

THE FIELD MESSENGER.

THE FIELDS ARE WHITE ALREADY TO HARVEST John 4: 35.

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WHERE SHALL OUR LABOR BE?

"Not sitting in an easy chair
Beside a glowing hearth,
But out amid the battle's strife
Is where we prove our worth.

"Not waiting in a shady nook
Beneath the quivering leaves,
But 'neath the harvest's burning sun
Is where we bind our sheaves.

"Not where the quiet waters flow
But on the stormy sea,
Where souls are sinking in despair,
Our victories shall be.

"Not those who choose the easy way,
And all life's burdens shun;
But they who fight a valiant fight
Shall hear the words, 'Well done!'"

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AN OUTLINE OF OUR WORK

During the last five years the Church of God has been endeavoring to carry on aggressive field work in territories where the "Third Angel's Message" and the gospel of the coming kingdom has never been preached. Able ministers devoted to the cause of the Lord are sent out, and supported by the tithes and offerings sent to headquarters by the brethren, and each year the field force is increased, and a corresponding increase in funds received, has always been the result to enable the work to go forward. There are general evangelists laboring in many states, and also missionaries who are thus supported, according to their financial needs. Over eight thousand dollars has been paid out during nine months of the past conference year by the General Conference; enabling gospel meetings to be carried on in hundreds of communities. Thousands of people have been reached with the message, and more converts made during the past year than during any preceding year of our history in America.

Many calls are received from various fields where ministers are wanted to proclaim the everlasting gospel with power and simplicity, which have to be turned down because of

a lack of ministers. We have now many localities booked for meetings from where urgent calls have been received and no minister to send, the evangelists all being busy. We will soon have several more ministers in the field, and then hope to meet the needs better. There are thousands now dying, who for lack of laborers have not heard the message, and it behooves us, as servants of God to shed the glorious light abroad, and to carry on a greater work than we have ever done before.

Just as soon as finances will justify there will be a work opened up at Jerusalem, Palestine, and the old Churches of God, again revived at Corinth, Judea, Colosse, Ephesus, and throughout all the regions of the Promised land. These churches were abandoned when the Turks and Arabs took possession of the country about 632 A. D., nearly thirteen hundred years ago, at which time, and since many of our brethren gave up their lives for the very cause and sacred truths that we cherish and hold dear. The Church of God must now be up and doing. There is no time to sleep, and delay matters of so sacred a trust. We are the people to do this work, and every member must consider that they have a place and part in it, and every person to their work for God.

A. N. Dugger, Treas.

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PAYING OUT THE LORD'S TITHE

The Lord's tithe is paid out to evangelists and bible workers, who are laboring in new fields breaking the bread of life, to those in darkness, calling them out of Babylon into the narrow way with Jesus. They are paid out to these workers according to their needs, for instance a minister having a family wholly dependent on him for support, receives more than a minister not so situated. The minister's experience in the work is also considered, and his ability to reach the people, with the saving message. The Lord has given certain men talents to go out and preach

the word to the people, and such men soon make a showing in their fields of labor with results.

When the Lord has really called a minister to proclaim the gospel message, and endowed him with power and ability, it will soon be made manifest. There are men, however, who actually feel that the Lord has called them to the ministry, and are honest in their convictions, but who cannot speak in public, and their words are as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. They have no power in the message, or no influence or bearing upon their hearers. Such men have in some way been deceived by a false hope, and aspiration, and were not talented or called by the Lord, to be a light bearer for Him. His place is in some other profession, where with the tenth of his earnings, he can support those whom God has really called, and talented to proclaim the gospel truth. All such persons should be given a trial and their ability actually proven, in field work, largely at their own expense. This is the only way we have of guarding against paying out the Lord's money wastefully and to no avail. We cannot be slothful in the Lord's business and if we are it will be brought against us in the great judgment day.

The tithes and offerings for the ministerial fund are not paid out by one man, according to his judgment in the matter; but through the direction of a committee of brethren. They apportion to each worker and minister according to his needs. The experience he has had, and his ability as a workmen in the Lord's vineyard is carefully considered. The committee relying upon the Lord for guidance and direction, direct the expenditure of the Lord's tenth, which is a solemn and very responsible duty. The widow's mite is included in the funds paid out. It is as it were blood money, and in fear of God it is carefully and judiciously handled, and always brings forth fruit to his glory.

