

The first day when Jason was discouraged after school, we asked him if he had cried out to the Lord & asked for His help & claimed a verse. He said he hadn't, so that night he prayed & claimed James 1:5 & prayed for good Spanish/English speaking spirit helpers! The next day he said that when things were hard, he remembered to pray & ask the Lord for help.

THE FIRST DAY THE KIDS WERE AT SCHOOL I FELT LOST! As I came home there were 4 little smiling faces running to meet me. I felt, Oh Lord, do You mean You want me to start all over again? I knew the answer, but it was still quite an adjustment as I had generally worked with Jason & Sherah in school & provisioning & now they weren't here. Now I am learning to continue without their constant help & gearing everything to the level of the younger ones again. I felt like I was going back 5 years, but PTL, He is showing us how precious are His little ones!

A NEW GUITAR: One of the few things the Lord hadn't yet replaced after our things were stolen was a good guitar. We had been borrowing one, but needed a better one for performing with the children. A brother we had worked with in Finland & his wife met a drunk on the street one evening who gave them a very good steel-string guitar. They read in the FN that ours was stolen & gave it to a sister who lives in Spain who happened to be visiting her family in Finland. She makes this visit once a year. She brought it by plane to us. The Lord sure works in funny ways. His wonders to perform!

LESSONS LEARNED: We thought it was really funny

when a brother in Canada wrote to us after we sent him a tape of the children singing & a card & book marker that they had made for him. He said that he was really turned on because before he thought it was a big thing to sing with your children, but after listening to the tape he saw how simple it can be. Now he says he wants to get out & try with his too. Then he said when he saw how simple it was to make things for people, he was encouraged to do the same. PGI

THE LORD CONVINCED US HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO TAKE A FEW MINUTES to really talk with each child individually just before they go to sleep each night. Sometimes it's the only special time we have with each child & they relate things to you that they wouldn't say in the hustle & bustle of the day. This seems to really strengthen our relationships with the children.

SCHOOL PRIORITY: We know how important the kids' schooling is but thru' the years we've found that the priorities **before** school need to be: 1. The Word, then 2. Teaching the children to care for themselves physically, & then 3. That they also learn to be concerned & care for others. We regularly have to devise new ways of making **memorizing** interesting, but it is worth it so that they learn their verses. We make sure that they also know what each verse means & tell us when quoting the verse.

SOMETIMES WE'VE TAUGHT THE CHILDREN HAPHAZARDLY—a little here & a little there. They really fail to learn anything. We've seen thru' good & bad experience that the teaching needs to be like carefully building a building. We need to de-

cide what we want or need to teach & then decide how we plan to teach **before** we get started. I've also seen since the kids have been in System school that maybe we go too slowly with our children when they could learn more **quickly** & thus stay more interested.

KITCHEN CLEAN-UP

TIPS: Since we have no adult help with the children, we really have to stay on top of things. One thing is kitchen clean-up. I think a really good cook cleans up as he or she goes. It's so easy to make soapy water & wash up as you cook so that when the meal is served the dishes & counters are clean. Then after a meal the kids bring me the dishes & I quickly pre-wash each one & stack them next to the sink. If we can't wash & dry them right away, at least the kitchen is clean-looking & there is no food left on the dishes to draw flies & ants. We also wash off cabinets & tables with a solution of chlorine bleach & water after meals & before bed. This really discourages flies & bugs & is a very cheap & excellent disinfectant. We keep it in a labelled squirt bottle, & it's good for cleaning kids' toys & baby rooms too.

HOUSE DECORATION: We used the first week the kids were in school to make a much needed clean-up & redecorating of the house. We are improving the livingroom with new drapes that Secundus made & cloths for the tables & painting the chairs for the table. It is so easy to make attractive arrangements from dried flowers that are in abundance right now. We are making a children's playroom, covering apple crates with foam & bright coloured vinyl that was provisioned, & provisioned carpet. It is so much more inspiring

to live in a clean, bright house with nice surroundings. Sometimes our homes can be dull & lack the inspiration that a little touch here & there can add. I know, because ours was!

FINALLY, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSONS

we have learned is that if we properly care for & really live thru' our little ones & forsake our own ideas & desires to give

them what they need, the Lord will always bless & care for us. When we've neglected our little ones we've lost the Lord's blessing & provision & protection. We've realized more & more how important these little lives are to the Lord, & to neglect them seems to greatly grieve & concern the Lord.

