

Family Care Crew News!

More flannelgraphs coming! Videos for Kids! Home life revolutions!

Dear Dad, Maria & Family,
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS & all the encouragement to tackle a New Year—with a new "vision" too! To top everything off we just received Volume 6 in a beautiful deep wine colour, a very suitable cover for the rich, beautiful deep Wine of His Word! Tks!
WE CAN HARDLY WAIT TO HEAR THE LATEST FROM GRANDPA giving the Daniel & Revelation classes again in flannelgraphs. They say that too many conks spoil the broth, so I want to be one of the first in line to have a fresh batch of soup (full of meat!) right from the Chef himself!

ZEB & TET HAVE ALREADY FINISHED PREPARING ALL THE ADDITIONAL FIGURES that Sara sent along to us. We are looking forward to a whole new flannelgraph Mag as soon as we finish up the missing Komix from the first volume.

WE'RE ALSO GETTING READY TO LAUNCH OUT INTO MAKING A FEW SIMPLE TV SHOWS for our Family, mostly just for the children, with fun ways to learn verses, songs, puppets etc. We have had a chance to try out some novel ways to present things visually & we hope that you will enjoy them. One problem we encountered with the video camera is how to avoid the bothersome squiggle on the screen that comes sometimes when the camera is stopped for a moment. (Use pause button.) We have "Tom the Gangster" getting coloured in by Tet, Zeb & me whenever we have the chance, & will put it onto the screen too, complete with sound effects.

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO GET A KIDZ KLUB INT'L. going to draw in more Kids & organize the groups that we already

have. I am planning a special handbook just for Kidz Klub Leaders & members & hope to have it go out in place of a Kidz Mag when we have it finished.
THE CHILDCARE ENCYCLOPEDIA is finally approaching the finish line too—Slower than I had hoped but definitely within sight of completion. I had hoped to complete all our rough work by the beginning of the year, but I just wasn't able to, & a bout with the flu slowed me down a little in Dec. but now I'm getting back on my feet again & have searched my heart & Home over a number of times.

ONE OF THE CHANGES WAS TO ELECT SARAH & BEN AS HOME SERVANTS so I could give the pub work everything I've got. In my heart I feel like we are in a great race against time & I am really wanting so much to reach the finish line.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE CHRISTMAS LOVE GIFTS & BABY BONUSES. It was such a surprise blessing just when we really needed it. Most of the adults are getting 7-Star Diaries & other investments, & the Mommys are putting the Bonuses to good use for winter coats etc., & as a habit with us, tucking a little away. Lisa bought a very nice little pair of gold earrings (with help from her Daddy), so she was a pretty happy girl too for the Christmas present from Grandpa & Maria. Thank you so much.

I KNOW THIS YEAR DOESN'T LOOK TOO STABLE but whatever happens we just want you to know that we love you very much & will try to keep fighting & full of faith as you have faithfully taught us. We hope you will be seeing us soon on your TV. Love, Paul & family.

Dear Sara, Dora & family,
HUGS & KISSES TO ALL! I

am sorry this letter is so long in getting off to you, but we have been down with some kind of flu & are just getting over it. T.T.L! I guess God knew we needed some more time in the temple & the Word to pray things thru'. Anyway, it did work together for good, & we have introduced a lot of changes for the better.

NO. 1: EVERYONE IS STUDYING & MEMORIZING the Word more, especially with the children. The adults are taking turns giving evening studies to the Family before bed. Two: I realized that it was time for me to quit holding down 2 jobs—running the Home & trying to keep pubs rolling, so I got the Home together & we elected Sarah & Ben Home Servants in charge of the daily duties of running the Home. I really feel a lot happier & there isn't such a feeling of being torn between two important responsibilities & the fear that one or the other is getting neglected.

I THINK THE CHANGES ARE GOOD FOR BEN & SARAH TOO. She is getting back on her feet again with new confidence & determination since Dan left. In the beginning I know she really felt insecure with 3 boys & a new baby, so Terry & I moved into the big bedroom with her & the baby, extending our marriage a little to make it all work. We have always gotten along fine as a 3-some, then gradually Ben took up residency too. Just after Dan left they had felt they didn't want to be pressured by their common circumstances into a here-again-gone-again relationship, but we were able to clear that one up & set them to work worrying about the problems of today rather than the changes of tomorrow. So now my little extended marriage includes 2

wives & 1 husband, ha! The more the merrier!

