

to sleep all the way up to the transition & had only two hours & 20 minutes of labour, & no tearing! Sarahia was a little bigger than our previous baby so I felt every detail as she entered into her new life. I enjoyed the feeling. Also, as she was a little overdue I feel she was saying her last good-byes & was completely ready spiritually for the change because she was so happy to come to us. Homebirth is a wonderful way to enjoy the ultimate sexual act with your spouse. I wouldn't advise anyone trying it alone, but you should have a midwife or someone knowledgeable about birth." —Regem & Maggie, U.S.A.

"THE LORD ANSWERED EVERY SINGLE PRAYER we had prayed regarding the baby & the delivery. Marc is such a good baby too, very calm & quiet. He even has a little 'extra' in the form of a 6th toe on his right foot. But the Lord told us right away that His people are a peculiar people & that He can do as He pleases. Faithy too encouraged us that Grandpa had 6 toes on each foot, & that it isn't really that abnormal! PTL!" —Emmanuel & Hannah, (Right!)

"B-YR.-OLD JOZEF WENT TO ANOTHER HOME IN ANOTHER CITY for the holidays. We are sure it will be a good 'growing up' experience for him. GB Dane & Angel for offering to take him for 2 weeks!" —Dutch Ben & Miriam S.E. Asia.

"ONE OF OUR NEIGHBOUR'S CHILDREN, A 4-YR.-OLD BOY, COMES OFTEN TO PLAY with our 2-yr.-old Francis. He is a sweet boy & never plays violent games, but he has one big problem—he stammers enormously. It is very painful. We believe it comes from a lack of love from his parents who always send him away to go play somewhere else. Their house is always super-clean & tidy & this seems to be an idol for the mother. Should we let



WOW! LOOK AT ALL THAT KID POWER! Mommies & babies in Japan! (Mommies standing) Dorcas, Gypsy, Naomi, Unity, Rachel, Yuki. (Sitting) Phebe, Zipporah, Crystall, Jerusha & Suzanna. Hallelujah!! (AMEN! ILY!)

this boy come as often as he wants, so that we could give him extra love which he needs so badly?—Or do you think it might be too dangerous to let him be around Francis who might catch the stammering too? We don't see any possibility of reaching the parents as they are too proud to listen to us & change their attitude towards their son." —Daniel & Suzanne, Eur. (If his stammering has not already affected him & you pray earnestly it won't, I'm sure the Lord is able to protect Francis & even heal the 4-year-old with your love!—D.)

"PERHAPS A NOTICE COULD BE SENT OUT to advise parents that the Tom the Gangster story in Kids Komix II might be too violent for young children." —Timothy, Australia. (We told it to David at 4 years of age & he loved it! But I wouldn't suggest it for younger kids or at bedtime. —That's good for Bibletime & prayer.—Love.—D.)

"WE WISH TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE FOR THE F.C. TAPES! They are such a blessing to us. They inspire us & especially the children! And the Grandpa Tapes are our favourites! We really need the lessons MO's learned throughout his life. The children have learned so much from them & they know Mo really loves them!" —Jacob & Damascus, U.S.A.

"THE LORD MIRACULOUSLY HEALED LITTLE PAUL-EMMANUEL (16 months) of a stomach virus & high fever of 104 degrees which he'd had for two days. Carob powder was also very helpful in stopping the diarrhea which followed his fever." —Jean-Paul & Delphine, Caribbean. (& boiled water So. of Border!—D.)

HEALTH TIP: "Arianne (21 months) developed a severe eye infection from being exposed to wind mixed with dust. Her eyes were glued by puss. Our medical encyclopedia said to use 1 teaspoon of salt to 1/2-litre of warm water, & clean the eyes 3 times daily. After only 2 days & desperate prayer, it all cleared up. TYJ!" —Stephen & Joy, Eur. (Sounds like "pink eye" common in dusty countries, but not serious, TTL!—D.)

BIRTH TESTIMONY: During labour, Jacobus made tea for the doctor & started talking & witnessing to him. The doctor was so interested that he stayed the whole day till the baby was born at 3:45 a.m. After all that witnessing we were all in a good spirit to let the baby come, including the doctor. PTL! We also had a nurse to help for 10 days. We prayed for a way to reach her as she was so closed. We just had to be a sample. After 5 days she got saved & filled & totally changed! Only Jesus can set 'em free!" —Rebekah & Jacobus, Europe. (Amen! GBY! TYJ!)

