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## PRAY—GIVE—GO

Three things the Master hath to do,  
And we who serve Him here below  
And long to see His kingdom come,  
May pray, or give, or go.

He needs them all.—the open hand,  
The willing feet, the asking heart,  
To work together and to weave,  
The threefold cord that shall not part.

Nor shall the giver count his gift  
As greater than the worker's deed,  
Nor he in turn his service boast  
Above the prayers that voice the need.

Not all can go; not all can give  
To arm the others for the fray;  
But young or old, or rich or poor,  
Or strong or weak,—we all can pray.

Pray that the full hands open wide  
To speed the message on its way;  
That those who hear the call may go,  
And pray that other hearts may pray. —Sel.

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## GENERAL NEWS OF FIELD WORK

While the harvest ingathering work for the past month has been highly successful, and many precious sheaves gathered for the kingdom of God, still we cannot be content, when so many thousands are hungering and thirsting for the bread of life. The Lord is doing a wonderful work through the Church of God, and hearts are being continually moved to enter the fields which are white for harvest, and others to contribute funds for their support. From far off China, and from Maine to California good reports are coming in of work accomplished and precious souls stepping out of a world of sin, into a life of obedience to God's requirements.

We are pleased to report this month the excellent work of our new acquaintance, Elder C. C. Sly, with whom the Church of God quite re-

cently became acquainted through the efforts of Elder J. W. Crouse, now of Norwalk, Calif. Brother Sly before learning of our people had studied the Bible until his belief seems to be identical with the Church of God. He is a fruitful servant of God, zealous in the great cause of truth, and reports twenty-five new converts. Elder J. M. Rodriguez who is at the head of the Spanish work in Mexico and Texas reports twelve converts from his own personal efforts. Other reports from this territory are lacking except one from Elder George Ramirez of Olney, Texas, who reported about two weeks ago, twelve ready for baptism. Elder Herbert Miles has just concluded a few weeks meeting at Maryville, Mo., where the new church house was just finished, and where the congregation of 66 new members has quite recently been raised up, ten of whom have come out taking their stand for the narrow way during the past month. Elder J. A. Riggs writes January 20th from Fairview, Okla., that the Lord has been blessing his efforts in a new field southwest of there, and that eight were then waiting baptism. There is a report elsewhere in the Messenger from Elder L. I. Rodgers regarding the excellent results of the recent work at Milan, Mo. There were four new converts added to the church there during the past month, making the total during the effort there of forty-two new converts, which with some brethren living near Milan, who have placed their membership with that church brings the number of members to just sixty. Elder M. W. Unzicker in his meeting, which still continues at Calvin, Okla., reports eight new converts, who also has a more lengthy report in another place in the Messenger. There have also been six added to the Stanberry Church by letter.

Elder J. T. Williamson sends in a very encouraging report of labor, stating that four accepted the truth at Johnson City while he was there

and that several have come out since he left, also that some more had accepted at Phillipsburg, that nearly everyone acknowledged he was right on the Sabbath with other kindred truths, where he had just been holding a meeting, and that prospects were excellent for a large company to be raised up there.

Elder A. H. Stith sends in encouraging reports of work in Idaho, and Elder R. E. Hosteter reported one convert in his short meeting at South Gifford before going to Indiana, where he is now engaged in an interesting meeting with large attendance. Elder Thorp has also had some results from his efforts in Arkansas; and Elder R. A. Barnes has accomplished some good work in Eastern Oklahoma.

Elder D. C. Plumb has just entered the evangelical work in Louisiana where he will take a leading part in proclaiming the message in that state. Elder W. W. McMicken will commence soon to spend his whole time in the work in Alabama, and Elder G. W. Mossey reports encouraging work accomplished in Montana. Elder T. J. Marrs also reports some good work.

Reports are lacking from Elders C. W. Salkeld and J. G. Slankard who are now laboring in Denver, Colo., and also from the work going forward in Michigan, under the direction of Elders L. A. Munger, Thomas Howe, G. T. Wilson, and W. J. Morse, also from Elders J. G. Gilstrap and W. A. Damewood of California, all of whom are zealous and active workmen, and fruit bearing branches in Christ.

We have entered a new epoch in the proclamation of the sacred messages of the hour, and the great work the Church of God is doing today, by the help of the Lord, is made possible through God moving the hearts of His people to pay their tithes and offerings into the general storehouse, so that there will be meat in His house, providing a way that the families of dependent work-

ers can be cared for while they go out into the high ways and hedges and preach the solemn truths of warning to a dying world. The Lord will richly bless all who are so assisting, who are doing as much to preach the gospel as the ones at the front. Let us all remember the great work in our prayers, that with simplicity, power and zeal it may go forward and onward to victory.

