



Shem with Mommy & Daddy Ellie & Gary, Tsanai-1½ and Katrine Faye-5 weeks old!

1,000 SOULS SAVED AT SCHOOL!

From Shem, age 9½, Southeast Asia:

My mother wanted to sing at my school so we asked the principal & she was very happy to hear that we wanted to sing. We sang "You Gotta Be A Baby" and "It's Nice to Be Here".

After that we did a Randy skit and then we sang "I'm So Happy". My 2-year-old sister Tsanai and Sammy-1½, another kid in our Home, danced on stage for the students and teachers, PTL!

We asked the kids if they would like to ask Jesus into their hearts. Over 1,000 souls got saved!! Hallelujah! I love you.—Shem. (Parents: Gary & Ellie.)

PIONEERING IN SOUTH AMERICA!

From Heaven, age 12, South America:

Dear Dad and family, I love you all so much. My name is Heaven and I am 12 years old. I am pioneering in South America. We have some inspiring testimonies!

Last month our home won . . . 112 SOULS!



Praise God! The Lord and I won 59 souls and distributed 1,200 Mo Letters. My Mom had a baby boy too!

Sara and I went to provision some food for a picnic party. One man gave us a big chicken and another man gave us cheese and another grapes. And one poor man gave us 2 apples, love and kisses.

I love all the new Komic Books and I'm really praying for you! Love from one of your little Birdies!—Heaven.

STANDING UP FOR JESUS!

From Corrina, age 8½:

While I was in school my teacher told us to draw pictures about the Easter bunny. So I did. But after thinking about it I asked her how come they always talk about the Easter bunny.—Did the Easter bunny resurrect?

If it's Jesus who resurrected, how come they always celebrate it with bunny rabbits?

Then she gave me a bad look like she thought I knew something I wasn't supposed to know. Then she said she didn't know the answer and told me to SIT DOWN!

Well, I'm glad I could stand up for Jesus. I know some of the kids received it! Hallelujah! Love, Corrina.

"MOUNTAINS", a poem by Angela-9½:

I'd rather live on the nice mountains than in the ugly valley!
I'd rather have joy and beauty, than sorrow and pain!
I'd rather be loving and caring than yelling and screaming!
I'd rather drink fresh water than chlorine water!
I'd rather have a tree for a house, than filtered windows in a brick house!
I'd rather swim in a clear mountain stream than a chlorine swimming pool!

M & M Mail!

MONTHLY RECAP OF M&M MAIL MINISTRY!



Compiled by Keren-Happuch:

Response to the Latest Letters!

"THE CHRISTMAS EVE MASACRE"

"brought the greatest response this month. "Lord have mercy on a sinner," says Daniel in S.E. Asia, who confesses his problem with excessive drinking. "I'm sorry to have done this & have to confess it, but I do it to help me take a real stand of faith & repentance. I also want to show you how much your Letters are needed, Dad." "Had a similar experience on Christmas 1975 when I was out of God's Will, drinking & smoking dope when 2 Indians broke into the apt. & stabbed me 2 times! The Letter was a good reminder to wake me up & stay on the right track with the Letters & Bible & serving Jesus 100%! Thanks!"—A. Gypsy in Canada.

"THE SHEPHERDESS": "It really spoke to me & helped me see what a wonderful sacrificial

Shepherd & Shepherdess we have. Writes his sister Lucy in the Family in Europe: "He really wants to serve the Lord with all his heart. He said he feels like this is the end of his old life & the beginning of a new one."

FORMER DISCIPLE CHILD LOVEBERRY is still hooked on the flame & has written to Dad wanting to receive the Mags!

PRAYERS NEEDED!

PLEASE PRAY FOR LEAH, wife of our Russian translator Ivan, as she has recently suffered a complete mental breakdown & is now hospitalised.

AND FOR ELY, FISH, FRIEND & KING of Sos & Ah-lai in Brasil, recently saved & filled & on-fire for Jesus. He had a sudden development of several serious internal disorders & is now hospitalised in serious condition.

GOOD NEWS!



CARLOS INTELLECTUAL FORSOOK ALL TO RETURN TO FULL-TIME SERVICE!