WE FEEL EXTREMELY HONoured TO GET A BIG LETTER FROM YOU because we know how hard it has been not only to get the time to be inspired & free enough of other details to get it written & off, but sides all the thought & wondering if it was right & will they get the right idea knowing the limitations of our words.

AS FAR AS WORRYING ABOUT OUR MATERIAL GETTING INTO PRINT right away or ever, I just leave that all up

to the Lord. I think that the Lord looks at my heart before He will let a thing that we work on go to print. It has to be in its proper place & I have to be trusting Him & offering it up to Him as a sacrifice of love (like Abel) & not a proud demanding work of our own hands put before the Lord (like Cain).

IT JUST HAS TO BE PUT BEFORE THE LORD IN THE RIGHT SPIRIT & the right heart. We joke about the ones that are not right, we call them "run-away" projects because they get ahead of you & try to

run away with you, except the Lord show you that it was not what He wanted & that you are becoming emotionally involved with your work (too much ego involvement). We try to stay objectively detached from our work, Lord helping us.

WELL, I MUST CLOSE FOR NOW. Really praying for the Lord to do mighty things this month & see thru' to completion a lot of loose ends. I want to finish all I can before Dad's birthday too. So much love, Paul. (PTL! GBY! You're doin' great! Keep it up! Love, D.)

The Botulism-Honey Connection!

Is it true that cases of "infant botulism" can be traced to the consumption of honey?

WE KEEP BEES, AND WE THINK THAT HONEY IS A GREAT FOOD, BUT WE REPEAT: DO NOT FEED HONEY TO BABIES UNDER 12 MONTHS OLD!



Truth? Or tale? ("Mother Earth News", Mar.-Apr. 80.)

From Paul Theophilus, the "Beekeeper":

I HAVE LOOKED THRU' OUR VARIOUS REFERENCE MATERIALS here & cannot find any such link. I even find that it would be highly unlikely, if not impossible, for botulism to prosper in honey. The infant botulism that babies die from in the U.S. they seem to think develops spontaneously in the infant's intestine, but personally I would think that the real culprit is plain lack of cleanliness around the child's eating area, or possibly some of the baby food jars improperly processed (a baby food scandal cover-up?).

WHY DRAG HONEY INTO IT? Honey does not naturally have any of the conditions conducive to the growth of botulism. I would suspect that the honey

that had botulism in it was not pure honey any more or was so full of chemical insecticides etc. that the resulting poisoning of the child's nervous system matched the symptoms of infant botulism. Something sounds fishy to me, like a red herring somewhere, or perhaps simply some big food company using scare tactics to close down the small producer or the health food producers.

EVEN IF THE SPORES FOR BOTULISM WERE PRESENT IN THE HONEY (they are present in anything around us), they simply would have an almost impossible time, as I understand it, to really prosper enough to "poison" the honey. Food storage charts always list honey as having indefinite storage time because it will not spoil. One book says: "No processing (of raw honey) is required as harmful bacteria will not live in pure honey."

SO IF THERE ARE ANY BACTERIA IN THEIR HONEY they had better suspect that it isn't pure honey, or else it isn't very thick. For the density of the liquid has a lot to do with whether bacteria can live in it

or not. A senior health officer at a British hospital has this to say about honey:

"PURE HONEY PROMOTES THE HEALING OF BURNS & wounds better than any other application. Apply honey directly to wounds or burns on areas like the face where dressings aren't practical. Use honey to clean dirt out of cuts & abrasions. Put it on skin ulcers too. The purer the honey the more effective it is as a healing agent, comb honey from flower-fed bees being the purest kind." He also says that science doesn't know exactly why honey heals but that it tends to dry out wounds & step up the body's recuperative mechanisms, whereas strong antiseptics set up a chemical reaction & sting when applied to the skin, often doing more harm than good.

