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'I'll Take the Mountain!'

—Father David; "Mtn. Men" Letter B, par. 11.

**LETTER
FROM A
BRAVE PIONEER
MOTHER!**

—from
**Phoebe O'Test;
S. Pacific Islands.**

Michael C.

(Letter forwarded by the Pacific KQS's:)

Dear Keda and Shema,

Praise the Lord! I guess I can begin with my own words and end my thoughts with some quotes that will help express my heart!

When Amos and I went to pioneer Tahiti about two years ago, it was one of the greatest blessings of our lives. And later when we pioneered Fiji it was another great blessing. It was all such a challenge to our faith, which I believe was the greatest need in our lives. I believe the greatest mistakes made were in our not keeping a proper balance in our responsibilities of Archbishops and

also meeting all the needs of our precious children. I felt it was too much and just couldn't all be done, or at least not all properly taken care of—pioneering, shepherding, FF'ing and teaching our children, etc., as any one of these is a full-time ministry! But, praise the Lord, He delivered us,

And we ended up in a field (Australia) where we could devote our whole lives to teaching and training our children. I thought I would be totally happy there, just being able to give my all to my children for the first time in my life and theirs.

But neither Amos nor I nor the children were all that content.

—Especially Joseph and Reuben, our 14 and 15-year-old boys. Our hearts were all in the South Pacific Islands. Those were the people we all wanted to reach; these were the people who had never heard the Words of David or experienced the Love of Jesus. We all went through the driest desert of our lives there in Australia, although all the children got the schooling they needed, which I'm really thankful for.

But I don't think any of us will be very happy until we're all climbing the mountain again. We just aren't valley settlers! We all have to live for something that is worth dying for. My heart is in mountain climbing, and I want to teach my children to be mountain climbers too! I want them to see what it's like on the mountain, not just raise them in the valley and then say, "Now, I've told you all about how to climb, now see that mountain? Go ahead and try."

I want to tie a rope around my waist and have it connected to their waists, all climbing up together! We can teach them their schooling on the way up!—I know it's God's will, so He'll bless and show us how!

I agree with MO!—*"Better to die on the mountain than to live in the valley. You never hear about the people who wait to see if it can be done. You only hear about the people who either made it or died trying. But when you make it, the mouth of God will be opened unto you. He'll speak to you face to face. He Himself will teach you and reveal to you the greatest of His secrets! (from "Mountain Men" Letter B:10,14 by Father David.)*

The Lord has given me seven beautiful children (full-time disciples and soul winners), and for me they are only an asset to help win the world! My attempts to share God's Love are multiplied seven times over through the children! They are our greatest testimony, and I want to share them with the world. But I'll have to say that most people I've met have tried to tell me: "You can't climb mountains with all those children! The best place for you is in the valley where everything is settled and life will be easy." But I feel like MO: *"I'll take the mountain!" (B:11.)* I'd rather die trying than live for nothing!

The Lord had put our going to New Caledonia in my heart a long time ago, but I was always discouraged by everyone. I just laid it aside and learned to wait for the Lord's timing. Well, by a total miracle, we're here! And it's such a blessing to step out by total faith, contrary to man's natural expectations and plans, and just trust God for everything!

I know the Lord is going to open doors here that no man can shut and make a way soon for the children to join me.—They are fed up with valley life and are anxiously waiting to come here.

The seeming obstacles such as the high cost of living here, six-month limit on visas, lack of support, having seven children, etc. only challenge my faith more and make me expect more from Jesus! After climbing mountains, I could never be content with valley life! In "Mountain Men", MO says: "They

don't want their children to hear there are mountains! They don't want their children to have a breath of fresh air from that crystal peak. They don't even want their children to know there is anything else or any other place to go or a way to get there!" (B:6.)

When Jesus said to go into all the world and preach the Gospel, he didn't say that only people without children should go! I feel the greatest things we can give our children is the life of faith and to be put in a place where they too have to exercise their faith every day.—And there's no greater place in the world to challenge your faith than in a new field that has never before been touched!

I'm here in New Caledonia with Isaiah, a French brother who was in Tahiti. We have been here for the past two weeks, looking for housing and contacts, so we can bring our families here soon. The Lord gave us a lot of verses and quotes as to what He is going to do here. One heavy one was from Mt. 17:27 about catching a fish and taking the gold coin out of his mouth (does FF'ing pay?)!

