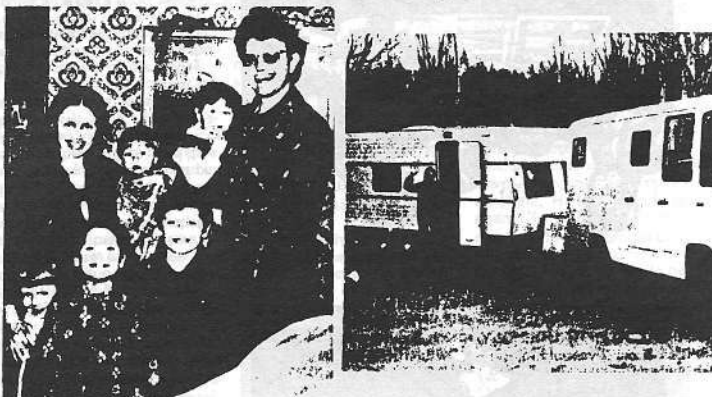


## A Caravaning Family Tells How!



On the road for Jesus! Arthur & Becky & family—Gabriel-9, Sharon-7, Knight-5, Angel-3 & Artie-15 mos.—& their van & caravan. The van is equipped with bunk beds for kids' naps while travelling!

From Arthur & Becky Newlove; Southern Europe:

**PTLI WE'RE JUST FINISHING OUR FIRST YEAR** living & travelling by faith in our caravan with our 5 children. It's been a whole new way of living for us—one of the most exciting & fruitful times of our life together as a family! We wanted to share some of the things we have learned which we hope will encourage other large families to try it & see too how fruitful, economical, healthful, educational & wonderfully inspiring it can be travelling & camping for Jesus!

**ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING THINGS WE SEE DAILY** is the way the Lord has been using our family testimony to win many hearts & the love of many people we meet & camp with who are now good friends & supporters. It is so exciting to see how people are so amazed, so touched, so changed when they

see us & know that we live & travel by faith for Jesus with our big family! They just can't get over it! They've never seen it!—And it really changes their lives! They just want to help so much! Hallelujah!

**THRU' CARAVANING TOGETHER GOD IS MAKING OUR FAMILY THE WITNESSES** He wants us to be & of which the children are the most important part. The children are a good testimony when they are happy, healthy & loving. So their schedule, their needs & their care must come first. Because we travel a lot & are constantly seeing new places, new people & experiencing many changes.

**WE FOUND OUT WE NEED TO TRY & KEEP TO A GOOD SIMPLE WORKABLE SCHEDULE** so that the children's needs are met. This basically means a routine in the morning & a regular bedtime in the evening.

The afternoons are then left open for singing, witnessing, visiting, schooling, travelling & other important activities. We have found that this really helps them a lot.

**THE MORNING PUSH BEGINS WITH MOM & DAD GETTING UP** & folding up the big bed to start breakfast. Gabriel, age 9, usually cooks a big breakfast which is normally hot cereal, eggs & bread with milk or home-made Vitamin C drink. If everyone is dressed with hair combed & beds made by 8:00 breakfast time, it's a real victory, hal—& usually means a fruitful day ahead.

**WE STAY AT THE TABLE TO HAVE DEVOTIONS** because once the kids have a taste of the great outdoors it's too big a temptation to get them back without a struggle. So while someone clears & wipes the table & stacks the dishes, the rest of us start singing. We then

read the Word together which is so important as it is not only time in prayer & hearing from the Lord & getting something new from Him & the Word, but also to practise the children's reading, learning new words & their meanings, reviewing memory verses etc. Everybody being included really keeps their attention.

**THEN EVERYONE KNOWS THE END OF DEVOTIONS MEANS "JESUS JOB TIME"**.

Personal clean-up is first, & Gabe is in charge of getting soap & towels, toothbrushes etc. for the rest of the team, overseeing them & replacing them when finished. He then supervises the dishwashing, outside when possible, with either Knight-5, or Angel-now 3, helping & learning how to do it, plus getting wet & wetting each other too, hal! Sharon-7 is Mommy's little helper with inside clean-up, dusting, sweeping, putting clothes away, cleaning the stove & kitchen, & always washes out the plastic pants with a real vision for it, GBH! She is also the bedmaking overseer & calls back the boys after breakfast if everything isn't as it should be. Angel, who is now 3, also makes her own bed with Sharon's help. At this time Daddy usually takes Artie-15 mos. & Angel for a walk to get fresh air, go to the store & telephone & see who is new in camp. It's much easier & faster to clean up when the younger children are occupied. Then usually by 11:00 we are ready for whatever the Lord has for us that day.

**WE FOUND THAT LAUNDROMATS ARE RARE IN S. EUROPE** & even the laundries have taken their toll on our clothing, some returning wrinkled, shrunk or shrivelled beyond belief so that we now call them "Wash-a-Teasies"! Hal! So now, altho' laundry is one of our big-



"I love Paris in the winter!" Breakfast outside as Gabriel dishes out hot cereal for all. Just after this pic it started snowing!

gest work loads, with all the kids helping with their own socks & underwear every other day or so, we are able to keep on top of it. Doing laundry by hand taught us to keep the children's clothing in the "anti-dirty" look colour range like browns, navy blues, reds & dark greens which don't show dirt the first 10 minutes!

**WEATHER PLAYS A BIG PART IN OUR DAILY LIVES.**

Like Dad said, "That's the secret of camping out, you don't live in that small space, you only sleep there. You live outdoors!" (No. 807:18.) So weather permitting, we cook, eat, do dishes, laundry, play, wash up etc. all in the beautiful outdoors. This saves the constant clean-up & wear & tear on the inside of the caravan which is only natural, especially with 5 active children. The children really enjoy doing all their chores as it's so much more fun doing them outdoors.

