

wear out & still need boiling, even if the bottle doesn't.

OF COURSE YOU COULD USE A STERILISING SOLUTION such as Milton's, but Dad wasn't too crazy about that at our question of whether it was safe to use for baby's health. Dad said if the solution is strong enough to kill germs, it surely is not that good for babies to consume! Some use it with no problem at all, & I used it myself for Davida, but we haven't used it for Techii thus far.

THE BABY BOTTLES WITH DISPOSABLE BAGS ARE QUITE EXPENSIVE NOWADAYS wherever I have been able to find them, but if you have access to them for a good price, I do think they are good time savers for busy Moms like yourself. Just be sure to stock up on bottle bags & nipples!

IT'S SO WONDERFUL THAT YOU ARE PREGNANT NOW, KEDA & also wonderful that you have such a helpful matel-In this case, an extra Mommy & Daddy combined! Isn't that wonderful? You know, I read in a good baby book that people expecting their first baby should consider pregnancy a 12-month term instead of just 9 months, because it takes at least 9 months to adjust your whole schedule & your whole life around a new little baby. And that's really true!

NO ONE COULD EVER OVER-ESTIMATE WHAT A BLESSING a little baby can be to new parents. But on the other hand, not only has

your body been thru' a great big change, but also your emotions, your strength & your own personal schedule that you have had for years to yourself, all change.

I'M SURE YOU'LL SEE JUST HOW MUCH TIME a little baby can take once you're holding her in your arms a few months from now. And you will also see how much more you will respect our dear pioneer mothers & parents on the field today who have mothered their own 3 & 4 children & have number 4 or 5 on the way! But still at it, still faithful, still witnessing & "Real Mothers" & soldiers for the Lord.

AS LONG AS NEW MOTHERS KNOW THAT EVERY SINGLE MOMENT of pouring out love & kindness, tenderness, patience, attention, teaching, prayer etc. to a new little infant is never lost but always important to the future training & spiritual feeding of a little life, they will never lose the vision of the importance of these little ones to God's Kingdom. Nor will they ever regret God's Little Gift!

SO I'M GLAD YOU'VE MENTIONED SOME OF THESE mother-saving tips & pieces of equipment available on your field. I'm all for any little thing that can save the Mommy's time & make things easier for her. Not because she is trying to make time to do other things than her baby necessarily—even tho'

there are plenty of other things that need to be done always—but some of those things will just have to be put aside during the baby's first months—but any piece of equipment or helpful tip that will redeem Mommy's time so she can give the baby more personal attention, perhaps include the baby in on her jobs, fellowship, family activities & give Mommy more Temple Time that she very well needs & deserves. PTL!

IT'S A TREMENDOUS HELP THAT YOU ARE BOTH THERE TOGETHER to bring up your little one for the Lord as a real mated team. What a blessing! We're always looking forward to hearing more from you whenever you get a chance, & whenever you have something more to say. We'd love to hear your opinions & reactions to the FC materials, of which you will be seeing more very soon, including KK's, a few baby classes & Grandpa Memory Quotes for children's use. **ALSO, SOME OF GRANDPA'S STORIES ON TAPE**, as told to Daviddo, will be available from Wild Wind—Bariah now has nine of them in the works!—Real thriller-chillers, hum-dingers, exciting adventures that kids love to hear for storytime PTL! Our prayers are always with you & we love you dearly. Thank you, Keda & Yausko, for your sweet love, faithfulness & encouragement. Love always, Sara D.

I don't mind seeing you naked-as-a-jay!"

THERE'S AN OLD SAYING: "He's even jealous of the bedpost!"

I USED TO HAVE A MUSIC PROFESSOR who was bald, one of those really shiny bald tops all the way back with just a little rim of hair around. He used to tell his students, "I don't have eyes in the back of my head, it's just that my face goes back that far!"