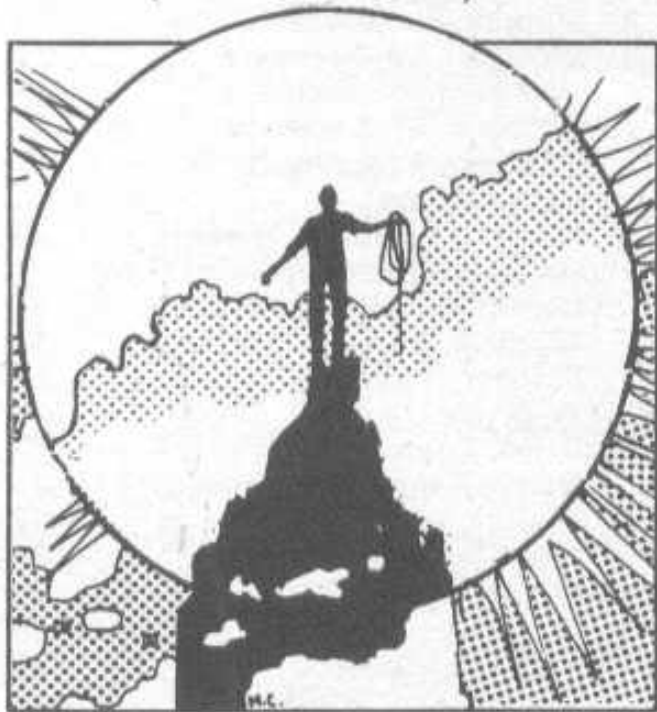
I'm really hoping and believing that when the children come, we can work out their schooling in the mornings and use the afternoons for witnessing and meeting contacts, etc. And the nights will be for FF'ing. That's a general idea, anyhow, although I don't really know what's gonna happen today, much less days or months from now.—We're just learning to "Follow God!"

I'll end this by reminding you of the movie "The Sound of Music",

where at the end the mother and father and all their children were running and struggling up the mountain to find freedom and life.— They were ready to die trying. That's us, by the grace of God! Hallelujah! "*Let's take the world with our faith! Let's not look at the waves, problems and logical difficulties and circumstances: Let's have faith! Keep that starry-eyed look of idealism in our eyes, that look of hope which others do not have, the spirit of faith which anoints His children, which will make the world look to us for hope!*" (from Faith David's "Newsletter From France to All".)

Love in Jesus and David,
Phoebe O'Test

(Editor: If you would like to write to and help support this pioneering family, please contact them at: Christian Cournede, P.R. GPO Noumea, New Caledonia.)



(Illustrations taken from "Mountain Men" by Father David comic edition by Michael Christian.)

MORE! . . .
FOR BRAVE PIONEERS!
THUMBNAIL SKETCH OF
HONG KONG

1. **Litnessing:** It's fine to distribute lit, but in order to solicit for money a permit is required. But we've never run up against any real problems. Litnessing is fruitful, averaging 100 MO Letters per day at 25¢-U.S. a copy.

2. **Legal problems:** About two years ago, the Family here had to lie low for awhile because a few litnessers were hassled at a major ferry terminal. Also, a Commonwealth passport holder and an American were refused re-entry into Hong Kong about a year ago.

3. **Carrying money:** As far as we know, no one has had to show carrying money upon entry, but it would be best to have at least \$100-200-U.S., especially if coming in as a visitor.

4. **Round-trip tickets:** It would be good, when entering the country, to have an ongoing ticket. You could get one to Taiwan or the Philippines fairly cheaply.

5. **Visas:** British subjects receive from 3-6 months initially, six months if you ask. Americans can get a single-entry 3-month tourist visa, if applied for outside Hong Kong, which is difficult to extend more than once. Visa extensions for Commonwealth passport holders are granted quite liberally.

6. **Health conditions:** Smallpox vaccination for adults is required, but cholera vaccination is not re-

quired unless coming from an infected area. Tap water is not advisable to drink. Distilled water is obtained easily, and hotels and restaurants supply sterile, boiled or distilled water. The cheap roadside food stalls could be dangerous. Sanitary conditions are quite good in Hong Kong, better than most Asian cities.

7. **System cover needed?** Just say you are a tourist or visiting friends. If British, you can say you have come to live for awhile.

8. **Selah conditions:** Local Homes here are known as Family of Love, as COG is a bad name here.

9. **Conservative or liberal?** Conservative in government. However, one of the freest, most open ports in the world with very few restrictions on import or export—a businessman's paradise!

