

fun. I think our moms & dads could really explode to get out sometimes with the help of some of the single brothers or sisters who live in the Home or nearby.

YESTERDAY ANOTHER LITTLE NEIGHBOUR BOY GOT SAVED during our morning devotions in the garden. The 3 boys present took turns selecting a comic from the new Spanish edition of the all-Komix Mag to read for us all. Later that evening when we were going out singing, the 3 boys wanted to go with us.

AT FIRST WE WERE HESITANT, thinking it would be more work for us & a distraction for our kids. But they really begged to go, & what a revelation, as the Lord used them to open our eyes to what He is doing!—On the way, the boys all sang too as we warmed up. One boy was so on-fire that he wanted to sing "Voy a seguir" over & over. They enthusiastically carried the amplifier & took the hands of the younger children & helped in every way they could without being asked.

I COULDN'T IMAGINE WHY BIG 13-YEAR-OLD BOYS could be so interested in being with us! As the Lord began speaking to our hearts, it brought tears of joy to realise that in such a short time we had seen the Lord's anointing pass to another generation—our children! It seems like only yesterday when I was out witnessing to teenagers with a youth group, & now here are our young children, the oldest 8 years old, winning hearts, souls & lives of teenagers! How could it be we can see the fruit of our labours so quickly?! PTL! Weekends these boys are at our house first thing every morning & want to do everything with us & stay as late as possible.

ANOTHER REAL MIRACLE & BIG CHANGE is that Jason-B



Seek & baby Michael: 3 months old.

now plays all the songs for the kids' singing & directs the whole performance. Secundus only works the volume on the little amplifier. The kids all prayed one night for help in the Spirit in their performances & it has amazed us how quickly Jason learned all the songs & even new ones. It is so much better with the kids doing the whole show themselves.

WE ARE REALLY THANKFUL FOR PILAR, young Spanish sister who has been helping us. She is learning to keep house & has a willing heart. Right now she is faithfully doing the chores so I can write this & Secundus can have school with the little boys & Patricia.

IT IS REALLY TEMPTING SOMETIMES WITH A LARGE FAMILY to make mealtime something you just try to survive as quickly as possible & then are relieved the kids are finally fed. But Secundus, especially, tries to make mealtime special. The way you prepare & serve each dish & set the table means a lot to the children. We can't afford to buy the children a lot of things, but what we do

with them & for them can be very special so that they see our love & care for them & they learn to do the same for others.

WE HAD BEEN PRAYING SO DESPERATELY FOR A CARAVAN (we have a van & a small "trailer" to carry extra belongings) & have been knocking on many doors. Then one afternoon during our Word time we read Grandmother's "Streams That Never Run Dry". Her words of faith & how to receive from the Lord struck such a definite chord in our hearts. I began to weep & the Lord told me to open the book again. I opened to the example of the girl who had wanted so long to go to Bible College. This just literally broke my heart as I saw how we need to proceed as if we believe we already have our petition. We found the verses we had claimed & definitely wrote them on paper & finished the contract. We ceased our petitions & started believing. PTL! (To be continued!)

SOMETHING ELSE THAT ENCOURAGES US is that after ministering to my younger brother & his wife & children for

almost 5 years by mail, we've seen such a change in their lives, month by month, letter by letter. Now they're making plans to become missionaries themselves! What a bomb! This takes away our largest donation this month as they've been sending us their tithe of \$200 a mo. At first we had mixed emotions about this, but the Lord is faithful. We don't even know how, but we haven't been short a penny & have been able to share extra donations with several other families. We'd sure like to know how the Lord managed the finances to work this all out! **HALL WE'RE BEGINNING TO UN-**

DERSTAND that we're not always going to understand or even need to as we follow the Lord. The only real requirement is just obedience. I remember a verse to a poem: "My life is just a weaving between the Lord & me. I do not choose the colors. He knows what they should be."