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REPORTS

FROM JENISON, MICHIGAN

Dear Brother Dugger:—Your letter at hand, thank you for the check. It is in full up to May first, and the Lord is still bringing souls into the truth of the Sabbath light. There is one more at Walkerville, and three are to be baptized. Thanks be to God for saving grace, by faith in Jesus' name. Now dear Brother, pray for me. I am weak in the work but trust in the power of the gospel of Christ for salvation. With love, I remain, yours in truth.

Eld. W. F. Morse.

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I am now en-route for Greenleaf, Okla., to begin a meeting. Pray the Lord to go before us and tender the hearts of the hearers, by His Holy Spirit.

J. C. Bartlett.

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FROM BONO, ARKANSAS.

Dear Brother Dugger, and Brothers and Sisters of like faith, greeting to you in the name of Jesus:—I am here enclosing my report for the last month's work in the field for the Master. My work has not been with as good a result as before. I have been holding a meeting at Bono for the last four weeks, and one has received the truth and was baptized into the body of the Lord. I am still at Bono, but will go to Pitts, Ark. next Friday the 6th of May, where I will be for the next two or three weeks. I have received some letters from a number of the Brethren in different parts of the state to come and hold meetings. I am also sending 25cts for the Field Messenger which you may send to me for as I send in my report you will know where I am at that time, as I may not be in one place long at one time, and I would like to have the report of the work in the field. As I am giving my life for the Master's cause, you know that I am interested in this work, for I think that if there ever was a time when men who are claiming to walk the straight and narrow way should use their time, talent and money to get this last message to a dying world it is right now: not to-morrow, but to-day is the day of salvation, if ye will hear his voice. And this very impression, and this alone, is what has caused me to give my time, talent and money to the Lord. So if we are looking for the Lord to soon come why not give up this life for him and look to JESUS, who will not leave us nor forsake us? Can you trust him? If so put all you have on the altar for him and let the world see your

J. M. Rodriguez.

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faith in him. O that man could see the great secret in the words of JESUS, who said he that will not lose his life will not find it, but he that loses his life here will find. If you love much you will suffer much for his name, and if we love him all, we will put all we have on the altar for him. We should not keep anything back from him, but love all and take up the cross and follow him. Will we do this? Many a man has done this for his blessed name's sake. Now who will do it in this last message to man. O just a few short years and this awful struggle will be over, and then those who are prepared to meet him can say as the great apostle Peter did: Lord we have left all and have followed thee, will enter into the joy of the Lord, that their weary souls may rest. O how glad I will be. O Brothers and Sisters, can you say it? Are you doing all you can for him and his cause? Can you meet him without fear? O how sweet it will be. Pray for me, and my wife's health; also pray for the Master's work in this state. I am, as ever, your Brother in the blessed hope of a soon coming Savior and eternal life at His appearing.

E. F. Thorp.

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FROM TEXAS

Dear Brother Dugger:—I left my empty home, (empty? yes, because my wife died the 11th of this month.) last Friday, and spent the Sabbath day among our church at Fort Worth, and on Sunday morning took the train for Wichita Falls. I preached to our Church of God members there Sunday night, and yesterday left for New Castle, in which place many are with hunger for the Church of God doctrines, according to their calls. I will be here with our Brother Geo. Raminer and his family. All of this people keep the Sabbath, through my teaching, by correspondence, from California. Last night they gave a fine public testimony for their repentance and the Lord permit them to keep his commandments and his glorious sign between Him and the people. This dear Brother wants to help me to convert some others, and we trust in the Lord to establish here another good church. Please pray for us. Praise to our dear Savior. Your Brother in the glorious hope of the Lord's kingdom.

FROM ELDER UNZICKER

We are having good meetings. Five more were baptized last Sabbath and expect there will be about that many more next Sabbath. We had all day meeting last Sabbath. There were about 86 present. Had a program for the children and young folks, and preaching and testimony besides the Sabbath School. There were about eight of the Hoffman brethren present, and about five from Stidham. All seemed to enjoy it very much. The Sabbath School has increased to about fifty members. It is sure arousing the spirit of Satan. Our members are all improving fast in the knowledge of the scriptures.

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FROM HITCHITA, OKLAHOMA

Dear Brother Dugger and Brethren:—I thought I would write a few lines, as I have never written before. Dear readers, I thank God that he sent us the light through one of his ministers of the gospel, Eld. Unzicker, and I thank God that I accepted it.

We have a good Sabbath School every Sabbath. Pray for me and my family, that we may ever keep the Sabbath, for not to keep it is sin, and sin is death. Your brother and sister.

