

Back On The Road Again!

From 10%ers to 110%ers living & travelling for Jesus full-time!

Tips on Wit'ing & Lit'ing with Kids!

From Josiah & Jewel Wait; Canada:

THANKS TO THE LORD & THE LETTERS we're finally back on the road full time & free after a year & a half of working full time in the system! We're witnessing & litnessing & provisioning & having the greatest time imaginable! TYJ!

WE'VE BEEN ON THE ROAD EXACTLY ONE MONTH NOW & it's been the greatest month of our lives. The children—Jesse—almost 4, Nina—2½ & John—1½ have been litnessing, & Jesse especially has been singing solos for interested sheep, provisioning contacts etc. We got out over 3500 pieces this month alone! TYJ!

THERE WERE TIMES IT WAS HARD TO KEEP THE VISION for training the kids as we had almost no public ministry & couldn't see any coming. Now we're really seeing the fruit of what we did with'm & wish we'd done more!

A COUPLE SUNDAYS AGO a church group was giving a puppet show in the park for the campers. About 40 kids were watching but began to get rowdy & foolish as the show moved slowly. We asked the lady if we could sing, & Jesse got up there by himself & boldly sang John 3:16 & quoted Phil. 4:19. Then he led all the other kids in singing "Jesus Loves Me". As a result the kids quieted down & started talking & singing about the Lord again. The lady was so amazed. She said, "How do you get him to memorise like that? I can't even get my Sunday school class of older



Mommy Jewel with Jesse-4, Nina-2½ & John-1½. Photo by Dado.

kids to do that!" She came over to the trailer to see some of our Family Care material & has become a friend & will try to incorporate some of our ideas in her class.

WE'VE ALWAYS KNOWN FROM THE LETTERS & THE MAG that it's the children—the children, the children!—That's our ministry. But this summer is the first time we've really seen them blossom & have a real effect, & it's just a small beginning! PTL!

LITNESSING TIPS: Litnessing kind of dry for you at times? Just get the wife & kids right out there with you! You may not be able to go for as long, but you'll sure have more of an effect on folks! The kids litness & behave better if we take'm to the playground for at least a little playtime before going out & right after too if possible. "The worker is more important than the work!" God help us always

to put them first! There are also many days, I must say, when we feel it better to let them stay home & get more schooling & playtime with Mommy, as they can get bored if litnessing too much. It's important to avoid that because we want'm to love it & not think of it as a chore. So some days I leave'm home, get out early to litness & do errands & get home as soon as possible, & this has been working well.

WITNESSING TIP: After 2 weeks in this town we wanted to go somewhere new. I'm so glad we stayed, as it wasn't until the third week that we started to get a lot of visitors & some good fruit. It paid off for us to stay put as long as God wasn't leading elsewhere or closing any doors here, & wait for Him to work! In the evenings we've been showing flannelgraphs for our kids & the neighbours here in the campgrounds. We use

Viewmaster Bible slides on the side of the trailer. I highly recommend these for younger children. The projector costs about \$20 & the slides are about \$2 a packet. Viewmaster address for free catalogue: G.A.F. Corp., Portland, Oregon, U.S.A. As Dad says, "Movies can get you in a lot of places."

PROVISIONING TIPS: We always have a good breakfast at home & then while out try to provision a good meal between 2-4 in the afternoon before the managers go home & when the restaurants aren't too crowded. Then later before bed the kids have just another light snack back at the trailer. We order milk with the meals. It's usually served in little cartons or covered cups so you can take it home & drink it later if you want. We get the manager's name & grab a pack of their matches by the cash register so we'll have their address & send them a thank-you card. They only know the Family by our sample, so we try to leave them favorable & an open door for other brethren. Sometimes we feel led to ask the manager if he'd like to help again. We've had 3 places give us at least 2 meals & one offered to feed us once a week. It's really out down our grocery bill!

TRAILER TIPS: We're glad we didn't choose a trailer with shower as almost all the campgrounds here in Canada have showers & people we meet with them in their trailers say they rarely use'm anyway. Water hose: In North America, at least, you can find white hoses at RV centers. These are non-toxic & you won't taste that rubber or plastic in your water. We have a big old station wagon to pull our trailer—we're dependable after some repairs & we're happy with it. We don't get as many miles to the gallon as we used to with smaller cars, but we're sure get-

ting more souls to the mile! TYJ! God bless you all! If we can do it, anybody can do it! Hope to see you out there on the road for Jesus soon! Love, Jos & Jewel & family.

Not frustrated now, but fascinated!

From Zattu & Morningstar; Europe: (See background in "Frustrated?" No. 835.)

Dearest Dad & Maria,

WE'RE WRITING TO SHARE WITH YOU ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS the Lord has done for us lately & especially to share what a tremendous blessing & inspiration "Millions of Miles of Miracles" has been to us at this present time. This Letter came as we were on the verge of stepping out by faith again! PTL!

ZATTHU HAD QUIT HIS JOB, we closed down our house & got the trailer ready within a few days to hit the road & witness full-time again for Him! We went up to Sweden to visit an old contact from Singapore & also sang with the children on the streets with tremendous response, & all our expenses for the trip came back thru' witnessing, PTL! It was so encouraging to see how the Lord wanted to use us again, & we feel so much more united & strong in the Spirit to fight as a family in the exciting life of faith!

