

Americans Going Abroad!

The exciting, miraculous fruits of going for God into all the world!



Sonnet & Caleb & family—(top) Jonathan-6, Jordan-7, Alanna-5 (bottom) Abe (son of Nat & Peace), Tyrus-8 & Fisher-3½.

God Makes a Way as Family Obeys!

From Caleb & Sonnet Hart & 5 children, Canada:

WE'RE SO EXCITED ABOUT WHAT THE LORD IS DOING in our new lives with Him! It all began when we read "Millions of Miles of Miracles". It so encouraged us that we were not all "washed up" but merely going thru' a stage & some life-changing lessons!

THE LORD SHOWED US TO "TAKE A STEP IN THE DIRECTION" He said to go" & that He would guide us step by step. So we began to get our passport forms etc. to prepare to head South, tho' we had no savings. Then He told us to "sell all that thou hast". We obeyed & became so excited to see what the Lord did! We felt that the most important thing was to stay close to the Lord, in His Word & be faithful to witness & get the Word out, & He would not fail us.

SO WE BOUGHT A 2ND-HAND TENT TRAILER, hitched it to our van & became mobile. We started out at a Family reunion in a provincial campsite.

Three families showed up & we took all 14 children to sing at an old folks home. They were so thankful, & the nurse said she hadn't seen the old folks so happy in months.

RETURNING TO OUR HOME BASE to finish off some business, we were surprised to find a very favourable little article about us in a local paper. The children had performed for a local reporter who happened by the flea market where we had been selling our household items a few weeks previous. We had shared with her that we were working on going to South America, & the article was the result.

SINCE THEN IT'S JUST BEEN MIRACLE AFTER MIRACLE! Being mobile is such a blessing & we're so excited about returning to the mission field! Everywhere we go the Lord does big & little things to encourage us. Whenever I need help the most the Lord raises up a young girl or 2 to play with & watch the children, & they in turn always get saved!

I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S SCHOOLING, so I checked in to correspondence courses. I found they would cost several

hundred dollars for texts etc. But the Lord turned the District Supervisor of the School Board in our favor as his wife had been educated thru' correspondence as a missionary's daughter in the South Pacific. So he has offered to supply texts for us at no cost!

AND FINALLY, JUST A FEW DAYS AGO we stopped at a gas station to fill up & Caleb met a woman who asked where we were headed. He explained that we were missionaries on our way eventually to South America but that now we were raising fare. She responded by whipping out \$60 from her purse! What a surprise! The children then went into the adjoining cafe & sang for her & the other customers.—And so it's been!

PLEASE PRAY FOR US, AS WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF FARE TO RAISE. But we're confident that God's going to do it as we continue to obey! We pray this will encourage others who are considering taking a similar step! God will make a way if you obey!

New Love,
New Land!

From Matthew Artist, Caribbean:
AFTER NEARLY 5 YEARS OF MARRIAGE I lost my wife to the System, & I knew I would never be fully happy in His Service unless her love was replaced with a new one. I tried for several years to find that one. As a last resort, I PLACED A MATE WANTED AD that appeared in Mag 2 in August of '79. Rose answered, & she was in the West Indies.

I was in Europe. From her words it seemed we were "keyed" to be together. Tho' I was in Europe I believed God wanted this union.

WE CORRESPONDED INTENSELY FOR ONE WHOLE YEAR, knowing that God would work it out for us to get together, especially as she has 5 little prophets to care for all alone, ranging from 3 months to 7 years. Occasionally she was helped by other brothers, but mostly by Fish whom she was FF'ing.

DURING THAT TIME I WAS SERVING THE LORD in Greece, Switzerland, France & the U.K., living by faithitnessing, FF'ing & drawing portraits of people in many places.

WHEN I READ "AMERICANS ABROAD"—BOOM! I knew I should leave Europe & make my Great Escape to the Caribbean & Rose! So I flew to the Caribbean via Miami (it's the cheapest way from England).