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#### REPORTS FROM OUR GENERAL EVANGELISTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:—Greetings in Jesus' name. I will give you some idea of the work that has been done at Milan, Mo., with the results. After Campmeeting in August I came to Milan and found the tent already at the depot. I had it set up on a vacant lot just half a block from the square where we commenced meeting the night of the eleventh of September. At that time there were only nine Sabbath keepers in this county as follows: James K. Rodgers and wife, W. C. Rodgers, wife and two boys, Ethel Rodgers and Edgar Lippincott and wife, Ruth. A few nights after meeting started we were joined by Elder J. W. Crouse, wife and daughter of Nebraska. The workers in this meeting were: Miss Cleora Close, Maud Rodgers, Elder J. W. Crouse, workers; Ruth Lippincott, organist, and Mabel Rodgers and Alma Crouse, assistant organists. We were joined later by Sister Sarah Corbett who helped for four weeks and then was called to help in another meeting much to our loss.

From the start of the meeting people were very interested and wanted to learn all they could. At the beginning of the second week we spoke on the Sabbath question which only increased the interest. Calls came from every side for Bible readings and the Bible workers were kept busy from early morning until late at night. We would have to go to the tent an hour and a half before meeting to meet the people who came early to talk to us on Bible subjects.

At the end of three weeks the weather was rainy and quite cold so we rented the largest hall in Milan and stored the tent and continued the meeting in the hall. Soon after moving to the hall the invitation was given for the first time and a young man stepped out on the side of the Bible and truth. Soon there were

two more who also took their stand for God. It was some days then before any more stepped out. But many told us that they were convinced that we were right, but they were afraid we would not raise up a church here and then they would be left without any place to attend church. We assured them that we were going to raise up and organize a church. Soon we convinced several that they should not wait longer and got them started and others followed and then they went to work to get some one else and thus the good work went on to the glory of God.

At the end of eleven weeks thirty three had come out of Babylon and united with the Church of God. On Monday night, Nov. 28, with the aid of Bro. Crouse we organized a church of fifty-one members. The same night a Sabbath School of about sixty members was organized. Then we organized the young people into "Workers for Christ." The next morning, Nov. 29 we had to say good bye to Bro. and Sister Crouse and daughter. This was hard to do as we had learned to love them and hated to part from them but they were needed in California and we resigned ourselves to the Lord's will. After they left we continued the meeting two weeks, making thirteen weeks straight that the meeting had been going on. Five more stepped out the last two weeks making a total of thirty-eight new members. Five members from Brookfield, Mo., placed their membership at Milan. The interest at the end of the thirteen weeks was very good and many more were about ready to step out, but we were all worn out and needed rest, having made all together over twelve hundred calls in the homes and given over eight hundred Bible studies besides eighty-nine sermons and two prayer and social meetings. Fifteen were buried with Christ in baptism and several more are to be. We closed the meeting for three weeks and commenced again with good interest and the result of the further work will be reported later.

Letters from several of the new converts at this meeting will be found in this paper. Pray for the church here that they may hold out faithful and that many more will soon step out into the narrow way that leads to life. Some started at once to pay their tithes to the Lord. Your humble servant and brother.

L. I. Rodgers

Calvin, Okla.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord:—Will take a little space to let you know how we are getting along in the Lord's work. We are still here near Calvin trying to establish those who have started out in the light, and still trying to get others to step out. The people here seem very friendly, but are slow in taking hold of the truth. Have had much opposition. Had a debate with a minister who promised to stay with us in discussion not less than six days. He affirmed for the first day of the week two days, and promised to debate as long as I wished when I affirmed for the Sabbath, but at the end of two days refused to stay any longer, saying he was needed at home. They talked of sending for another man but he never came. We sent for Brother Robert Barnes to come and help us one week at the time of the debate. He acted as our moderator and preached at night as the discussion was held in the day time.

So far only eight have taken a stand for the truth. Several more came forward but did not seem to have faith enough to take up the cross. We have started a Sabbath School and think there will be quite an attendance if the smallpox scare does not get too bad.

Pray for the work here and that there may be others who will yet step out fully on the Lord's side. Your brother and sister in the Lord's work.

M. W. Unzicker and wife

Dear Bro. Dugger:—This morning I came back from Lerds, one of the great and important cities of Durango State in which we organized yesterday a fine Sabbath School. I have many letters from our churches of Texas. They have made a great effort for me to go there to direct the Texas Conference at Hamlin, Texas. If the Lord permits I will be there about the 10th or 15th of this month. The Conference will hold the first meeting the 15th.

