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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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"And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor. And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly: Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no? But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me? Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's. And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's. And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace." Luke 20:20-26

Good morning, friends, how are you today? Keeping encouraged in the Lord, I hope. If you are diligently serving the Lord there is one thing of which you may be sure, the enemy is going to be after you. He is doing what he can to trip folks up these days and get them to turn away from the Lord back into the paths of sin once again. But I am glad there is an abundance of grace for those who have settled it once and for all to serve the Lord. Let us be like Joshua of old, "As for me and my house we will serve the Lord."

Please notice from the scripture which I just gave that these chief priests and scribes were after Jesus. They were doing what they could to trip him up and entangle him in his speech, but the Lord knew their hearts. I suppose they thought "we will sure catch him here if we ask him whether or not it is lawful to pay tribute to Caesar." You see, the Jews were under the mighty Roman

empire and were required to pay tribute to the Roman government. But not only did Jesus put them to shame but he caught them in their own trap. He scored a victory which is still good for us to remember today. He said "shew me a penny." So they brought this coin to him. There was the image and superscription of Caesar. I suppose it was a little different with the Roman government. They undoubtedly placed these pictures of their leaders on the coin even while the rulers were living. You see, one of the requirements for a president or a great man in our country to have his picture on a coin or piece of paper money is that he must be dead. So he couldn't win that glory while he was living here. But anyway Jesus said, "Whose image and superscription hath it?" There was only one sensible answer to give. "They answered and said, Caesar's." That was just what Jesus was waiting for. So then he said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the

things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's. " Don't you know that if folks did that today we would surely have a different world. Sometimes they render to Caesar (figuratively speaking, that is) the things that are Caesar's because they are forced to. But they neglect to render unto God the things which rightfully belong unto him. Friends, did you ever stop to think that all you have belongs to God anyway? He has just loaned it to you. You are a steward (whether a good one or bad one, that's up to you and the Lord) and actually you are not the rightful owner after all. Are you rendering to God the things which belong to him? Somebody might say, "What is it that I have which belongs to God?" First of all let me say that you belong to God yourself by reason of his creation. It was he who made the world and all things therein. It was he who gave you life and breath and the privilege of even living on this wonderful planet which he has made for our enjoyment. Next, you belong to God by virtue of his plan of redemption. Christ died for us. We no longer are our own. We belong to him, that is by virtue of His redemption. Some folks of course don't acknowledge it but really he should have the privilege of doing what he will with his own. Do you grant him this privilege?

Remember now, this is one thing you are not forced to do. God does not force people to serve him. I count it a privilege and an honor to be a part of God's great family, the wonderful Church of God.

But Jesus paid his taxes. At least there was one time that he did because he sent Peter down to catch a fish and when he caught the fish there was in the mouth of this fish his tax money. So Peter

went and rendered unto Caesar the things that were Caesar's. Jesus also rendered to God the things that are God's. Listen to this poem:

THE ONE-TALENT MAN

He couldn't sing and he couldn't play;
He couldn't speak and he couldn't pray;
He'd try to read, but would break
right down,
Then sadly grieve and smile or frown;
While some with talents ten begun,
He started out with only one.
"With this," he said, "I'll do my best,
And trust the Lord to do the rest."
His trembling hand and tearful eye
Gave forth a word of sympathy;
When all alone with one distressed,
He whispered words that calmed that
breast;

And little children learned to know
When grieved and troubled, where to go.
He loved the birds, the flowers, the
trees;
And, loving him, his friends loved
these.
His homely features lost each trace
Of homeliness, and in his face
There beamed a kind and tender light
That made surrounding features bright.
When illness came, he smiled at fears
And bade his friends to dry their tears.
He said, "Good-by," and all confess
He made of life a grand success.

Dear ones, may I encourage you to render unto God the things that are God's. After all, what we have belongs to him anyway, time, talents, and money. We cannot take our wealth with us. Our time in this world will soon be gone. I am glad that if our earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. After all, this is worth more than

all the world. Jesus said, For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his soul, or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Remember that.

