

FAMILY NEWS -BY- YOU & ME!

Please Come To Thailand & Help Me!

Meet a new Thai disciple!
How you can win more!

From Isaiah Patience:

"PLEASE COME TO THAILAND & HELP ME!" pleaded the beautiful Thai sister in the video that was being shown in all the Homes in Australia in late 1978. I knew then that Thailand was the field of my calling. So few brethren in Thailand & so many many in Australia!

THE VOICE OF THAT SWEET SISTER BROUGHT TEARS TO MY EYES & greatly touched my heart & even today when I remember I still shed a tear or two: "Please come to Thailand & help me!" Well at the time I was printing in Sydney & from there I went on to New Zealand to help establish a print shop there. But her cry was always there in my heart. Then with the RNR I found myself back in the States alone working as a carpenter in the day & reading & studying the Letters at night, sorting out all that had happened since I'd joined the Family. But that sweet angelic cry was still there: "Please come to Thailand & help me!"

AT THE INVITATION OF ANOTHER COUPLE, Isaiah &



Lovely Noi, already bearing fruit for God's Kingdom—6 mos. pregnant! Photo by Isaiah.

Beth, whom I had loved & worked with in Australia, I began getting my fare & by Feb. '79 I was here! Since then I've met that little angel from the video, Anna, & she is a precious sister!

I LOVE THIS FIELD & THERE IS SO MUCH TO DO here. There is a fair amount of workers now but for over 40 million people, not enough.

"A world of good news!"

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There's lots to be done & the provinces have not been touched. Most of the Family, including myself, is in Bangkok. Teaching English seems to be the major way the Lord is supplying funds & good visas.

IN SPITE OF THE TIME TAKEN UP WITH DROP-IN JOBS, there is a lot of witnessing & witnessing being done. FF'ing also supplies needed funds. But ideally, if someone were to come to Thailand, if he would work hard at getting support & pledges from back home before he comes, he could devote his full time to getting out the Words in this needy field. (See No. 922)

FISHING'S NOT BAD AT ALL HERE, FOR GUYS OR GIRLS. Bangkok's nightlife is famous in S.E. Asia & several sisters do escort work. Important men from S.E. Asia, the Mideast & Europe come here for the nightlife & the Thai women.

IT SEEMS THAT ALL THAI GIRLS ARE STARVING FOR REAL LOVE as the vast majority of Thai men just don't have it. How can they?—They don't have Jesus! (Want to change that, girls?) Of course you need a lot of faith & a lot of the real genuine love of God & a whole lot of patience to bring them out of that System sewage. Read the Letter "Pawn" again (No. 370), especially par. 24-25. I know!

THE LORD HAS GIVEN ME A THAI WIFE. She's coming a-

long great, TYJI! Here's her story. She had been going with a guy for 9 years & loved him greatly, tho' he often broke her heart. In August he went to America to study & she was left alone. I had met her a few times as I was witnessing to a group of her friends quite often, but I never talked to her personally as she seemed like a proud system girl.

ONE DAY THE LORD SHOWED ME HER HEART—how broken & lonely it was. She knew I believed in Jesus, tho' she knew nothing about Jesus (most Thais don't—want to help change that?). Then she asked me what God had to say to her & immediately I got, "The Lord is close to those of a broken heart". After this she began coming to see me often & one night she got saved!

AT THE TIME SHE WAS TRYING TO GO TO AMERICA to be with her boyfriend (actually her husband as they had married before he left). When she got her visa, the Lord showed me to go with her, which seemed crazy to everyone, but I had to do what I felt was the Lord no matter how contrary the natural expectation. I had no money but a brother donated some even tho' he didn't agree with such a crazy move as my leaving my field (can you blame him?).

SO NOI & I FLEW TO L.A. TOGETHER & the next 2 weeks were some of the craziest I've spent in the Lord's service! On the way over on the plane I told her if she wanted, Jesus would work it out that she could come with me, but it would have to be her decision & she'd have to really pray for it.

THAT NIGHT WE STAYED WITH HER HUSBAND at the home of quite a wealthy & influential family of Thailand. Needless to say they all felt that the sooner I was gone the better.



Some of the Thai national disciples with friends!

When Noi saw me alone for a few minutes she said with tears in her eyes, "I love Jesus!" She asked me not to leave her alone in L.A.