Please send here The Field Messenger and send to Hamlin, Texas. Send a bunch of the Bible Advocates.

Our churches in Texas are fine and all work is in very fine condition. Also our work in Mexico is growing nicely, thanks to the Lord.

Yours very truly and your Bro.  
J. M. Rodrigues.

#### REPORT FROM CHINA

Our four dear Chinese brothers are holding up the truth as it is given them by my help from the word. Brother Chu, the one that the Spirit spoke through about the right Sabbath here, four years ago. He is sound in the word. He is still in Mukden and he writes of much opposition, but much victory also. Brother Wang is very faithful and spreads Chinese and English tracts and books. He is very bold. The other two, Kua and Chang are working among the Chinese only one in

Peking and one in Shan-Tung, and I am in Honan yet and have three with me that I hope will be ready to go out some day. We have some interested here also, but it is so hard they dare not step out as we have no big Mission or schools or any other inducement to them and the most of the good ones that have a real desire to be saved are most trusty-worthy and the Missionaries always helped them to a job, and as they are depending on them for their daily bread, if they should believe the truth they would lose their job.

That is in the most cases with the foreign Missionary also if he believe and will follow in the true way they will be put out, and no doubt that is one of the obstacles in the way for all those that see and do not obey the truth. The foreign field is a hard field to work in. But by God's help we will keep on telling the truth and live it ourselves and pray for them and leave it with the Lord.

You will pray for us and the Chinese workers and all them that have accepted the truth.

B. Bernstein

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## Testimonies From New Converts.

Milan, Missouri

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:—Much good is being done in Milan, as a result of a revival that has been held here by Elder L. I. Rodgers. People who have been in darkness for years are now receiving light and truth. We have a goodly number in the church already, and we are hoping for many more, for some are now keeping Sabbath and say that they are convinced that the Church of God is the true church. Those who are not fully convinced are studying God's word, and we trust they will see and receive the light. Your brother in the Lord.

G. W. Clark

Note:—Brother Clark was a member of the Baptist Church and is 73. His wife is 70.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:—About four months ago Eld. L. I. Rodgers of Stanberry commenced a meeting here. The meeting continued for thirteen weeks. As a result we have a church, having over fifty members. Everyone seems very interested. We have a Sabbath School, which is well attended. Also we have Young People's meeting each Sabbath. Much good has been done here in the last five months, for before the meetings started there was no one in Milan who kept the seventh day, and now there are fifty or more. Some who have not come into the Church of God are keeping the Sabbath.

Bibles that have been put away in trunks, on library tables, and elsewhere are now being used. Never before were the people of Milan so revived. All are searching to see if

the things they are now hearing preached are so. All of us were amazed to think we had been deceived so long. But thanks be to God we now have seen the truth. Your sister in Christ.

Maurine McKinney

Dear Brothers and Sisters:—I will write a few lines to let you know what the Church of God has done for Milan. About four months ago Eld. L. I. Rodgers came here, set up a tent and began a meeting. And this meeting has been a blessing to this town. We are glad to hear the true gospel preached. There are now many new members, have organized a church, also Sabbath School. We are glad to know that we are now keeping the Sabbath that God intended we should keep. We have good attendance. There are people coming to church now that had not been to church for years and more Bibles read. We have received more light at these meetings than we ever did before. A sister in Christ.

Mrs. Eva Harrelson

Dear Brothers and Sisters through Christ:—We know you are interested in our little church in Milan, Mo., and there are over fifty members here now. There are six in our family who belong to the Church of God. My two brothers-in-law, one sister-in-law, my mother-in-law, my husband, and myself have been baptized and we are as happy as we ever were in life. Will close respectfully, Mr. and Mrs. Wm Catlett.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:—I thought I would write a few lines to let everyone know that I am well pleased with the Church of God. I have been converted to the truth and baptized, and I have learned many things about God's work since I have been in the Church of God. We have over fifty members. I belonged to the South Methodist Church, but saw new light and was pleased to accept it, for I am a great lover of the Bible and am trusting that there are many more who will come closer to Jesus. I will ask every child of God to pray for me that I may hold out faithful to the end. Your sister in Christ. Mrs. Mabel Braley

Dear Christian Friends:—May I tell a little of my experience in a christian life? Starting at the age of thirteen I was sprinkled into the Methodist Church and thought it was the only good church in the world until I became older. Then I saw I was not prepared to die until I was baptized. I was seeking for the truth and at the age of 20 was baptized by a Christian Elder. But I thank God in heaven that now I have found the truth and I ask the prayers of the Christian people that I may grow stronger in this true way. I also thank God for sending Elder Unzicker and Brother Barnes into our country to preach the true word, which we have accepted and may God be with us in our Sabbath School, that more may see the true way. Remaining a true Christian worker. Pauline Brown.

