

Camping News & Tips!

Going For God Mo-bile Style!



Car Camping 'Down-Under'!

From Esther Moonbeam; Australia:

JUST BEFORE THE CAMPING SERIES CAME OUT, I was desperate about what to do as I was staggered by the exhor-

bitant rents of flats. When the first Camping Letter arrived, I flipped, as I love camping! Well, that was some months ago & we've learned many lessons along the way. By a series of miracles a brother from the other side of Australia joined me & my Jesus-baby boy & off we went, camping for the Lord! **FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE**

TO SAY that the Camping Letters are so needed & reliable. Every little thing Mo says is so true—as we found out thru' experience! Hal

WE FOUND THAT A SMALL "PUP TENT" IS NOT ADEQUATE for a couple & baby for any length of time. We experienced 2 near floods & the baby teething in the middle of it! The Lord raised up friends to take us in & according to Phil. 4:19 He supplied the funds to buy a miraculously cheap station wagon which was being sold in a caravan park.

WE FOUND CARAVAN PARKS TO BE GOOD PLACES TO BUY CHEAP EQUIPMENT, tents & vans as people advertise on the notice board. We found the car indispensable as we slept, travelled & nearly lived in it. When we bothered to put up the tent, it was mainly for storage or an FF love room!

IF WE HAD THE MONEY, we usually found caravan parks to be worth \$2 or \$3 per night for a tent site, laundry & bathroom facilities & often a swimming pool to teach baby Jo to swim. Also caravan parks are sooooo good for witnessing! The people are all around you, so you have a ready-made field right there. There are usually lots of children to "Open the Door" to. A lot of kids got saved & I showed flannelgraphs etc. to the kids who gathered 'round. I was also able to FF 2 campers. One was a lonely widower who was so grateful. It really changed his life.

ONE PROBLEM WE HAD WAS LACK OF FELLOWSHIP & poor communications with our mail. It might be good to

use a home base to make trips from & return to for fellowship. **WE'RE PRESENTLY BACK IN THE CITY** staying in a Home for a while as I felt we needed a little rest & recuperation. But I have the burden to hit the camping trail again. I pray everyone who can go camping or at least prepares for it as tomorrow may be too late! Love, Esther Moonbeam.

Tips on Buying Used Vehicles in Europe

From Elkanah; S. Europe: **WE WANTED TO SHARE HOW THE LORD ENABLED US TO GET MOBILE.** In our case it has really been "Use It", more specifically the Metro System of a large European city. In a 20-day concerted effort of singing carriage-to-carriage, 3 of us were able to set aside about \$3,000 towards a van & caravan! I'm not going to say it was easy, because it wasn't! I think the hardest part was the constant noise & vibration of the trains, but God gave us the grace for it, because we had a definite goal to reach! PTL!

ANOTHER MIRACLE THEN HAPPENED only hours before I was to leave for Amsterdam to look for a vehicle. I met up with Arthur, Becky, Zaccheus & Lamb who had just come from buying a van & caravan in Holland. They gave me the name & address of their contact, a good friend, & within 4 hours of arriving in Amsterdam I had bought a 1972 Mercedes 608 van, 17 feet long & a very nice 13-foot caravan, TYJ!

ANOTHER PLACE TO FIND INEXPENSIVE VEHICLES is outside the American Express in both Amsterdam & Paris. Another place is the "car auction", not really an auction, in Utrecht, Holland.

IT MAY BE BEST TO GET A DIESEL ENGINE rather than one that uses regular petrol as diesel fuel is much cheaper in many countries.

A PLACE TO FIND INEXPENSIVE CARAVANS is the Isle of Sheppy, 70 miles east of London. It's an island connected by a bridge to the mainland, & there are 72 caravan sites there. You might have to be careful because they are older caravans & are also pretty heavy. You may have to paint it, put your own lights on it, tires & reinforce the tongue. We just went there, told people we were missionaries & asked around. I bought a 16-footer for only \$100 there in 1975, towed it all the way to Tunisia & sold it 3 years later for more than I paid for it! I hope these tips are a blessing in giving you some ideas on how to get mobile! Love, Elkanah.

