

## Invading The Churches From A Foreign Field!

Thankful Mom inspires church to help our missionaries!

From Sos & Ahlai Gospel; Brazil:

WE'VE BEEN INVADING A CHURCH BACK IN THE STATES from right here on a foreign field, & it's bearing tremendous fruit! Our newsletter was recently printed in the monthly newsletter of the church where my mother is church secretary. She has always been so favourable to the Family, most recently because Dad has convicted us to be more faithful with the mail ministry. So now she's turned her church on to really helping us too!

IT ALL STARTED A YEAR AGO when we decided to "sh-tick" it out on the field instead of accepting our parents' offer of one-way tickets to visit them. Even tho' we were quite battle-worn & in need of refueling of supplies & maybe even a rest, we dreaded the thought of getting stuck in America.

I HADN'T SEEN MY MOTHER IN 6 YEARS since I left for the field, nor did she know Sos or her grandchildren. But she always had that inner peace of knowing we were really doing the Lord's Work to the maximum. Determined to see us,

SHE PROVISIONED A ROUND-TRIP TICKET from a wealthy church member & proceeded to practically start a DTD campaign among friends & neighbours for all our needs! She had our lengthy letter listing urgent children's supplies, English books, clothes, dishes etc. (we had just pioneered a new Home & didn't even have a fork!) read from the pulpit on Sunday morning along with some of our testimonies of our mission here.

AS A RESULT, WE SOON BE-

CAME A REAL EXCITING PROJECT for the whole church! What a miracle of the Lord's miraculous provision as we had nothing to do with it! He has never failed!



Ahlai Gospel's parents are thankful she & her family have dedicated their lives to the Lord on the mission field, & are helping all they can, GBT

YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN MY DEAR LITTLE MOM as she got off the plane—all of us in tears & her laden-down with endless boxes & suitcases of desperately needed items, & so many beautiful children's clothes, used & new, that we also out-fitted several other large families around the country!

IT WAS A WONDERFUL 2-WEEK VISIT in which she was able to see the Family in action here, attend our "Church of Love", loved our lit, won a soul with us, loved the children's singing, ate with our contacts & even accompanied Sos & I & our sweetest Fish to our favourite "fishing hole"! Can you believe it! My 50-year-old church secretary mother doing the samba! And she loved it all & went back with glowing reports.

NOW THE CHURCH PASTOR & ALL THOSE PRECIOUS DONORS have been the start of our growing mail ministry, & we've had to learn to be real faithful in writing them. We did a prayer-

letter about our Christmas projects for them, thanks to Dad who showed us exactly how to do it from his 1st beautiful prayerletters in the FNI! We're really praying for good results from it to help us get mobile.

WE JUST WANT TO SAY HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE ALL THE LETTERS Dad sends to train & teach us how to serve the Lord—the "how-to" of the MM, "Invading the Churches", the trailer series, the honesty of "Frustrated" & esp. the golden Davidito Letters & now Tech's Story to teach us how to raise our children to serve the Lord.

DAD'S GIVING US HIS ENTIRE LIFE AS AN OPEN BOOK for us to read, & for all of this we can never say thank you enough. Please keep sending us those Words that are working wonders all over the world & we only pray He keeps helping us to follow them closely with our little ones! Love, Ahlai Gospel.

EXCERPT FROM SOS & AHLAI'S PRAYERLETTER, with special thanks to parents & church members: "We scarcely had time to think about our own Christmas. But then the Lord turned right around & did a miracle to bringing Sos's mother & sister in a surprise visit—they brought toys, needs & gifts for all!

What a spiritual lesson that made real to the kids God's never failing law of "give & it shall be given unto you" (Lu. 6:36). She also brought from Ahlai's mom & dad, Bibles for each of the children along with a hymn-all! We'd also like to mention Mrs. D.'s miraculous visit with us thanks to the Lord & dedicated Christians like my uncle, Rev. Don, & dear Ed & Connie, & for all the desperately needed supplies sent by our families & faithful brethren of the First Baptist Church where Mrs. D. is church secretary. How can we ever express our appreciation!"

## I Found Happiness In Giving!

(Translated from Spanish by Gabriel Asterix)

MY NAME IS PACO. I AM A BANK EMPLOYEE, married & with 4 children. I would like to tell you how the Lord is changing my life day by day & also the lives of those around me.

THE FIRST 33 YEARS OF MY LIFE I SPENT DOING THE SAME THINGS ALL THE PEOPLE I KNOW DO. It's what I'd been taught to do—to study to be able to work & make a lot of money, to get married & have a couple of children, a car, an apartment & if I was lucky maybe I could strike it rich betting on the football games or even win the lottery & then I'd be happy forever.

BUT I SOON REALISED IT WASN'T SO EASY TO BE HAPPY in this world. Where I work in the bank I've been able to meet many people who have all they desire & yet are not happy. So I began to think that there had to be something else more important than money, even tho' they said that with money you could get everything. I had the feeling inside me that in all this complex & perfect & marvellous universe there had to exist something more.

I TRIED TO FILL UP MY LIFE WITH EXCITING HOBBIES like skin-diving & motorcycling. But then in an unfortunate underwater accident my partner lost his life & I almost died. Shortly after that in another accident on a motorcycle I lost several teeth, gained several stitches & was unable to work for 50 days. These accidents broke me enough that I decided to look somewhere else for the road to the happiness I longed so much to find.

IN REALITY I WAS SEEKING MY OWN HAPPINESS & my own personal satisfaction & was day by day forgetting my



Paco & his happy family, now helping to change their part of the world! (l-r) Pedro-10, wife Merche, baby Aaron, Francisco-6, Maria Jesus-12 & Paco

family, my children & my neighbour & true love in general, & it was impossible for me to find happiness that way. I felt unsatisfied, a failure & without strength to continue searching.

