

OUR BEGINNINGS IN THE MIDEAST & INDIA!

LOVING THE GODDESSES OF THE MIDEAST & INDIA—HOW IT BEGAN!
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THE PIONEERING OF THE MIDDLE EAST ALL STARTED WITH DAD & MARIA'S PIONEER TRIP there in late 1970, at which time they made an exploratory trip to several countries including spending several months in Israel & then in early 1971 continuing on to Cyprus, where they again spent several months.

IN LATE 1971, AMASA & ROSE FLEW TO ISRAEL from New York & "Jerusalem was both our 70th colony & also our 7th overseas! Hallelujah!" (No.151:23.) Soon joined by others, the first team there was only able to engage in limited witnessing with the nationals for obvious reasons; nevertheless, several solid disciples were won from that time, including Paul Kings who joined down South at the Port of Ellat, as a deserter from the Israeli Army! Stephanus, who later travelled overland to India with Paul, joined in Israel in 1972. Esther (who later helped pioneer Turkey & Iran) also joined at that time, as did Simon (of Simon & Maria who are now in India). Simon was a young traveller who ended up in Israel after making his way through East Africa on a motorbike & joined the Family in Bethlehem on Christmas Eve 1972! "But Israel rejected us & persecuted us & showed herself to be as Antichrist as we expected & found before, so may God be her judge!" (No.270:45.) And after stepped-up persecution in Jerusalem, including the Family Home being fire-bombed, the now enlarged team in Jerusalem soon spread out to pioneer the other surrounding countries.

ONESIMUS & ADORIUM PIONEERED GREECE IN 1972 & were soon joined by others coming from Europe. This is when the now famous CPO 220 box first came into existence & which has certainly been used of the Lord in the years since, as Greece later became the long-standing border base for the rest of the Middle East, so that PO Box received many Clearance Requests & later became the MMM lifeline used to this day, TYJ! After a brief gathering of forces in Greece, the Lord gave everyone the vision for the evangelisation of all Asia!

TURKEY PLAYED HOST TO OUR FIRST PIONEER TEAM AT THIS TIME with the Sultan Ahmet area of Istanbul being the prime witnessing grounds, where hundreds of Western youth travelling Eastward in search of the truth congregated daily.

CYPRUS WAS ALSO PIONEERED AT THIS TIME.

Corny & Nekoda spent several fruitful months in Egypt, where they travelled to from Cyprus. Later in the summer of 1973, Faith & Josh visited the Mideast & Faith met Archbishop Makarios in Cyprus in order to relay to him a specific message from the Lord that Dad had received for him, part of which was "The peace of your country depends on how you treat the Children of God." (No.230:16.) This promise was certainly fulfilled, as any time the Family received any hassle from immigrations etc., it was not long afterwards that political tension would mount in the country!

JUST PRIOR TO FAITH'S VISIT, LEBANON WAS ALSO PIONEERED BY SHAPHAN & HIS LEBANESE/AMERICAN WIFE MAHLAH, along with Nathaniah & Ara who had come directly to Cyprus with them from the U.S. Faith & Josh along with French Canadian Gideon & a number of other brethren from nearby Cyprus made a major assault on Beirut & took over a local club by storm, where they ministered nightly to many sheepy Lebanese youth. By this time the Godahfi Letters were out & in the daytime the streets of Beirut were being flooded with the lit. However, since all the lit being distributed was in English, through a misunderstanding it turned out that a number of Leftist Muslims thought it to be anti-Godahfi literature & consequently persecution arose against the Family, resulting in many of the team being imprisoned & later deported from Lebanon to nearby Cyprus.