I DON'T KNOW IF MY BROTHER WAS REALLY TELLING THE TRUTH or not, but he came back with some awful big whoppers from college. He said this professor had a very bad cough all the time & he was always saying, "Some day I'm going to cough up my innards!" So they thought they'd play a trick on him. So during the night one of the boys sneaked into his room with some chicken innards, strewed them all around him, on his pillow & waited for him to come down to breakfast in the morning, if he

made it. Well, down he came looking very pale like he was really ready to go. He said, "Well I knew someday it was going to happen, but thank God, with the help of God & a toothbrush I got them all back down again!"—That's the kind of jokes you learn at preachers' college. I think preachers spend more time learning jokes than almost anything else, especially Bible college.

THE DRUNK WAS TALKING TO THE NATURALIST & said, "You mean to tell me you go out in the woods & you talk to the animals?" He replied, "Yes I do." "And they talk to you?" "Yes they do." So the drunk says, "Did you ever meet a skunk?" "Yes I have." "Well, the next time you meet a skunk will you please ask him for me, what's the big deal?" The conversation continues: "And you tell me you're going now on an expedition into the jungles of Africa?" "Yes." "And you've advertised for people to join your safari?" "Yes." "And you're going to go out there & meet

lions & tigers & elephants & things like that?" "Yes we are." "And you want people to go with you?" "Yes of course." "I flatly refuse to

FORGIVE MY HUMOUR, I just can't help but be funny, at least I hope! Didn't you know preachers know more jokes than anybody? That's the only way they can cheer up their poor sad congregation. I heard plenty of them when I was a kid, I heard a lot of preachers. I don't know where they all come from, but anyhow they just pop in to my head.



Christa Windsor, photo by Melita Womington, U.S.A.

A Real Father

A poem about Secundus, by The alarm went off

Why doesn't he get up?

He wakes up so slow!

I open the closet

And let out a scream!

It's just a big mess!

And he said it was clean!

I've waited all day,

For just one little kiss,

But he's been too busy

With a lot of that or this.

He went to the store

For diapers & thread.

He said he remembered

But he came home with bread.

It's the middle of night.

Baby's awakening again.

How can he not hear her?

He sleeps on with a grin.

Normally I would protest

And cause a big stir.

But the story's not over.

There's just a bit more.

For him there's no job

That's too large or small.

No matter what happens

He just gives his all.

The kids, they sure love him.

His roles, they are two.

He plays father or mother,

Or the woman in the shoe!

He rarely has a problem,

Seldom has a trial—

At least they don't stop him

From going the extra mile.

It sure gets hard

Sometimes to survive,

But he says, "Oh, Honey,

It's just good to be alive."

"Don't worry, Sweetheart,

You take a little rest.

I can take the kids."

You know, we're sure blest."

And then he goes on

About how we needn't worry

'Cause the Lord's taking care

And there's no big hurry.

And he's always right

'Cause the Lord sees us thru'

But it's usually Charlie

Making sure we all know—

That we need to keep going

And give Him our all.

He helps with every step

And he's there if we fall.

It really means a lot

To a mother of six

To have him always ready

With his big bag of tricks.

The alarm can go off.

'Cause now it's time to love Charlie,

He's sure a good mate!

—Seek, '79, Spain.

Knew Disciples!

"He knew her & she conceived & bore a child!" (Genesis 4:1.)

LATIN AMERICA

BOY—to Jerusalem Israel & Andres Iconoclast; El Salvador—April.
BOY—Jose David, to Job Initiative & Amor Rainaby; Honduras—May.
BOY—Gabriel, to Josh & Shebah Acam; Puerto Rico—18/4.
GIRL—Elizabeth Ann, to Christina Newheart; Peru—8/5.
GIRL—Elizabeth, to Elinnelech & Eva Josue; Venezuela—8/4.
BOY—to Omega Amen; Mexico—April.
BOY—Francisco, to Daniel & Joana

Mo' Mokes

(Jokes told by Mo!)

