MOROCCO

R. & I HAVE ALWAYS HAD A BURDEN FOR MOROCCO as she was born here & is half-Moroccon (from her mother). Within one week of making our decision to pioneer, the Lord miraculously supplied us with enough funds to make our move possible, thru' R.'s father (a real miracle in itself!) & with the help of our former Home, God bless them! But more important, the Lord literally dropped down a package of faith into our hearts to trust Him no matter what!

SO WITHIN ONE WEEK, OFF WE WENT—from the "safari" looking family we once were to the "average" (ha!) tourist image—quite a bit of work in cutting down, but thank the Lord, God sure proved it can be done & it's a lot more inspiring to travel light, especially with four children! PTL!

OUR THREE-DAY & NIGHT TREK BY 4 DIFFERENT TRAINS turned out to be a miracle every step of the way as the Lord raised up people continually, including train conductors themselves, throughout the entire trip to help with luggage & children (who were the keys to reaching everyone's hearts!) & also supplying us with extra food, funds & special privileges!

THO' THE TRIP WAS GENERALLY QUITE HARD, we all survived the discomforts & sacrifices. We began to understand more fully Dad's favourite passage about the blessings of sacrifice: "I will not give unto the Lord of that which hath cost me nothing" & were truly thankful for being counted worthy to suffer these afflictions for a new pioneer field & its people & to grasp hold of the blessings awaiting us in "fighting the good fight of faith"! Hallelujah!

AFTER ARRIVING IN MOROCCO, we spent only three nights in hotels before the Lord miraculously raised up some students from an upper class family who opened the doors of their hearts & homes in both housing & feeding all six of us! They are presently helping us out all they can in trying to get more permanently located with housing, job etc. It's such a blessing to be able to minister to such sweet people & to so quickly get such a first-hand look at how the people here really live.

PLEASE PRAY FOR US in the Lord's provision of the needed personnel, system employment & visas necessary to help us reach this needy field, where the labourers are few & the harvest truly plenteous!

IF ANYONE HAS A BURDEN TO COME & HELP us reach Morocco, we need you! Just send a letter with a bit of information about yourself, your burdens, talents etc. along with a photo to the KOS who will forward your letter on to us. Address: CPO 220, Athens, Greece (Attn: H&R).

Love, G., R. & children. ■

Lessons from a Dropped-in Housewife!

WE HAVE BEEN IN THIS CLOSED COUNTRY for some months now & my husband R. has had to hold system jobs for cover & support. In this situation, we have encountered some battles that are not common on an open litnessing & witnessing field.

FIRST OF ALL, THE IDEA OF MY HUSBAND HAVING TO GET UP AT 7:00 A.M. every morning to go to work at a secular job was a psychological wrench. I know living underground has been in the Letters for some time, but as always, until the Lord makes us do it we don't really come to a full realisation of what's being said.

ALONG WITH THIS, UNTIL RECENTLY R. & I LIVED ALONE for the first time, with our two children. This slowed down our FF'ing a bit, but mostly I found it difficult to be alone most of the day with the kids, especially in the summertime when the heat is so intense here that you can't even take the kids outside during the day!

A THIRD PROBLEM WE ENCOUNTERED was dealing with the pressure that working for a very un-Godly boss & typical super-selfish systemites all day can put on a husband. —Being tough enough to take it on the job & tender enough when back home with Mommy & the kids.

BUT PTL!—THE LORD GAVE US SOLUTIONS which I'd like to share. First of all, I found that encouraging R. about his work and getting up with him to see him off to work really helped & unified us a lot. Then to break up the monotony of the days during the hot summer we started inviting people over for lunch as a way to minister to them when we couldn't get out with the kids.

WE FOUND THAT IF WE SURROUND OURSELVES WITH VISITORS, it keeps us flowing & alive & from getting into a selfish little family unit spirit. Now after nine months, we are intimately involved with quite a few people, so nearly every evening & quite a few afternoons we have people over.