ANYWAY, THE INFANT BOTULISM-HONEY CONNECTION seems unlikely from everything I've read about the properties of honey. But it is a mystery & I guess it all comes down to "according to your faith!"

(Ed.: In any case, why give your baby a sweet tooth? Babies don't need honey, which can even cause toddler tooth decay.)

Good Manners—Love & Consideration!

Tips by Mrs. Good: (Amen!—D.)

MANNERS & COURTESY ARE REALLY ONLY CONSIDERATION & LOVE for other people. Consideration of their personal feelings, customs & physical needs is a way of showing love & concern for others & a desire not to offend them.

AS YOU ALL MOVE AROUND THE WORLD you will find that people in countries outside the United States are less tolerant of discourtesy & lack of respect for customs than Americans are—especially since you are in a foreign country.

EVEN OLDER PEOPLE IN THE U.S. are accustomed to many "little things" which may not seem important to the young but which will open doors that might otherwise stay closed because of lack of consideration for other people's feelings. Many of these little things are no longer practised by a large number of youth today, & if you, the Children of God, show people extra consideration you will attract attention, & people will believe that you do have something special, even before you have the opportunity to tell them what it is.

GENERAL TIPS: a. Open & hold doors for older people going into homes, stores or public places, or for young women with children or an armload of packages. b. If there is a line (queue) some place & you are waiting too, don't push or shove, even if the rest of the people do.—You be different! c. If you are on a plane or bus, offer to help the person sitting next to you with coats or storing packages etc. Some people might ordinarily not like to talk to strangers, but

by your showing concern for them you might melt their hearts a little, & you never know who might be sitting next to you. If they want to talk, take time to get acquainted with them a little & then witness to them. You will have shown your sample by your kindness. Listen to them.

STAYING IN SOMEONE'S HOME: a. When you are traveling & someone offers you a place to stay, if they give you a bedroom be sure to keep your bed made, your clothes picked up & your belongings neat. Your hostess will usually show you where to hang or put things, but if she doesn't, ask her. If you sleep in the living or family room & have a bedroll or back pack, ask where she would like to have you keep your things (especially if you are there for more than one night). Always keep the bathroom neat & use only the things that your hostess has offered to you.

YOUR ACTIONS WHILE STAYING IN SOMEONE'S HOME MAY OPEN THE DOOR to other brothers & sisters who pass that way, or they may get the door slammed in their face! Be a blessing & a shining sample. b. If you are eating meals in someone's home, offer to help with preparation, clean-up etc. Your hostess may not want you to, or may not need help, but she will appreciate your offer.

IF YOU HAVE A BABY OR TODDLER in diapers & a change is needed, please don't take care of it on the livingroom floor or couch. Ask your hostess where you can take the baby. This sounds foolish, I know, as it is a perfectly natural function & everyone knows babies have to be changed, but some older people still feel there is a definite

place for this. If you have a young child who is naturally curious about everything, watch to see that they don't pick up & accidentally break something. A good many homes are not "baby-proofed"! Be considerate of their furniture & their house. This is especially important if you are visiting in your own parents' home. Show them that you are no longer the careless, thoughtless kid who used to litter the house from one end to the other.

MEALTIME: a. Wait until all the ladies are seated, or your hostess tells you where to sit, & you should always wait until your hostess has taken a bite of food before you start. If you are in doubt about what silver to use, watch her. b. If the hostess does not have catsup, mustard, hot sauce etc. on the table, don't ask for it. (She may have spent hours seasoning something and if you put two inches of catsup on it she might just be offended.) If it is on the table or if you are asked if you want some it is perfectly all right, of course.

TABLE MANNERS & ETIQUETTE: All forks go to the left side of the plate, & knives & spoons at the right. They should be arranged so that the first one used is farthest from the plate. The napkin will be at the left of the plate, or on a service plate on the table. It should be placed in your lap. When the meal is over, place it at the left of your plate. Don't wad it up in a ball. Food is passed to the left. (This saves much confusion of bowls, arms & hands!) No elbows on the table, until the table has been cleared for conversation. Eat slowly & chew with your mouth closed. Don't talk with your mouth full. When eating soup, fill the spoon partially by pushing it toward the side of the bowl away from you. It is possible to eat soup

without "slurping"! Crackers are not to be crumbled into soup. Croutons or small soup crackers are for that purpose. Never gesture with silverware.

