

From "The Highways and Hedges  
With Jane and David and family  
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"Go out into the highways and hedges  
and compel them to come in." Luke 14:23

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(We begin our Missionary Boot Camp training!)

Greetings to You in Jesus Precious Name!

Praise the Lord for His goodness! Here we are at last at the Texas Soul Clinic missionary training camp of the ASC. After our three months soul winning Course at the American Soul Clinic in Los Angeles, we left there with less than three dollars in our pockets, poor tires, poor engine, the trailer payment due, but with a vision in our hearts and assurance that God would supply all of our needs even as He has promised. Despite car troubles, five blow outs, and 1400 on the road we rolled into camp here with nearly a dollar left. The Lord did meet all our needs and carried us safely through, praise His Name!

Best of all He gave us some wonderful experiences in witnessing along the way, including a number of good services in churches. Every pastor we have contacted agrees that personal soul winning is the need of the hour. If we had not already been late for this training session here at camp, we could have spent months on the way, witnessing and teaching personal soul winning. It wrung our hearts to pass hurriedly through so many needy communities without stopping. We long to reach every community in America with this message and method-- It would reap a harvest of missionaries that could reach the whole world! "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest" (Matt. 9, 37,38) Did you know that's a command? O, pray that prayer!

Most of our mornings here are spent in classes and prayer, with instructors drawn from the ranks of the missionaries themselves (we are teaching Bible history and the Hebrew language). The fellowship is wonderful despite sacrificial and difficult living conditions of a simulated mission field -- slogging through downpour and mud, carrying water from a distance, and living in leaky, wood heated cabins and huts without electricity or the conveniences of home -- they're a cheerful victorious bunch. Some of our afternoons are spent in farming, construction, maintenance, etc. The children love the outdoor life and don't need any toys with so many frogs, lizards, and insects to play with. The other day Paul proudly brought in a bucket containing a scorpion, a small snake and a butterfly. Jane quickly put a lid on the bucket but Paul said, "Be sure and give them plenty of air!" This is just a little bit of real life humor thrown in but seriously, we have learned many lessons of faith and trust from the children.

Even while in training here at camp, nearly half the time is spent out witnessing in surrounding communities and on the week ends we go to the larger cities such as Dallas and Fort Worth and teach soul winning in the various churches. This weekend we received an urgent call from Waco where over 100 persons lost their lives in a tornado last week. Many people are left homeless and the destruction was very great. We pray the Lord will use us to win many souls in this time of suffering.

Before closing we must send our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have prayed for us and have sent gifts to help in this faith ministry. All of the missionaries here must trust the Lord completely for all their needs, food, gasoline, etc., so there is usually a shout in the camp at "mail time". Please pray especially that the Lord will help us meet our trailer payment and get our car repaired which has a serious breakdown. Both are essential for this work. He has never failed and we know He will not fail you. God bless you all. If you have special prayer request, we will be glad to share your burdens also. "Pray one for another".

In Christ's Love,  
Jane and David and family