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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 Trail to Peace and Happiness

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Good morning, good morning to each and every listener of the broadcast. I am certainly happy to be coming your way once again with a short gospel message. From the book of Zechariah, the prophet of old, let us look at verse one of chapter 13: "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."

A wonderful prophecy and I believe that prophecy has been fulfilled in Christ, and we can share in this great cleansing fountain that Jesus opened in his day. But before we proceed with the broadcast I want to share an article with you which came from a listener and also a reader of The Mission Trail. She had wondered about "The Mission Trail," the word "Trail" especially I think, as perhaps others may have done in the past -- why "The Mission Trail?" So she explains in her words why The Mission Trail. This was her version of it, of course. And Mary is going to share this with you. Mary--

THE MISSION TRAIL

As I had been reading The Mission Trail, I leaned back in my chair and thought: "Why the word 'Trail?'" Well, I am not sure why Bro. Murphey called the good little paper a Trail, but right away some thoughts came to my mind.

When I was a girl I used to spend my summers with my sister Gracie and her good husband Joe Young on the farm or ranch. When I was 16 I was at their home where Joe was manager on a big

ranch. I loved to ride the little Indian pony Tom Thumb. Because I loved him he loved me it seemed, and so willing was he to go anywhere for my pleasure.

I found out that the hundreds of cattle in one big pasture would all be eating so calmly until the sun was about in the middle of the sky. Then I noticed that the steer about the farthest ahead from the others up the slope would raise his head and look in a certain direction. Then in about a minute or two he would start walking down a trail that led in the direction he had been looking toward. He had been standing at this trail when he had raised his head and began to look. As soon as he started, all across the pasture the cattle began to lift their heads. Then they would begin to follow their leader. None ever ran to get ahead, but calmly followed the leader.

Farther down I could see about 2 more leaders would start on other trails. A little way across the pasture were some trees, and soon I could see the leaders with the herd following going down among the trees. So I followed to see why they went there. Soon I found a

stream of water. I rode Tom Thumb into it, and when my feet touched the water I found it was so cool. Then I knew that at midday when the sun was hot and they had been eating all morning they were very thirsty for water. That creek was called Horse Shoe Creek, because down below the Ranch House it made a complete horse shoe bend.

Those cattle would drink, then raise their heads, as if looking up to God above to say, "Thank You, God." Then down would go their heads again until they were satisfied. Then they would find a place to lay down in the cool shade and chew their cuds, and then sleep.

Now do you see the comparison to the "Mission Trail"? When the cattle left the pasture they went on a mission to find the cooling water that would soon satisfy their great thirst. When a child of God once learns of the River of Life that so wonderfully satisfies the longing of their heart, they get right on that trail (on their knees in prayer) and soon will be drinking of the wonderful water of life. And like the cattle they enjoy it so much that they come day after day. If there should be an earthly drouth the stream for the cattle might run dry. But thanks be unto God, the great Fountain of the Water of Life in Christ never runs dry, but continually sends out streams in the desert hearts of men which flows on and on forever. The cow trails were very narrow and wide enough for only one cow, but they led to the good water. And now do you see the comparison between the cattle that follow the trails to the cool streams and we who follow the trails of reading God's word and prayer? As the cattle calmly followed their leader, so God's children calmly and obediently follow in the footsteps of Jesus. --Sis. Vera Forbes

Thank you, Mary. And thank you Sis. Vera Forbes for the explanation of the trails that lead to the cool refreshing water of life where all may drink and satisfy their thirsting. I am reminded of that song: "There's no thirsting for life's pleasures, nor adorning rich and gay, for I've found a richer treasure, one that fadeth not away."

As the universe moves so quietly and accurately in its orbit, even so there is power for the child of God as they grasp the promises by faith. Listen: "For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength:" Isa. 30:15. Then in Isaiah 32:17-18 it is brought out even better, I think: "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places;"

As faith begins to grasp the promises of God and the sinner counts them true in his case, despite every opposition and influence, or without waiting for feelings, but believes it true with all his heart that the work is done because God says so; it is then that he realizes the opening of the door of peace, and the presence of God like the gentle dew from heaven is realized as the words come: "Thy sins, which are many, are all forgiven, all taken away and removed as far as the east is from the west, to be remembered no more against thee forever." What a blessed consolation! The debt has been cancelled, in your case, dear sinner; the debt for which Christ suffered and died, and now through your belief of the truth, it has made you free, and Christ died not in vain for even you.

