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If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will My Father honour.

All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Your Gift with A Promise Isaiah 55:11

The nature and variety of temporal gifts are often of fleeting and perishable nature and are often laid aside and forgotten. Why not give the Holy Bible, the Word of God, to the soul-hungry and await the fruiting of it, based upon the unfailing promise of God? The Word of the Lord in Isaiah, chapter 55, verse 11 reads: "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it." Though the Word is a word of condemnation to them who reject it, yet God is able to bless it so that it may become a word of life unto salvation. What a wonderful promise from One who will not fail to fulfill His Word!

In the aftermath of this last war, with its suffering and destitution, there has risen a great hunger and desire for the Word of God. We are inclined to think daily of such who are in need of temporal gifts and sustenance. But in the words of Jesus who said, "It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God," we are moved to consider His Word of greater importance.

Have you included among your gifts this year the unchanging and incorruptible and eternal Word which is accompanied with a promise from God? From authentic information, we may learn of the hunger and needs

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Jesus Is Coming Again: Be Ye Ready

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE!

Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly IS great, but the labourers ARE few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace BE to this house. And if the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again.

"For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry."

"... unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall."

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven,

but my Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left."

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be

revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:”

“For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together. Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.”

“Ask of me, and I shall give **thee** the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish **from** the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed **are** all they that put their trust in him.”

“ . . . with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.” “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea . . . Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.”

“ . . . and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for

ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.” “For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.”

“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**”

“The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, **saying**, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.” “For there shall be a day, **that** the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.”

“ . . . many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame **and** everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.”

“And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, **and there shall be** a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.”

“ . . . the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.”

“ . . . until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: Which in his times he shall shew, **who is** the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom

TILL HE COME

“For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord’s death till he come.” — I Cor. 11:26.

“Till he come!” Yes, He is coming!
Jesus, our ascended Lord;
Coming back as He hath promised,
Coming to fulfil His Word;
Coming, not in lowly fashion,
But in glorified array,
Coming back, oh, Hallelujah!
Welcome to that gladsome day!

“Till he come!” Yes, He is coming—
Coming midway first to air;
Then, oh, then how blest the rapture
Which His blood-bought saints
shall share!
In a brief—a twinkling moment—
Loved ones, parted long, shall meet,
In that sweet and blest reunion
Round the dear Redeemer’s feet!

“Till he come!” Yes, He is coming!
Coming back to earth again,
Coming back, and with His sceptre
O’er this earth to rule and reign.
Coming back to take dominion,
Then to rule as King of Peace,
When this earth from Satan’s bondage
Shall have welcome, glad release.

“Till he come!” Take heart, ye pilgrims!
Each one lift his drooping head;
Can ye sigh when soon your Bridegroom
Ye, His Bride, so soon shall wed?
Cry, with quick, impassioned pleading,
Cry, with hearts that beat for home,
Come, Lord Jesus, quickly come!
By J. Danson Smith

CORRECTION

The date of the letter by D. P. widow Katharina Fritz, is December 9, 1949, instead of September 12. The wrong date would make the letter rather old, while it is a very late letter.

be honour and power everlasting.
Amen.”

Listening to Jesus

"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

The Lord has given us His word, more precious than much fine gold. "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her." Let us with thankfulness and praise always realize what a priceless heritage we have. Let us show our appreciation by reading and observing its sayings.

• "For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe." God knoweth the end from the beginning. When he spoke his words, he spoke them directly to us, for he knew we would read or hear them. When we search the pages of his word, we are listening to God. This is a living word. Its power is magnificent. It is a comfort to us when we are in sorrow, a correction when we are in error, a help in trouble, and within its pages we find guidance for our daily actions.

Jesus said: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock." When we read, we also hear. May we always be listening to our Master. "And all bare him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth." Our soul craves to hear heart to heart

talks from our Master. We love to listen to Jesus.

The more we listen and do, the more will we be growing spiritually. "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious." To be in the center of our Lord's will, we only need follow the directions he has given us. We want to please the Lord after all he has done for us. He loved us, and we can love him in return by obeying him. "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." Do I desire to hear what he has to say to me? Does my soul long to be fed with this perfect food? Let us with renewed enthusiasm drink deep of this crystal-clear fountain!

A minister or teacher of the Word must first experience this satisfaction of abundance for his own soul, and then feed others. "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Let this precious sunshine give its full warmth and health. Read them over and over again until they are written on the pages of your mind. "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all." Know this, if you follow the instructions the Lord gave here, you will find more of the Lord's virtue flowing through you, healing the poor sinners who grope for light. It would be very profitable to give up many daily luxuries or unimportant conversations and give more of the ear of your heart to the Lord.

The Lord told Joshua, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." In the first Psalm God says, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the coun-

sel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night." May the Bible be to you as your own house, knowing every room and every way. Closing your eyes, you can picture various parts of your house. May God's Word be that to you. It becomes a part of your soul. You answer God's answer and speak God's word. And it will cut straight to the heart.

An everlasting enjoyment it is for the Redeemed to walk hand in hand with the Saviour. His presence within every child of His is radiating sunshine. With our spiritual face bathed in all the beauties of the shining rays from our Master, let us go onward, being transformed from glory to glory. ". . . we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." The golden Son is radiating His health-invigorating rays to all who will come.

