

raped by a Mexican man. I was taken to the hospital & patched up & soon escorted by the state police back home to Florida. Needless to say, it was quite a shock & a real life-changer for me. FOR THE NEXT 3 MONTHS I WROTE POETRY & SAT ON THE BEACH from sunrise to sunset. I stopped doing drugs & began to intensely read my Bible, trying to figure out in my head its simple heart-felt truth.

THEN I STARTED UNIVERSITY. I took courses in philosophy, psychology & eastern religions. After one term my head was so stuffed with man's worldly knowledge, but my heart was so empty. I went home for the Christmas holidays & was so miserable & lonely that I desperately cried out to God & pleaded with Him to show me what I was to do with my life--& sure enough He answered.

I WENT BACK TO SCHOOL TO START MY SECOND TERM, & as I was reading my psychology lesson I got so angry at the emptiness of it all that I threw down my book, grabbed all my money (about \$20), & I was off to I don't know where. As I walked the streets, I noticed 2 boys behind me. I almost panicked thinking they were going to attack me.

SOON THEY WERE WALKING BESIDE ME, telling me about the soon-coming fall of America, the end-time, living communally & believing in Jesus. We sat down, & I told them that I was saved, so we then all prayed for the Holy Spirit. When I opened my eyes it seemed that the world was a whole different place. I could smile, laugh & love! I immediately went home with them & met the other 20 or so family members.

I KNEW I HAD COME HOME AT LAST! That night I took the 6-hour bus ride to my parents' house to tell them I was dropping out of school



Sharon's husband Archippus with 2 of their children, Eryk(4) & Katya(3).

to join the Family. Naturally they freaked out, but in a sense they were relieved that I seemed to have found what I was looking for.

THAT WAS OVER 9 YEARS AGO when I began serving God full-time in the beautiful Family. Since then He's given me a loving mate & 3 precious children, & a real vision to "Go into all the world to preach the Gospel to every creature!" TYJ! (PTL/GBV!)

WE'VE LIVED IN MANY DIFFERENT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES & have been in the East Bloc for about 2 1/2 years. We fell in love with the sweet, humble people there. Dad & Maria have been such a guiding light & sample without which we could have never made it. What a priceless privilege to be a part of this wonderful Family, sharing the good news to the "utmost parts of the earth!" We love you!

## A Little Lamb Delivered!

"AN EXTENDED HOLIDAY" WITH THE FAMILY!

From Michael (formerly in London):

WHEN WE FIRST MET KATHY we were working for her parents in a restaurant in London. However, her father turned into a real enemy, even trying to kill us! So recently when Kathy told us she wanted to join, we were concerned about her & our own safety, to say the least.

BUT THE LORD HAD ALL THE ANSWERS, & by a real miracle her mother suggested she go on an extended holiday with her brother & sister-in-law who are in the Family & were travelling to southern Europe. So the Lord delivered yet another little lamb from the clutches of the Devil. Halleluiah!



17-year-old Kathy, set free to serve the Lord full-time

## MY KIDZ FROM OUR KUTE KIDZ THAT HELP US BE SO HAPPY! (We Love 'em! GBVMI!)

WE HAVE PLUM TREES IN OUR BACK YARD. So when I told Shannon that the plumber was coming, he said, "Oh, to pick up the plums!" (From Julia Vision; WIM)

AFTER HEARING US MENTION PAUL THEOPHILUS, 5-year-old Zac asked, "Who is Paul The Awfullest anyway?" (From Justus Pound; Europe)

WE WERE EXPLAINING TO JOY how some dyes come from the roots of plants when she exclaimed, "Yes, like red comes from redishes!"

ALSO, WHILE EATING DINNER ON A SHIP, we told Joy that the waiter on the ship is called the "mess boy", & she said, "I thought Aaron (her little brother) was the mess boy." (From Damien & Rainbow; S.A.)

WHILE I WAS REVIEWING VERSES WITH 3-YEAR-OLD CHRISTINA she said, "Let's sing the verse about the can." I was really baffled for a minute until she said, "You know, 'I can do all things thru Christ'." (From Kidron Baker; S.A.)

OUR LITTLE GIRL, DESTINY (2 1/2), had read "But If Not" a couple of times, & a few days later she asked us if she could read "Pimples" again! (From Ecanus & Nekoda; S.E. Asia)

SUSANNA (4) SAID WHILE PASSING BY A HAIR SALON where she'd gotten her hair trimmed: "They do children's & they do adultery too!" (From Isaac Numbers; Orient)

DADDY WAS PLAYING THE "GET YOUR NOSE" GAME with Sammy (2 1/2) when Sammy said, "Don't take my nose." Daddy said, "Why?" & Sammy said "I need it to hold up my eyes."

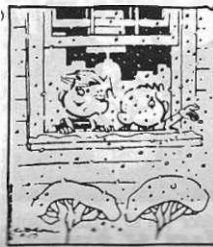


Makoto(3) & Manna(1 1/2), children of Issaia and Zipporah, Japan.

AFTER HAVING CAUGHT CHRISTINA (2 1/2) LYING TO ME, I decided to definitely explain to her that it wasn't good. So I started, "You know Christina, you have to always tell Mommy the truth," & she continue, "Yes, & the Way & the Life, Jesus said!" (From Ruthie Manuel; Eur.)

I WAS FEELING A LITTLE LOW as I was putting the children to sleep, & our 3-year-old started singing: "Bringing in the cheese, bringing in the cheese; we shall come rejoicing bringing in the cheese!" It really made me crack up. Thanks for your tape of songs Dad. (From Mary)

DENNIS THE MENACE



MARIA(3) WAS QUITE INTERESTED IN KNOWING ABOUT BABIES & asked me how they got into my tummy. So I explained to her that when daddy makes love to mommy he plants a seed in my tummy etc. A few days later after we had eaten oranges she grabbed a seed off the table & swallowed it. I asked, "Why did you do that?" She immediately answered, "I want to have a baby too."

ALSO, WHILE VISITING THE LOCAL KINDERGARTEN, Maria pointed to the picture on the wall & said, "Look Daddy; it's baby Jesus & Mary." The nun smiled & said, "Are you Catholic?" Maria looked very serious & then answered, "No, I'm Portuguese!" (From Maria & Michael)

THE OTHER DAY I WAS WALKING WITH NINA, our 3-year-old, down strange steps. She was walking very shakily, so I said, "Nina watch your steps." She said, "Daddy these are not my steps, they are somebody else's steps." (From Hez & Mary)

ONE DAY JOAO (2 1/2) SAID, "Let's sing the 'Come & Die' song." I asked, "Which song?" And he said, "You know, 'Come & die the Master's calling, come & die!'"

WHEN EDEN WAS 2 1/2 & LEARNING JOHN 3:36, she used to say: "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life, & he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God biteth on him."

ADONIS WAS CRYING ONE DAY & I said, "Adonis you sure have a lot of battles," to which he replied, "I guess I'm a live one." (From Billie; Europe)

## Training a Child is Like Painting a Masterpiece!