This brings you into a justified relation with God. "Therefore, being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 5:1. Believing the truth increases faith, and the peace not only increases with faith, but the soul is filled with glory, and is enlightened by the very elements of heaven. Where the soul was burdened with the weight of sin, and filled with grief and sorrow, with life a failure, now new hopes have sprung up in the heart; and, "behold, all things have become new." A new era begins; a new life commences. A birth has taken place and the new-born babe in Christ, although having passed many years in sin, is no longer a sinner, but is a child of God, and now understands what Nicodemus was unable to understand and truly realizes what Christ meant when he said, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." It is a birth of the Spirit, and cannot be described by tongue nor pen. It is a time never to be forgotten, and even the angels in heaven rejoice because another soul has been born into the kingdom.

We say it is a time never to be forgotten, because the change is so great; it is the beginning of a new life, and remembered distinctly by each one, not because of the wonderful manifestations at that particular time, but because of the work wrought in the soul. For the Word teaches us that there are "diversities of operations," but it is the same God which worketh all in all. There may be a number of persons converted at the same time, yet their actions or operations of the Spirit may be widely different. While one may leap and shout and manifest great physical performances, another may sit quietly down without a word or outward manifestation, and yet be just as thoroughly

converted, just as free from guilt of sin, and with as positive knowledge of an acceptance with God as the one who makes such an outward manifestation.

Another one will laugh and can apparently do nothing else to express the change, while yet another can only give vent to the same through a flood of tears, or even weeping with loud cries. Persons of different dispositions and temperaments will undoubtedly give vent to their feelings differently in this matter, as in regard to other things, although the work is wrought by the same Spirit. See 1 Cor. 12:4.

One need not think because he does not feel like leaping and shouting that he cannot be just as full of the love and power of God as the one who is loud and boisterous. Leaping and shouting and making a great noise is not power, by any means, because people do that sometimes and do not have a particle of the grace of God in their souls. However, the power of God will sometimes make some people do such things, while others who have just as much power with God and filled with his grace and glory may never feel led to leap and exercise bodily manifestations. It is through the belief of the Word, and meeting the conditions of the same that causes the work to be done, and God to manifest his power. May God help each and every listener to believe and settle down in the Word which will bring peace and contentment, just as the cattle find a cool place to relax and chew the cud. This represents the feeding on the Word of God.

Our Father, amid the turmoil of uncertainties, we are glad for the peace of God which passeth all understanding and keeps us through our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless each listener today with

victory and we shall give thee the praise through Christ. Amen.

Dear ones, thank you for your encouragement and prayers in the past. Also we appreciate those who have made it possible for us to continue on the broadcast stations. May God reward richly. If you are not receiving the monthly mailing of The Mission Trail, write and request it. There is no charge or obligation.

Wisconsin Meeting

"Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We are still encouraged to live for the Lord and he has been a faithful helper in time of need... We are having special services Sept. 23--Oct. 1 and would like to invite any ministers and saints who feel led to come. This will be run like an assembly meeting, afternoon services at 2:00 and evening services at 8:00. We have a dining hall type situation to accommodate any who will come. There will be some lodging available in the different homes. We would enjoy seeing you folks again if you can make it. In Christian love," --Duane, Sue LaVeau, R. 1, Shell Lake, Wisc. 54871. Phone (715) 468-2798.

Testimonies

From Calif.: "May the Lord bless you in your work for him. I enjoy the Mission Trail very much. I wish it could be larger. May we all as the children of God grow in grace and the knowledge of the truth. When we claim to be saints let us act like it and be an example. The way to heaven is very straight and narrow. I am happy in the Lord and I want his way in my life. The closer we get to the Lord the sweeter grows the way... Christian love,"

--Sis. Letha Reece

From Ark.: "Trust that this note will find you folks encouraged to keep moving on for God. We are all well and encouraged to continue the fight of faith, and are thankful for God's goodness to us in this move just made. All the congregation seem to be encouraged and holding to the things of God. We are grateful for the prayers of the saints in our behalf and may the Lord bless each one for their love and interest in what has been done. Do continue to remember us in your prayers. We want to fulfill all of God's will in our lives, for time is short and we do want to be where we can be the most help in his cause. With love in Jesus we remain your,"

--Bro. Roy and Sis. Virginia Harmon
Route 1, Prattsville, Ark. 72129.

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From Okla.: "I am still going by God's help. I hope and pray both of you are feeling fine and happy in Lord. We got good rain. Thank God for that. Well, I have been pretty sick, never did give up and go to bed... I can hardly walk. If it weren't for good Lord, I couldn't go... We are living in last days, so much is happening, so much crime in news... people have their minds on this world, how they are going to get more money. God is going to send his judgment on this old world. Parents are not raising their children like the Bible tells them. There is too much religion in world, not enough salvation."