Let us go in spirit and sit at our Master's feet, drinking in his words of life. "His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend. . ."

Through talking with people
Oft troubles increase,
But talking with Jesus
Brings quiet and peace.

Sanctification calls for labor
On thy part,
But in thy heart,
God worketh it through grace divine,
Yet strive thou for it earnestly
And it shall be a treasure of thine.

"Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger and not thine own lips."

May our prayers to the Lord include that when we hear His word we may listen; when we listen, that we may hear; when we hear, that we may know, and when we know, that we may follow.

NEWS

Bremen

Miss Barbara Armbruster from Milford spent the Sunday of December 11 with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard MacDonald from Mackinaw, Illinois, spent several days here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John Laidig, Sr.

We had church services and our Christmas program on Christmas evening. A very special message was given to our young folks to accept Jesus Christ. We are very happy to report that some have accepted the invitation of Jesus Christ and want Him as their personal Savior. Those repenting are Andrew Wenger, Richard and Betty Miller, Joan Klopfenstein, and Mary Ann Zeltwanger. We wish them God's grace and richest blessings in their new life. A goodly number from Milford spent the evening with us. After the program, the young folks from Milford and here went caroling. Today the Saviour calls, "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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Mr. and Mrs. John Laidig, Jr. and their sons, Duane and Dwight, left December 26 on a trip to Florida. May God's protection be with them.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stoller and son and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stoller from Latty, Ohio, spent Christmas with the Germans.

Bill Zimmer, who is attending Hanover College, was home for Christmas vacation. Jim Zimmer, who is working in Mansfield, Ohio, also spent Christmas at home. His fiancée, Miss Clara Sabo, accompanied him.

Burlington

Roy Farney and his wife and family spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Farney and family in Mesa, Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Weyeneth of Metamora, Illinois, visited her parents and family over the Christmas season.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and Ru-

dolph Bahr spent the Christmas week-end in Gridley, Kansas.

Godfrey Miller was home over Sunday, January 1. He has been employed at Fort Scott, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roth are at home after spending several weeks in Kansas City, Missouri, receiving medical aid for Mrs. Roth. She is much improved at this writing.

Miss Dena Ott is spending some time with her niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Roth.

Chicago

Martha Schlipf and Mrs. Alice Hillger and daughter visited in Chicago and spent Friday, December 2, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hofer.

On Sunday, December 4, we had many visitors. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bachtold, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Feldman and Miriam Ramseyer of Fairbury, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Haas and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Scheitlin of Elgin, and Dale Dapper, formerly of Maywood, California.

Sunday, December 11, we were privileged to enjoy the blessings of the Lord's Supper. George Yergler of La Crosse and Will Stettner of Elgin and Ernest Emch of Girard, Ohio, were with us. There is joy in obeying the Saviour's commands. "And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you."

The Sunday School held its Christmas program on December 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schrenk of Alto, Michigan, spent Sunday, January 1, in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schrenk are the happy parents of a baby boy named Wayne Allen.

Cissna Park

Sunday, December 18, a car of young folks from Roanoke were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Knapp.

Elmer Bucher of Francesville, Indiana, visited Ezra Fellers from December 20 to 22.

December 20, a group of young

folks caroled for the sick and later had lunch at the home of Iva Funk.

The eve of December 22 we had our Christmas program at the church. The program was enjoyed by all. A few guests from Roanoke attended.

Robert Grimm of Morton spent the Christmas week-end with the Ezra Fellers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bucher and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Heinold of La Crosse were week-end guests of relatives, December 25.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lehman of Roanoke were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Feller December 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank of Morton were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hoerr, December 25.

Arthur Gudeman and Mrs. Gudeman of LaCrosse, Indiana, spent Christmas Sunday with us. "As every man hath received the gift, **even so** minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Luginbuhl and family of Rockville, Connecticut, visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Gudeman, a couple of weeks during the latter part of December and the first of January.

Aldene and Merle Bucher of La Crosse spent December 28 and 29 with the Ezra Feller family.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Beer of Milford, Indiana, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kupferschmid.

Sunday, January 1, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hoffman announced the engagement of their son, Harry, to Helen Bauerer of Princeville. Harry is employed in Peoria at the present time.

Croghan and Naumburg

Peter Rohr of Beaver Falls, who underwent an operation in the House of the Good Samaritan in Watertown, New York, has returned home much improved.

Word was received here Wednesday, December 28, of the death of Alfred Schneider of Rockville, Connecticut. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Virkler, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Farney, Mrs. Ira Farney, and William Virkler attended the funeral on Friday the 30th and remained for the following

Sunday. Brother Schneider will be greatly missed by all who knew him. "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Farney and children spent Christmas with their relatives in Rockville.

Mrs. Harvey Virkler, who has been visiting her children, Mrs. Robert Luginbuhl and family and Kenneth Virkler and family since Thanksgiving has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ramseyer and sons, Dale and Daryl, of Bay City, Michigan visited Mrs. Amanda Virkler and family over Christmas and New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Virkler and sons of Ithaca, New York, visited their parents here for Christmas.

Frederick Hany, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hany of Castorland, was united in marriage with Miss Shirley Virkler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Virkler, Lowville, on December 26 in Lowville, New York. Congratulations!

Forrest and Fairbury

We are happy to have Brother Dale Dapper of Maywood, California, to make his home at Fairbury with us. We wish him God's blessings.