MEANWHILE IN OBEDIENCE TO DAD'S VISION OF "WORLD CONQUEST THROUGH LOVE", NEAR THE END OF 1972 SAMSON & ARA HEARD THE "Call of India" & travelled to that far-off land from England. Samson & Ara accepted the invitation of a man Samson had met in London, associated with an Indian Social work group called The Bharat Sevek Samaj. When they first arrived in India they stayed close to New Delhi in an old mission in the country in a small hut that was provided by the social group. Their main outreach was to try to get the hippies to come & stay out there where they could witness to them & try to help them.—"To feed, clothe, house, help & care for these poor lost shee", which was the Lord's commission at the time. (177:17.) However, the accommodation & sanitation of this first little pioneer outreach in India was extremely poor & below

Family standards, resulting in Dad's valuable counsel for pioneers, "Rags to Riches" being written. Soon afterwards, reinforcements arrived in the form of Samson's brother Michalah, Theophilus & Olympus, along with Apollos & Lois, all "Brave Pioneers" who proceeded to make several exploratory trips around the gigantic Indian sub-continent the Lord had called them to. Later Apollos & Lois, along with Ara, returned to England to recruit more missionaries for India, for the harvest was so plenteous but the labourers so few! (—However, their return from the field prompted "Conferences, Colonies, Bands & Buses" being given!)

IN THE FALL OF 1973, FULL-OF-FAITH PIONEERS PAUL KINGS & STEPHANUS WATERS struck off overland from Greece to join in the Indian harvest. En route they stopped in Afghanistan, their eyes opened to the desperate plight of young foreigners flocking Eastward in search of a spiritual solution. Faithy had written them asking them to check out a Jesus People house that was established in Kabul called the Dillram House. However, after a couple of months, Paul & Stephanus were not able to continue working "unequally yoked with unbelievers" of our methods & message. (No.209:6.) These Jesus People threw them out after finally confronting our Brave Pioneers with denying Dad!—The Jesus People house later faded into oblivion as have all the other Jesus People who didn't follow God's Prophet David.

IN THE U.S., the "40 Days" message was out & a large number of brethren were coming to England where a border base for India was established in Southall, a section of London where many Indians lived, & so provided an excellent environment for newcomers to get somewhat oriented to the Indian way of life. At this time Kenaz & Hodiah, James, Lydia Thanksgiving & Artemas & many other faithful Indian pioneers headed East to India.

MEANWHILE BACK IN THE MIDEAST, the Godahfi Letters being distributed on the street of Istanbul were causing no small stir for Philip & Esther Q., the pioneers there who opted for moving further to Teheran, Iran, where they were later joined by Aaron & Bethel, Aaron having joined in Istanbul. Rafael & Pielades & Bani Ali, who were also in Istanbul about this time were able to take with them fruit from the field, in the form of Turkish Imana, a former Turkish hippy who joined the Family there & was able to break ties & miraculously get a passport in order to leave the country. God bless the Catholic priests who were such a help to the Family there at that time, both in get-

ting established as well as in fleeing when persecution arose. As was the case in so many of the volatile Mideast fields, teams were often run out of town in the same manner as the dear Apostle Paul, only to "come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them." (Psa.126:6.) In later months, when Turkey was re-opened, Turkish Imana returned to translate the words that continued to work wonders in freeing the spiritually bound of Turkey, PTL!

SIMULTANEOUSLY IN GREECE, which had been relatively calm & comparatively more of a European-type field, a military coup took place in November of 1973 with the overthrow of one military dictator by an even more right-wing regime. Due to the near civil war & resulting Martial Law at the time, the Mideast regional base was then moved back to Cyprus where such able pioneers as Elam & Samaria, Phinneas Waters & Gilialiel & Bathsheba began putting a major emphasis on getting the Words into the Greek language using local translators. Zac the Greek later joined them from the U.S. & the Words were rolling. Due to the heavy-handed domination of the military on the people of Greece, the brethren found it extremely easy to get out the lit & there were many testimonies of the Greek populace literally lining up on the street to receive the lit, being so hungry for a solution to their problems. However, the military didn't take kindly to this & oftentimes our brethren were imprisoned & even threatened with torture during this period of underground activity in Greece during the Junta. Malachi & Priscilla were among the main shepherds of the Athens area at the time & later Shaphan & Mahlah developed a strong Catacomb unit of young Greek disciples, amongst them Trust & Jacob, who joined at the time of the "40 Days" message that was published in several of the major Greek papers & magazines, & they were later to become the main translators of the Greek publications staff.