His father finally received the Lord & graduated only 2 weeks later! Planning to get back on where he got off, Carlos is preparing to return to southern Spain soon with caravans.

KERRY HALLING OF "IRFERS BEWARE"

hopes to return to the field & full-time service soon.

One of Dad's pin-ups—Morningstar in Europe! Where's yours, girl!—Dad's waitin'!

Survival Tips!

Our New Bus!

From Zimran & Mercy; U.S.A.

THE LORD WAS ALREADY LAYING IT ON OUR HEARTS TO GET MOBILE when the Camping Series reached us, so we prayed for an older model schoolbus to convert into a camper, as older models seem to be roomier & run better. Within a month we found the right one in a shopper's guide & by faith put a down payment on it. As the owner wanted immediate cash,

WE THEN APPLIED FOR A LOAN, our first ever, & used the money to pay for the bus & to repair the electrical system which needed some work. Monthly payments have been minimal & we've rediscovered that the Lord supplies abundantly when we just obey. It looks like we'll be able to pay off the whole loan very soon! PTL!

THE LORD ALSO SUPPLIED MORE THAN \$500 WORTH OF LEAD-ACID BATTERIES to use as a power pack with a small motor & generator, & gave us the beginnings of a "still" for producing alcohol fuel to store under the bus!

WE INTEND TO BECOME INDEPENDENT OF ALL SYSTEM UTILITIES & perhaps buy a couple of acres of forested

land as soon as we can, in order to be able to stock up more supplies.

THANK GOD FOR EVERY NEW FAMILY NEWS MAG & the timely counsel from Dad! It really hits home & fits our situation, & we appreciate the constant confirmations of what we believe to be true with all our hearts.

WE HOPE THIS WILL ENCOURAGE THE FAITH OF OTHERS to go ahead & obey the Lord & the Letters. He never fails! In fact He even made sure we had enough each month for our 10% tithe & missionary giving. And the renewal of faith He's showered down on us is priceless! Love, Zimran, Mercy & Angela-9 & Mirac-7.

Addresses of Correspondence Schools

From Gala Accountant (Little Bear); U.S.A.:

WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR THE CAMPING & TRAILER LETTERS & have found a nice used 19-ft. trailer for our family of 5. Since our daughter Heidi is 8 years old & in school, we have been searching for a correspondence course for her so we can stay mobile.

TODAY I WAS GIVEN THE ADDRESSES OF 2 SCHOOLS that have correspondence for

Elementary school students. The 1st is a 7th Day Adventist school for children in remote places. Address: Home Study Institute, 6940 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, Washington, D.C. 20012, U.S.A. The next one has special instruction for parents who have never taught, to teach their children at home:

Address: Calvert School, Tuscany Road, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, U.S.A. I'm writing to them today & thought other parents on the move might like to also.

WE ALSO FOUND A GOOD SURVIVAL FOODS MANUFACTURER. The prices are much cheaper than Mt. House or Sam Andy Foods. Address: Stow-A-Way Industries, 166 Cushing Highway, Cohasset, Mass. 02025, U.S.A. Tel.—617-383-9116.

Calorie Count & Water Needed for Dried Foods

From Emmanuel & Hannah:

WE FOUND OUT THE APPROXIMATE CALORIE CONTENTS of the Rainy Day Dehydrated foods we bought. It works out to only about 750 calories per day per person for the actual food itself. This shows how important it is to supplement this food with added grains, honey & milk powder, as the dehydrated food alone would provide only about half of the minimum of what a person would need—less than half if any work is to be done.

WHEN WE ASKED HOW TO RECONSTITUTE THE DEHYDRATED FOOD we were told it could be prepared in 2 parts water to 1 part food. But in a survival situation they said 1 to 1 would be plenty. This means that each standard unit would need a total of about 140 liters of water at the 1 to 1 ratio,

or about .7 liter per day. **ON THE SUBJECT OF STORING WATER**, we are using the method suggested by Dave in the Handyman Tips in Mag. 10. In there he suggests getting large plastic garbage cans with heavy duty garbage bags & then storing water in these.

