

## Camping News & Tips!



### ALL SUMMER IN A CAMPGROUND!

From Byron & Tabitha; Italy: **FOUR MONTHS IN A CAMPSITE** cost us the same as we paid for an apartment here for 1 month! It's a wonderful place to witness & the children just love it!



Byron & Tabitha outside their Heavenly Home!

**THIS YEAR WE HAD A LARGE, FAMILY SIZE TENT** with lots of space, including a bedroom. Plastic food crates are really handy for storing food, dishes, books, toys etc. Also we have a portable camping fridge which keeps cold by freezing special liquid-holding bottles for 12 hours. (The camp supermarket lets us freeze the bottles in their freezer.)

**OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM HAS BEEN THE RAIN** coming in the tent, with heavy storms. I had to dig holes & drive the pegs deeper into the

ground & also dig a good trench all around, & we even moved to a flatter surface.

**SOME INTERESTING CAMPING GEAR I'VE NOTICED** which seem good ideas are: a car with a tent that opens onto a roof rack & is reached by a ladder, so you sleep on top of your car! Also backpacks with a little seat built into the frame, inflatable coat hangers, & locks for the tent (only usable for tents with built-in ground sheets).

**MORE TIPS FROM OUR CAMPING TRIP LAST YEAR:** The camping cot doubled as a table by using a strong piece of wood clipped onto the metal frame of the cot. An old baby bath served for washing clothes, children's dishes, & grandmother's old iron put on the gas to heat kept our singing clothes nice. A big sheet of plastic came in handy to cover the tent for protection against rain—you just use clothes pegs to fasten it onto the tent.

### CAMPING IN EASTERN EUROPE!

From T. & R.:

**WE GOT THE IDEA OF MAKING OUR FIRST TRIP** into Eastern Europe as a camping trip from a friend who is Czech who told us that camping in summer is the most common way people travel & spend their vacations in Eastern Europe.

open countries, & we found it certainly to be true.

### EVERYWHERE THERE ARE CAMPING GROUNDS!

We found the smaller, more unofficial ones to be better for our purpose. They are cheaper, with a free atmosphere & fantastic opportunities to make friends & witness.

**EVERY NIGHT PEOPLE SIT AROUND CAMPFIRE SINGING!** The young people, especially, were very happy to meet Westerners. Our guitar & songs were our main tools in witnessing. From this trip we have a mailing list of friends & sheep we met there whom we are feeding regularly thru' the mail. The follow-up is of course one of the most important things with a trip like this. PTL!



Camping out in In. in E. Europe!—In summer. Check regulations first!

### ONE-POT DINNER!

From Fay Grace; Far East: **GOING OVERLAND TO THE ORIENT**, before we got out of Europe, my favourite quick one-pot meal was this: Hamburger meat sautéed in our only pot & when it was cooked I'd mix in one very large can of lentils & one can of mixed vegetables that I'd buy at a passing supermarket. Use juices from the can & you've got a hot, cheap, nutritious meal, really good for cold winter nights. It may not sound so good but as they say, "hunger makes the best sauce"—hal! (Cook hamburger well!)

**ONCE OUT OF EUROPE**, we hadn't stocked up on Euro-

pean canned goods but simply bought what we considered safe & cheap in each country—goat cheeses, flat Persian bread, olives, curd, boiled eggs (you can pay someone to boil them for you), & all sorts of fruits & vegetables. Just remember the golden rule for raw produce out here—if you can't peel it, don't eat it! **WE'D USUALLY STOP**

**FOR ONE MEAL A DAY** at a native restaurant, usually some sort of meat & rice dish & maybe a cooked vegetable. We never drank the water tho' but ordered tea & drank it out of our own cups & often used our own forks & spoons too! Nobody minds, as we foreigners are a pretty odd bunch anyway. Hal! **WATER PURIFICATION:**

When coming overland by car we had a huge water container in the back with purified water in it. Purification tablets come in various strengths. Some are meant for large containers & some for a liter or so, so read directions carefully before adding to your little canteen or 5-gallon jug! \*\*\*\*\*

Send in your camping news!

## Responses To 'Frustrated'!

"I've never known the Lord's mercy like this before! I'm so thankful!"

From Morningstar:

Dearest Dad & Maria, **GBY BOTH!** ILY more than I could ever say! This letter is to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your loving chastisement which I received in response to my letter to you.

**AS YOU'VE SAID BEFORE, IF THE TRUTH KILLS LET IT KILL!** Well, it did kill my pride & selfishness etc. The Lord had me read the Book of Lamentations, & I saw just how much mercy you had on me, & how angry God was with me for my rebelliousness. The Lord surely is our Salvation! "Sanctify them thru' thy truth, thy Word is truth" (Jn. 17:17).

**I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER ADMITTED HOW ROTTEN & NOTHING I AM** till now. Then I read these verses: "It is of the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are renewed every morning; great is thy faithfulness" (Lam. 3:22, 23). I've really never known the Lord's mercy like this before, & I'm just so thankful to you for it all.

