



# 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 Word of Our God Shall Stand”*

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Good morning, friends. We hope today finds you encouraged to live for God. It is true that as a child of God you may be unpopular and looked upon as strange, because you are not of the world. But when you are certain of that which has taken place in your life you need not be ashamed. Listen to this verse: "The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." Isaiah 40:8.

Life's certainties and uncertainties, taken together, make it interesting. If there were no certainties it would be a madhouse and how lost we would be. But on the other hand, if there were no uncertainties, life might become monotonous. So the essential thing is to keep these two in some kind of balance. It is true that over the uncertainties we have little control. But there are some everlastingly dependable things--eternal promises, on which we can rest with utter confidence. For one thing I am glad God is God and nothing which men can do will rob him of His power. There may have been a time when atheism was popular, but today those who are able to think clearly acknowledge there is a greater power than that controlled by men. Right is right and wrong is wrong regardless of what men say. It is very likely that those who will argue otherwise are inspired of the devil who is the "father of lies." Then too, there is a strong sense of sanity, if we may call it such, in the human spirit which rises up against such perversion of fact. And if I may go another step farther, let me say that those who are really wise will take the

sermon on the mount as a guide line between right and wrong.

Really, we are living in a time of confusion. Take for instance, the diet list of today. Some writers tell us that certain things are poison to the human system. In fact, the way which is thought to be the healthful way of eating today will perhaps be the scorn of tomorrow's experts. Even now, if we believe everything we read concerning foods, our list of foods, which are good for us, will be limited. But isn't the same thing true in politics, international relations and world affairs? New and diverse interpreters rise to tell us that yesterday's meat is today's poison. Frankly, it is rather hard to be sure of anything like this unless we hold to the Word of God which changes not, as our standard.

Evidently many of the founding fathers of our nation believed in the providence of God, for it is reported that George Washington said after Braddock's defeat; I quote: "By the all-powerful dispensation of Providence I have been preserved beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets



through my coat and two horses were shot under me, and death was leveling my companions on every side of me." End of quote. That was a report of George Wahsington often referred to as the father of our Country.

And speaking of statesmen and their belief that God controlled the affairs of men, I want to give you a reported description of a certain man and tell you some of the things he went through in growing up and see if you can guess who it was. See if you can tell who this description fits:

He was born Jan. 17, 1706 in Boston, Massachusetts and was either the 15th or 16th of seventeen children in this family. His father was a tallow chandler and soap boiler who had emigrated to America. Consequently, it was a poor family, indeed, from which he came. He spent much of his childhood growing up in a city slum.

He had a police record while yet a boy for leading his gang to use the stones which were intended to build a house. Instead they used them to build a swimming wharf. He had two short terms of school and began working for his father when he was 10. But to make a long story short he ran away from home when he was 17. When he arrived in the other city he was so poor (he had sold some of his books for food money) that he dared spend only three pennies for bread. He was soaked through, and shivering and feverish. He was dirty. He had no clean clothes. He had bad eyesight and no glasses. He was ugly, friendless and jobless. He had no place to sleep and no past he dared go back to. To add to all this, his future didn't look very promising.

Now, would you like to know who this

man was? None other than Benjamin Franklin, often referred to as the father of American printing!

Those of you who are familiar with American History may remember that he arrived in Philadelphia with \$1.25. You may also recall that it was he-- Benjamin Franklin, who discovered that lightning and electricity are identical. He invented the lightning rod, also bifocal spectacles and a harmonica. He founded the first circulating library in the United States, also an academy which became the University of Pennsylvania.

Furthermore, he helped to make treaties for the American colonies, represented certain of them before the great men of his day such as kings, rulers, etc. But here is one principal thing I want to tell you about Benjamin Franklin. He believed God to be the supreme ruler of the universe for it is reported when the Constitutional Convention had come to an impasse and prayers were proposed, he declared: I quote: "The longer I live the more convincing proof I see of this truth that God governs in all the affairs of men." End of quote. That statement, friends, is attributed to Benjamin Franklin. How much more should we, be convinced that God governs and rules in the affairs of life? How willingly we should submit ourselves to Him, to God, and trust his power and wisdom.

