

MORE ON **How A Large Family Does It!** *Singing! School! Individual Attention! Being Thrifty! Love Life!*

From Seek & Secundus, parents of 6 (soon to be 7!): Spain:

OVER CHRISTMAS we had 4 appointments to sing for large groups of children. Every afternoon & evening was completely occupied with preparations & singing & then home again just in time to fall into bed & start again early the next morning.

BUT IT WAS REALLY WORTH IT, AS OVER 1,000 CHILDREN PRAYED with us to receive Jesus in a school & in an orphanage! We also sang in another orphanage for very young children & prayed with everyone. The children were very very young, but because of this there were many workers who prayed with us too!

JASON-8, WAS USED TO PRAYING A CATHOLIC PRAYER IN HIS SCHOOL each day, so he just became one & started the prayer in the Catholic manner, "In the name of the Father,

Son & Holy Ghost" in Spanish, & everyone would follow enthusiastically.

SCHOOL: We are having to grow & change & take regular accounts of the situations with the children going to school. Even tho' school is difficult for Jason, he is very inspired about it because it is a challenge for him & eagerly works on his homework in the evenings. His homework is all in Spanish & takes a lot longer but he has so much love for his young attractive teacher that he really wants to please her. He was so concerned that she receive Jesus & is now so happy that he was able to pray with her.

ON THE CONTRARY, THE GIRLS ARE GETTING BORED with school as it is so easy for them. Sherah is in 1st grade & Summer is a preschooler. So we have had to find extra time to give the girls additional work

at home or even keep them home some days for a good period of school in English. The teachers don't seem to mind.

WE ARE ALSO TRYING TO MAKE SURE THE CHILDREN HAVE GOOD DEVOTION & MEMORY TIME EACH DAY. We really tried having devotions in the morning before school, but it was always so rushed what with having to get all the children up & dressed & fed. So now we have found it much better to have devotions with the children at lunch-time, as the schools here let out for lunch for 2 hours. In the morning we just share a meal & pray together before the children leave.

AT FIRST WE WONDERED HOW WE COULD DO OUR WITNESSING & PR work with the little kids, but that's who we have to work with & now Stephen, age 3, is my regular partner when going to town. He really does a good job & he seems to have more patience for it than the older children.

WE'VE SEEN SUCH A CHANGE IN THE LIVES OF THE YOUNGER ONES since the older 3 are going to school. Especially in their interest in the Word as they are not always competing for attention with the older children. We also have more sympathy & prayerful hearts for families who are going for the Lord with several very small children. It takes so much patience & faith that your labours will one day pay off, but they really do every time, if we stay faithful.

JASON IS NOW 8 YEARS OLD & it is so amazing to see how he seems so grown up in so many ways. We're just beginning to realise the importance of the 1st years. Jason is going thru'

the same trials & attitudes that I had as a teenager! He is really already a little man & there really isn't a lot we can change now. So many times it is just up to the Lord to use the training we have already given him. We're just seeing how quickly children come to maturity & how very little time we really have with them!

SPENDING TIME WITH EACH CHILD: One thing that's meant a lot to all of us is to do special favours for one child at a time by letting them come to our room for a special time of fellowship after the others are in bed. Everyone gets his turn & it just happens naturally according to who really needs some extra time & attention. We have a little snack & time to talk & love each other.

IT SHOWS THE CHILDREN WE REALLY CARE ABOUT THEM to include them in our quiet times in the evening sometimes. The Lord showed us that we need to be more loving & affectionate with the children & not only care for their physical & spiritual needs in a systematic way, but rather more lovingly. We're learning that the Lord always makes a way for us to give the children what they need if we just have the desire to do so & desperate, prayerful hearts for our situation.

BEING THRIFTY: After a few weeks of being very low on funds, we learned some very important lessons. We know that as we learn these lessons then the Lord can trust us with more. So many little things—saying the water from the cooked vegetables, saving the milk the kids don't drink for cooking, that we don't really need that extra glass of wine or a large scoop of margarine or honey, that half a spoon of coffee is sufficient.

WE ALSO MADE PATCH-

WORK SKIRTS with patchwork straps for the 3 girls for singing at Christmas. They are really prettier than anything we could have afforded. The material came from salvaging a large bag of remnants that a neighbour was about to throw away. There was enough for the girls to make hotpads as Christmas presents for friends & support-



Secundus sewing!