I GOT HERE AT THE HOTTEST TIME OF THE YEAR, both climatically & politically. In the capital political violence & murder were rife. I felt "revolution" in the air! After the bumpiest bus ride of my life I was finally united with Rose & children who were living amidst God's beautiful creation by the sea.

SO WE 7 BECAME A NEW HAPPY HEAVENLY HOME! At least for 3 days when Rose had to go abroad for a week to renew visas, & I suddenly became Daddy for 2 of the children, Benji & Talitha. Believe me, to become a Daddy of 5 kids overnight, having been foot-loose & fancy-free, is about my biggest revolution, & I'm thankful that I'm so privileged. It's so rewarding & fulfilling to see God's little children grow in Him! They are already good soul winners, provisioners & win people's hearts left, right & centre!

ANOTHER ADVENTURE

BEGAN when Rose returned, & we found ourselves sitting in the path of the world's 3rd largest hurricane ever, Hurricane Allen! Oh my! There's never a dull moment in His Service!—Hal

WELL, IF LELAND VALENTINE COULD DO IT so could we! So we decided to sit it out. The kids loved that story immensely, & they slept all night very soundly, after prayer & a spoonful of honey as a sedative! About midnight the winds came & lasted about 4 hours, followed by about 8 hours of torrential rain. All the big trees around our house fell, but not on us! Some of our roof disappeared & soon the rooms got flooded, all except the kids' bedroom! So Rose & I moved in, hal

THE NEXT DAY WITH FLEE BAGS PACKED we decided to flee to a hotel for the duration. The kids really enjoyed all this action, & the Lord supplied 2 nice dry hotel rooms & food, PTL!

SO IT'S BEEN AN EXCITING FIRST 2 WEEKS! Why did I stay so long in the doomed North! The Lord is making me alter my attitudes & adapt & change, PTL! People here are less charged with ambition, are slower, poorer, humbler & simpler. Money here is scarce, but like most of the natives we live on fruit & vegetables & fish which are abundant. So money is not so relevant, except for rent & utilities. Sure is different to shopping in Geneva's Migro, to have our friend Leonard come by with fish he's just speared in the Bay!

The food is also much tastier, fresher & healthier than our fancy Western slop! So tho' it's poorer here, it's not that the standard of life is lower—I feel it's the opposite. I have to "unlearn" a lot of useless knowledge in order to be as close to God's creation as these people.

IT'S JUST THE BEGINNING!

Our vision is to continue South to spread the Words of David, as well as to raise & train the children in the way they should go! If you'd like to help our missionary family towards these goals, you can do so via your Reporting Office with an inside envelope for Matthew Artist & Rose

JASON, a poem by Seek:

He's our oldest of seven
And a rowdy boy at that.
I feel sad he left for school
'Cause we had a little spat.

Lord help me to understand
And learn the secrets why—
It's so important what he wants
to do—I really want to try!

It seems his thought's so far away
That I don't have a chance
To try to bring him down to earth
His mind is in a trance.

And how many times do you expect,
And think that it should be
Until he learns to wash his face
And comb his hair without my plea?

He seems so desperate reaching
out—He wants to know it all.
Each day excites him to such limits—All life awaits his call.

He discovers one & seeks another
Each gives such ecstasy.
Has he found the key to a hidden treasure, or Pandora's Box could be?

It takes real faith to believe God's Word, that if his heart we train
And teach him in the way to go
He'll not depart—we claim!

So as he journeys day by day
To test all that he's heard
We'll go ahead to prepare the trail,
And mark it with God's Word.

It's 5 o'clock, I hear him now,
I pray he won't be hard.
"Mom, guess what! My class got saved! I led them to the Lord!"

Return To Full-time Service!

Testimony & Responses to Latest Letters from a new WS Personnel!

