

COURSE HAVE CHANGED OUR WHOLE WAY OF HANDLING THE CHILDREN & revolutionized all our ideas about childcare in that we have to really stoop down to their level & understand & respect them as little people. Before I had never concretely understood what it meant by "little people".

From Debora & Timothy; Italy: **SCHOOLTIME FOR THE CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY FOR STEFANO, IS GOING MUCH BETTER** even with the difficulties of not being able to find so many good children's materials here, or their being too expensive.

BUT I'VE LEARNED HOW TO USE THE MOST COMMON THINGS such as boxes, colors & paper to make teaching materials—empty film canisters with different items inside for sound matching, coloured construction paper cut into squares for colour matching, simple plastic geometric figures in different sizes to place on a sheet of paper with the same figure drawn on, beads & beans to count, posters with different kinds of animals cut out of old books & magazines so he can learn how to read new names. Cards with pictures of fruit etc. to match.

I THINK I'M A LITTLE BEHIND IN TEACHING HIM HOW TO READ because I started to teach him in Italian when he was 18-18 months old. Then I saw that I couldn't use much of the Family's material because there was very little of it in Italian. So I stopped teaching him in Italian & started speaking English to him by faith because I knew very little English myself. But God blessed it & now Stefano understands, speaks & reads English, & I'm getting better just by teaching him.

From Daniele & Mary; Italy: **ONE LESSON WE LEARNED**

WHEN IN THE EAST WAS TO IMPROVISE, & it's really amazing what can be done when you have to do "without".—When you want to! It's an encouragement for the future that once we know what is needed we can very quickly make things up—flash cards, wooden blocks & books & even homemade dolls, as in the East we couldn't buy 'em. **THE LORD NEVER FAILED IN ANY WAY.** Back in Europe we are making use of the good system educational toys etc., but again the Letters are something that we can't do without & turn to another source, so for us they are the priority.—Also the children's material by Family Care.



Ester-3½ & Michelangelo-1½ play with daddy in the park while Mommy makes lunch in the caravan in the background. Photo by Daddy Daniele.

From Jered & Gioia Baci; Italy: **SOME PARENTS READ THE DITO LETTERS & SAY, "Oh yeah, but that's Mo's kid!"** So what, I say! If Mo's kid can do it, so can all of our kids! And many parents miss the opportunity to teach their child something simply thru' a lack of diligence.

FOR EXAMPLE, POTTY TRAINING: When my daughter was 12 months old I noticed she had her doo-doo at a certain time every day, so I got a potty & put her on it every day at that time.

After about 2 weeks she went every time in the potty. At 15 months she learned to tell me when she has to go & only has accidents occasionally. It took a bit of diligence to start her so early & be sure to do it every morning but it bore good fruit. If parents would only take an extra step of diligence & consistency with their children, that little extra effort would pay off.

From Shobek & Shammah; U.S.A.:

OUR GREATEST LESSONS IN RAISING THE CHILDREN (2 girls—4½ & 3, & a boy—7 mo. in these last few months is being in more desperate prayer. God has shown us so much the importance of prayer & trusting Him alone, & when the children are sick or things aren't going right not to take it lightly but to get in prayer.

I THINK THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO STRESS in child-rearing, & I'm seeing it so much more every day. The Letters are the greatest encouragement & reading the FNs & the experiences of others. It builds my faith to read of others' experiences, & convicting too to see where I need to improve.

THE DITO LETTERS HAVE BEEN A REAL HELP in giving us a balance in discipline, in being more loving & to really see the importance of the little things. I've truly enjoyed our newest baby more than ever before. Personally I'd like to see more materials written not only on new babies but also older children & their care & training. I really liked the Letter "Children in the World." It was a real help & I think very needed for all the Family.

(More responses coming!—& be sure to send in your tips, questions & lessons to help everyone!)

Childcare Around The World!

Adopting local customs & using local facilities!

Toilet Training in Southeast Asia

From Esther Gypsy:

SINCE COMING TO ASIA FROM AUSTRALIA we have learned many little tips & money-savers which we'd like to share with our worldwide Family. The most valuable thing we've learned is in toilet training babies. When our son Micah was 5½ months old we went from Malaysia to Indonesia.

WE STARTED OUT BY RENTING A ROOM in the house of a Chinese family. During that time Micah had a very bad diaper rash which wouldn't go away, tho' I changed him as often as he wet & tried to air it out etc.

