

Reaching Out To Refugees!

MINISTERING MATERIALLY & HELPING THEM FIND HOPE & HAPPINESS THRU JESUS!

From Simon, Europe:

EVERY DAY REFUGEES COME TO THIS CITY LOOKING FOR WHAT THEY HOPE WILL BE A BETTER LIFE IN THE WEST. Often they come with no more than the clothes on their backs & know no one here.

THE ONES THAT COME & HAVE NO HOUSING HERE are often given places in various camps, such as a former military base near here. Recently some of us have been going to this camp to witness & minister to the hundreds of foreigners, the majority from the East Bloc.

IT HAS BEEN THRILLING TO FIND PEOPLE REALLY HUNGRY FOR THE WORDS & message of the simple life of true happiness that we've found in Jesus. They snap up the Letters on salvation, the spirit world, childcare, current events, etc. & ask us for Bibles in their languages. Too often we find in the Gospel-glutted West that people are not as appreciative of God's Words as these foreigners who have had so little.

WE'VE ALSO FELT THE PULL ON OUR HEARTS TO HELP THESE PEOPLE WITH MATERIAL NEEDS when we can, as well as helping them to find the hope & happiness we've found in Jesus. We started looking around our attics & asking friends, & soon we had a bunch of clothes, toys for their children & household items which we took out there one Sunday. It was well received & went fast, & we hope that we will be able to help them again in this way.

ALSO, WE'VE BEEN REALLY GLAD THAT SEVERAL OF THE ONES WE KNOW THERE HAVE PRAYED WITH US TO RECEIVE JESUS. We want to mention that we have really felt that this camp would make an excellent target for some mobile teams' outreach. There are several campgrounds nearby, & for a



Three Rumanian refugee children anxiously look thru the fence of their camp.



Refugee children search for things they need among the donated clothes.



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team that had the burden & opportunity to take a more full-time approach to these people, there might come some real fruit out of it.

WE'VE MET PEOPLE THERE IN THEIR 20s from Kurdistan, Eritrea & Albania, plus hun-

dreds more from Rumania, Poland, Czechoslovakia & other closed countries. They are often walking around the small town that the camp is in, & a music/coffee shop approach might also work. **GBY!** (Amen! **GBY!** An open door!—D.)

"If You've Got Kids, Get'm Singing!"

"KID POWER" LETTER & MWM SONGS GIVE FAMILY FAITH! FOR SINGING ON THE STREETS!

From Jon, British Isles:

I WOULD LOVE TO SHARE WITH THE REST OF THE FAMILY HOW THE LORD HAS BEEN REALLY BLESSING US & the children with a new singing ministry. We are a family of 6: Philip, Becky & their children, Eve(5 1/2), Etoile (3) & Justin(1), & myself, Jon.

IT REALLY STARTED WITH MUSIC WITH MEANING. For months now the children have been singing for their own inspiration & visitors. Eve would often put together a mock MWM show complete with "personal interviews", jokes, songs & jingles.

LEARNING "ROCKIN' ROBIN" SET THE BALL ROLLING & became Eve's star number in the show. Then one morning we read Dad's Letter, "Kid Power" & received the MWM songbook, which finally gave us the faith & the push to go ahead & do it in the streets.

THE RESULTS WERE FANTASTIC! We planned a program in the same manner that Dad suggested in the Letter & put on two 15-20 minute sessions. The response was really encouraging, & soon we were getting crowds of over 100. With a captive audience we could even slip in some real witnessing songs such as "Jesus Really Loves You".

IT WAS TREMENDOUSLY INSPIRING TO SEE THE CROWDS' FACES LIGHT UP as the children spread God's love thru the songs & their own sample.

NOW WE ARE TRAVELLING TO VARIOUS COASTAL RESORTS, singing with the children 2 or 3 times a week, & we are seeing what a blessing they are. It took time & faith to train them, but it was really worth it. Personally, I was finding it quite hard to move these staid English spirits thru lit-



Jon sings with Eve(L) & Etoile of Philip Gad & Becky.

nessing alone, but God has given us the key thru music.

SO, IF YOU'VE GOT KIDS, get'm singing! If it can be done here in sleepy old England, it can be done anywhere—even more so! Our kids have become our greatest asset. I hope this will encourage you to use yours!

