



# 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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## "One Purpose"

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Good morning, friends. How wonderful it is to be coming your way by means of radio in this brand new year of 1974.

God has certainly been good to us in permitting us to reach this place in life. I trust each of you are well and enjoying the blessings of the Lord. Here, let me begin with this scripture:

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knoweth the power of thine anger? even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Psa. 90:10-12.

This has been a favorite scripture with me for many years. Great wisdom is needed to know how to spend our days in the best way. Now, let me share with you this:

### NEW-YEAR'S GREETING

Another year has come and gone,  
So swiftly flows unceasing time,  
Forever on and on and on.  
With sorrow's groan and merry chime  
Commingle in its surging tide.  
Time bears along upon its flood  
Poor human wrecks by sin destroyed;  
Yet o'er its stream the hand of God  
Still bends his bow of hope divine;  
Its hues of love in beauty shine.

Another year of hope and fear  
Has swept around its dial-plate,  
And with it thousands disappear  
To higher bliss or awful fate.  
God grant to us who yet survive  
A heart of fervent gratitude.

And Grace that we may wholly live  
To glorify the Source of good;  
Then should this be our final year,  
We'll sink to rest without a fear.

Another year hath brought its store  
In rich profusion at our feet,  
That we should heart and soul adore  
Our Maker's love so broad and deep.  
And have you cast your bread upon  
The waters of the passing year,  
In hope that what your hands have done  
Will in much future good appear?  
Then as thy faith so shall it be;  
In coming days thine eyes shall see.

Another year! How hast thou done?  
Leaf back its record now and see.  
Have from thy life such virtues gone

That, blessing others, back on thee  
 Rebounded in a rich reward?  
 Or hath the year rolled over thy head,  
 With no oblation to its Lord?  
 Then thy own soul thou hast not fed,  
 And Christ the Judge will say to thee,  
 From men withheld, thou hast from me.

Another year of solemn space  
 Leaps forth from vast futurity,  
 And, winter-girded, starts his race  
 Back into past eternity.  
 Old time once strictly measured off,  
 And wrapped around this earthen ball--  
 For Heaven's plan just long enough--  
 Unwinding fast will soon be all;  
 As earth revolves each day and year,  
 The end of time is drawing near.

Another year, and who will be  
 A hero on its heaving breast,  
 Fill all its moments as they flee,  
 With deeds in sacred virtue blest,  
 And so rear up a monument  
 More lasting than the pyramids,  
 Yes, than the starry firmament?  
 True wisdom always highest bids  
 For trophies of immortal good,  
 That age unending honor God.

Another year has now set in!  
 Oh! who will take it by the hand,  
 A new and upward race begin,  
 And leave your folly all behind?  
 How many years you've thrown away,  
 Spent carelessly, "as a tale that's told"?  
 Awake to life's great end today  
 And turn thy remnant days to gold.  
 Oh, be a victor in the strife  
 And win a starry crown of life!

--Daniel S. Warner

As we begin this new year, let us set  
 a goal for ourselves. This doesn't mean  
 just a mere new year's resolution. Many  
 of those who make resolutions break  
 them within a day or two. As you make  
 this purpose of heart, settle it that you

are going to take God as your partner.  
 Trust Him to see you through! God has  
 so designed it that in most cases you  
 can be what you want to be. If you want  
 to be more like God and a real worker  
 for Him, you can be just that. If you  
 desire to be careless and ungodly He  
 will perhaps allow you to be that to your  
 own sorrow! If you have a burning de-  
 sire to be more like God, you can be  
 that. Jesus will help you to do it.

Remember, you are a free moral agent,  
 you may choose for yourself. It is up  
 to you. Just fix your mind and heart on  
 a certain goal and hold them right there.  
 Stick to your purpose. Hold on with all  
 your might and determination. Ask God  
 for more grace to be like him in all  
 things. Be like Jacob who would not  
 let the angel go until he had blessed him.  
 He got the blessing he struggled for.  
 Don't give up. Don't ever give up! Al-  
 ways go straight ahead. Be persist-  
 ent--keep everlastingly at it. See the  
 thing through. Look neither to the right  
 or the left until you reach the goal that  
 will make you just what God has for you.  
 I am sure many miss the best God has for  
 them because they give up too soon.