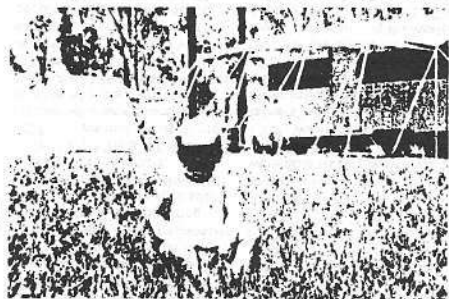
Favourite One-Pot Meals!

From Mother Eve: **CHOP SUEY (Serves 4)** Cut into small pieces: 2 cups cooked meat such as chick-

en, beef or even canned tuna! 1/2 a small green cabbage 2 large onions 1/2 the leafy part of a large celery Cook in a large frying pan: All the vegetables in 2 Tablespoons oil. Add up to 1/2 cup water if necessary. When the vegetables are nice & tender but not soggy, add 2 Tablespoons soy sauce & the meat. Note: Canned or fresh beans cut small &/or canned or fresh Chinese bamboo shoots can be substituted.

From Taberah; South America: **SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE, one-pot style! (Serves 6)** Cook together until done: 1 onion, diced 1 teaspoon oregano 1 clove garlic, split 3/4 kg. hamburger In the same pot, add: Just enough water to cook 400 gr. noodles. When the water boils, add the noodles along with a small can tomato paste. When it's all done, add salt to taste. Good with a fresh salad & red wine!

Campers & Caravaners: Tell us more! How do you do it? Where do you go? Recipes, etc.



Lots of fresh air & sunshine & exciting places to explore while camping out! Jo, 1-year-old son of Esther Moonbeam!



Linens & provisioning in town during the day, then back to the campsite to sleep under the stars!—Esther & baby Jo do it in Australia!

Healed of Cancer!

Prayer is more powerful than Chemotherapy!

From Jabalina; U.S.A.:

A YEAR AGO THE LORD PUT ME THRU' A TRIAL OF HAVING OVARIAN CANCER & undergoing a complete hysterectomy. The victory as well as the testimony came when I decided not to undergo chemotherapy (the post-operative treatment the doctors prescribed which is even worse than the disease itself!).

"PILL OR PILGRIMAGE" STRENGTHENED MY FAITH when I read it for the 1st time just a few months ago! PTL! Then a couple of months ago, a year after the hysterectomy, I decided to return to the hospital as a testimony of God's healing to all who knew me. So I re-entered, telling my staff of 8 cancer specialists that the Lord heard my prayer & healed me. They had told me that without their treatment I would only have a few years left to live.

AFTER EXPLORATORY SURGERY, the head surgeon, whom I had witnessed to often the year before, sat beside me on the bed & told me: "God does heal miraculously sometimes, but not always." He said they had found tissue cancer! Well, PTL, I never doubted! Faith is knowing! I left it in God's hands.

MEANWHILE MY TWO CHILDREN—Job-5 & Daniella-2— visited the hospital with over 50 love buttons that every nurse, technician, doctor, cleaning lady etc. on my floor received! Soon other nurses & technicians from different floors came to my room & asked if I was the lady handing out "love"! I smiled & said, "You came to the right door!"

WE ALSO WENT DOOR-TO-DOOR ON THE ENTIRE

FLOOR & passed out lit, & I walked the floor all hours looking for those who needed His love. I also had a room-mate who said she couldn't have children because of blocked tubes. Boy did I tell her the truth, gave her testimonies about the Lord's love & healing. As she left the hospital, she told me I'd be the 1st to be invited to her baby shower! TYJ!

