

from doing a good job of witnessing or relaxing & giving the kids a good schooltime. I think that for most of us families this is usually the biggest responsibility & battle, how to support ourselves & still have time for our children & witnessing & listening.

WELL FOR US, THE ANSWER CAME, but we know only because of our desperate prayers. A few weeks later we met a fish who has helped us regularly & generously since then. Also four different families, relatives of Seek's in the U.S., all decided to help support us by titling their incomes to us. Of course, this has meant that one of

our major ministries is the mail. So that's how it works for us. We had to find which of the 7 Supporters are for us & really attack. As we all know from the promises in His Word, somehow, some way, the Lord has to supply as we obey Him.

THIS REGULAR INCOME HAS ENABLED US TO GO REGULARLY TO ORPHANAGES, hospitals & do other Christian charitable work, take some photos which are such an asset to use in provisioning & also to have much more regular school time & time for FF'ing at night.

ANOTHER THING THAT WE ARE REALLY THANKFUL FOR IS VISITORS. Living alone it is so

easy to get a little selfish & often lonely for fellowship. But we have found that bringing home visitors, such as hitchhikers, fish on the line, contacts & neighbours really keeps us inspired & the kids alive, with a new face, a new soul to be won. The kids usually want to give every new visitor a complete show with songs, dancing, & solos.

SO, PTL, EVERYTHING KEEPS CHANGING & our desperate prayers have resulted in so many answers & delivered us from or changed many desperate situations. We pray these tips are a help to all you families to keep going for God!

Love, Seek & Secundus.

Housekeeping Hints for New Moms!

HOW TO BE A HAPPY NURSING MOTHER -NOT A FRANTIC HOUSEWIFE!

(Taken from "Nursing Your Baby" by Karen Pryor; Pocket Books, New York, Chapter 12: "Space-age Housekeeping")

(With smaller Homes, I think more Moms are finding they are not only having to care for their children pretty much on their own but also having to take care of the bulk of the household work as well, especially where many of the brethren are now taking drop-in jobs. The suggestions in this chapter were a help to me, so maybe you'll find it a help too! Love, Mesheleah, Greece.)

WHEN YOUR HUSBAND LEAVES FOR WORK, quickly make the bed; then at least something's done. Put the breakfast dishes in the sink, & cover them with hot soapy water. That gets them out of sight, & meanwhile the grease & food is soaking loose.

THEN TAKE A VERY BIG BAG & walk around the living room & bedrooms, putting everything into the bag that needs to be disposed of: crumbs, newspapers, magazines, opened envelopes, bits of toys, & all the other clutter a room acquires in a day. You can put pillows back & gather up toys as you go. Don't put everything away separately; never walk down a hall or up the stairs with just one or two things in your hands. Put things that belong in

then take them along when you're going there anyway.

THEN TAKE A PAD OF TOILET TISSUE, WET IT WITH ALCOHOL, & quickly wipe the bathroom fixtures. Alcohol is cheap, disinfectant, leaves no odor & makes chrome shine. Then with a broom or carpet sweeper, quickly clean up the middle of the living room & kitchen.

NOW SIT DOWN & RELAX. You've worked about 15 minutes & your house is clean & neat looking. If someone drops in, you won't be embarrassed. If you never get a chance to do another thing all day, you're still ahead, because the depressing, overwhelming mess is gone.

LATER ON, YOU CAN RINSE OFF THOSE DISHES & start the laundry. Then plan what you're going to have for dinner. That way there will be no last minute scramble. In the late afternoon, take a walk in the sunshine. Then, just before your husband comes home, go around the livingroom quickly, & set the table. He will see that everything is nice & neat, & if the table is set, he'll feel optimistic about the chances of getting dinner pretty soon.

THEN YOU HAVE TIME TO SIT DOWN WITH HIM OVER A DRINK, or a cup of soup, nurse the baby, hear the day's news & relax. This kind of quick "top cleaning" is

jobs, such as vacuuming under beds & washing windows, because this is what soothes your nerves, & takes away that feeling of pressure & futility. To make it even easier:

THROW AWAY EVERYTHING THAT YOU HAVEN'T USED IN A YEAR. Have you wanted it in the past year? No! Then throw it out! Give it to the Salvation Army; they will be glad to have it. It's much easier to keep half-empty closets & shelves clean & orderly. The fewer linens & clothes & possessions you can get along with, the fewer things you will have to wash & clean & sweep around.

BEFORE YOU ACQUIRE SOMETHING in the way of furniture or interior decorations stop & think: Will this make my life easier, or harder? Will it have to be cleaned, or guarded from scratches?

