

Matthew 6:33 Miracle!

Precious Lesson Learned!—God will take care of His own, if we seek Him first!

From Micaiah Sunshine, S.E. Asia:

I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH EVERYONE A GREAT MIRACLE the Lord has worked in my life to totally renew me & make life worth living again. It concerns my daughter Anaik & her safe return to me & the Lord's Service after being kidnapped for nearly a year. But first, let me tell you the details of the story & why the Lord let it happen the way it did...

AFTER SPENDING 5 YEARS IN JAPAN, during the RNR period, I felt led to go to a new field in S.E. Asia with my wife & child. My wife, however, refused to even consider it & so reluctantly I decided to continue with the Family in Japan & see what the Lord would do in our lives.

I FELT LIKE THE QUOTE FROM "FOLLOW GOD": "He'll still use you for a little witnessing, but it won't be His highest & His best!" The whole paragraph 152 was right on! I knew a change was needed to reinvigorate us & grow us, but she began to grow further away from the Letters & Family fellowship until...

FINALLY SHE DECIDED TO LEAVE FOR THE STATES with an American fish she had "fallen in love with", leaving me alone with our 1-year-old daughter since I told her that I would never let little Ana go. At that time I let her go, knowing the Lord was in full control, answering my prayers for a better mate, or changing the one I had into what she should be.

HOWEVER AS THE WEEKS WENT BY I BEGAN TO WEAKEN IN MY STAND (Heb. 12:3) & became discouraged over the whole issue. Had it not been for the loving help & encouragement of the Family members during



Micaiah & new mate Liz & children! "I feel like Job—truly blessed!"

that time of trial, as well as the conviction never to fail my precious little one, I don't think I could have held on.

I FELT I JUST HAD TO MOVE ON or I would literally die there. And so, still shaken up, I decided to follow an open door for me to work in Eastern Europe rather than S.E. Asia which the Lord had shown me a year before. I found the Lord more than willing to get me there, most of the needed funds supplied thru' a good friend of mine with whom I had been staying during my preparation.

DESPITE THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY & BLESSING FROM THE LORD to help reach the peoples of the East Bloc, I soon found that merely crossing an ocean or switching mission fields was not the solution to the problem!

HAD I LEARNED THE LESSON THERE OF KEEPING THE LORD FIRST in my life & continuing on by faith alone—no matter what the circumstances & conditions—I'm sure the Lord could have used me. But there I was, caught in the middle

—looking back to my wife & her pleas for me to rejoin her in the States, compromising my convictions of living for the Lord.

SO I LEFT EUROPE & ARRIVED, OF ALL PLACES, IN L.A., looking forward to what I hoped would be R&R & a chance to work out my problems. Instead I found myself falling into a compromiser's position of having to please parents & System in the raising of my daughter & discovering that the problems I had had were nothing compared to the ones that I now faced! (See "Bewitched" 291:62-68.)

MY WIFE WAS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON, so I knew divorce was the only choice I agreed to let her work it out on her end, since they could foot the bill & I could get back to God's Work. But I soon found that it was merely a trick to get legal custody of my daughter.

BEFORE THEY COULD GAIN CUSTODY OF ANA in the courts of one State, I got her back but was forced to file for custody in the California court, which I won by God's mercy, but at a considerable ex-



Anaik (right)—3½, back with Daddy & the Family with her new brother & sister—Nathaniel: 10 months & Melling: 2. (Ana is Japanese & Nat & Melling are children of love, both half-Chinese!)

pense which further tied me down from being free to do God's will.

THEN ONCE I FOUND A HOME IN WHICH I COULD LIVE, Ana's mother & new husband moved to be closer to Ana for visitation rights. Like a fool, I again thought I could trust them, or at least their obeying of the System laws which were supposed to be on my side, letting them have Ana a couple of weekends a month.

KEDA & OTHER CONCERNED FAMILY MEMBERS HAD ALREADY WARNED ME TO GET OUT OF THERE, but thinking my battles were over I continued working to earn funds to go to S.E. Asia where a sister I had once worked with & her little girl (plus one on the way) needed me.

AND THEN THE WORST POSSIBLE THING HAPPENED! —KIDNAPPED! Ana's mother failed to return her on the agreed day & upon investigation I found they had fled half way across the country with no forwarding address! Words cannot describe my feelings that day over the loss of little Ana.

IN MY HASTE I FLEW THERE to begin my search for them, obsessed with the idea of finding her. The authorities there, as well as in L.A., were powerless to do anything unless their whereabouts were known, frustrating me even further, even laughing at my attempts to do anything during the Christmas holiday season.