From Oshea Acts, now with WS: Dear Dad, Maria, Peter & all, **GBAKYI IT'S TRULY LIKE A LITTLE BIT OF HEAVEN** here & I'm so thankful to be here! I know it's going to be a big change in my life & I hope I can be a blessing.

I WAS READING ON THE PLANE OVER & the following verses just leaped out at me.—I know the Lord was using them to speak to me: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, "FORGETTING THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE BEHIND," & reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14). So I know it's going to be a new beginning & I really appreciate your helping me make it.

I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW THANKFUL I AM TO BE BACK & how much I appreciate your concern & prayers! It's like a little bit of Heaven on Earth here with the sweet fellowship & loving brethren. PTL!

MY "FORSAKING ALL" TO RETURN TO FULL-TIME SERVICE for the Lord was probably a bigger testimony this time than the "original" time, & had quite an impact in San Jose. I'd just gotten my Costa Rican residency (after 1½ years of working at it), a raise & a promotion. (I was in charge of data processing for the largest investment house in Central America.)

SO WHEN PEOPLE HEARD I WAS LEAVING ALL THAT, it was a real opportunity to witness, & I got to minister to many people I'd never reached before. Two girls who worked in my office took me out to supper & wanted to know all about my

beliefs & what they could do to serve the Lord. (I'd given them a Revelations Booklet previously. So I told them the story of "Change the World". They were both convicted & one told me to keep in touch & "don't be surprised if I come join you some day". PTL!

ANOTHER FRIEND, A 65-YEAR-OLD CANADIAN who'd spent last Christmas with us, was so touched he almost started crying. He told me that he sometimes felt like his entire life had been wasted & that he thought I was doing something really worthwhile. He said that he wanted to do anything he could to help & he may become quite a source of support, since he's worth well over half a million dollars!

I THINK MY FORMER BOSS TOO MIGHT HELP with some support. He's a Christian & believes in sharing his wealth, which may be why the Lord gave him so much of it. He paid my way to the States & back when I went to see Liz, & gave me a month's pay when I left. God bless him.

THE LORD ARRANGED IT SO THAT I WAS ABLE TO WITNESS to everyone I thought was sheepy, even at the airport on my way out! In the departure lounge I met the Director of U.S. Aid to Costa Rica (I knew him from having done his tax return) & was able to share with him for about half an hour before I left. Hallelujah!

I'VE SPENT THE LAST COUPLE OF DAYS JUST RESTING & READING THE NEW LETTERS. WOW! What a blessing! I'll try & put my reactions on paper the best I can:

"LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP": It seems like this Letter will help folks not to go too

much to the extreme & leave before they should. Latin America can be very difficult & even dangerous if you're not prepared for what can happen there. The situation in Salvador has gotten very bad with an average of 30 people killed a day! And Guatemala is on the verge of civil war, a revolution against its hard-right dictatorship. Having survival supplies is very important in all of these countries because of the political & social unrest.

"BLESSED ARE THE DEAD" was very sobering but very comforting as well. It helped me not to worry about the future so much.—Either the Lord's going to protect us & keep us as a help to others, or He's not! We have to do all we can & the rest is up to the Lord. "For me to live is Christ & to die is gain" (Phil. 1: 21). PTL!

"KEEP YOUR CARAVANS AT HOME" was great! I very rarely saw trailers in South America, & I doubt that the ones I did see lasted very long if they had much use.—The roads were just too bad! In Costa Rica 2 of the previous 5 trailer parks have closed down in the last couple of years, & many of those remaining in the trailers had been there for a long time. It's become so dangerous to travel down that the stream of overland travellers has slowed to a trickle (altho' it still can be done).

"WATCH OUT FOR THE SUN": Most Latins are sensible enough to take their mid-day meal & "siesta" during the hottest part of the day. The only people you'll see on the streets at this time (esp. in summer) are the "gringos"!

