

# FAMILY NEWS

-BY YOU & ME!

## Putting Children First Helps Reach Whole School!

School teaching job results in souls saved & witnessing outreach!

From Elijah Rose Teacher, Latin America

UNTIL THE MOST RECENT LETTERS, THE NRS LETTERS, I've felt unfruitful to a large degree, not because I don't listen & get out God's Words (I have regularly & continue to do so) but because I haven't been able to adequately supply the needs of my wife & 3 small children (ages 2 1/2, 1 1/2 & 6 months). "New Disciples" was a great encouragement & inspiration to put the children & their needs first.

SO, ALTHO' THIS FIELD IS STILL VERY OPEN TO LITNESSING, I've felt led to take a system teaching job in a small & struggling local Montessori-type school. The Lord has blessed us with a humble house in the country with much terrain for the children & beautiful, bountiful fruit trees. PTL! Not only that—

MANY OF THE CHILDREN IN THE SCHOOL HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED JESUS since I've been there, including the Director's son & the Director herself! And I'm so happy that it's a situation where follow-up can be so thorough & inspiring. Not only this, but the school wants me to write childcare classes for parents whose tots will be coming to the school.

THEY ALSO WANT ME TO START A SMALL SINGING & WITNESSING GROUP among the children as a social & community outreach for the school. So, the job has already borne much good fruit & has been very inspiring, & our little family is starting to really feel the blessings of the Lord in a deeper way than ever. (PTL! GBY!—Dad.)

WE NEVER COULD QUITE MAKE IT FINANCIALLY thru' litnessing & FF'ing only, altho' Rachel

of whom just recently received the Lord, TYJ! I guess the Lord just didn't bless it because the "knew" ones were so often neglected. But now it looks like the two older children, Luz de Amor & Arthur, will be in my classroom with me, PGI! SO ALL THING WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD! We're so thankful

for how the Letters have set us free to use our talents & have helped us get our priorities straight!—It works! We're still bearing fruit, more than ever before! We hope to be going for God & winning others till Jesus comes!

Love, Elijah & family.



## Visit to Russia!

"It seemed like the whole place was sleeping, like Sleeping Beauty waiting for the kiss of love to free her from her spell!"

EVER SINCE I JOINED THE FAMILY, I'VE WANTED TO GO TO THE USSR & bring the Love of God to the Russian people. So when I recently had a chance to visit Moscow, I was thrilled, as it seemed to be a confirmation from the Lord of my burden!

MY HOST FOR THE TRIP WAS A VERY SWEET AMERICAN MAN, O., whom I met & FF'd several months ago. After a night of sharing, he very eagerly received Jesus. O. had been born in Kiev & was presently on his way to Moscow on business.

HE WROTE ME ALMOST DAILY FROM MOSCOW. Here's a part of one of his letters: "I'm praising the Lord today because I received a letter from you & was able to hear

you preach to me, because it is the proof that you love me. If you didn't love me you really would not care what I think, what I feel, what I believe. It's funny how you are one of the very few people, if not the only one, with whom I openly discuss what is deeply hidden in my heart, namely, my relation with my best friend, my Lord."

THEN WHEN HE INVITED ME TO COME VISIT HIM IN MOSCOW, I was so excited I could hardly wait! He offered to pay my way there, without which it wouldn't have been possible for me to go at all, GBH!

AS I ENTERED THE COUNTRY, I FELT LIKE I WAS COMING INTO A VERY OLD PLACE with old spirits around. It seemed like the

love to free her from her spell. AS I WAS O.'S GUEST, I had to be with him most of the time & couldn't mingle with the people as much as I'd have liked. But it was a real blessing to have O. near to explain about different things. One night, tho', I had a chance to meet some sheep on my own! O. & I had just been to the Bolshoi Theater & seen a beautiful ballet about a fairy who fell in love with a boy & became a human to live together with him!—A very spiritual story!

WHEN O. DROPPED ME AT MY HOTEL, there were two men talking in the lobby who noticed me. They asked me to join their company & since they looked nice I

agreed. One was Russian, from Kiev, & the other was an English doctor. A Russian girl joined us & we went to get something to eat.

AT THE TABLE WE HAD A VERY INTERESTING CONVERSATION in which the Russian man said that the Russian people are very spiritual by nature & the government knows this, & that's why they are giving the people more freedom to practise their beliefs. He said the young people especially are becoming more & more interested in spiritual things! That really encouraged me & increased my faith to reach the Russian people! I gave my address to the Russian girl who was planning on

coming to my country soon. The English doctor was very sweet too, asking me to pray for him, which I took as a good sign that he was thinking about what I'd shared with him.