I CONTINUED MY SEARCH, GRASPING AT ANY STRAW of evidence I could find that might lead me to them, but to no avail. Ana was gone & I was totally at the end of myself, having spent practically everything I had trying to find her. It was the darkest period I have ever been thru' in the Family & out.

BUT THRU' IT ALL THE LORD WAS SPEAKING TO ME HIS COMFORTING WORDS OF TRUTH, & those precious promises kept me alive when the flame of faith had almost flickered out. "But If Not" & Daily Mights 1:19 & 2:23 being the most helpful. Tho' the situation looked hopeless,

I KNEW THAT IF I DID MY PART & OBEYED, GOD

WOULD BRING ANA BACK. & even if He didn't, "But If Not" I still had to obey! So I returned to California & began working again to earn my fare to S.E. Asia, telling the Lord I would go with or without Ana to show Him that I had learned my lesson —always to keep Him first.

SO WHEN MY DEPARTURE DATE ARRIVED, STILL WITH NO SIGN OF ANA, I went on faith alone to the shock of friends & relatives. As I went I felt so many burdens lifted, & I must say upon my arrival in my new field I experienced what Job must have felt, finding myself blessed with a new & better mate who truly loves the Lord & her daughter & newborn son, in a place of Service. And tho' Ana was not there with us, I knew I just had to keep trusting & obeying, & then God would answer my prayers.

SURE ENOUGH, AFTER 5 MONTHS OF TESTING, THE LORD SAW FIT TO DELIVER ANA. Eleven months after she had been taken from me the Lord used a private detective which my mother had hired without my knowledge to find her.

THE POLICE RETURNED HER TO MY PARENTS, & by yet another miracle the Lord used a gift from Liz's fish to pay for the trip back to the States to get her. Arriving in L.A. again was like reliving the past, only this time doing it the right way—God's way! I was there only 24 hours before catching a plane back, with Ana in my arms most of the way to our joyous triumphant return to our happy Heavenly Home!

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR THE LOVE, PRAYERS & ENCOURAGEMENT you showed to me in my times of trial, especially you, Dad & Maria, & your faithfulness to the Words of God. May God bless & keep you in His will always. Love, Micaiah.

Caravan, Survival and Travel Tips!

—BY YOU!

From the Monthly Reports! Compiled by Maria!

"CONCERNING A PUBLICATION ON SURVIVAL: It said to boil water a long time & give it to children, especially to a newborn. May I suggest that before you do it that you heat the boiled water for a few minutes with a fork or whip because when you boil water it is very difficult to digest, especially for the newborn's stomach. So air the water before using it. The child will be a lot happier." —Serge; Europe.

"WE FOUND A HAND-OPERATED SEWING MACHINE. It could be a blessing for families on the road. It's very small & activated by hand. —No energy problems!" —Philippe la Plume & Francois Daybreak; Canada.

"WE FOUND A PLASTIC BOTTLE WITH SPRAY TOP (the kind for spraying plants) very handy for caravan living for wiping tables or messes, children's hands or baby's bottom, washing fruit or car windows. Makes it so much easier to stay clean." —(Sorry, name got lost.)

"HOW TO KNOW FRESH FISH: Eyes: clear, shiny, slightly rounded, completely filling eye socket. Gills: Shiny, uniform, slightly red colour (dark pink for herring & mackerel). Body & flesh: For a whole fish the body should be firm & elas-



tic to the touch. Neither too soft or too rubber-like. For filets: White flesh sticking to backbone, no red tint along whole backbone. Odor: Fresh, not ammoniac or altered but recalling the smell of the sea." —(Scales/fins!); D.

CARAVAN BUYING TIPS: "We were a little hasty in buying ours & now regret it as it is not equipped enough for winter & a little water enters in the windows. It's not warm enough to receive a newborn. PG, we learn by our mistakes. We'd suggest that before buying a caravan, try to live a few days in it if possible before buying to see if it is as good as advertised. It may avoid surprises. Don't trust the system too much, seek God's guidance & counsel." —Samson & Paloma; Eur.

"IT MIGHT BE GOOD FOR MOBILE FAMILIES TO HAVE A LITTLE REFUGE in the mountains (such houses are very cheap with rents of only about \$20 a month). It could be shared with one or two other families & used as a home base, a place to stock survival, personal things etc." —Dan & Chanson; Europe.