CONFINE THE CHILDREN'S TOYS TO ONE ROOM. Big baskets or even cardboard boxes are good for keeping toys & boots & sporting equipment—in one spot & out of sight. Convenience is more important than style. To quote the La Leche League manual,

ORDER BEFORE PRETTINESS, convenience before style, & above all, people before things. Sure, it would be great to have the floors waxed all the time, like those on the TV commercials, & to have interiors with that un-lived-in look, like the cover of a magazine.

BUT IT IS FAR MORE VITAL (FOR A NURSING MOTHER) that you get a nap, & a walk in the sunshine, & time to nurse your baby. It is far more vital to do just a little bit

& save your strength & good humor for smiling at your family & listening to what they have to say. Your husband wants a certain amount of neatness, but most of all, he wants your good company. Your children need clean clothes & hot food, but most of all they need a cheerful, loving mother. **PEOPLE BEFORE THINGS!**

Mo' Mokes!

(More Jokes told by Mo!)
"What do you think a missionary needs the most?—A sense of humour, to be able to laugh when you feel like crying!" ("Be So Happy!" Letter No. 159:14 by Father David.)

I THINK SOME OF THE FUNNIEST STORIES I EVER HEARD WERE ABOUT DRUNKS. One of my favourites is about the guy that came into the doctor with a big gash in his forehead. The doctor asked, "How did you get this gash?" The drunk said, "Well, doc, I think I bit myself." "That's ridiculous," said the doctor. "How could you bite yourself way up there?" Answered the drunk: "I was standing on a chair!"

DR. DWIGHT L. MOODY, THE EVANGELIST, met a drunk on the street who said, "Dr. Moody, don't you remember me? I'm one of your converts!" Moody answered, "Yes, you sure must be—You're sure not one of the Lord's!"

DID YOU HEAR HOW JESSE JAMES jumped on a train with his 6-guns & had a hold-up? "We're going to rob all the men & kiss all the women!" One gallant young gent said, "Sir, you can rob us men, but you can't kiss our women!" To which a little old lady popped up & said, "Mind your own business!"

A TEENAGER WAS DRIVING down the road with one arm around his girlfriend, when a policeman stopped him & said, "Hey, buddy! You need to use both hands!" Replied the youth, "But officer, I can't! I need one to drive!"

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE OLD HILLBILLY?—The first time he ever saw an indoor flush toilet?

PSYCHIATRIST HELENE DEUTSCH SUGGESTS THAT BREAST FEEDING can bring its greatest benefits to the woman who is usually immersed in serious creative work. Nine months or more of a happy nursing relationship can provide a rare interlude of peace & satisfaction in a demanding lifetime. She describes women who have set

aside their creative work to nurse their babies, & then returned inspired to their callings. Dr. Deutsch observed that these women were sometimes rather strict or abstracted with their children, but that the children nevertheless seemed to retain their affectionate early relationship with the mother, & grew to be happy, stable people.

THE JEW ASKED THE CATHOLIC PRIEST HOW HE GOT ALL HIS MONEY to build those fancy churches. So the priest offered that the Jew sit behind him in the Confessional to hear people's confessions. So the people came in one after another & said to the priest, "Father, I've sinned three times, forgive me." And the priest would say, "You're forgiven. Put \$10 in the box." When the priest was called to the telephone, the Jew sat in his place in the Confessional. A man came in to confess: "Father, I've sinned two times." The Jew said, "Vell, I tell you. Go out & sin once more, because we have a special this week. —Three for \$10!"

A MAN ASKED HIS NEW BRIDE, "Why did God make you women so beautiful & yet so dumb?" She answered, "Beautiful enough so you'd marry us & dumb enough so we'd marry you!"

ONCE AS THE PREACHER WAS GIVING SUCH A LOVELY, LONG SERMON about the deceased man, the man's wife went up to the coffin & looking in said, "Is that you, John?"

THE SCOTSMAN NEVER LOSES HIS TEMPER.—It costs too much!

IT'S VERY EASY WHEN MARIA & I DISAGREE—I go my way, & she goes my way!

(Editor: And there're mo' Mokes to come! See also "Mokes" Letter no. 640!)

News from Dad's house; ABOUT A NEW REVELATION!
From Justus Ashtree:
Dearest Dad,
GBY! ILY SO VERY MUCH! Be-

THERE WAS A LITTLE BOY IN THE HOSPITAL who kept asking the nurses if it was Sunday. The nurse kept telling him, "No, no, just a few more days." They would say, "That little boy is the best little angel in the whole world. He is always wanting to know when it is Sunday." Finally Sunday morning came & the nurse came in to open the curtain & announced, "It's Sunday!" The little boy lit up: "Oh boy! Where's the funny papers (comics)!"

