

how to stop. The Lord in His great wisdom always has everything worked out, & just past the halfway point in my pregnancy, my nipples got so sore that it was impossible to nurse Michael any longer. So it was much easier to have conviction to stop, which I did right away. After one week being off the breast, Michael shows almost no interest in nursing anymore.

SOMEONE ASKED IN THE FN ABOUT TEACHING OLDER CHILDREN WHILE TRAVELLING or in a camping situation. One thing that really helps is if the children can learn to be ready to study whenever you ask & on short notice when necessary. It helps to give a little warning that school will be starting soon, to give the kids time to finish what they're doing & prepare their hearts for study.

ONE THING IS RECALIBRATING OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION won't be or needn't be just like what's planned for children in system schools. I used to be overly concerned that the kids were learning the same things as the system schools were teaching. We have noticed that schools teach children in a very definite way to be able to fulfill roles they plan to play & jobs they plan to hold in the System. Some of these things may be aren't so important in the education of our children, & yet many other things, especially the Word, need to be added that schools leave out. We've seen too that many things can be taught at younger ages than the System does.

WHEN I GO TO GET THE KIDS' WORKBOOKS FOR STUDYTIME I just pause a minute or so to ask the Lord what the kids really need in this precious time we have to teach them. The Lord always leads us to subjects that are really interesting too. We just finished a little study of the cell, its parts

& functions, from a good little science workbook that you can buy here inexpensively in department stores. It is called "The Human Body" by Golden Exploring Earth Books. It is written in a simple interesting manner & has good pictures in colour, & only costs \$.89 (other books in the series are not so good because they contain so much evolution).

WE'RE SATISFIED TOO WITH THE KIDS' MATH WORKBOOKS that we use for the 3 oldest children. These can be purchased for only \$.89 each at most department & large grocery stores. We've seen them go up to grade 6 & are put out by "The Golden Key To Learning" with the title of "Mathematics, Grade 5-6-7-8".

WE'VE FOUND SOME GOOD READING MATERIALS in Bible Bookstores here. We'd recommend "The Picture Bible", the Bible in comic-strips from Chariot Books by David C. Cook. It is a bit expensive at about \$18 & has a hard cover, but the children really like to read from it. (Previously recommended in FN.) We found a series of Bible readers called "Learning To Read From the Bible" by Gilbert Beers. They are very simple paperback readers in a series of 8 at \$4 each, altho' you might be able to get them cheaper.

IT WOULD BE HARD TO GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT WHAT A BATTLE IT HAS BEEN to get the hitch welded & the tongue of the trailer lengthened so that we can pull it with our van (due to the overhang of the trailer). This is the last thing that stands between us leaving, & the Devil has fought us tooth & nail to make us believe it just can't be done without a lot of terrible expense. But today finally it is finished & by the time you get this we'll be on the road! My folks are sure changing for the better & have helped us with



Michael doing peg board in the van—Growing up to make room for new baby number 8!

some needs for the trip. The Lord has made us mobile And Dad, you've made us noble! We'll take a ride All side by side, Till we've been round the globe!

2/6/81: PTL! HE WORKED EVERYTHING OUT SO WE COULD HIT THE ROAD the day we had planned. We've certainly learned to appreciate the freedom of God's Spirit, the truth of His Word & the abundance of His love in our wonderful Family. We feel like we're breaking thru' to the life of the Spirit again & like being a totally new creature! The kids had surely picked up some System ways visiting my family, but we remarked together that as soon as we were mobile together again, there was such unity & power-for-the-hour—"Obedience brings on the Spirit of God!"

OOOH, IT WAS SO GOOD TO BREATHE AGAIN! We went straight to a parking lot & started litnessing. For the first time we were dependent on our litnessing as we hadn't received any of our mail forwarded from my brother. The kids blew our minds. We had three teams on the battlefield, each older child taking a younger one, & they did so well. So we started getting the Lord's vision. The first day out Sherah won a soul. The kids loved litnessing & asked to go out more.

THE LETTER "HONG KONG GOOLAGONG" HAS BEEN SUCH AN EYE-OPENER. We saw so clearly how many oppressing spirits there were at my folks' holding us back & slowing us down. Also the kids had coughs & colds & Michael had impetigo on his face that would never completely clear up. Since we've been on the road no one has even coughed once or had a cold. The Lord showed us to pray for Michael again rebuking any bad spirit causing the skin disease & it cleared immediately the very first day we left! PTL! Now we always pray when we first come to a place to litness or witness or provision or even just for playtime or where we camp, to rebuke any bad spirits & cast them out, & we haven't had any real problems anywhere we've been.