OUR LIFE IS JUST SO MUCH DAY BY DAY WITH THE CHILDREN, & we're so thankful the Lord keeps us going. We've noticed, too, from recent prayerletters we receive that families are writing more about how much of their time is involved "just" in training & caring for their children. That makes us

want to send them a donation even more than anything because we sure understand. Those sweet testimonies of day-by-day living for the Lord, changing the world heart by heart with our children, PTL! Well, we wanted to write this to keep up to date with the testimonies as we'll be on the road in 2 weeks & then it may be harder to write. God bless you, Dad & Maria, for your wonderful sample that lights our way. It must make you so happy, too, to be able to live again this time thru' 1000's of your children around the world! Lots of love, Seek & Secundus.

ROGUES GALLERY

From Matthieu & Marie, Canadian VS:

WE'RE WRITING ABOUT A COUPLE we'd like the Family to be warned against. Their Bible names are Bart & Sunshine. Her legal name is Robertta Gottschalk. They have 2 little girls, Jasper, about 2 years old & Pearl, about 1 year old. Here is part of a letter we received from a very faithful couple with whom Bart & Sunshine lived for about 6 months:

"THEY LEFT WITH CLOSE TO \$3,000 IN DEBTS (as closely as we can figure). We would strongly advise against any brethren lending them money or even their addresses or phone numbers in any of their dealings. With almost all of our friends & sheep, they have either driven them further away or have used them for their own benefit, oftentimes outright lying to them. They continually live beyond their means without conscience of the consequences. They are now travelling in a car & trailer. Their plans are vague, probably going back to Ottawa. There is a talk about a refuge in Mexico. We feel that something

needs to be published about them before they cause any more damage."

ANOTHER FAITHFUL COUPLE WHO LIVED WITH THEM in the past shared with us that they often borrowed money without returning it & were also using kings & friends of the Family for their own advantage, thus turning them away from the Family. It was also common for them to run up bills in the Family's name & leave them for others to pay. Here are photos of them taken in Sept. '79:



APOLOGY FROM BART: Dearest Family, My name is Bart (formerly Eliab). I've sent this letter in to ask anyone whom I've offended in the past to please forgive me. I've held this letter back because I'm so damn proud but I know I must make all things right with everyone before I can go on with the Lord. I've been working to pay back everyone that I can remember I owe. ILY all so much & ask again if you would please forgive me. Here's where you can write if you feel so led. GYAKYIHL, Bart. P.S. Nimshi from Montreal & Amminidab, please write. Address: R. Gottschalk, General Delivery, Kamloops, B.C., Canada V2C 5K2.

(Ed.: Mt. 3:8—"Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance!" And as Dad says, "True repentance is not just being sorry: It is 'metanoia', Greek for a complete change of mind & heart & direction. Only God can do it, but we must be willing & yielded to Him & make the decision that we want to be delivered without reservations!" (No. 71:43.) (Amen!—D.)

You Can Make Bread On A Campfire!

STEAMED BREAD

Ingredients: 1 cup whole wheat flour, 1 slightly rounded teaspoon baking powder, ¼ teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons vegetable oil, ¾ cup water. Mix dry ingredients & oil, then stir in water. Batter should be fairly loose, like drop-biscuit dough. **How to cook:** Spoon batter into heavily greased 1 lb. coffee can. Put on plastic lid & poke a few small holes in lid with knife (for expansion of gases). Place can upright in large pot with cover. Add a few inches of water & boil for 45 min. to 1 hr. until done when knife blade stuck in center of loaf comes out clean. When done shake can to loosen bread, turn upside down & shake it out.

BAKED ON A STONE

(From "Campfire Cookbook" by Verily Anderson.) A bake stone is any large flat slab of

Turn & cook other side for 10 minutes.

FUEL SAVER

Here's a super-quick, easy & versatile "bread" used by the Mexicans & Indians for centuries: In Mexico it's called a flour tortilla, in India it's a chapate. Ingredients to make 1 doz. large tortillas: 2 cups whole wheat flour, 1 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 tablespoon margarine, ¾ cup water (approx.). Thoroughly mix dry ingredients. Cut in margarine & add enough water to make a stiff dough. Divide into egg-sized balls. Roll each ball out on a lightly floured board into shape of a circle, as thin as possible (about 5-6 in. in diameter). "Bake" about 20-30 seconds on each side on ungreased fry pan over medium heat, or use bake stone or griddle. If you bake too long they come out brittle but if not overdone they are soft & flexible. For breakfast try rolling up your scrambled egg in it. For lunch spread it with peanut butter & honey. At supper mop up your stew, chili or curry with it.