WE KEEP THE CHILDREN'S GOOD CLOTHES SEPARATE from everyday play clothes, & the children know that they need to change immediately when returning home. When travelling we keep good clothes in a separate suitcase, & here at home I keep them on a shelf in my room. Their play clothes are very ordinary but whenever we leave the house for anything or expect visitors, all the children change into good clothes.

WHEN CLEANING HOUSE every morning we always clean up the front room first, as neighbours might drop by early or a visitor. We try to keep that room neat, clean & free of children's toys & keep fresh fruit or some flowers there if we have them.

WE HAVE GOOD GEOGRAPHY STUDIES with the children using the Family News. One

week we had a good study of Thailand from 2 testimonies in that edition. We look at the map to see where the country is in relation to the rest of the world, then make a localised map of that country & countries surrounding it. The children colour the countries different colours & write in their names & those of the major cities etc. We talk about the geography of that country, climate etc. & about current events if we know anything about what's happening there. Then we also remember to pray for the missionaries we just read about there. This helps us to remember an important aspect of prayer—to pray for others!

IT'S NOT EASY TO BE PATIENTS & takes a lot of sacrifice, but this becomes just a normal part of our lives if we learn to surrender our own will, lay our all on the altar & start to just live thru' our children. I know Secundus & I sometimes just really need to get down & pray together & ask the Lord to give us a renewed fresh love for each other when our relationship becomes somewhat strained. I think this can happen with all the pressures & responsibilities of raising a family.

BUT WE JUST KNOW IT'S THE LORD'S WILL for us to be together & love each other. So we just have to ask the Lord to give us the love we need, & He always does. After a good prayer session like that we always have a good love session afterward & are really thankful for each other & have a renewed & more mature love. We always need to pray, too, that the Lord give us the burden, vision & love we need in caring for our children, just because we know that it is the Lord's will & we don't want to fail them or cause them to fail the Lord. Love, Seek &



Singing at their school for 670 students!—Sherah, Stephen, Summer & Jason lead all the students to Jesus!

What The Parents Say About The Davidito Letters!

With Comments From Sara Davidito & Maria!

From P. & I.: South Pacific:

WE HAVE FOUND THE DITO LETTERS VERY HELPFUL in giving us a good sample in so many ways. The family atmosphere, how to handle different needs & difficulties in children etc. But we also found them a hindrance at times in that it seems that Davidito has everything, including 1 person who devotes their whole life to him & has very little else to do, which is impossible for us on fields like this. (Have someone write about all the other things you do, Sara! That makes me mad!—Maria. —Coming soon!—Sara.)

HIS SITUATION SEEMS

IDEALISTIC & can cause frustration as we can't have one person for every child, neither can we just go out & buy things for our children whenever they need them. We live just day by day by faith & have a very hard time even finding the things we need here, let alone enough money to buy them. His Letters make us wonder if we are really blowing it by a lack of faith in not having so many things, books & personal attention all day long? (Sara: Yet that is the field of their own choice—count the cost!—of pioneering. Excellent faith-life training for small kids, as Dad's own 4 had all their pioneer lives! Maria: If it is a real need, then the Lord will supply, won't He? If you put Him first, then He will supply all your needs!)

From Sara Newman; France:

Dear Sara Davidito, **THANK YOU FOR THE "DAVIDITO LETTERS"** which have been such a blessing & help to us! I wanted to write & encourage you as your writings have been such a guide to me as a mother.

MORE THAN A "HOW-TO" MANUAL, they're a sample of love, patience, precaution & care. The way you take everything seriously—every accident big or small, every problem he has, & your relationship with him.

THAT'S A SAMPLE ANY MOTHER CAN FOLLOW, whether rich or poor. I don't feel any barrier at all in following your sample 100% even tho' at times we may have financial problems or distractions that perhaps you don't have in raising Davidito. (Ha!—Bigger!—Dad.)

YOUR LETTERS ARE REFRESHING TO ME, they renew my spirit & get me back on the ball to care about every little thing concerning my children & our relationship. And I know when you talk about things that Davidito does or has that we can't necessarily give our children, that you do in a happy, loving spirit just because you enjoy seeing Davidito's happiness—and I can relate to it.