Childcare Tips & Testimonies

—By YOU! (GBY gbl!)
From the Monthly Reports!
—Compiled by Maria!

SUGGESTION: A SPECIAL PROMISE BOX for the children. I write out all the verses that the kids memorize on little file cards, with large prints. Everyday at devotions we take 2 promises and this way we all review and read 6-8 verses right at the beginning of the day! Malachi & Heidi; Europe (Good! GBY!—Tank up!)

TESTIMONY: OUR OLDEST GIRL LEARNED a few simple but powerful songs from the "Heavenly Sunshine" tape and started singing in the streets with Daddy, Peter. As they're both a bit shy, we never expected them to sing so well & boldly to the people, a real miracle. Faithy's solo of John 3:16 in French, is really heavy and convicting. TYJ! Peter & Lillia; Europe

I'VE BEEN PRACTISING SONGS WITH my two oldest boys 5 & 3 years old, but learned the hard way that I was getting down on them too much and the 3-year-old got really discouraged. So now I stopped for a little while and am praying for new ways of doing things. I'm open for any suggestions. Mary Tribune; U.S.A.

DOES ANY ONE HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS as to how to teach little ones to pray on their own and alone with Jesus. My little ones pray and receive things in group prayer but have little experience or initiative on their own. At the present time we are experimenting and having one child at a time go and pray somewhere in the house alone in nothing but prayer & communion with Jesus. Jacob & Damascus; U.S.A.

FLANNELGRAPHS: FOR THE FC FLANNEL-GRAPHS which have no flannel backing I save left over pieces from the cut-out flannelgraphs I've bought at the Bible book store and glue the pieces on the back! Sunshine; Canada



Daddy Peter in action with Faithy-5 & Victoria-3. Photo by a passer-by.

IN THE HOME THAT I WAS IN A SINGLE mother was sacrificing necessary time with her children to go out FFing to raise funds. The oldest boy (3) would cry and rebel not understanding why she could not be with them. Now the child has developed an almost continual fear of his mother leaving. I think this could have been avoided with more prayerful consideration of the kids before FFing. Mark & Rainbow; U.S.A.

IN RESPONSE TO MATTHEW AND RENEE asking about teaching children singing we've found it very helpful to make short memory tapes of all the songs that we are working on or would like to learn and then playing the tapes quite often during the day. Then when it comes to practice time you'll be surprised how sometimes they already know the words & tune, just through hearing it throughout the day. The children esp. don't like long practice times but listening times are fun & easy. Nathanael & Peace; Canada (Right!)

WE REALLY CLAIMED A VICTORY IN Talitha's life as she seemed so shy and introverted when out witnessing and we were getting angry thinking she was being proud and selfish. Then the Lord showed us a quote on a school room wall, "Criticism breeds inhibition!" We got that we were causing it by being so hard on her so we had Communion and desperate prayer for her

and within days she was out of herself and warm and open with sheep, strangers and other kids. Hal! Love never fails! We read "The Potato" and it really applies to her because she is very sensitive, though as a Taurus we thought her problem was stubbornness, but she was just in fear. Noe & Melita; Australia

IN ANSWER TO A COUPLE WHO WAS HAVING trouble with bed-wetting: I was having the same trouble with my two boys (age 4 & 5)—they are very heavy sleepers and would wet every night. It was becoming very frustrating! After Dad mentioned something about how the enemy attacked Davidito trying to get him to wet the bed, we all got together and prayed & rebuked the enemy. We woke up the boys every night at 1 AM to pray for them and rebuke the enemy and they are doing well. (We would wake them before but wouldn't pray & rebuke the enemy and in the morning they would be wet.) Guinevere; U.S.A. (Amen!)

PROPOLIS: WHICH COMES MAINLY FROM Poplar trees; a waxy substance honey bees use to cement their hives together and is also used to keep their hives clean, can also be used as an antibiotic esp. good for sore throats. Fortune & Grace; Canada

COMFORT DISCOVERED THAT LECITHIN, a pure soyabean product fantastically helped reduce her high blood pressure and circulatory problems. Gamaliel & Comfort; Canada

IDEA: OUR HIGH CHAIR MAKES A GREAT flannelgraph board stand.

The local Children's Services Div. gave us 48 hours of housekeeping & babysitting free because Eric is handicapped.