Now, Back to some of those things which are uncertain. For one thing, riches are a poor substitute for security. Listen to these words of Jesus: "But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God." Luke 12:20-21. Do you

see how uncertain riches are? In reality, life is uncertain. We have no promise of tomorrow. This rich man used the word "I" and "my" often. He didn't seem to recognize God as part of his prosperity.

Why is it that he didn't consider the hungry child, the blind man, or the beggar? Did he not know that 'He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord?' Did he not realize that it takes more than grapes, figs, olive oil, or even the finest of wheat to feed the soul? The soul needs to be fed on truth, and righteousness from the Word of God. This rich man may have walked across his fields while the sun was shining, the wheat about ready to harvest, the bees humming in the flowers at his feet, the lark singing above his head, and the breeze turning the silver lining of the olive leaves to the light, but did he not realize the solemn verdict of God: "Thou fool this night thy soul shall be required of thee?"

When we have learned that "a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things he possesseth;" when we have had compassion for those less privileged than we; when we have refused to confuse the spirit with the body; when we have seen that God is the giver of all good -- then we come to possess divine wealth and an anchor for our souls which is secure and steadfast. That is when we have surrendered our all to our maker.

Listen to this scripture: "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For that ye ought to say, if the Lord will, we shall live, and do this or that." James 4:14-15.

Let us pray,

Our father, bless the word as it goes out over the air. May it find place in good and honest hearts. Awaken the one who may be nearest eternity and may they make all necessary preparations for their long home-going and thine shall be the praise through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thank you, friends, for a few moments of your time. If we have been a blessing to you we would be glad to hear from you. Or if we may be a help in some spiritual way be sure to let us know. You may write us by addressing your letter to the Mission Trail, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

And now, this song: "Love Lifted Me" It's an old one. We hope you enjoy it.

The singers are Kenneth and LaVerna Probst, Leslie Busbee, and yours truly Willie Murphey.

Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey saying may God bless and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye.

## Testimonies

"O, what a mighty God we love and serve! Glory to His name. We want to thank you and all who prayed for my Sister Dovie Abbott. She suffered much pain for over two weeks. . . But we feel now, that God has healed her completely and we feel the burden to continue in the work of the Lord. We are at Hammond, La. -- Having a good meeting. Several sick folks are here. Bro. Steve Henry still needs help from God. He is encouraged and looking to the Lord for complete healing. Sister Dora Doolittle also and others. Pray for them and us too." -- Bro. Sam & Sis. Armilda Abbott, 3210 Mesmer Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45410.



From Okla.: "Some one sent me a Mission Trail about 2 years ago (maybe less). I enjoyed it so much I wrote asking to be put on your mailing list. I can't get you on radio, but look forward to the little paper. . . I have been a Christian many years--couldn't get along without the Lord. . . I'm not well in body, please pray for me. Your Christian friend,"

--Minnie A. Adcock

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"God will not give us an easy journey to the promised land, but He will give us a safe one! There is no burden which, if we lift it cheerfully and bear it with love in our hearts, will not become a blessing to us!"

--Sis. Rubye Quave

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From Kansas: "I can thank the Lord for many good things he has done for me and mine. But most of all I thank him for keeping me saved. What a mighty God we serve. . . There seems to be so much going on in these last days, I have to just "make time" to pray. Pray for me, that I will always keep the love of God in my heart so hot, that the devil can not put it out. The devil is on his job, so this is no time for the saints to go on a strike, but just keep on working for the Lord for we will reap in due season, says the Lord, and God can not lie."