10. **Religion:** Mixed, but basically the Chinese religions are two—the Buddhist and the Taoist. The Chinese also worship deities such as Tin Hau (Protector of Seafarers), Hung Shing (The Weather Prophet), and Kwan Tai (the god of righteousness and war). But mostly, they are interested in keeping away devils, and superstition is strong. There are also some Catholic and Protestant missions and churches, but more common are Chinese temples and shrines.

11. **No. of brethren here:** We have 22 disciples to reach 4.5 million people in Hong Kong and 800 million people in Red China.—British passport holders preferred.

12. **Attitude towards tourists:** Hong Kong is now the most popular tourist destination in Asia. Rich

tourists are liked very much.

13. **Languages:** 98% of Hong Kong is Chinese, but English is widely spoken. The majority of the Hong Kong Chinese are Cantonese, and there are a variety of other groups all speaking different languages and dialects. There is no racial segregation or barriers.

14. **Political situation:** Hong Kong is a British Colony, so there are no political parties. Head of State is the Governor appointed by the Queen of England. He has virtual dictatorial power and runs everything mostly to the benefit of business.

15. **Climate:** Hong Kong lies just within the tropics, but has very marked seasons. December to February are winter months—chilly with an average of 15 degrees C. March to May is spring with warm days around 21 degrees C with cool nights and occasional rainfall. June through August is summer, the rainy season, during which the weather is hot and humid with temperatures around 28 degrees C. September to November is autumn in which the days are warm, the nights cool and little or no rain. Gales may be expected from July to September.

16. **Clothing needed:** In winter, you'll need warm clothing including scarf and gloves, but no snow boots. In summer you'll need light tropical clothing. Even European summer wear is not cool enough. Please dress smartly when entering, as most people here wear suits during the day. Good shirts, trousers, neckties and dresses are needed. Cloth-

ing in large enough sizes for most Westerners is hard to find but can be tailored for you at a reasonable price. For P.G.'s and mothers—nursing bras in big sizes are rare and expensive. Children's clothes are plentiful and cheap.

17. **FF'ing:** Many, many top businessmen from all over the world pass through here, so there is a very good constant flow, with excellent fishing holes. FF'ers are needed here to reach the world!

18. **Special personnel needed:** Older Chinese brothers from other countries to help out.

(Compiled by Shushan, Zephaniah & Chrysolite.)

PIONEER WANT ADS!

Honduras Pioneer Home needs FF'er-Fisherwoman!—Latin sister preferable. Also need help of a brother here! Fantastic opportunities for FF'ing, provisioning, childcare, litnessing, music! —Love, Hannah & Reuben Woodsman. Please write: Manuel de Jesus Madrid; Apdo. 1392; San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Central America.

Brother wants to join Home in southern Spain or Greece: 29-year-old Aries, American, on team 2½ years; experience in provisioning, FF'ing, carpentry, auto mechanics, PR work. Please write to: Matthew Sails (Larry Wilson), c/o Richard Romigh, Box 1423, Highland Park, New Jersey 08904, U.S.A.

Remember!—Send requests for clearance, for forwarding, to: Maria Campos, Apdo. 46131, Madrid, Spain (with "attn: Clearance" in lower left corner. Do not use COG or FOL.)

HOME CHECKLIST STATISTICS

The Statistics below were compiled from checklists we received from 404 Homes (59% of our worldwide Homes), in 54 countries (68% of the countries we are now in) during the first Quarter of 1978.