WE'RE NOW AT A CAMPING SITE learning the ropes, frequently referring to all the wonderful Letters on camping & truly learning as we go how to do it, & we love it! We're hoping to raise our fare to Australia, heading to southern Europe real soon witnessing & litnessing by faith.

ALL THE PRICELESS LESSONS LEARNED over the past

1½ years would never have been possible without your love & concern, & furloughing sure has made us appreciate what a privilege it is to be fighting up front & being counted worthy to serve Him full-time again. I'm not frustrated anymore!—Just fascinated by His love, your love & all the miracles He's done to get us going again! We're going to have another baby too! TTL! We're so excited about that & are praying for twins! Love, Morningstar.

P.S. FROM ZATTHU: We've been enjoying life on the road so much. The Lord gave us a bigger caravan. It was the very day after we read Arthur & Becky's testimony that we found a "Tabbert" that they recommended. It's been such an inspiration to live & work out of a good, strong & beautiful caravan, TYJ! GBY for writing about all the details in your Letters. We do read them even tho' we don't always immediately need the information. We always know where to find it.

WE'VE NEVER HAD SO MUCH TIME TO WITNESS & LITNESS, & the Lord even blessed us with a beautiful sister Maggie to help us. The Lord has given us the burden to go to Australia as we do have the faith for permanent residency there. So our plans are just to witness our way to the South of Europe & pray for miracles to get our fare. Thank you also for writing about the worker being more important than the work, as right now it is our main concern to get our little flock to higher ground.

WE'VE NEVER BEEN SO HAPPY in our lives as at this time, & we know the Lord will supply all our needs & keep us thru' anything that might happen. Thank you again for everything you've done for us. Love, your son, Zattu.

The Video Ministry!

Vision and Tips!

From Paul & Marianne:

Dearest Dad & Maria, GBY! WLYSMI WE'VE BEEN WANTING TO WRITE OUR REACTIONS after listening to your very encouraging & inspiring talk on the VVV, as we also have been thrilled by the potential of this ministry.

WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN SUCH WONDERFUL FRUITS from it in so many ways, if only to bring some inspiration to our King, Queen & Family, & to get these beautiful tapes of comments PTL! God bless Maria for her faith & vision, & your entrusting us with the initiative to get a video, as we knew hardly anything about this only six months ago, when she suggested we look into the possibility of renting one.

SINCE THEN IT HAS CHANGED OUR LIVES & MINISTRY, opened our eyes to a new dimension of our work, & we are enthused to hear that you will encourage others to get into the VM.

WE THOUGHT OF WRITING DOWN A FEW LESSONS & TIPS we've learned, mainly from comments you passed on to us after watching our first attempts, & also to share how & why it has been such a blessing for us to carry a video camera while visiting.

WE HEARTILY AGREE THAT VIDEOS IS A NEW MINISTRY FOR VSs, & we really like the idea of an area possibly getting together to purchase one for the VS to carry around. Video tapes are such an inspirational tool for the Homes, such an audio-visual aid to show "the wonderful things the Family is doing", especially now that fellowship & seeing what others do for the Lord are so needed.

FOR VSs AS "EVANGELISTS", WHAT BETTER CAN THEY BRING THAN THE SHINING SAMPLE of the Family all over. It really amazed us, for instance, in showing a video of Zac & Lamb's family to Phineas & Rebecca (new British Isles VSs) how we could not have found better words, better examples to explain what their ministry should be.

TO SEE THE ACTUAL SAMPLE of what they could do flipped them out so much that they were actually talking about starting the next day. After seeing the video of the show in Greece, some people who had been somewhat leary & suspicious of what was happening there with all these "backsliders", totally changed attitude, & it gave them more faith, inspiration & confidence to push MWM wholeheartedly. Some were moved to tears in watching the musicians perform, something we could certainly never have done so well just by telling the story!

ALSO AS REPORTERS, AS "EYES & EARS" FOR THE KING & QUEEN, it has been such a tremendous blessing to have a camera & to be able to bring this first-hand type of report, instead of our own impression of a situation & people only. Who hasn't dreamt of inviting Dad & Maria to his home, her bedroom, their table? We must say that it has been a priceless privilege for us to give the Family this opportunity to come in the presence of the ones who mean so much to them & become "stars for one day" for the rest of the Family to see.

MANY SHARED HOW THEY ALWAYS WANTED TO PERSONALLY TELL DAD A SPE-

CIAL WORD OF LOVE, a poem, sing him a song, thank him for changing their life. To be seen by Dad & Maria makes them feel that they are known & loved by them personally. It is always a very moving & intense experience to be able to capture these declarations of love & loyalty.

WE ARE ACTUALLY MEDIATORS, & it takes being present enough without imposing our presence, to direct & channel the conversation, without imposing our ideas. This is why we found it helpful to know the people before actually filming, so we can direct the conversation & keep the person challenged & encouraged.