**I KNOW IT'S ALL A MIRACLE** & I'm so thankful for another chance to sit at Jesus' feet & let Him cleanse me with the Word (Ps. 119:9-12) so that

I can go on & do a better job than ever before in caring for His precious little ones, & of course for Zattu.

**I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE HOW THE LORD HAS BLESSED IN THE PAST 2 WEEKS** & shown me His love in so many ways. I had 2 very vivid dreams of you, & in them both you were so loving: in one of them you were actually making love to me! It was so amazing & hard to believe that it was just a dream! ILY! (ILY2-D.)

**ALSO SINCE THE LETTER I'VE STARTED MEMORISING** the new set card with the kids, & they've been so inspired about it! One evening Kezia, our oldest, took out the little books I'd made of the new verses & started testing the big people on them, to my amazement. It came to a climax when some of the "oldies" didn't know some of the verses & she boldly quoted them, convicting everyone to pieces! It has inspired me so much to go on & keep pouring into them. The Word is changing our lives day by day!

**I'LL LOVE YOU FOREVER!** I'm so thankful to be in David's fold!—A real privilege! GB & keep you strong & healthy, Dad. Much, much love, —Morningstar.

P.S. GBY BOTH, I really love & appreciate you, & thank God for you!—Your son, Zattu.

From the lover in "Frustrated"

From Daniel,

Dearest Dad, Maria & family, **WE JUST RECEIVED MAG NO. 10 TODAY** with the Letter "Frustrated?". After reading it all, I knew the Lord wanted me to write you & tell you how I feel. I'm really glad to receive the Truth of God's Word in such a "straight-to-the-point" way.

**AFTER ALL THE CONFUSION I'VE PERSONALLY GONE THRU'** over this situation, I really believe this Letter is going to help us all. The picture the Lord has given us is exactly the way it is & I'm so thankful for the way you stick to the truth no matter what!

**I KNOW A LOT OF THIS IS MY OWN FAULT** & I just want to ask for forgiveness from you & the Family & most of all from Zattu & Miriam my wife. When "The Timothy Revelation" came out it really exposed my own "heart prob-

lem", mainly that the relationship with Morningstar was just ministering to my pride & self-worship, & that's been my weakness too.

**I REALISE THAT I LET MY OWN PRIDE** & weakness deceive me into thinking that I was trying to help Morningstar & that there was nothing wrong with the love between us. Because of this, even up until now, I've never really taken a definite stand with her on the Word, which I realise has

been a real mistake, & even made things worse for her.

**I KNOW I'VE GOT A LOT TO LEARN** about real love, & I hope we can all just get back to what God wants us to do. So even tho' it hurts, I'm glad you just told it like it is. It's sad that we couldn't just do what is already in the Letters.

**I'VE REALLY PUT MIRIAM THRU'** it with all this also, as she never has been in agreement. The Lord has really used this to show me how

much I love & need her, & by God's grace He's really making us a team again. She has put up with a lot & I know the Lord has a real blessing for her, & for Zattu too, GBT!

**SHE REALLY LOVES LITTLE SAMUEL** & calls him our "peaceable fruit of righteousness" (Heb. 12:11). Anyway, we're trying our best here in Indonesia & "by God's grace I'm going to put Him & His Family first!" ILY & thank God for you!—Daniel Newlove.

I learnt from such books. I was somewhat proud of his reading ability & I'd give him these books to read so I could devote more time to the 3 younger ones, & I didn't realise the effect it was having on him.

**THE LORD EXPOSED THE DANGER**, as it led to his own attempt at stealing some relatively harmless things from an empty house nearby, which could have caused us many problems with the local authorities. Even tho' many of these stories have a happy ending,

**THEY ARE SO UNLIKE DAD'S ADVENTURE STORIES & TAPES**, like "Tom the Gangster", that has the spiritual principle so clearly & constantly expressed throughout the narrative of how it pays to do good, so that it doesn't at all tempt the child to follow in Tom the Gangster's steps.

**SOME OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR THE OLDER KIDS:** Spend more time outdoors. Perhaps have a day-long hike once a week. The boys just love running thru' the hills & it's so refreshing—not to mention how good it is for the adults! There's an almost endless amount of things that can be

done: making a kite & flying it, planting a garden—all the things you've already commented on.

**OF COURSE THE GREATEST THING FOR THEM**, after giving them the Word, is to get out witnessing, witnessing & singing with them, with a real emphasis on the personal touch to the lost sheep. Like Faithy said she learned so much about witnessing from watching Dad witness. I've never met any of our older children yet who didn't get turned on about faith trips & singing in hospitals, if you take the time to make it exciting for them.

**I KNOW SO MANY OF THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN SAID BEFORE**, but it is quite a real-life testimony of what might happen if you don't follow the suggestions the Lord has given. My mistake was in belittling "the little things or the little ones" (No. 315:50). But a quote that has really helped me if I start thinking I should be doing some other task in a far-off mission field is from "The Prophecy for Davidito" where the Lord told you:

"THIS IS GREATER THAN

OTHER TASKS, this is greater than other work, this is greater than great missions that God could have given unto thee, to teach the words of love of his father David unto him." (619:10.)