"A TIP FOR VEHICLES THAT DON'T START IN THE

MORNING: It might be caused by water that gets into the electrical circuit. We bought a 'bomb' called 'Bernal Super 6' which renews the electric contacts, even in water. We spray it on all the wires, plugs, delco (battery). We've had no more problems since then." —Jean Pierre & Marie; Paris, France.

"A COUPLE IN A CARAVAN HAD AN ACCIDENT, sliding off the road in icy weather into a 2-meter deep ditch, but TG by a miracle they got away without a scratch—neither them nor car or caravan. A farmer pulled them out with a tractor. The winter up here is a tough climate for being out in a caravan." —Titus & Satir; Scandinavia.

"That's for sure. It's almost insane to try to drive a caravan around in icy weather! It's hard enough to just drive a car! D.)

"READING ABOUT NUCLEAR POWER, we discovered that in the event of any kind of radiation that the public should be given iodine tablets. This prevents certain kinds of cancer. Therefore, it might be good to have in case of fallout." —Galus & Glory; Scandinavia.

"WE'VE FOUND IT'S USUALLY BEST TO EXCHANGE YOUR MONEY before you go to another country & that it's best to do it in banks." —Barak; Australia. (AMEN! D.)

"SINCE FIXING CARS & TRAILERS HAS BEEN MY BUSINESS for the Lord, I have seen several problems pop up that can be avoided. 1. Don't jack up a trailer with the fridge on.—It burns out the unit as the ammonia & water can't circulate & cool the passages. 2. Don't 'jerry rig' the wiring. I've had to rewire a whole trailer because of a mistake in someone's guess. Follow color code & don't change it." —Zac & Tira Zeb; U.S.A. (AMEN! D.)

HOUSEHOLD TIP: "Never mix bleach with other home cleansers as the chemical reaction can set off poisonous gases which can be very irritating to nose & throat." —Laurie; USA. (—or fatal! D.)

"GARBAGE TIP FOR CAMPING: To avoid dogs &/or animals breaking open your plastic garbage bags, try pouring ½ cup of chlorine bleach before closing it up. The smell should discourage hungry visitors!" (Right! D.) —David & Suzanne; U.S.A. (—Or spray outside of bag with an insecticide or disinfectant.)

"WARNING TO CARAVANERS & TENTERS IN W. CANADA: Due to forest fires earlier in the year & a shortage of berries there have been many bear maulings & deaths: So be aware! —With your food etc. Also, a 4-wheel-drive truck with camper on top is great for either on-the-road or off-the-road travelling, especially when roads are congested or destroyed!" —Hoshiah & Heidi; Canada.

"I'D LIKE TO KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHAT MO THINKS ABOUT BUYING SURVIVAL FARMS. They take up a lot of time & money but are completely necessary so long as we have



French Family enjoying the camping life!—Jonathan & Saphir & their 3 children. Photo by Paul.

witnessing & witnessing balanced with it." (U answered it! —Dad.) —Meshach & Jasmine; Australia.

"WE HAVE FOUND ARKANSAS TO BE AN IDEAL REFUGE STATE with fresh water & abundant game, altho' you have to be a mountain man with the desire to stay. The people here are some of the poorest in the U.S. This is an advantage now because there is really nothing here that most Americans would want—a hard life & living simply & poorly." (atomic Shad & Misty; U.S.A. bases! D.)

"THE BRASILIAN GOV'T. PASSED A LAW that you must pay 2,000 Cruzeiros on each passport when you renew your 2nd 3-month visa, which before the new law was free. This caught us completely off guard & cost our family a total of \$200." —Olympas & Baara.

"HERE'S AN ADDRESS FOR A VISA SERVICE that only costs \$2 per visa & could save invaluable time: Visas Unlimited,

582 Market A+, Montgomery, San Francisco, Ca. 94104. People should really pray about insuring their vehicles when entering Mexico. Dad is for liability insurance & it could save you a term in a Mexican jail if you are insured with Mexican insurance & have an accident." —Josiah & Brunheid; U.S.A.

"IN LIGHT OF THE TAMPON SCARE, I was really glad to hear about sponges for women's periods. They are small artist sponges. They cost about \$1, can be used over & over, & are much safer. You can tie a piece of dental floss to them & use it like a tampon. Sponges are all natural fibers & will be great to have for survival. You can get them at hobby shops or health food stores." —Snella; USA.

"WE BUILT A FOOD DEHYDRATOR that works great off our gas refrigerator. We dry fruit that stores up to 2 years & takes lots less storage place. Keeps provisioning from