WE MINISTER TO A LOT OF PEOPLE AS A "FAMILY".—Our kids play with their kids & I've learned how to relate to people as a housewife which bears a lot of good fruit in giving them the confidence to confide in me. We don't do much direct witnessing until people have known us for a while & we feel we can trust them, but just our way of life sure rubs off on them & they know what we stand for! PTL! As far as witnessing, the possibilities are limitless, even underground. It's a real "change the world" vision of slow planting.

AS FAR AS THE PRESSURE OF JOBS, we believe we've found a solution with the men in our Home (we now have another couple with us) now working on the beginnings of our own company. So far, it's a real blessing as the Daddys have a lot more time for their kids. Both R. & I feel the most useful and fulfilled in this particular ministry than we have ever been in most of our years of serving the Lord!

IF GOING UNDERGROUND does as much for others as it has for us in helping us find a way to be a blessing financially & still witness, it should only deepen our impact on the world as we influence that influential few Dad talked about in "Pisces".

THANKS, DAD, FOR YOUR GREAT EXAMPLE of keeping going for God & helping us see how to adapt instead of giving up when there are still so many worlds to conquer & fruitful methods that we can use! Love, K.

(Ed.: What new ways of witnessing are you learning where you are? - Send your NRS news & tips for all to the Family News! Address: Maria Campos, Apdo. 46131, Madrid, Spain (with Attn: FN in lower left corner). WLY! Ed.) ■

News of Deb & Jeth!

(Editor: Dad & Maria want to thank those of you who have written to them about news of Deborah & Jethro. The following is a summary of Deb & Jeth's activities, sent in by some of the Family who are in contact with them:)

FROM A BROTHER WHO TALKED TO JETHRO ON THE PHONE & met Paul Bunyan on the street: "We assume you've received all the letters from this area about them being with Happy & Honey in Mendicino. By a small miracle I ran into Paul Bunyan, who is the children's song leader, while provisioning in San Francisco. They had learned our provisioning run long ago & are now covering the same areas.

"I HAD WRITTEN JETH A LETTER asking him not to go to the exact same contacts as we did, since they had thought they were us & were saving the food for us. Anyway, Paul did not know this, neither did he know of any correspondence from you to their group asking them to write back. I had even mentioned to Jeth that I heard he was staying in Mendicino & he hemhawed around & completely denied it. I told this to Paul & he was amazed that Jeth was that way.

"I ALSO SAID I'D SENT JETHRO A COPY OF 'THE DIVISION' & asked Paul if he'd read it. He said he never did & was rather blown away by a few things I mentioned about it. He seemed rather open with me as opposed to the way Jeth was when I saw him (very backslidden & sneaky sort of spirit).

"IT SEEMS THAT OTHERS THERE (Happy & Honey & God knows who else) are filling him in on their rubbish about the Family & what they 'heard' about the Family now—like some quotes from 'Homos'. Paul seems to be in the middle of it all & just wants to help with the kids. He also said that their group was moving to L.A. real soon to get off the road & move into a Home. I don't know if that included Deb & Isaiah but they were with them in Mendicino now."

FROM A COUPLE WHO TALKED TO DEB & ISAIAH ON THE PHONE (summary & quotes): Isaiah has received his college degree, as it was nearly awarded when he joined the Family. He has decided to continue his education even further in the future. While working on his degree, he met many people involved with various foundations, trusts & fund raising groups. With the help of some of these,

ISAIAH & DEB WANT TO RETURN TO PERU to work in small villages helping to set up schools & train locals to run them & then move on to other villages. "They seem to be really into furthering what they call their 'Early Learning Program'...also hope to get Deb's materials published...said they were thankful for this time to see what people in the system are into in the field of education..."

"PRESENTLY JETH IS IN S. CALIFORNIA looking for a house to rent so that they can all live there until they are ready to go back down south." They would not give an address where Jeth could be reached. Deb & Isaiah are working on legal business & hope to get legally married. Meanwhile, Big Joy in California has visited her mother with Jeth who just loves Jeth & is absolutely flipping over the grandchildren.