AROUND THIS TIME, I DON'T REMEMBER EXACTLY HOW, a simple pamphlet that seemed like it was for children came into my hands. It spoke about love & sharing & giving to others as the key to happiness, & about Jesus.

IT WAS SOMETHING NEW & DIFFERENT & I LIKED IT. It made me feel something new in my extinguished heart. Above all what attracted me were the people who gave them out. They practised what their pamphlet said, they loved me. They looked me in the eye & smiled openly & it seemed they lived in a different way that I had never seen or even heard about. They had a peace about them, a serenity, an open-hearted smile, a simple & profound song.

I DECIDED TO FIND OUT WHERE THAT SOMETHING CAME FROM. Well, they gently & without forcing me but with love & patience spoke to me about Jesus. (I had already heard about Jesus in church & in school but it was only talk.) But when these young people spoke to me about Jesus they taught me how He loved me &

how I could have Him in my heart if I would only receive Him & really believe in Him. So I did receive Him! TVJ!

WELL TO BEGIN LIVING AS THEY WERE, putting the Lord & my neighbour first above things like money, sex, social position etc. seemed impossible for me & I didn't understand how I could achieve it. But with the help of Jesus & the example of my brothers in the Lord I am actually overcoming all the obstacles. "That which is impossible with men is possible with God!" (Mt. 19:26.)

THANKS TO THE LETTERS OF FATHER DAVID & THE LESSONS I'VE LEARNED from the Lord, I'm now a completely new man, really wanting to live, to smile, to love & share everything, & to teach others that Jesus still works today. I know!—Because He's changing my life & that of all my family & friends!

NOW THEY NO LONGER LAUGH at me or at the Word as they did in the beginning. Instead they respect what is of the Lord & are also trying to share & give love themselves, which of course bears good fruit, & my friends now smile much more & they realise it is the Lord that is doing it. They are learning principally, by the example that I try to give them, that one is much happier giving than receiving.

"MY WIFE WON CHILD CUSTODY OF MY SON & the court ordered me to pay \$140 per month child support & \$50 alimony-income. I'm praying about getting a system job." (DAD: That's the trouble with getting settled down in a place where they can find you!)

"WE'D LIKE TO KNOW WHAT DAD FEELS IS A GOOD LITNESSING QUOTA for families with children. We got out 700 per adult this month. Dad in the past suggested 1000 per adult, but there were many more single brethren then.—Same with souls won. We know we're not under a law, but we'd like to have some fatherly counsel."—Amaziah & Keziah; U.S.A.

(About 25 a day in USA per adult may not be too bad now their hearts are harder & more resistant, & you've also got the kids to care for. But some used to do 25 an hour with kids for good donations!—D.)

"OUR OLDEST GIRL, AGE 8, is having problems with system school. She really hates it & wants just to litness & serve God!"—James & Jacinth Psalms. (Hallelujah!—A real revolutionary!—Dad.)

## MORE ON DEHYDRATED FOODS

We have found that altho' the Mountain House Dehydrated Food is good quality, that the Rainy Day Foods produced & distributed by the Mormons have proved to be about 1/5 the price. Rainy Day Foods offer a unit which is enough food for 1 person for 6 months—or 6 people for 1 month—for 630 Swiss Francs. Altho' this unit has no meat, it does have other protein sources, but must be coupled with powdered milk, honey, wheat, lentils &/or other beans. For information about Rainy Day Foods, please write to: Cyrille Muller, C.P. 48, 1211 Geneva 28, Switzerland. Love, W.S.

"OUR SON WAS BORN WITH A TWISTED OUT LEG, which the doctor said could cause him to never be able to walk properly. The brace that was made for him caused him great discomfort so after 2 or 3 times of it on, we layed hands on him & prayed for healing. Nathan started walking at 10 months & now at 17 months still has no limp whatsoever. PTL!"—Hoshalah & Heldi Happy Heart; Canada.

"SINCE 'THE CRASH IS HERE!' we've begun to receive a few letters from Family members asking for maps to our farm. We love our brothers & we want to help all we can, but we aren't built to handle a huge influx of people & aren't sure how to answer each letter. We have managed on our own, our work with farm, job & 5 children, to have a small following, & these too we must be faithful to care for. As far as we know very few brethren have spent much time in preparation, even tho' here in U.S. We must say we do feel bad that in a year of asking for help, no one was interested (& we still need help!). But there definitely is still time, God working miracles, so we as shepherds can help others & not just ourselves!"—Cleso & Christl; U.S.A. (Make some minimum requirements of food &/or donations to bring with 'm, etc.!—Dad.)

"FOR A LONG TIME WE WERE ROBBING GOD OF HIS TITHE. This is a very poor country, but Jesus showed us that it's no excuse & He made us pass thru' a lot of trials. Now we're tithing all our income & the Lord is beginning to bless us, TTL! He never fails in any one of His precious promises!"—Pablo & Cesia; Guatemala.

"TENDERLOVE, OUR 2½ YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER, STUCK HER HAND IN THE DOOR as Momma was closing it & it crushed her little hand. It made a sound like bones being crushed so loud we could hear it from the next room, followed by a loud scream by Tender. At first we almost panicked. But at the time, Daddy was reading a Mo Letter about faith. So even before examining Tender's hand we just laid hands on her & prayed & she was healed completely with no sign of injury! PTL!"

—Freedom & Wild Wind; Japan.



2-year-old Tender Love healed by faith & prayer!

"WE WERE WONDERING IF THE FN MAG could publish some pictures of new families. —Paul & Ruth; Canada. (We've pub'd. pix of 100's of families, but those who send the most stories, the best pix & do the most witnessing naturally make the most news!—Where's yours?—Dad.)