WHEN I LEFT FROM MY VISIT, I FELT LIKE HALF MY HEART stayed behind! I'm so thankful for being able to go & see the USSR with my own eyes, & the fire to reach that country grows bigger inside me as time goes on. I'd love to hear from others interested in Russia & any plans for reaching it. Please pray for all the sheep there & that we find an effective way of reaching them!

Love, R.

## Big Results From Giving One Little Cup of Coffee!

Pioneering Testimonies & Music Ministry Tips!

From Gabriel & Gailies, Caribbean:

WE ARE PRESENTLY PIONEERING A SMALL CARIBBEAN ISLAND. As a result of the Jones-town affair, there is a lot of static concerning religious "cults". We came here at the invitation of an influential man whom we had met in Caracas & were immediately thrust into the small, elite class of rich & influential. Since witnessing is illegal for non-nationals & any connections with so-called "cults" would have given us instant enemies, we had to begin by carrying on an underground witness.

FOR A WHILE WE WERE STAYING AT THE BEACH HOUSE of a fish named "R". One day some friends of his came to visit. R. wasn't there, so we offered the visitors coffee & talked with them while they were ready to leave. A week later we were contacted by one of the visitors, C., who asked us to come visit him. He is a hotel



"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" —Heb. 13:2.

UPON MEETING HIM, HE TOLD US WHAT AN IMPRESSION we had made on him the previous week. He marvelled at how we had invited total strangers into our home & offered coffee & conversation. He said that the cup of coffee touched his heart so much that now he wanted to do something for us.

HE HAD HEARD THRU' R. THAT WE BOTH SING. So he offered us a job singing six nights a week in his hotel diningroom, complete with free room & board in a beautiful two-room suite, plus salary! PTL! So now we have a place to meet & minister to all the fish we meet. We have continued to minister to C. & he has almost accepted us as part of his family. He gives us all the details on day-to-day business & asks for our (the Lord's) counsel. So the Lord has given us a real precious king, all because of

strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Heb. 13:2). Amen!

WE'D LIKE TO SHARE A FEW TIPS WE'VE LEARNED IN OUR SINGING JOB. Almost anyone with a little talent can sing like we are! It's just the two of us & all we have is one guitar, a few hand percussion instruments & our voices. Singing harmonies seems to be our main musical strength, & the people really love it.

MOST OF THE SONGS WE DO ARE FAMILY SONGS, some of which we have changed a word or two to be able to sing them to the general public. It's simple—you just substitute the word "God" or "Jesus" with "Love". Most people believe in love, as Dad says, & love to hear love songs. We've found it best to save the heavy witnessing songs for personal witnessing & the general love songs for mass audiences.

IT'S ALSO NECESSARY, USUALLY, TO DO SOME SYSTEM SONGS. Listen to the songs in your area & see what's popular with all age groups. Choose the songs with the greatest message. So many system songs are hearties, & others even sound like praises to the Lord. One popular song here, loved by practically everyone, is by a popular rock group. The whole song is taken from psalms! Most people that know the song, don't realise it, but it's a witness. Slip in a witness wherever you can, using wisdom. We pray these tips will help some of you pioneer a mu-

## From Frog in His Throat To Song On His Lips!

Perseverance, Prayer & Practice make the difference!

From Gideon Prophet, Brazil:

LAST DECEMBER I BEGAN TO SING in a little bar here with two other brothers. Eventually, both of them went elsewhere, leaving me to go it alone. As they were the better musicians of the group, I didn't have the faith to continue as a soloist—I felt all thumbs & like I had a frog in my throat.

BUT BECAUSE OF MY LOVE FOR MUSIC & A BURDEN FOR THIS TYPE OF MINISTRY, as well as a desperate financial need, Talita my wife & I began desperately praying that the Lord would help me & give me the faith to be a soloist. The Letter "Holy Ghosts" was a real encouragement & the Lord told me just to keep playing & practising.

IMMEDIATELY THE LORD BEGAN STRENGTHENING MY VOICE & showing me how to sing from the heart, & "out of the blue" I picked out some new things on the guitar! Then one day the door opened to I knew anyone who could play "country" music at a certain bar he knew.

