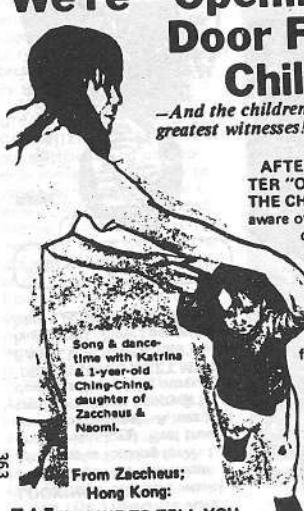


We're "Opening The Door For The Children"!

—And the children are becoming our greatest witnesses!



Song & dance time with Katrina & 1-year-old Ching-Ching, daughter of Zaccheus & Naomi.

From Zaccheus; Hong Kong:

WE'D LIKE TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY The Lord has given us here. It's a wonderful testimony & proof of the Lord's power to change lives no matter what the language or culture & is such a confirmation of Dad's Letter No. 588, "Open the Door For the Children"!

IT ALL BEGAN WHEN THE LORD PROVIDED A BEAUTIFUL HOME for us in a small village outside of the big city of Hong Kong. We are the only non-Chinese people in an area where the character, customs & traditions of the people are much more like those of the people in China itself than in the big city of Hong Kong. So to witness the hearts & homes of the people opening to the love of Jesus has truly been a miraculous opening of a formerly "closed door"!

AFTER READING THE LETTER "OPEN THE DOOR FOR THE CHILDREN" & becoming aware of the many children in our village & how attracted they seemed to the Spirit, we decided to follow Dad's advice. We drew up a little "ad" & passed it out to all the kids we could find, inviting them to come for games, activities & songs on a certain day & time.

TO OUR AMAZEMENT, 25 CHILDREN SHOWED UP!—And they all received Jesus! In the next weeks many new children came over & the Lord gave us more souls & some Holy Ghosts. We were & still are, drawn into their lives, as well as being drawn into ours—& His! PTL! Their problems became our problems & we "fought the fight of faith" together—& got victories!

AFTER THE 1ST FEW WEEKS we began having some problems with a few children on really being able to "reach" them, as well as with "discipline" in a few cases. One thing the Lord has continued to remind us & show us is how much He loves & is concerned about these children. And we have really felt His Spirit often "pressing" us to stretch out & reach their little hearts with His Love.

IT HAS BEEN THE GENUINE CONTACT OF SPIRIT WITH SPIRIT that has had the

greatest effect & borne the best fruit in our work with them. "What everybody needs is love. If they're not going to find it here, where are they going to find it?" —The Lord has often reminded us of this quote, to give the children Love above all

WE'VE MADE AN EFFORT TO GROUND THE CHILDREN IN THE WORD. Each week they memorise at least one verse & we began giving them a special star in their notebook for verses memorised & quoted. As a result, there has been a definite improvement for the better in their behaviour & improvement & progress in the Sunday School as a whole, PTL!

FOR THE TEENS & PRE-TEENS we now have a FRIDAY NIGHT "STORY & SONG TIME" during which we read a Letter or Bible & sing songs together. This is really drawing together a nucleus of the most faithful & hungry ones who have also witnessed at their schools.

DURING ONE OF OUR "FAST DAYS" the Lord inspired us to witness with our Sunday school children for Christ-



Katrina, our Chinese sister, shares the "Tommy" comic during story-time at our weekly gathering!

mas. This was just one month after our 1st "Open the Door" & at the time it seemed a little far-fetched to us & our little faith!—As the children had just recently learned about Jesus & knew nothing as yet about "witnessing".

OUR INITIAL PLAN WAS JUST TO TEACH THEM 1 OR 2 SONGS, 1 dance number & the Christmas Story skit. But as we went along, the Lord gave us & the children more faith & inspiration & we ended up performing a complete half-hour show of songs, dancing, puppet show & Christmas skit.

WE DID 6 SHOWS, 1 EACH DAY for 6 days preceding Christmas & we distributed lots of lit & won many souls. We found the children asking others if they would like to have Jesus in their hearts for a "very Happy Birthday for Jesus"!

THIS WAS THE 1ST TIME ANY OF THEM HAD EVER WITNESSED TO OTHERS about Jesus before!—Most came from backgrounds where they'd never even heard of Jesus before!—So it was a real miracle & one in which God must get all the credit as we had such little faith & no "trained stars" to work with.—Just use what you've got & God will do the rest! After these Christmas witnessing experiences & excitement, the children are looking forward to doing more & we're even considering making a cassette tape of children's songs with them singing in Chinese!—Also to take the more enthusiastic ones witnessing on the street & DTD!

WE TAUGHT OUR DOWN-STAIRS NEIGHBOUR OUR FAMILY SONGS & he is now in turn teaching some of the children to play the guitar & sing. Our vision is to form a little singing group so we can sing & play together for different charities here in Hong Kong!

WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE CHILDREN, as how precious they are to these hungry & receptive new Him, as He continues to keep



Happy Chinese Christmas!—Nativity play at a home for runaway girls with Mary & Joseph played by 2 of our Sunday-schoolers! Photo by Zaccheus.



Zaccheus & daughter Ching-Ching surrounded by some of our 30 Sunday-schoolers ranging in ages from 2½ to 15! Photo by Katrina.