Childcare Tips & Questions!

From the Monthly Reports

"HERE ARE SOME BOOKS WE HAVE FOUND VERY HELPFUL: 'Baby's Cookbook' by Barbara Griggs, published by Mayflower, Granada Pub. Also 'This Nutrition Business' by John Yudkin, published by Davis Poynter."—Daniel & Esther; British Isles.

"GRADE SCHOOL CAN SOMETIMES HAVE A VERY BAD INFLUENCE on our girls. Because of this we have been paying more attention to every little detail with them, attacking more with the Word. We are very thankful for the testimonies of other parents with older children who are going thru' the same things. We would like to hear more concrete suggestions of schedules as well as battles & victories."—Diana & Gloria; Southern Europe.

"IT'S A STRANGE TESTIMONY I HAVE TO SHARE BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET IT! My little 6-mo.-old baby was crying so much whenever awake that I was getting quite upset & even losing patience. He was sometimes so nervous that he couldn't nurse steadily & I had to forcefeed him bottles so he'd get some food. Deep down, I knew his crying reminded me of the cry of another little baby I knew that was sadly lacking love. I finally became desperate enough to seek the Lord. When you want to know what the Lord has to say, no matter what it is, He is so faithful to speak! Well, guess what the poor baby was suffering from? The Lord led me to realise that deep down I did not have e-



Isaac: 2½ & Martin: 1, Jesus babies of FF'er Vanina in Europe—the fruits of love! Photo by Louise.

nough love for this little one & his spirit was suffering because of it, even tho' I had all the 'form of godliness' in his care & needs. I suffered from the same thing as a kid. You can't fool your children! They know exactly what you feel in your heart, even if you can't admit it to yourself, & they'll grow lacking something essential. TTL for helping me in time to correct it! He helped me to accept the truth & when I asked for it He put the priceless seed of His love in my heart, & I prayed with my new little love for both him & the Lord to forgive me. Now I have a new flourishing space in my heart, a new love & lover, TYJI! What a miracle!—Immediately little Miguel Angel became a different baby, a prince charming, cute, cheerful, sweet, loving, as well as a wonderful team mate for the Lord's work. I guess I never quite accepted him, but now I experience how true it is that God's ways are higher than ours & He gave us such a wonderful little spirit, the very one we needed. But I had to open my heart to him to realise it, like to Jesus! How horrible to think I could have hurt him while at the same

time depriving myself of the wonder of this love & unity?! Like salvation in a way! One of the heaviest experiences of my life!"—Lystra; Southern Europe.

"I WAS SHOCKED TO REALISE that some people in the Home were not reading the Davidito Letters or paying much attention to them. We have 2 children in our Home, so we try to encourage everyone to read them more often. But it seems that not everyone is reading them, which is manifested in the way people handle the kids."—Enoch & Joy; Japan.

"I WANTED TO SAY A FEW THINGS I LEARNED FROM MY 2ND CHILD'S BIRTH from a good midwife. She put Vitamin E oil on my labina lips when the baby was coming out & told me not to push too hard if it burned & also advised me to put ice on my vagina after the baby was born. This is cold but it sure helps the swelling to go down & leaves you feeling better. (The ice goes on for 3-24 hrs. depending on how much you can stand.)

(Dad: The part about the ice sounds totally unnatural & sounds terrible—probably feels that way too. The swelling must be there for a reason, so what bad effects are suffered afterward?)

"AFTER WORKING DAILY WITH HANDICAPPED CHILDREN (impaired hearing & learning disabilities) at a grade school, I'll never think our kids are slow learners again! In fact, God has really blessed us with bright children! We in the Family should be so thankful for the good materials we receive & the love & faith & good sample we can follow thru' the Letters. The main reasons for these kids' disabilities was lack of proper prenatal care &/or real love & attention during their 1st years. I work with some of the hardest cases,

From Greece!

