

the conditions here are worse than any place they have ever seen. We can only thank God for His love, mercy & grace. He has taken this impossible situation & done the miracle of bringing some light into this vast darkness!

THE TRADITIONS OF AFRICA ARE VERY SIMILAR to that of the Old Testament times where the chief can marry as many wives as he likes, as long as he can provide for them. And Africa is such a poor society that everything is based on economics. Even the prerequisite for marriage is to pay the dowry to the

parents. "Love" & "compatibility" are unheard of as bases for marriage. BUT THE YOUNG GENERATION coming up is rebelling against traditions. In the larger cities like Lagos & Port Harcourt there are many foreigners, due to the oil boom & industry, who have brought in a lot of Western influence. There are many prostitutes. Traditionally, wives are for bearing as many children as possible, & if a wife doesn't bear enough or bear any sons, the husband is pressured by his family to marry another one. So FFing is quite different from that in the

West. We meet most of our fish thru' associates, business, social gatherings & hitchhiking. WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO GOING TO OUR NEXT FIELD, Lord willing, S.E. Asia, where the need is much greater. We learned a lot of lessons in this field & did many things which we were unable to do before, due to our color, being black. But we feel we will use our experiences here sometime in the future, as the world is "going color". Well, we'll end this little report with "All Hail to the King & Queen of Love"! Love, Conny & Nekoda.

come to stay!
WOW! I'M SO EXCITED! Can't wait till you all get here! Catherine has really been the key so far that the Lord has used to open the doors. PTL! Love ya, Gallio.
WELL, NOW WE'VE BEEN

HERE ALMOST TWO MONTHS & have made many friends. We have an apartment in a good location & our Spanish is improving rapidly. The teaching job is proving to be an excellent way to meet people. This is truly one of those small,

poor countries that Dad was talking about, that we're going to have to go into (see No. 766). We're so very happy to be here! Lots of love—Gallio, Taberah, Tamara-6, Amber-4 & Catherine-2.

Step of Faith Into New Country

Miracles & Open Doors During First Pioneering Days!

From Gallio & Taberah, S. America: HERE ARE SOME EXCERPTS from a letter that Gallio wrote on arriving here on our new field, alone with our 22-month-old daughter Catherine, a real brave pioneer!

WELL, WE MADE IT! PTL! I don't know where to start—so much has happened—all miracles of God! Our trip here was very long but the people along the way were friendly & helpful. At one intermediary stop, the stewardess offered to help with Catherine, & one of the flight crew, thinking she was alone, sent for a special helper to look after her. When the lady saw me, she said she would help anyway & got us straight thru' immigration! Then she said our connecting flight left from another airport 45 minutes away!—And that it would cost \$20-\$30 to get there by bus or taxi!

I WAS SHOCKED, but agreed as there seemed to be no alternative. So she helped us get a car. The ride turned out to be very pleasant & when we got to the other airport the man got my baggage out & left, not charging a cent! What a miracle! The Lord knows how to save Himself money! Hal PHNI

THEN BY ANOTHER MIRACLE, we got on a flight in 30 minutes (we were supposed to have a 4-hour wait!). When we arrived at our destination, we called the Home

there was no answer, so the information lady booked me a hotel & we took a taxi & were off! It's beautiful here & very peaceful! That evening I tried the Home again, but still no answer.

CATHERINE & I WENT OUT TO GET SOMETHING TO EAT & found a nice little hamburger shop down the street. We made friends with the waiter & then went to the hotel to bed. The next day we tried the Home several times, but still no answer so I wrote a note & mailed it to their postbox.

AT LUNCHTIME I AGAIN FELT DRAWN TO THE HAMBURGER SHOP for some reason. This time we met the manager who really liked Catherine & sat down to talk to us. A 25-year-old native of the city, he speaks fluent English, having been an exchange student in the U.S. When I told him about you, Taberah, & the kids he was very interested & made a point of telling me please to come with photos. He said I was a very unusual American!

SO TODAY WE TOOK SOME PHOTOS to show him. We talked for a while & then I asked him if he could help me find a pension, as the hotel was too expensive. He said he had a lot of friends at the University who might be able to put us up. Then out of the blue he said, "You know, if you like, I could get you a job teaching English!" PTL! What an unexpected answer to prayer!