--Sis. Della Harrison

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From Okla.: "I attended the Bakersfield meeting, also the Boley camp-meeting. I enjoyed meeting the saints and hearing so many many soul stirring messages. God is faithful in sending warning to the unsaved and stirring the saved to get standing grace in these evil times. Pray much for us. The Lord is continually blessing our congregation."

--Sis. Theresa Gaines

From Calif.: "Thanks for prayers for God has heard your prayers so many times. The Mission Trail I read over and over. In August Mission Trail--"The Solitary Way"--the scripture and poem was good. When we are going through trials and troubles and afflictions and feel left alone God is still with us and I'm trusting till death. The testimonies are so good and I get spiritual uplift. What would we do without the saints?" --Sis. Opal Williams

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From Okla.: "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my salvation and He is my defence. God the Lord will be all this and more to all who will trust Him and wait upon Him. I have been reading in the psalms as you notice. I love the prayers and praises I read in the Psalms. I also enjoy reading the Mission Trail you print, encouraging messages and the testimonies of praise and victories in the Lord. God is still on the throne and answers prayer... I am filled with praise and thanksgiving to my Lord. I can never thank God enough. Truly the earth is filled with the goodness of the Lord. When we look to Him we are lightened of all our cares, for He is our great burden bearer."

--Sis. Julia Llewellyn

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From Ill.: "Here I am praising the Lord for salvation and his love to me. I am glad he said whosoever will may come and that included me. I am still feasting on the good truths I heard at Gale and thanks for coming. Everyone seemed happy to have you there, so maybe you can come again... God is so good to me. I can never praise Him enough... Louise was sick Sunday. She called for prayer, wasn't able to go to Sunday School. I will call tonight to see how she is." --Sis. Mildred Snell

From Okla.: "Greetings to you both in the precious name of Jesus. It is through His name, the precious lamb of God and faith in His shed blood that we enjoy this wonderful salvation. How we do appreciate His great love for mankind. It is nothing we have done. We don't deserve any thing. It's just the goodness and mercy of God. We have so much to be thankful for. God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in need. We do praise Him for His great love and compassion... Last Wednesday we celebrated Dewey's 80th birthday. He told Vernon Lee, "I didn't think I would make it, but I did." We will be married 60 years in December. I sure enjoy the Mission Trail, also the messages on radio."

--Sis. Emma Dilley

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From Texas: "Greeting of love in the precious name of Jesus who died that we might live with him in glory. These few lines leaves me still saved and sanctified, pressing my way to mansions above to be with him forever more... Thanks for the prayers. Pray for me as I pray for you." --Sis. Nellie Lovell

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From Mo.: "Your letters of encouragement and Bible quotes are so much appreciated and helpful to me in some of these lonely hours I have here alone, though I remind myself, I am not alone for I know our Lord is with us in everything and every need. For this I am so thankful." --Sis. J. Edw. Leach

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From Minn.: "Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus. This finds me well in soul and body, looking for the coming of the Lord with all His saints to bring us home out of this sin-cursed world. I am still holding fast to our Savior who has done so much for us spiritually and otherwise."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

From Pa.: "Greetings in the wonderful Name of Jesus! The One who is always there as He promised to never leave us nor forsake us. What a mighty God we serve! When things give us distress, as He promised in Psalms, He would deliver them out of all their distresses. And He does. Praise His precious Name!...I am feeling so much better. Not like a year ago. God has been so gracious and I do thank Him each morning that I can move my body and pray He will be with those who can't move. ...God bless you in every way you need Him for and may some poor lost soul find the peace and joy of knowing Jesus and may He watch over you thru each danger that may beset your pathway. I am so glad your family is working for Jesus, too...I can't go, so will help you go and tell the good news of salvation."

--Sis. Eva Cox

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From Texas: "I hope this finds you both well and encouraged in the Lord. I love the truth and want you to continue to send the Mission Trail to us... Please continue to keep us on your prayer list as we remember you folks and all the saints everywhere."

--Sis. Verlene Williams

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From Okla.: "I truly enjoyed last Sunday's message. I wish I had it on paper so I could read it. Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. 2 Cor. 2:14. Yes, our God is good. Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus 2:13-14. It is truly wonderful what the Lord has done for us and does."

--Sis. Eva Penner

From Kans.: "Since judgment is coming, perhaps sooner than most of us think, well I pray that more people will become alarmed and will begin to run for their lives. It seems to be hard to get people stirred up enough to face reality and prepare to meet God. They prefer to keep putting it way off in the future and fixing their minds on the now and pleasing of self and the flesh. I am praying to stay on guard so I can resist the devil steadfastly and be ready at all times to meet God if he should suddenly call for me. I really want to go to heaven bad and I seek to be willing to continue to do whatever God requires of me in order to make it in. It takes sacrifice and self denial but the benefits as well as the pay are worth the price."