WE REALLY PRAY THAT THIS HELPS & ENCOUR-

AGES. Sometimes we feel that the things we write are just so simple & that they couldn't help us much. But each week we get letters from Family members thanking us for writing the testimonies. This helps us so much, & we really praise the Lord, as these letters are such an incentive & encouragement to us in return. Love, Seek & Secundus.

Parents Worldwide Give Candid Answers To Questions By M & M!

How they serve the Lord with their children, going to school, reactions to Davidito Letters & more!

(Recently, at the request of Mo & Maria & Sara Davidito, the KQL's around the world sent out a Childcare Questionnaire-Advisory to all parents. In it were such questions as: "What are your true & honest feelings about your present situation with your little ones?" "Do you have sufficient help with your children?" "Do you find the 'Davidito Letters' helpful, or a hindrance in any way?" "Do you think that you, or the Family, could improve the rearing of our children?" "Are you able to meet the physical & spiritual needs of your children?" Following are some of the honest "Green Shirt" answers received from parents around the world!)

PACIFIC

ELI & EPHESIANS L.A.: (Six children, ages 1 month to 7 years.) The spiritual situation of our marriage is great! We have our little disagreements now & then but it just makes making up even more fun. We get along great & are happy together, espe-

to burn free & do things that make us happy & fulfilled. We do have a few disagreements about raising the children but usually just over a certain circumstance & not as a whole. When we disagree, we try to sit down & decide what's best. Then if it doesn't work we try something different. We try to avoid making the "Ten Commandments" of childcare rules. We try to be flexible. If something doesn't



I've seen many people in the Family "freak out" when my teenagers played a game of pool, watched a horror movie on TV or sometimes refused what an adult had asked them to do. They wonder: "What's wrong with Amos' teenagers? Are they really in the Family?" etc. etc. Some even said that they should go back to the system or their grandparents!

I'VE ASKED MANY OF THESE SAME PEOPLE: "Well, what did you do when you were a teenager?" Did you play pool or watch horror movies, & did your parents kick you out or send you to Grandma because of it?"

WHEN WE WERE TEENAGERS: we did the **same** thing, & a lot **worse**! So God help us to be more loving, understanding, like Dad said, & not so self-righteous! These guys have never tasted of the System, so I say, let them **taste** it & get sick of it, like we did! Otherwise, they'll rebel against their parents & Family, just like we rebelled against our parents. (AMEN!—Dad.)

SO I NEVER SAY TO THE BOYS, "No, you can't do that!"—I just say, "It's your life, it's your decision, so pray & ask the Lord & do what He shows you, & I'll stand by you." This attitude has brought me closer to the boys than ever before. They are always seeking my advice & counsel on things, & I do the same with them. I did this about leaving my former wife. Those guys can really hear from the Lord & they really know where things are at, a whole lot more than people think!

TWO OF THE SISTERS OFTEN SHARE SEXUALLY WITH THEM & they really like it! I know these guys know Jesus & His calling in their lives & they'll never get away

I REALLY FEEL WE NEED TO HELP OUR TEENAGERS

when one of our children is "out of it" & really going thru' something, it's a reflection of our relationship with the Lord. They certainly do reflect us. The children have taught me so much about the Spirit & prayer! They sure get me desperate sometimes—ha! I never thought I was the type to have children & be a Mom, but I love them more & more all the time & thank the Lord for 'em.

ONE QUESTION ABOUT "JESUS' BABIES": Whose name should the mother put on the birth registration & passport etc.? It seems to me that it is best to put the baby in the mother's name as this would cause less legal trouble, especially in travelling. In some cases, sisters have put the baby in the name of the brother who actually physically fathered the child even tho' they are not mated & don't intend to get mated. It seems this could cause unnecessary hassles. (Amen!—Or some mated Moms who are not legally married can register their babies in their own legal name with their mate's legal name as the child's middle name—so both mated parents' names are on the passport!—Sara D.)

ANOTHER SUGGESTION: I had perhaps there could be some kind of allowance or



Zeal with Marie-2½ & Renee-3½ on the train from Thailand to Malaysia. Photo by Shem.

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