AFTER LOOKING INTO DIFFERENT METHODS, we decided this would be best for us as, 1. it was the cheapest way, garbage cans with lids being much cheaper than "Jerry cans", 2. simpler & quicker & safer to fill than trying to collect & use a bunch of glass juice jars. 3. When we move, these cans are quite lightweight & stack fairly compactly inside each other for easy shipment or economical replacement at our new location.

The Gypsy Caravan Life Works!

By an "Old Timer" (Mother Eve)

IT DIDN'T SEEM POSSIBLE IN MODERN TIMES that a family with 5 children, 1 of them a newborn, could live under these conditions. The caravan was not spacious & luxurious as many I had seen, but was only 25 feet, tho' comfortable & warm.

IN FACT, IT WAS GETTING A LITTLE CROWDED so they had put up a large tent for storage & to accommodate an extra couple who were in transit waiting to take a boat to a distant land. Yet I had done the same thing when I lived in a caravan, always finding a place on an old couch or bed under the awning for a passing friend who needed a place to stay.

WE WERE LIKE THIS FAMILY WHO WERE SO READY TO SHARE what they had & thankful for the extra fellowship & help around the camp. The extra people could lend a

hand cooking, washing dishes & caring for the children. It didn't matter that it took extra food to feed them, because they had plenty of fresh fruits & vegetables which they provisioned from the outdoor market in the city.

I HAD ALMOST FORGOTTEN IT WAS POSSIBLE TO LIVE IN SUCH A SMALL SPACE! But their small caravan was very well-organized with double bunk beds in the back & lots of shelf space. There was even a small room for washing up & the toilet (which had to be emptied once a day in the wooded area nearby where they had dug a deep hole for that purpose).

THE MOTHER SAID SHE FOUND IT QUITE POSSIBLE TO WASH THE CLOTHES IN COLD WATER in her small portable washing machine, since she had found the right soap powder & used a little bleach & wore gloves. This was a revolution to me as I never thought it possible to do a family wash in cold water. But the children's clothes looked very clean & neat as they dressed up to go out singing or played around the camp.

THE CHILDREN LIKED TO CUT UP THE VEGETABLES & hang up the laundry & were used to washing dishes & helping with the daily chores. Of course, it was more fun to do any kind of work outside under the trees!

FOR A FEW DAYS WE OBSERVED THIS LITTLE FAMILY as we lived in another caravan where we were able to enjoy the beauties of God's creation with them. We learned that the caravan, bought 2nd-hand in France 3 years ago, had undergone many changes in order to make more living area & floor space for the children to work & play. They had also built a small table with children's chairs for the 2 younger children to eat at or do schoolwork.

IT WAS ON THE MISSION FIELD IN A POOR COUNTRY that they were able to fix up the caravan. Here, where life moves slowly, a sweet tailor was happy to sew without charge new vinyl seat covers for the 2 long livingroom benches. The material, so easy to sponge down after meals, had been donated by kind friends.

THEY DESCRIBED HOW MANY OF THE MATERIALS WERE MYSTERIOUSLY FOUND OR GIVEN by friends, including the washing machine, light fixtures, rugs & even new tires for the caravan & car to keep this little family rolling along for Jesus. One time they were so surprised when an unassuming young man they had met while singing in a rather 2nd-class restaurant took the couple into a tire shop & bought them 2 brand new tires for the car, insisting to the shopkeeper that "these people travel to foreign countries & they need the best tires available"! I too have many sweet memories of the wonderful people who helped us to be mobile during many years of exciting travel & witnessing experiences with my own children.

3 SMALL TIPS: 1) To save water: Place 1 or 2 drops of liquid body soap in the wash-up bowl rather than using hand soap. It leaves a fragrant scent on your hands & the water does not become soapy & lasts longer. 2) To save gas: Whenever water is heated for dishes etc., heat a bit extra & store in a thermos. When you want to wash the children's faces or fix a warm drink, your hot water is ready. 3) If you have a fitted sheet for a single bed & want to convert it to a double bed sheet, sew a panel of similar material down the middle. You'll still have the 4 fitted corners! ■



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