We made a star chart for the kids to help us catch them being good & to help them see good in each other, as we all tend to get negative. They get stars for doing things without being asked, saying nice things about others or reporting that someone has done one of these, no one can report on themselves. Rekem & Shera; Central America (GBY!)



Happy bathtime together! Dance with daughter Lise-17 months, Miguel-2 of Joshua Jericho & Joao, & Tristan-13 months of Ingrid & Tim; Europe.

WE'D LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT C-Sections, as Rhapsody has already had 2 the old way with the up & down incision and we can't find that much written about it in the Letters. Ben & Rhapsody; U.S.A. (See FC Childcare Volume One! —Ed.)

I HAD GOTTEN SOME KIND OF A FLU virus and had gotten diarrhea. We found some Carob flour (powder) as suggested in the Mex. travel Mag and took one teaspoon with (in) hot water and it cured it immediately. Also diarrhea medicines on the market are pretty expensive compared to a large 16 oz. can of Carob flour for only \$1.49! Judah & Sincerity; U.S.A.

IN ANSWER TO THE REQUEST FOR INFO about what to do for colic in babies: I had a big problem with my baby in this area and had tried many remedies without success until this one.—Have boiled sterile water on hand & when the baby is crying from colic, heat the water to very warm; while the baby is crying give 1 teaspoon of water. When the baby swallows the warm water it releases the gas in the stomach almost immediately! Or it may take 3 or 4 teaspoons—this remedy was such a relief to the baby and everyone in the home. God bless the nurse that passed this old wives remedy on to me. Jonathan & Mary; U.S.A.

MY TEN-MONTH-OLD STILL INSISTS on waking up at night for 2 bottles. He eats enough during the daytime and doesn't need the extra milk. I have tried everything that I know of plus what is in the Letters and medical books, but nothing seems to work. Crystal Star; U.S.A. (He sure does!)

MY WIFE WAS GOING TO EXPLAIN TO our 2 1/2 year old son about receiving Jesus into his heart, after reading the Letter about getting your 2-year-old saved. So she started by saying to him, "David, Mommy has Jesus in her heart, Mike has Jesus in his heart, Corrina etc." and he repeated this. Then before she could ask him he said, "Jesus come into my heart." We were amazed because he had barely learned how to talk! Then he went right upstairs and got 3 kids ML's, which he had never done before, and sat down on the couch and said, "read!" Israel & Mary; U.S.A. (GBY!—& you!)

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP: WE HAVE QUITE a few kids in our home & found a way to help them participate. We dedicate part of the afternoon to them with a flannelgraph and they quote their memory verses just like the big people as well as participate in the songs etc. After this we give them some photocopy illustrations of Letters, comics or such which correspond with the flannelgraph and they stay to color them in in the back of the room. This helps the children to get something out of the meetings and then later they have something to keep them quiet yet inspired, and the parents can join in the meeting better. Then we end with a united Communion & dinner where the kids join in again! Emmanuel & Hannah; Europe

DAVID 1-V2, IS NOW POTTY TRAINED and only wears diapers at night! TYJ! One problem in training him was what to do in town when he had to go, as it's not always easy to find a clean bathroom. We now use a little knapsack that he carries on his back himself with his potty inside in a plastic sack. He likes carrying it, people think it's cute and his pot-



Simon & Naarah Black's Kid Power! (back to front) Onycha-8M, Tiego & Andre-6M, Tony-5, Ngozi-4, Kelly-21 months & Tracy-5 months. Photo by Mommy.

ty is handy anytime he needs it —Peter & Maria; S.A.

QUESTION: WITH REFERENCE TO "CHILD PSYCHOLOGY": Interested to know when Mo & Maria consider a baby or toddler to be cunning and able to 'work on' Mommy? I have relatives who said that our baby was getting cunning at 2-3 weeks. I disagreed. Can they be disciplined before you can 'reason' with them? Ecclesia; Australia (I presume it depends on how smart the child is. Most seem born with it!—Yours must be pretty smart!)

WE WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS SPACE to call for the elders of the church to pray for Sherah to get pregnant. We've been mated for 10 years and recently were checked out medically. We both appear normal except Sherah may have endometriosis (a scarring tissue that can block the fallopian tubes) which the doctors say may only be treated by surgery—which may do more harm than good/or by a drug hormone called Danazol, which takes at least 9 months to see if it could work and very expensive.

Either way offers no certain hope, and hope deferred maketh the heart sick. Of course hoping in the Lord & His time is best—so please pray that