OUR LANDLADY SHOWED ME HOW SHE TOILET TRAINED HER SON by just putting pants on him. The way they do it is just pull the inside leg of their pants over so their penis is sticking out while holding them under the knees in a sitting position up level with your tummy. Then they go "pshsh pshsh" until they do their wee.

I WAS PRETTY SKEPTICAL AT FIRST, but it worked & his heat/diaper rash disappeared. In these hot countries it's pretty cruel to keep a baby in diapers & plastic pants. We just held him over the toilet, or when we were out over the grass or down a drain, & made a noise "pshsh pshsh". We did it about every 15-20 minutes & when he awoke from a nap. Usually he did it, but if he wriggled & complained, we'd just let him down & try later.

OF COURSE, SOMETIMES WE FORGOT & HE WET HIS

PANTS, but it's no problem to mop up a little puddle on the concrete floors they have here. Now he's a year old & wees less frequently, so just wears 1 pair of pants all day usually. The Lord gives us checks just at the time he needs to "go". It sure is a blessing while travelling or out litnessing not to have to carry around a bunch of diapers, & disposable ones cost a fortune here.

WITH HIS DOO-DOO'S IT WAS A PROBLEM AT FIRST

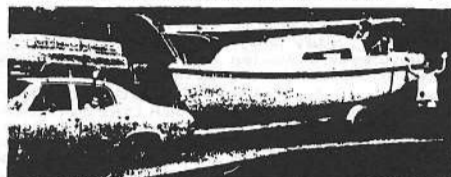
because he was very irregular & messed up all the sheets on our bed regularly. But at 8 months old we bought him a potty & sat him on it every morning. The Chinese toilet train their children at 6 months like this (very smart people) & told me bananas helps them to be regular. So Micah's been doing his doo-doo in the pot ever since. Maybe our brethren in these hot countries could try it & take a tip from the way the natives do it! (Heed voice of experience-D.)

Mark 16:15'ing by Salt Power!

From Daniel Noah, Belte Boat, Gabriel Moonshine & families: Pacific:

HERE'S OUR NEW "FLEE-BOAT"! Our vision is to get something bigger to accommodate all 3 families of us as a Home to hit the Islands of the Pacific with the message. Meanwhile, we're using it to get everyone used to sea travel. This

(GHU!—Have U read No. 112:16-18?—Dad.)



Our mobile "flee boat" is ready to launch—sleeps 5, has sink, stove, portable toilet, water storage, survival food & gear!

The Rewards of Pioneering!

Where God guides He provides!

From Belte & Heidi Bondo; Pacific:

AT THE END OF NOV. '79 WE FELT GOD'S CALL TO "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD"—the Philippines specifically—(Belte & Heidi) & our 2 boys (Keegan-22 months & Tracy-2 months). We had no funds at the time & needed to leave by Jan. 27th as our little boy would be 2 years old then & his fare would jump \$300!

SO WE REALLY GOT DESPERATE & SPECIFIC WITH THE LORD & asked Him to provide our fare by Christmas & to be able to leave by Jan. 24th. Well, many little & big miracles were to come! With our goal ahead of us we began faithfully to witness, litness, FF & write appeal letters so that by Christmas we had raised all our living expenses plus an extra \$450 for our fare.

WELL, THE LORD HAD TO DO SOMETHING MIRACULOUS in order to provide the rest of our fare by Christmas. Sure enough, the next day a brother & friend of the Family gave us a donation of almost \$1000! He had received a settlement from an accident & has been a real blessing in helping several families with their fare out of America or in helping them get trailers, GBH!

WELL, WE HAD OUR FARE TO GO BUT HAD NOT YET HEARD FROM THE VS's in the Philippines as to the situation there. But we got the example from Grandmother's book of the girl who wanted to go to Bible school & the Lord told her to just go ahead by faith



"Hello from the Far East!"—2-year-old Keegan. Photo by Daddy Belte.

as tho' she already possessed the fare. So we just worked on our needs, passports, visas etc.

"THE TUNNEL" WAS NO LONGER AS WIDE OPEN AS BEFORE & it took a lot of prayer & fighting to get our tickets, visas & passports on time. The Lord's faithful to meet us & sure enough two days before we were to leave we received a letter from a Home in the Philippines with a phone number & invitation to stay with them to rest & recuperate before we started on the field.

PG, WE MADE IT HERE!—& we love it! By the way, thru' our litnessing, witnessing, FF'ing & provisioning before we left we met a lot of people who have promised to help support us while on the field! We hope our

testimony will inspire others of you who may be trying now to make your Great Escape!—Where God guides He provides!

