



The Mission Trail

Box 99

Guthrie, Okla. 73044

Willie C. Murphey • Frances E. Murphey •

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

VOL. 15, NO. 6

THE MISSION TRAIL

JUNE, 1979

## "Come and See the Works of God" Psa. 66:5

Radio Broadcast for May 20, 1979

GOOD MORNING to all! How happy we are to be coming your way again with a short gospel message! For our scripture listen to this: "Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." John 6:28-29. More on the subject of work after this poem:

### YOUR MISSION

If you can not on the ocean  
Sail among the swiftest fleet,  
Rocking on the highest billows,  
Laughing at the storms you meet,  
You can stand among the sailors  
Anchored yet within the bay,  
You can lend a hand to help them  
As they launch their boats away.

If you are too weak to journey  
Up the mountain steep and high,  
You can stand within the valley,  
While the multitudes go by,  
You can chant in happy measure  
As they slowly pass along:  
Though they may forget the singer,  
They will not forget the song.

If you have not gold and silver  
Ever ready to command,  
If you can not towards the needy  
Reach an ever-open hand,  
You can visit the afflicted.  
O'er the erring you can weep,  
You can be a true disciple,  
Sitting at the Saviour's feet.

If you can not in the conflict  
Prove yourself a soldier true,

If where fire and smoke are thickest  
There's no work for you to do,  
When the battle-field is silent,  
You can go with careful tread,  
You can bear away the wounded,  
You can cover up the dead.

Do not, then, stand idly waiting  
For some greater work to do;  
Fortune is a lazy goddess,  
She will never come to you,  
Go and toil in any vineyard,  
Do not fear to do or dare;  
If you want a field of labor,  
You can find it anywhere.

From the very beginning of the world,  
the works of God was displayed. He  
created the earth, the sun, moon, stars  
and untold galaxies, the trees, grass,  
fish of the sea, and man himself as well  
as the woman. Then we find in Genesis,  
chapter 2, verse 2: "And on the seventh  
day God ended his work which he had  
made; and he rested on the seventh  
day from all his work which he had  
made."

So our subject is WORK. God works  
and he expects man to work. It is cer-

tainly no disgrace to work. At first man's work was not too heavy. God had provided for him. "And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." Gen. 2:15. I would say, that probably was not too hard for Adam to do. Nothing is said of weeds and briars at this time. But as time went on and man fell into sin, he was driven from the garden with these words, "...cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it was thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust thou shalt return." Gen. 3:17-19.

Now, I think we understand that someone has to work if we all eat. And the truth of it is, there is work for all to do. The early pioneers who came to this wilderness land of Oklahoma, found work aplenty! They came to carve out a living for themselves and their families. Men worked in the timber, clearing the ground, built log houses, cultivated the fields, planted corn and other crops to raise food for their families. The pioneer women kept the house, cared for the children, prepared the food over the open fireplace, or the cast iron stoves, washed and ironed the clothes which had been knit with their own hands, or purchased as piece-goods from the few supplies available. Theirs was a life of hardships and pioneer living. Few of the comforts we know today was there for them. So for all there was work to do.

But back to my original scripture: "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?" You see, one might

work ever so hard providing for the temporal needs of the body, and yet their soul be starving to death. So the soul is in need of food as well as the body. Jesus said unto them, "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent."

In other words, we can not save our soul by working our way in. It is not of works we are saved, but by believing in the work and atonement of Christ. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:8-10.

The writer of Psalms 66:5 threw out this invitation to behold the work of God: "Come and see the works of God:" Not only did God create the beauty we behold with our eyes, but He made provision for the soul of man to be free and delivered from all the condemnation of sin and guilt. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Rest your case in His hands and believe to the salvation of your soul.

#### SEEK AND YE SHALL FIND

Oh! where shall I find Jesus,  
This man of whom you tell?  
My heart is touched so strangely  
While on this theme you dwell;  
It seems to me some painted dream;  
I'm fevered with unrest.  
To you he seems so real and true;  
Your face speaks calm and rest.

Oh, come with faith, believing  
That he has long been waiting  
To clasp you in his loving arms;  
Then stand no more debating.



Oh, come to me, thou wandering one,  
And I will bear your burden,  
And hope shall be your shining light,  
And love shall be your guerdon.

Oh, think you he would take me?  
The way seems cold and dark;  
The light that's kindled in my breast  
Seems such a tiny spark.  
Oh, is there balm for a wounded heart  
Weary of this world's din?  
I fain would lay my burden down  
If he would let me in.

He came to call the erring back;  
Come taste his loving kindness;  
Come enter in with all your heart,  
And he will heal your blindness.  
He is rich in love and mercy;  
His eye will guard and guide you,  
Take up thy cross and follow me,  
For there is none beside me.

People may do everything else but accept that for which they have been asking. God wants us to lay hold upon his promises, consider them true, and then step out boldly and receive what is our own. We have the promise spoken of by the prophet: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them." Ezek. 36:25-27.

After obeying the word of God we can now with all confidence accept the promises, and have his word fulfilled in us, and the Holy Spirit, which is the abiding Comforter, take up his abode in our hearts. "And this is the confi-

dence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will he heareth us; and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." 1 John 5:14-15.

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. 1 John 3:22-24. I am glad for those promises.

Then we are to fight the good fight of faith. There is work to do for souls. Paul, who had been in this holy warfare a long time, feeling that his work on earth was almost done, said: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 2 Tim. 4:7-8. If we do God's work we can count on Him to take care of the results. When the apostles and others were put in prison for preaching the Word, the saints went to God in earnest prayer, and God delivered them out of the hands of their enemies. What more can we say for God's promises? He is ever faithful to those who labor and work for Him.

"And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and of Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, Quenched the violence

of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens."

Our Father, we are so glad for the work of God wrought through Christ, our Saviour. There is victory and deliverance for every one who will come. In the words of Psalm 66:5 we say, "Come and see the works of God:" Now bless each listener in the way which they need most for we ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

And may I say "thank you" to every listener and reader who has helped to make it possible for us to continue this broadcast now in its fifteenth year. God has not failed us. If we may be of some spiritual help to you be sure to let us know. Until we meet again, this is Willie Murphey, saying God bless and keep you always and a very cheerful goodbye!

## *Testimonies*

From Minn.: "Just a line to let you know that with the consent of our Lord and Savior I am getting along good. I keep looking up to Jesus who keeps me in health and strength. He is my all in all. I love the Lord and He loves me."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

--o--

From Mo.: "The Lord is so merciful to his creation. He is long suffering too. He is so good to me. I want to do his will...He knows and He cares. I enjoy good messages on the air. I'm praying for you all there. God bless you. I have the arthritis in hands and arms and shoulders and body. It is painful. I want you all to pray for me, that it be the good Lord's will to heal me. He healed me many times. He can now."

--Sis. Lily Mae Glass

From Kansas: "This has been a beautiful day but a windy day, but we give thanks to God for each day he gives us. ...How good it is to know the great love of God...It won't be long until your meeting will start, but I doubt if I get to come, but will remember you in my prayers. I hope gas isn't as high there as it is here...I'm afraid this gas situation will hinder people in getting to go to camp meetings. God will supply our needs. We enjoyed the message this morning...I pray God to bless both of you and supply all of your needs."

--Sis. Mamie Norcutt

--o--

From Calif.: "Greeting in the name of the one that died that we might have life. I am glad I am yet saved, living to all I know to please our God. I love the Mission Trail. It is always good to read."

--Sis. Katie Gaines

--o--

From Mo.: "We trust you and all back there are much encouraged and blessed in every needed way. The dear Lord has been very good to us all back here. We could never praise him enough. We enjoyed the Myrtle all day meeting the first Sunday in May... Your campmeeting there isn't far off now...I hope to be there for part of the meeting... We are always happy to receive The Mission Trail."

--Sis. Cassie Wilson

--o--

From Okla.: "Just a note to say we are encouraged in the ways of the Lord and certainly appreciate the radio programs and The Mission Trail. May God ever bless the work and keep remembering us. The Lord is keeping me with a determination to do his will above all else. There is much work to be done. We are looking forward to a good campmeeting here (June 8 to 17). Pray much for God to send us ministers of his own choosing. Your Sister in the Faith,"

--Sis. Theresa Gaines



From La.: "We read in the Psalm 25:14, 'The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him.' There are secrets of Providence which God's dear children may learn. His dealings with us often seem, to the outward eye, dark and terrible. Faith looks deeper and says, 'This is God's secret. You look only on the outside; I can look deeper and see the hidden meaning.' Sometimes diamonds are done up in rough packages so that their value cannot be seen. When the tabernacle was built in the wilderness there was nothing rich in its outward appearance. The costly things were all within, and its outward covering of rough badger skin gave no hint of the valuable things which it contained. So God may send us some costly packages done up in rough wrappings, but we can be sure there are treasures of love, kindness, and wisdom hidden within. If we take what He sends, and trust Him for the goodness in it, even in the dark, we shall learn the meaning of the secrets of Providence. We were happy to get the "Mission Trail" a few days ago, and can hardly wait to read it from cover to cover, when it arrives. We pray God's blessing on it and you dear ones, always... I want so much, to come for the Guthrie meeting if I can find someone from here, with whom I can 'hitch' a ride. I do not feel able to come so far alone on the bus. Please remember me in prayer. I have terrible headache most of the time. It goes down into my neck and causes it to be stiff and affects my eyes so much. I have much pain and weakness in my eyes. I'm looking to the great Physician and know He is fully able to deliver me."

--Sis. Sybil Goldsberry

--o--

From Okla.: "We sure thank the Lord for protecting us from the bad storms of last week... We have much to be thankful for."

--Sis. Emma Dilley

From Okla.: "Greetings in the precious love of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. What would we do without the Comforter, the Holy Spirit? As we also read in Romans 8:9, 'Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.' Last week in Lahoma much damage was done by tornado. Ernest and his family also had their trailer house turned on the side. But they had gone to a cellar and are safe. Thanksgiving to our God for his kind care. They have to get a different house. Yes, what a mighty God we serve. I love the Lord. It breaks my heart to tears to know of the love to us all. Pray for us. I am trusting the Lord and in prayer of my heart talk to our Father in Heaven about you. God bless the broadcast."

--o--

From Oregon: "I keep quite busy visiting the sick and taking them places they want to go, in my car. Kindness goes a long way with the aged lonely people. Makes them happy to know someone cares enough to go and visit them, as one lady at the hospital told me when I went to see her recently. Our weather is warming up quite a bit. It's so nice to have the sunshiny days again."

--Sis. Lucille Trimble

--o--

From Calif.: "This scripture comes to our mind as we were writing, Rom. 11:33, 'O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!'... Oh, no doubt, we limit God many times because we think as man thinketh but oh, how great our God really is. He is so much more superior our minds can hardly take it in, or can't take it all in. May God help us to trust him for greater things. He is so precious to us, blessing us with many blessings..."

--Bro. Gene and Sis. Loretta Harmon

From Wisc.: "Greetings in the matchless name of Jesus which is above every name. Here we are in a new year. New problems and new experiences are upon us. We have never traveled this way before. Surely we need the Lord's guiding hand. We had a long, cold winter but spring finally came. That is we had two real nice days so far. It is wet, wet, wet and more rain coming. Farmers haven't made a scratch on the land and it is getting late. I did get peas and onion sets planted in the garden. On the 12th of April we had a hurricane wind which did much damage to buildings. We had 2 sections of roof taken off of our house. A large barn on way to Stanley was completely destroyed. The debris as it was blown against a new silo knocked the roof right off the silo. In two days I had our roof repaired and we felt more secure, quite an experience to have no roof over your head! Thank the Lord we are both well and doing fine. Last Sunday we had an all day meeting at church... The folks from Shell Lake and Hinckley came and we had a good time in the Lord. Trust you are all well down that way..."

--Bro. and Sis. F. Dietrich

--o--

From Calif.: "I will let you know I am still trusting in the Lord for soul and body. I do love the Lord with all my heart and he has done so much for me and my family. I hope all is well at your house. The good Lord has surely answered prayer and spared my 2 girls' lives... I do thank all of you dear ones for your prayer... keep us on your prayer list."

--Sis. Ada Leach

--o--

From Okla.: "When these lines reach you I hope you are doing well for Jesus. I'm still on the battle field and mean to stop no shorter than heaven. This world is in a bad fix and getting worse all the time..."

--Sis. Lizzie Jordan

From Idaho: "We send greetings in the sweet and precious name of Jesus. He has been so good to us and how we do thank Him for His tender loving care. He does satisfy our every longing and gives joy as we walk this way with Him. We are finding it greater pleasures each day as we go to serve those that He has given us to help. There are those that are born again Christians and what a pleasure it is to fellowship them in the goodness of the Lord. Others do not know Him and how I do beg the Lord daily to let me lift Him up that all men might be drawn unto Him. This was a commandment and how I do want to do this. We covet your prayers for those that are lost and do not know it."

--Sis. Ruby Marken

--o--

From Kans.: "How are you both at this spring time? We are glad about spring but much more rejoiced because of the meeting. There was no large number getting saved--about 3 sought for salvation. But the word was so rich, pure, straight and powerful that it was glorious to our souls. The Lord made his word so plain, clear and understandable that if any missed it, well it was because they did not want to hear it nor understand it because they don't intend to abide by it or obey it. It seems the enemy is so busy tricking and confusing people and it is hard for people to live balanced, consistent and holy lives. Therefore, the strong, straight word was needed to help us to see where we need to move to and how to get there. The Lord is so faithful and precious and now the word is on our hands to measure up to and profit by. May the Lord help us all that our vision will be widened that we will obtain the very depths and heights we need to be just what God wants us to be and be real examples of Christ. May the Lord bless us all."

--Sis. Shirley A. Knight



# at press time

we understand:

Congratulations to Bro. Ted and Sis. Alta Bock who observed their 25th wedding anniversary. Their children had open house for them May 6th. We wish them many more happy years!

--o--

Tulsa, Okla., and Jefferson, Oregon camp meetings are scheduled for June 8 through June 17. Monark Springs, Mo. July 20 to 29.

--o--

From Calif.: "I haven't written for some time, but want you to know that I always enjoy the "Mission Trail" paper. Hope both of you are well..."

--Sis. Mary Reece

--o--

From Oregon: "Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Praise be to our loving God who knows all our needs and has promised to supply them... We pray for you and your work and desire your prayers. With Christian love,"

--Bill and Doris Busch

--o--

Bro. Elmer Blacksher, age 90, departed this life to be with the Lord March 10, 1979. We pray the Lord to comfort those in sorrow.

--o--

We wish to express our thanks and gratitude to all the saints and friends for their love, prayers, phone calls, letters and cards of encouragement during the time our companion and husband was ill and at the time of his death. We also thank each one for their kindness, abundance of food and beautiful flowers.

--Sis. Edna Blacksher, 902 W. Central Springfield, Mo. 65802.

Word has been received that Sis. Gladys Doolittle, Pacoima, Calif., died May 11 after a brief illness. It was such a shock and was seemingly unexpected. We extend our love and prayers to her husband, Bro. Francis Doolittle, the relatives and saints in this time of great loss. We understand a number of saints from the Midwest were to go for the funeral and burial in Calif.

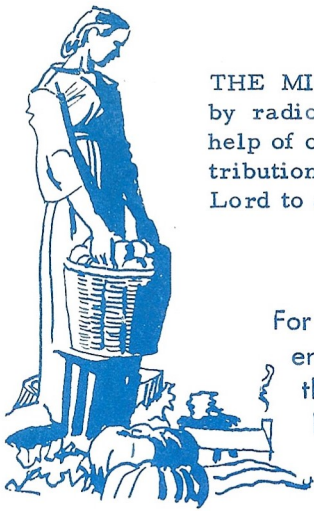
--o--

From Okla.: "Greetings in Jesus ever precious name. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank God for victory thru Jesus, our dear redeemer, who loved us so much He gave His life for us on that cruel cross. Thru Him we can claim our relationship to God."

--Sis. Edith R. Cramer

--o--

May 14th brought happiness just to hear the voice of one of God's trusting children on the phone. In this case Sis. Lessie Davenport, at age 91 was calling from Calif. She was just bubbling over and rejoicing that the Lord had been so good to her. We pray that God may continue to make her a blessing to others which is the desire of her heart. This same day another call came from Calif. Sis. Opal Williams was requesting prayer for her daughter-in-law who was seriously afflicted. We ask the readers to pray for these dear ones. Often we unite our prayers with those who have problems or are in need of healing and look to God for an answer. Those who desire to call us for agreement of prayer or otherwise may do so by dialing 405 282-1101.



THE MISSION TRAIL, originating in Guthrie, Okla., is broadcast by radio and published in printed form by Willie Murphey with the help of others. Its principal support comes from the free will contributions of its listeners and readers. Those who are led by the Lord to assist may do so by sending their offering to:

THE MISSION TRAIL, Guthrie, Oklahoma 73044



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<br>STATION | LOCATION            | DIAL<br>SETTING | TIME              |
|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| KGGF             | Coffeyville, Kansas | 690 kc.         | Sunday, 8:00 a.m. |
| KCKW             | Jena, Louisiana     | 1480 kc.        | Sunday, 7:30 a.m. |

**The Mission Trail**

Box 99

Guthrie, Okla. 73044

Return Postage Guaranteed

BULK RATE  
U. S. POSTAGE  
7.5 ¢ PAID  
Guthrie, Okla.  
Permit No. 133