

are owned by Mexicans married to Americans, & they are not as generous as the Mexicans themselves.

WE STAYED IN SOME TRAILER PARKS, but we would also park at hotels (after asking) which would give us free electricity. Just don't overstay your welcome, & remember to send them a thank you card. This encourages them to help others. Use it, don't abuse it.

WE FOUND MOST OF THE ROADS TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION, but nothing like the super-highways of the U.S. Do not drive after dark. We arrived in Posa Rica around dusk & thought we would park on the other side of town, but the town just ended & we had to drive 2 more hours before we could stop or even find a place to turn around. TYJ we were going that way anyway!

IF YOU ARE TRAVELLING WITH CHILDREN, as we were, we would recommend that you start very early in the morning & only drive around 4 hours, as it's very tiring. Don't expect to get the same miles per hour as in the U.S.; you won't. We usually took 1-1/2 times longer.

ANOTHER THING THAT SURPRISED US is the cost of living. It is not cheap. In fact it's expensive. Inflation is about 50%, although they don't admit it. Be careful where you eat too. We didn't eat out much nor provision our food, as we were trying to get to our destination quickly & did not feel like spending a lot of time going around. We found it to be more difficult to provision restaurants, but this may not be the case for you.

BEFORE WE CROSSED THE BORDER WE ATE GARLIC & YOGURT DAILY & continue to do so even now. TYJ we had almost no problems with diarrhea. As for water, ask be-

fore you drink it. They sell bottles of gassy mineral water too. Most trailer parks have drinkable water, & we didn't have problems with that. We saved gallon plastic milk jugs from the U.S. & filled them with water "just in case".

ONE THING YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER IS HAVING YOUR VEHICLE ADAPTED TO USE PROPANE GAS. There is some kind of attachment you can buy for your car. Quite a few people have done it, & it's more economical.

WE PRAY THAT THIS HELPS THOSE OF YOU COMING TO MEXICO. We have found the people here so sweet & humble. We have been going DTD & found that about 90% of the people will pray to receive Jesus & give a donation. One thing the Catholic Church has taught them is to give & respect God's workers.

FOR US, WE HAVE FOUND STREET WITNESSING TO BE OUT, as the Family has a bad reputation & is still remembered by the government officials of this city. A good rule to remember is squeeze don't jerk. We came in selah in case there was a work here, as we would not want to ruin it for them. TYJ no one was here, but then we found out about the problems encountered here before. It's easy to be selah until you know the score, but it's a lot harder to be selah once you've blown your cover.

REMEMBER TO RESPECT THE MEXICAN BROTHERS HERE & THE LOCAL HOMES. Assume there is a work there until you know for sure. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. We love you all! Flee the lush lowlands!

Mobile List!

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HERE IS OUR MOBILE CHECK-LIST. I'm sure others can add more. These are mainly checks to be made before moving. "Have Faith Will Travel" & all the "Mobile Ministry" letters have been such a blessing to us in knowing how to be mobile. **-HOLDING TANKS EMPTIED** (If porta-potty be sure it's empty too.) **-HOSES & ELECTRIC LINES** disconnected & properly stored. **-COUNTERS CLEARED** & loose items secured (a place for everything & everything in its place.) **-ROOF VENTS CLOSED** (Road wind may damage these if open.) **-WINDOWS & MIRRORS CLEANED.** **-WATER HOLDING TANK FOR DRINKING WATER** containing just enough water to reach your next destination. Extra water is extra weight, but be sure your next destination has good water or carry enough with you.

-WATER HEATER & FRIG turned off (if required on your unit; check with dealer or manual.) **-FIRE EXTINGUISHER** (Always carry an A-B-C type, & be sure it's charged.) **-ANTENNA DOWN & STEPS UP** **-CHECK HITCH & SAFETY CHAINS.** **-WEIGHT PROPERLY DISTRIBUTED** according to "Have Faith Will Travel" par. 25-30. **-OUTSIDE LUGGAGE & EQUIPMENT** properly tied down & protected from wind & weather. **-MECHANICAL CHECK:** Oil, water & hoses, transmission fluid, tire pressure (also look for excessive or uneven wear), lights on both vehicle & trailer (brake, signal, headlights, running lights), fan belt (proper tightness & no cracks), no leaks or drippings, no objects under vehicle. **-PARKING FOR THE NIGHT** Set parking brake & leave in gear. Level frig; light frig & hot water heater. (Good! GBV)

350x Saving On Video Equipment!

LOW PRICE & DUTY-FREE SHOP IN SRI LANKA MAKE VIDEOS MORE AFFORDABLE!

From Stephen & Samaria; Indian Subcontinent:

GIJPN: THE LORD IS REALLY DOING SOME MARVELOUS THINGS FOR US here in the Indian Subcontinent & is uniting us like never before thru the Fellowship Revolution & the video vision! It was at the recent SCAF that most of us got our first taste of the video vision, & we could finally understand what Dad's been raving about.

