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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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Good morning, friends. It is surely good to know that we have many listeners out there who hear the broadcast over KGGF. It would be difficult for me to acknowledge on the air every one from whom we have heard, but I would like to say a special good morning to Mrs. Lorena O. Dyer in Sedan, Kan. We hope you are listening. Also Mrs. Beryl Pense in Coffeyville, Kan. as well as the many many others who have written to us from time to time. Then we send our special greetings of love to the South land and those who listen over KCKW from Jena, La. Then there is WFPR in Hammond, La. to which many of our dear friends listen. May God bless every one of you wherever you may be.

There is one thing about having a large audience. I can count on someone catching up with me if I make a mistake. Take for instance this letter: I quote, "I was rereading a Mission Trail one day. As I had my Bible handy for some reason, I decided to check that scripture. I found error in the number of the chapter and verse, but the verse was right. I think it was the first scripture given in that paper and I believe it was Mission Trail dated Oct. 2, 1970. I don't usually check those scriptures. That might be the only error made in one, so I don't know why I just happen to check it, but as I did I thought maybe I should mention it." End of quote Now that letter comes from Geneva Pierro, Earlimart, Calif. Thank you, Geneva, for calling my attention to this error. We endeavor to be accurate but someway a wrong number of a chapter or verse seems to slip by us at times. But now that you've mentioned it, let me just give you this scripture again which says, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax

cold." That verse is found in Matt. 24:12. It is not chapter 14 as previously mentioned. But that is a good verse. I surely believe it is true today. There is a lot of iniquity abounding and because of it many folks are falling away from the truth. Their love is growing cold. Let us be one of those who will endure unto the end.

Now, listen to this, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing." I Cor. 13:1-3 I would say that it is certainly necessary to have faith. In fact, without it we cannot even be saved. We must believe that God is and that he is a rewarder

of them that diligently seek him. It is also a wonderful blessing to have knowledge. Hos. 4:6 brings this out, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." A wonderful thing it must be, indeed, to have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries. It is also a convincing thing to hear a speaker who is a natural orator who can just move one to tears, it seems, even at will. But did you know there is something greater than every one of these things? Charity or the divine love of God is greater than all. Now, further on down in the 13th chapter of I Cor. we are told some of the things that charity will do. Charity suffers a long time, and is kind. Charity envieth not, is not puffed up. Another thing about it: it doesn't seek her own welfare only, it will think of others. Then it is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil, and doesn't rejoice in iniquity but rejoices in the truth. I like the way the 7th verse says it, "Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." Then we are told that "Charity never faileth". The 13th verse says, "And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity."

However it is one thing to say that we have charity or the love of God within our hearts, and it is quite another thing to really have it there. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15 That is easy to understand, isn't it? If you love somebody you just naturally want to please them, so Jesus said "if ye love me keep my commandments". There is no need for us to say we love the Lord unless we are willing to obey him. Do you remember

that little poem which was in the school books of the years gone by? Listen,

WHICH LOVED BEST?

"I love you, Mother," said little Ben;
Then, forgetting his work, his cap
went on,

And he was off to the garden swing,
And left her the water and wood to
bring.

"I love you, Mother," said rosy Nell--
"I love you better than tongue can tell";
Then she teased and pouted full half
the day,

Till her mother rejoiced when she
went to play.

"I love you, Mother," said little Fan,
"Today I'll help you all I can;
How glad I am that school doesn't
keep!"

So she rocked the babe till it fell
asleep.

Then, stepping softly, she fetched the
broom,

And swept the floor and tidied the
room;

Busy and happy all day was she,
Helpful and happy as child could be.

"I love you, Mother," again they said,
Three little children going to bed;
How do you think that mother guessed
Which of them really loved her best?

Friends, how easy it is to give a smile
instead of a frown and to lend a helping
hand to some deserving one who has
experienced a misfortune. Let us not
love in word only, but let us love in
deed and in truth.