"PESTS": I thought this was a very important Letter! They sure do abound in Central &

South America, & they come in all sizes, shapes & varieties! We've found that it's a good idea to have the house or apartment you're moving to fumigated before you move in. Many times the landlord will do this for you, or at least split the cost.

WHEN YOU DO MOVE IN, YOU HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL TO STAY CLEAN, especially in the kitchen area, or you'll soon be overrun with varmits again. I've spent about half my time in some Homes cleaning up after brethren who were "too busy" to do it themselves. This brought on the roaches & the ants, & once you had 'em it was almost impossible to get rid of 'em.

THESE SAME HOMES THAT HAD PROBLEMS WITH CLEANLINESS & the resulting pests, also had some of the greatest problems with poor health & afflictions. So cleanliness is a big part of Godliness!

"VIDEOS" was interesting, & I thought it had some good guidelines on what to watch. Since being in Latin America I've rarely had a TV.—They were expensive, the programs were usually bad & the language hard to understand on top of it. But I went to see a lot of movies, & in most countries (Peru, Ecuador etc.) movies average about 50 cents or

so (Venezuela & Costa Rica are more expensive). It keeps the poor happy! They're usually (almost always) in English with Spanish subtitles. I was excited to see the video & selection of tapes here!

"THE JEANE MANSON REVELATIONS" were very touching & heart-breaking & made me appreciate Dad more. He's such a sweet & loving King, so fit to lead this great Family!

"GO TO THE CITIES": Pretty necessary pointers, especially for anyone on their way to Latin America. We've had our troubles in the big cities, but at least there you can hide if the authorities are after you. In the little cities you stick out like a sore thumb because everyone knows practically everyone else.—And the only place you can hide is the jungle!

"GET HOME SUPPORT—OR STAY HOME!": This really hit the nail on the head! Before I left Costa Rica, I had gotten letters from 3 teams who wanted to know if I had or could get them contacts for a job there. All of these teams were coming from rich North America, & I'm sure that the letters I received were not an isolated case.

I THINK THIS LETTER WILL ENCOURAGE BRETHREN TO HAVE MORE FAITH FOR FINANCES where they're at, rather

than just waiting to have faith when they get to the field. (Jobs in Costa Rica on the average pay less than welfare in the States. My job was a big exception to the rule!)

"COMMON SENSE LIT": This was good!—The right Letter in the right place has a big effect! A couple of months ago I gave copies of the "Inflation or Deflation" comic to my co-workers in the office (an investment co.) & they said it was probably one of the best explanations of economics they'd ever seen. My boss liked it too, PTL!

"SEX JEWELS": Thank God for the freedom & honesty here! I think this Letter will help a lot of us to be freer, & I know it really helped me. Can't wait to read "Heavenly Houris"! TYJ!

I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL AGAIN for your love & prayers that pulled me thru'. I really see the Lord's hand in the events of the past few months & am so happy to be here! The "cares & troubles of this world" had become a real burden, & I know that only my return to full-time (100%) service could have set me free. Thank the Lord for His infinite love & mercy! God bless & keep you all! Much love in Jesus, —Oshea.

"IF GOD SHOULD GO ON STRIKE"

How good it is that God above has never gone on strike
Because He was not treated fair in things He didn't like.
If only once He'd given up & said, "That's it, I'm through!"
"I've had enough of those on earth, so this is what I'll do:
"I'll give my orders to the sun: Cut off the heat supply!
"And to the moon: Give no more light & run the oceans dry.
"Then just to make things really tough & put the pressure on,
"Turn off the vital oxygen till every breath is gone!"
You know He would be justified, if fairness was the game,
For no one has been more abused or met with more disdain
Than God, & yet He carries on, supplying you & me
With all the favors of His grace, & everything for free.
Men say they want a better deal, & so on strike they go,
But what a deal we've given God to whom all things we owe!
We don't care whom we hurt to gain the things we like;
But what a mess we'd all be in, if God should go on strike!

—Anonymous.