



# 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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## God Answers Prayer

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"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isa. 65:24. Good morning, friends. Can you think of some special time when you were in need and God answered prayer for you before you called, or while you were yet speaking? That is quick service, isn't it? How many times have you waited in some lineup for your turn at the postoffice window, or to have an order filled at some cafe, or to be checked out at a discount food store or the like? We are naturally inclined to want fast service, especially in these days. Waiting is sometimes harder to do than to just get up and go.

Not long ago I was washing my car at a public coin-operated place of business and a lady drove up behind my car and waited for a little while for her turn, and then she drove away. She returned shortly, waited a little while longer, and then drove away for the second time about the time I was finishing. Do you suppose some good folks get tired of waiting on the Lord and leave before the answer comes? Well, the Lord wants us to have patience. Nevertheless, He knows just when we are ready for our answer and he is right on time. Remember the text "before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Here is a report by an early-day pioneer minister, S. O. Susag: TWO INCIDENTS OF ANSWER TO PRAYER. I quote:

"For the glory of God I wish to relate two very definite instances of answer to prayer. Once while I was holding services nine miles north of Kerkhoven, Minn., the meetings were very good, but I was under a very severe trial, or test, and it seemed very difficult for me

to learn the will of the Lord as to whether at the close of the meeting I should go home or to Grand Forks, N. Dak.

I learned that my fare from Kerkhoven to Grand Forks would be \$3.22. Then I went out in the grove (I think it was on Friday), and three times asked the Lord that on Sunday forenoon at the close of the services he would put it in the mind of somebody to give me exactly \$3.22 if he wanted me to go to Grand Forks. No one but the Lord knew about my needs. After I had prayed the third time, the Spirit clearly witnessed to me that the Lord was going to answer my prayer by giving me the money asked for.

On Sunday after the services, while I was shaking hands with the people, a brother put some money in my outside coat-pocket. When I left the house, I walked out in the grove to the same spot where I had prayed, and thanked God for \$3.22 in my pocket; and when I counted the money, I found that it was the exact amount for which I had prayed. He not

only supplied my car-fare, but had in this way made known his will to me.

Before I left the next morning, the brethren had given me more, so that I had something to send to my family.

The second incident that I desire to relate occurred at the time when the Lord made it very clear to me to go to a certain place in South Dakota where the full gospel had never been preached. This also was on Friday, and I knew that the Lord was directing me to go on the following Wednesday. I was in need of some clothes, as my suit was not fit to wear in public, and I was also in need of the car-fare.

An old sister who is now at the Old People's Home at St. Paul Park, Minn. was with us and, together with my wife, we had a season of prayer and agreed that the Lord would supply this need before Wednesday morning. While we were in prayer, the Lord made it clear and definite that he would grant our petition. As we arose from our knees, I said, "Thank God! I have the money by faith," and the old sister said, "Well, I suppose you have to write to some of the well-to-do-brethren and tell them your need." She knew that quite an amount of money would be required.

"No," said I, "the Lord will tell them. I may make a mistake if I undertake to write to any one." "You will not have the money, then," she said. "Yes, Mother," I said; "you will see before Wednesday morning that I shall have all I need." But she doubted and said she would see.

The Lord poured out his Spirit upon me with such an assurance that I went out of the house and leaped and praised the Lord, not knowing that any one but the

Lord saw me. But the old mother happened to look through the kitchen window and saw me, and she said, "What is the matter with the brother?" My wife replied, "I suppose he is happy because he knows that the Lord has heard his prayer," and so I was.

The following Sunday we went to Colfax, Minn., and held a service, at which place I received one dollar and said, "Thank God for one dollar."

On Monday I received a letter from a brother who lives at Sisseton, S. Dak., which contained a check for seven dollars. The check was from a man whom I did not know that I had ever seen, and He did not know my address, but gave the check to a brother at that place who knew my address, and told him to send it immediately, as he was impressed to send it to me. The old mother knew this brother and said he was wealthy and could well afford to send it. I said to her, "Did I not tell you that the Lord knew to whom to speak?" She was very much astonished.

I received another letter, in which was a check from a brother whom I had not seen for four years. He wrote that while he was coming from Brookston, Minn., where he had been working, and was nearing Wadena, Minn., the Spirit of the Lord told him to hurry to the bank before it closed and send Brother Susag a donation. In his letter he said that he thought I must be in great need, and that he hurried and reached the bank in time to get the money. He further said, "May the Lord bless you and use you to his glory."

By Wednesday morning I had my car-fare, a suit of clothes, and an extra pair of trousers, and when I landed at Arlington, S. Dak., I had forty-eight



cents left for postage-stamps. Thank God, his Word is true, which says, "Before you call I will answer."

May this encourage some one in need to call upon God, who is always a very present help in time of need.

End of quote. I like that way in which the Lord answered prayer for that brother, don't you? It is those personal experiences we have which helps to strengthen our faith in God and his word. I hope you have had experiences and answers like these. God has in wonderful ways supplied our needs and we are still looking to him for his guidance and the answers to prayer. It is even more real when we know that others do not even know, or have not been told of our needs. It shows even more conclusively that God is ever mindful of his own.