THIS IS WHY WE FEEL IT IS A PERFECT MINISTRY FOR VSs, because of this special contact that the video carrier has to have with those who will be interviewed. It is more than photography & technique, as you have to try to be good flame holders for others to shine freely, good pumps to draw out their best. Anyhow,

THESE INTENSE MOMENTS ARE REALLY WHAT MAKES OUR MINISTRY SO EXCITING & SO FULFILLING. We've been excited about visiting even more than before, knowing that you will be visiting these very Homes sooner or later with us. And of course the greatest reward is to hear the feedbacks of these VVVs, your feelings & impressions, & thru' it we already have learned some precious lessons of love, wisdom & discernment. PTL!

WE'RE ALSO THRILLED TO KNOW THAT IT WILL NOW BECOME A TOOL FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, & we can see no end of potential for these movies, even tho' we are not professional enough yet to get on the GP market. We thought of making tapes for children, gathering different songs, skits & testimonies by children. Also,

we could gather some skit-songs & testimony tapes, which could bring our old-time "discos" & "club-shows" to every Home. Wow! It's so exciting to think of all that can be done, & what a tool it can be to minister to neighbours, new bottles, friends, fish, contacts etc. PTL!

WELL, THO' WE'RE STILL VERY MUCH IN THE LEARNING STAGE, we've written down a few tips & lessons which might be helpful for other VMs in the future. Letters like "Pictures", "The Oh of Art", "Revolutionary Women" have some very good suggestions which apply to filming.

1. BEFORE YOU START be sure that you check all your equipment, that all is functioning properly before you get everyone "on stage", as finding out that the mike is broken or a part not working can make everyone, especially the children, nervous & restless.

BEWARE OF CHEAP EQUIPMENT (microphones & earphone) which will often break easily. It is worth it in the long run to get a good tripod for your camera (so your image does not move), a good set of earphones (so you can hear exactly the sound you are recording & make sure it comes out nice & clear without distracting background noise), one or two good mikes (if you have only one, "don't be lazy, pass the mike", otherwise a bad soundtrack can make a whole good tape unuseable & hard to follow), some good lights. As we recently learned with audio tapes, once you go into all the expense of getting into video filming,

IT IS WORTH GOOD QUALITY RECORDINGS! "If we're going into the video business, we've got to do it & do it well, the way it ought to be done, & watch all these details so that we get it done right." Also,

make sure you keep your battery pack full at all times so it won't be deficient when needed.

2. WHEN FILMING A HOME or Unit, we found that it usually takes stopping the actual work for necessary time so everyone can gear themselves into the video, pray about what they want to say, make themselves pretty, be ready to come "on stage" when needed etc. Then you can get the Home together to explain what you intend to do & how you plan to do it, & pump their suggestions.

WE TRY NOT TO SHOW VIDEOS OF OTHER HOMES BEFOREHAND, so they're not tempted to follow the same pattern, but always to show the Home their own video afterwards, so they can see how it comes out & "approve" it.

3. IT IS IMPORTANT TO SITUATE THE ACTION, so you can take a few shots of the area, the outside of the house, a group shot of the Home, present the couples & families together. Dad & Maria mentioned that they like to hear the interviewers' personal comment on the people & situation, the history or any particular point of interest, & also they like to see you as an interviewer.

SO IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEAVE ENOUGH SPACE TO FILM YOURSELF while you introduce &/or take a few relevant shots of the house, street, city, etc. which will allow you to dub over your personal word later on. But don't dub over someone talking or singing. When you want to say something about this particular person, insert your comment before or after they are done.

4. WHEN INTERVIEWING it is good to have a little time to sit with the person interviewed, & discuss with them what they'll want to say. It relaxes them to know that you can stop when they don't find the words or go

back & start again if it doesn't come out right.

ENCOURAGE THEM TO DRESS (OR UNDERDRESS!) IN THEIR NICEST, put a little make-up on, find a nice set-up for interviewing, a clean inspiring area, maybe with flowers, but not too distracting. Changing set-up will show diverse aspects of the house & give variety.

AN INTERVIEW OF 5-10 MINUTES per person is usually sufficient. Try to get everyone including the children. However, when interviewing parents, avoid children sitting on their laps while they're talking, as it will distract both them & the viewer. Because it gets pretty intense, make sure everyone stays inspired & relaxed & sometimes a little glass of wine helps!

5. SOUND: Make sure the sound comes out clear. Again, "don't be lazy, pass the mike"! The person who is talking should hold the mike close to their mouth. Do not trust the camera microphone, as it will mostly pick up the sound that you do not want such as the outside noises (children, crickets, motorbikes etc.), which will distract from the main interest. Good earphones will allow you to hear exactly what sound you're recording.

IN THE CASE OF FILMING A GROUP OR MEETING, Dad suggested we get a fishing rod to hang up the mike, so we can hear each person clearly. Get enough cord to bring the microphone to their mouth. Never accept background noise, except it has a purpose.

MUSICAL BACKGROUND CAN BE VERY NICE behind a commentary or as an introduction, but Dad & Maria suggested using instrumental music only, soft ones, without words which could distract from what is being said.

6. SHARP FOCUS: It is im-