W. T. and S. A. Chatman.

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REPORT OF LABOR

After returning from meetings near Indianola, Okla., we left for Clinton, Okla., Wednesday Feb. 9th, and began a meeting at Parkersburg, five miles distant. Had promised Brother C. S. Kerns, months before, to hold meetings there. It was a new field and we had a fair audience and real good attention and interest. On the 18th a bad snow storm came, which stopped our meeting for several days; after which we continued the meeting till March 14th, and closed. Several were convinced of the claims of the Sabbath, and we trust that some are keeping it. By invitation we visited most all the families of the neighborhood. We were treated with respect by all and requested to come back again. Spoke twenty-eight times. Was to hold a meeting at Stafford, but it was thought best to wait till the busy farm season was over, as the people were busy in planting crops. Went back to Fairview and then over to Dane, March 18th. Preached three discourses, too late in the season to hold a meeting. Had purposed to go out to Lavern, but hearing that Brother Bartlett was

going there, we gave place, and did not write to Brother Shallenburger. Spoke at Farview Sabbath, 26th. The 29th, drove to Enid, Okla., and stopped over night with Brother H. I. Hayes. Was glad to meet Brother and Sister Hayes once again. Drove on to my daughter's near Merrick. Preached and discoursed to the few that came. April 27th, left for Brother David Shaeffer's near Keystone, Okla. Spoke six times to good, attentive audiences; though it was a very busy time. Meetings were held at Sennett where Brother Dugger held a debate with success, so all said that I heard mention it. God's Sabbath lives, but Sunday is not able to sit up in bed yet at that place, and its recovery is hopeless. Brother Irl Rodgers held up the Bible truth for some time in those parts, and words of praise were spoken of his labor by many. Left a good interest there, and urgent requests were made to return and continue work, which we expect to do. Receiving word that my sister, Mrs. Lou Ramsey, was very poorly, we left May 9th for Licking Mo. Have been speaking here and at another point.

L. L. Presler.

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GENERAL REPORT

The Field Messenger, with this issue commences its regular monthly appearance, as a light bearer for God, taking far and near the glad tidings of joy which thrills the angels of heaven as sinners are called to repentance. And God's dear children everywhere, being endued more or less, with the same divine nature, also rejoice with them at the glad tidings. The angels of heaven would not know of sinners being called to repentance, if it were not reported there by some means or another, and neither would the people of God know were it not reported to them through some medium, and therefore the Field Messenger has been launched as a messenger of joy.

It has been quite a while since the last issue of the Messenger was sent out, because of some delay in having it entered into our mails as second class matter, thus greatly reducing the postage required to mail it. But we are grateful to Him to whom all praise is due, that this matter is now settled definitely, and that the Messenger can go out regularly.

Since the last issue of the Field Messenger, and since the last reports of Field work were reported in the Bible Advocate there has been as usual much activity by God's devoted workmen in His great vineyard.

We have not heard just what the

late results of efforts put forth by our general evangelists, Elder L. L. Presler of Nebraska, M. W. Unzicker of Oklahoma, and W. F. Morse, of Michigan, have been, but we know they have been productive of fruit as they usually are for the Master's kingdom. They are all engaged continuously in His blessed service, and by His Holy Spirit, He is blessing their efforts with success. Elder Unzicker wrote us a few weeks ago of a big meeting held at Pierce, Oklahoma on Sabbath day, where eighty-six Sabbath keepers were present, and at this place only a few months ago there were no Sabbath observers. Now there is a large company there and a fine Sabbath School.

Elder J. T. Williamson quite recently closed a meeting at Phillipsburg, Mo., with ten additions and nine baptisms. Elder L. I. Rodgers last week concluded a meeting at Buffalo, Mo., where he baptized six leaving a good interest with excellent prospects for more stepping out on the Lord's side. And we have learned indirectly that Elder L. L. Presler recently held baptismal services, and that interest was intense at his meeting at Licking, Mo., of which mention is made in his general report on another page of the Messenger. Brother Jack Quinton of Hoffman, Okla., writes of much activity in the vineyard of the Master, and he has baptized several quite recently.

