

Devoted To Love & Aiding Others

(From a Colorado, U.S.A. newspaper article.)

DAVID THORNHILL HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM EUROPE where for the past 3 years he & his wife Dee have been touring as members of the Children of God, mostly in France, but also in Spain & Germany. They are visiting relatives in Colorado.

"WE CAME BACK TO SHOW OUR FRIENDS that we are free," Thornhill said. "We have just been trying to serve the Lord by witnessing every day & getting out the message." The movement spread to many parts of the world, but Thornhill said it is largely unstructured, does not have a hierarchy & exists mostly in small communal groups.

HE SAID THEY TAKE SERIOUSLY THE BIBLICAL INJUNCTION to go into all parts of the world & preach the gospel to everybody. "We don't want to just preach what the Bible says, but to be it," he said. "We are to be a sample, not a sermon."

THORNHILL TELLS HOW HE MET THE FAMILY: After 2 years of college in Iowa, he decided to go to Europe. The trip lasted 4 months & gave him a glimpse of the way other people lived which was very different from the general affluence he had seen in this country. Something told him he would be going back.

BACK IN THIS COUNTRY, HE WORKED AT A NUMBER OF JOBS, made good money & began accumulating material possessions. But he said he was dissatisfied & got no real pleasure from the things he bought. He decided to take off & go to Europe again. Thornhill said he was not sure God existed, but prayed that if He did exist He would show him what He wanted him to do.

SOME MONTHS LATER IN STRASBOURG, FRANCE, he was joined by a young man from Rhodesia who invited him to visit the Children of God commune & gave him an address.

THERE HE FOUND A DOZEN OR SO MEMBERS OF THE religious group. They embraced him & he said he truly felt he was surrounded by love. Thornhill said his conversion was no big explo-



David & Dee Thornhill & daughter Jessica are members of a group devoted to love & aiding others. (newspaper photo)

sive thing, but he asked Jesus to come into his heart & to take charge of his life. He said he felt these people were really dedicated in their love of the Lord & in their desire to help others.

THORNHILL'S WIFE ALSO BELIEVES SHE WAS BEING LED TO GOD. She had met Thornhill in Iowa. One day she received a letter from him in Strasbourg. Most of it was casual, but at the bottom he told her about the Family of Love & urged her to come & marry him & join them.

HER FIRST REACTION WAS THAT HE HAD "FLIPPED". But she found herself taking stock of her life. She worked in a steak house which also served cocktails. She said many lonely people came there who just seemed to need somebody to talk to. This had opened her eyes to the

needs of lonely & directionless people.

"I KNEW GOD HAD A PURPOSE FOR ME & I had to go & find it," she said. So she sold her car & most of her clothes to buy herself an airline ticket & set out for Europe. Later she was to learn that Thornhill had not received her letter saying she was coming, & had gone on to Paris. They were eventually reunited there after 3 months of missed connections.

THE THORNHILLS WORKED WITH THE CHILDREN OF GOD for 3 years, living in communes where everyone shared whatever they had, & witnessing in whatever way they could. They both became fluent in French. They worked for a while in a Montessori school in Bordeaux. In other places they work-

ed with runaways & young people on drugs.

THEY WORKED FOR A WHILE ON A FARM & toured some of the French agricultural areas, visiting remote farms & often talking with French farm folk around pot-bellied stoves in their kitchens. They talked about the Bible & left literature.

BUT THEY SAID THE ACCENTANCE THEY HAD FOR-

MERLY FOUND changed after Jonestown. Thornhill said they came under attack in the media which put them "in a slot" with other non-establishment religious groups. He said many of the things that were printed were outright lies. He said right-wing papers called them Communists, & Marxist newspapers called them fascists.

HE SAID IN MANY PLACES

"We're with you all the way!"

An open letter from a thankful mother!

From Mrs. Crust, mother of Jacob Scott; England: Dear Family in the Lord, WE LOVE YOU & PRAY FOR ALL OF YOU in your work for Jesus & the lost sheep, & little lambs! Keep faithful! Thank you for regularly sending us your news. It was such a joy when I received the last batch—as soon as I looked at the first leaflet—THERE WAS MY SWEET DAUGHTER-IN-LAW Rachel Scott with her Sunday school group & a lovely letter from her along with Sunday school lessons. Her happy, beautiful smile was as full of joy as ever. Jacob, my son, has been a "foundee member" here in England. They married in Bromley, Kent. I was at their wedding.

I THANK GOD THEY ARE



Mrs. & Mrs. Crust, active Salvation Army workers, are faithful friends & supporters of the Family! WLY!

SERVING HIM IN THE FAMILY. Their 5 children are a real blessing. We are serving God in the Salvation Army, a wonderful chance to witness in pubs & open-air work. We are with you "all the way".

