

FAMILY NEWS -BY YOU & ME!

'Cold Water' From The Mountains of India!

Good News from Pioneers in a Far Country! (Pr. 25:25)

From Peter; Northern India: Dear Amos & Wyra, GBY BOTH & LOTS OF LOVE from us. Thanks for all your letters & donations. At the moment we are writing from Shillong, in Eastern India. If you look on the map, it is above the northeast corner of Bangladesh. It is fantastically beautiful. Did you ever go there, Amos?—Or to any of the other hill stations? "Music With Meaning" sent us a list of 130 addresses to visit in the Shillong area, PTL! WE RECENTLY COMPLETED OUR INDIAN EMBASSY LEGAL MARRIAGE, which pleased Rosie's family a lot, opening the door for us to go & visit her family, which we had been wanting to do for a long time. It was the first time I'd met Rosie's family, & fortunately they like me & the work we're doing.

THEY LIVE IN THE FOOT-HILLS OF THE HIMALAYAS with green hills & valleys all around. Before the borders closed & China took Tibet, it used to be a crossroads from India to Tibet with Tibetan caravans passing thru' all the time. Nowadays, this area is strictly controlled & even tho' we are legally married I could only stay there 10 days maximum.

THE HOUSE WE STAYED IN WAS LIKE AN OLD

FARMHOUSE with no electricity, no running water & no glass in the windows—very much like in "Psychic Sees the Future"! The people are real mountain people—strong, healthy, happy & simple. They use kerosene lamps, wood logs for cooking & water from the stream.

DURING OUR 10-DAY STAY, we witnessed quite a lot & 4 souls got saved (3 of them children). We got to ex-

plain our work so they can understand it (they have Christian backgrounds) & I was even able to give a Daniel 2 class to some. The Lord showed us it was important to be simple & win them to us, as we really need their friendship & spiritual support. They all really seemed to like us & what we're doing. PTL!

WHILE THERE WE HAD A TRADITIONAL TRIBAL MARRIAGE, according to their customs, which was really fun! We dressed up in traditional dress & did a little ceremony of putting white cotton scarves around the necks of older rela-



Rosie, Indian national (2nd from left) & Peter, British (2nd from right) —with "Music With Meaning" club members in Northern India!

ed the promises of God!

AT 5 MONTHS MY CERVIX STARTED DILATING & doctors insisted I stay in the clinic; then & there & wanted to sew up my cervix "if" it wasn't too late. But we decided to trust God & His promise to us!

THEY SAID EVEN IF THEY SEWED MY CERVIX CLOSED, I still wouldn't be able to carry them past the 8th month & if we didn't have it sewed then for sure they would be born by the 7th month. Well, we knew God wouldn't let us down, but we had to do our part. So we decided to trust God. But I had to stay flat in bed until delivery day. But no trial or sacrifice could be greater than the blessing of 2 precious souls!

THE BIRTH WAS A REAL TESTIMONY TO MANY, as we prayed it would be. We went back to the same clinic where doctors had told us I wouldn't be able to carry them past the 7th month, & I gave birth to 2 healthy beautiful babies only 2 weeks early—with only 20 minutes of labour! Jennifer popped out first & 5 minutes later Maria exploded out feet first.

THE MIDWIFE SAID IT WAS THE BEST DELIVERY she'd seen in years & right afterward went to a meeting on natural childbirth & gave our testimony!

PLUS, TO CONFIRM DAD'S REVELATION in Tech Chapters 7 & 8, we really knew that Isaac, our little baby that had died, was our helper in the Spirit but as soon as I got pregnant with the twins we never had another experience with him in the spirit. Our older boy had told us that Isaac was helping him in the Spirit not to wet his bed at night, but as soon as I got pregnant he start-

ed to bowing. There were about 70 people there with lots of food & of course the local rice beer. It seems that now I am accepted as one of the family, having really become one. TTL!

SO NOW WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED QUITE A FEW TIMES!—HAI—First of all by our own decision before the Lord, then a small Family betrothal, then the legal Embassy marriage & finally the traditional tribal ceremony. So now everyone is happy (except my grandmother who wants a church wedding, hal).

SO NOW HERE IN SHILLONG WE HAVE A BIG LIST OF ADDRESSES to visit & have only seen 12 or so, so far, but they are all sheep & potential labour leaders. We've been concentrating on 3 listeners in particular, 2 of whom have become IRF'ers. Together we have formed a band with them, & a few days ago we recorded some songs for the local radio station.—This was their idea, not mine! PTL! (See photo.)