We are pleased, also, to mention the untiring efforts of Brother J. C. Bartlett who keeps continually sowing the seeds of truth, and also our young Brother R. A. Barnes of Stidham, Oklahoma, whose zealous activity in the service is highly commendable, and the results of whose efforts we are sure, will in the future be known far and near. Elder E. F. Thorp who has the past few years raised up a number of churches in Arkansas, has recently been placed on the Evangelical list of the General Conference, and will be supported in his work by the tithes and offerings sent to the general Treasury. Just recently he has organized another Sabbath School near Bono, Arkansas, where a good work is commenced.

The large gospel tent that was used at Maryville, Mo., last summer is now pitched at Chillicothe, Mo., and Elder Herbert Miles is at the head of another big campaign which we are hopeful will, with God's favor and assistance, prove as successful as the Maryville meeting. Elder Miles is assisted in this meeting by Elder J. A. Riggs of Stanberry, Mrs. Sarah Corbett, who is a recognized

missionary of the church, Miss Esther Smith, who has charge of the singing, and Mrs. J. J. Kramer likely is there at this time, as she was expected the first of the week. Mrs. Edd Berry assisted also in this meeting last week, but was called home for a time at least on account of sickness. Chillicothe is a city of about eleven thousand, and the meeting is starting off nicely.

Another large gospel tent was purchased, 50x80, and is pitched at Brookfield, Mo., where Elder Irl Rodgers, assisted by Elder J. W. Crouse is at the head of the company. Mrs. Emma Browne, also a recognized missionary and Bible worker of the Church of God is engaged in this effort, accompanied by Mrs. Maud Rodgers and Mrs. Mable Rodgers. Brookfield is a city of about seven thousand population, which, like Chillicothe, is an entirely new field, for sowing the precious seeds of the Sabbath light with other kindred truths.

These two tents are located in very desirable places, and seated with canvas folding benches. A nice platform is erected in each, with decorations of drapery, and covered with carpet. A musical instrument provided by renting from a music store, and the cities are both thoroughly billed each week, giving those of all classes an opportunity to hear and heed the last message. Many are attending, and let us all pray for great success here, and in every effort put forth, for soul salvation, and the spreading of the gospel of the soon coming kingdom.

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OPPORTUNITY

It is said that opportunity only knocks at the door once, but let this be as it may, we trust that the opportunity we are offering of giving free instruction to all who desire to make Bible Workers and Missionaries, will not be pushed lightly to one side unheeded. We wish to hear from more, desirous of taking up this noble work. Classes will be organized this summer and workers trained, and it interested write Elder J. W. Crouse, Brookfield, Mo., or to A. N. Dugger, Stanberry, Mo.

To train and develop the youth for vocational work in the commercial world, parents pay large sums of tuition money, and often times through these channels the young people are turned away from God, and His truth. There will be no tuition for the summer training offered, and the positions for which these young people are prepared for

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To the readers of the Field Messenger:—As I am in a serious condition, I request the prayers of the brothers and sisters. H. P. Poff. Wagoner, Oklahoma.

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Considering the amount of our expenditures, which is over \$200.00 per week, funds are the lowest they have been for the past seven years. Tithes and offerings will be thankfully received with assurance of the Lord's blessing.

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OPPORTUNITY

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TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTERIAL FUND FOR MAY AND JUNE

TITHES

Robert Crowson	55.75
Reuben Arthur	25.00
Mrs. M. B. Adams and Florence Landrum	12.00
Mrs. M. B. Adams	20.00
Cecil Taylor and family	15.44
C. F. Hoefs	15.00
L. A. Munger	2.65
Pheobe Wilkinson	1.75
Theodore Wilkinson	1.00
Leonard Wilkinson	1.00
Edson Merriam	7.35
A friend	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Farnham	5.00
Edgar Lippincott	1.95
W. C. Rodgers	3.50
Ida Snider	8.00
Thomas Cope	1.20
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Carver	8.00
Addie L. Wait	4.00
Mrs. Mary Boody	1.00
A friend	10.00
Lola Harden	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Sheffield	20.00
Robert Crowson	16.00
Mrs. O. J. Runcorn	2.70
Mrs. M. J. Gunter	3.00
Bro. and Sr. E. M. Blenis	7.75
Ida B. Plumer	4.75
F. L. Summers	20.00
Oklahoma State Conference	26.00
Kate McArthur	14.00
Merna L. Hansen	9.50