ALTHOUGH FFING WAS STILL NOT ONE OF OUR METHODS OF TACTICAL WARFARE YET, nevertheless, a very pretty sister, Dëshana helped win favour for the Family in Cyprus by showing the Lord's love to the principal counsellor to Makarios, who was also head of the Socialist Party of the Island. Thank the Lord for "The Sword of the Lord", as "someone in Cyprus was giving us quite a hassle on our visas...Makarios' enemies (who ran immigrations) who knew we were his friends & therefore trying to get rid of us, so...." God got rid of them! (310A:2)—Turkey invaded Cyprus & Cyprus went to war, & we later found out a bomb had landed right on

top of the immigrations building! Brave pioneers Rose & Meshelamiah ended up in a British Military Camp north of Panagusta along with hundreds of other foreigners & Greeks after Panagusta was strafed by Turkish warplanes! In Nicosia, the team of Phineas & Deshana & Malachi Sheep survived several days of fullscale war in their neighbourhood & were later evacuated by the Royal Airforce to England, from where they recounted their thrilling story! (See "How To Survive War", #311.) Prior to the invasion, the Family had saturated the island with our lit, especially the political message which the Cypriots loved, many later accepting us as true Prophets who had foretold their country's destiny!

"IT'S ALSO A MIRACULOUS ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS THAT HE TOPPLED THE AMERICAN-BACKED GREEK MILITARY REGIME...which held a stranglehold on the poor people of Greece for nearly 15 years!" (310A:4) The people of Greece were literally dancing in the streets as God had miraculously brought down the Greek military Junta which had been backed by America for so long, but for some incredible reason (known only to us!) had surrendered their firm grip on Greece for a subsequent return to democracy, in direct supernatural fulfillment of Dad's prayers! PTL!

THIS NEW-FOUND FREEDOM IN GREECE ENABLED THE FAMILY TO GET A SOLID FOOTHOLD THERE where we were very well-received for years & thus able to establish a strong pubs unit in Greek (& later Arabic) & thereby flood the country with literature in the local language. Greece itself was so strongly Orthodox that no other Christian faiths were even allowed there—let alone 'sects'—but since we were there from the very beginning, the Lord allowed the Family to have a very strong effect there, to the point where "Children of God" is now a household word synonymous with anything that is out of the ordinary in a religious sense!

ON THE EASTERN FRONTIER, IN INDIA Paul Kings & Stephanus had meanwhile arrived with a new Danish disciple Chebar who they had won to the Lord en route, & the onslaught of India was well underway. The first open door had been in Goa, a former Portuguese colony where the Jesuits allowed the Family the use of a bungalow on a Mission compound "which (Dad) dreamed of on the Coast of Goa in the heart of "hippyland" (270:40). Goa was a main stop of the hippies, who moved around the sub-continent in droves one step ahead of the bad weather caused by the Monsoons. Here in Goa the Family ministered to the hippies on the beaches & around evening campfires, & through the sample of

free food, love & music, the Lord added to His flock daily.

IN A MONTH OR TWO THERE WERE ABOUT 30 NEW FAMILY MEMBERS THERE IN GOA, where they got united & inspired with the vision for reaching out to India as they were joined by about 30 more missionaries coming from England. From there plans were made to open new Homes in Bombay, New Delhi & Panjim. This was early '74 & the main outreach was ministering to the hippies & witnessing.

IN NEW DELHI SAMSON CONTINUED TO MINISTER TO THE SOCIAL WORK GROUP, the BSS, & through them got to meet many influential people at important functions, including the President of India & later Indira Gandhi. In December of 1974 Asher & Lydia Thanksgiving along with Jesse pioneered Calcutta, doing many school programs & raising up a strong team of Catacombers. They later worked in conjunction with Mother Theresa, winning her heart by ministering the Spirit in song to the sick & orphans in her many institutions.

BENARES, THE "HOLIEST" OF HINDU CITIES WAS ALSO OPENED, & many more hippies who had wandered "From the North even to the East" in search of the truth, found it in Jesus on the banks of the Ganges. (Amos 8:12.)