FOR MANY OF US IT SEEMED LIKE THE IDEA OF PARTICIPATING IN THIS NEW "VISION" WAS GOING TO BE A LONG WAY OFF AT BEST, but suddenly we were seeing & hearing the videos we had been reading about for so long. It inspired us more than words can tell & made us all feel so much closer to our wonderful worldwide Family.

WELL, AFTER FIVE DAYS IT WAS OVER & WE ALL WENT BACK TO OUR FIELDS, & even though there was only one video machine between the four countries, we felt encouraged, as it seemed that the Lord was answering our prayers for equipment.

WELL, WHEN WE VISITED SRI LANKA AFTER THE SCAF, we had the faith for a video & started praying seriously about how to buy it & where. We checked to see if we could get a discount somehow, & the Lord gave us an inspiration that could save the Family thousands of dollars & make videos affordable to some poorer Homes.

IN SRI LANKA THERE IS A 55% DUTY ON VCRs; in India the duty is 350%, so we had already thought of Sri Lanka as a pretty cheap place for equipment. Someone in India can buy a VCR in Sri Lanka & have it endorsed on their passport (only foreigners can do

this) & not have to pay the 350% Indian duty.

WE FURTHER FOUND OUT THAT WE COULD HAVE EQUIPMENT HELD IN BOND IN CUSTOMS AT THE AIRPORT IN SRI LANKA & avoid having to pay any duty at all, Sri Lanka is a one-hour flight from India, & you can go by ferry for as little as about \$20. This means that people in India could go to Sri Lanka & buy a home VCR for \$800 instead of \$3,600. The only condition is you must be a foreigner to do this, & you must take it out of the country when you go. However, this need not present a problem, as there are enough foreigners married to nationals; or, if a foreigner has to leave, he can "sell" the machine to another foreigner in the same area & have the machine placed on the other's passport.

IF THIS CAN WORK HERE, WHY NOT WHERE YOU ARE? Perhaps the customs laws are similar in your area, & by simply taking a short flight you can save lots of money & suddenly find that you can afford a video after all.

WELL, THIS WASN'T THE END OF OUR FINDINGS. We also found out that there is a big new duty-free shop that just opened with amazingly low prices, so we don't have to go thru the cumbersome & somewhat confusing process of getting equipment bonded in customs. Any foreigner can buy duty-free

over the counter. Here are some of the prices:

National NV2000EN home unit --\$750.
" NV3000EN portable with access --\$870.
" WV3200N camera with acc., motorised zoom etc. --\$905.
14 inch colour TV --\$336.
20 inch colour TV --\$480.
3-hour video tapes --\$14.50.

THESE PRICES CAN EVEN BE REDUCED IF WE HAVE A LARGE ORDER. If you are on your way to a new field & you can pass near Sri Lanka, maybe you could arrange a stopover & get your equipment there. I know that you could stay at one of the Homes while waiting for the next flight. If you have any questions about all this, I will be happy to try to help. If your Home or area wants to fellowship with us via video, we will definitely respond. Write us thru your Reporting Office with an inside envelope for Stephen & Samaria c/o of the India VSS.

AND IF YOU WANT TO HELP NEEDY HOMES IN THESE POOR COUNTRIES PARTAKE OF THE FAMILY VIDEO, you can send a donation to the India VSS for the "video fund" along with your TRF. At these prices a little will go a long way, but it's still expensive for the Homes here. I hope this is a help & encouragement to some of our Homes around the World. We love & pray for you. See you on TV!

ECONOMICAL SLIDE & FILMSTRIP PROJECTOR!

From Thadeus; WS Researcher: **IN MY OPINION THE HANNI-MAX PROJECTOR WOULD BE A GOOD BUY AS A SIMPLE UNIT FOR MOST FAMILIES.** It is better for filmstrips than as a slide projector but

should be bought with an optional slide carrier & changer so that it can hold more than one slide at a time. It is very small & compact & is half the price of its nearest competitor.

Little Shiners Inspiring Others:

RELUCTANT PERFORMER SHINES IN HIS SOLOS; NEW GUITARIST & OUTFITS!

From Ahlai & Sos; Brazil:

HERE ARE SOME SINGING TESTIMONIES & TIPS:

WHEN YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS MORE RELUCTANT TO SING, try letting him do solos. This works with ours--we have one (a Leo at that) who is sometimes more reluctant or can be very shy at the wrong times, which can be trying for the parents; but he shines in his solos, & I think he just needs the extra attention that way. He's usually squeezed in between the older kids & the babies! Anyway, it works.

HOWEVER, I THINK THAT ALL THE KIDS CAN LEARN TO LIKE what's good for them, including singing with the group for Jesus! So, stick to it, & they should stick to it.