Let us pray,

Our Father,

Bless every word of the message as it goes out over the airwaves. Deal with the hearts of the unsaved. Be merciful to them, and yet may they realize how deeply they are indebted to thee. Comfort those who are down-cast and heal the sick. Bless every listener for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen

Now, let me give to each and every one of you listening over KGGF a very special invitation to attend the revival tent meeting right here in Coffeyville, Kansas beginning May 15th and continuing through May 23. The location of that tent is in the south part of Coffeyville at Eldridge St. and Elmwood Dr. If you enjoy good gospel singing plan to attend the special service in song this afternoon, May 16th at 2 p.m. That is under the tent at the corner of Eldridge and Elmwood, Coffeyville, Kan.

If you receive a blessing and would like to write us address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla. We certainly appreciate those who help us keep the message going forth over the air and through the mail from week to week. Here is a song, "I'm happy, redeemed, and free." The singers are Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Edgar Martens.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murphrey saying may God's richest blessings be with each of you and a very cheerful good-bye!

Correspondence

From Miss.: "Greetings in Jesus dear name. Sure hope all are well. Mama the last few days has been mighty low, is still very weak, poor circulation, heart trouble, one thing. She was mighty low not so long ago. So continue to pray for all of us."

--Sis. Dorothy Bridges

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From Ill.: "We are still enjoying the Mission Trail and look forward to its coming. This is my last week here working. I've been here six weeks. None of us know what the future holds. How I long to be where I could go to services. I'm praying, asking the Lord to help me decide. The Lord knows everything. But I know so little. We are thankful for another springtime. We need rain up around here. . . I'm feeling so much better, there for a while I wasn't very well. The Lord has been so good to me. I appreciate the saints and I'm so thankful for their prayers. Christian love and prayers,"

--Sis. Viola Perry

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From Calif.: "I hope you are well and encouraged to go on and on preaching the Word. My eyes are stronger than they were a while back. The optician said I had cataract inside. I thought I was about done taking care of my business, but I was anointed and prayed for. I felt like I would get help and I did. I see better now than I did, praise the dear Lord. He is so good. We can take all our trials and burdens to God. I surely mean to rejoice for His presence and mercy. My kidneys were the last stroke. I am claiming my healing. The devil has severely come against me, but saints, please remember me. I feel Jesus presence with me. . . I will be 91, 29th June." --Guy Littrell, 2861 McBryde Ave., Richmond, Calif. 94804.

From Calif.: 'I am still enjoying the Mission Trail, love to read it. You know it helps us to read how God's people are getting along. I am glad I am saved and trusting in the good Lord. He is our helper all the time. It is raining here in Orland today. Did the storm hit there where you are? We heard about it in Joplin, Mo. . . I still have nerve trouble and I know God is still up there listening to all our prayers. The girl with the goiter--the doctor says it is going down, so keep praying for all of us. And I talked to a lady in town and seems like she believes in prayer and her nerves are so bad, so pray for her too. I told her we would have to hold one another up. She said that's what we have to do. . . May God bless all of you and supply all your needs.' --Sis. Ada Leach

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From Mo.: "Greetings in Christ. . . As the Lord gives strength we are keeping two children, so that we can help a little more in the Lord's work. We need more laborers--but are we doing all we can to help the ones who are already out in the harvest field? We have enjoyed visiting in various places in homes of isolated ones. Louie's brother, Lenard, and family live in Rochelle, Ill. That is an ideal place to get work and to live, if only there was some more saints there. After graduation David plans to go work with his Uncle Lenard on the Del Monte farms during the pea and corn pack. No wonder the scripture instructs parents to teach their children morning, noon, and night of God's laws. Deut. 6:7 We certainly don't have many years to do it in. They fly by so rapidly, you can't believe it until it has happened to you. It was a precious experience to visit the congregation in Marion, Ky., also to be in their homes. We enjoyed Bro. I. Metcalf who is 83

years old. He told of many wonderful healings and blessings of God. He was acquainted with Bro. W. M. Brown. Bro. Fox was overjoyed in having some of the ministers speak on the radio broadcast and for the nice group of young people who sang. He is full and running over with the love of God. We are looking forward to the congregation attending our services the 1st Sunday of June. David and Melonie and the Murphy Allens just returned from the meeting in Decatur, Ill., and reported of visiting several isolated ones. We are praying God to bless your efforts. Enclosed are some names and a little bit to help you along. Remember us."