THE LORD OFTENTIMES USED VISAS TO CONFIRM HIS WILL & PLACE PEOPLE WHERE HE WANTED THEM! Olympus, Stephanus, Lydia & Paul Kings, after pioneering New Delhi had to go for a visa renewal & so chose Bangladesh, a neighbouring Muslim country of 75 million! They left with one-way tickets & the Lord raised up an absolute angel who, although he didn't speak English, fed them & paid their hotel bills for a full week until they ended up meeting an influential Dutch man who began to supply all of their needs, at which time the first man simply vanished! PTL!

WHILE IN BANGLADESH THEY SANG ON TELEVISION FOR 15 MINUTES, a miracle in itself as it was the first time that Christians were allowed to sing on television in this very strict Muslim country. A favourable front-page newspaper article also featured them & who they stood for, published in one of the largest newspapers there. Although they were only able to stay a short time, some time later Stephanus was able to return with a team, entering with only one-week visas, & they began reaching the university students.

THE CHIEF MUSICIAN OF BANGLADESH'S TOP BAND HELPED THEM RECORD "You Gotta Be A Baby" in Bengali. The Regional Director of the National radio put them on the radio & the following month was a media explosion of media articles & a TV show which resulted in a catacombs colony of 50 nationals, among them translators to get the WWW's into

Bengali. One of the biggest breakthroughs was when Eman, one of the leading musicians in the country dropped out & he is still faithfully working on the words to this very day.

WITH THE NEED FOR REGULAR VISA RENEWALS AT THIS TIME, & THE FACT THAT YOU WERE REQUIRED TO STAY OUT OF INDIA FOR 6 MONTHS AT A TIME, the Lord seemed to be emphasizing India's surrounding countries & how they too needed the Gospel! In 1974 the team of Olympus, Stephanus, Paul Kings & Chebar opened a Home in the Hindu kingdom of Nepal. Again, the largest newspaper in the country did a favourable article on them, entitled "Efforts to Win Back Hippies". This led to the team being asked to speak & sing at several Nepal Youth Organisation functions. They grew close to the President of this organisation who worked in the government, & later got close to the personal secretary of the King of Nepal, as well as meeting & ministering to the princess!—All this in a country where the penalty for proselytism is very severe, & most people had never even heard the Name of Jesus!

ABOUT THIS SAME TIME ELI & NAOMI PIONEERED A HOME IN SRI LANKA & won the first National disciple, Mark Little Bear, who is now helping MIMI.

SO IN THIS WAY, EVEN THOUGH THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT WITH ALL OF ITS VAST POPULATION & AREA HAD SO FEW BROTHERS ministering there, the Lord nevertheless used them to the utmost.—As when the visas would run out, they would go to a neighbouring country, stay there 6 months ministering & then later be able to return to India, while a fresh team swapped places with them!

HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF THE BROTHERS WERE ABLE TO APPLY FOR SOCIAL WORK VISAS in New Dehli & for a period of 2-1/2 years while the visas were "pending" in red tape, they were able to stay on in India & make much progress in printing & lit distribution.

THEN, IN DECEMBER OF '74, THE BROTHERS IN INDIA GOT THE NEWS THAT THEIR VISA APPLICATIONS HAD BEEN REJECTED, as Indira Gandhi had instituted "emergency" measures & so the government was really cracking down on everything.—But it was all part of God's plan to push into another neighbouring country.

MEANWHILE BACK TO THE MIDEAST, PHILIP & ESTHER Q., WHO HAD PIONEERED IRAN, had met the Greek Ambassador to Iran who later ended up becoming the godfather of their first child born out there & a real king to the work. The Ambassador in turn introduced them to a Greek lady-in-waiting to Empress Farah, the Shah's wife. However, this was before Fling & the main outreach of the

Teheran team at that time was to travellers as well as getting out the Letters in Farsi to the locals on a small scale.

AFGHANISTAN HAD ITS FIRST PERMANENT BASE BY THIS TIME as Shaphan & Mahlah had set up a Home in Kabul, where they instituted the "Traveller's Open Door". This was a means of cover & support in which the Home was able to openly minister to the local freaks & as well canvas support from the foreign community, & even the Embassies were referring travellers in need to the Family. They started a personal visitation plan to the hippies who had been imprisoned for drugs, bringing them solace & love & renewed hope. Many Afghan youth there were also influenced & led to the Lord.