Velda Leman and Mary Beth Maurer were baptized and taken into the fold of Christ on Sunday, December 11. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Our Sunday School had their Christmas program on Sunday, December 25. We thank God for the great interest shown by our young folks in the birth of our Lord Jesus.

The new Forrest Church held services on Sunday, December 18, for the first time. Dedication of the church was held on January 2. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Rapp are both confined in bed. Mr. Rapp is suffering from a heart attack and Mrs. Rapp has a leg condition. Both are improving slowly.

Fort Scott

Joseph and Leah Fechter of Emporia, Kansas, visited our congregation on December 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Zaugg and family of West Bend, Iowa, Alma Cordill from Evanston, Illinois, Eunice Marti, Otto Fritz of LaCrosse, Indiana, and several from Lamar, Missouri, visited in this community the week end of December 11.

The spirit of the Christ Child was praised when our Sunday School displayed hymn singing and readings on the evening of December 18. "And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them."

Our relatives and friends were very welcome during the Christmas holidays. Those who were here are: Miss Ida Sinn of Elgin, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koehl of Hancock, Minnesota, Mrs. Katie Raaf and daughters, Anna and Ida, of Gridley, Kansas, Frieda Raaf and George Lusk of Wichita, Kansas, George Mitchell of Burlington, Oklahoma, John Sinn, Bill Sinn and his son, Bill, of Peoria, Illinois.

Evening guests of December 30 at the Raymond Banwart home were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Banwart and son, Peg Marti of LaCrosse, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Banwart of Lamar, Missouri.

Francesville

Sister Theresa Gegner and her daughter, Sister Hilda, from Remback, Germany, have arrived here to make their home in our community. Sister Theresa is a sister to Brother Philip Gutwein, Sr. They have shared with us many experiences how God guided and protected them through their many trials and tribulations, "for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."

A group of brothers, sisters, and friends spent Thursday and Friday evening, December 22 and 23, singing Christmas carols and hymns for friends, aged, and shut-ins.

Brother and Sister Lee Overmyer are the happy parents of a baby girl named Janet Elaine.

On January 1, the wedding of Sis-

ter Louise Heiniger of La Crosse and Brother Merle Yaggie was solemnized in the presence of many friends and relatives. Brother George Yergler conducted the ceremony. After their wedding trip, the couple will make their home on a farm near Francesville. We wish them God's blessing.

The Intermediate class of our Sunday School has introduced "Testimony Time" into its Sunday morning schedule. A young Christian is asked to give his personal testimony to the class. The young convert usually tells his experience in repentance, how the Lord Jesus gave him forgiveness of sins, and some of the many benefits God has given him since he became a Christian. This practice has met with the Lord's blessing and also is well received by the class.

We thank God for the wonderful blessings he gives his children, such as we could share New Year's eve with one another. The evening was spent discussing the Bible, singing hymns, and spiritual readings. Brother Otto Norr and some of his family and a group from Remington also spent the evening with us. As the evening came to a close, an expression often heard was, "What a wonderful way to spend New Year's eve." May God bless you all through this coming year.

Hancock and Morris

We were blessed Sunday, December 18, with services conducted by Brother George Gramm and Brother Elmer Witzig.

Miss Ila Zeltwanger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Zeltwanger, and Harold Gramm, son of George Gramms, were united in marriage Sunday, December 18, by Henry Koehl. Her twin sister Vila was maid of honor and Herbert Gramm was best man for his brother. The wedding supper and reception were held at the home of the bride's parents. They will make their home in Gridley, Illinois, where the groom is engaged in farming. We wish them much happiness. Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zeltwanger of Latty, Ohio, and George Gramm and Mrs. Gramm, Elmer Witzig and

his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gramm, Arthur and Bob Gramm, Arthur Schliep, Ray Meiss, Albert Grusy, all of Gridley Illinois.

Visiting in our community December 18 were Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Knobloch, Jacob Wulf, Philip and Melva Mogler, and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Moser of Lester, Iowa.

Once again we are holding services in church all day. What a priceless privilege we have in our fellowship circles! To know and speak with those who know the Saviour and rejoice in obeying him is of inestimable value. ". . . if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

On the sick list are Mrs. Ricka Miller, Mrs. Alvin Nohl, Mr. John Luthi, and Mr. Jonathan Sommers. A speedy recovery is wished for all.

John Zeltwanger has accepted the invitation of Christ and wants him for his own personal Saviour. Since we aren't promised a tomorrow, what a joy if our dear friends would take our Savior for their Savior today.

Visiting relatives and friends in our community over Christmas were Misses Libby Goll and Minnie Goll, Mrs. Emil Nesler, Marie Feuchtenberger, and Libby Ann Goll of Elgin, Illinois.

Miss Lila Goll of Willmar, Minnesota, and Hartzell Schmidgall of Morning Sun, Iowa, were with their parents and family over Christmas and New Year.

Services on New Year's Day were conducted by Noah Gerber. His wife and children, Mr. Chris Luthi of West Bend, Iowa, and Misses Esther, Katherine, and Gertrude Kachelmuss of Elgin, Illinois, were also with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Koehl and children and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koehl and children visited in Peoria, Illinois, and Fort Scott, Kansas, while Miss Martha Schaefer and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schaefer and Charles visited in Peoria and Cissna Park, Illinois, over Christmas and New Year Holidays. Antone Schaefer went to Peoria over New Year's.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Zeltwanger

and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Meiss and Ronnie left December 29 for a couple weeks visit in Gridley and Cissna Park, Illinois.