LATER WE WENT OVER TO



22-month-old Catherine, a "brave pioneer" who traveled alone with Dad to a new country! Here she's washing her hands at a water pump at a house in the countryside where they first stayed. Photo by Daddy.

THE LANGUAGE SCHOOL where he knows everyone, having worked there before. He took us to see an administrative officer, a very nice lady who fell in love with Catherine. She made all the arrangements for me to start work. In the meantime, our manager friend put a note in the teacher's lounge that we needed a place to stay, & one of the teachers said she had a large house outside the city & we were

Newsman Follows Faith To Mideast!

From a newspaper interview during a visit to the States!

(FN Editors: Names & locations withheld for security!)

HE LIKES TALKING ABOUT HIS NEIGHBOUR. They often dine in each other's home, & their children play together. They are friends. He's a newspaperman in the Mideast & his neighbour is a Palestinian in exile. "This man is about the nicest man on the street," he says, seated in his parents' living room. "I had no idea he had been on the run, a guerrilla for four years." Such revelations are what fascinates him with the Middle East.

AFTER AN ABSENCE OF FOUR YEARS, he returned to America for a month's visit with his folks. It was their first opportunity to meet their daughter-in-law & their 2 grandchildren. "I've always had a feeling for the Arabs, an under-

standing," he says. "And I've wanted to understand them more."

A POLITICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE, he went to Europe in 1975 to work among the young people. It was there that he met his wife, who also professes a strong faith. "The main reason that led me to the Mideast was my Christian beliefs, & I have a great deal of sympathy for the Palestinians—about one-third of them are Christians."

THE COUPLE LIVES IN A PALESTINIAN NEIGHBOURHOOD where they pay \$250 a month, half his salary, for a small apartment. They have no car, no television. Their children, they say, will attend schools there when they are old enough. Except by looks & language they are indistinguishable from their neighbours.

"A MISSIONARY GOES TO

ACTUALLY BECOME ONE with a people, to take their country as his home & live as they do," he explained. His newspaper experience was his ticket to a life in the Mideast.

HIS JOB, HE SAYS, ALLOWS HIM TO BETTER UNDERSTAND his adopted country & meet many influential people in government & commerce. Day in & day out, he says, they try to live their beliefs. Preaching & proselytising outside the churches is not permitted there, so they carry out their missionary work more thru' action than words.

"IT'S JUST A PERSONAL CONVICTION WE HAVE in our hearts. It's hard sometimes. But I like the Middle East & I plan to stay there awhile." His wife then speaks, softly in Arabic. He translates: "She said, 'God willing!'"

From Ho: "Thankyou For The NRS!"

How the NRS has affected a family of 7 children on the field!

From Ho: Hong Kong Dearest Dad & Maria, GIJINI THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE LATEST NRS LETTERS & your personal notes. These helped out a lot to see & understand where God is leading & how it affects us specifically. I greatly appreciate the love & patience you have shown towards me & the encouragement you've given in spite of my mistakes. I'm thankful you see & reward us for good, instead of socking it to me for my costly mistakes, like I deserve.

IN LIGHT OF THIS & THE SUGGESTIONS IN THE NRS LETTERS

to cut down the size of our homes to be less obvious & odd, we have divided our home into 2 homes & made budget cuts accordingly. Of course this means that we must now take full responsibility physically, spiritually & educationally for our own family of 7 children.

THIS HAS ALREADY BROUGHT MANY CHANGES FOR US & blessings. I've begun to take much more of a hand with the children in ways I've hardly done before. The children themselves have also begun to take more responsibility helping out with each other, house clean-up, doing dishes etc.

THIS HAS BEEN GOOD FOR ALL OF US & drawn us closer. I now have the responsibility of reading the children Mo Letters, having devotions, helping with homework & memory work, all things I rarely did before as others could do them.

ALL THIS HAS CERTAINLY WIDENED & INCREASED MY VISION & understanding of our parents with the responsibility of large families & who are pioneering without all the good help we've always been given. TYJ! This is all the more challenging, to work together as a family to make it work, as you did with us when we were young.