--Sister Isabella Williams

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From Calif.: "It seems the dear Lord's will to leave me here a little longer. I am well as usual. However I am real feeble, not too good on my feet. . . I often thank God for all His dear people and His precious word, the Holy Spirit who comforts and guides me. Jesus in all the world to me. I am in the world, but thank God I am not of it. Remember me and keep faithful in God's service. Bye for now. Love and prayers."

--Mrs. Ora Halfhill

From Texas: "I sure enjoyed the meeting I got to be in. And my children, grand children and two great grand children were all together for Christmas day, enjoyed it so much. My grand sons got me a braided rug for my new living room. I was so glad I just had to cry . . ." --Nellie Lovell

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From Okla.: "God is good to us. The Lord is our helper. O, as we read the Word of God, it is such an inspiration to our souls. O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Psa. 107:1 . . . I love the prayers of all saints . . ."

--Sister Eva Penner

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From Miss.: "I can report victory in my soul and am thankful for all the Lord does for me. We still enjoy the Mission Trail paper and would like for you to continue sending one our way. Please remember us in your prayers that we always do the things that are pleasing to the Lord." --W. B. James

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From Mo.: "I am glad I am still saved, living for the Lord and desire to be more like Jesus and love him more and more. I want to sink deeper in his love each day. Surely we appreciate all the true saints especially the ones that are giving their time in his service. Surely they will be blessed with a great reward. We request prayers as we are not very well. . . all the saints every where do remember us." --Katie & Asa Gibson

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From Mo.: "I'm glad I can say I'm feeling well and encouraged in the Lord. It's so sweet to trust in the Lord, just to take him at his word. He means more to me than I can tell of. I'm glad I ever learned about him. I only want to be more like him each day as he lets me live. We need each other's prayers."

--Myrtle Glass



From La.: "Husband and I are left alone as all of the children are grown and married but one. We enjoy living for God and know he is blessing us every day. We are not too well, but are thankful things are no worse."

--Mr. & Mrs. Alex C. Johnson

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From Okla.: "We pray this finds all well. We are encouraged . . . to press ever closer to our Saviour, praying he will make our ears sharp to hear his voice, to fight our greatest enemy, to seek not to be superior to our brothers and sisters. We seek wisdom and strength from God. Our prayers are for careless and indifferent souls to awake and seek God's mercy and love."

--Sister Doris Bowers

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From S. Car.: ". . . glad I am still able to pray. I live by myself, but I have God to take care of me. Yes, I would like very much to continue to receive Mission Trail. Here's a small offering and would like all the saints of God to remember me in their prayers."

--Sister Alice Scott

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From Mich.: "I haven't written recently, but I'm still living for Jesus. I don't know what I would do without Him in my life. He has been so wonderful, done so much for me in the past year. He has given me better health than I've had in years. I praise Him always."

--Mrs. Sylvia Hovey

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From Ark.: "The Lord has helped me so many times. I've had so many trials and troubles. This past July I lost my dear husband. The good Lord was with me through it all. My nerves are also so bad I can hardly write. I know the Lord can heal and is able to take care of me. So please pray for me that I will be healed and have more faith and strength."

--Sarah F. Henley

From Wisconsin: "I think a good way to start my letter is by using Leslie Busbee's words, 'May this new year bring you joy and better days ahead; with faith that Satan can't destroy--and by God's hand be led.' Your 'Diary Notes' are very interesting; also the pictures you took and entered into the paper. . . That picture of the Capital of Ecuador nestled along the Andes at an altitude of about 9,000 feet looks so beautiful. Is all of Ecuador so lovely as that? Since I came to Wisconsin I have missed the mountains. I used to live on a mountainside in Johnstown, Pa. I heartily agree with Bro. Earl Bliss' write-up about what is happening to our nation and the world these days in spite of the great stress put upon education."