--The Louie Marlars

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From Okla.: "I am writing you to let you hear from me and to let you know that I still love the little paper, still saved and living for the dear Lord. I get much help to my soul every time I read it, so keep sending it. I am sending you a little donation to help where ever it is needed."

--Sis. Annie Bowen

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From Minn.: "Greetings to all saints in the holy name of Jesus who has done so much for us that we will never be able to repay Him. He lifted me out of a horrible pit and the miry clay and set my feet on that solid rock (Christ Jesus) and put a new song in my mouth. (And I do mean a new song) Praise the Lord. I thank God for saving my soul and giving me a light for my pathway. I also thank Him for health and strength in my old age. And it is my desire to carry the gospel of Christ Jesus to the unsaved. I deliver many . . . tracts. In this way the word can go forth with power. I thank God for the Mission Trail that I receive weekly. It is a great encouragement."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

"The camp-meeting has come and gone, but we feel much lasting good has been accomplished and feel that the messages are living still and will continue to do so for His Word will not return void. There was some altar work but oh how we wished for more. We indeed are glad for the help that souls received from the Lord. The Lord blessed us during the ordinance meeting. There were about 20 women plus children and about 10 men. There were 4 baptized. We were well blessed and the presence of the Lord was so near us. The saints were so happy. There were close to 40 people who came from other places here in Mexico, but none from the states. We had the tent out under some salt pine trees for the services. We slept just about every where, some in car seats, pick-ups, in the chapel and some in the saints' homes. The cooking was done at Bro. Raul Gonzales home under their big enramada (like a porch) The stove they used was what they call a jugon, similar to some barbeque set ups. The young women and women did the cooking with the young men to bring wood and water and they also helped out with the dish washing. The food we had was strictly Mexican with their hot chili sauce, beans, rice, macaroni and tortillas. There was plenty for all and we are indeed grateful for how the Lord supplied. No one went hungry. On Easter 3 car loads of us went up on the volcano mountain here called Cierro Prieto where we had service. It was so pretty up there and we could see many many miles, the day was beautiful and the Lord blessed our souls good. Nearly every person who went testified that morning, oh how wonderful to serve a risen Saviour. The mountain of rock is black or dark brown and at the top there is kind of a core several hundred feet down where it is flat and would make a good base-

ball field for size. On our way down we stopped to notice some holes like that of some animal where steam was coming out, we put our hands in them and they were too hot for comfort. For my part I didn't tarry getting back down the mountain. We want to thank each one of you for your interest in the meeting and for your prayers."

--Sis. Edith Cole, Box 1425, Calexico, California 92231

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From Okla.: 'Since I wrote you last the dear Lord called my oldest sister to be with the Lord. She passed away April 27. I am sure she was ready to go and had been wanting to go. She said she knew she was ready, thank God that is the important part. . . She would have been 78 years June 2.'

--Sis. Ida Ruckman

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Darlington School
Rome, Georgia 30161
May 11, 1971

Dear Sir,

I wrote you early this year asking you to send my mother the Mission Trail and you did. Thank you very much as my mother enjoys reading the Mission Trail.

In my earlier letter I asked you to discontinue the Mission Trail to me about the middle of May as I was going home for the summer. I am writing you now to remind you to discontinue sending the Mission Trail to me until next September. I will try and write you when I come back to school next year to send the Mission Trail to me again, but for the summer please discontinue the Mission Trail to me when you receive this letter.