THROUGH THE AFOREMENTIONED CONTACT WITH EMPRESS FARAH, the doors opened in Iran to set up a "Montessori School" using Family methods & personnel, in affiliation with one of the largest universities there of which Empress Farah was head of the Board of Directors. Job & Charan came to Iran from Italy & Sarah Ireland visited at this time to help set this program up.

AS THE SCHOOL GOT UNDERWAY, CHILDREN OF THE ELITE OF IRAN WERE ATTENDING & on a usual school day the front of the school was lined up with limosines of every one from 5-star generals to top businessmen, all dropping off their children for the kindergarten classes! God had done miracles to allow us to bring equipment into the country by touching the hearts of the Customs Officials, who turned out to be of the Bahai faith & were extremely receptive when we witnessed to them of our faith in Jesus. So we were sure that the Lord wanted this school set up.

AT THIS TIME THE BROTHERS IN TEHRAN WERE REALLY ABLE TO GET OUT A LOT OF LIT on the streets & since Iran was such an oil-rich country, it was not unheard of to get a \$20-100 donation for a single piece of lit! This enabled the Family in Iran to help support pioneer teams in neighbouring Afghanistan & Turkey. Meanwhile provisioning of supplies for the field was flourishing with the help of Buzi Talltree. An excellent contact was also raised up in the form of the head of the Automobile Association of Iran (who was also Bahai) who allowed a number of vehicles free "Carnet de Passage", enabling them to be taken overland all the way through Pakistan & India which was virtually financially impossible otherwise.

WE WERE ALSO MINISTERING TO THE ELDEST DAUGHTER OF THE SHAH, WHO WAS THE BLACK SHEEP OF THE FAMILY & a real rebel. Upon a visit to the Shah's palace, her royal quar-

ters were found jammed with longhairs smoking dope & listening to Bob Dylan, ripe for the truth of our Revolution!

THE OTHER MAJOR CITIES OF IRAN WERE PIONEERED with Timothy & Peace in Mashad, Zepho & Zorah in Esfahan, Jared, Keturah & Elloth in Shiraz, & Aaron & Bethel in Tabriz.

BELIEVING THAT THE LORD WAS ALLOWING US TO ESTABLISH AN ASIAN BASE from where to minister to the surrounding pioneer fields, we were in for a surprise when suddenly all doors began closing & it became evident that someone was fighting our school set-up. We later found out that SAVAK, the secret police of Iran had linked it with our Christian witnessing activities on the streets & thus the grip started tightening on us! From our main base in Teheran we knew we were being watched daily & when even the most powerful of our friends withdrew their help, explaining that it was out of their power to help us any more, we knew that the handwriting was on the wall & so began to pray about a plan of escape.

THE LORD MIGHTILY PROTECTED US & ALSO PROVIDED THE MEANS TO FINANCE OUR DEPARTURE by disposing of our large houseful of provisioned household items & supplies through the help of a benevolent Christian pastor. Every day we would openly carry on "business as usual" & that night silently load up the van in our yard, which we'd push quietly down the street before starting up & driving off to unload the contents in the basement of a church. In this way, over a period of three nights we were able to get everyone's personal belongings, as well as all household items out of the house, sell them, & unnoticed, organise our plans of escape without SAVAK being any the wiser, TTL! On the day appointed, with several teams already in route to their planned destinations, the SAVAK officials broke into the house with hopes of nabbing us all & were quite surprised to find an empty house!—With the exception of one brother who was apprehended but later released to join us all on a new field, TTL!

TWO VAN LOADS OF US FLED THROUGH SOUTHERN IRAN using a truck route in order to avoid detection, which turned out to be a very exciting trip considering three days of it involved driving in the desert with no roads whatsoever, simply following markers in the sand!

MEANWHILE THE LORD HAD IRONICALLY PROVIDED FUNDS TO ESCAPE THE SHAH'S FORCES THROUGH THE SHAH'S DAUGHTER! She gave us a healthy donation enabling some of the pregnant girls to fly direct to their new destination! As Dad said, "Our children

were there for several years saturating that country with Thy Message & Thy Gospel."