MOST PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH THREE TIMES in their life: the first time they're sprinkled with water, the next time with rice & the last time with dirt!

PROPHETS DON'T NEED VITAMINS!—I have the vitamins P, T & LI—Praise the Lord!

BILLY SUNDAY ONCE ASKED A BOY the direction to the Post Office & after the boy told him, he said: "Okay, you come to my service tonight & I'll tell you how to get to Heaven." The tough little newsboy said, "Hal! You don't even know the way to the Post Office!"

THE MOTHER OF PAT THE IRISHMAN DIED, & he was praying her out of purgatory. He paid the Catholic priest for masses & prayers to work her way out until finally he just got fed up with paying so much & asked, "Now Father, how much farther does she have to go?" Well, the Father knew he was getting fed up with paying & answered: "Pat, just 3 more feet & she's out!" To which Pat snorted, "Faith & begore! If she can't jump 3 feet, she can go to hell!"

HOW IS HISTORICAL FICTION LIKE A BUSTLE?—It's a false tale built on stern realities!

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE SCIENTIST who recently discovered two moths talking.—The moths

were chewing the rag!
DID I TELL YOU ABOUT THE POOR BOY WHO STUTTERED & they asked him what he wanted to be when he got big. He said, "I want to be a preacher." "I used to think these jokes were funny until poor little David got that for a while & the Lord miraculously healed him, a miracle!" And they said, "How could you be a preacher, look at the way you stammer!" "Well, mmmmm—be I cccan't ppppproach very gggggood, but I cccan see ppppppound a lot!"

A DOOR-TO-DOOR SALESMAN knocked at a door & the lady of the house answered in her negligence, "Pardon my negligence," she said, to which he answered, "That's alright,

BOY—Miguel Tiago, to Ana & Timo Smile; Portugal—20/5.
BOY—Pedro Emanuel, to Ebed & Estrella; Portugal—20/5.

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—A love poem to Dad!

From Maggy Quixote, Calif., U.S.A.:
(Inspired after reading "11 Years of Family History" No. 791)
*Your many lines of ingenious rhymes
Delighted our hearts to no end*

*Keep those words coming,
'Oss sometimes we act dumb
In this world in which we must fend!
We love you, we need you,
Lord help us to keep you
And advice from all Letters you've
penned.
God bless you & keep you & bounti-
fully steep you
In more children & lovers & yen,
As more do their share & show
that they care
By giving at least a mere ten (%)!*

How One Family Keeps Going For God!

MIRACULOUS PROVISION! TESTIMONIES! FOOD & TEACHING TIPS!

More from Seek & Secundus; Spain:
OUR FAVOURITE SONG IS "AMAZING GRACE" because that's what keeps us going—God's amazing grace! My favourite verse to this song is: "Thru' many dangers, toils & snares, I have already come. His grace hath brought me safe thus far & grace will lead me home!"

THIS WEEK HAS BEEN A REAL EXAMPLE, as we started counting our pesetas to see if we had the change necessary for the sardines for lunch that day. By the end of the day we had 15,000 pesetas from fish & friends in the mail & from the children's singing!

WE REALLY HAD A GOOD TIME PRAISING THE LORD, as the kids can sure see the hand of the Lord keeping us day by day. It's so wonderful for them to see how God never fails. His timing is perfect, everything He does always works & we can be sure that when the time comes that something has to be done, God will do it!

THE CHILDREN'S SINGING: This weekend the children's singing supplied more than 5 times the donations they normally receive. And when they sang at a restaurant, there was a reporter there who asked questions & borrowed a photo & wrote an article! Sherah & I went into another newspaper office & talked with 3 reporters & possibly an article will be coming out very soon! PTL! They also said they will contact us when they hear of places for us to sing. Sherah is only 6, but such a good partner when going out to speak to people. She is a real charmer & always gives a round of kisses. She's always encouraging &

in the victory & the Lord really blesses our efforts when she is with me.