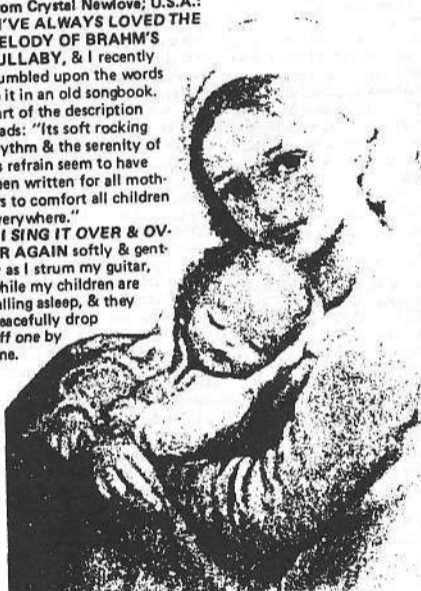
Love, Belte, Heidi & family.

Brahm's Lullaby

From Crystal Newlove; U.S.A.:

I'VE ALWAYS LOVED THE MELODY OF BRAHM'S LULLABY, & I recently stumbled upon the words to it in an old songbook. Part of the description reads: "Its soft rocking rhythm & the serenity of its refrain seem to have been written for all mothers to comfort all children everywhere."

I SING IT OVER & OVER AGAIN softly & gently as I strum my guitar, while my children are falling asleep, & they peacefully drop off one by one.



BRAHM'S LULLABY

Music by Johannes Brahm, 1868. Words by Karl Simrock, translated by Arthur Westbrook.

(C) Lullaby and goodnight, With roses (G) bedight, Creep into thy bed, There pillow thy (C) head.

If God (F) will Thou shalt (C) wake When the mor(G)ning Doth (C) break, If God (F) will Thou shalt (C) wake,

When the mor(G)ning Doth (C) break.

(C) Lullaby and goodnight Those blue / or sweet / eyes close (G) tight Bright angels are near So sleep without (C) fear.

They will (F) guard Thee from (C) harm With fair (G) dreamland's Sweet (C) charm. They will (F) guard Thee from (C) harm With fair (G) dreamland's Sweet (C) charm.

KNOWN DISCIPLES!

"He knew her & she conceived & bare a child" (Gen. 4:1).

NORTHERN EUROPE

BOY—Christian Lamb, to Liz & Oliver Lamb; British Isles-5/3. BOY—Jonathan, 2nd to Michael & Ruthie; British Isles. GIRL—Jessica, 2nd to Johannes & Joy; W. Germany—Feb. GIRL—Eva Maria, to Timotheus & Rebeka; W. Germany—6/2. BOY—Johannes, 2nd to Aaron & Keturah; Switzerland—25/2. BOY—Martin David, 1st to Maria Frangance; Holland—18/2. GIRL—Christine Ursula, to Johannes & Monika; W. Ger.—Mar. BOY—Andrew, 2nd to Michael & Dove; Belgium—9/3. BOY—Arthur Christian, 1st to Lucas & Becky; Holland—7/3.

SOUTHERN EUROPE

BOY—Jonathan, 2nd to Asher & Marie; France—19/2. GIRL—Astrid, 4th to Micah & Eve Schmetterling; France-5/2. BOY—Jonathan, 4th to Apollos & Candle; France—21/3. BOY—Andrea Michele, 2nd to Tamar & Peter Love; Italy-3/3. BOY—Stefano, 2nd to Ezekiel & Angela Bourbon; Italy—7/3. GIRL—Laura, 1st to Samuele & Marie Europe; Italy—24/3. GIRL—Paula Joy, 4th to Josiah & Jewel Shepherdson; Italy-14/3. GIRL—Maria Fight, 3rd Jesus baby for Selah Heart; Italy-28/3. GIRL—Anyas, 4th to Jonathan & Sharon; E. Europe—18/3. GIRL—Madalena Maria, 2nd to Marcos & Miriam; Portugal-9/2. GIRL—Sara, 2nd to Matthew & Belen; Portugal—March. BOY—Miguel Josue, 1st to Marie & Josue; Portugal—5/3. BOY—Samuel David, 1st to Eva; Spain—27/3. BOY—Miguel Angel, 2nd to Jeremiah & Lystra; Spain—9/10/79. GIRL—Pepita, 1st to Isais & Leonor; Spain—19/3. GIRL—Susanna, 1st to Jorge & Ana; Spain—5/3.