Lamont

Will Furrer of Wolcott, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Furrer and daughter of Chicago, Illinois, visited friends and relatives here. Will Furrer had services at Emporia on December 2 and at our church Sunday evening, December 4.

Noah Schrock of Oakville, Iowa, visited the Lamont congregation December 5 and was at Gridley for the evening. He gave the report of the Brother Meeting.

Ephraim Young of Gridley underwent an appendectomy at Emporia December 2. He is home and getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. George Waihel, Harold, James, and Gene of Wolcott, Ind., visited relatives and friends here from December 23 to 31. We enjoyed their visit very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Young, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kraft, all of Gridley, have found peace with their Lord. May they ever be under His grace. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God."

Latty

A reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Stoller in honor of their daughter, Elizabeth, and Roscoe Water, December 4. The couple were married on November 19. They will make their home in Paulding.

Brother Elias Dotterer held baptismal services December 11 for Mrs. Clara Stoller. Louis, Helen, Wayne, William, and Lois Ann Huber and Melvin Gutwein of Francesville, visited us for the occasion and were supper and evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stoller.

Fred Rager has had his right eye removed, but is getting along well at this writing. How comforting it is to know One who hears our sighs and who has promised: "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more

exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory;" The glistening beauty of our Master, which we view with our spiritual eye, outshines by far our earthly vision.

Twila Stoller underwent an operation on Thursday, Dec. 15, at the St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne. She has recovered and has gone back to work.

We had a very good attendance at our annual Christmas program held December 18. Gifts were given to the scholars and teachers.

Eleanor, Lavada, Imogene, and Marvin Stieglitz of Leo, and Emily and Martha Tanner of Goodfield visited with us December 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lehman of Roanoke visited with Mrs. Lehman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stoller, over Christmas week-end.

The young folks from here prepared Christmas baskets for the sick and aged and delivered them Dec. 21 and 22 to many in this community. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gerber and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grant visited in Roanoke, January 1.

Verlin and Eleanor Stoller visited in Forrest, Illinois, over New Year's week-end and attended the dedication services of the new church there, January 2.

Work has begun on the new church, which is being built across from the church cemetery, about two miles from the present structure. The foundation is completed and plans are to begin work again in the spring of this year.

Leo

Otto and Bertha Norr, accompanied by their daughters, Katharine and Marie, and their granddaughter, Sandra, visited Francesville January 1 and then Wolcott in the evening.

Elias and Ida Winzeler, with some of their family, spent Sunday, Jan. 8, with the congregation at Chicago.

Edward and Matilda Sutter of Ft. Wayne have been announced for baptism. "Oh that *men* would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul

with goodness. Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; . . . Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder."

Our Young People's and Children's program was held on Sunday evening, December 18.

Raymond and Mary Pulfer of Osian are the parents of a baby boy. The Lord's teaching to all parents found in Proverbs is: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

We are glad to have Donald and Janet Schlatter with us. We need the complete team, working in unison, for the victory.

Come all, let us journey to that celestial city hand in hand, helping the next one as the heights grow steeper, loving one another, forgiving from the heart, and speaking good of all brethren.

Lester

On December 4, the marriage of Alice Moser of Morris to Jacob Wulf was announced.

Visiting us the week-end of December 18 was Robert Knoblock, Charles Hemmer, Ray Wagenbach, and Vernon Streitmatter of Princeville, Ill.

Mrs. Ruth Metzger and Robert of Elgin, Ill., spent Christmas here with the Metzger family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvia Meyer and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Knoblock and daughter, and Clara Knoblock spent the Christmas holidays in Sabetha, Kansas, with relatives.

Jacob Wulf, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Knoblock, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Moser, Phil and Melva Mogler attended the Zeltwanger and Gramm wedding December 18, at Morris, Minnesota.

Mansfield

Andrew Dotterer and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Manz of Junction visited relatives and friends Sunday, December 4.

Rudolf Graf of Akron and Noah Bauman of Rittman were with us Sunday, December 11. "Remember them which have the rule over you,

who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."

Harry Bucher and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Heinold of Valparaiso, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bucher of La-Crosse, Indiana, spent Friday evening, December 2, with us. On Saturday, they went to New Martinsville, West Virginia. Henry and Lucas Sabo and their wives accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Sauder and children of Decatur, Indiana, and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Hartzler and children of Rittman, Ohio, visited relatives and friends Sunday, January 1.

Milford

Mrs. Maurice Beer and infant son, David Lee, were dismissed from the Elkhart General hospital December 24, following her five-months' illness of polio. David Lee was born the 12th of December.

Mrs. Chris Kammerer, who fell on the ice December 10 and broke her hip, is convalescing in the McDonald Hospital at Warsaw, Indiana. She is showing steady improvement.

The Milford Young Peoples' Choir brought Christmas cheer to shut-ins in our community.

Mary Jane Steffen spent the week-end of December 24 at Milford. She is going to Brown's Business College in Peoria, Illinois.

On December 30, Bible study was held at Andrew Armbrusters. We enjoyed having several young people from Leo with us.

Morton

On Sunday, November 27, Mr. and Mrs. William Beer and family of Cissna Park spent the evening with the Phelix Wuthrichs.