I DECIDED TO GIVE IT A TRY,

SINK OR SWIM. I really didn't feel very capable, but God reminded me that His strength is in our weakness! That night I went to the bar & played about ten songs for an audition—and they liked it! PTL! They had wanted a band, but took me & agreed to pay me very well, TTL!

THE LORD REALLY TESTED MY FAITH for the first couple of weeks, as their sound system wasn't too good & I was pretty unsure of myself. But the third week, after some serious prayer & learning about ten new songs, the owner of the bar said, "You're another guy!", meaning how much my performance had changed from the first two weeks. When he paid me that night I thanked him & he said, "You don't have to thank me anymore! Now I have to thank you!" TYJ! A miracle!

BESIDES THE SONGS BEING A WITNESS IN THEMSELVES, I also have a chance to personally witness. As I sing & look around with looks of love, it's not hard to see who the receptive souls are. Then during breaks or at any opportune moment I talk to people. We have won some good friends this way who need us

ABOUT 50 SONGS, including about 15 Family songs such as "Love Me With Your Eyes", "I Love You My Friend", "Back to the Basics", "Hello My Love", "Keep Your Hands on the Plow", "The Search", "Everybody Needs Somebody" etc. I've tried to choose songs that minister the Spirit of the Lord without being too religious for someone who's not oriented, such as the people who frequent these bars. But if they listen & I'm inspired, I know God speaks to them!

I ALSO DO SYSTEM SONGS by such artists as James Taylor, Bob Dylan, John Denver (who has several songs that talk about the Lord), the Beatles etc. Many of these came to my attention thru' repeated requests, so I've tracked down the records & learned the songs by ear. Like Faithy once said in "As an Arab to an Arab": "We sing them their songs to show we love them, & we sing them our songs to show them God loves them". Another good Letter to read is "Sequel to Musical Key" No. 326A.

I LONG TO LEARN TO SING & PLAY BETTER, as well as to write original inspired songs that I can sing in bars. If anyone has suggestions, tips, lessons or comments on this, I'd love to read 'em! Gideon.

also students & schoolkids, all of them receiving us so openly, some of them breaking & finding themselves in tears after our songs & testimonies. Over a cup of coffee or something, we can often spend precious time with them which they'll never forget, just sharing a little love with those who need it.

THE LORD ALSO SUPPLIED OUR GREATEST NEED at the time thru' DTD!—Lots of good furniture for our home, all for free. In addition, many people like to help with donations, which in the beginning we didn't accept, thinking they might misunderstand our motive. But we learned that people really become happy by helping us, so now we gladly receive it as a blessing from the Lord. We are so happy about this exciting way of witnessing & have many many thanks to Dad for leading us on this fruitful path.

Love, a Home in Switzerland.

## Polio Attack-God Delivers!

Lessons on faith & prayer learned by parents & children!

Tips on seeking medical counsel & vaccinations!

Paul, Happy & children—Sancho & Robin—1, Andy—3. Photo by Samuel V.



From Paul & Happy, India: ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO, OUR SECOND SON ANDY, age 3, came down with a fever. When it didn't subside after a couple of days & after united prayer, we took him to a nearby clinic. The doctor there told us he had a severe throat & tummy infection & prescribed some antibiotics.

WHEN WE WENT TO GET THE PRESCRIPTION, we read the information sheet, which said that for this particular medicine you need to have another counter-medicine, as some of the side effects of that particular antibiotic were known to be fatal in some cases. Well right away, we knew we wouldn't give a little child anything like that & we lost confidence in that doctor.

MEANWHILE, ANDY WAS GETTING WORSE & COMPLAINING OF PAINS IN HIS LEGS. His fever rose & he started having spasms of pain about every 10-15 minutes without ceasing! We took him over to see one of our neighbours, a woman doctor whose two daughters Andy & Sancho (4 1/2) had led to the Lord.

RIGHT AWAY WE HAD A REAL PEACE ABOUT ACCEPTING HER COUNSEL, as she really seemed to know what she was doing & was totally considerate of our beliefs. After an examination, she told us Andy had polio. She asked if we would be willing to admit him to a clinic nursing home, in order to keep a close eye on him & keep him isolated from other children.

SHE SAID HE WAS IN THE ACUTE STAGE of a polio viral attack & that they wouldn't know how much paralysis would set in until the acute stage passed (usually 7-10 days). Then we would know how much damage had been done to the nervous

system & muscles. WELL IT REALLY GOT US DESPERATE IN PRAYER! We took turns staying at the clinic with Andy, Happy in the daytime & I (Paul) at night. It was such a heart-searching & sobering experience for us. It was heart-breaking to see him going thru' such pain, every 10-15 minutes, frightening him & leaving him crying in agony.

