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"A New Creature"

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Good morning, friends. What a pleasure it is to be coming your way again by means of radio. Here we are well into the new year. I have something special for you on this broadcast. It is the testimony of how a man found God and what his life was like before that time. He refers in his letter to a scripture here in 1 Cor. 6:10. I would like to begin with the verse above that. Listen: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, not idolaters, not adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." Before we go on let me leave with you this poem:

ANOTHER YEAR

Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year for thee;

Another year of leaning
Upon thy loving breast,
Of ever-deepening trustfulness,
Of quiet, happy rest;

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of thy face;

Another year of progress;
Another year of praise;
Another year of proving
Thy presence "all the days";

Another year of service,
Of witness for thy love;
Another year of training

For holier work above.

Another year is dawning!
Dear Master, let it be,
On earth or else in heaven,
Another year for thee!

Dear ones, may you spend this year for God and the benefit of souls. Time is short and eternity is long. Death is certain if the Lord tarries.

I would like you to pay particular attention to the definite statements of the scripture in Corinthians. There was a list given of sins, vices and evils. Did you notice that? The positive declaration was made that those who did such things were not going to inherit the kingdom of God. Heaven is a holy place filled with Glory and with grace, sin can never enter there.

But let me give you this testimony of Alfred Peterson, Route 1, Granby,

Missouri 64844. Thank you for this letter, Bro. Alfred Peterson. We hope it will prove a warning to others who may be living as you one time were. And we are thankful the Lord has changed your life and made you a new creature in Christ Jesus. There are many others who ought to be doing the same thing:

"Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: Only the children in Christ can know the joy and peace that is in the heart and soul of one that has been born again and chosen of God. We read in Matthew 20:16, "many be called, but few chosen" and in John 15:16 Jesus said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you". I had not been inside of a church for 21 years. Even if a friend died I would just say he is a dead duck and go on. There I was married raising a family, little children and knowing nothing of God or the Bible. I thought Bibles were made for preachers only and at 48 years old I could not read or write. All I did was work hard for the devil. Oh how sinful I was. I did everything the Bible says "thou shalt not", and some that is not written. My wife always tried to live a Christian life. I never knew her to ever put a cigarette or a bottle of beer to her lips. She would beg me to quit drinking but I could not. . . One day an old man came to my house and said, "Alfred, do you love your wife?" I said, "Why sure I love my wife." He said, "Do you love your children?" "Why sure I love my children." He said the life I was living I was dragging them to hell. Well, that just meant fighting words to me, but he talked so fast and got his Bible and told me to read this. He had 1 Cor. 6:10. Well, he saw I could not read so he helped me. That verse got me and he read many more and asked me to come to the revival. I told him I had not been in a church for

21 years but my wife wanted to go so I told him I would come, so he left. I went out to do the milking. I put the feed in for the two cows, let them in, got the milk stool, started to milk, but I could not move a finger or a muscle. I thought I was having a stroke or heart attack. I thought I was going to die. I said I better ask God to forgive me before I die. I thought I would get on my knees, but I went clear down in pain, crying to God to let me live and forgive me. I heard a voice as plain as if you would speak saying, "It is the truth, go follow it all the way." Then I got up, went to the door, looked all around to see if I could see who spoke to me. From that day to this I had power over self and sin. . . We were so lonesome to find the true church. We thought they were all alike 'til we went to Monark Springs. There God said, "Here is your brothers and sisters." We were so happy to see so many. It was just a taste of heaven to us. God has been blessing us. I can say as Paul says in Gal. 1:12, "I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ", and as Paul says in Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation". I see I am taking up all your time. I could go on and on. Some day maybe we can meet, if not here then in heaven. We listen every Sunday to you. . ."

End of quote. Now, dear ones, this man found a power that changed his life. Instead of going on in his drinking and wickedness, he became a new creature in Christ Jesus. You can have that too! It is for every one who will acknowledge their sinfulness, pay the price and allow God to reign in their lives.

Let us pray.

Our Father, we are glad there is pow-

er in the gospel. There is power to save and keep from sin. Bless each listener in the way which they need most this day. Give the unsaved a longing and thirsting which can be satisfied in no other way until they come to thee and thine shall be the praise through Christ, Amen.