Robert Kupferschmid of Cissna Park came to Morton on December 17 to be the week end guest of Kenneth and Keith Stevig at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phelix Wuthrich.

On December 18, the Morton Sunday School gave their annual program of the Christmas season. The children delivered their parts in singing and speaking well.

On the evening of December 18, a large group of members and a few friends of the Morton church sang Christmas carols for the following disabled and shut-in people: J. C.

Ackerman, Mrs. Mary Bauman, John Steiner, Mr. Ivan Smith, Mrs. Charlie Pepper, Mrs. Albert Sauder, Dan Strunk, Mrs. Minnie Carius, Mrs. Lela Fite, Mrs. Chris Dietrich, Mrs. Sara Hartman, the Apostolic Christian Home, Mrs. Maggie Yentes, Mrs. Anna Yentes, Mr. August Heis, Mrs. Mary Alt, Mrs. Emma Hauter, Mrs. Lena Beyer, Mrs. Caroline Geiger, Mrs. Emma Geiger, Mrs. Grether, and Mrs. John Dietrich.

Every one was pleased to see Brother J. C. Ackerman at church again on Sunday afternoon, January 8. He had been absent for six weeks because of failing health, but he has improved somewhat. He reached his 80th birthday on the 15th of October. "I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."

Sister Mary Bauman is an arthritic patient and has been unable to walk for forty years. Most of her time during the past twenty-five years has been spent with her son's family, the Warner Baumans.

Sister Sara Helderly Hartman has been a bedridden patient for the past four years as the result of a stroke. There is little change in her condition and she has never regained her lost power of speech. She is well cared for in her home by her daughter Emma. What a comfort and joy to know the Lord and to speak with Him silently in daily conversation!

Brother John Steiner has been in poor health for ten years, and for the past four years has been unable to attend church. He suffers with a heart condition and complications.

On December 16, a baby girl came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kaisner of Morton. The baby has been named Barbara Jean. Mrs. Kaisner was the former Ruth Zimmerman.

Brother Joseph A. Getz visited the Congerville church on the afternoon of Christmas Day.

Brother Ben Heiniger spent the afternoon of Sunday, January 1, with the Goodfield congregation.

On Monday, January 2, Mr. and Mrs. William Grimm, the Dan Grimms, Charlotte and Inez Steiner, Jack and Noah Zobrists, Mr. and Mrs.

Sam Roth, and Joseph A. and Elizabeth Getz attended the services for the dedication of the new church building in Forrest.

A song service was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fite by thirty couples of the Morton church on Sunday evening, January 8.

On Sunday, January 8, three cars of young members of the Morton church spent the day in LaCrosse, Indiana. They called at the home of Mary Ann Heinold and spent the evening with the Andrew Heinigers.

On the evening of Christmas Day, Mr. and Mrs. George Strunk entertained many dinner guests. They were Mrs. Strunk's mother, Mrs. Mary Hirstein; also Mrs. Strunk's five sisters and five brothers and their families.

Peoria

Mr. Ezra Hohulin submitted to an operation recently, and we are glad to report that he is getting along nicely.

On December 11, the Young People's Christian Endeavor was held in Tremont. Our Peoria Sunday school was among those taking part in the group singing. "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." What a precious promise to brothers who labor in God's vineyard!

Mr. Louis Huber, daughter Helen and son Wilbur, of Francesville, Indiana, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Hodel, Irene and Bill Hodel, of Roanoke, were dinner guests at the Leroy Huber home on December 6.

The Sunday School Christmas Program was held on December 18 in the evening. It was thoroughly enjoyed by young and old.

Al Fisher and family and Bill Heinsman of Chicago spent the week end of December 4 here. They were guests at the Louise Weisser-Elizabeth Kammerer home.

On December 11, Miss Elna Weigand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weigand, became the bride of Willis Nussbaum, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nussbaum of Fairbury. The ceremony was performed by Brother Da-

vid Mangold, after which a reception was held at the home of the bride. They have returned from their wedding trip, which was to Florida, and are now at home on a farm near Fairbury. We wish them God's rich blessings in their new wedded life.

Bill Heinsman, who is attending school in Chicago, is home for the holidays. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heinsman.

Princeville

A group of young members from the Morton congregation spent December 4 with us. Brother John Wagenbach from Oakville was also present and conducted services. Willis Ehnle, who is stationed with the Army in Washington, spent a few days with his parents.

Mrs. Freida Streitmatter submitted to a major operation December 5 and at present is getting along nicely at her home. Mrs. Rudolf Dallingier was present for services Christmas Day, after submitting to surgery on her hip which she had broken several months before. Daniel Streitmatter is slowly recovering at a Peoria hospital, where he has been a patient for the past three weeks suffering from coronary thrombosis.

Brother Frank Woertz, of Goodfield, spent December 11 in our midst and assisted with communion service. "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

A large number of friends and relatives gathered at the church on the evening of December 18, when the Sunday School children presented their Christmas program.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leuthold and family, Mrs. August Feucht and family of near Lester, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Grimm of West Bend spent the Christmas holiday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Knoblock are the parents of a daughter born to them on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Grimm, their daughter and her husband of West Bend, spent a few days here with relatives recently.

Remington

Vernon Schwab of Lamont, Kans., spent several weeks in this vicinity visiting friends and relatives.