We are living in a time when God is  
 looking for those who will be strong in  
 the Lord and the power of His might.  
 Many are giving up the good fight of faith.  
 Iniquity is abounding and the love of many  
 are waxing cold. Surely we must be near  
 the closing days of time. I believe the  
 reason so many fail to succeed in this  
 spiritual race is because they try to do  
 too many things. Their affections are  
 divided. They want too many things.  
 Honestly, now, don't you think it would  
 be far better to put your whole heart,  
 soul and mind into serving the Lord?  
 That is what Jesus meant when he said  
 to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and  
 his righteousness and all these things



shall be added unto you."

It is reported that Andrew Carnegie wrote, "The true road to success in any line is to make yourself master in that line. Do not scatter your resources." Now, I realize that Andrew Carnegie is not our standard but the Bible is the standard and the truths taught by Jesus, but this advice of Andrew Carnegie does make good sense. In other words, choose one line and stick to it. And that line should be to do the will of God wherever he leads. Joshua had a good motto. Listen:

"Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:14-15.

Dear ones, I trust this is your decision. I believe God will bless you if it is.

Let us pray:

Our Father, bless the message to the good of every listener this day. As far as the curse of sin is found, just that far let the message be carried by the Spirit of the Lord. And as we take inventory of our lives, may we with renewed courage press the battle for truth and right and thine shall be the praise through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thank you friends, for a few moments of your time. May you be rewarded and blessed throughout the new year. This month of January completes nine

years that we have had the glorious privilege of speaking the gospel over the air. Thanks to every one who has made it possible by your prayers and offerings. We hope this year may be the best year of your life. If you would like to write us address your letter to The Mission Trail, Guthrie, Okla.

Here is a song: "I Shall See Him." It is sung by The Carver Quartette.

Until we meet again this is Willie Murrey saying God bless and keep you and a very cheerful goodbye!

## Testimonies

From Calif.: "Another year is almost gone, never to return. One of God's glorious gifts to mankind is to bestow upon him the dawn of a new year. Life is full of beginnings. It is already a year because it is another year of Our Lord. "Through many dangers, toils and snares we have already come, 'Twas grace that brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us home." We are so thankful for health and happiness and the Lord so richly blessing us. We still have my mother, Annie McKinney who had her 95th birthday Nov. 23... How precious to have a mother like her for us to enjoy and be with. God has let me live three score and ten. Had my 70th birthday. Have enjoyed little Mission Trail paper over the years... Someday you will know how many have been helped and brought to Jesus. May God richly bless you in this coming year. Thank the dear Lord for His saving grace, for keeping me saved and on this glorious way to that Heavenly home. We know not what the future holds, but know God holds it in His Hands. Please pray for us. We need each others prayers in these wicked times. Christian love," --Sister Lucille S. Allen

Guthrie: "I want to take this time to thank the dear Lord for how he guided over me on my trip to Calif., also how he answered prayer in my behalf when my foot was in such a bad shape I couldn't walk, but praise his dear name it is much better now and I give him all the praise."

--Sis. Ethel White

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From Calif.: "Greeting in the precious name of Jesus through whose blood I have been saved, sanctified and cleansed from all sin. Truly, I live righteously, have the peace of God in my soul, and joy in the Holy Ghost. I love the Lord with all of my heart, mind, soul and strength, and my neighbor as myself. I'm constantly striving to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord. To me, his way is perfect, and I would not change one jot nor tittle of his words. I thank God for you, and all of his precious ministers. I do so enjoy reading The Mission Trail. I usually read it as soon as I get it. Our congregation is praying for you, and we know that God will continue to pour out his blessings on you. You do not know me, nor do I know you. But I know you are one of God's ministers crying aloud, sparing not, and blowing the trumpet in Zion and sounding an alarm in his Holy mountain. Bro. Murphey, I am sending a little offering to help where ever it is needed the most. My dear husband and I had agreed to do this just before the Lord took him home. He left me on August 27th. I know he would be pleased to know that I am doing exactly as we had planned. I truly miss him, but I know God's way is best. The Lord has lifted the deep grief and hurt, and for this I truly praise him. Pray for me. I intend to make heaven my home at any cost. I hope you have a most enjoyable holiday season, you and family. Love to the saints. Sincerely,"

--Sister Tora Mae Jensen

From Oregon: "We greet you once again in the name of Jesus Christ, God's only Son and our Saviour, whose birth we commemorate at this season of the year. Hope this finds all well and all going well your way. We are both doing quite well for which we thank the Lord... The Lord blessed us with a real good Assembly Meeting and sent a good group of preachers with some good preaching which was backed up by the power of the Spirit and broke through upon hearts and a good number of souls sought God at the altar of prayer and we hope obtained the help which they needed... Yesterday was our all day meeting day and there was a nice turn out even though it was raining right down... We wish for you folks all the joys of Christmas and many good blessings in the coming year."