WE'VE BEEN PRACTISING QUITE A FEW SONGS & SKITS so that when we go in a few days, they will be on their own, doing more shows. They even want to make a record to sell in the shops. The others we have visited are real sheep also & like the music & Komix. Those who are not ready to become IRF'ers yet we encourage to keep reading the Letters & distributing them to their friends. That's about it for now. Love, Peter.

From Rosie; Indian national:

Dear Amos & Wyra,

GBYAKY. This is Rosie. I really want to thank you sooo much for all your help & the love gifts & also thank you for remembering me on my birthday & sending me the gift. It

was such a great help to us.

WELL, LET ME GIVE YOU SOME NEWS ABOUT MYSELF & how I came to the Lord & to the Family. I come from a very small town near a hill station called Darjeeling. I was brought up in quite a large family & being the youngest, I was quite petted & pampered. My father was a well-to-do farmer & a missionary too, but completely outside the church system.

MOST OF MY EDUCATION WAS IN BOARDING SCHOOLS after which I went down to Calcutta to stay with my sister. I did a stenographer course there & learned telephone operating also. But I was never happy.

I ALWAYS FELT AN EMP-TINESS deep inside my heart. As a result, my health was very bad & I went to almost all the doctors in Calcutta, taking medicines & pills that never seemed to help. I got so fed up that many times made attempts to end my life. I tried everything to find peace of mind—going to several churches which I found dull & boring & delving a bit into drugs.

ONE DAY IN OCT. '78 I WAS WALKING DOWN A BUSY CALCUTTA STREET looking for someone to translate some Italian letters & postcards from an Italian boyfriend of mine. It was then that I met my Peter & another Australian brother. When they said they didn't know Italian, I walked off a bit disappointed.

SUDDENLY THEY FOLLOWED ME & gave me 2 pieces of lit & we started talking & went to have tea. Peter & I started meeting each other almost every day. At that time I was working in a hotel & I was not happy there. Besides, I was having some headaches & had been taking some

drugs to kill the pain, but as I kept meeting Peter my headaches got better! TTL!

A WEEK AFTER MEETING PETER, I prayed with him to ask Jesus to come into my heart. Boom!! I found such a great change in my life! I found the peace of mind I had been looking for, real joy & happiness & felt like a completely new person! From then Peter kept feeding me the Word & day by day I felt closer to the Lord & to him. Then in January I decided to leave my home, my job & everything & go with Peter to Goa to work for the Lord.

NOW WE ARE HAPPILY MARRIED & GOING STRONG FOR THE LORD! I feel so happy to be in the Family, the Lord's Family of Love! I have a great burden & desire to win my people to the Lord's Kingdom. This year my mother got saved & while we were visiting my old aunty got saved.

NOW I'M 8 MONTHS PREGNANT & in January I'll have my baby. I have a few clothes for the baby, given to me by another sister with a 3-month-old baby. But I need some more. In your last letter you asked if I needed anything. I really would like to have some clothes, especially warm ones for this freezing winter.

HERE WHERE WE ARE NOW, CLOTHES ARE VERY EXPENSIVE & we can't afford to buy. Hope you can help with a few "used clothes". Once again, thank you so much for all your help.

ONE ITEM WE COULD USE IS JEANS, both for ourselves & as a valuable resale item to help with support! Love, Rosie. (Please send donations to: CPO 220, Athens, Greece, with Attn: Travel Dept. On an inner envelope put "Attn: Peter & Rosie".)

Heavenly Helpers

The startling realities of the Spirit World!

HOW I MET MY SPIRIT HELPER!

From Charity, age 8, daughter of Charran & Job:

I THOUGHT THAT ALL THE FAMILY would like to hear how I met my Spirit Helper. One night I had a dream that I was sick in bed, & this name kept coming to my mind: ROYOLA! THEN A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE BLACK GIRL appeared & she said, "My name is Royola & I am your Spirit Helper & I came to encourage you to keep on serving Jesus & so you can get better." JUST THAT MINUTE I WAS HEALED & she disappeared. I was so happy that when I woke up I ran into my Mommy's room & told her all about it, & she was so happy she told me to tell you all about it.

ILY ALL SO MUCH & hope you are having a wonderful time winning souls & going on to the next fields. Hallelujah! Lots of love, Charity, age 8.

"I'M BUBBLES!"