I CAN'T SAY THAT I'VE NEVER BEEN TEMPTED with jealousy myself but TTL I didn't yield to it as jealousy is so blind & also so cruel. I hope you weren't hurt by some people's remarks. Please keep writing, we need your guidance. Much love, Sara Newman. (S.D.: Oh my! Makes me cry. How sweet. I'm so very thankful for such a loving Family!) (Maria: No, per-

haps we don't have the financial burdens that some of you do, but we have many greater burdens of responsibility & royalty & the knowledge that we care for your souls. Even Dito carries burdens & responsibilities that your children will never know, thank God! Perhaps we also might be tempted to jealousy at times? (7000 depend on us!—Dad)

Prayer Power!

PRAYER REQUESTS!

From THE FAITHFUL MIDEAST TEAM OF ALAN & MIRIAM are presently furloughing in the States, having taken their youngest child for extensive medical examinations as the baby is semi-blind & has a condition in which his skull is not supposed to grow anymore, which is ultimately supposed to cause brain irritation & convulsions.

THIS ALL CAME ABOUT AS THE RESULT OF A PARASITE-INFECTED KITTEN that was brought into their Home during Miriam's pregnancy, transmitting a disease to both her & another pregnant girl who also had a child with serious physical problems. (Ed.: Avoid stray animals!)

HOWEVER, ALAN & MIRIAM ARE STANDING STRONG in faith & have really committed it into the Lord's hands & plan to return to the Mideast field soon, saying "whether or not he is healed,

use Karim's life & we intend to do our best to help him, stimulate him & care for him." They would appreciate the prayers of all the Family.

WE ALSO HEARD FROM SOME CATACOMBERS in a Greek city who'd experienced police & parental persecution (including beatings) to stop witnessing & telling people about Jesus Family-style. But they're still going on for the Lord & staying faithful despite still being watched by the police. Please keep them & their situation in your prayers too!

Love, Miriam & Alan, IMAACRO Servants.

THE GOOD FRUITS OF BIBLE MEMORISATION IN YOUNG CHILDREN!

From Mahela; Mallorca, Spain: **I WANTED TO SHARE AN INSPIRING EXPERIENCE** I had with my oldest child, Brian-3½. Brian has a younger brother who is 1½ with whom he had a lot of trials about sharing, as well as with others, be it toys, a treat, books etc.

SO FOR THE NEW YEAR'S EVE CANDLELIGHT CEREMONY I gave Brian the verse to memorise & claim for the New Year: "God loveth a cheerful giver" (2Cor. 9:7.) He

his little brother & say, "You know, the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." PTL! Since then he has quoted this verse many times & his whole attitude about sharing & giving has changed so much. I was so amazed & pleased to see this happen! **IT REALLY SHOWED ME HOW POWERFUL GOD'S WORD** CAN BE even in such young lives & how He can really guide even a little child by His Spirit. TYJ! Also, thanks so much to MQ, Maria & Sara Davidito who gave me the vision & courage to try to memorise the Word with my little children! God bless you! Love, Mahela.

"There's Not Enough Love On The Earth"

—says internationally famous singer Demis Roussos!

Meeting With Demis Roussos From John & Sarah Beloved; Australia:

HERE IN AUSTRALIA DEMIS ROUSSOS HAS BECOME WELL KNOWN as "The Roussos Phenomenon". When we heard he was here the Lord put it in our hearts to try & see him & encourage him in the Lord. We went to his hotel by faith but every time we asked if he was in, they said he hadn't arrived yet.

FINALLY WE DECIDED TO LEAVE SOME LITERATURE in an envelope for him & committed it to the Lord, praying that if the Lord did want us to see him, he'd be there. And he was! We talked to him on the phone & when we said we were with the Family of Love he said, "Come right up!"

WE HAD A GOOD CHANCE TO SHARE WITH HIM the Love of the Lord & it seemed he needed it as he was very weary looking from his demanding singing tour. During our

time together he declared, "The Family really is everywhere isn't it?" He appreciated the Fish Food Booklets we gave him & especially the Greek copy of "Our Declaration of Love". PTL! **AS WE LEFT HE BID US A VERY CHEERY "GOD BLESS YOU!"** as we exchanged big hugs. He loves the Family &

our life of spreading God's love & said, "There is not enough love on the earth, that's why we need these"—shaking the Letters we had given him.

WE FEEL HE IS SPECIAL TO THE LORD & KEEP HIM IN OUR PRAYERS that he too can help give the world a little more love. As Dad says, "The world knows enough hell! Let's show them a little more heaven—love & laughter & peace ever after" & that today you can be free! (159:22.) Love, John, Sarah & Michael Beloved.

(PTL! Love his songs!—Dad)



John & Sarah Beloved & baby Michael during their meeting with singer Demis Roussos in Australia!