"THE LORD SPARED IRAN AS LONG AS THEY RECEIVED US & BLESSED US & LET US STAY", but when they drove us out & turned against us, God turned against them...The Shah thought he was getting rid of a little tiny insignificant unknown religious group that his religious leaders advised him to get rid of, so now the same religious leaders (advised) his people to get rid of him!...All because he rejected the Lord & the Truth & His Children!" (965:16; 733:30-33.)

PAKISTAN WAS IN THE VERY EARLY PIONEER STAGES AT THIS TIME with Robin & Hope, & Chronicles & Madian in Karachi where they were doing some witnessing & witnessing. As our bedraggled teams fled Iran, simultaneously the Lord had forced a number of the pioneers in India to also leave, & we unknowingly followed His plan of regrouping from both sides in the middle—in Pakistan!

THE LORD RAISED UP A MISSIONARY COUPLE who operated a mission base in Lahore & therefore had enough room to take in 22 family members, who poured in from the various surrounding countries, amongst them Shaphan & Mahlah from Afghanistan, Asher & Lydia from India, Hosanna & Rose, Job & Charran, & Jair & Meshel from Iran. During all this time George & Anne, the sweet American missionary couple not only housed us but fed us & took care of us & totally opened their homes & hearts to us. (They even quit going to church, enjoying our Bible studies much more!)

IT WAS CERTAINLY A TESTIMONY IN THEIR FAVOUR IN THE LORD'S EYES when as the 22nd family member pulled into their home unannounced & unexpected & also eight months pregnant & Anne, the wife started to fret.—Her husband, George, reassuringly quoted: "Foxes have holes & birds have nests but the Children of God have not where to lay their heads".—With that Anne went out to prepare bath water for the new incoming missionaries.

OUR OUTREACH BEGAN IN WITNESSING TO THE HIPPIES PASSING THROUGH, & invading the churches a little & then became more & more of an open witnessing adventure. Street witnessing did not go over as easy as in India as the Pakistanis are very aggressive in nature being Muslim, unlike the more passive Hindus, & oftentimes a crowd would gather around the hapless witnesses. What began as innocently asking questions oftentimes became total mob scenes & the brethren sometimes had their lit pouches torn away & barely escaped physical harm by running into

International office buildings, & even the American Consul Library upon occasion!

THE GOVERNMENT LATER BEGAN CRACKING DOWN ON OUR LIT, but not before several new disciples were won & a growing Catacomb work set up amongst Jordanian & Palestinian students who were studying there.

BY MAY OF 1976 THERE WAS FULL-FLEDGED PERSECUTION AGAINST THE FAMILY IN PAKISTAN & we heard that the Mullahs were speaking against us in the Mosques & unfavourable news articles started coming out against us. A number of brothers literally had to flee for their lives while others were thrown in jail & accused by the Government of being "Israeli spies".

ALTHOUGH VERY LITTLE LASTING NATIONAL FRUIT WAS GAINED IN THESE COUNTRIES LIKE PAKISTAN & AFGHANISTAN, their reaction to the Gospel certainly confirmed what Dad said about these warlike & violent people. Anyway, they too had their chance & their blood will not be upon our hands. "All these countries where they're having war, well, they just about deserve it really. They've been bad boys for a long time. They resisted the Gospel, rejected our missionaries..." (937:132.)

TO SWITCH CONTINENTS NOW FOR A MINUTE, AFRICA OPENED as we "slipped the sword of His Spirit quietly into her heart". (201:22) Galleo & Taberah were among the first to set forth on the pioneer field of Africa when they journeyed to Johannesburg, South Africa from England to plant the banners of David on that foreign soil.

SOME TIME EARLIER ONE OF THE FIRST DISCIPLES TO JOIN IN ENGLAND, SOLOMON, who was the son of the Ambassador of Liberia to England, had gone to Liberia to start a pioneer outreach in West Africa.

LATER THERE WERE SEVERAL PIONEER EFFORTS INTO THE SPANISH TERRITORIES OF NORTH AFRICA, as well as Morocco, spearheaded from the Homes in Spain.