IT HAS BEEN SUCH A VICTORY FOR THE NEIGHBOUR MAN whom the children prayed for. He's an elderly American (with a Spanish wife) who has a very serious lung disease from the Vietnam war from the poisonous gas the Americans sprayed to kill all the vegetation. When we first met him he spent almost all day every day in bed & was getting worse & worse. The children prayed for him & the same day they were both saved!

SINCE THAT DAY HE IS NOW UP & ABOUT, & they are both much happier now. We have been feeding them with the Word. They invited the children to sing for the wife's birthday party, & everyone enjoyed the children so much & danced with them after they sang & gave a good donation. They have invited the children to swim in their pool, so now they can really learn to swim. The children regularly make little gifts for them, which really encourages this couple & makes them feel closer to us.

DTD & LITNESSING: Recently we were praying together about why we were having a battle with finances & asking the Lord to supply our needs as He promised. The Lord encouraged us, but also reminded us that there were two Letters we hadn't been obeying, the two Letters Dad wrote encouraging us to go Door-to-Door.

SO NOW DTD IS A REGULAR PART OF OUR WEEKLY SCHEDULE. And now that we are faithful to get out the Words, the Lord is

really blessing the children's singing with the funds we need. Also, the second time out DTD, Sherah & I led an 11-year-old boy to the Lord!

FF'ING: Sometimes we're such dumb sheep that even if the Lord is trying to show us, Dad has to put it very bluntly for us in black & white. After reading his comments in "Questions From the Field" about a mother's priorities, it really confirmed what the Lord had been showing me.

SOMETIMES OUT FF'ING I'D FEEL SO FOOLISH sitting in a bar waiting to get picked up & thinking about Secundus at home trying to manage 6 children. So far, my best contacts for FF'ing were made with the children or just in our everyday witnessing & singing & speaking with people.

RIGHT NOW I HAVE 2 GOOD FISH & several to correspond with by mail, & this is keeping me plenty busy enough. For instance, this week we had a new fish just drop out of the sky. The owner of the agency from whom we rent our house came by & met everyone & asked me out to dinner the next night. I went & he is very sweet & open to the Lord. The director of our bank has come over twice this week & last night for the first time I was able to share all of God's love with him in the livingroom, as Secundus was putting the children to sleep. He said that he would be happy to help us get permanent residence here if we like. I got to witness to him quite a bit about the Lord. He is very intelligent & knows a lot about politics & economics, & so sharing portions of the Letters with him just in everyday conversation

SCHEDULES: The children's weekly schedule involves 3 mornings of very good schooltime for the 3 oldest & 2 mornings for the young or ones, 1 afternoon of going door-to-door, 2 mornings or afternoons for practising singing, 2 days for performances (the actual singing time is short but much time is required for baths, clothes, manicures, last minute practice & even a nap if they sing later in the evening). 1 morning or afternoon for writing greeting or thank-you notes to friends & contacts, & the kids help every day with cleaning, provisioning, watching the younger children & shopping.

THE CHILDREN GENERALLY KEEP VERY WELL OCCUPIED, & Secundus makes sure that they do new & exciting things daily, even if it is only an interesting talk, or cooking outside, games late in the evening in the garden, a movie or excursion.

WE GIVE EACH OF THE 3 OLDEST CHILDREN AN ALLOWANCE composed of 5% of the total donations they get from singing & litnessing. Sometimes that amounts to quite a bit, but they are usually faithful to use it for needs, or even for buying things for someone else. They are very generous & like to give.

OUR BIG PEOPLE'S SCHEDULE involves 1 afternoon each for mail ministry each week, & 2 or 3 evenings for witnessing to fish or those we meet singing, & 1 afternoon or evening for planning & making new things for teaching the children. How we fit this into one week changes regularly according to our needs & appointments, but to keep progressing it all has to fit in somehow.