AT A RESTAURANT: If someone takes you out to eat in a restaurant & you are uncertain just how expensive a meal you should order, ask your host or hostess what they suggest. Usually they will suggest things in the price range they want to, or can afford to, pay. Be sure to thank the waitress or waiter when they bring or pass you something. They are ministering to your needs & deserve your courtesy too.

GUESTS IN YOUR HOME: When guests come to your Home & are being introduced, you young men should stand. Girls should stand for an older wo-

man or any dignitary, official etc. If you aren't sure, then stand anyway to be introduced. Some people "have a thing" about being touched, so don't grab them & hug them right away. A handshake is a good opener. A woman usually offers to shake hands first. Just hold out your hand & say something like, "God bless you! I am so happy to meet you", or, "We are so glad to have you here."

NEVER LEAVE A GUEST sitting or standing alone. If there are more guests than you have Home members, you will need to get two or three of the guests together. Be sure you introduce them to one another if they are strangers, or ask them if they have met. Be sure to offer guests a chair. If snacks are served see that guests are served

first & have a place to sit. If a meal is served & all sit at a table, pull out the chair & seat the lady (if there is one) on your right. Practise this on each other so you will be able to do it naturally. (You should always do this in a restaurant also.)

CONVERSATION: Don't monopolize it! The people you are staying with, eating with, or who are visiting you will be interested in what you are doing & will probably ask enough questions to give you plenty of opportunity to talk. But here again, if they want to talk about themselves or their interests, listen! It's amazing how much you can learn about people if you listen & it will help you to know how to witness to them, especially at first. (See "Witnessing Tips"!)

And remember, love never fails!

More on HOW TO BEHAVE!

From Christina & Bernardo;

WOMEN

1. SIT PROPERLY: Sit up straight, knees together. Be careful to sit in ladylike position when wearing trousers. Cross legs at ankles, not at knees.

2. YOUNG GIRLS SHOULD LET ELDERLY WOMEN GO THRU' A DOOR FIRST & if necessary give them their seat, let them sit down first etc. Girls should notice if men are waiting for them to sit down & be seated as quickly as possible. Try not to "plop" yourself down in a chair but do it gracefully.

3. DUTIES AS A HOSTESS: While having guests, don't forget your responsibilities as a hostess & housewife: Empty ash trays. Clear from the table used, empty glasses that are not going to be used again. Pour & pass coffee, if served. Make sure the lounge or livingroom is always cleaned up & tidy again when you return from the dinner table. After everyone has had coffee,

don't forget to clear table of dirty cups & napkins. Don't drink too much.

MEN

1. WHEN WALKING on the street with a lady, always let her walk on the inside away from the street.

2. ALWAYS CARRY PARCELS OR HEAVY ITEMS for women. (An example: Dad never lets girls carry a loaded serving tray. The girl can arrange everything nicely & prepare the tray, but then should have a boy carry it for her.) Don't be too proud to ask for help, girls!

3. OPEN DOORS, including car doors, for women.

TABLE MANNERS

1. Take the food closest to you on the serving tray instead of "choosing" which piece.

2. Once food is set on the table, don't reach for it but nicely ask for it so it can be passed to you.

Recipe to Live By!

Take one cup of thoughtfulness and mix well with a pinch of powdered tenderness. Beat lightly into a bowl of loyalty to which has been added 1 cup of faith and 2 cups of hope. Roll out on a board of understanding which has been sprinkled generously with cooperation. Fill with 1 quart of forgiveness mixed well with a teaspoon of gaiety that sings and a pinch of ability to laugh at little things. Dot with bits of wisdom & moisten with tears of heartfelt sympathy when needed. Bake in a good-natured pan & serve daily. —Author unknown (sent in by Blitha Masseuse; U.S.A.)