IT'S THE HARDSHIPS & RESPONSIBILITIES THAT ALWAYS STRENGTHENED US & the bond between us. Now that I see we can make it work with a big family, I'm sure our other families can too & there's no need for the addition of more children to our growing families to drag them off the field & back to the States etc.

THE FINANCIAL SQUEEZE IS CAUSING US TO STEP OUT & walk by faith more. It's causing us to pioneer & raise support in other ways like FFing, kings, & the children's music. All of these keep us going & are also getting us back to the basics like I personally needed & I'm sure this is just the beginning!

THANK GOD FOR ALL THESE CHANGES & YOUR FAITH to put them into effect! They always do us all so much good, like trying the gold in the fire, it gets rid of the dross, & we sure need it. Please don't think your turning the heat up & testing us is doing us any harm. It won't if we're gold & not wood, hay & stubble. God help us!

WE'VE ALWAYS FOUND THAT WHENEVER GOD CHANGES US from one situation to another, it's inevitably better & where He's guiding, He'll provide!

AS FOR GOLD LION PUBS & related business, first of all may I apologize for my many mistakes of over-estimating, over-printing, over-spending & over-emphasizing color instead of sticking to our main job of getting the books done. If it wasn't for my mistakes mentioned above, the Family could have had Volume IV much sooner & maybe even Volume V by now.

I ASK YOU TO PLEASE FORGIVE MY COSTLY MISTAKES. Thank you for your mercy so kindly shown to me. I'm sorry that, as I've done in the past so many times, I took the responsibility you gave me beyond your authorized limitations & guidelines & printed more than you would have advised. I got carried away & leaned to my own strength & understanding instead of the guidelines you set down. I pray the words we've printed will be able to get out & used before it's too late. And we pray that we can continue to be of service to you, the Lord & the Family in any way you think best. Lots of love & prayers, your son Ho.

The Uses and Misuses of Children's Music Ministry

AND TIPS ON HOW TO MAKE IT A GOOD SAMPLE!

From Christopher, Spain:

ONE THING I'VE BEEN QUITE CONCERNED ABOUT lately is the children's involvement within the singing & fund-raising side of the Family. Some children I've seen dislike & are weary of going out singing. They often have to be coaxed & wheedled in order to perform, or even forced with threats!

I CONSIDER THIS TO BE A DIRECT ATTACK ON THEIR CHARACTER that could have a marked effect lasting to adulthood! The reason that they do not wish to sing in the first place is usually quite simple:

THEY HAVE BEEN MADE TO SING TOO OFTEN, for too long, with too much pressure, so that the singing ceases to be a pleasure & becomes a chore & a bore. The result is that if their sample & presentation is bad,

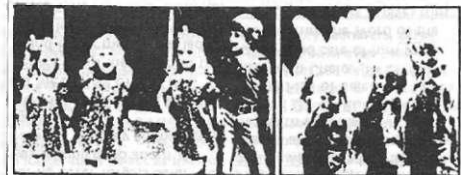
IT COULD DO THE MESSAGE MORE HARM THAN GOOD, specifically if the children are dressed very poorly, or singing in places & ways that are normally associated with hippies—i.e., metro corridors etc., or singing for too long hours or when most children are at school or napping. Or when the children are unhappy & are obviously being coerced by someone. From the public's viewpoint, & mine too, this is just mistreating & mistreating the poor little kids! (Sara Davidito: Amen!) "We were often having visitors for dinner & Daddy said, 'We should never

force Davidito to perform in public. My mother did that to me when I was young & I got to where I almost hated people! Sing the nice people a little song—ugh! Just let the children perform when they want to!" [Davidito: Chapter 47:17]

THE MOST SUCCESSFUL & FRUITFUL METHODS I've seen were when the children sang for short periods of time, with the children in matching costumes or well-dressed; singing at least a few if not all the songs in the local language, with a bit of dancing or step-movements, in restaurants or outdoor cafes, or sometimes on the open street, as opposed to metros. Generally, the more professional they look, the better the reception.