GENERAL BOOTH WAS A METHODIST minister when

God called him out from the church to preach Salvation in the slums & the gutters, to run soup kitchens, homes for unmarried mums, hostels for the homeless & drunkards, all precious to God.

HE WAS ACCUSED OF ACCEPTING THE MONEY OF PROSTITUTES & criminals. In court his big "punch line" was: "That money has been washed & cleansed by the tears of orphans & homeless souls!" ("Jesus came to live with sinners & He died with sinners!" —That's my line!) Praise His Lovely Name!

THIS IS THE JESUS I LOVE & SERVE! Can you wonder why it is I love Him so? And I know you do also! A little amount enclosed with our love. Lord continue to bless you! —Mrs. Crust.

ASTROLOGER CONFIRMS "AGE OF PISCES"

Sent in by Shephat; U.S.A.:

ACCORDING TO ASTROLOGER JOSEPH GOODAVAGE, 1981 marks the end of a 36-year Aquarian Cycle (of peace?) returning us to the Age of

Pisces. The astrologer explains that this Aquarian Cycle began in 1945 & will end in 1981. **ACCORDING TO GOODAVAGE,** this is actually an Aquarian Cycle which will end

in 1981, but he says because of something called the "precession of the equinoxes" the actual Age of Aquarius won't happen until the year 2,481 (Millennium?). So combining what he has said with what Jeanne Dixon & others have said, we are now in an Aquarian Cycle (ending 1981) within the Age of Pisces (Pisces actually beginning for us in 1981)!

How God Opens Door In Closed Country!

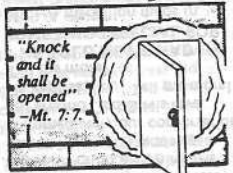
(Names & location withheld for security.)

AS WE'VE SAID BEFORE, EACH MONTH THAT WE'RE ABLE TO STAY HERE IS A REAL MIRACLE. But we wanted to share with you the special miracle that God did for us last month! After singing in hotel clubs for the two previous months, we were told that we would be doing special concerts in various cities for this month. But just a few days before the end of last month, the contract didn't come thru!

IT LOOKED LIKE QUITE A DEFEAT, as our visas were up & we didn't have any work for the coming month. You see, here you can't just stay unless you have a reason for being here, such as a job. So we were faced with having to leave or pay the mandatory tourist rate which is \$15 per day per person, which we just couldn't afford.

WE WERE ALL HEARTBROKEN AT THE THOUGHT OF HAVING TO LEAVE our chosen field, so we prayed & asked the Lord to do a miracle if He wanted us to stay. Then one of us & a local friend went to the foreign office & explained that we definitely had work for next month (all by faith!) but needed a visa for this month as it was ridiculous to have to leave the country & come back in a month. They agreed & gave us a visa for the whole month! PTL! We were all so happy to be able to stay!

THEN WE WERE FACED WITH A FINANCIAL CRISIS, as we didn't have enough money to live on for a month, since we had no singing income. But the Lord was faithful to take care of



that too! A week later, the two girls were sitting in the lobby of a nearby hotel where they met a very sweet man.

THE NEXT NIGHT I WENT OUT TO DINNER WITH HIM, during which time he slowly began to witness about God & the Bible to me! I was so surprised, but let him continue until he asked if I would like to receive Jesus! When I explained that I was a Christian & even a missionary here, it was his turn to be surprised.

HE VISITED US THAT EVENING, where we all shared with him & sang songs. He was so touched that he asked if there was anything he could do for us, like bring back Bibles from America or help with a donation. We explained our desperate financial need for the month & he gladly gave us the money to live on for the whole month! Praise God! He never fails! What an answer to prayer!

THIS MONTH WAS ALSO VERY EXCITING BECAUSE WE MET MANY NEW PEOPLE & friends who got saved! Here is a short recap of some of the most interesting people we met: **R&B** are a young couple who live in the apartment above us. Both are very open & receptive & have introduced us to many of their friends who may be able to help

us with our music ministry! Both are very sweet & really want to know more about how we raise our children & marvel at the fact that we hope to have more. **H.** is an American businessman who got wonderfully saved & kept commenting on how much we changed his life. He does business here regularly, so we'll be seeing him again! **P.** is an American military officer who got saved & wants to use his position in the army to tell others about Jesus & hopefully prevent future wars. **M.** is a sweet 19-year-old student who received the Lord only a few days after one of us met her. **E.**, a wealthy European businessman, has fallen in love with God's Spirit & has already introduced us to some important people here. **R.**, an American airline pilot, is a sincere Christian who wants to help us financially & with items unobtainable here.