I SAW A GUY IN CALIFORNIA wearing one of those sandwich boards. It said, "I'm a fool for Christ—those fool are you?" (Dad: Just give us the "fools" (not tools) to do the job!)

THE ENGLISHMAN, WHILE VISITING AMERICA, attended a banquet & heard this toast being given: "The happiest hours of my life were spent in the arms of another man's wife—my mother!" The Englishman thought that was a jolly good joke, so he thought he'd remember it for the next important banquet which he was to be head of back in England. So at the great occasion he arose to give the same toast: "The happiest hours of my life were spent in the arms of another man's wife....By Jove, I forgot her name!"

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write you & thank you for the beautiful beautiful day I've had today. The thing that made it one of the most fantastic & beautiful days I've ever experienced in my whole life was you!

"Oh, how wonderful, I feel so close to the Lord & you, for being able to be a part of the time of fellowship with you today. It was so very very inspiring! All of the things you shared with us & all the beautiful love you showed us have me just soaring! I feel I'm almost in a world beyond my dreams!—A dream come true! TYJ!"

THE SPECIAL LESSON ON THE SUPPER with the Lord was so fantastic! It inspired me so much! I think it was absolutely a totally inspired talk & revelation & a beautiful & meaningful ceremony!—So simple but so real & with such tremendous meaning. I don't think I'll ever sit down to a supper again that I won't remember the Lord's supper & His sacrifice for us.

IT IS A BEAUTIFUL SIMPLE CEREMONY that carries so much meaning & is such a faithful reminder of what He gave us & did for us. I really think it'd be fantastic if we remembered it at every meal. I think it should be a Family tradition & hope it will be.

I'D LOVE TO EDIT it when it's typed, to tell the whole world about it & have everyone share in the blessing! One other thing that I thought was really inspiring & definite confirmation of what the Lord showed you was:

WHEN I WAS LOOKING AT THE SCRIPTURE TEXT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER in Matthew, my eyes immediately fell on verse 26 (Chapter 26) where it says, "And as they were eating..." "H! Isn't that great!—Proof positive that what you received from the Lord was exactly right on! Isn't that inspiring! So beautiful! TYJ!"

I'M SO HAPPY HERE! Thank you so much for all your love & for letting me come. I remain forever in your service & His, Justus.

ONE MAN!
DEDICATED TO DAD
a poem by Ahlai Gospel; S. America
Sometimes I don't know what to do
This old world tries me thru & thru.
When thick clouds obscure my ray
of hope
In my heart I feel I just can't cope,
I think of one man who overcame
And it makes me want to do the same
He was so faithful with his few,

I suddenly feel really alone.
Four little kids & little cat
(Sounds so much like us, dad!)
And yet in all he overcame
And it makes me want to do the same.
Loving, nurturing, planting deep
God's precious words for them to keep.
And this one man, tho' scorned & spurned
Has now the whole world overturn'd!
Can you believe how his love reigned?
It compels me, propels me to do the same!

Oh Dad, you braved it for us all
Your faith sure makes my own seem small.

You've passed your simple days
with four
And now you're missing thousands more!
For I am one, my children too!
Oh help us Lord to live like you!
My lover, leader, father, friend
I'll follow you until the End.
Knowing there is not one step
You haven't conquered, haven't.
My hand's in yours—your Words guide
And o'er whatever wall we glide.
Of David's seed—yes, I am one
And destined by faith to overco
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FAMILY MEMBERS' VISIT HOME MAKES NEWS!



From a newspaper photo—Ken, Matsumi (Japanese) & children Maria-J & Jonathan—4 months.

(From an article in the Seattle "Times", Washington, U.S.A. by Ray Rupert.)
KEN HARGETT WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT HE IS ALIVE & WELL, not suicidal, not brainwashed & is free to leave the Children of God any time he chooses. To emphasize his freedom to come & go, Hargett brought his wife, Matsumi & their children, Maria, soon to be 3, & Jonathan, 4 months, to Seattle from Southsea Asia.

THE TRIP IS PART OF A WORLD.

WIDE "SHOW & TELL" by the Children of God at the urging of the controversial cult's leader & prophet, Moses David. Hargett said he is "just here to show we're not held against our will & free to come & go." **HARGETT SAID HE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO ASIA** in June. "We really loved it over there & enjoyed our work," he said. Hargett had been in the C.O.G. for a year in Hawaii, five years in Japan & several

months between Singapore & Hawaii. "I just tried to go where you wish to go," Hargett said. "You start a home & you're independent."

You finance your own thing thru your prayer letters or going out for donors."

HE WORKED FOR THE CAMPUS CRUSADE for Christ for 1½ years in California before his Marine Corps service. He was a Marine in Hawaii when he was introduced to the C.O.G. "I've always been a Christian," he said. "I've always had strong convictions that I always wanted to do something for the Lord. But I just never really found the right thing."