"DEB SAID ONE REASON THEY HAD GONE INTO VIRTUAL SECLUSION was that they didn't want to be visited by anyone nor did they want to receive any more 'Family News' as the older children got a-hold of them & it caused Deb & Jeth a lot of heartache...

"DEB SAID THAT SHE STILL COULDN'T ACCEPT THE FACT THAT ISAIAH HAS A DEMON & that she couldn't go along with it & feels that you are being especially hard on them because she is your daughter. They hope that someday you will come around & see things their way...

"THEY MENTIONED THEY WERE HAVING A LOT OF PROBLEMS WITH THEIR CHILDREN respecting their parents...blame it on 'Who Are the Rebels', saying that Joyanne & Junior didn't understand it when they read it...

"THEY SAID YOU WOULDN'T LET THEM HAVE THEIR OWN WORK & were always promoting & demoting them & said they wanted a work that no one could take away from them nor could tell them what to do." *(DAD: Good! Thank God!)*

Letter of Love From Joyanne (Little Joy)!

CHRISTMAS CARD FROM JOYANNE,16: "Dearest Grandpa, ILY & miss you so very much!! I'm getting so much closer to the Lord & learning more each day! I don't know what the Lord is trying to do in my or our lives but I trust in Him!! I'm always praying & thinking of you! And I will write more later!! I just wanted you to know that I wish you a very Happy Christmas & the best beginning of a New Year with Jesus!! I love you always. Love in Jesus, Joyanne." Also:

"THIS IS A BEAUTIFUL POEM (she didn't mention the author) I found that expresses what I'm going thru':

We must learn to wait for happiness,
That bright elusive thing
That we startle with our eagerness.
Like a young bird on a wing
We must learn to wait for hope to rise
And spread its wings about us
And keep our faith in His dear love
When the whole world seems to doubt us
And as we wait and learn to cope
With the problems that we bear,
In the silence of our trust in Him
He will answer every prayer. ■

Pledges of Loyalty!

From Peter Amsterdam & Damaris:

From Damaris:

Dear Dad & Maria,

GOD BLESS YOU! I just wanted to write you a little note to tell you I really love you & you are always in my prayers. I pray that Peter can fill the gap for you (now that Timothy is gone) as I know how badly you need someone to be with you.

THE LORD HAS BEEN TEACHING ME SO MUCH & drawing me a lot closer as I have to step out & make more everyday decisions & keep everyone happy & working hard. Everyone is being a real help & blessing & the Lord is truly taking care of us all.

PLEASE LET ME KNOW if there is any way I can be a help to you from here. I really love you & want to do all I can for the Lord.

I luv & miss Damaris

FF'ing As a "Social Escort"!

a blessing & a privilege & I sure am learning a lot.

I JUST WANTED TO WRITE MY REACTION to the RD about Rachel when she was called in for retraining. All what you said about her was absolutely true. I think the thing that hit me personally the most was where you said that the House of Saul within us needs to wax weaker & weaker, & the House of David with in us needs to wax stronger & stronger. Lord help me to let that happen within me!

EVEN THO' I DIDN'T SPEND A LOT OF TIME AROUND RACHEL or Jeth, I know I picked up some of their ways & ideas etc., & I hope that now I can learn to do things your way in your spirit. Like the scripture says:

"CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O God & renew a right spirit within me" (Ps. 51:10.) That's my prayer & my desire—to walk as you walk—in mercy & love, helping others. You're so simple & loving & you show such mercy & patience towards all—even those who cause so much trouble. I've never seen anything like it!

I'M GOING TO START THE RD OF "BOOKS" tonight.—I'm sure I really need this one too. God help me to let your Words rip out, tear down & destroy all the system garbage I've learned & build up & establish the simple truth & love of His Word! I love you both so very much!

—Love, Peter Amsterdam.

Dearest Dad,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & THANK YOU so very much for showing me so much love in sharing Maria with me last night. I appreciate it more than words can say. To me it was such an honour for which I feel so totally unworthy.