And now this verse:

#### HAVE COURAGE

Courage when the road is rocky,  
Courage when the skies are gray!  
Courage when you've been defeated,  
Courage when hope's fled away!  
Courage when your faith is shaken,  
Courage when strength's failed you too,  
May God grant you daily courage  
That will always see you through!

This verse was recently sent us on a lovely card which meant so much to us. Surely in this day we need an extra supply of grace and courage to press our way heavenward against the forces of evil. Pray for us as we also pray for you!

Our father, bless the word as it goes out over the air to the many listeners. In turn may they also be blessed by a fresh touch from the Lord to press on for thee. No, doubt many of them have

petitions waiting now at thy throne for some burden or problem. Answer each in thine own special way and to thee we will give the glory in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Thank you friends, for a few moments of your time. We hope you will be the better prepared for the trials of today. If we may be of help in some spiritual problem be sure to let us know.

Address your letter to: The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

Here is a song: "Never Ending Joy"  
The singers are: Bob Forbes, Randall Flynn, Dale Doolittle and Melvin Doolittle.

Until we meet again may the Lord bless and keep you in the center of his will. This is Willie Murphey saying a very cheerful Goodbye!



"Thou fool, this night  
thy soul shall be required  
of thee."



## Testimonies

From Kansas: "Greetings to you in the name of Jesus, the sweetest name in all the world. There is only one word magnified above that name, the Word of God and He is the Word. "For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." Psa. 138:1. I'm thankful for this privilege once again to be in contact . . . through the Mission Trail. God has richly blessed us since last month. He so bountifully supplies our needs and blesses us with quietness and peace. The feeling of dwelling in a quiet and peaceful habitation means a lot to me. Where there is a lot of noise--there is usually a lot of confusion and false spirits. But that still, small voice is so precious to me. The Lord has been blessing in our meetings. We were privileged to have Bro. & Sis. Eck with us for a while, also Sis. Etta Davis. We had a good all day meeting last Sunday. . . We ought to thank God every day. If we didn't have another thing--health, food, shelter, love and care of relatives, we would still have salvation. Why shouldn't we thank God every time we come to meeting, or go about the day. I'm so thankful for the Holy Spirit to keep me each day, to lead and guide me into the truth, to protect me from deception and keep me from falling. . . Yours in the Lord,"

--Wildenna Huffman

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From Mo.: "I would like to thank you for placing my name on your mailing list. I enjoy reading it so much. I need healing for my body. . . I would like to ask all of you to remember me when you pray. . . We have a son Steven who is fourteen and a little girl Sandy who is five years old. So please help me pray that God will heal me so I may raise my children up to love and live for him."

--Dorothy Lane

From Mo.: "Greetings of Christian love. Hope and trust this finds all of you well and encouraged to press on. . . I spent most of last week in Ala. I left here on the bus last Mon. a week ago. I got back here by bus last Mon. I was privileged to have services in my sister's home (Pearlene Whitson) at Birmingham, Ala. . . We were privileged to preach the gospel to several of our relatives. To me this was worth more than money. "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." 1 Pet. 1:24, 25. The Lord gave me a message on the water of life while back there, and it is still springing up within my soul. Jesus said it would be in us a well of water springing up in to ever lasting life. While in this life we have access to both natural water and spiritual water. But in eternity there will only be spiritual water. Only the pure and redeemed will have access to it. The rich man in Luke 16:24 desired water but was unable to obtain it. I think how foolish people are to neglect the spiritual water here. They could have their soul satisfied here (John 4:14) and also be able to drink of the water of life in eternity. Rev. 7:17. "And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb." Rev. 22:1. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17. "He that believeth on me as the scripture has said out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." John 7:38. . . "this spake he of the Spirit". . . Pray for me."

--T. V. McMillian



From Calif.: "Greetings this morning in the precious name of Jesus. I am happy in my soul this morning, had a good night's rest and enjoying the blessings of God. He is so good to us all. I thank you dear ones for praying for me. I am much better and encouraged to wait for my complete healing. Nothing is too hard for God. This old lady is failing, yet my spirit is renewed day by day. to keep my trust in God. It is wonderful to be saved and know it, bless the good Lord. Enclosed find a little donation to be used where most needed. Continue to hold me up before the Lord. I shall continue to remember you dear ones there. I sure enjoy reading the Mission Trail... keep the good work going. Yours for the whole truth."

--Melissa Greer

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From La.: "Wednesday night Bro. Allen and Janice came, so we've been enjoying their company and nightly services at the chapel. This is the last night they will be here as they plan to be with Bro. Loftis for the week end. The earth has a fresh look this morning after the unexpected storm that blew up in a hurry last night. We're always thankful when the Lord spares us any storm damage. The electricity was on and off during the preaching service last night, but it didn't seem to phase Bro. Allen as he continued right on as though everything was normal. Bro. Carver went out and brought in his lantern type flash light which dispelled the darkness somewhat. Bro. Allen brought out the thought of how unexpectedly was the storm and just so will be the coming of the Lord. . . We've had a touch of the flu but the Lord was merciful in allowing only a mild case for which we thank Him. . . Trust all are well and that the Lord will continue to prosper your labors for Him."