From Samson & Ara; India:

WHILE WE WERE IN LAHORE, WE LOOKED UP MY AUNT'S GRAVE. She died when she was just under 3 years old, when my Grandparents were living here in India. We were wondering if Brunhild, our 3rd child, could be her returning to have a fresh start, after what you said in the recent Tech & Davidito

Letters, as everyone has commented on a certain Victorian air Brunhild has.

ONE NIGHT ARA JUST ASKED BRUNHELD out of the blue after she had awakened from sleep, "Who's Bubbles?" (the pet name of the child who died). Brunhild looked at her like "oh you know do you" & said very clearly & deliberately, "I am".

NO ONE HAD PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED ANYTHING about Bubbles to her or any of the other children. I don't know if I'd like to categorically say it is therefore her again, but anyway we took Brunhild with us when we went to see the grave & took some photos of her by the gravestone, one of which is enclosed. By the way, while I was looking in the cemetery for the tombstone, I got the verse, "Why seek ye the living amongst the dead" (Luke 24:5). Hal! What do you think? (PTL!—Dad.)

OUR BABY'S 2ND CHANCE!

From Zebadiah & Siloam; France en route to S. America: LAST YEAR WE HAD A LITTLE BABY BOY who died 8 days after birth (see FN Vol. 7, No. 8). After the heaviest trial in our life, the Lord told us He would give us something better!

SIX MONTHS LATER I GOT PREGNANT WITH TWINS! And 8½ months later we had 2 beautiful little girls—Jennifer & Maria! Their safe delivery was a miracle in itself & a real test of our faith & patience to see if we really believ-

Deliver Me Speedily!

A quick natura' childbirth goes God's way—beautifully!

From Sharon; N. Europe:

WE THOUGHT MAYBE TOMMY WOULDN'T BE BORN ON MY DUE DATE, but at 9:30 p.m. I started having "gas pains". At first I thought it was the beans I had eaten earlier. But when they started coming regularly, I began timing them & found they were 4 to 6 minutes apart—& hard! TTL we decided to phone the midwife then & there.

WE HAD PLANNED TO HAVE THE BABY AT THE MIDWIFE'S FARMHOUSE where I could get away from things & also where our insurance had agreed to pay for it. By the time the midwife's husband arrived to drive us there, the contractions were so hard I had to lie down & could hardly walk.

DURING THE 20-MINUTE RIDE IN THE CAR, my waterbag broke & I had to blow like crazy to keep the baby back. Once there, they rushed me upstairs & yanked off my clothes & got me in bed just before the baby popped out. It was 11:30, only 2 hours after contractions started! PTL!

WE HAD CHOSEN THIS PARTICULAR MIDWIFE because she believes in doing things naturally & we wanted to try out the suggestions in the Tech Letters. The midwife agreed & after Tommy popped out, she laid him on my breasts while waiting for the cord to stop pulsating as I rubbed the vernix in. Then Jordan cut the cord & rinsed Tommy briefly in plain water & then put him back on my breasts where he sucked both of them contentedly.



THE AMAZING THING ABOUT IT WAS HOW CALM & RELAXED THE BABY WAS throughout the whole time. He didn't cry or scream at all, just kind of whimpered when he popped out & then lay quietly on my breasts. What a difference to my first birth! TG for the Tech Letters for their wonderful suggestions showing us God's way! It was beautiful! PTL!

New Feature! Our Children!

Questions & Answers From Parents about common problems in raising our Children!

QUESTION: Our Maria, age 5, is a real little Mary Sunshine girl but can also be a real rascal! At school, her brothers told us she was always telling stories & being deceitful about sweets & ate a lot of candy at school, hiding it & lying about it afterwards. So Daddy had to deal with her about it, but Maria doesn't seem to learn much from dealing sessions or spankings or talking. She's sweet as

sugar (I wish it was honey!) & has so much love to give every one & needs so much love too. Physical punishment doesn't seem to be that good for her. "How do you solve a problem like Maria? How do you hold a moonbeam in your hand?" These words from a song in "The Sound of Music" really seem to apply to her! Please help!

Love, Ruthie; Hong Kong.

HERE'S AN ANSWER THAT MIGHT HELP

from Eli & Tarah in France, parents of 6: The Letter "Children in the World" was a very convicting Letter & so helpful with good counsel for our older children. We had been burdened by the fact that our children were constantly being given junk candies from the children in the neighbourhood.

IT BECAME VERY FRUSTRATING as they didn't always seem to be convicted to stop accepting the candy, as the other children were always tempting them.