A WEEK AFTER LEAVING THE HOSPITAL, I returned to



Mommy Jabalina home from the hospital with Job-5 & Daniella-2. We praised God as He healed her of cancer. Photo by Stephen Quixote.

the doctor, as he wanted to tell me something. When he entered the room he couldn't look me in the eye. He eventually got around to the point, that the cancer they supposedly found was just some cotton fibers from the previous operation! Hal Hal Hallelujah!

THIS WAS THE VISIBLE VICTORY but one I knew I always had by faith, just waiting on His time & will to reveal it to others. God is still upon the Throne & prayer does change things! As Dad says, "Love, humility & prayer solve all problems!" Love, Jabalina.

LIFE'S BITTEREST DISAPPOINTMENTS ARE GOD'S SWEETEST APPOINTMENTS by Helen Steiner Rice

*Out of life's misery born of man's sins
A fuller, richer life begins.
For when we are helpless with no place to go
And our hearts are heavy and our spirits are low,
If we place our poor, broken lives in God's Hands
And surrender completely to His Will and demands,
The "darkness lifts" and the "sun shines through"
And by His touch we are "born anew". . .
So praise God for trouble that "cuts like a knife"
And disappointments that shatter your life,
For with Patience to wait and Faith to endure
Your life will be blessed and your future secure,
For God is but testing your Faith and your Love
Before He "appoints you" to rise far above
All the small things that so sorely distress you,
For God's only intention is to strengthen and bless you.*

(From the book "Loving Promises"; Fleming H. Revell Co., Old Tappan, N.J., U.S.A.)

Words of Comfort & Cheer

Excerpts from a Book of Poetry, Prose & Verse for those who have "lost" a child or loved one

GOD'S GARDEN

*God's garden had need of a little flower,
It had grown for a time here below,
But in tender love He took it above
In more favorable clime to grow.*

*It might have been marred had He left it below,
Although we had tended with care,
Had tilled and watered and hedged about,
Watching each petal fair.*

*There with His smile for sunshine,
It will grow to perfection of bloom,
No withering blight or destructive storm
To crush out its sweet perfume.*

*Perhaps sometimes, in quiet hours,
We shall notice its sweet perfume,
Steal softly down from the heavenly place,
'Till it seems to fill the room.*

*Then the earthly spot will seem less bare,
As we think of the time to come,
When we shall enter the garden fair,
And find our transplanted bloom.*

"He shall gather the lambs with His Arm and carry them in His bosom." (Isa. 40:11.)

GREATER LOVE THAN YOURS watched over him and has taken him away. Why he was taken in the dawn of his being, we cannot tell. The secrets of that world which he has entered can alone explain it. Our world does not seem to have been intended for the education of all. To many it is only a birthplace. They are born to be translated, to receive their education elsewhere. Can we not trust our loving Father to choose the place where His children shall be trained? Is it not enough that they are in His Hands?

*We are but organs mute till a Master touches the keys,—
Verily vessels of earth into which God poureth the wine;
Harps are we, silent harps that have hung on the willow trees,
Dumb till our heart-strings swell and break with a pulse Divine.*

*Oh, say not that your little son is dead;
The word too harsh & much too hopeless seems,
Believe, instead,
That he has left his little trundle bed
To climb the hills
Of morning, and to share the joy that fills
God's pleasant land of dreams.*

*Nay, say not that your little son is dead.
It is not right, because it is not true.
Believe, instead,
He has but gone the way that you must tread,
And, smiling, waits
In loving ambush by those peary gates,
To laugh and leap at you.*

*No knight that does you service can be dead;
Nor idle is this young knight gone before.
Believe, instead,
Upon an envoy's mission he hath sped
That doth import
Your greatest good; for he at heaven's court
Is your ambassador.*

—T.A. Daly.



HOW TO ORDER: All the above was taken from the book "Words of Comfort & Cheer" (formerly "Consolation") by Mrs. Charles Cowman; Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49506, U.S.A.