

In Love With Love!

From Noel, our 70-year-old Catacomber in Australia:

Dearest David & Maria, IT WAS SO REFRESHING TO GET YOUR SWEET LETTER & the beautiful words of love expressed. The Family here has been a great blessing to me. When I first met them, I really thought I was already in Heaven. It is the love in your precious hearts that is flowing thru' this dear precious Family. I HAVE BEEN IN VARIOUS CHURCHES, dear David & Maria, where I have experienced a trickle & I thought I had a lot. But when I met this sweet Family I came into the ocean & I knew this was God in action & Jesus Whom the Father sent.



Noel, surrounded by two "Sweet Family" members in Australia!

DEAR FAMILY MEMBERS HAVE WRITTEN TO ME from wherever they have gone, letters of love & inspiration. One dear girl told me, "Noel, you'd hardly believe it—before I came to the Family I hated people including my parents but now I can't stop loving everybody." Her name was Cherub & she had the most beautiful smile

that would make my heart leap with joy whenever I saw her, & so are all the precious Family.

WHEN I GOT YOUR DEAR LETTER, dearest David & Maria, I saw that glorious love reproduced in all its excellence. Won't that be a day when the precious Family meets all the others & they share & sing "Praise Praise the Victory". —I have sung it with them here, holding hands & I could not stop the tears of joy that flowed from my heart.

SINCE I HAVE KNOWN THE SWEET FAMILY, God has been so good, I can feel His presence as I walk down the street & I can almost see His beautiful smile. Poor old Noel, he has got something now he is delighted with! God bless you indeed, Brother Moses & Sister Maria. In sincere love to you all from me & the Family. With hugs & kisses & lots of love, Noel.

Seasons Forever —A book of poems by Melita Morningstar

IN HONOR TO OUR KING Moses was a man of God Moses kissed the Son He led the Children through Met Jesus on the mountain His work is never done. David, Lover, Priest of God Bowled low before his King He knew his faults, his frailties His words will always sing. Moses, David, two in one The Lover, Warrior, Priest Kissed my poor soul Taught me the words And gave his Children peace. —1972.

SINCERE PRAYER If I had one wish to give to you That would be a blessing make If I had one word to give to you That with your heart you'd take If I had a song to sing to you That would thrill you, make you cry If I had a gift to give to you That money could not buy If I had a love to share with you That would liberate your soul If I had a song to sing with you

That never would grow old If I had a soul that beauty Had touched with her fair self If I had a love that eternity Could bless and would not quench If I had just one precious jewel That time had no knowledge of That could not die for it exists In realms of sacred love Well, I'd rejoice dear, for my sincere prayer Is to give you all these things, and the joy that this love brings. —1975.

GYPSY Wild and free like the stars and the sea Unbound and loosed from this world Lover of life and lover of God From earth to heaven hurled. He is God's child simple and meek God is his Father strong He gives God his heart, God gives him His Son And peace and eternity long.

Pilgrim and traveler meeting the Son On his long and happy trip home O how God loves him, yes, so do we This Gypsy we have known. —1976.

THE SOWER Love seeks a sower to scatter its light Across the sweet earth its heart cold as the night For the light will transform the earth's shivery realm Into a vast garden that will overwhelm.

My love, you're a sower of His Garden, you know For by spreading His Love it will beautifully grow Into hundreds of flowers and thousands of trees Alight with the fruit that doth wonderfully please. Plant them, O plant them, these seeds of hope The future is hidden in all its full scope But I know if you scatter them, these seeds of joy They will burst in my heart in all your full glory. —1974.

No Cavities!

After cutting out white sugar in obedience to "The Health Revolution"!

From Gentleness Fiddler; U.S.A.:

EVERY TRIP TO THE DENTIST WAS ALWAYS A NIGHTMARE for me, as the dentist always had so much work to do on my teeth. One time I had 11 cavities! We were in Mexico at the time.

THEN THE "HEALTH REVOLU-

TION" (Letter no. 353) & we cut out all white sugar & its products. Now almost 3 years later I went back to the dentist, & guess what?