Would you like a recipe for a happy new year? Then listen: Take twelve fine, fullgrown months. See that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, hatred and jealousy. Cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness. In short, see that these months are freed from all the past--have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time. Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. (Twenty-eight for February). Now, this batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many people spoil the entire lot in this way) but prepare one day at a time, as follows: Into each day put a generous portion of faith, patience and courage. Then add some honest toil and work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest). Next add hope, which is the anchor of the soul and some liberality and kindness. Afterward, allow a reasonable time for rest and reading of the Word as well as meditation. Add one purpose of heart--to please God above all else. Mix all of this thoroughly with love and cook in a fervent heat. Garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy. Then serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness. A happy new year is certain to follow.

If you have enjoyed the message we would be pleased to hear from you. Address your letter to The Mission Trail,

Guthrie, Okla. We appreciate those who help make this message possible from week to week.

And now this song: "In The Shelter Of His Arms". The singers are Lynn Carver, Arnett Carver, Troy Gentry, and Edgar Martens. Until we meet again this is Willie Murphey saying God bless and keep you in the center of his will and a cheerful goodbye!

MY TALENT

The stories I read that somebody wrote,
They bring tears to my eyes and a lump
in my throat;

Some people are gifted with talents
by fate!

But all I can do is appreciate.

The treasures of wisdom that sages
display

And silver-tongued orators multitudes
sway;

My tongue so tangled won't articulate!
And--as for a brain--call me 'ol' addle
pate!

The music that causes my spirit to soar
And thrills my heart to its inner-most
core!

Oh, the wonders that dexterous fingers
create!

But all I can do is, appreciate!

Acrobats, ballerinas, lithe, graceful
and nimble,

(If I tried those stunts, I just might dis-
semble!)

Prima donna voices with fame cele-
brated,

But when I start to sing, the room is
vacated!

Though maybe my talent I've quite un-
derated--

For all those whose talents before I've
stated,

Would they be encouraged, inspired,
motivated,

Without knowing their efforts were
appreciated?

Correspondence

From La.: "We are so thankful this morning for the greatest gift ever given ... the gift of God's only begotten son and how he gave his life for us because he loved us so much. I surely want to live for him and obey his every commandment. We trust this finds each of you well and happy in the service of the Lord. We appreciate what you are doing to spread this great truth. We appreciate every work that the children of God are doing to lift up Jesus to a lost and dying world. We pray the Lord will help us each one to do what we can as time is so short. We enjoy reading the Mission Trail and listening to the broadcast on radio. We trust it will go forth in the future as it has in the past... The dear Lord is blessing me so much and I am grateful for all he does for me from time to time... Do keep me on your prayer list. We are having a cold spell at the present. Heard about the ice storms and snow in different states. Do trust the Lord will protect and care for every one that's in need in any way." --Sis. Effie Miller

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From Okla.: "I love the Lord and his saints. I read the paper you sent me entitled Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest about sending laborers. Bro. Willie, all the Lord wants me to do is live for him and work and pray and give to his cause. I am just one of the comely parts he speaks about in the Bible, but I want to be faithful at all times... we are sure in a battle. The devil tries to pull us back. He fights us but we can be more than conquerors through Jesus Christ... Jesus is good to me but the devil is trouble. I will sure miss Bro. Wilson, but Paul said to die is gain. You pray for me as I will pray for you and all the saints."

--Bro. Jim Ingerly

From Tenn.: "Greetings from East Tenn. in Jesus dear name. Trust this finds you folks well and happy in the Lord. We're thankful for his care and keeping thru another year. We've been blessed in many ways and do want to live worthy of his blessings and do more for the Lord and his cause in 1973. He has no hands or feet, here, in the world, but ours, and we need to be faithful helpers day by day, for truly the dedicated laborers are few. Best wishes and prayers for your Christian efforts in the new year. Yours for the truth,"

--Charles B. Williams

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From Calif.: "Greeting you in Jesus dear name who suffered so much for us when we were so unworthy but I am thankful I heard the truth and gave my heart to him for he has done so much for me and saved my soul and gives me victory over the devil and heals my body in time of suffering and encourages me from day to day... I surely enjoy hearing the Mission Trail read to me and I trust the Lord is supplying your needs to keep the good news going out over the air. I thank the Lord that he helps me to have a little to send you from time to time but wish I could do more, but I do pray for you and trust the Lord will give you souls for your labour of love in his great work... Your sister in the Lord,"

