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“LIFT UP YOUR EYES, AND LOOK ON THE FIELDS; FOR THEY ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST.” — JOHN 4:35

December, 1972

Dear Ones:

At this joyous season we send our greetings of love to each reader.

We have many things for which to be thankful.

First, we are thankful for the gift of God - eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Next, we are grateful for the family of God - our brothers and sisters.

Then, we are glad God gave us a field in which to work for him and for souls. The broadcast is heard on three stations. Many letters from the listeners have made us happy.

This year has brought us trials and also victories. Some changes have come. Alvin and Kathleen presented us with a new grandson, James, who is doing well.

Clifford and Patsy did not make it home this year. Salem, Ore. is a long way! Their two children, Julie and Rodney, give them plenty to do! But they are growing up.

Killie Eugene finished high school and is working in the printing industry in Oklahoma City.

Wayne is still in school and helps with the Mission Trail. One subject he takes is Spanish.

The years are telling on Killie and Frances but they are happy for each one!

In order to make the work load lighter, some printed editions of the Mission Trail have been omitted. We are not sending out coupons to be returned this year, but if you have not written us recently please do so. Some have been faithful to write while others have not written us in months. May we hear from you? But whether you write or not by all means pray for us! Yours for the kingdom of God

The Murpheys

Killie, Frances, Killie E. and Wayne E.

"With God All Things Are Possible"

Radio Broadcast for week of December 17, 1972

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." Matt. 19:23-26.

Good morning, friends. What a privilege to be coming your way once again by means of radio. Think of this scripture for a moment: "But with God all things are possible." That may seem a little far from natural reasoning, but bear in mind that this says "with God". God is not limited as we think of limitations. We come to the end of our resources, but not with God. He can turn clouds into sunshine, the tempests into quietness and storms into calmness. Oh, how the world stands in need of the touch of God.

The opposite from possible is "impossible". Listen to this verse: "For with God nothing shall be impossible." Luke 1:37. This was the bold statement made by the angel unto Mary, the mother of Jesus, before his conception. I am glad it was possible for God to be interested in the inhabitants of the earth. There was a time when people in the world seemed to think the earth was so big and so wide that one could hardly know the boundaries of its borders, but in recent years how things have changed! Now, the men of earth who soar into the wide spaces of the blue heavens look back upon the earth and see how tiny and how small it really is in comparison to the universe.

They see that tiny globe rotating out there in the vast space of the universe. How insignificant it seems. How deserted it appears and so all alone. Then just think: what if God were to vacate the earth and leave us to grope in darkness of night? Wouldn't that be a lonely place?

But may I remind you that these men

who soar into space were not the first ones to realize how great is the God of the universe. Listen to this: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" Psa. 8:3-4.

You see, it was hard to take it in--how God could be so great and yet be interested in the inhabitants of the earth. But remember with God nothing shall be impossible. So it was. He was interested enough to send that child, born of the virgin into the world as a saviour for all mankind.

When I get to thinking of these things, do you know where my mind so often goes? Listen: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy work. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through

all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." Psa. 19:1-4.

Now, just like the stars, the sun and the moon are the lights of the heavens, even so this Christ that came into the world is the light of the world. Listen: "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" John 1:6-12.

Isn't it strange that people will not come to the light? Why is it they want to be in darkness? Here is the answer: "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." John 3:19-21.

Then, seeing that the worldly minded are like this places even a greater responsibility on those who are holding up the truth. Here is what Jesus said: "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good

works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matt. 5:14-16.

Dear ones, there is a responsibility on those who are the children of God. Are you willing to accept that challenge and be a light in the world? Are you willing for God to work and shine through you that others may see the light and come to the knowledge of the truth?

Listen to this poem:

HOLD UP YOUR LIGHT

Hold up your light, my brother
Never let it grow dim.
The world is groping in darkness.
They are traveling the paths of sin.
They need to know the Saviour
And His love for one and all,
There are many weak and erring
Who in darkness may stumble and fall.

Then hold up your light, my brother,
Never let it grow dim,
Someone is watching your life
To see if you are free from sin.
Your light may help somebody
So they will not lose their way.
So be sure your light is shining
As you go on from day to day.

Then hold up your light, my brother,
Never let it grow dim
But tell the old, old story
And let every one know of Him,
Who came to earth to save them,
And to Him always be true,
Who knows, you may help somebody,
So much depends on you.

Let us pray. Our father, bless the message to the good of every listener. Someway, break down the barriers which hold them in darkness. Set the captive free through the power of the gospel. We ask a special blessing on those who

are sick and suffering. Comfort their hearts through thy word and spirit and thine shall be the praise through our saviour in Jesus name. Amen.

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

And now this thought: In ordinary life a man who is unwatchful, wavering, unmanly, and weak achieves little, gains very little respect or confidence, and, if he does not become an absolute wreck, is still compared to a piece of driftwood floating aimlessly down the stream of life, and carried whithersoever chance currents may direct its course. Here is a song: "Hide Me Rock Of Ages" The singers are Bob Forbes, Randall Flynn, Melvin Doolittle, and Dale Doolittle.