WE'D LOOKED OFF & ON FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS FOR A PLACE TO PUT THE TRAILER while we are here in this city but everything was so expensive or didn't take children. Secundus suggested that if we just stop looking & "seek first" & get out witnessing & litnessing that the Lord would send someone to help us while we were out. Right away Jason won a soul & then we ran into Adam & Carmel who told us about a camping place where they were staying. It just met our needs & Jason's heart's

desire for a pool & was even cheaper than the State Parks—\$6 a day or \$36 a week or \$100 a month.

WE'VE FOUND IT SO USEFUL TO KNOW SPANISH because so many here speak Spanish & we pass out Spanish lit. Jason & Sherah have each won two souls while out litnessing. The kids were so faithful all week with school, helping, litnessing & witnessing, so the Lord was faithful to give them a good shiner prize. The kids always ask to go to a nearby amusement park. So Secundus took the kids & went in to provision. The owner was a nice Italian lady who gave all the kids including little Michael six free tickets & free entrance. Then the kids went back another day to sing to her & thank her, & she gave them each a free t-shirt, & we hope maybe she will let us sing at the park on a Sunday afternoon, D.V.

IT'S A REAL BLESSING TO HAVE FOOD STAMPS, at least for a month, so we can stock up on food before going to Mexico. The man was so nice to us & hardly asked us anything but gave us \$472 worth of free food stamps. He commented several times on the nice appearance of the kids & the Lord showed us that our politeness & appearance helped them to want to help us. Then when we got back from the P.O. we found they had given us \$60 extra worth of free stamps!

THE FIRST WEEK ON THE ROAD WE BOUGHT A "SLOW COOKER" & it has been a great big blessing. We just put the meal in the night before & it cooks all night for lunch the next day before we go out litnessing, without heating up the trailer. It makes bread & corn bread too. The pot lifts off & underneath is a small grill that we use for cooking eggs. The brand is West Bend & costs about \$30.

WE FOUND THE SOLUTION

TO HAVING SCHOOL with a lot of children in small places. Half the kids have school while the other have free-time, then they switch. Today has been a blessing working with the kids. Sherah did the laundry at the laundramat while Summer cleaned the bathroom & helped with the kitchen, while Jason taught the two little boys more verses from Psalm 23.

WE FOUND OUT THAT THE CHILDREN CAN SING ON A LOCAL TV PROGRAM. It is a Spanish-language show, & the kids will be able to sing in Spanish & hopefully explain our work so people will be offered an opportunity to help us with our needs to go South, & especially we want to ask if someone can help us with a video. Secundus suggested that it might be fruitful to visit other predominantly Spanish-speaking cities & try to sing on TV there to ask for support & for a video.

WE CAME TO THIS CITY NOT REALISING THAT THERE WERE ANY FAMILY HERE. But there are about 10 other Homes here right now. We had fellowship with some on Sunday when someone came by with such encouraging news, the new Mag, sharing the new Letters & then showing us what you had written about us in "Good Shepherds".

YOUR FAITH IN US & THE KIDS IS LIKE A STIMULUS that instantly began to burn away the wood, hay & stubble, the dross & the chaff. It's hard to put in words, but a lot of the little battles & tests & trials just melted into nothing. Your faith in us has always inspired our own faith to move mountains. We really saw what you meant while at the Fellowship. Our kids sang & Jason played the guitar, & the rest of the Family were so inspired & encouraged that we more than ever before caught the vision of how the Lord can use the chil-

Sharing Sexually!

Tips & lessons learned to make it a blessing for all!

From Seek; U.S.A., preparing to go South:

WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO SHARE SEXUALLY with two couples this week. It had been a long time since we've been able to share with anyone. The Devil seems to fight this so much because it's something really special that makes our Family really special & makes us love, understand & appreciate each other more.

THIS IS SOMETHING I HAVEN'T WRITTEN ABOUT BEFORE, but I know the Lord has put some things on our hearts that we want to write, hoping we can be helpful to others. The morning before we read what was written about us in "Good Shepherds", Secundus & I had just finished having real desperate prayertime about this very subject.

I REALLY CRIED OUT THAT THE LORD WOULD GIVE ME MORE FAITH & vision for sharing sexually. We have shared a lot with brothers, sisters, fish, couples, but especially for me it has each time been a battle, not only because of my jealousy of Secundus, but just that I felt so satisfied & in love with him that it was hard to really want to be with someone else.

WELL, THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY WEAK POINT, even tho' I must confess that the majority of the times we shared it did bear good fruit in everyone's lives & made Secundus & me even more in love with each other. This was the first time I'd prayed so desperately, admitting my weakness, determined that I wanted the victory.

BUT THRU OUR EXPERIENCES & the experiences of others we've learned some simple things that can make sharing sexually a real blessing for everyone concerned. First, to be considerate of

your mate & try to make your decisions unitedly & prayerfully. Secundus has been such a help to me so many times in this area by not being critical or condemning, but really a partner in prayer. It also helped me so much to know how much he loves me & to realize that I trust him.