ANTIPAS & HAGAR LATER PIONEERED A HOME IN GHANA in West Africa & Conny & Nakoda joined them there. Then in the summer of 1976, Simon Black & Hosanna made an exploratory trip down to Nigeria which seemed a significant spiritual thrust into the former Dark Continent, as Dad related, "We were just then that very day, August 21st unbeknownst to us, making our first major push into Africa!—just like I pushed into Mucumba, the African Goddess!" (554:61.) PTL!

A LARGELY EXPERIMENTAL NEW OUTREACH WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE JUNGLE OF BIAFRA IN CENTRAL NIGERIA, from where a Christian pastor had written pleading for the Family to come down & help him establish an evangelical

outreach. So we responded, with Simon Black & family, as well as Epath & Samaria & numerous other brethren going down to bring the Gospel to the people of West Africa.

A BORDER BASE FOR OUTGOING AFRICAN TEAMS WAS SET UP IN FRANCE & later Peter & Topaz pioneered the Ivory Coast, Joseph & Abigail opened up Senegal while Elisha & Bathsheba established a base in Zambia, along with Malachi & Sharon who later went on to pioneer Tanzania. Samson & Ara & Hezekiah had established a Home in Kenya in East Africa.

NORTH AFRICA HAD ALSO BEEN PLUNGED INTO with Jared & Eloth, Suzanne & Malachi Sheep establishing a real foothold in Egypt, as well as Joseph Suisse & Jonathan & Sapphire opening up Tunisia where they had a very successful music group that really acted as a springboard for them to witness from. Elan & Samaria (herself of Moroccan heritage) established a Home in Morocco.

BESIDES INSPIRING ALL OF OUR PIONEER EFFORTS, Dad personally met with Godahfi in Libya after Ho & Faith's initial stays there & needless to say, have had a tremendous influence on that country.

AT THIS TIME IN INDIA, WITH THE ADDITION OF MORE INCOMING BRETHREN FROM EUROPE, as well as many new disciples having joined such as Tim & Faith, the VSS of India, as well as Sabina of MMI—who was in jail accused of gun-running!—most of the remaining major cities now had teams in them. Lit distribution continued relatively unhampered with many brethren on the streets 10 hours daily getting out the words! Nevertheless, it was still a drop in the bucket compared to the multitudes to be reached there, in the 14 major languages of India alone!

BY THIS TIME SAMSON & ELI HAD MET THE ACTUAL MAHARISHI OF HYDERABAD who received us very well! In spite of the fact that she was a religious Hindu the Lord had prepared her for meeting us with a dream about Jesus & she really fell in love with our spirit. This meeting certainly seemed to circumvent the mere physical action, as in finding the mysterious Maharishi Dad had dreamt of, a major outreach was about to unfold in India...

LOOKING ON THE MULTITUDES & BEING MOVED WITH COMPASSION UPON THEM, the Lord inspired Simon Peter with the idea for Music With Meaning! Simon had arrived from England & was faced with the desperate need for a way to reach more people than possible through street distribution or personal witnessing & school programs. So Simon produced those few MMI shows in a friend's studio & in

December of 1975 took those tapes down to Sri Lanka where it was aired on the International Radio station reaching the whole sub-Continent, & now the rest is history, PTL!—Certainly one of the main fulfillments of God's having "promised us great things there for the future, some almost beyond belief!" (177:26.)

ALL HAIL OUR PROPHET & KING DAVID, whose Birthday we celebrate, & in whose name we have conquered these lands for Jesus! "As the Knights of old trod across the nations

of the World & conquered in those so-called Crusades for Me, so shall ye tread from nation-to-nation & thou shalt conquer place-after-place & city-after-city till thou hast spread abroad throughout all the Earth, & thy standard shall be lifted high, & the banners of David shall wave aloft over many tongues & tribes & nations." (176:24.)



Back Row: Asaph & Aaron in front of Sultan Ahmet Mosque, Istanbul, Turkey
Center: Angela, Cephas, Morningstar, Bethel Mo'sheart
Bottom: Milcah, with a young sheep.