I'M NOT OPPOSED TO THE CHILDREN SINGING—it is wonderful training & can be a tremendous witness too. I just wanted to mention some of the common faults & shortcomings, which, if allowed to continue, could be detrimental to the work & even in the lives of the children themselves.

I BELIEVE THE ANSWER LIES IN THE PARENTS' realising the situation & taking prayerful steps to overcome it. They in some cases might need to look for other means of financial support so that the singing ministry may be more relaxed with less pressures & become a joy for the children instead of a chore! Love, Christopher.



"The Happy Family" in Australia!—Children of Achim & Keitta, & Aaron & Sky—reaching millions & leading thousands to Jesus!

Summer-4, Sherah-6 & Jason-7 of Seek & Secound in Spain—hit at restaurants, schools, orphanages & hospitals! (Now includes Stephen-3!)

FAMILY NEWS -BY YOU & ME!

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News From Mom—With Dad's Comments!

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They're Still FFing In Tenerife!

News of Dad's FF Rev. Converts!—Still Going Strong!

Dearest Dad & Maria, WE WANT TO WRITE A LITTLE BIT ABOUT TENERIFE. We hope it will be encouraging & inspiring to hear about our job. Please forgive us that we did not write before. After all these past changes until now it was kind of difficult for the girls in Puerto to go out FFing & also witnessing, because most of them are living with their mate & children outside of the city trying to be selah. (Why selah!? —Dad.) The husbands have a system job & the wives stay back taking care of the children & home & husband. Some of them try to go out as often as they can.

SO PRACTICALLY ONLY WE—CAROLINA & ROSER—are FREE TO SPEND ALL OF OUR TIME FOR LITNESSING & FFING. (GBY!) These months there are not very many people in the clubs, so we try to take care of the Fish we already have. Also we go out to cafe-witness more, & sometimes to Santa Cruz, as there are more native Fish.

WHEN WE MEET SOME OF YOUR OLD FRIENDS & admirers, simple & humble people, like the photographer of Capricho's, the flower man, Chano, the waiters & also some musicians from Columbus etc., who continually ask about you, we can see in their eyes that they really love you & are concerned about you.



Roser (Spanish) Carolina (German)

ALSO THE MORE IMPORTANT PEOPLE, like Enrique Vallemar, Roberto S., Polo Iberia, Edmundo etc. etc. are still interested in you. Now you probably know that in Capricho's we get free drinks. There is a new owner now for the Vallemar Hotels, Cap's & Cafe de Paris. Enrique is working in a PR job now where he is travelling more. Therefore Roser doesn't see him very often. But in these cases we try to take care of them when we see them.

ALSO THERE ARE SOME NEW WAITERS in the Cafe & Cap's, that are very sweet. In the Oasis we also have 2 sweet friends. One is Ino. He is a Metre. The other one that Roser met is Carvelo. Ino is Carvelo's uncle. Carvelo received Jesus & the Holy Spirit with Roser & he started to have some classes & starts to witness already.

LAST MONTH ROSER MET SOME OLD FRIENDS that she did not see for a long time, like Manuel Portuguese. He is the owner with his father of the big factory. She did not see him for about one year. The first time he received Jesus, & this time he got filled with the Holy Spirit. He is very hungry for the Word & especially about the End-time prophecies. So she sends him the classes by mail one by one. She had lost contact with him as he moved, but he came to Cap's with faith to see Roser there again.

WE ARE SURPRISED HOW A LITTLE BIT OF LOVE GOES SUCH A LONG, LONG WAY! Another of Roser's Fish is Miguel (chemist) inspector of the most important hotels in all the Islands & Peninsula. He received Jesus & the Holy Spirit. She keeps on ministering unto him sexually.

HE IS SO HUNGRY FOR LOVE because he has several problems with his wife & mother-in-law. He told Roser that he received her prayers for him, as he feels strength of the Lord in times of troubles.

DO YOU STILL REMEMBER PACO MARTINEZ? He makes the caricatures of the "Diaria Dia". He is very glad when he sees us. Roser is feeding him by mail. One of Carolina's fish is still Paco Geologist. He takes a lot of her