ANOTHER HELP WAS THAT THE LORD SENT ALONG A NEW DISCIPLE & another brother who are great guitarists, & a boy, has that helped. But even if you only know one monotonous strum (like me), keep at it & it will pay off



30 souls received Jesus this day in the downtown area. (1-r) Michelle of Pedro & Debora, Greta of Sos & Ahlai, Rejoice of Hezekiah & Angela, & Heidi, Godfrey & Noah of Sos & Ahlai. Elias is on guitar.

one of these days. **NOW OUR KIDS DRAW QUITE A CROWD OF HUNGRY RECEPTIVE** LATINS wherever they go singing, & it's coming along step by step. **THIS MONTH THE LORD PROVIDED NEW SINGING OUTFITS** provisioned for all, & that is a must to give them the

sense of a group effort. And don't forget the reward system as they really do shine & deserve it!

WE'RE REALLY JUST SEEING THE FIRST FRUITS OF IT NOW, but maybe these tips that helped our five will help others! WLY!

By Apollis

I also wanted to mention something regarding herpes, which could perhaps be included as a footnote in that herpes material which was going to come out in the Mag. And that is a warning, or an explanation to people, showing the relationship between the genital herpes--which is called the herpes simplex virus type 2--& the labial, or oral, variety, commonly called cold sores--which is known as herpes virus type 1. I've read that 20% of the genital cases today are type 1 oral virus, & 20% of the oral cases today are type 2 genital virus. Which shows how easily the two viruses can be communicated to the two different areas through oral sex. I think this is something that most people don't realize, particularly those who have, are coming down with, or are just getting over the common "cold sore", they don't realize that that virus, which perhaps they've had all their life on their lips, can be potentially far more serious if they pass it on to someone with whom they have oral sex. So I think that would be a good warning to put in the Mag, along with that other herpes information. -- In other words, anyone with a "cold sore" on their lips had better not give oral sex to anyone -- as they can easily give them "genital" herpes by doing so! -- The symptoms of type 1 & type 2 virus in the genitals are identical. **Another footnote regarding herpes** of which many people are unaware is how easily the virus can be spread by touching an affected area & then touching another part of your own body or someone else's body, & thus communicating it to them that way. I've heard of several cases of people spreading it to each other this way, genital to hand to genital, or genital to hand to then they've caught it on their own fingers. And it can also be spread easily to the eyes this way, which is very dangerous, & anyone who has herpes needs to really be careful that they don't spread it to other parts of their own body or to any sex partners. -- (By the way, an active case should wear underwear to avoid spreading it to clothing.)

TV Ministry Tunes In The Public!

REGULAR TV MINISTRY INSPIRES CONTACTS, WINS FRIENDS & HELPS FAMILY'S PR!

From Shaul; Central America:

WLY! IT HAS BEEN SUCH A MONTH FULL OF ACTION & SURPRISES HERE. We had intended to stay in this country only a short while & to continue travelling thru Central America, but the Lord really showed us thru "Golden Opportunities" that "You must follow up such Golden Opportunities when you have them," and "Each harvest field is only ripe once; it never grows again... it only has its one time of harvest & that's it, & then it's gone." (#951:33, & 55)

OUR CHILDREN HAVE BEEN THE REAL LITTLE STARS OF THE SHOW HERE, & their singing & witnessing has opened more doors for us than ever, & continues to open new ones almost daily.

ARRIVING HERE, we started out by beach singing, & small crowds came to hear, leaving with new hope & faith in the Lord! TYJ! Then we began singing in the main city in the streets, buses, shopping centres, private homes, etc. Soon everyone started recognizing us & warmly received the message as well as the lit. **THEN WITH ORITH'S INSPIRATION,** the kids recorded a TV show. Then soon we did another TV show & another, & it has really opened up a lot of doors never really used or implemented here before. In the past three weeks we have been on TV 4 times & have an open door to sing regularly on a local kids show with a high outreach.

We also had an excellent photo of us singing on the buses appear in the 2nd biggest paper here. And between it all, we have become quite well-known, & it has inspired many contacts, won many friends, & even been great



Alyana(S) interviewed on TV show reaching 600,000. (#951:33, & 55)



Ana with little Angelina(1).

PR for the work here. **THE KIDS ARE FAR FROM PROFESSIONAL,** but can really get out the message in ways we big people cannot do it. And many parents have exclaimed, "They are a marvelous sample to us!" The wife of a famous plastic surgeon we met in that first little beach town told us the other day, "I don't understand it, but my kids don't fight with all of their other friends. Thank you for bringing love into this house!" How true the vision the Lord gave Dad 7 years ago before any of ours were born, the Letter "What Is That In Thy Hand!"

ALSO, THE KIDS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INSPIRE THE OTHER LOCAL HOMES to organise

little singing groups with their kids, opening up a whole new ministry here. As a result, the moms hope to organise kids meetings to work on it together. The kids have also been able to sing & inspire the local Family at all of the Family get-togethers. TYJ!

AMONG OUR MANY PROJECTS FOR THIS NEXT MONTH, we hope to work on getting a good tape of the 12-15 songs they know in Spanish to send to MCV & perhaps to visit other TV stations, orphanages, etc., & of course to keep working on the open doors we already have. Please keep us in your prayers; we sure need them! (GB Shaul & family! They're real real ILV!)