MARCH 1978		Overall Rating	Overall % Yes	Rating out of 56 Countries	I. Home	II. Food	III. Pers. Needs	IV. Health & 1st Aid	V. Pregnant and Nursing Moms	VI. Baby Needs, Par. & Helpers	VII. Witnessing	VIII. Children	IX. Legal	X. Home Schedule	XI. Miscellaneous	XII. Blobs
1.	USA (+Border Bases)	F	70	31	P	P	P	F	G	P	F	G	P	F	P	G
2.	Canada	P	63	45	P	P	P	P	G	P	P	P	P	F	F	G
NORTH AMERICA		P	68		P	P	P	P	G	P	P	G	P	F	P	G
3.	Bolivia	P	62	46	P	P	P	P	G	P	F	F	G	G	P	G
4.	Brazil	P	67	38	P	P	P	P	G	F	P	G	F	G	F	G
5.	Colombia	F	79	9	F	F	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	F	G
6.	Ecuador	P	64	42	P	P	P	P	G	P	P	F	F	F	F	G
7.	Honduras	F	75	19	F	P	F	G	G	G	P	G	P	G	F	G
8.	Jamaica	P	53	53	P	P	P	P	G	P	P	P	F	F	F	P
9.	Peru	P	57	51	P	P	P	P	G	F	P	G	F	G	F	G
10.	Puerto Rico	F	73	29	P	G	P	P	G	F	F	F	F	G	P	F
11.	Venezuela	P	60	48	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	F	G	G	G	G
LATIN AMERICA		P	65		P	P	P	P	G	F	P	F	F	G	F	G
THE AMERICAS		P	67		P	P	P	P	G	P	P	G	P	G	F	G
12.	Austria	P	60	50	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	F	P	G
13.	Belgium	G	80	7	F	F	G	G	G	F	P	G	F	F	F	G
14.	British Isles	F	74	24	F	P	F	F	G	F	P	G	F	G	F	G
15.	Denmark	F	76	17	F	P	F	P	G	F	F	G	G	G	F	G
16.	Germany	F	74	25	F	F	F	P	G	F	F	G	F	F	F	G
17.	Luxembourg	P	65	40	P	P	F	P	G	F	P	G	G	G	P	G
18.	Netherlands	F	78	11	F	F	F	F	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
19.	Norway	F	70	33	P	P	F	P	G	P	F	G	P	F	F	G
20.	Sweden	F	73	27	P	P	G	P	G	F	F	G	G	F	P	G
21.	Switzerland	P	64	43	P	P	P	P	F	P	P	F	F	F	P	G
NORTH EUROPE		F	74		F	P	F	P	G	F	F	G	F	F	F	G
22.	France	F	73	28	F	P	F	P	G	F	P	G	F	F	F	G
23.	Greece	P	67	39	P	P	F	P	G	F	F	G	G	F	P	F
24.	Italy	F	74	21	F	F	P	P	G	F	F	G	F	F	G	G
25.	Portugal	P	69	34	F	P	P	P	F	F	P	F	F	F	F	G
26.	Spain	F	74	26	F	F	P	P	G	F	F	G	F	F	G	G
27.	Turkey	F	70	30	P	F	F	P	G	P	P	G	G	G	P	G
SOUTHERN EUROPE		F	72		F	P	P	P	G	F	F	G	F	F	F	G
EUROPE		F	73		F	P	F	P	G	F	F	G	F	F	F	G

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28. Afghanistan	F	76	16	P	F	G	G	G	G	F	G	F	G	P	G
29. Bangladesh	P	60	47	P	P	P	F	P	F	P	F	F	P	G	G
30. India	P	64	44	P	P	P	P	G	G	F	G	G	G	P	G
31. Iran	F	77	15	F	P	F	F	G	F	G	G	G	G	P	G
32. Lebanon	G	81	6	P	G	G	P	G	G	G	G	G	G	F	P
33. Nepal	G	83	5	F	G	P	P	G	G	G	G	F	G	G	G
34. Sri Lanka	F	70	32	P	G	F	P	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
35. U.A.E.	F	79	9	P	G	F	P	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
ASIA	P	69		P	P	P	P	G	G	G	G	G	G	F	G
36. Egypt	G	97	1	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
37. Ghana	P	35	54	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
38. Ivory Coast	P	60	49	P	P	F	P	G	P	P	G	P	G	F	G
39. Kenya	F	76	18	P	P	G	F	G	G	P	G	G	G	P	G
40. Malta	F	74	22	P	F	F	P	G	G	G	G	G	G	F	G
41. Nigeria	P	53	52	P	P	P	F	P	P	P	F	P	G	P	P
42. Senegal	G	93	2	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
43. Tanzania	P	67	35	P	P	P	P	G	G	G	G	G	G	F	G
44. Tunisia	P	67	36	P	P	P	P	G	P	F	G	F	P	P	G
AFRICA	P	69		P	P	F	P	G	F	F	G	G	F	P	G
ASIA & AFRICA	P	69		P	P	P	P	G	F	G	G	G	F	P	G
45. American Samoa	P	67	36	P	P	G	P	F	G	P	G	F	P	P	G
46. Australia	F	75	20	F	P	F	P	G	G	G	G	F	G	G	G
47. Fiji	G	92	3	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
48. Guam	F	79	8	F	F	P	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	F	P
49. Hong Kong	P	63	44	P	P	F	P	F	F	P	G	P	P	F	G
50. Indonesia	F	74	22	P	F	F	P	G	G	G	G	G	G	P	G
51. Japan	P	63	45	P	P	P	P	G	F	P	G	F	F	F	G
52. Malaysia	G	87	4	G	F	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
53. New Zealand	F	78	12	F	P	P	F	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G
54. Philippines	F	77	13	F	F	F	F	G	G	G	G	G	F	F	P
55. Singapore	F	77	14	P	P	G	P	F	F	G	G	G	G	G	P
56. Thailand	P	65	40	P	F	P	P	G	P	F	P	F	P	F	G
PACIFIC	F	72		P	P	F	P	G	F	F	G	G	G	F	G
THE WORLD	F	71		P	P	P	G	G	F	F	F	F	F	F	G