**IN OUR CARAVANING DURING COLD & SNOW**, we found one of our biggest problems was dealing with the damp, cold condensation inside the caravan that made our clothing, bedding & even the seat cushions damp. To combat the condensation, Art added 4 air vents in the children's bedroom & instead of

having a solid base board under the mattresses, he cut them into slats to allow the mattresses to breathe & rebuilt the beds away from the walls to allow the air to circulate. We also found that altho' a catalytic gas heater is adequate to provide warmth, nothing can beat an electric heater (when you can plug in!) for dry heat, which was the miracle we needed to dry up the caravan. Also minimizing as much as possible cooking steam is important. We learned that almost all gypsies do their cooking in side tents or awnings, which we then started doing too.

**THERE ARE CARAVANS BETTER DESIGNED FOR YEAR 'ROUND LIVING.** In all of our travels nearly every gypsy family we saw throughout Europe had a Tabbert caravan which is made in Germany. They vary in size & are expensive, but they are made to live in. They usually have natural wood interiors, not plastic laminated chipboard which we have & which is heavy & doesn't breathe like natural wood, which is a natural insulator.

**SO IF YOU'RE PLANNING ON CARAVANING IN COLD WEATHER**, we suggest you be very careful which make you buy & look for a good heater &

good insulation including a double floor & double-glazed windows. Of course, in warm southern climates pretty much any caravan would be comfortable to live in. TYJ!

**CLEANING THE CARAVAN** has been revolutionized by our changing from carpet to good quality linoleum on the floor. With 5 kids we were having to clean the rug 3-4 times a day for 15-20 minutes a day. But now we can sweep out the floor in 2 minutes & wash over with disinfectant & it's much healthier & the light color has brightened up the caravan. The only floor coverings we use are a thick raffia mat at the door that lets the dirt drop thru' & a nice looking raffia rug in the children's room that keeps their feet from getting cold getting in & out of bed.

**GAS BOTTLES:** In Europe it's good to know something about gas bottles, especially if you will be travelling & camping in several different countries. We found that International Camping Gas (2½-3 kg.) is the best, as altho' they are probably more expensive initially, at least they are available in most all European countries, apart from Sweden. Some places like France & Belgium will not normally fill foreign bottles & those who will often charged us up to twice the normal price! So as we changed countries & therefore needed to change bottles we found out we also needed a different type of regulator for the bottles as well. We have met caravanners who carry 6 or 7 different regulators to accommodate any bottle. So if you want to avoid carrying around big empty bottles that you can't get refilled, laying out extra deposits on new bottles & having to buy new regulators too, we came to the conclusion that International Gas was the most convenient type to

get. By the way, Spain & Portugal are very cheap for Int'l Gas refills—1/3 the price of northern European countries.

**SO WE'VE FOUND OUT LIKE DAD SAYS:** "Camping out is a really beautiful, healthful, wonderful, thrilling, exciting life & can be lots of fun!—And it makes you feel so close to Him! You just know He lives &

cares, for you can see all His gorgeous handiwork & provision for all your needs & enjoyment all around you!—All the marvellous bounteous balance & beauty of His Nature!" (No. 807:18,19.) Hallelujah! Amen! Happy Camping! WLY!—Arthur, Becky, Gabriel, Sharon, Knight, Angel & Artie.



Birthday party for Angel, age 3, with Vicente & Pilar, Spanish V54!



Family get-together in Spain! Sorry, no names given. Recognise anyone?

## WHAT THE LISTENERS SAY ABOUT— Music With Meaning!

Family's radio show reaching millions in Asia!

Compiled by the MWM Mail Ministry Staff; India:

**"IF IT WASN'T FOR YOUR MUSIC SHOW** I don't know what I'd do! I will always try to be in touch with you because life will not be the same for me without you people."—J., Bombay.

**"I WISH YOUR MESSAGE OF MUSIC, LOVE, PEACE & HAPPINESS REACHES FURTHER** & finds a place in many more hearts in times to come. It is just like good over the bad, ultimately the good will overcome the bad & kindness will play & peace & happiness will prevail."—A., Bombay.

**"JUST THESE FEW LINES TO THANK YOU** very much for making the world a much better place to live in."—G., Madras.

**"BY WRITING TO YOU & LISTENING** to your broadcast it gave me joy, hope & happiness. That is why I am so grateful to you & your club."—J., Shillong.

**"THANKS A MILLION** for your touching Letters & Komix by Father David."—S., Bangalore.

**"ON SUNDAY YOU DID THE HINDI VERSION** of the MWM Show. Wow! It was really lovely & I think I'm really going to love listening to your Hindi programme."—J., Belgium.

**"WE REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR CLUB & THE KOMIX** by Father David. They really encourage me in the storm of daily life."—J., Bombay.

**"THREE OF YOUR TRAVELING MINSTRELS** came to visit me. They gave us your message of love & played some lovely songs. This shows that each one of us can change this world & bring the message of love, joy &

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**"I MUST SAY THAT YOUR MUSIC REALLY HAS MEANING.** All my tensions fly away & I get a spirit of new life after hearing your music."—N.

**"THE KOMIX SENT TO ME ARE TOO GOOD.** I watch the calendar anxiously for Sundays, & the scintillating music of your Show is the fuel for the life of love for remaining weekdays."—L.N., Hyderabad.

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