--Sister Myrtle Baerenwald

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From Calif.: ". . . time is so short. We have to be up and doing or millions will be lost. What a sad picture to behold. Oh, I want to know more just what God would have me do. I want my life to count for him and I know that only through helping others find Christ. Oh, let us keep faithful, keep our eyes on Jesus, our Savior, sanctifier and healer."

--Sister Rebecca Robertson

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From La.: "As we start out in this new year I want to be found drawing closer and closer unto our blessed Lord and living where I can feel His hand of approval upon me at all times. . . We are thankful for God's people and what each one is doing to help spread the gospel to a lost and dying world. . . We want the Lord to be glorified in our life and we feel it would be to His glory for us to be healed as we want to be a living example and be faithful unto the end of the way. Keep me on your prayer list. We also covet the prayers of all the dear saints."

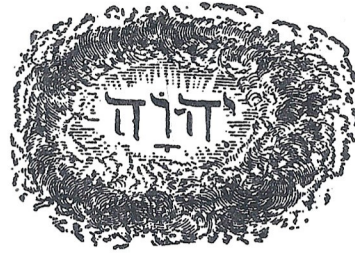
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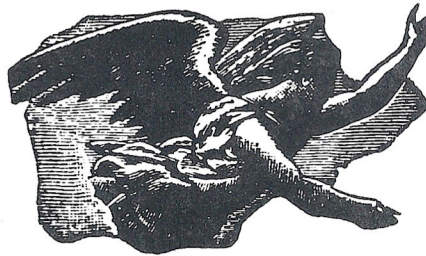
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we understand:

From Jamaica: "Dear Bro. & Sis. Murphey, Holy greetings in the name of Jesus. It's a long time since I have not written to you, but I still have you in prayer and can never forget your visit to us. It was a real profitable one. Thank God we are still pressing on with the Lord. Finding His service sweeter every day in these evil times. I can imagine how you miss Kathleen in the work, but her leaving is important in life too. Trusting they both will live happily in the Lord. I join in giving God thanks for your mission to Ecuador. Glad you were able to give the gospel to those in need. . . Andrew is going to school now. Can speak plainer now. Please remember me to Kathleen whenever you meet her. There was some trouble in our mailing service so we did not get your letter before. Wishing you all God's richest blessings. Yours in Christ," --Bro. & Sis. Ferguson

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"Surely all the boys in the USS needs our prayers. . . As you know time is short and oh how precious." --W. J. Marler

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From S. Car.: "I am yet saved and on the firing line and able to fire and let the world know I have been with Jesus and he lives in me. I past my 82nd year now and am encouraged to press on for the Lord. Please forgive me for not sending in my card before now. See we lost our baby daughter at that time and could not think to do so. We feel our loss is heaven's gain. . . pray for me as I do you and work there."

--Bro. Archie L. Sweat

"We are thankful to have Bro. Leslie and family here. The Lord has been so gracious to us. We desire to be faithful in his service. We heard from Bro. Samons and he feels burdened to take the tent this summer so help us pray and pray for them as they will need strength. Lovingly," --Ralph and Inez Beisly, Treasurer, National Missionary Fund, 407 Eldridge, Coffeyville, Kansas 67337

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From Calif.: "Greetings in the Lord. We are well and saved, encouraged to stand firm. . . Mother and father Phillips have been blessed of the Lord with long life. He had his 85 birthday yesterday. Remember us in prayer."

--Bro. & Sis. E. V. Davenport

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Sister Iva Boling of Illinois, desires the saints remember her in special prayer. Her nerves have been giving trouble.

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From Miss.: "We sure do thank the dear Lord for all his blessings he bestows upon us every day we live. Surely it is the blessings of God that we live and have our being and we can never thank him enough for what he does for us and we love the saints of God and enjoy being with them."

--The Clarence E. Pughs

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From Pa.: "Today finds me still pressing forward. In this New Year, I want to do more for our Lord, for all He has done for me. Others Lord, yes others, let this my motto be, help me to live for others that I may live for thee. Precious words." --Eva Cox



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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

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