--Don, Juanita & Keith Williamson

From La.: "Bro. and Sis. Abbott have just closed a meeting in Hammond. It was a real good meeting and truth went forth with much power. I did not get to attend much, only three services but I was certainly encouraged. I have not been so well and wasn't able to go often, but feel better after attending what I did. The Lord is so good to us. We fully have our trust in him. I desire to see my family saved and would appreciate prayer in their behalf, and that I will always have victory over the enemy. He is busy at all times, trying to capture the saints. I desire a closer walk with him and that I will be able to help some one else. Love and prayers."

--Mrs. Maurie Lea

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From Wisc.: "Trust you folks are well and happy. We are all well here. So far have escaped the flu. The last few weeks have been real cold. . . It's good we can get adjusted to it a little gradual. We had sunshine to help. Our cold weather should soon be over. We don't often have much over two weeks of what we call real cold weather. Wish it were possible for us to get to at least one camp meeting this year. Maybe some day we'll be able to do the things we'd really like to do. Sincerely in Christian love,"

--Bro. & Sis. LaVeau

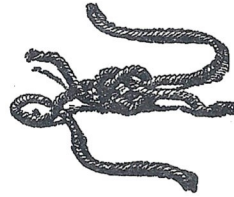
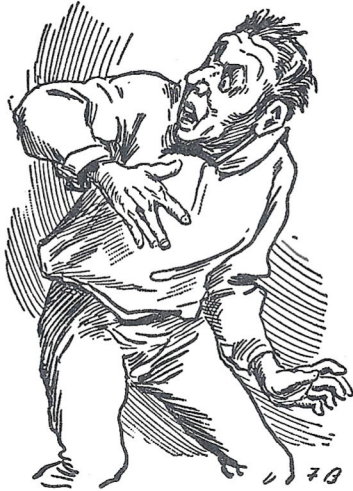
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From Ky.: "You do not know me and have never heard from me but Mrs. Floyd (Ruby Floyd) gave me your name . . . I have a very sick sister who needs healing. . . She had a stroke in April 1968 but seemed to be doing O. K. with that, now she has arthritis, sinus, and asthma and has to watch her blood pressure. She says she has put herself in the hands of God and knows He can heal her. I wish you would pray a real prayer of faith for her . . . Also if you have time please say a prayer for me. . ."

--Mrs. Lela S. Baker



# Children's Page



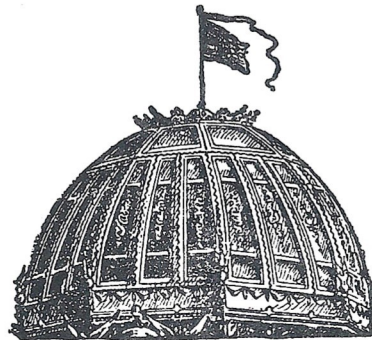
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LUKE xii, 32



# at press time

we understand:

## What Will You Do Without Him?

I could not do without Him!  
 Jesus is more to me  
 Than all the richest fairest gifts  
 Of earth could ever be.  
 But the more I find Him precious--  
 And the more I find Him true--  
 The more I long for you to find  
 What He can be to you.

You need not do without Him,  
 For He is passing by,  
 He is waiting to be gracious,  
 Only waiting for your cry;  
 He is waiting to receive you--  
 To make you all His own!  
 Why will you do without Him,  
 And wander on alone?

Why will you do without Him?  
 The word of God is true,  
 The world is passing to its doom--  
 And you are passing too.  
 It may be no tomorrow  
 Shall dawn on you or me;  
 Why will you run the awful risk  
 Of all eternity?

--Frances Ridley Havergal

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Word has been received Sister Opal Kelly has been real sick at her Mission station in Ojos Negros, Mexico. Remember her in prayer.

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Congratulations to Jim and Marilyn McMillian, 3104 Xyler, Tulsa, Okla. 74110, on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte DaLea on February 1.

Bro. & Sis. Ira D. Stover came by for a short visit in our home Friday, Feb. 25. We don't get to see them so often since they live in Tulsa now. They were planning to accompany Sis. Marie Miles to Enid for the fourth Sunday all day meeting there. They mentioned their plans to begin revival meeting in West Cabin, Okla. Monday night, Feb. 28. This is the place where Bro. & Sis. Kenneth Probst is laboring in the gospel. Pray that God may work and save souls.

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"I have arthritis in my hands and fingers yet. I have had the flu and still not feeling well at all. I thank all the people for their prayers and wish you would request prayer for me in the Mission Trail paper."

--Bro. E. B. Weir

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In recent days there has been many requests for prayer, which has taken us often to our knees. So many have written of their afflictions or the needs of a loved one. Some are concerned about the salvation of a loved one. Still others have called on the phone with urgent requests. We are taught to pray one for another. We are thankful to the Lord for each answer and yet we are looking to him for answers for others who need healing. "And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;" Luke 18:1. "And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?"





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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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| KCKW             | Jena, Louisiana     | 1480 kc.        | Sunday, 7:30 a. m. |
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