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From Illinois: "Another year is underway and we trust we as God's people can go from victory to victory. We haven't gone this way before, but we are not exploring it alone. He goes before us as a well qualified Guide. We can only say "Lead on." We are endeavoring to hear his voice and to know his will... May the Lord bless each broadcast and each issue of Mission Trail. As ever,"

--Andrew and Thelma Reineking

From Oregon: "Dear Bro. Willie, Sis. Frances and all the dear saints that read this, I greet you in Jesus dear name. I am praising the dear Lord for salvation and all his goodness to me and mine. I feel burdened for us all to pray for our rulers. All need the Lord to guide them. The Word says pray for our rulers that we may lead a quite and peaceable life. And many are afflicted. I feel we all need to get under the burden for them and all of our unsaved loved ones. I have a real special burden for an unsaved boy. I have several unspoken requests... May the Lord bless all the saints is my prayer. Your sister in Christ,"

--Sis. Emma Busch

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From Ga.: "I am thanking the Lord for another new year. Pray for me. I am living as far as I know how. Pray to keep my feet in the straight, narrow way."

--Claudia Robinson

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From Tenn.: "I do love God and just can't thank him enough for this peace in my soul, while Satan is hurling his fiery darts about me. I feel that I am near the front of the battle, and want to be a good soldier and not a slacker in this battle for truth and right. My heart is very heavy and burdened because of the lost and especially those of my own loved ones. Please continue to help me pray for them, that they all will take thought and come to realize the great love God has for lost sinners, to allow his only son to suffer so much for the sins of the whole world. Think how willingly Jesus went to the cross and suffered such pain when he could have prayed the Father, and he would have sent more than 12 legions of angels (Matt. 26:53). But he rather suffered the shame of the cross that you and I and all who will might be saved... I enjoy the Mission Trail, and get a blessing from it all..."

--Sis. Mary Rogers

From Okla.: "A New Year's Greeting, It is the opportune time to wish you well and let you know we have enjoyed the Mission Trail again this year. We appreciate your efforts to encourage and spread the gospel. May the Lord richly bless you and the workers there."

--Dale, Linda, and Christina Probst

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From Wisc.: "We are grateful for all the blessings at this time, this year, too numerous to mention... We have about 3 inches of new snow. It's so pretty out. May the Lord bless and keep you in the center of his will."

--Duane and Sue LaVeau

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From Wisconsin: "We have a very beautiful day up here in Wisconsin and it is above 30 degrees and Johnnie is planning to pick corn. Yes, in the snow (about 9 inches of it). It was too wet last fall so the Lord willing they will try to get enough to last through the winter and can finish the job in the spring. Sure wish we could be down there for your meetings. Maybe some day we can. We live in such a wicked world that a person should be able to get to some good meetings and be among Christian people. Thankful for our children who are willing to be with us for services twice a week. That is a real blessing to us all too. Would like to be with the folks in Hinckly, Minn. But we can't understand that language. ... Sincerely in Christ,"

--Bro. & Sis. John LaVeau

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From La.: "Greetings in Jesus' name this beautiful Christmas Day. Thankful to be well and enjoying the blessings of salvation. God is good to all, but especially to those who love him. We yet enjoy the messages each Sunday morning over WFPR in Hammond, also the Mission Trail paper."

--Kenneth and Virgie Flynn

From Okla.: "Truly the Lord has been so good to us and we do give him thanks and praise. I like the verse of scripture... The entire verse reads like this, "Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed for the Lord thy God is with thee, whithersoever thou goest." Josh. 1:9. Isn't that rich? When we know God has commanded us in a thing then we can truly be strong and of a good courage, knowing that the Lord our God is with us wherever we go. Floods may rise and storms may come but if God has commanded us in our course then we may know all is well. I do love the Lord and want to better please him in this new year. He has been so good to me. I remember one time when the floods had risen high in my walk with God. Things looked dark, but before these "flood" conditions developed fully, God graciously gave the needed preparation. He gave me a dream showing me the great flood rising and myself on a mountain above it. Then he gave some instructions showing me what the end would be. That was encouragement to my heart that helped me through safely... Isn't our God good to take such care of us?"