C. A. and D. B. Farnham	5.00
Mrs. Hannah Rodgers	5.00
L. I. Rodgers	6.25
Edgar Lippincott	1.53
W. C. Rodgers	1.45
Sr. Mary Hill	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carpenter	10.00
Adath E. Case	1.70
Mary Surpless	3.00
L. C. Garner	2.50
Mrs. E. H. Zimmerman	4.65
Ida B. Plummer	3.80
Eld. J. W. Crouse	6.42
Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Schulz	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blenis	7.85
Friends	4.35
Lottie Brown	.65
C. H. and S. H. Wilkinson	6.50
Mrs. Jesse Thornhill	1.00
Perry and Doine Northen	9.00
Winnie Adams	3.00
Jennie McCance	5.00
Marinda Harrod	1.00
Mrs. D. D. Harroun	5.80
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blenis	7.25
E. F. Thorp	.40
E. L. Crowson	10.00
Mrs. Jane Fry	3.30
Sarah A. Stillson	2.00
Mrs. J. C. Dine	2.00
Nellie Sharp	1.00
Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Carver	10.00
J. A. Hulwick	13.04
Elizabeth Joseph	1.00
W. E. Carver	5.00
Mrs. L. L. Presler	10.00
L. M. and A. M. Schulz	4.35
Parlee Casey and R. C. Stokes	2.00
Mrs. C. J. Niemeyer	15.00
Geo. Pierson	5.00
Lillie Pierson	3.00
Geo. G. Bennett	7.69
G. A. Loop	21.95
Mrs. M. C. Pierce	1.40
Eld. L. L. Presler	10.00
J. W. Crouse	5.60
Mrs. Minnie Koons	1.55
Sarah B. Douglass	2.50
Mrs. James Vargason	2.35
Mrs. Hannah Ayers	2.22
Mrs. Addie L. Wait	5.00

TITHES FROM THE STANBERRY CHURCH

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Youngs	11.95
Albert and Alice Lippincott	3.31
Edith Childs	7.00
S. A. Moore and wife	5.40
A. N. Dugger	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lippincott	5.00
Mrs. A. Bennett	2.50
Mrs. W. L. Childs	2.50
E. W. Sheffield	\$6.40
Edith Childs	13.50
Cora Best	3.10
A friend M. T.	1.50
Herbert Miles	6.00
Lois Smith	6.00
Mrs. and Mr. C. A. Blood	3.00
S. A. Moore	2.50
P. C. Walker	6.00

Minnie Todd	1.90
Mrs. W. L. Childs	1.40
E. W. Sheffield	6.50
A. N. Dugger	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lippincott	7.90

OFFERINGS

Eld. J. W. Crouse \$15; Mrs. Dr. VanderWyst \$15; W. T. Gillespie \$5; William Gearhart \$5; Effie Wheelock \$4.20; Mrs. J. W. Nicholson 75cts; W. R. Scott \$5; Abbie M. Simmons \$1; C. H. and S. H. Wilkinson \$1; A. L. Gatlin \$1; A friend \$5; Mary A. Smelser \$1; J. B. Crowson \$10; Amy Cronk \$10; I. N. and A. E. Kramer \$16.50; Lydia Elsworth \$1; A friend \$5; A friend \$2; Mrs. Frances Carson 75cts; J. A. Riggs \$6.84; Wanda Whitton 25cts; Mrs. W. A. Cure 50cts; C. H. Munro \$15; Edward Jones \$2; John Haffner \$2.50; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Peterson \$2.50; R. L. Pruden \$5; Savannah Pewitt \$1; Mrs. Otto Pritchard \$1; Mrs. Hy. Steinebach 51cts.

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EXPENDITURES

Tithes and offerings sent to the general treasury of the Church of God at Stanberry are used to pay the expenses of ministers and Bible Workers in new fields located in various states. They are not spent in the state of Missouri, but used to take care of the general needs of the evangelical work. Ministers have been supported by these funds the past year for labor performed in Missouri, Michigan, Iowa, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, S. Dak., Utah and California. They are used to make it possible for zealous and consecrated workmen, who have been tried and are known to be servants of God, to spend their entire time in God's service, in taking the precious truth to those in darkness. Tithes and offerings are paid out through the instructions of a committee of brethren, chosen to see to the needs of the Lord's work.

We wish to assure those who have lately resolved to pay the tenth back to the Lord, that their new resolution is pleasing to God. You will receive great pleasure in watching the message go forward, and new recruits gathered for the army of Christ, marching forward in the narrow way for the kingdom, and to know that you have a part in the great work. Still more, when in the glorious kingdom, you will be filled with joy and thrilled to meet those whom you were responsible for directing to the way of life, and receive their most grateful expressions of love to you, and with them live and praise God forever.