FOOD: I really go thru' it if I know the kids aren't each day getting what they need in their diet. I've found that it costs no more to eat well (not extravagantly, but the things that are good for you).

WE MADE A DISCOVERY IN BUYING GROUND BEEF for about 1/3 the price of good ground beef, with 1/3 more protein per gram than roast beef! We like it a lot & prepare it many different ways. Even visitors can't tell the difference from good ground beef. We also use chicken livers, which are

we eat soy beans & cook them with a little ground meat for flavour. The kids didn't especially like them, so I tried boiling them first for an hour & then browning them in a bit of oil with onions & garlic, which is a real hit.

FOR BREAKFAST, WE OFTEN HAVE VEGETABLES TOO, such as omelettes with leftover vegetables, or carrots buttered & blended into a puree with margarine as a side dish to eggs, or buttered beets or lettuce served with fried eggs. We even serve potatoes with eggs, mashed with a lot of milk to make them very creamy like porridge.

A GOOD DISH FOR TRAVELLING is potato salad made the night before & refrigerated—a meal in one dish with potatoes, eggs, tuna, mayonnaise we make ourselves, & green peppers blended in so the kids don't even know they're there! Then we just bring along cups or bowls & a spoon for each person.

THE MOST USEFUL ITEM IN THE KITCHEN IS OUR ONE-SPEED BLENDER, so common in Spain & inexpensive to buy. It makes food easy for babies & helps change & vary food a little so the kids will like it more or so that it is disguised a bit. For instance, the kids really eat up spinach blended into a puree with margarine & served before the meal as a thick soup.

TEACHING TIPS: The kids have been much more interested in reading since I made them each a book with very colorful pictures from magazines, adding 1 or 2 new pictures each day with an accompanying short story about the picture. Sometimes the picture is funny, or sometimes about good food or health, or they all like pictures of sexy girls. I always try to insert comments into the story about our convictions & way of life, using the word list from "Teaching Tips".

JASON & SHERAH-6 JUST FINISHED A WORD STUDY of the words listed in "Teaching Tips". Each day they worked on 8 new words, reading them, writing each one, then studying each for exceptions to our grammar rules, looking for letter combinations, or other words that are spelled similarly, & then have a spelling test on the words for each day. Later we made senten-

WAY TO TEACH the older children is to really capitalise on their questions & interests. When something comes up, we stop & talk about it, whether it is grammar or science or math. I plan ahead, but am always ready to change tactics in the middle of the class as I see the need or weak area or a new interest. Of course, sometimes I just have to be persistent to get the children to work on what is necessary, but sometimes it is really the Lord leading us into a more interesting & worthwhile or more needed subject.

JASON IS REALLY INTERESTED IN CURRENT EVENTS now & insists that Secundus share the world happenings from Time magazine. Secundus is always teaching the kids no matter what he is doing with them. I think this is how the children get a lot of their education. Children can learn so much from adults who are willing to talk to them & share their years of experience with them.

STEPHEN & JAMIE-2 ARE LEARNING ABOUT NUMBERS using a train I made for them. This worked well, too, when the other children were younger. At that time I cut a simple train from different colours of paper & pasted felt on the back to use on a felt board. Each car has a number on it in large numbers. Then you make balls or different objects to set on top of each car. The objects are the same color as the corresponding car & the number of items also corresponds. This way the younger children have fun learning both numbers & colours.

BIBLE STUDY: A year ago, Jason & Sherah learned the books of the Old & New Testaments by a different little song for each. Then they played a game to see how quickly & accurately they could put the books of the New Testament in order. I wrote on strips of cardstock the name of each book. Then mixed them up & handed them to the children in a stack to see how quickly & accurately they could rearrange them.

I REMEMBER MY DAD MADE A MORE ELABORATE GAME for use in Bible school. He built a miniature bookshelf of wood & made