--Bro. Ostis and Sis. Evelyn Wilson

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New York City: "I am still going on in the Lord though weak in body. I want the saints to pray for me. I want the Mission Trail paper to come to my address next year in 1974... Yours in Christ,"

--Sis. Ella Mae Hemphill

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From Ala.: "Trust this finds you all well and enjoying life. We are well, praise be to God... as I didn't get to go to meeting thought I would fast and pray here at home. There is so much we need to pray about, souls going out into eternity day by day without God and we Christians should watch and pray, for we know not the day or hour of Christ's return. Trust you all have a good holiday season and a good year to follow. When I started praying I thought about you all and that I haven't sent any offering to you in quite some time so enclosed is offering for the work of the Lord. Continue to send me the Mission Trail, as I enjoy it very much."

--Sister Pearlene Whitson



From W. Va.: "We are still encouraged and pressing on. The little congregation here is still holding on for the Lord. There has been some sickness in the congregation but the Lord has wonderfully blessed and healed. We got a real nice snow this week. This snow is so white and seems so pure... Pray for us that we'll be all that He'd have us to be. We sure want to be ready when the time comes."

--Karen Lambert

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From Oregon: "...continue to pray for me. I have so much to be thankful for. I can say with David I was once young now old but never saw the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread... how true it has been in my life... our hearts give thanks and praise for the dear little babe that was sent to us from heaven... One little lamp and the world becomes lighter, one little star and the heavens are brighter, one little thought and a good friend is nearer, one little child and Christmas is dearer, one little wish to go far and wide for a peaceful and happier Christmastide."

--Sis. Beatrice Spaur

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From Calif.: "At present we are here in Calif. visiting our children and other relatives. We are very thankful to our dear Lord for blessing wife and making it possible to make the trip out here, because in months past she was not able to make the trip this far... We were able to attend some of the meeting in L.A. and the all day service and singing in Fresno... which was encouraging to our soul... We enjoy the Mission Trail very much so keep it coming..."

--Bro. and Sis. Louis Droke

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From La.: "I have been getting Mission Trail for over a year. I read all of it and enjoy it. I like the testimonies praising God for help and healing experiences."

--Rosa Lewis

From Texas: "Thank you for sending us The Mission Trail another year, which has been a real blessing to us... May the days to come be filled with the love of Christ to be a witness for him. As things grew worse and worse before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah and before the flood, things are in a ripened condition today for the Lord's coming. There will be no flood, but fire and brimstone will destroy the earth. Only the righteous will be able to escape."

--Sis. Edith Wall

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From N. Mex.: "I do thank every one so very much for your prayers. We have Truman my dear Husband home taking care of him. He is very much improved and we do well with him for which we thank and praise God..."

--Sister Ruth Doolittle

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From Kansas: "It has been some time since I have written. However, I still listen to the broadcast and read the Mission Trail... I thank the Lord for living to see the beginning of a new year. On Dec. 13th I had a car accident. It was through carelessness on my part but it happened so fast with no time to avoid it. The Lord was with us (there were 7 of us in the car) and so merciful and protected all of us from serious injury. My car was severely damaged and totaled out by the insurance company. The suddenness of the accident serves to sober our thoughts about how quickly death can come and how it pays to be ready at all times. We are still filled with gratitude for the way the Lord blessed us during and after the accident. There were bumps and bruises but no broken bones. It just makes me more determined than ever to live for God and get closer to him... I certainly want you to continue to send me The Mission Trail this year... Christian love,"

--Shirley Knight

From Calif.: "Christmas Greetings in the name of the babe of Bethlehem, the Christ of Calvary, the resurrected Saviour and Redeemer. May his rich blessings rest upon you and your Sister Murphey as you labor for him, and may the seed you cast, spring up and yield a bountiful harvest is our prayer. I was just thinking of the song, "Will there be any stars in my crown when at evening the sun goeth down, when I wake with the blest, in the mansions of rest, will there be any stars in my crown?" Let the light shine out."