BY THE WAY, I had injured

my back quite badly a few days ago, & I was considering staying in bed. I could barely walk, but we went singing by faith. After the first session I realised that the pain had completely gone & I was healed. **PTL!** "As they went they were healed!" (Amen! **PTL!** **GBY!** Keep'm goin' & singin'! **TY!!**)

2 New Disciples & Free Camping!

From Peter & Rebecca, Latin America:

IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS WE HAVE CONCENTRATED ON GOING DTD, & the end result was over 100 people praying to receive Jesus as their Saviour. We also went singing to some of our closer contacts.

ANOTHER WONDERFUL THING THAT HAS HAPPENED IN OUR LIVES is the addition of 2 young girls, ages 3 & 4. We met a sweet, humble Christian man whose wife had deserted him over 9 months ago, taking their oldest child & leaving him the younger ones.

HE TRIED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS TO TAKE CARE OF THEM & WORK ALSO, but found it impossible. So, reluctantly he brought the girls to

live with his parents, & he returned to his job. We have been faithfully corresponding with him & went to visit even though he lives five hours away.

AFTER MUCH PRAYER, we asked him if we could take the girls, as his parents are old, sickly & could not take proper care of them. He was very thankful & agreed, but was afraid his parents would never accept, as they had become very attached to the girls.

KNOWING IT WAS GOD'S HIGHEST WILL, he approached them with the idea. To his amazement they accepted it with little persuasion. So, for the past two months they have been with us. It has been a real experience as they spoke no English & we

Spanish was feeble. Thank the Lord, Marisol, the oldest, is a very bright girl & has already picked up a lot of English as well as helped to improve our Spanish.

WE HAVE BEEN TEACHING THEM ALL TO SING CHILDREN'S SONGS, & although Jennifer & Joyce cannot sing all the words, their sample alone has been such a witness to many. Please keep them in your

prayers.

PETER'S TEACHING JOB ENDED

IN JUNE, & we really were praying that the Lord would do something to help us stay here, as financially it would be impossible since we have no regular income. The head of the English Department was so sweet & concerned that he asked the director if we could park on the school grounds for

the summer months.

TO OUR AMAZEMENT HE SAID YES! Since our arrival the faculty have gone out of their way to help us. We have water, electricity, showers, private bathroom.

They also gave us a room to use & put in a TV, drink cooler & left the playground open for the girls! Praise His name; He is so faithful! All this for free! **TYJ(Amen!)**

Mobility-The Only Way To Get Ahead!

A COAST-TO-COAST TOUR TO RAISE HOME SUPPORT, THEN OFF TO S.A.!

From Philemon & Shiloh;

Canada:

HI! WE ARE PHILEMON & SHILOH along with our 5 children, Jeremy(10), Eden(5), Pablo(4), Sharon(3), Theresa(2), & our helper, Job.

UP UNTIL A YEAR AGO WE WERE AT A U.S. BORDER BASE between the U.S. & Mexico, feeling more desperate all the time to get out of the U.S., but we just couldn't seem to get ahead financially because nearly everything we made went into keeping the Home going & helping to sometimes feed & house large numbers of brethren.

WHEN "THE CRASH IS HERE" CAME, we knew we had to do something quickly. TTL for the camping series! It was the answer! We got a loan from a fish & bought a trailer, hitched it up to our old "colony car" & hit the road to litness & pay back the loan. And then we planned to go to Mexico.

IN ONLY ONE MONTH OF LIT-NESSING THE LORD GAVE US ENOUGH TO PAY BACK THE LOAN!

By this time we were having car problems, & we saw that we really needed another vehicle. So we got another loan & got a good pick-up truck with a camper which gave us the extra bedroom that we needed—our trailer only sleeps 6, & there are 8 of us.



Jeremy(10) leads his little sisters & brother in singing! (L-R) Sharon(3), Pablo(4), Theresa(2) & Eden(5). (Photo by Philemon) (GBMI Mat. 9:29!—Amen?)

FROM THE LORD JAWELLER THE FUNDS TO PAY BACK THAT LOAN in only one month of litnessing!

ALL THIS TIME WE HAD BEEN PREPARING TO GO TO MEXICO, but one day the Lord showed us that He was preparing us to go to South America. We were so excited! And by selling our truck & trailer we would have our fare & landing money! All we needed was some needs—such as luggage, correspondence courses for the children, etc.—& of course monthly support-

SO WE HIT THE ROAD AGAIN WITH ANOTHER FAMILY, Branch & Charity & their 2 children, & we are now travelling across Canada & then down the East Coast, litnessing, witnessing & visiting churches as we go. Our goal is to have everything we need by the time we reach Florida so that we can then sell our truck & trailer & fly to South America.