I see I have just a few moments here. May I take this opportunity to say a very hearty thank you to every one of you who have helped us through this past year. We hope that God will bless you richly, abundantly over and over again for every sacrifice you have made for his cause. And now as we draw to the close of this year in just a few more days let us renew our consecration to God and our efforts as we reach forth with the gospel to the ends of the world. Coming January will be eight years that God has made it possible for us to be on the broadcast. We are deeply grateful to him and to each of you who have helped to make it so. Until we meet again may the richest blessings of the Lord be with each one of you. This is Willie Murphey saying a very cheerful goodbye!

Dec. 4, 1972
Box 1425
Calxico, Calif. 92231

Dear Brother Willie and Sister Frances,
Greetings of Christian love. We trust this letter finds you and yours well and happy and that complete victory is yours today.

By Gods grace I can say I'm saved from sin, sanctified and happy in serving my Lord in this place. I have been here a number of years now and altho there are not great numbers saved we are so happy to see the faithful ones still faithful. One now and then come to the Lord and are made free from chains of sin. In the work of the Lord it seems that the results of labor are slow, but oh how rewarding! Praise His Holy Name. How we need to be patient and faithful in that He has called us knowing that our reward is over there.

We still have 3 services a week here and go to a place where Bro. Pablo Ansade lives, named Estacion Victoria on Sat. At times quite a number of their neighbors gather out to hear the Word.

We also go once a week to visit an invalid sister named Marta Medina. She always enjoys the visit with the saints, singing, and the Word of God.

Thank You for every prayer you have prayed for us in Mexico. The enemy is always looking for ways to hinder us on lifes journey and also the work of God. We truly want to live in a way that the Lord can use us in His service. We daily need wisdom and guidance and understanding in the work here.

I trust that during the holidays you will have a real precious spiritual blessing.

May God Bless You Each One.

Your Sister in Christ
Edith Cole -

Testimonies

From Minn.: "This finds me well in soul and body looking and waiting for the coming of the Lord in the clouds to bring Home His loved ones. I am still on the firing line spreading the gospel by the printed page. I still love the Lord because He loved me first and has left me all these days. In January I will be 86. However, we do not know when He will say Come up higher and then there will be peace, joy and happiness ever more. I am just waiting that day when I can meet my Savior face to face and thank Him for all He has done for me and all of His saints, blessed be His name. Now, have a blessed holiday season in the Lord who loved us so much that He gave His life that we might have life more abundantly."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Calif. "I enjoy the little Mission Trail and most always sit right down and read it. And tho I don't often write or send as much as I'd like to I do send prayers up to the throne of Grace for God to bless you and provide for the work God has blessed you to do."

--Sister Vera Forbes

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From Mo.: "Greetings of love in Jesus dear name. We love Him today and do not want to live without Him. He is our Saviour and Redeemer, our burden bearer, Physician and a present help in every time of need, will never leave nor forsake us and has promised to go with us even unto the end. Who could ask for more, yet there are so few who want Him enough to live for Him. Here it is another Christmas season, soon will be time for assembly meeting. Our hearts are yearning to be in the meeting but may not come on account of the weather and sickness with 4 little ones."

--The Glen Inmans

From Pa.: "This is the time the world is to celebrate His birth, but oh! what a farce to see people buying and selling in the name of Christmas. It is such a money making scheme. If it was a true worship of our dear Lord and coming King, but we have something the world knows nothing about. He is reigning in our hearts today and is coming for His own some day. Praise His Name!"

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Mo.: "Today finds us pressing the battle on for the Lord. So glad we have such a strong arm to lean upon in times like these. He's a comfort to us. We know He will always take care of His own. We trust this finds you all well, happy in His service. Surely it's a pleasure to be saved and doing the will of God. I surely want to sink deeper in his love and be more like Him each day."

--Sis. Katie Gibson

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From Colo.: "God is so good to us. How we need to thank him for it all. We are having real winter weather for over a month already, and it has been a problem with the cattle. We lost quite a few that got into the Ft. Lyon Ditch which was full of water and so much snow. The boys pulled them out but we lost most of them and could have very easily lost our oldest son, who owned most of the cattle. The ropes broke and hit him in the face, but he was so thankful he didn't lose his eye. He had to have a few stitches and it was a terrible blow. That hard wet cold rope was like a piece of dynamite hit him. He had to stay in bed for a week, but thank God he is about over it by now and able to go about his daily duties again, and most of the maise was out in the fields yet, but they have been working hard trying to get most of it yet, for which we are thankful."

--Reinhart Wollert

From Ill.: "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift! At this season when we remember the birth of our Saviour, we are so thankful for the gift God gave! A gift freely given--to all! But so many are not even interested in the gift that came so that all mankind might have hope of eternal life and be saved from their sins... If God in His mercy didn't send something into their lives (sorrow, sickness, need) to pull them up short, and bring them face to face with a need greater than they can find within themselves, never, would they become concerned about their souls at all. Sometimes it takes the death of a precious child or some other dear one to awaken a soul and cause it to think of death and the need of being prepared for it. I really believe I began to think when I lost my first little girl. But even then it was several years more before I was awakened to my lost condition. How patient and long suffering God is! It is His mercies that we are not consumed!