--Ulysses and Ella Phillips

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From Ill.: "Would love to be with you in services tonight, for we never get to have services for it is raining and freezing and a glaze of ice on the road. And now it is snowing and the old creek is almost full of water. Sure hope we don't have to boat out on it. So pray for us that God will take care of his children for he said he would. We think of you folks often and wish we could come down there some time, but the way things look about gas I wonder if we will even get to come to the meeting at Myrtle, Mo. this next year. Hope the Lord will make a way... God has been so good to us this year. Hope we can do more for him this coming year. He has blessed us along life's way more ways than one. We are still pressing on for the Lord even if the road gets rough some, but we have him to lean on... We sure do enjoy getting The Mission Trail and read all of it for it helps spiritually... May God bless all is our prayer."

--Bro. and Sis. Matlock

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From Okla.: "I am still saved and going up the shining way. Don't mean to stop shorter than heaven... Jesus will soon be here to judge this world, and we want to be ready that morning to shout into heaven."

--Sis. Lizzie Jordan

From Idaho: "We send greetings in the sweet and precious name of Jesus. He has been so good to us and we do thank Him for it all. He has permitted dear Mamma to be with us through another year, though she has suffered much and often pain that she could hardly bear. We know that it has been through the prayers of the Saints that she has been as well as she has. She does not know what it is to be without great pressure in her head and headaches so badly. She uses her walker most of the time to get about in the house, and is not out doors only going to the car. We want you to know that we do so appreciate your concern for us in these dark hours. Your love and prayers have meant much to us..."

--Sis. Ruby Marken

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From La.: "Trust this finds each of you encouraged to press on for the Lord. We are praising God for healing our little girl, Cheryl's nose. You may remember the problem she has had and we requested prayer many times. Now we are rejoicing for the victory God has given. We do find it so sweet to trust in Him for everything. Remember us when you pray."

--Bob and Dorall Forbes and family

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From La.: "I love to read the testimonies from the dear ones over the U.S... I need your prayers."

--W. A. Landrum

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From W. Va.: "Greetings in the name of the Lord--trust this finds you all well in the service of the Lord. Been meaning to write to you all for so long--wanted to tell you that I really enjoy reading the paper. The Lord has been blessing our congregation so much. Everyone is encouraged to live for the Lord. Surely it is a privilege to serve Him in these days of turmoil."

--Sis. Sharon Fowler



# at press time

we understand:

## *The Greatest Story Ever Told*

*Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that ....*

### ONE SOLITARY LIFE

A tiny hamlet in Judea's rolling hills; bearded shepherds marveling at angel voices; a tender babe born in the warm straw among lowing cattle—whoever would have thought this to be the beginning of the greatest story ever told.

Yes. Down, down, down came the majestic Christ of the ages to be born as a babe. On that memorable night the angels said: "Fear not... I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day... a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (St. Luke 2:10-11).

As His birth was miraculous yet lowly, changing the course of the world—so His life and so His death. He, the mighty Son of God, lived among us in human flesh! He made the worlds; He upheld the universe; He was the very expression of God; from His face shone forth the glory of God. Yet, marvel of marvels, He came to purge our sins.



Bro. & Sis. Waldo D. Eck have moved. Their new address: 217 Foster Drive, Route 2, Box 152, Guthrie, Okla. 73044

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Remember in prayer Bro. Reinhart Wollert, Lamar, Colo. He recently suffered stroke. And Sister Wollert was injured in a fall.

### ALL-DAY MEETING CHANGE

In place of the regular second Sunday all day meetings at Coffeyville, the congregations of Coffeyville, Ks., Nowata, Okla., and Miles Community of rural Vinita, Okla., are combining and rotating all day meeting the second Sunday of each month. Nowata will have the January meeting, Miles the February one and Coffeyville will have the March second Sunday meeting. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the Word and fellowship of the saints.

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Congratulations to Bro. and Sis. Jackie Riley, 10845 S. W. 221st St., Goulds, Florida 33170 who were married in the Church of God chapel in Guthrie on Dec. 28. Sister Bonnie Matthews will be missed from the congregation.

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It is with sadness of heart we announce the death of Sister Alameda Gaines of Tulsa, Okla. She had not been well for some time. Funeral was Jan. 5.

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Sis. Jessie Houck died Nov. 20, 1973. Incorrect date given previously.

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Sis. Vera Dotson has special request for prayer.

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Even though the weather was cold and the gas was in short supply in some places the Lord permitted many of the saints to assemble and enjoy blessings from God as the preaching of the Word went forth in the Assembly meeting during the holidays. Many sought and found grace at the altar of prayer.



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