Please pray for us, as we know the time is short. And we're praying for you all too! We love you!

Escape From A Holocaust!

HEEDING GOD'S CHECKS HELPS ARABIC LIT-PIC TEAM ESCAPE FIRE!

From the Arabic Lit-Pic:

GETA & WE LOVE YOU ALL SO MUCH! So much has transpired in our lives over the past 6 weeks, & so many changes have happened that we know it was only the miracle-working power of God that has kept us. We are now writing from our new location, camping amidst God's beautiful creation. We have just spent an eventful week caravanning here to re-locate our work.

LIKE SO MANY OF OUR FAMILIES TODAY, we have been desperately seeking the Lord about His will & where we should go. We want to tell you the story of what God had to do to get us on the move & the miracles He's done for us to confirm His will & to lead & guide us. We pray that it will inspire your faith in His miraculous power to answer prayer & direct our lives & increase your faith to take that 1st step.

AT THE BEGINNING OF JUNE WE HAD LEFT OUR HOUSE & moved to a campground & started doing our Lit-Pic work from the van & caravan which our angelic friend N. had given us. By July we felt like old hats at camping, & things were rolling right along, & we broke into a new world of witnessing liberty at the campgrounds & our weekly LAF became our "LAF of Love". He! 25 souls got saved that month, plus we printed our 4th LIT & 12 pages of new Mo Letters. The previous month we had completed "The Hem of His Garment—Streame". **PG!**

ALTHOUGH THINGS WERE REALLY ROLLING & GOD WAS MIRACULOUSLY BLESSING OUR WORK, we always seemed to have one eye looking for God's will concerning our next step. But God hadn't shown us anything, & because He was just showing us with blessings in souls & provisions, we put it in His hands to just take care of it & to show us in His time.

ON THE WEEKEND AT THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST we left our caravan at the campsite & went on the road with the van to another side of the city to visit some family & friends there & to have our LAF at the Home there.

AT OUR LAF WE HAD DESPERATE PRAYER for the Lord to confirm His will in all of our lives.

AFTER DOING SOME BUSINESS IN ATHENS ON MONDAY MORNING, we started heading back to our camp. It was a particularly dry & very hot day, & the wind was blowing about 60 km. an hour—not too unusual for Greece—the wind had been blowing like this for days.

AS WE APPROACHED OUR CAMP WE WERE PASSED BY AN EMERGENCY ELECTRICAL COMPANY TRUCK, & we noticed some smoke about 15 km. up the road.

WHEN WE ARRIVED AT OUR CARAVAN we found that the wind had broken one of our veranda tent poles & had torn a hole in the tent. After unloading the van & putting the children down for a nap, we decided to take down the veranda.

AS WE WERE TAKING IT DOWN WE WERE ASKING THE LORD why He allowed it to happen, & we strongly felt that it had something to do with the fire up the road & the wind. Later we saw that it was just the mercy of God that had allowed it to happen.

ABOUT 40 MINUTES AFTER WE

ARRIVED AT THE CAMP, I (Asher) noticed that the smoke was now visible from our campground so I asked Jay to stop working so we could start packing things & prepare to move just in case the fire should come our way. Thank God we did!

ONLY 10 MINUTES AFTER WE STARTED "CASUALTY" PACKING, pieces of ash were falling in our campground, & we took the children out of the caravan & put them in the van & started feverishly putting things in the van & caravan.

PEOPLE WERE WONDERING, "WHAT IS ALL THE RUSH?" as it didn't "seem" to be that close, but 10 minutes after this—just 20 minutes after we first started packing—the fire was starting to engulf the campground. And when we pulled out we had 21 people (including children) in our van, & the smoke was so thick it was difficult to see or breathe!

THOSE WHO WAITED TO SEE IF IT WOULD HIT THE CAMP LOST EVERYTHING, & one man from Germany died sleeping in his tent. It hit so fast that within 5 minutes after we pulled out we watched the campground burn & cars explode, & within minutes it had blown 5 kilometres down the road.

IT WAS JUST LIKE "THE HOLOCAUST"—a fast moving ball of fire sweeping down one side of the highway, destroying everything in its path. Another amazing thing was that the Greek people, like the Systemites in Dad's dream, were racing towards the fire—the wrong direction—to see what was happening, making it difficult for us, God's children, to get out!

THE FIRE WAS SO HOT, BECAUSE IT WAS PUMPED BY THE WIND like a bellows, that it actually melted a stainless steel pressure-cooker that