THE NEXT DAY I WAS OUT ON THE STREET with no money, knowing no one. That night I stayed at the airport. The next morning, by a miracle, I found the phone number of a sister's parents. Thru' them I found the address of a brother in L.A. who gave me a place to stay, GBH. The rest was all a matter of prayer & faithfully calling & visiting Noi, a very uneasy feeling for me & her husband!

SHE PRAYED THE LORD WOULD TOUCH HIS HEART to let her go with no bad feelings. I felt that it was important that he agree for all to be in accordance with God's law of love. Well, PTL. He didn't fail. One week later her husband agreed she could leave. Not only that but he gave us plane fare back to Thailand! What a crazy wonderful life of faith!

DURING THAT WEEK SHE SPENT WITH HER HUSBAND she was on her period. When

she left with me she prayed that before her next period she would become pregnant. She never had her next period! In August we'll have a new disciple! Since then, Noi has been reading her Bible & the Letters in Thai. She memorizes, witnesses, helps with the Church of Love, & now she's getting into translating. We are praying for her ex-husband to get saved, as well as his influential friends.

"PLEASE COME TO THAILAND & HELP ME!" I'm glad I came. I have a Thai wife & a soon-to-be-born child of this land! If you'd like to come, then step out by faith & come on! Do it now before it's too late! Don't wait 4 years like I did! Or if you'd like to be part of our work here financially, believe me we can use it. Odds are you know someone here. Is your life becoming stagnant? Head out for some needy field by faith & I guarantee God will do exceedingly abundantly above all that you ask or think. Do you believe it? Then claim it & GO! **"PLEASE COME TO THAILAND & HELP ME!"** Love, Isaiah & Noi Patience.

"The Happy Family" On The Road!

God's miraculous provision as they obey! Tips on children's singing ministry!

From Aaron & Sky:

WHEN WE DECIDED AT THE END OF 1979 TO GET A CARAVAN & launch out on the road by faith, it proved to be the best decision we have made in a long time. Dad sure knows what he's talking about when he says that for families to continue to live by faith & serve the Lord full-time, we all need to get out on the road.

AT FIRST WE THOUGHT IF WE GOT A JOB that would be the quickest way to get all our needs for mobility & survival, but God showed us differently as He promised in Mt. 6:33, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God & His righteousness & all these things shall be added unto you". And the fulfillment of this verse came within 6 weeks of the time the Lord stopped us from working for mammon!

AS WE PREPARED TO GO ON THE ROAD we were given \$2,500 from all directions & were able to buy all that we needed, like a 2nd-hand car to pull our trailer full of survival food, water, petrol, tools, extra gas bottles etc. We also had 17,000 pieces of lit for distribution, tapes of our songs to sell, & we were able to pay off all our remaining bills, TYJI!

IT'S BEEN 6 MONTHS NOW that we've been living & witnessing by faith in our caravan along with our 5 children, Sally our new disciple won before we left & wonderful nanny to our children & a brother named Sam who joined us to help out just before we set out. We've been going to the small towns & cities that are virtually untouched & have found tremendous open doors for us as we obey, mostly thru' "Invading the Churches", "DTD" & of course



Some of the "Happy Family"—Aaron, Sam, Sky holding Aaron-3 mo. & Sally with Timothy-15 mo.

the children's singing ministry! **RIGHT NOW WE'RE IN A SMALL INDUSTRIAL CITY,** not by our own choice as we would never have picked this industrial working man's city as a place we'd like to be, but God had other ideas. He used Sally's illness & 2 operations. The Lord is now healing her wonderfully & we are here while she is recovering at the parents' of a Family member who have taken such good care of her & have been such a super blessing to us all, GBT!

WE'RE IN OUR 7TH WEEK & HAVE DONE EXACTLY 50 SHOWS with the children, with over 400 souls saved! The Lord's done such miracles for our provision & protection! Knowing we were going to be here for a few weeks, we felt it necessary to have a semi-permanent place to park, & God didn't fail.

OUR FIRST NIGHT IN TOWN THE LORD LED US TO A CHURCH & asked if we could

park on their property for a week & the minister gladly obliged. We started ministering to them & God opened the doors. After our week was up I called another church that agreed to let us stay on their property for 2 more weeks. At that church we met a member of the congregation who told us that while in prayer the Lord told her to let us stay on their property—9 acres of land overlooking the sea & set in the bush away from it all, complete with showers, toilets etc. We stayed there 3 weeks.