After April, please send in your Checklist on a Quarterly Basis. This would mean that with your June reports, your September reports and your December reports you will also need to send in your Checklist to your KQS Office. If there is more than one Home in one city, please specify your Home name, so we can give due credit on our next Shiners' List! Thanks! God bless you!

HOME CHECKLIST—First Quarter '78

SHINERS!

<u>WORLDWIDE TOP TEN SHINER HOMES</u>	Total No. of No's	<u>WORLDWIDE TOP TEN SHINER COUNTRIES</u>	Aver. No. No's/Home
1. Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife	4	1. Egypt	7
2. Cairo, Egypt	7	2. Senegal	15
3. Antonio Cavero, Madrid, Spain	11	3. Fiji	17
4. Colombes, Paris, France	13	4. Malaysia	28
Sapporo, Japan	13	5. Nepal	37
6. Istanbul, Turkey	14	6. Lebanon	41
Munich, W. Germany	14	7. Belgium	43
8. Dakar, Senegal	15	8. Guam	45
9. Palermo, Italy	16	9. Colombia	46
Quezon City, Philippines	16	United Arab Emirates	46
<u>TOP 5 KQS SHINER HOMES</u>		<u>TOP 5 KQS SHINER COUNTRIES</u>	
<u>North America</u>		<u>Latin America</u>	
1. KQS Off., Philadelphia, Pa.	24	1. Colombia	46
2. Balboa Island, Calif.	29	2. Honduras	54
3. Atlanta, Ga.	31	3. Puerto Rico	59
4. San Mateo, Calif.	32	4. Brazil	71
5. Corpus Cristi, Tx.	33	5. Ecuador	78
<u>Latin America</u>		<u>Northern Europe</u>	
1. Rio de Janeiro (Tailors), Brazil	21	1. Belgium	43
2. Brazilia, Brazil	31	2. Netherlands	47
3. Bayamon, Puerto Rico	32	3. Denmark	51
4. Curtiba, Brazil	34	4. England	55
5. Santa Clara, Rio, Brazil	36	5. West Germany	56
<u>Northern Europe</u>		<u>Southern Europe</u>	
1. Munich, W. Germany	14	1. Italy	54
2. Stuttgart, W. Germany	17	2. Spain	57
3. Hamburg, W. Germany	18	3. France	58
4. Bielefeld, W. Germany	25	4. Turkey	65
5. Ridderkerk, Netherlands	27	5. Portugal	67
<u>Southern Europe</u>		<u>Asia & Africa</u>	
1. Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife	4	1. Egypt	7
2. Antonio Cavero, Madrid, Spain	11	2. Senegal	15
3. Colombes, Paris, France	13	3. Nepal	37
4. Istanbul, Turkey	14	4. Lebanon	41
5. Palermo, Italy	16	5. United Arab Emirates	46
<u>Asia & Africa</u>		<u>Pacific</u>	
1. Cairo, Egypt	7	1. Fiji	17
2. Dakar, Senegal	15	2. Malaysia	28
3. Madras, India	27	3. Guam	45
4. New Delhi, India	31	4. New Zealand	48
5. Shiraz, Iran	35	5. Philippines	49
<u>Pacific</u>		<u>KQS RATING</u>	
1. Sapporo, Japan	13	1. Northern Europe — 74% Yes	
2. Quezon City, Philippines	16	2. Pacific — 72% Yes	
3. Suva, Fiji	17	3. So. Europe/Asia/Africa — 71% Yes	
4. Tsurumiku, Japan	19	4. North America — 68% Yes	
5. Osaka, Japan	23	5. Latin America — 65% Yes	

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