--Sis. Shirley Knight

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From Calif.: "I am still trusting God for soul and body. I hope all is well at your home. I am not too well but glad I can still keep going. I do need prayer and God knows all about it... Well our summer is about over and so many are not saved. Camp meeting time is soon gone again. A lot of our ministers are gone on to be with the Lord. We don't know how soon our time will be over. I want to be ready when that time comes. God is so good to all of us, even our unsaved loved ones. Oh, I am so glad he is looking down on us... keep us and our family on your prayer list."

--Sis. Ada Leach

Autumn Singing Sept. 30

The regular annual autumn singing will be held Saturday night, Sept. 30 in the Myrtle, Mo. Church of God chapel. All-day meeting is scheduled for the next day, Sunday, Oct. 1. All are invited to come and enjoy the singing and services with the saints.

--Bro. Donald Sharp, pastor

at press time

we understand:

THE PATH OF LIFE SCHOOL

On this morning of September 12 I made a brief visit to The Path of Life School. I quietly slipped into the Church of God dining hall on Sixth street, a short distance from the chapel. In the north wing I found ten students busy with their education in this private church school now in its second week of operation. Bro. Leslie Busbee, the principal, has many duties and is in and out as duty demands. There are two supervisors or teachers, Sis. Sylvia Busbee and Sis. Charlotte Huskey. Charlotte was momentarily out of the room as well as one student. So there is a total of eleven students each one with a private desk or "booth". Facilities would accommodate a few more. Much work has been done to make this part of the dining hall suitable for the school. Overhead florescent lights shone brightly and on the floor there was some carpet. It is not divided into grades and each student progresses at his or her own "pace" or level. The school opens each day with a devotional service. There are no limitations as to how fast a child may learn. His own ability is the primary restriction. The school is for local students only and no provision is made for "boarders". The supervisors and principal work without a salary but with a strong motivation to see the children given an education and to be brought up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord". Pray for the success of the "Path of Life School".

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Congratulations to Marvin and Colleen Probst on the birth of their son, Sept. 2.

From the desk of

Twyla Gayle McMillan

8-28-78

Dear Brother Willie and Sis. Frances:

We are still thankful today we have a God who takes such good care of us from day to day. Trust you are both doing well at this writing. We surely do want to make heaven our home. Our treasure is even greater over there now.

Bro. Samons started a meeting here yesterday and the Lord is surely present. We do thank Him for His goodness to us.

Thought I'd send a little info to you regarding Mother. Elizabeth Jewell (Lindsey) Whitley, born June 5, 1905 at Norton, Indian Territory. Married Leslie Lee Whitley March 2, 1921 at Ardmore, Oklahoma. Survived by husband, children: Anecia (Mrs. Joe) Dutton of Odessa, Texas, Harry of Sacramento, Calif; Bennie of Alice, Texas; Twyla Gayle (Mrs. Virgel) McMillan of Bossier City, La.; 19 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren; 1 sister and 4 brothers. Services were conducted at Colonial Chapel in Marshall by Clifford Wilson, assisted by C. C. Carver, Curtis Williams. Burial was in Colonial Gardens, Marshall, Texas

Mother had suffered so very much - we do miss her, but know she is better off now. Her race is WON. We all want to endure to the end. I know for a surety the devil never gives up as long as he sees life. God was so merciful to Mother though and this last illness she did not suffer as she has in the past. We are so thankful God came to her rescue. The last time she was able to talk to Brother and Sister Wilson, he asked her where she hurt and she said, "I don't hurt anywhere, praise the Lord."

Daddy is doing pretty well although he felt real bad yesterday. However, he did come over to meeting and came on and had dinner with us. I called him today and he was doing better.

Pray for us.

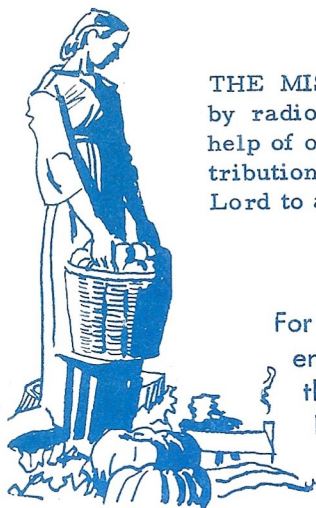
Sincerely,

Twyla Gayle

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From Wisc.: "The Lord again blessed us on August 15th with a baby boy, Andrew Stephen, 11 lb. We thank the Lord for each one of our children."

--Duane and Sue LaVau



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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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