Now, I hope you get the lesson from
this poem. Little Ben said he loved
his mother, but he forgot his work, put
on his cap and was off to the garden
swing. So it was his mother who had
to get the water and the wood. I guess

that must go back quite a few years, doesn't it, friends? There are many folks who don't have to worry about bringing in the wood to heat the house or draw the water from the well these days. Of course it might be better in some respects if folks didn't enjoy so many conveniences. Then there was rosy Nell. She said that she loved better than tongue can tell. But what did she do? She teased and pouted full half the day till her mother rejoiced when she went to play. I suppose her mother was glad when she was out of sight, for all the help she was. But the third child, little Fan, said "Today I'll help you all I can." So she got busy and rocked the baby to sleep, got the broom, swept the floor and tidied up the room. She was just busy all day. Well, when night came and each of the children said, "I love you, Mother" you may know that it wasn't hard for the Mother to tell which one really loved her most.

Let us not forget that theme which I love so well. We might say it is the underlying current that motivates the Mission Trail. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." John 4:35

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Our hearts are burdened for the great need of thy work. We are concerned about those who are yet lingering in the shadows of sin. Homes are broken, hearts are saddened because there are many who have not come to a personal knowledge of a saving grace of our Lord. Help us in some way to be an instrument in thy hands in spreading the truth of thy word to the ends of the world and thine shall be the praise through Christ our Lord. Amen

Here is a very special announcement to all of you who listen over radio station KGGF from Coffeyville, Kan. Today, Feb. 14, we would like to extend a hearty welcome to you to attend the opening services in the brand new meeting house with the saints at Nowata, Okla. Sunday school this morning at 9:45, general services at 11 o'clock, after which there will be a basket lunch which of course is free and without cost. Then in the afternoon at 2 p. m. a very special service of gospel singing. You love gospel singing? Then be sure to be there. Now, that is at the Church of God chapel in Nowata, Okla. which is located at 201 S. Cedar. It is on the corner of Cedar and Fairview Sts. and it is just two blocks west of the Bliss Cafe off highway 169. If you really love the truth I believe you will enjoy yourself with the saints. Bro. Clarence Fry is the pastor.

And so we come to the close of another broadcast of The Mission Trail of Guthrie, Okla. We are so glad for the new listeners and we appreciate so much the faithful ones who have stood by us through the years as we endeavored to bring the word. If we may be a help to you, be sure to let us know. Here is a song, "All the Way". The singers are Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Edgar Martens.

And now until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying may the Lord's richest blessings rest upon each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!



Correspondence

From Mexico: "Once again this side of eternity I send Christian greetings over the many miles to you. I am so happy to be saved and have sweet peace in my soul, and have communion with the Father. The Lord has been blessing me in my own soul and I feel certain in others in the congregation by their countenances and their testimonies. When others receive blessing from God and you can see the Holy Spirit convicting and leading souls there is real rejoicing within the heart and I am sure in the heart of God. Before Christmas a man and his wife came to meeting and gave their hearts to God. They have come every possible time to meeting and their testimonies ring true. The sister thanks the Lord for letting or permitting her to get saved. They have walked several times to meeting and it is a distance of a mile or so. Just to see their new found joy and enthusiasm is a blessing to the congregation. Brother Raul Gonzales and his wife Lupe are also a joy and blessing. The Lord has greatly blessed them, they have grown in grace and understanding since they were born in the kingdom of God. The Lord has called Brother Raul to preach the gospel and his gift makes room for him. This brother has had very poor eye vision but the Lord has blessed him so that he can see and read real well now. Also taken away the headaches that he used to have nearly constantly. He does a lot of personal work here and where ever he goes. We thank you for holding us up in prayer and the different ones here. I am sure that our spiritual blessings are due to the concern, love and prayers of those who love and serve the Lord for we are working together with God for the sake of lost souls. Many in their testimonies have thanked

the Lord for the opportunity to know about the gospel and that they are saved. So let's not be weary but work on and pray on. There are some serious problems at this time so please pray with these dear ones that they will count well the cost of going all the way with God and the cost of not going all the way with the Lord. The congregation is anticipating a meeting here before the hot weather comes, so again we ask you to pray that the Lord's will be done in this and that souls will be saved. We ask you to pray for the meetings from week to week. We have five, two on Sun., one on Wed., Fri., and Sat. Our one desire and aim is to live in such a way that the Lord can use us for His service. Your sister in Christ,"

