace until we took it to our Sunday school service last week. At any rate much was said about this very issue. We the Nigerian gospel workers were left with deep thinking on why no one from America has been willing to answer our Macedonian call up till this present moment. May God call and send a qualified minister to us is our prayer. . . On the 4th instant, I bought a new bicycle at 30 pounds, 4 shillings. This includes bell, no light or gear. With much Christian love,"

--Brownson Udeme



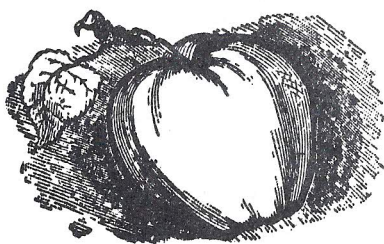
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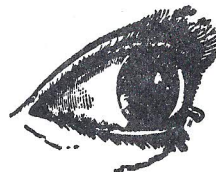
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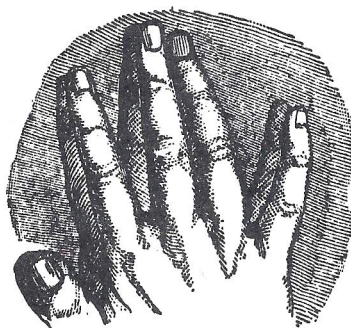
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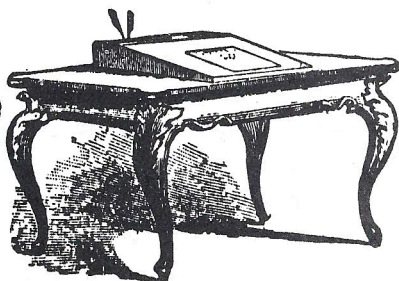
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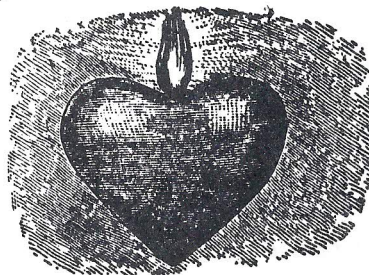
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Prov. vii. 2, 3.



# at press time

we understand:



Bro. Howard and Sis. Hilda Coffey

We extend our heart-felt sympathy to Bro. Howard Coffey, Box 1177, Hammond, La. 70401 on the death of his dear companion, who died Sunday afternoon, December 7. Sis. Hilda had suffered much in recent months and her life of devotion, faith, and trust is a real example of what God's grace can do for his children. She will be missed greatly by the saints and especially in the Hammond congregation where she and Bro. Coffey have been so active. Pray that God may sustain Bro. Coffey, their son and daughter, in this hour of deep sorrow.

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"I had a little accident. I fell down when I went for a walk as my legs are getting weak. Will you please have all the saints pray for me. . . I'm still saved. I'm going to keep on serving the Lord. Praise His name."

--Bro. Ed Olson

We extend our best wishes to James (Jimmy) McMillian and Marilyn Wall who plan to be married Saturday evening, December 20, in the chapel at Neosho, Missouri.

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It is hoped that the different congregations of the state of Oklahoma will not forget their usual day of serving the noon day meal during the assembly meeting which begins Dec. 19.

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"This morning still finds me pressing on for the dear Lord. I love Him this morning with all my heart and soul. . . . My only hope is a closer walk with Him by day and night. I truly thank all the dear saints far and near for all the prayers that was prayed for us through all of Ray's illness. The dear saints are all so wonderful. I love each one."

--Sis. Ethel White

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Many have not yet returned their coupon for our 1970 mailing list. Please do not forget if you wish to continue receiving it.



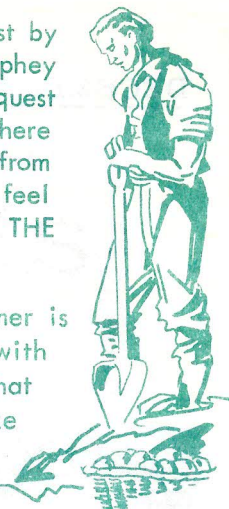
New chapel--Anthony, Kansas





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

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