--Sister Fern Stubblefield

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From Arkansas: "We have snow on top of ice, but the sunshine looks good this morning. God knows what we need, doesn't he? Snow takes nitrogen from the sky and puts it in the soil to make crops grow. Isn't it wonderful how God has placed everything in perfect balance in his creation? He looked on what he had done, and it was good. We have a little poem at school about the firefly, and at the end it says: "I never would have thought of it to have a little bug all lit and made to go with wings"... We do desire your prayers for the work here."

--Sis. Ethel Worrall

From Mo.: "Greetings in Jesus precious name. Oh, how sweet it is to trust in him. Through his name we can say today we have the victory over all sin of all kinds. The Lord has been so precious to us through the year of 1972, gives us grace and help to live a righteous life every day of the year. He has healed us of some serious afflictions that came our way, during the year. One I would like to mention. About the month of Sept. Dollie (my wife) fell out at the door on the concrete steps. She cracked a bone just above the ankle. She was eight weeks in a wheel chair and could not stand any weight on it. At times she would suffer much pain day and night. All the saints that knew about it were agreed in prayer with us. The Lord caused the bone to knit together and the flesh to heal. It is sound and well today. She is walking good on it, only a scar to be seen. To the Lord we give all the praise. We thank all the saints too, for their interest and concern about us during that time... We appreciate the Mission Trail so much. Keep us on your mailing list."

--Alesia and Dollie Sorrell

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From Ore.: "This finds me still holding fast to my faith and confidence in the Lord. He has blessed us so much this past year with good health and happiness. We had a real cold spell in December when it got down to 34 degrees below and for a week was around 20 degrees below zero. Our water pipes froze up and our pump in the well-house froze and bursted one side. We were without running water to our house for 11 days which made us appreciate the water we were able to pump from our well to a storage tank... Hope you all keep well and are able to continue the Mission Trail which keeps me informed of the saints. With Christian love,"

--Sis. Lucille Trimble

at press time

we understand:

From Jamaica: "Dear brother Murphey, Greetings of love to you and family. It is quite a few months since I have written to you. However this does not mean that our Christian love for you has changed, for why should saints cease to love and to pray one for the other! We always remember our Christian fellowship here together. The fellowship of saints gives a foretaste of heaven, therefore saints love to dwell together. Since July sister Smalling has not been enjoying good health. She had been quite sick, but now thank God much improved. Please continue to pray for us and the church here. Brother Thomas is fairly well and still active in the work of the Lord. The Fergusons are well. The members of the assembly here are still determined to live for God. Two new ones have been added to our number. Enclosed please find from the church \$5 to help in the work of the "Mission Trail." That God's richest blessings ever rest on your life and labours for Him is the prayer of--Yours in Him,"

--Israel and Olga Smalling

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Sis. Louis Williams, Wichita, suffered a stroke Sunday, Jan. 14 and was unable to talk. Pray for her restoration.

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"I enjoy the little Mission Trail paper so much. I am a shut in, lost my husband in 1943 on the 23 of December, so this time of the year always is a sad time for me...I need your prayers... send the paper on to me. Your sister in Christian love,"

--Lela Henry

From Mo.: "I thank the Lord for all His great Blessing. He has been so good to me. He is my comfort, my strength, my refuge, one on whom we can depend, one who is always near day or night. Well, the ground here is covered with ice and I hear the wind blowing, but I think of the good old song that says, In winter, in summer, in sunshine and rain His love and affection is always the same. Oh how true. The weather need not disturb our peace and joy in the Lord... My lights are off and I am writing by my candle lamp, just thankful I have it and have a good fire in my wood heating stove. I am alone here in my little home, yet not alone. The Lord is with me... Pray for me."

--Sister Becky Barnes

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"I am glad we were permitted to meet with the saints again at the assembly meeting... Truly I desire to please the Lord with my life."

--Neta Eck

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Harold Lee Davis and Miss Lois Hightower were quietly married Jan. 12 in the home of James and Charlotte Huskey with Bro. Leslie Busbee officiating.

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"I feel impressed to write concerning my son who once had a complete nervous breakdown. I requested prayer for a very long time for him. One of his doctors said at one time he felt his condition was hopeless but thanks to our Lord he has overcome that condition and has been home for over 4 years. Pray the Lord save him..."

--Sis. Katie Gains



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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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