NO CAVITIES! It's the first time in my whole life that I haven't had any cavities! I even had my teeth x-rayed to be doubly sure. What a miracle! The least I ever had before were 3 or 4 cavities! My husband Aran also has better teeth now. SO I JUST WANTED TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO KEEP

EATING RIGHT. It's worth denying yourself those tempting sweets when you consider what happens at the dentist if you don't. "A stitch in time saves nine (cavities!)."

GOD BLESS DAD & SWEET MARIA for being so concerned, not only about our spiritual well-being but our physical health as well. We love you & appreciate you & love the Letters!

Love, Gentleness Fiddler.

Print Truth!

(From an Austin, Texas, USA newspaper:)

I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO RECENT ARTICLES published regarding the controversial Family of Love. One paper reported our group as promoting love thru' sexually explicit pamphlets.

THE MAIN THING WE'RE TRYING TO GIVE PEOPLE IS GOD'S LOVE, not just sex. Sometimes we use sex as a proof that we love them, but sex is not our main doctrine—it's the love of God. And there are many ways to show love besides sex.

WE'RE TRYING OUR BEST TO LIVE IN LOVE, to help people, without offending anyone. We can't very well help offending many of the traditional religionists, because our whole doctrine of love is contrary to their doctrine of law.

EVEN JESUS' DOCTRINE OF LOVE INFURIATED THE ORGANIZED CHURCH of His day, the Scribes & Pharisees. When they questioned Jesus about the law, he replied, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, & with all thy soul, & with all thy mind, & thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two laws hang all the law & the prophets" (Matthew 22:37, 39,40).

SO IT IS EVIDENT THAT THIS IS NOT A RADICALLY NEW CONCEPT, that whatever is done in love is not against the law. Also it is shown in Galatians 5:13. "For brethren, you have been called unto liberty, only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love, serve one another." So, I would like to request that if you do publish stories about us, please don't sensationalize us.

A Not So Sweet Story!

From Tabea & Joktan; Canada:

WHEN OUR OLDEST CHILD WAS A BABY we got into the habit of putting a little honey on her pacifier to help calm her down & go to sleep. When she was about a year old, we noticed that her front teeth seemed to be chipped. At first we thought it was from her falling down. But it got worse & worse with time until we finally took her to a dentist.

HE TOLD US IT WAS TOOTH DECAY caused by the honey, as it is a sugar. They call this condition in young children "milk bottle cavities" which can also occur when babies are used to going to sleep with sweetened milk bottles at night & is left on the teeth when sleeping. Now she may have to have these teeth pulled!—At two years old!

SO WE WANT TO WARN OUR DEAR FAMILY to watch out for your children's teeth. Remember to let your moderation be known, when it comes to honey or any sweet. From our experience we advise: Don't get them used to honey on their pacifier! A sad lesson learned—Love, Tabea & Joktan.

U.S. Surgeon General Sour On Sugar!

(News reprint from a U.S. newspaper:)

THE SURGEON GENERAL HAS DETERMINED THAT EATING SUGAR IS DANGEROUS to your teeth & thinks the government should consider protecting children against commercials promoting sugary food.

QUESTIONING THE WISDOM OF BARRAGING SMALL CHILDREN with television commercials

for sugary foods, Surgeon General Julius Richmond said, "Tooth decay is the No. 1 chronic disease of childhood. I think we should consider seriously the need for government intervention to protect the very young from unfair commercial exploitation. By the time the average child enters school, he or she has 5 decayed teeth; by age 15 the number of decayed teeth has doubled to 10."

KNEW DISCIPLES!

"He knew her and she conceived and bare a child"—Gen. 4:1.

NORTHERN EUROPE

BOY—Andrea Emmanuel, 1st to Obed Swedish & Maria; France (see their prayer request in FN 13:1.)

BOY—Jean Baptiste to Paul & Abigail; France—27/3.

GIRL—Marie to Rachel & Gerard; France—28/4.

BOY—Francis to Daniel & Suzanne; Belgium—1/4.

BOY—Nicholas to Peter & Veronica; England—24/4.