Dear Readers:—May I enter into your circle a few moments to tell you I am truly glad to say I have stepped out on the Lord's side, for I was deep in sin, but I praise God for sending Brother and Sister Unzicker here to preach the gospel of Christ to us, for he is the only one that could show me the light, and I am keeping the ten commandments and walking in the footsteps of Jesus. I remain as ever a Sabbath keeper. Yours Truly, Mrs. Maud Brooks.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:—I am glad to say at last that I have been taught the true way of life. I am only a young girl keeping the commands of God and am very thankful to Him for sending Brother Unzicker this way, for he made the truth so plain that I could not refuse it, and I am glad that I accepted the truth and have been baptized. Pray for me that I may be able to keep walking in the true way.

Mettie Brown

Dear Brother Dugger:—As I am a new convert in the truth and can truly say that I am proud of it. I never can thank Brother Unzicker enough for showing me the Bible way. I am a man of 50 years and had been taught poison doctrine until I had given up the Bible as a fake, but thank God Brother Unzicker showed me the truth, and now I can read and get light. As I read I give Brother Unzicker the praise for showing me the truth, and I give God the praise for sending the message my way. My wife, son, daughter-in-law and myself are in the way. Your brother in Christ.

J. P. Johnson.

Many more testimonies like the above could be published from persons who are rejoicing that the truth has reached them and that they are walking in the light, if space would permit. More than one hundred have been reported the past month as a result of the efforts in new fields by our general evangelists. As joy is caused in heaven over one sinner that is called to repentance, doesn't it make your heart rejoice also at the good news, and best of all when you know that your tithes or offerings have made it possible for these ministers to go out leaving their homes and preaching the blessed word of truth? But how sad it will be in the day of judgment for others who have hidden the talents God gave them, and stood back because of covetousness and a fear to sacrifice some of their funds on the altar, for souls. They are truly the slothful servants who have hid their talents.

The Lord is raising up more zealous consecrated ministers to take these precious truths to a dying world, thus calling for more tithes and offerings, so the committee of brethren in charge of the apportionment of these funds can arrange for their support.

Let each person pray the Lord of harvest to not only raise up more workers, but to give us all a true heart, that their motive in life may

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be to gain that they may give and live to take the gospel out to those in sin, for whom Christ died.

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We especially request each reader to read the general news of field work for the past month, as it is encouraging to all who should, as the angels of heaven, rejoice at one sinner called to repentance. Our ministers are preaching a message of reform that the most intelligent people who have a zeal for right, are gladly accepting and rejoicing in the light.

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The evening after the Sabbath, Feb. 4th, is the time set for our churches everywhere to take up the tithes and offerings, for the Lord's work, and also the time for isolated members and friends of the truth to call to mind God's great blessings, and lay by in store as He has prospered them, sending it as soon as possible to the General Treasury at Stanberry, Mo., or to the Treasurer in the state in which they live. Either place it will be used as directed, and placed where it will bear fruit for God, in directing the people to His Kingdom.

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Every true servant must awake and hear the call of God. These are solemn times when prophecy is fast fulfilling, and Jesus is coming soon. We must make a covenant with Him by sacrifice, and devote a portion to save the sinners of the world, for whom Jesus, who was our example, gave His all. If we have not a love to save others by preaching the gospel message, in whatever station of life God has called us, we need to pray that God will send His Holy Spirit, to soften our hearts and saturate our very being with a love and devotion for Him.

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#### SONG BOOKS

Our new song book "Songs of Truth," the Hymnal of Glory, and songs of Perennial Power, is for sale at the Advocate office, and we know it will please everyone. It contains old familiar songs and also the latest up to date popular hymns, sung by the general public. These two features make it a popular book commanding and worthy of a wide sale. There are 166 songs most all set to music, well bound, with gold lettering on outside front cover. Price of single copy 35cts postpaid. Per dozen \$4.00.