I REALLY DID NEED SOME ENCOURAGEMENT, but I didn't expect that much! It really touched my heart to see such a sample of love that even tho' it was the beginning of your Birthday you were giving instead of receiving. Thank you, Dad. I know I could never repay you for all you've done for me.

THE BEST I CAN DO IS TO PLEDGE TO YOU my utter 100% devotion & loyalty as my Birthday gift to you. If there is ever anything you ever want me to do, or any task or mission, no matter how small or great, that you want me to undertake, I will be willing to do so & count it an honour.

I LOVE YOU, DAD, & PRAY THAT THIS IS ANOTHER GLORIOUS YEAR for you. Your total love & obedience to the Lord is what has kept us going for all these years & I know that this year will be the same. Thank you once again for your love. With much love forever, Your son, Peter.

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ALL THE THINGS DAD & THE LORD HAVE SAID ABOUT YOU ARE TRUE—you have so much love. Thanks for praying with me & holding me, loving me & everything else. You made me feel so good. No wonder everyone loves you, because you give such love. Thanks again, Maria, for everything. I love you so much! Love always, Peter.

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FAMILY NEWS —BY YOU!

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News From Nigeria!

by Corny & Nekoda Black

THERE ARE ONLY THREE OF US HERE in Nigeria now, but the Lord has blessed us with around ten good strong Catacombers, whom we have been training & leading to take over the work when we have to go.

ONE OF OUR GREATEST OUTREACHES has been over television, on a children's programme. During the Christmas season we were able to reach many. One of our Catacombers, who is an ordained minister, went on TV reaching over six million people with the Endtime message, as well as the real meaning of Christmas. We were recently invited to his cousin's baby baptism where he preached the sermon, exploding with the salvation & witnessing message to about 5,000 people! PTL!

OUR INDIGENOUS DISCIPLES, Faith & John Joseph, are working with the television media & reaching millions on the TV show they do regularly. Meanwhile, Nekoda & I both want to continue working in 3rd World countries which are so needy. But we realise with the recent worldwide persecution that our approach will have to be less dramatic & less open in the future.

Nekoda & Corny on TV in Nigeria, leading the children in singing "Psalm 100"! Photo by Philip Gad.

THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES REALLY NEED SKILLED WORKERS & we are known here as social workers & youth specialists. This is something the people can accept more readily than the traditional "missionary" label. We have even had many job offers from the government, private businessmen & even international companies to work for them.

NEKODA IS A SKILLED STENOGRAPHER, ARTIST & MUSICIAN while my talents run along the lines of actor & salesman, with a burden for children. Nekoda has recently taken on small art jobs to brush up on her knowledge of art in preparation for the days ahead when we will be forced to go more underground. Right now we are walking prayerfully, quietly staying behind the scenes training our native disciples & preparing to leave, if need be, at a moment's notice! We love you! Please keep us in your prayers! Corny, Nekoda & family. ■

Nigerian live-in disciples, John Joseph & Faith! Photo by Corny Black.

Art as Witness!

(Name & location withheld for security!)

A BROTHER HAD HIS FIRST EXHIBITION of 23 black & white drawings at the Municipal Art Gallery. Posters which he designed were printed up & distributed all over the city to announce the exhibition, which lasted two weeks. This is opening doors for a new outreaching pioneer effort in the field of Contemporary Art.

FOUR DRAWINGS WERE SOLD, a new exhibition planned & many, many friends, contacts & potential fish were some of the fruit, as well as helping to establish a cover for this difficult field. Many brethren were involved during the last 1½ years to achieve the initial vision to pioneer this innovative new way of witnessing, with their inspiration, encouragement etc. GB'M! PTL! ■

THAILAND: Making New Friends IN A NEW FIELD!

CHARITY & I RECENTLY ARRIVED here in Thailand & we're so happy to be in a new field with new food, new people, new methods & everything! Getting to know & meet the lovely Thai people is giving us a real burden to win the nationals here! Hope to see more of you here soon! Thailand needs you!

—Caleb & Charity Yoke. ■