The Remington and Wolcott congregations have started their weekly song services, gathering together at various homes. "Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day."

We had our Sunday School Christmas program on the evening of December 18. Many from Wolcott, Francesville, and Cissna Park attended. May there be no friend who, when the final score is proclaimed, will have to say: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Come to the eternal fountain, come and drink of the water of life which will soothe your parched tongue and satisfy the loneliness of your soul!

Among those spending Christmas at home with their families were: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steffen and children of Elgin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Buck and son of Mishawaka, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keifer of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Max Bahler and son of Indianapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gudeman and daughter of Francesville, Miss Evelyn Frey of Chicago, Miss Edna Kilgus of Peoria, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Habegger of Bluffton.

Mrs. Regina Schini announces the engagement of her youngest daughter, Alma, to Victor Bahler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bahler, Jr., of Remington.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knochel on December 31.

Roanoke

The marriage of Irma Pfister of Roanoke and Leonard Lugenbuhl of Rockville, Connecticut, was solemnized on December 4. After spending two weeks in Florida, they will live in Rockville. Visiting ministers on that day were Brother Ernest Lugenbuhl, of Rockville, father of the groom, and Brother Conrad Gutwein of Francesville, Ind. "Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

On December 6, Eddie Blunier, Bill Sauder, Robert Scherer, and Lloyd Schumacher left for two weeks' vacation in Florida.

Arnold Pfau of Roanoke went through the Mayo Clinic the first of this month, but nothing seriously wrong was found.

Births this month are: A son, Danny Carl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fehr; a daughter, Nancy Ann, born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Mangold; and a son, Edward, born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sauder.

Peter Webber, who has been living in Roanoke the past year, left for Switzerland to spend the holidays with his parents.

Mrs. Esther Klaus and sons, John and Fritz, are visiting another son, Bill, who is stationed in Florida with the Navy, over the holidays.

Announcement of the engagement of Esther Mangold, daughter of David Mangolds', and John Sauder, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sauder, all of Roanoke, was made on Christmas. The couple plan a late February wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blunier were baptized and added to the fold on Christmas. "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Martin and family left on December 26 for a two weeks' vacation in the South.

Tremont

Mr. and Mrs. Harlen Bolliger, Mrs. August Bolliger, and Mrs. Mary Koch and son, Jimmie, returned on December 6 from a vacation through the South.

On December 4, Henry and Alice Beer of Milford, Indiana, spent the day with us. The day was much enjoyed by their friends and relatives. "Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;"

Mrs. William Unsicker is spending several weeks in Santa Ana, California, with her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Frederick and son, Michael.

Our Sunday School had an interesting Christmas program for the enjoyment of parents and friends on December 18.

Funeral services for Louis Moser were held on Wednesday, December

21. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth Siebenthal Moser, and six children.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bertsch and daughter, Sandra, spent several days over the Christmas week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Bertsch and other relatives. We are always glad to see David back in his home town.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bertschi and daughter Judy of Roanoke spent Christmas eve and Christmas Day at the Aaron Bertsch and John Huette homes here.

Miss Anna Steiner of Leo, Indiana, is staying with her sister, Mrs. George Getz and family for a few weeks.

West Bend

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Esslinger and Adele Esslinger of Sabetha, Kansas, spent a few days with relatives and friends here.

Paul Banwart, his wife, Edwin and Glen Banwart, Mrs. Bertha Keller, and Mrs. Martha Frieden spent Sunday, December 18, at Elgin, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Grimm and Arlo, and Sidney Anliker of this place and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kellenberger and Warren of Lester spent ten days visiting at Elgin, Chicago, and Edelstein, Illinois, and Oakville and Pulaski, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hartman, Mrs. Elizabeth Marti, Mamie and Evelyn, of Sabetha, Kansas, visited at the Oscar Zaugg home December 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Banwart and Alvin, Betty, and Caroline spent December 18 with friends at Sabetha, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Banwart, Jeanie and Sidney, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Zaugg, Martin and James, and Harley Bruellman spent Christmas at Sabetha, Kansas.

Holiday visitors here were Clara Banwart, Elizabeth Metzger, Bertha and Mildred Sauder of Elgin, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Metzger and family of Elgin, Iowa, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Strahm and family of Sabetha, Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Knoblock and family and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Knoblock and family of Lester, Iowa, were recent visitors at the William Metzger home.

We welcome home Donald Bruellman, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bruellman, who spent a year with the Armed Forces in Korea and Hawaii.

Wolcott

Mrs. Matthias Srahm and son, Matthias, Jr., of Neosho Falls, Kansas, spent the holidays with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stoller and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stoller and son, Mary Ellen and Imogene Gudeman of Latty, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Baird and children of Danville, Indiana, Pauline and Wilma Nussbaum of Bloomington, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Belsley and Karen, Mr. and Mrs. George Knapp and children, of Morton, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Nohl and children of Goodfield spent the holidays with their families here.

Gene Schwab of Emporia, Kansas, is visiting here with his brother, Paul Schwab, and family and other relatives.

Otto Norr, with his wife and Mammie Schlatter of Leo, Mrs. Mary Wuethrich, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wuethrich and daughter of Francesville, and a number from Remington were here for evening services on January 1.

Miss Arles Kropf attended the wedding of Louise Heiniger and Merle Yaggie at La Crosse on January 1.