--Edith Cole and Ana Hernandez

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From Okla. : "I have always had a keen interest in the various fields, and often wish it was possible to cover more territory for the Lord. But I have learned that we must each one find our little place in the body and fill it faithfully. Perhaps through our feeble efforts, the Lord can get to the heart of others who will be able to do more than we can ever hope to do. This is my prayer, 'Lord let us influence a soul in the gospel way that can influence another and so carry the gospel to the ends of the world.' Perhaps someday the Lord will permit us to reach out a little farther than we are now able. . . The work here seems to be progressing, and we pray God will prosper the truth to every soul and bring forth the increase. Our young people are facing dangerous temptations, and sad that so few have the proper home training to prepare them for such times. . . Now we do covet your prayers for the work here and for ourselves that we may be faithful and profitable servants. . ."

--Bro. Kenneth Probst

From Calif.: 'I enjoy the good Mission Trail. . . I am very well and happy with my dear saviour's care. I rejoice.'

--Mattie Smith

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From Okla.: 'I still love Lord and my desire is to serve him and do his blessed will because he has done so much for me. Just think each day each hour each minute we are nearing eternity. Saved or unsaved we are sure to meet our God, for every knee shall bow, every tongue shall confess. Rom. 14:11 Oh, this life is so short and eternity is so long, so it will pay to read our Bible, pray and seek God daily for a closer walk with our dear Lord.'

--Sis. Berniece Rumfelt

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From Ohio: "Just a few lines, this Wednesday afternoon, so glad today for the time when I found my dear Saviour, as my very own personal Saviour, and to know Him for ourselves means life eternal, praise the Lord. I'm so glad I've learned to trust him and found him to be far beyond my expectations or ever dreamed Him to be. He fully satisfies my longing soul from day to day. I sure wouldn't want to live apart from my Lord, no, not for one second of the day or night. He is so precious to my heart. . . These are surely trying and perplexing days, but we are serving a prayer hearing and a prayer answering God, whose love and mercy fail not. May the dear Lord richly bless and strengthen your dear hearts as you strive to send the gospel message out through the radio and through the printed page that God's holy name will be honored and glorified and many precious souls will be garnered in before the day of mercy closes. . . remember all our lost unsaved loved ones that need to make a move for God. From your little sister in the one true way,"

--Maudie Sharp

From Calif.: 'I am still saved and very encouraged to live for the Lord. As times pass on I am determined to press on and do all I can to please the Lord. I am always glad to receive the Mission Trail. I hope to see your family and the saints there, whether here on earth or not. I am looking forward and living to meet all the saints in Heaven. Please pray for us and all the saints at Bakersfield as well as all as we always do.'

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From Mo.: "As I read my Bible, the book of books, it makes me sad at heart to see the sins going on. Oh dear Lord, please in Jesus dear name, stir them up to listen to your servants and turn their backs on. . . the devil and their face to the lamb of God. . . and be saved before it's too late. . . Well I feel some better, still need prayer in Jesus dear name."

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From Calif.: '. . . so glad this morning I can say I am saved, sanctified, and want to live in such a way I can hear my Lord say well done, thou good and faithful servant. We can't have spot or wrinkle on us on that great day or we will be lost. You are either saved or lost. We can't take the world in one hand and God in the other. I am thankful God has helped me so much in body and soul, glad I can do my work. I still need prayer. . .'

--Sis. Ada Leach

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From Ga.: 'God so freely gave his son. I appreciate my heavenly Father and what he has done and is still doing for me. . . There are so many false doctrines out in the world now. Jesus said there would be but I am thankful to the Lord he has some true ministers . . . who are preaching and telling his pure gospel truth. . . Remember me to the Lord.'

--Sis. P. R. Bowers