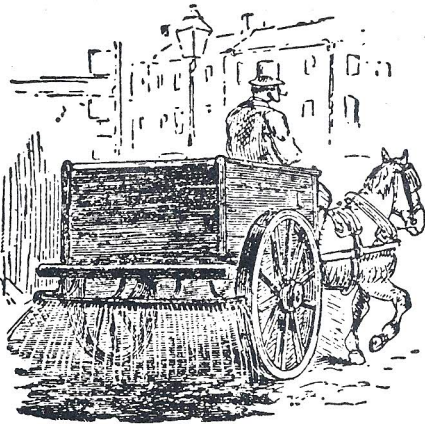
I am sorry I did not send a donation, but I am low on funds. You know how a student is, but thank you ever so much for sending the Mission Trail.

Thank you,
Allen Painter

Thank you, Allen, for that encouraging letter. We appreciate young people who take an interest in the things of God and have a love for the truth. Let us not forget all of the school boys and girls as this school season closes. WCM

Children's Page

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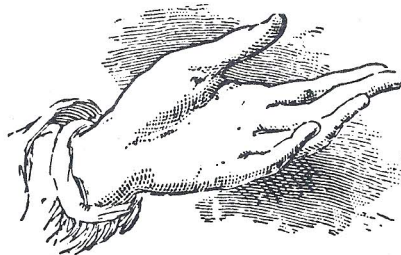
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hammer.

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at press time

we understand:

From Ill.: "The Lord is still very kind and merciful to us and ours, for which we are grateful. We are making last minute preparation for a visit with our daughter in Fla. . . May the Lord continue to bless each effort being put forth to spread His Word."

--Andrew and Thelma Reineking

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Coffeyville, Kansas: "We are getting ready for our tent meeting. It looks like Bro. Curtis Williams won't get to be with us since he is so sick. We pray God will give us a good meeting with no more hindrances. . . It will be good to be in Heaven with all the Saints for all eternity. Pray for us."

--Sis. Wildenna Huffman

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Many thanks to all who help make the Mission Trail possible each week. We are counting on the Lord to direct us and supply our needs in the future as He has in the past.

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Believing that many of our readers are interested in past events, particularly when they are closely associated with the saints, we have reproduced on this page a clipping from the past. Many thanks to Uncle Jim Balla and Aunt Lizzie of Dodge City, Kansas for having preserved it. This is not an account of a recent marriage, but instead it is a wedding picture of Bro. Fred Pruitt and his bride, Sis. Mary Ann (Balla) Pruitt. They were married April 9, 1906. Many of the saints will remember the life and labors of Bro. and Sis. Pruitt.



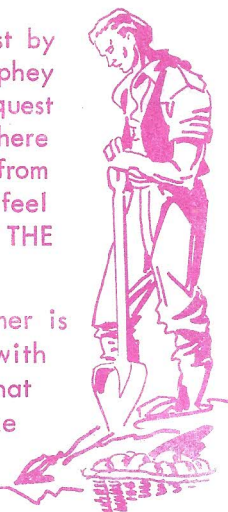
Fred and Mary Pruitt--1906

Married:—The was a wedding at the handsome home of Mrs. G. P. Venrick on Monday. It was the marriage of her grand-aughter, Miss Mary Balla, to Mr. Mr. Fred Pruitt. There is no one who knows how to prepare for a beautiful wedding better than grandma and such was the case at this wedding. Everything had been done to make the occasion bright and cheerful. The house had been neatly and attractively arranged. Eatables had been cooked until the tables fairly groaned under their burdens, and there was abundance left. Those who were fortunate to received invitations were delighted. At high noon the fine young couple took their place on the floor. Daniel Mullin acted as bridesman and Miss Mary Parker as bridesmaid, and Probate Judge W. O. Jeffery, of Erie, performed the marriage ceremony. After congratulations had been extended, dinner was served.



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

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