We enjoyed a very blessed Sunday December 11, when we had visitors, Henry Grimm and his wife of Morton, Illinois, Joseph Hodel and his wife of Roanoke, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lehman of Roanoke, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. August Roecker of Morton, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Jakob of Morton, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Huette of Tremont, Illinois. They were supper guests of Will Furrer and his wife and family. Several from Remington were also with us for services.

We are happy to announce that Roy Kyburz has given his heart to our Lord. "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

Vernon Schwab of Emporia, Kansas, and relatives whom he has been visiting were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Farney on December 11.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Farney and several of their family of Cissna Park and Mrs. Will Wagler of Chicago were with us December 4.

LEND A HELPING HAND

If you had been born in a country dark,

And he in a Christian land,
And you did not know of a Saviour dear,

Reaching out a nail-pierced hand,
Inviting to come "whosoever will,"
What would you think he should do?

If truth so precious were his to impart,
And you were he, and he were you?

If he could read the precious Word
Which teaches of the Way;
If he could hear the church bells ring,

And he knew of a meeting day,
And a Father dear, who answers prayer,

Would he be loyal to Him, and true
If the message were not carried to all,—

If you were he, and he were you?

Many, many souls are passing away,
The story to them yet untold;
Men, women, and children, dying each day,

May they not have a chance to His fold?

O, haste with the message, precious, sweet,

Is His mercy to be told to the few?
To those, the heathen in darkness—
do

As you'd have them do unto you.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

YOUR GIFT WITH A PROMISE

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of the various nations for the Word of God.

Some of the needy nations are: Germany, crushed with millions of refugees, from whom arises a demand for the Word of God. Along with the natural bread, let us not forget to minister to them with this spiritual food. There are pilgrims of the faith in Switzerland who are contacting the camps and refugees in Europe, to whom the Scriptures can be sent.

The supply of Scriptures for South America should be increased. There is a shaking there causing men to turn to God for light and hope. Japan, disillusioned by emperor-worship, is a ripe field, a golden opportunity to reap eternal dividends. Greece, though small and a seat of faith in the days of the apostles, has opened its doors for the gospel.

There are those who are groping for light. Won't you feed those who are wasting away, those who with pleading eyes are begging you to throw out the life-line? Should not our hearts cry out in love and our feet run with the blessed good news?

Let us not forget the lands of China, Korea, India, the Philippine Islands, the many islands of the sea, with all others. Eager eyes are watching for your hand of love reaching out to help your neighbor. We have an open door to obey our Saviour's command to go into all the world. The Lord says, "Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it." Around us we see most of humanity, broken in sin, reeking with the odor of darkness. There are eager ears waiting for you, dear brother. And the eternal love of God is seeking that lonely, broken, lost sheep. "Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee."

Remember, God promises to bless His Word so that it will not return void. You may send it forth with assurance, for God's promises are un-failing. Your offerings may be sent to the American Bible Society, Bible House, 450 Park Avenue, New York

22; to the Northern Bible Society, Duluth, Minnesota; or to Henry Beer, Milford, Indiana.

Far away from our loving Master lies the multitude; within us, the eternal God yearns for those who are bruised and torn. Have we answered our Saviour? Together, shoulder to shoulder, we will conquer. Together, with our hearts bound by eternal ties, submitting ourselves to one another and obeying our brothers who have the rule over us, we will go and pick up the wounded with arms of love. Together we will praise the Lord that another prodigal has been embraced by a loving Father, and the joy-bells of our heart will ring in harmony with the bells of heaven. Another lost sinner has come home!

"And they went out, and preached that men should repent."

"My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things."

"Recompense"

The gifts that to our breasts we fold
Are brightened by our losses,
The sweetest joys a heart can hold
Grow up between its crosses.
And on life's pathway many a mile
It is so glad and cheery,
And just before a little while
The way seemed dark and dreary.

—Nixon Waterman

May our prayer be to the Lord
to make us free—

From fear of the future;
From anxiety of the morrow;
From bitterness toward anyone;
From cowardice in face of danger;
From failure before opportunity;
From laziness in face of work.

Whosoever Will Lose His Life

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Am I speaking out for my Lord the way I should be? Have I lost my life entirely for Jesus' sake? Jesus has purchased my soul, worth more than the whole world, with His own precious blood. He endured all His sufferings for us. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The human side in us cringes from what would hurt it. The human side of us would laugh with the world, gaining its favor. But this is not Christ's way! Are we witnessing for the One we know personally and who has given such joy to us? Do we ever tell someone of what He has done for us? Have we crucified entirely this old human side of us, losing our life, that we may let His light shine through us to its fullest?

Sometimes at our very elbow is someone who is grasping for some light, as he is sinking into the sea of perdition. Can't you see a vast precipice and vast multitudes going over it, into a hopeless eternity. Men and women go screaming into its chasm. And a wail goes up, the wail of billions of voices, billions of hearts lost forever.

Our duty is to stand in the highways and by-ways, warning precious souls that Jesus can save them. Speak out for Jesus!

"I'd like to tell the story sweet
Of Jesus. Wouldn't you?"

To help some other folks to meet
Our Saviour. Wouldn't you?"