**A VERY HAPPY NOTE TO END WITH** is how our 2 "run-aways" just poured out in tears when we told them we thought we might never see them again. Our kids do have such broken hearts & are so ahead of their counterparts in the System. It's encouraging how Dad's own kids "weren't always good, & things weren't always peaceful, & we made a lot of mistakes, but because we constantly sought God's help & guidance, they certainly turned out a whole lot better than most" (315:5,6).

**THE 2 BOYS I WORKED WITH** know the Bible & End-time Vision so well. Aladdin, at 6 years, has already read the whole Bible (a 500-page Child's Edition), so you can see how our little bit of love has gone a long way. Can you imagine what greater revolutionary they will be when we give them even more love! Much love, John. (Amen! GBY!—Dad.)

## 'If I Only Had'

Lessons in laying down our lives for His lambs!

From John, former childcare helper of Kenaz & Hodiah's boys:

Dear Sara Davidito, **I'VE REALLY WANTED TO WRITE YOU A LETTER** with some questions & ideas about our older children, along with relating some experiences I've had with Kenaz & Hodiah's older boys.

**I'LL START WITH SOME SAD MISTAKES I RECENTLY MADE** with the 2 older boys, ages 7 & 6, which others may perhaps benefit from & avoid the pitfalls. To make a long story very short, I perhaps placed too much emphasis on the educational, & even tho' we were in a "selah" situation for most of the time, I didn't really search for ways to make life exciting enough for these adventurous young boys.

**MANY AFTERNOONS I WOULD JUST LET THEM ROAM FREE** (within certain geographic limits), instead of getting desperate & seeking the Lord & searching the Letters for more stimulating things for them to do.

**I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS A COMMON TEMPTATION**

to all Childcare Helpers in a Home, or whether it was a personal failing for me, but I know that at times I would be lazy & not really getting answers from God for the kids & their needs, & if I was ever questioned about certain things I would get sort of defensive at times & point out all that I was doing.

**I KNEW HOW BADLY CHILDCARE HELPERS ARE NEEDED** & how hard it is to find them & I guess the Devil tempted me not to do my best because I knew I'd be able to get by with just being a big help in the physical, musical & educational.

**BUT GOD EXPECTS EVEN MORE!** It's sort of like the quote about excuses in "Faith & Healing": "It's so easy to make logical, reasonable acceptable excuses why you couldn't make it—why you shouldn't be expected to make it, but is God going to excuse you?" (M:21.)

**MORE RECENTLY I LET MY HEART GROW HARD** to their requests & needs, & literally leaned on the arm of the flesh (spankings) in my deal-

ings with them. And it eventually lead to where they finally decided to run away from home early one morning!—To escape from the spankings & routines & to fill that boyish need for adventure.

**THANK THE LORD THEY FOUND THEIR WAY HOME** by the mercy of God, but not until after we had notified the police & spent hours searching for them. The Lord spoke quite clearly on how I failed, giving me over & over the verse John 15:13, about laying down our lives truly for the kids & to truly live as if they are the most important thing in the Kingdom, as Dad has so clearly told us.

**SO MANY TIMES I'VE BEEN MUCH MORE INTERESTED IN THE ADULT AFFAIRS**, our own social world, & the children could really sense it. What I think is a real key for our older children is to be truly interested in them with the unselfish love that only God can give, & I think that's the only way we'll ever have the results Dad has with his.

**ANOTHER AREA IN WHICH WE FAILED** was in feeding the oldest boy too many system adventure stories (like Tom Sawyer, Oliver Twist, Robin Hood etc.) without really explaining lessons to be

## Word Tapes!—Use 'em!

From Arthur & Becky:

**WE HAVE HAD SO LITTLE TIME TO TEACH THE CHILDREN CONSISTENTLY**, but we have found one real key has been the use of tapes. It really keeps us all inspired when we begin the morning with Grandpa's Church of Love tape or one of the other song tapes from Grandpa.

**WE PLAY SCRIPTURE TAPES THROUGHOUT THE DAY**, or Simon Peter's readings of the ML's or children's tapes. It really keeps their

active minds filled with the Word & has made a big difference since we started playing them during the day, every day, & nighttime too!

**IF THEY ARE LISTENING TO POSITIVE, FAITH BUILDING words & songs**, then they are positive too & their spirits are so much happier, content & peaceful! We have a good devotion every morning with the children & a Grandpa story at night, but that is about the only regular things they are being fed besides the

tapes. We would really appreciate more children's tapes.

(Ed.: Lots more Children's Tapes available soon from Wild Wind!)

"Don Quixote", a 1-hour sketch of crazy crusading adventures for all!—By Simon Peter & helpers.

"The Answer Is Love"—how a little girl & her daddy save souls thru' the mail & personal witnessing.—By Habbakuk 2:4.

"The Story of Love"—beautiful readings from the King James Bible to edify all!—A series of tapes by Simon Peter.—Coming soon from Wild Wind!