Children's Corner

NEWS FROM CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD!

From Angel Youngblood, age 10, U.S.A., while travelling with the V.S.'s:

Dear Dad, HI, I LOVE YOU A LOT. I just wanted to write you a little note to encourage you a little bit. How is Davidito & Tech? I love you too Maria!

I REALLY LIKE THE KIDS KOMICS & am reading the Basic Mo Book on my own. I read the Davidito Letters & I like them a lot, they're really encouraging.

WE ARE TRYING TO GET OUR FARE to go to South America. I really want to go bad. We went listening yesterday & I wanted to send you a little love gift to help you continue to write the Letters that we all need so much.

I AM 10 YEARS OLD. I'm looking forward to the Letter "Childhood Brides" as I'm interested in reading what you have to say about it. I have 3 sisters & a brother plus Dad & Mom. I'm travelling with Jared & Joy as they visit the Homes in North America. Please send my love to Sara.

I'M WORKING WITH CHILDREN TOO, & I pray that I'll be a real mom someday. God bless you & your little ones. Love & prayers, Angel.

From Charity, age 8, Austria: Dearest Mo & Maria, GOD BLESS YOU. I HOPE YOU ARE OK. I am sorry that I did not



Christa & Charity, of Job & Cherran, working on an art project.

write you. Thank you so much for taking the time to write the Mo Letters. My favorite Davidito Letter is "Playtime & Parties" & "The Get-away!"

I WENT TO SCHOOL IN BELGIUM but we moved to Austria & we can't go to school until next year because at the end of June it is summer holidays.

I AM 8 YEARS OLD. If you'd like a picture that I made you can have one. I love you.—Charity.

From Christa, age 6, Austria: Dear Mo & Maria,

I LOVE YOU. We are in Austria. We like it here. We went to the mountains. We have an apartment. We just came a few weeks ago. I am cooking sometimes. I am learn-

ing a lot. Thank you for the Mo Letters. I am six years old. God bless you. Love, Christa.

From Mirsde, age 11, South America:

NIGHT TIME In the night time the moon is shining While everything else is sleeping Except for a tiny bird in a tree Which is tweeting a song so glee It is all so beautiful to see That is the way God made it to be!

NATURE Nature is so good to see The grass, flowers & the trees. The sun, moon and stars Not behind any bars. It's all so plain to see That is the way everything should be!

From Ahlai Gospel; Brasil: HERE'S SOMETHING FROM OUR KUTE KIDS: We asked our oldest, Heidi-5½, to lead the other children in prayer. So she began: "Our Father which art in Heaven, hallow be Thy Name!"

From Damien & Rainbow; Switzerland:

HERE'S A FUNNY SAYING from our little Joy-2½: While sweeping the floor Daddy told her to take the dirt & pile it. So she said, "Like in the Bible—like Pilate in the Bible!"

Got a laugh?—Send it in for all!



Tips on Train Travel with Children

From 3 families travelling 'cross continent with 11 children!

From Family Care; compiled by Sarah Ireland:

WE RECENTLY MOVED FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER, travelling with 11 children ranging in ages from 7 months to 10 years. Planning the trip took much prayer & consideration, including checking with the Embassy of the country to which we were going, to get all the information on entering etc.

WE FOUND THE TRAIN TO BE BOTH INEXPENSIVE & PRACTICAL. Tell the children ahead of time about the trip, the mode of transportation, the country they're going to & the countries they'll pass thru' on the way. Then they'll be more prepared & really feel a part of what's going on & look forward to it with more excitement.

IT ALSO HELPS TO DECIDE AHEAD OF TIME who is to be responsible for which children, in case you get separated in those confusing few minutes of getting on & off the train.—So you know ahead of time that each child is being looked after by an adult.

FOOD: Knowing food prices on the train to be much more expensive, we took along our own & bought more along the way. Our food bag included boiled eggs, pre-cooked chicken, cheese, bread & butter, honey, powdered milk, fruit (not the messy kind like oranges), peanuts, raisins & raw oatmeal which was terrific for quick breakfasts. We also had bowls, spoons, cups & napkins, & a couple of knives for cutting cheese, spreading butter etc.—A bottle opener is handy too. We used the boiled eggs & chicken for the first couple of meals as, of course, they wouldn't last too long.