WE GOT THE VERSES, John 9:3, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents; but that the works of God should be manifest in him" & Mark 16:17-20. "And these signs shall follow them that believe...They shall lay hands on the sick, & they shall recover...and they went forth, & preached the word, the Lord working with them & confirming the word with signs following."

ON THE FIFTH DAY, WE GOT THE FAMILY TOGETHER at the clinic & laying hands on Andy's legs, we claimed the verses. During the night his fever broke & in the morning his temperature was almost normal & the pains were gone & he got out of bed & ran across the floor! TYJ!

THE FOLLOWING DAY ANDY WAS DISCHARGED from the clinic & we took him home. He had a hard time sitting still & resting & would always ask to sit outside & play on the ground & promised he wouldn't run around.

WELL, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO KEEP HIM DOWN & after a couple of days of overworking his weakened legs, he couldn't stand again, & had developed a sore on his foot, which we got a check the Lord had given him to slow him down to let his body rebuild its strength.

NOW TWO MONTHS LATER, ANDY IS PERFECTLY BACK TO NORMAL & is running around as

the lessons we learned & most of all for the Lord's faithfulness & love. A few days after Andy's initial recovery, we received in the post "Prayer for the Children" which was such a timely Letter of encouragement to us.

WE REALLY USED THIS INCIDENT OF ANDY'S HEALING to impress upon both Sancho & Andy the importance of faith & trusting the Lord. That was also one of the things the Lord was showing us while Andy was sick, that he was coming of age & needed to learn to trust the Lord & that the Lord was beginning to deal in his life personally & directly, as Andy had sometimes been very slack & foolish in praying & respecting the Lord.

HE WAS REALLY ABSORBING THE LESSONS, & even now, every time we go past the clinic he says, "That's where I had sore legs & the Lord healed me." One more thing we learned from this experience:

IN THIS PART OF THE WORLD WHERE ALL DISEASES ARE RAMPANT, parents should be sure they have real faith for their children's health before not getting them immunized. Andy's contracting polio took us totally by surprise, as we hadn't even considered the possibility of the kids getting something like that. However, we found out from another couple who have a boy the same age as Andy, that what their son had a few months previously was also polio. He'd had a fever that left him with a lame leg. They didn't get it properly diagnosed until they went to the U.S. for Christ-mas.

WHEN WE FIRST CAME TO INDIA three years ago, it was really impressed upon us by the Family here the importance of taking regular malaria pills. If we take precautions against one disease for ourselves, it seems we should be even more prayerful about our faith for the health of our little ones. As Dad said in "What Is That In Thy Hand?": "Nothing is more important than God's children & their care, for they are His kingdom." Love, Paul & Happy.

P.S. IF YOU DO GET SHOTS, it is helpful to build up your body's strength for a few days before with vitamins, as suggested in "Let's Have Healthy Children".

## Guitar Opens Door to DTD

Knock with a song!—They'll open every time!

From Switzerland:

IN OUR SMALL HOME OF FIVE, WE USE AS ONE OF OUR MAIN METHODS of witnessing the door-to-door ministry. In the beginning we went out, two by two, ringing doorbells, with nothing to offer but the Lord's love & our big smile & friendly words as the bait, since we are unable to distribute literature here. But we found that many people said they were too busy to talk or at first mistook us for some other group who also goes door-to-door whom they had already rejected.

DESPERATE FOR SOME BETTER "BAIT", THE FOLLOWING WEEK WE TOOK ALONG OUR GUITAR, which made a world of difference, TYJ! We found that by politely asking if they'd like to hear a little song

that the doors to apartments & hearts would open a lot easier & faster, & the songs are a great witness in themselves too.

WE'VE ALREADY MET SO MANY PRECIOUS PEOPLE whom we could have hardly reached any other way, & souls are being saved! For example, the other day we met a sweet Yugoslavian family. After a little time of sharing with them & singing to them, all four of them, Mommy, Daddy & their two daughters, gladly received Jesus into their hearts. The following week, during another visit to them, the little girlfriend of the daughters got saved too!

WE'VE MET SO MANY KINDS OF RECEPTIVE PEOPLE—from divorced, broken-hearted housewives, to artists, teachers & city officials,