WE ARE SO HAPPY TO BE HELPING TO CHANGE THIS PART OF THE WORLD with God's Love. And you are a part too by your faithful support & prayers. Like Sophie the washerwoman said, "I'm a missionary in all the world because I give part of my money to missionaries & pray for them, which makes me part of what they're doing!"

WE REALLY APPRECIATE THE FINANCIAL HELP that you have been so sacrificially giving & pray that the Lord will bless you mightily with even more, so that you can help others in need too. The richest people in God's Kingdom are going to be those who share the most! (Editor: If you would like to make a special donation to this brave pioneer team in a very closed country, please send it to: Richard Smith, Box 471, 201 24 Malmo, Sweden, from which it will be forwarded to them.)

From Archi & Cinammon, parents of 5 going for God in the Philippines:

OUR 3 DAUGHTERS HAVE JUST STARTED SCHOOL & I just had to write & tell you some of the wonderful testimonies that the Lord has been doing here with our little family. I hope this testimony will be an inspiration to others of what God can & will do with one little family trying to do their best for Him.

WHEN I TOOK OUR 3 GIRLS (Janai-5%, Joanna-4% & Michelle-3%) to enroll them in school, the directress was very surprised to find that they already knew how to read & do math, especially when Janai picked up a book that they use for the high school dept. & began looking thru' it. The directress then asked if Janai would like to read it & was very surprised when she did! PTL!

SO EVEN THO' THE GIRLS ALREADY KNOW ALL THE SCHOOLWORK that they are being taught, they still really enjoy being with other children & are being good witnesses for Jesus, leading their classmates to the Lord. And as they become friends with their classmates, I get to know the parents.

AFTER WE RECEIVED "CHILDREN IN THE WORLD", I was curious how our children react in school. So when I asked them what they say about their healthy foods, they told me they tell their classmates not to eat trashy foods & then offer some of what they



Now attending school on the field of the Philippines—Janai-5%, Joanna-4% & Michelle-3%. Photo by Daddy Archi.

have brought. Also Joanna has been teaching her classmates how to sing "Thank You Jesus for this food" in Tagalog!

BECAUSE THE GIRLS ARE ALREADY SO ADVANCED schoolastically, the teachers are having them help teach the class! The directress was so impressed that she asked me to come & talk to the teachers of the pre-school dept. about how I taught them & about our beliefs. She said, "I don't know how you have taught these little children so well, but I can tell by your fruit that it works & I would like you to share with our pre-school teachers so they too can learn." This week Michelle's teacher is going to visit our home & we can hardly wait to see what the Lord is going to do then!

WE JUST MOVED TO THIS CITY, & it has been so exciting

to do all these new things in a new place. I have been visiting the neighbours who ask, "What does your husband do?"—which opens the door to begin witnessing to them.

ANOTHER BIG TESTIMONY is the fact that I am the youngest mother in the neighbourhood with the most children—5! PTL! When we tell people we are the Family of Love, they always say, "Yes I can see you practise what you preach!" & "Your husband must be a very loving man!" Amen! PTL!

JUST TODAY 11 HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS from our daughters' school came for a visit & they all got saved! They really love the children & are potential catacombs. What a victory & fruit of our children becoming one! It's only the beginning! —written by Cinammon.

NEW DISCIPLES!

"He knew her and she conceived and bare a child" (Genesis 4:1).

PACIFIC

BOY—Pepe Davido, 1st to Sara 7; Japan—20/6.

GIRL—Nina Maria, 2nd to Mike & Bathsheba; Japan—29/6.

GIRL—Harmony Aries, 1st to Gideon & Heidi; Japan—12/5.

GIRL—Maria, 1st to Michael & Rachel; New Zealand—11/6.

GIRL—Sarah Ann, 1st to Jonah &

Lin; Singapore—29/6.

BOY—Reuben, 1st to Joab & Leah Sprinter; Singapore—2/6.

BOY—Francisco, 2nd to Silas & Faith; Thailand—24/6.

GIRL—Amanda Mei-lee, 1st to Eli & Bethany; Singapore—19/6.

GIRL—Wendy Rose, 1st girl & 6th child to Eli & Ephesians L.A.; Guam—22/7.

NORTH AMERICA

GIRL—Angela Maria, 3rd to Jeremiah & Faith; Chicago, U.S.A.—1/5. (She

weighed 10 lb. 4 oz., about 5 kg.)

GIRL—Lauren Zosia, 5th to Caleb & Trust; Alberta, Canada—7/3/79.

BOY—Joshua John, 8th to Keila & Shiza Son; Calif., U.S.A.—22/6.

LATIN AMERICA

BOY—Miguel Angel, to Oseas & Susana Cristal; Mexico—3/4.

GIRL—Carol Ann, to Elihu & Maria Vocero; Mexico—16/4.

GIRL—Jessica Marie, 2nd to Obeth & Paloma; Guatemala—10/4.