WHEN WE NEEDED MORE

FOOD, we would run into a grocery store for our needs inbetween trains. So we didn't have to buy any food on the train except for drinking water. Remember, never drink water from a train, as the water in the washrooms is pumped in directly from the river. We also kept a wash cloth & towel handy in the food bag.

WE WERE ALWAYS CAREFUL ABOUT OUR DRINKING WATER & even checked with the management of the hotel first as to whether the water was ok before we would drink it. So it would be wise while travelling not to drink any water unless you've checked to make sure it's safe—pray over it too!

BABY FOOD: Altho' the baby was used to fresh blended foods, we bought jars of baby food for the trip plus enough to last till we had settled in to our new home. (We tried out some ahead of time to be sure he liked it—he didn't like it as well as the fresh!) Buy the smaller jars so that one is used up at a meal & not left to go bad. We also bought a box of instant baby cereal which proved to come in handy too with the impatient toddlers who wanted to eat right away.

TOYS: Each family packed a small travelling bag with things to keep their children interested, according to their ages. We wanted to be sure we included things that each child particularly liked & would inspire him. The babies were pretty content just playing with their little bright colored hand toys, squeaky toys & things to chew on. 1½-3-year-olds: stacking cups, barrels, small blocks & stringing beads. A nice idea to keep stacking cups together: just sew a little bag with a draw-string top!

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For the toddlers were often kept interested if they sat on our lap next to the window & could talk about all the different things they saw.—A good time to play a game like "I spy". CLOTHING: For the older children, we packed two nice-looking changes of clothing, choosing dark colors for the train that would not show the dirt, plus another special dress set for going thru' customs. For the toddlers who were being potty trained we took several extra changes. We also had them carry their own pants in a bag, which they loved.

WE BOUGHT WHEELS FOR OUR SUITCASES & it really helped us move faster. Try to get a good strong pair. At the last minute we decided to take a collapsible stroller, which proved to be a real blessing. For the baby, we had a folding bed on wheels, which could be set up on the train seat. We always felt better knowing the baby was safe & warm in his own bed, whether in a hotel, a busy train station or our new house.

A FEW OTHER HANDY ITEMS: first aid kit, disposable diapers, a few plastic bags for laundry & trash, small blankets & little pillows for napping children.

CHILDREN'S WITNESS: After breakfast on the train we would tidy the children up & put ribbons in the girls' hair & take them for a walk on the train for a little exercise. The children thought this was great fun & they were quite outgoing with the passengers, smiling & saying hello & really cheering up the people.

ONE TIME LITTLE DARREN NEEDED A NAP but there was just no place for him to sleep, & Mommy had Daniel asleep on her lap, so he looked at the man sitting in the next seat, who happened to be a policeman, & with Mommy's encouragement, walked over to him & curled up on his lap for a nice nap! "...and so He giveth His beloved sleep" (Ps. 127:2.)

ONE TIME ADRIA-3 & AZAR-

A Good Laugh

—To Help "Save Your Day!"

From Jehoshaphat; India: (This is a joke my father used to tell.) IT'S ABOUT A GIRL WHO WENT TO JOIN A CONVENT where they weren't allowed to speak. After one year she was allowed to speak 3 words, after two years, six words etc. So after one year of prayer & meditation she came before the Mother Superior & uttered her first 3 words: "BED'S TOO HARD!" The Mother Superior said, "Well, go back to

your room for another year of prayer." At the end of the second year she came again before the Mother Superior to exclaim her 6 words: "BED'S TOO HARD! FOOD'S NO GOOD!" Again the Mother Superior said, "Well fine, why not return for another year of prayer." The end of the 3rd year rolled around & in came the girl & said: "BED'S TOO HARD, FOOD'S NO GOOD, AND I QUIT!" To which the Mother Superior replied, "Well young lady, I certainly don't blame you! All you've done since you've been here is complain!"