"And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose them-

selfes; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

We do have many opportunities today to let somebody else know the good news that there is One who does satisfy all the thirst of the human soul. First of all, our life should be to the glory of God; "ye shine as lights in the world;" Men and women are groping in darkness; they are hopelessly lost without the power of redeeming love. Do you know that people are watching you? By your small acts of kindness, patience, and love you are letting His light shine through you. Let your whole life be an offering. When you or I would act harshly or rashly, let us pray unceasingly and yield ourselves to eternal love. If we stumble in this, let us with renewed vigor give ourselves to God's love. "Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." In minute by minute living, deny yourself. The path of suffering becomes ablaze with glory. You will find your life in Jesus' life, you will have His thoughts and His actions. And charity "Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things."

Our possessions should be entirely yielded to God if we love to our fullest. If we want to be witnessing like the early apostolic church, we need only follow Christ's teaching word for word. "Sell that ye have, and give alms, provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth." Our Master does not require us to do this, but if we would, we would find that His power would be greatly manifested, and many souls brought in. The Lord inspired the apostle Paul to write: "Every man according as he purposed in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." Giving, under the dispensation we are living, is an individual matter. We

love our Lord and our fellow men; therefore, we should want to further His kingdom and help the lost. It is the best investment anyone can find. And the more you give, even all you have, the more you will be blessed. "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work."

One's life work should be entirely yielded to God. Whatever God calls you to do, do it with all your heart. We all have a necessary part to work in God's will. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." Working together, we can be a real base of supply from which the gospel goes forth into a dark world.

If you have a call to be a missionary, do not suppress it. Ask the Lord in faith to open doors for you, while closing all others but His ordained pathway. Let the Lord prepare you. Use the Word of God as your text book. Read the New Testament through over and over again. And read the Old Testament through at least a number of times. The Bible will give you complete knowledge to cope with every circumstance and individual. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. . . . The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." Trust the Lord to give you ability to get knowledge in the language you must labor in and other knowledge that may be necessary (such as customs of the people, medical knowledge, etc.). He will open ways for you to learn everything that is necessary to accomplish His work.

The hour is late. Doors once open, will close. But our God is not limited by circumstances or individuals. The battle is His; go forth in His strength. Let each of us pray that our Lord will direct our church to its fullest part in His planning. "And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Launch out into the streets and highways with the glad tidings of salvation!

Following God's Blue-Print

Something very near to our hearts is our dear friends, those who stand so near to salvation and yet so far. Every one of us should carry this burden to the Lord in prayer and should desire to know the Lord's will. Every child of God is vitally instrumental in God's plan to save someone. "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

The Lord has long patience and also desires his children to have long patience. "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain." Are we too hasty in giving up? Are we running ahead of our Master?

Jesus is directing the battle plan for the gaining of those who will heed His call and believe on Him. How utterly helpless we would be if we had this duty! We can praise the Lord that He is manifesting His almighty power every day.

Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." So we see the call has and is going out to every friend who has heard the gospel. The Holy Spirit is speaking to friends. Let us always keep this in the forefront of our minds, that Jesus of Nazareth, the One who suffered for you and me, is speaking directly to men's souls.

We cannot in a natural way understand how God works or thinks. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." God has revealed heavenly wisdom to us, a heavenly blue-print that is perfect and will produce heavenly results. But the scale is in heavenly measurements and he who reads the blue-print must have godly wisdom. The calculations

can only be read by those who have the mind of Christ. "Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual." Are we using our own puny little ideas or are we using the magnificent plans the Lord has given us? Are we trying to see with our natural eyes, or are we letting the mind of Christ have full sway?

God says through Paul the apostle that we are labourers together with God. We are working on God's edifice, carrying out his orders. To be a worker together with the Lord is a privilege beyond compare. Do you know that He has and is giving you instructions on what to do and how to do it? Right now, stop your worrying in its tracks and cast your burdens on the Lord. "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Study God's divine blue-print, revealed in the Bible. Through this guide-book the Lord instructs us how to deal with those friends we love so dearly, those who are resisting God's invitation or idling along the way.

Listen to Paul's yearning for his dear ones: "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost, That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh."

How many today have heaviness and continual sorrow for their children. Be patient, dear one, and trust in the Lord. When the Lord gives you opportunity, speak the word of the One who has given you so much inner satisfaction. Watch for the Lord's openings, for He certainly does give them. He wants us to witness for Him. And then don't be hasty; water the seed sown with kindly affection at all times. Sometimes a single act or word can retard the growth of this seed. Be instant in prayer. Be open-hearted with the Lord.

Every second we have the opportunity of telling the Lord all our

troubles. Our Father in heaven wants us to counsel with Him. Though the angry billows roll, we may have complete tranquility in our soul. We have anchored our soul in the haven of rest. We thank God anew that in His tender compassion He listens to us, and has our welfare at heart. Then let us lean our weary head on Jesus' bosom. He will console us. With his loving everlasting arms He embraces us and calms our troubled soul. "God is our refuge and strength, a very pleasant help in trouble." "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah."

A missionary pressing into the isolated interior of an island in the Philippines found a little colony of eleven Christians who had never seen a missionary or a Christian teacher or pastor. They had gathered about a man to whom distant friends on another island had sent a Bible and a few letters about their faith. A church in Panama resulted from the hold a Bible half buried in the sand came to have upon its finder. An inquiry in Egypt revealed that in eighteen out of twenty-one conversions from Islam to Christianity the principal and in some cases almost the exclusive factor was the reading of the New Testament.

"But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."

"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."

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth."