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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 High Calling of God"!

Radio Broadcast for December 9, 1979

Good morning to each and every listener of the broadcast. I am so happy to be coming your way again by means of radio. In the month of January, 1980 we begin our sixteenth year of the broadcast. Many things have happened since that first broadcast in January, 1965! How we do appreciate those who have helped us to continue to this day. It is our desire to so live that we may always have the confidence of the Lord's people. Listen to this:

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one  
any day.  
I'd rather one would walk with me than  
merely tell the way.  
The eye's a better pupil and more  
willing than the ear.  
Fine counsel is confusing, but example  
is always clear.  
The best of all the preachers are the  
men who live their creeds.  
For to see good put in action is what  
everybody needs.  
I soon can learn to do it, if you'll  
let me see it done.  
I can watch your hands in action,  
but your tongue too fast may run.  
The lectures you deliver may be very  
wise and true;  
But I'd rather get my lessons by  
observing what you do.  
I may not understand the high  
advise you give,  
But there's no misunderstanding how  
you act and how you live.

As we face the new year I hope we  
realize that each of us have a high call-  
ing to fulfill. First this scripture:  
"I press toward the mark for the prize

of the high calling of God in Christ  
Jesus." Phil. 3:14. Let me speak of  
this high calling! You may remember  
that song which gained some popularity  
in the years gone by: "Supper Time."  
This tells of the one who had grown old  
but remembered when his mother would  
call the children for supper at the close  
of the day. It was a fond remembrance.

But I want to tell you there is a call  
going out today...this reaches every  
man, woman, boy and girl. This call  
is to serve God. It is a call to all the  
earth. But let me give it in the words  
of the beloved John: "And the Spirit  
and the bride say, Come. And let him  
that heareth say, Come. And let him  
that is athirst come. And whosoever  
will, let him take the water of life  
freely." Rev. 22:17. I would like to  
point out a few ways in which we are  
called, every one of us.

First, we are called to be saints. Now  
if I could hear the response of my audi-  
ence, I think there would be those who  
would thus speak: "Yes, I know we will  
be saints when we get to heaven, after

we have left this wicked world." And it may come as a surprise to some that I believe the Bible teaches there are saints still living in the world now. I know there were in Paul's day, for the scriptures say so...and I believe the Lord is the same. Listen:

"To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." Rom. 1:7.

And again: "Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:" 1 Cor. 1:2.

So these folks were still upon earth and the apostle was telling them they were called to be saints. You see, there are some saints in paradise now and some are still upon the earth waiting to be translated to the heavenly state. But in the meantime they are saved and living for God. Here is what they are instructed to do: "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses." 1 Tim. 6:12.

So all the saints have not reached their destination yet, but we are called out of darkness and unto glory: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:" 1 Pet. 2:9.

So do you see how the scriptures point this out? Again, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that

hath called us to glory and virtue:" 2 Pet. 1:3.

Are you really listening for the call of the Lord? Are you willing to give heed? Here is more scripture: "Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:" 2 Thess. 1:11.

Also this one, "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began," 2 Tim. 1:9.

This is also a heavenly calling, "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;" Heb. 3:1. So we should surely give heed: "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:" 2 Pet. 1:10.

There is a hope in this calling which goes beyond the realm of mortality to the immortal, "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of the inheritance in the saints" Eph. 1:18. To heed this call brings victory, "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, With all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, One



God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." Eph. 4:1-7.

Some saints have a special calling to preach the gospel, such as was Paul. This is indeed a great calling not to be taken lightly. "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" 1 Cor. 9:16. If the apostle was faithful in his calling, which we believe he was, there is a reward, but if not he would be held more responsible because he didn't use his talents for God. Just think of the wasted talents in the world today. Folks talk about wasted energy, but I am thinking of the wasted talents, which might also be considered wasted energy and wasted lives.

Then sometimes the Lord chooses special ones to suffer for His Name. They are to show forth his power and glory in this way. It is not the easiest way to go, but if the Lord calls for you there, it is for His glory. "And in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;" Phil. 1:28.

So regardless of your calling, dear ones, stay with it and let the Lord be glorified in your life. "Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. Art thou called being a servant? care not for it: but if thou mayest be made free, use it rather. For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's

servant. Ye are bought with a price, be not ye the servants of men. Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God." 1 Cor. 7:20-24.

Then again: "For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." 1 Cor. 1:26-31.

And finally from the scriptures these two verses: "So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen." Matt. 20:16. Only the faithful will make it in. Listen, "For many are called, but few are chosen." Matt. 22:14.

So dear ones, remember, the call is going out today. The call goes to everyone. Every one is included, not just some special few, but all are called to be saints. Some are called to bear a special message for the Lord. And in fact, everyone is called to bear witness for Him. And then again, some are called to suffer for the Lord.

Dear ones, I hope that you may find your place in life, your calling, and that you will fulfill that with joy as you give heed to the high calling of God.

Our Father, bless each listener and reader as they begin the new year of 1980. We are thankful for all the blessings of the past, but we need grace for today. We see not and know not all the hidden changes of the future, but we commit ourselves into thy hands asking you to make us a blessing to someone and keep us by thy everlasting power and thine shall be the praise through Christ. Amen.

Dear ones, we hope this year may be the best year of your life as you find strength and victory in giving heed to the high calling of God. Pray for us as we do for you. And if we may be of some help to you in a spiritual way, 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 Oregon: "I should have written to you sooner but just didn't get around to it. Seems things sort of crowded me this year. Had another sudden, tragic death in the family. My little 2 year old great grandson drowned in a canal near their home near Shingletown, Calif. Aug. 30. Little Shawn was the son of my granddaughter Shirley and Gary Forseng...I went down for the funeral Sept. 1...Shirley said she never knew people were so good. The neighbors all came to help hunt for him when he disappeared and then gave donations enough to completely pay funeral expenses and for a grave stone, and besides that they brought in food all cooked and ready to eat to feed all the relatives and friends who came there... Hope you are all well and will have a nice Christmas. Keep the Mission Trail coming. Your sister in Christ,"

--Sis. Hilda Nielsen

From Okla.: "I enjoy the Mission Trail so very much. It is a source of encouragement to me at all times, so please keep it coming. I love the Lord with all my heart and mean to go all the way with Him...May God ever bless both of you is my prayer."

--Sis. Dora Johnson

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From Mo.: "Greetings in the precious name of our Saviour. I just wanted you to know we enjoy the good word via the radio and Mission Trail... May God bless you to spread the Word far and near, and that many will receive that great gift of Salvation, that was so freely given. 'Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.' 2 Cor. 9:15. We wish for you and yours a blessed holiday..."

--Sis. Eunice Cole

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From Calif.: "May our Lord bless you in your work for his cause in the earth. May we as children of the king root down deeper in the Lord each day as time swiftly passes. We have to fight harder as the evil forces are gaining power over people. The devil is working hard to overcome every soul he can. We as our Lord's children have to watch and pray continually in order to keep the victory over him. Our heavenly father has given us the promise that he will go with us all the way and he never will break his promises. It is our desire and aim to so live that our Lord can count on me as I can count on him. Pray for us as we pray for you."

--Sis. Letha Reece

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From Calif.: "We sure have appreciated the paper this year. We always get encouragement from the messages and testimonies. Please keep me on the mailing list. May God bless your labours in his gospel work on the air and through the paper. Pray for me and my family." --Sis. Mable Carter



From Kansas: "We are rejoicing in the Lord, He has been so dear to us. We enjoyed our short trip to Louisiana. While there we had some misfortune befall us, being hit in the back of the car and the damage was bad enough to where the car couldn't be fixed because of the value of it. The insurance company totaled it. We were glad for his mercy to us in that none were hurt too severely, just whip lash. We realize it could have been much worse. It was nice of you to remember us on our 60th birthday. It hardly seems real that we should be that old, yet when we see the milestones of past years it makes us to know time didn't stand still for us. ... Our minds have been turned to the scripture where it exhorts us to examine ourselves and about partaking of the Lord's supper unworthily. When I first got saved I felt the need in being obedient to his commandments and it blessed my soul. Then I thought of it as a memorial to his death and that blessed my soul and now I think of it as being willing to suffer with him, so my soul is blessed in having that desire to be willing to bear the cross for his sake. ... keep us on your mailing list and we enjoy the broadcast."

--Bro. Ralph and Sis. Inez Beisly

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From Oregon: "Jesus really is precious to me. On July the 8th or the 9th I was stricken down with a stroke. My wife found me in the bedroom floor. She did not know what to do. She called a friend of ours. She advised her to call an ambulance and get me to the hospital. I was unconscious, did not know anything for 3 or 4 days, but the dear Lord heard and answered prayer and raised me up and healed me, thanks be to God. Today almost 5 months later I am healed... I give God all the glory and praise. With Christian love,"

--Bro. W. J. Benson

From Calif.: "Good morning, this lovely day God has given to us. Warm and beautiful clear days with no smog. It was ninety degrees the other day with late green beans, lots of big tomatoes and apples still on the tree. Praise the Lord for all blessings bestowed on us this past year. How precious and dear Jesus has been to us in so many ways. He is always near, a present help in times of need. In lifting our hearts to God, we should honor His name, desire His will on earth, ask His forgiveness, seek His strength for spiritual victory, and recognize His authority, power and glory. Thanks to our Saviour for salvation and a desire to follow in His footsteps to that beautiful home He has gone to prepare for those that love Him."

--Sis. Lucille Allen

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From Idaho: "Where has this year fled to? It does not seem possible that it is nearly the close of 1979 and we will be writing a new year quickly. How are you folks? Trust that you are keeping well and encouraged in your souls to press on and do that which the Lord has given you to do. There is plenty for all... wanted you to keep the Mission Trail coming... I never put it down until I have read it through. Thank you so much for obeying the Lord in this labor of love. Yours in Christ,"

--Sis. Ruby Marken

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From Colo.: "Thanks for sending us the Mission Trail... my mother lived a close life to the Lord her 29 years here on earth. So I hope to live close to our Lord and keep Christ first in my life each day, and pray for loved ones and friends to be saved... My aunt Mina Schneider is coming along good now. She is learning to walk again. She never knew anyone I guess for about 3 months ... the Lord bless you in your work and keep you able to carry on." --Vera Cater

From Penna.: "God has been good to us this year and it is fast coming to a close. It has gone into eternity and if God sees fit to let us see a New Year, then we must do more for Him and tell the Good News of salvation. The news is so bad. It looks like a depression and war clouds hang low, but again I say God will work it out. God bless you and yours as you work for Him. It is such a pleasure to see someone turn to God and want to live for the Lord. Not many do today, but those who do find peace and satisfaction. It doesn't mean the end of problems, but we have a great problem-solver to lean on." --Eva Cox

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From La.: "Greetings to one and all as our new year approaches, 1980! We all must be ready to meet our dear Lord and Savior and have our lamps trimmed and burning bright! Let us keep in touch with God at all times and have the cause of God at heart, with no "man-rule" today. Let the Spirit of God lead our hearts and lives and services. And let us ask the Lord "What will thou have me to do?" God requires us to do things for Him!"

--Sis. Ruby Quave

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From S. Car.: "We still thank the Lord for all he has done for us. I am not quite healed yet but I am praying for added strength. I am some better... I desire the prayers of all the saints... I would love to be in a real good revival meeting with the saints some where. We don't get to service but twice a month..."

--Sis. Minnie Boulden

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From Okla.: "The Lord is so good to His trusting children. I know He does still hear and answer prayer and I thank you each one for your prayers during my siege with the flu. I'm thankful to be able to be up and doing my work again... The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want."

--Sis. Emma Dilley

From Ohio: "Greetings of love in the most precious name of Jesus, the only name under heaven whereby we must be saved. Surely, we have much to praise him for today. He has been so good to us. We thank God today for salvation and to know the truth. The Lord has impressed us to write and send you this offering. We so much appreciate your faithfulness in the Lord's work. Also, how you both were so faithful to stand by us when our dear father was so sick. We love God's people and count it a privilege to be one of them. Please pray for us that we continue to be faithful and press on to the end. We are praying for you and your labors in the vineyard."

--Willard and Helen Underdown

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From Minn.: "Greetings in the Holy and Precious Name of Jesus. All Power is given unto Him and I thank Him for keeping me in the Holy Way. I soon will be 93 years of age and He has kept me in the Holy way since I found Jesus my Savior and keeper. I am getting a little frail in my feet and legs but soon the Lord will most likely take me to that Home in Glory to be with Him for evermore. Praise the Lord. God has provided my needs so what more can I ask for? Now have a good Christmas in the Lord."

--Bro. Andrew Senti

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From Ariz.: "Tho I am very weak, yet I know He knows all about me and He knows best... I have lost none of my faith in Him. I'm fully determined to go with Him all the way!"

--Sis. Armilda Abbott

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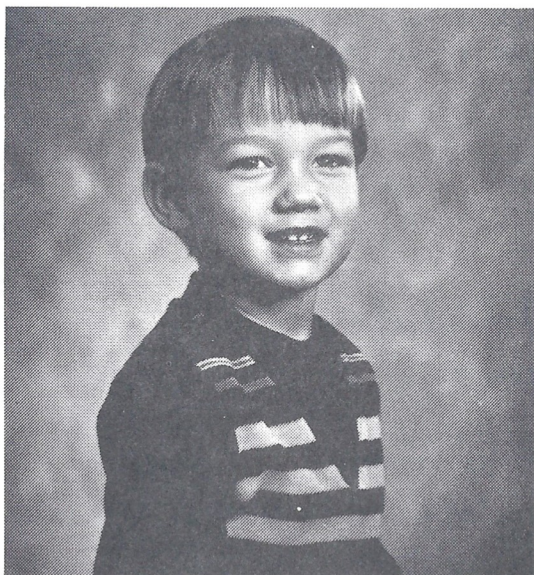
From Ark.: "Just a note to let you know that we do enjoy the Mission Trail and surely do want to remain on your mailing list. The message on Learning to trust God for all things was so good-- Just what we need."

--Janice Bray



# at press time

we understand:



Richard Claud Madden III

"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

"Ricky", age five, was one of those kind of boys who loved to be with his daddy and looked forward to the coming of Saturdays when this was possible, and he could spend more time with his father, Richard Madden, Jr. On Saturday, Dec. 15 Ricky was involved in an accident and ran over by a truck. The Heavenly Father saw that Ricky's mission on earth had been accomplished and so called him Home. Remember those left behind in this time of great sorrow. It has been a great shock to the grandparents, Bro. Richard and Sis. Oleta Madden, as well as the parents, Richard Jr. and Velveta Madden, R. 13, B. 303, Tulsa, Okla. 74107.

Congratulations to Jesse and Beverly Ray on the birth of their son, Todd James, Dec. 7, 1979.

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"It is so hard on me to write so many now. I will appreciate it if you will tell the dear saints in your paper that I love them so much but cannot well write to them now, but I sure like to hear from them."

--Sis. Dorothy Bridges

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From Calif.: "The last day of February I will be 92. I am thanking God for my ripe old age. The older I get the closer I am getting to the Lord. It is joy unspeakable. I am also still able to attend all the camp meetings in Calif."

--Sis. Lessie Davenport

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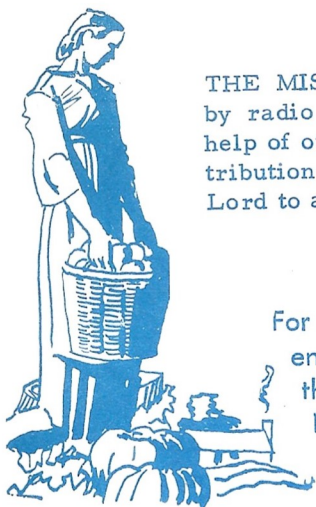
## A List of Priceless Gifts to Give:

To your enemy--forgiveness;  
To your opponent--tolerance;  
To your friends--your heart;  
To a child--good example;  
To your father--deference;  
To your mother--conduct that will make her proud;  
To yourself--respect;  
To all men--charity.

--Betty Howell

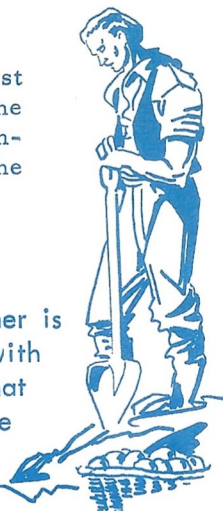
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As this issue is made ready to go to press the year 1979 is almost a matter of history. We are so indebted to God, the saints and our friends who have made it possible for us to continue with the broadcast. Your response to remain on the mailing list for 1980 is heartwarming. As we begin our 16th year in Jan. we say A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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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*

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