#### TITHES AND OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTERIAL FUND RECEIVED SINCE JANUARY 5

##### TITHES

Mrs. M. E. Greenley .....	\$ 5.00
C. S. Kerns .....	22.60
A friend .....	5.00
D. R. Stone .....	15.00
Mrs. O. J. Runcorn .....	2.00
Marinda Harrod .....	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Hendershott .....	5.10
D. E. Henry .....	5.00
Mrs. W. W. Roberts .....	10.00
Malinda Summers .....	1.16
Clesson Summers .....	.26
Mrs. F. L. Summers .....	1.60
F. L. Summers .....	21.83
George Pierson .....	4.15
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blood .....	3.78
L. C. Garner .....	10.00
Mrs. M. C. Pierce .....	1.80
Bessie Leach .....	1.50
Ida B. Plummer .....	1.70
Mrs. Lillie Pierson .....	5.00
Mrs. D. J. Rowley .....	1.66
Clara C. Hanson .....	10.00
Mrs. Hannah Ayers .....	24.76
Mr. and Mrs. Nova N. Maddux .....	19.86
Mrs. B. B. Holcomb .....	2.50
Mrs. E. D. Stivers .....	1.00
Mrs. Matilda Whisler .....	9.00
O. A. Smith .....	5.00
D. B. and C. A. Farnham .....	5.00
Albert, Maggie and Ronald Davison .....	75.00
Mrs. A. S. Hodges .....	2.47
M. B. Adams and Florence Landrum .....	17.50
C. M. .....	32.64
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Pratt .....	.90
W. T. Brown .....	2.00
A brother .....	20.00
Eliza A. McMillen .....	.65
A friend .....	20.56
A friend .....	12.00
C. H. and L. L. Munro .....	13.00
Cecil Taylor and family .....	3.90
John Howard .....	10.00
M. Goodwin .....	5.00
Elza N. Manning .....	1.60
Burt F. Marrs .....	19.50
Myrtle Wells .....	30.00
Mrs. Blanche Lang .....	5.00
Almeda Mercer .....	1.00
Mrs. Lydia Hoge .....	1.00
Michigan Conference .....	5.38
Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Blenis .....	1.50
Anna McElvain and daughters .....	3.90
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jackson .....	3.00
M. W. Unzicker and wife .....	6.00
Elder E. F. Thorp .....	1.30
Sarah Seals .....	1.50
Mary Gillespie .....	2.00
Church at South Gifford .....	10.75
Eva Workman .....	3.95
Ray Still .....	.50

Mrs. Wm. Still .....	.50
Mrs. Belle Moore .....	5.00
Edgar and Ruth Lippincott .....	12.80
W. C. Rodgers .....	5.00
J. P. Long .....	2.85
Mrs. Emma Browne .....	1.00

##### OFFERINGS

J. B. Denham \$5; Cora Best \$5.50; T. J. Marrs \$10; S. F. Harris \$5; Wm. Cornelison \$100; Ida B. Plummer \$2; Mrs. D. J. Rowley Sabbath School offering 4cts; R. L. Pruden \$25; Mrs. Otto Pritchard 50cts; Sarah A. Stillson \$2; Alpheus Leach \$1; Ova Leach \$1; W. N. Woodruff \$5; Mrs. Savannah Pewitt \$1.50; J. W. Osborn \$400; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Conner \$4; I. N. Kramer and daughter \$2; Mrs. Ida B. Michel \$5; Mrs. H. C. Fairbank \$4.55; T. F. Crisp \$5.18; S. H. Gaddy \$2; Mrs. A. S. Hodges \$1; E. M. McGuire \$1; Mrs. Nellie Newlon 40cts.

##### TITHES FROM THE STANBERRY CHURCH

A. N. Dugger .....	9.00
H. Miles .....	6.25
Mrs. R. C. Hoskiins .....	1.00
Edith VanderWyst .....	15.00
Horace Munro .....	4.00
Mrs. W. A. Cure .....	.75
E. W. Sheffield .....	2.35
Esther Smith .....	18.83
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lippincott .....	8.30
Cora Best .....	3.40
V. P. Raymond .....	2.40
Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Lippincott .....	9.50
S. A. Moore .....	3.06
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Youngs .....	15.00

##### TITHES FOR DECEMBER FROM MICHIGAN

Chancy Hart .....	\$ 5.00
Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Davis .....	6.45
Sarah A. Stillson .....	5.00
Alpheus Leach .....	2.00
Ova Leach .....	1.00
Viola Newman .....	1.00
Nellie Bower .....	1.00
L. A. Munger .....	4.00
Mr. and Mrs. James Merriam .....	24.10
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilkinson .....	4.22

##### CORRECTION

In the receipts for the tithes from the Freeland, Michigan Church, given in the Messenger for January the following credit should have been given.

Phebe Wilkinson .....	\$ 7.12
Edson Merriam .....	14.74
L. A. Munger .....	5.00
Leonard Wilkinson .....	.36