WHAT DO THEY DO IN ASIA? "We witness," Hargett said. "We tell people about Jesus. We try to give feet to our prayers & to do something for people. You can't tell a hungry guy that Jesus loves him; we've got to feed his stomach. In the process we meet people who really like what we're doing & they help us out (financially)."

HIS CRITICISM OF BOTH CAMPUS CRUSADE for Christ & the Jesus Movement of the late '60's & early '70's was, essentially, that those groups did not devote all of their time to witnessing. "That's one of the reasons I didn't join one of the other groups in the Jesus Revolution he said. 'I didn't feel they were dedicated. I wanted to make it a way of life, to experience the Bible to the fullest.'"

WHEN THE GROUP WAS ACTIVE HERE, members gave up their own names for Biblical names. That's no longer required, Hargett said. "My name was Adam, but now I just use Ken," Hargett said.

"NOBODY KICKS A DEAD DOG. When you're on the move, you're bound to take criticism. There's always somebody who doesn't like you. We've been trying new ways of witnessing & have upset the fruit basket, so to speak." He said his mother paid for his trip to Seattle from Asia.

REFERRING TO MOSES DAVID, Hargett said, "A lot of people say we're just following some man. But following him is following Jesus. Like Paul said, 'Be followers of me as I am also of Christ.'"

ANOTHER QUESTION FROM THE FIELD

QUESTION: Simply, Dad, what I would like to know is: Can I just send you personally a gift & pay the \$10 a month for publications directly to you without feeling like a backslider or "the lady next door"? I would like to receive all the Letters because I'm still a loyal soldier to the Lord, & I love you more than my own father. If I have some correspondence with some missionaries on the field, I can send something to them too, but I have gotten to where I don't like to work thru' the organisation.

ANSWER: Yes, of course you can send a gift personally to Dad at: M. News Clark, Apto. 35080, Madrid, Spain, with Attn: Dad, on the inside envelope. In addition, if you also send a minimum gift of \$10 each month, you will receive all the DFO & GP lit.

HOWEVER, IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE ALL FAMILY PUBLICATIONS INCLUDING DO'S, it will

be necessary to send in what a DFO is. Report to the same address, as we need to know where you are & how you're doing in order to send your monthly mailings of all Letters & pubs.—Tks. I GBY!—Dad.

GRADUATION NOTICE!

OUR PRECIOUS BROTHER, BEZALEEL BUILDER, went to be with the Lord on Sept. 28, 1978. He joined the Family in 1975 at 40 years of age, not knowing at the time that he had cancer. He had known the Family for several years before this and really loved us and was a real help in many ways. In the Family he worked as a mechanic, driver and a faithful, hardworking cadre builder for most of the shipments that left the U.S. to foreign mission fields from 1975-78. It is inspiring to know that he chose the last three years of his life to serve the Lord full-time! TYJ!
—Mordca & Rose; North America.

More Pioneers Head East!

From Timothy & Rachael; Holland:
THANKS, DAD, SO MUCH FOR "THE EXODUS" (Letter no. 783). It came just at the right time for us, encouraging us so much as we prepare to go to our "strange land". We were particularly comforted that you threw your camera to the systemite in order to get a ticket to the promised land of the mission field, as this is exactly what we have been doing recently as we prepare to go to Indonesia.

FOR ALMOST A YEAR NOW we have been thinking & praying about leaving EUROPE for a needier field, & each new Letter, Family News & state sheet has confirmed our burden to go. So as soon as our second child, Priscilla, was born (the day after Tech!) we started making preparations to leave.

IN MAY WE BOOKED OUR TICKETS, tho' all we had was the bare 10% needed for booking. But we just knew God would supply! And within one month we had enough to fully pay for our tickets (a total of almost \$2,000! PTL! The funds

came from all kinds of sources, not the least of which being the sale of our furniture & the return of the deposits we had put on the house here.

IN ALL OUR PREPARATIONS, GOD HAS MIRACULOUSLY SUPPLIED!—A whole new set of matching luggage, beautiful dresses for our two little girls, a small high power radio for receiving BBC news, new clothes for Rachael & me, and of course, our visas for our first pioneering weeks there.

NOW WE ARE BUSY RAISING OUR LANDING FUNDS. Many of our friends have promised their support, both now & in the future. In fact it looks like our entire support while in the East could come from our European mail ministry! TYJ! And thank you, Dad, for all your Letters of guidance & encouragement. We love you & need you!
—Timothy & Rachael.

(Editor: New arrivals in the field of Singapore include Caleb & Lamb from Austria. You read their story in FN 11:5. "Destination: Singapore": KGFG all you pioneers!)