JUST AS THE WEATHER WAS STARTING TO CHANGE FOR THE WORSE we met a Christian lady who operates a refuge house for children. When we did a few shows for her children she opened up her heart & without our asking she gave us her own house to live in for a few weeks. This is where we are now & it's giving us a chance to fix up the van, repair our tents & generally clean things up.

What a blessing, as we "follow God"!

GOD'S PROVISION HAS BEEN SO ENCOURAGING.

We have never missed a meal, but like Dad said, sometimes it comes at the last minute. The children are all healthy with no sicknesses, TTL! We have learned not to shirk any opportunities for eating out as lots of people invite us for tea, lunch etc. Altho' the most ideal thing would be to buy food on a weekly basis, it's just not worked out that way & the Lord is teaching us just to be thankful for our daily bread.

THE CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF CLOTHING & God's never failed. Sally provisioned shoes for the 3 oldest & the man who runs the city mission where we did a show & took the Sunday service for the alcoholics gave us the choice of all the best clothing in his big warehouse. One of the main lessons learned thru' this has been to "seek first". This verse has become such a reality. We have also learned not to be afraid to ask. Every time we do a show we always make mention to someone what our needs are. We have learned to be very bold in this area.

ALSO SINCE WE'VE DECIDED TO START TITHING 15% starting this month the Lord has doubled our income from last month! You can't out give God! We still have many needs but have learned that God will supply when we need it most.

WE'RE FRONT LINE SOLDIERS & love every minute of it! Our main ministry is a singing minstrel one with the children, but want to say first that the children love to witness too! To keep a balance we try to get downtown every Saturday morning when the most people are shopping & mass litness, really getting out the message, especially in small country cities.

Among us we usually get out between 4-500 pieces. Our greatest testimony so far has been that we are serving the Lord & living by faith as a family, & this is what most people comment about on the street. So if possible we usually try to do everything together.

WE HAVE A VERY SIMPLE LITTLE SHOW that we can put together at a moment's notice. When we first started performing with our children a few years ago we were having them do the whole thing but found it was too much pressure on them & that if the adults share the load with singing & skits our children enjoy it more all 'round.

WE'VE LEARNED TO BE ADAPTABLE as we get invitations to sing at so many various sorts of institutions, schools etc. So far here in this city we've done 50 shows (about 7 a week) at such places as hospitals, old folks homes, children's homes, psychiatric hospital (adults only), schools, scripture classes, churches, youth clubs, city mission for alcoholics, Christian fellowships etc., & each place needs something a little different.

WE FOUND THAT THE 1ST 10 MINUTES OF OUR SHOW we need to break the ice, so we start with our 2 best songs with the children followed by an action song or participation with the audience, especially if there are children. By this time, everyone is warmed up & can start getting across the message. We have 2 skits that have been very effective as a Salvation message. After the skits we do a few more songs & then I tell a story like Tommy which really has an effect. We try to keep the whole show simple & power-packed & not too drawn-out, to keep everyone sucking. Often we've been asked to stay longer than expected.

MOST OF THIS WE'VE LEARNED BY EXPERIENCE,

but you never learn until you obey & we have found out that the more we do & obey, the more new inspiration the Lord gives us, plus new songs & material. Doing these shows together has kept us united & helped us do everything together, like learning new songs, memorizing, witnessing etc.

I CAN REMEMBER MAKING A PROMISE TO THE LORD that if He opened the doors we wouldn't refuse one opportunity to minister. Well, He has kept us at our word as He is providing much more than we thought we were capable of doing. We do our part too as when we enter a new town we get on the phone to schools, churches etc., & start making appointments, & God never fails. If we want to be used by the Lord to the fullest, we have found the steps to be: Pray, then "ask & ye shall receive, seek & ye shall find, knock & it shall be opened unto you."

THE 2 OLDEST CHILDREN ARE DOING SCHOOL BY CORRESPONDENCE (free here in Australia) under Sky's supervision. It takes up about an hour a day, & they are each way ahead of the system standard. Each place we go we take them to do something special so they can write up a news report for their correspondence teacher—such as a nature walk, visiting a cave, a cheese factory & even a tour of an airplane where the children got to sit in the pilot's seat, so our travels have been very exciting for us all. We pray our testimony will inspire other families to go out by faith because God will fulfill His promise to supply all our needs, if we obey! Love, Aaron, Sky & "The Happy Family". ("The Happy Family's" new tape, "Little Things", is now available from Wild Wind, B.P. 3191, 31027 Toulouse Cedex, France.—\$4. or \$5 airmail.)