WHEN WE SHARE WE'VE FOUND THAT 1½-2 HOURS IS A GOOD AMOUNT OF TIME. All-nighters have really been hard on both of us, & the kids suffer the next day too because we are so tired. So single couples could be considerate of parents who have to get up early, regardless, with their children.

ONE THING I'VE EXPERIENCED, & several mothers have shared this too, is the real trials they went thru sharing their mates when they were pregnant. Sometimes Mommy have been left alone while hubby shares because everyone thinks she's so far along that she can't make love. One sister was just sharing this with me that even when sharing with another couple, the girl asked to be with her mate but the girl's husband just stayed home & left the expectant mom alone to go thru trials because he thought she was too far along to have sex. I've experienced the same thing myself.

MOMMIES WHO ARE EXPECTING, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU ARE SO BIG & clumsy-looking (so you feel) go thru trials thinking they aren't attractive, so they especially need a lot of love & understanding. The other hubby could have loved & fondled her all that was possible or all that she liked. She could satisfy him, & even if they didn't want to do anything so intimate, a good conversation or Mo Letter shared, or take her out to a movie, can really help encourage the expectant Mommy & make an

otherwise hard situation a blessing for her.

ALSO WHEN YOU WANT TO SHARE WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S MATE, be considerate by not only approaching the one you want to share with but try to have a good open relationship with both of them. These things are probably common knowledge & a lot of detail, but we've seen that so many burdens can become real blessings by being sincerely unselfish & considerate & just by going slow, not just in sharing but in all our relationships with each other in the Family & friends & contacts too.

SELFISHNESS TENDS TO MAKE THOSE AROUND YOU SELFISH, whereas generosity & being loving encourages others to share generously & be loving too. A lot of times someone has to take the first step & make the sacrifice to be unselfish in a situation, to be a sample for others to do the same.

WHEN WE WERE PRAYING ABOUT SHARING the Lord gave us the verse, "He that loveth not knoweth not God for God is love". (1 Jn. 4:8) This may sound old-fashioned, but we have had so much more love for each other & been more in love since we have been sharing again. Being really in love is so wonderful & stimulating & good for a relationship. Sometimes we're surprised to see how people can be satisfied to just be together & don't really seem to be in love anymore. It always encourages us to see couples who, even tho' they have heavy responsibilities &/or large families, still are in love & are affectionate to each other. It is a good sample to everyone, especially to the children as they watch us to see what relationships are supposed to be like. PTL! Love someone today! Love, Seek & Secundus. (Amen! PTL! GBY! You've always been such a good example of real love & real motherhood! GBY! ILY!—D.)

THE FIGHT OF FAITH—A poem by Seek May 1981

*Do not think it strange as if
Some fiery trial you bear
When you are called upon to fight
The fight of faith somewhere!*

*And don't give up the ship too quick,
Just before the battle's to be won,
And don't faint in the darkest hours
That come just before the sun!*

*And do not fear when all else fails
And crumbles 'neath your feet.
For God's way up just may be down!
And you'll regret retreat!*

*Don't be surprised to find that man
May fail and just not care.
In spite of ways of fickle man
God's numbered every hair!*

*Why the tear, the troubled heart,
The worry o'er tomorrow?
It's for today God's given faith
And comfort for our sorrow!*

*And when He turns the fire up
And hotter gets each test,
The victory's in not giving up—
We still can do our best!*

*When they all yell surrender,
That it's a lost cause you fight—
That compromise is the best way—
The answer to your plight!*

*And when you find that all your mates
Have lain their swords aside
And even now they beckon you
To come and save your pride!*

*You're at the point of great decision,
The crossroads in the way:*

*Do you go on, or settle down?
Is it worth the price you daily pay?*

*But with disgust you grip your sword,
Much tighter than before
For even if you fight alone,
You'd rather die than tarry more!*

*So what if we're outnumbered?
Who cares about the odds?
One man alone is just enough
When he's alone with God!*

*It's when all stand against us
And the battle lingers sore
That's just God's chance, His great hour,
The chance He's waited for!*

*For in His love, this is His pleasure,
His glory is revealed!—
When reaching out to fainting hearts
To lives who to Him yield!*

*The best advice...Just don't give up!
Don't hearken to their words!
They'll be the first condemning you,
Their logic is absurd!*

*For as long as the battle lingers
With you at your post,
Despite tired hands & weary heart
You'll drink the victory toast!*

*The prizes are for all who run,
Who finish the last lap.
It will be worth it all to hear
The host of Heaven clap!*

*So if you pause to think it strange
And wonder o'er this trial,
Remember that the Crown of Life
Awaits you with His smile!*

—If you'd like to help'm, send it direct, or c/o WS & they'll get every penny!—GBY!—Tks.)—