--Sis. Thelma Sprague

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From Calif.: "I do thank the good Lord for the many blessings that have come my way. He surely does care for me. Wishing you all a very happy holiday season and a very prosperous new year. Much gratefulness to you."

--Sis. Edna Murry

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From La.: "Glad I'm still saved and encouraged to press toward the mark of the prize which is in Christ Jesus. Glad he is my Savior, Sanctifier and keeper and healer."

--Sis. Audrey Baumgartner

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From Ga.: "Dear saints, I am happy to say to you all I am feeling fine, hoping all are well and enjoying the best of health... Pray for me to keep on climbing up the king's highway."

--Sis. Claudia Robinson

From Okla.: "Do hope all are well. I am so thankful the dear Lord is so good to me that I can still take care of myself. Do wish all a merry Christmas and happy new year. Don't forget to pray for me. I do love the paper, get so much good out of testimonies... I love all dear saints."

--Grandma Matthesen

"91 years old, live alone, do best I can."

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From Ga.: "I am still holding on to the good master's hand. Well, we have so many people who don't even care about the Lord at all and so few who want to do the right thing. Well, it is getting more like Noah's time. Well, I thank the good master for putting me on the right road. I want the other people to see the light and walk therein..."

--Brother Friendly Green

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From Kansas: "We are yet saved and thanking the Lord for his great love, who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity."

--Sis. Cornelia L. Ragsdale

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Our pages all are numbered and

We have to fill them in

With every action in our life

Of charity or sin.

We do not know how large the book,

According to our age,

O what will be the number of

The last and final page.

But it will be an accurate

Account of what we do,

Including all the sufferings

We actually go through.

So let us strive to write each page

According to God's way

As we pursue our life on earth

And live from day to day.

Let us endeavor to correct

Our errors of the past

And write and live each coming page

As though it were our last.

at press time

we understand:



Bro. & Sis. W. W. Crawley

Along and useful life for the Lord came to a close on Dec. 9 when the Lord called for his faithful servant, Bro. W. W. Crawley to come up higher. He was 97 years old and had preached the gospel in this reformation for years. At the time of this death he was living in the Golden Rule Home. His home had been in the Boley community where he attended the camp meetings there as well as those of other places. His unique way of presenting the truth was used of the Lord to stamp a lasting impression on those who heard him. He was held in high esteem and we are sure he will be long remembered as one of the pioneers of the reformation. He and Sis. Crawley had been married 73 years.

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From Okla.: "Greeting of love in Jesus name. I am thankful for salvation and the blessings of God. Please remember my brother Luther Reed. He was in a car accident last nite. Cut lip and chest pains. Please pray the Lord will undertake for him...Christian love,"

--Lottie Buchanan

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Pray the Lord to heal Sister Jewel Whitley of Marshall, Texas.

Congratulations to Bro. and Sis. G. A. Nichols, R. 1, Loranger, La. 70446, on their Golden Wedding anniversary. There will be open house at their home on December 24, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. Friends and relatives are invited.

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Oklahoma State assembly meeting starts today, December 22 here in Guthrie and continues through Dec. 31. Come and spend the holidays in a spiritual atmosphere. Services daily.

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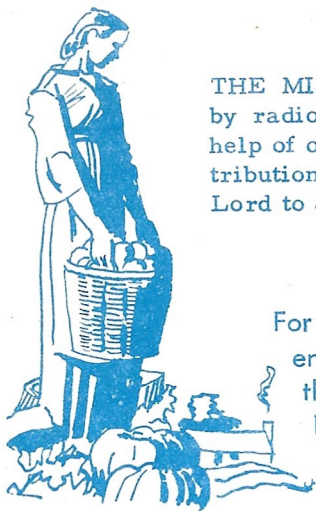
Funeral service was had for Sister Mary Russell Saturday, Dec. 9 in the Church of God chapel, Guthrie. She had lived in Guthrie since 1968. Sis. Russell had not been well for some time and was taken to the Golden Rule Home only a few days before her death on Dec. 5. Five of her children attended funeral. She will be greatly missed by the saints at Guthrie.

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We extend our sympathy to the husband and family of Sis. Lula Whipple who died Nov. 17. Bro. Jim Broker officiated at the funeral in Oregon, Mo. Nov. 19. She and Bro. Lloyd have five living daughters and one son. One daughter, Sis. Lois Sharp formerly lived in Guthrie. Remember them in this time of sorrow. Bro. Lloyd Whipple, Box 264 Oregon, Mo. 64473.

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We take this opportunity to wish all the listeners and readers of the Mission Trail a joyous Christmas and a happy new year. Pray for us as we pray for you. God bless you all!



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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."



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