

Childcare Tips & News by You!

From the Monthly Reports!
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"WE HAVE HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH THE SCHOOL AUTHORITIES about our children being out of school for such a long time. So the Lord told us to 'agree with our adversary quickly' so they are now back in school for a while, which has calmed the storm. We realise the only way over this problem is to be on the road full-time, then the system will never be able to nail us down, & we are working on it." —Luke & Naomi; Europe.

"AS SOON AS WE RETURNED THE CHILDREN TO SCHOOL after summer holidays, camping, fresh air etc., we've nearly all been sick, & the education dept. has been hassling us. They are at school now, but God willing we'll move on." —James & Sarah; Europe.

"OUR LITTLE BABY HAD PROBLEMS AT BIRTH. The doctors filled our hearts with fear & our hands with medicine for her, so this month we forsook both for faith & the Word!" —Abe & Maggie; U.S.A.

"THE NIGHT BEFORE RUTH WAS BORN I heard gas howling at the full moon (I was in labour) & it sounded like a den of devils just outside the door. I felt like the Devil was trying to attack the baby, so we prayed over her. It turned out the cord was wrapped around her neck, & I couldn't push her out & her heartbeat was dangerously slow so they had to do an episiotomy & pull her out fast with forceps.



Proud Grandpa Amos O'Test shows off his first 2 grandchildren—Dulcinea-7 mos (of Reuben & Rose) & Ruth-1 mo. (of Joseph & Christina) Amos' 2 oldest sons. (Australia)

The pain was soon forgotten & we have been recovering remarkably fast & well, PGI!" —Joseph & Christina O'Test; Australia.

"HAS THERE BEEN A LETTER ON 'REAL FATHERS'?" —Noah & Mary (father of 9, mate of 3 wives. (Lots of m! Haven't U read m? D.) [Sounds like you could write something & tell us how you do it! Ed.] (Where?)

"ANY INFORMATION ON BEDWETTING? We tried prayer, waking them up in the middle of the night, cutting down intake of liquids. Still continues. Any suggestions?" —Joshua & Catherine; Europe.

"FOR A WHILE JONATHAN-3 HAS HAD A PROBLEM WITH STUTTERING like David had, but this month it got worse, getting to the point he could hardly speak, being very 'crippled'. We read the Davidito Letters about his case, which broke our hearts, & we prayed in complete desperation & weeping, claiming a miracle. Very soon he improved greatly, altho' now he's gotten a little worse upon getting in contact with another crippled child. But we are counting on a miracle!" —Gabriel & Jerusalem; Europe.

"THE OTHER BRETHREN HERE IN THIS TRAILER PARK HAVE IGNORED THEIR CHILDREN'S SERIOUS COUGHS, & we've now discovered that they all have whooping cough! They were asked by us & others to take the kids to a doctor for a check-up, but waited, telling us assuredly that it wasn't whooping cough. Now they have scabies too." —Obed & Hannah Servant; U.S.A.

"DANIELITO-5 HAS CHANGED TREMENDOUSLY in the past 6 months. That's how long he has been in kindergarten here. He has learned Spanish to the point that he can communicate & understand almost any conversation in Spanish, whether with children or adults. This has helped him to have confidence to talk with others (witnessing, singing etc.)." —Ado & Kanah; C. Amer.

"THE AUTHOR OF 'TEACH YOUR BABY MATH' also has material available at a price below what it would cost to make them yourself thru' their Institute for the Achievement of Human Potential. Anyone with a brain-damaged child especially should contact them for a vision of how they can help their children. Address: The Institute for the Achievement of Human Potential, 8801 Stenton Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., U.S.A. 19118. They also have info & addresses of home study schools & tips & inspirations of how to keep your kids out of public schools." —Jean & Deborah Philpote; U.S.A.

"DAVID, OUR 5TH CHILD, WAS BORN! We were tempted to start fretting, thinking about having number 5 when the first 4 seemed to be such a handful. However, little David's birth was so beautiful & his spirit has been such an elixir to us. We're ever so happy & thankful for all 5 of them & as many as the Lord blesses us with!" —Aaron & Angelina; Canada.

"ANNIE (10 MOS.) BECAME SERIOUSLY CONSTIPATED, which resulted in a 3-day hospital stay. She had an enema & was brought back to normal, however caught fever & convulsion during her stay there. It sure got us desperate as we saw the 'research team' start their drug (phenobarb.) experiments on her. Was she ever 'dulled-out'! —A serious attack by the Enemy, 'cause she's so bright & learning to read. Saphir took her stand of faith against the drug, stayed with Annie overnight & got her home safely. It took much prayer & desperation to realise our mistakes & confess them as well as a week or 2 for Annie to return to normal. 'God forbid that any of our children should ever have to suffer for our lack of faith & desperation in prayer' (S22:69)." —Peter & Saphiri; Canada.

US with a beautiful dinner, all the kids in cute little outfits, GB'm. Their caravan is really beautiful, kept perfectly in spite of a year of full-time use. They have made it really homey, & they put together a gorgeous photo album which they use for PR & witnessing. The children are beautiful too, well behaved & happy. You can see the fruit of putting them first in their lives. You can see that Z&L have invested in the children, as the fruits are amazing, from their good behaviour to their alertness & their readiness to always witness, tell a testimony, sing a song & 'give some love'. We were really impressed by their sample, which absolutely speaks for itself, & indeed it inspires one to get mobile, have more children, take them singing etc., as it does work, TYJ!" —From a report by Paul & Marianne.

"WE HAD A VERY INSPIRING MOMENT IN OUR LIVES when we were able to see our baby from the inside! The doctor very much felt I was going to have twins as I've been so big for just 4 months. So he suggested an ultra-sound which is (supposed to be) a harmless examination that allows you to see the whole baby. After much prayer & info searching, we went ahead. It was so tremendous to see that little life so alive & active. It had the hiccups & was turning all around. We could see the heart & the blood pumping into the umbilical cord! What a miracle! PHNI He knows our strength & He must have felt that one was plenty!" —Dominic & Jewel; USA.

"DIAPER RASH TIP: "If it can help, Isaac's doctor said if a baby has a rash such as diaper rash, not to use vaseline on it as vaseline forms an occlusive seal which seals air out, thus keeping the rash from healing." —Celeb & Snlon; U.S.A.

"WE ARRIVED IN OSTENDE WHERE ZACCHAEUS & LAMB WERE WAITING FOR

accidents (wet pants). Another idea for kids' rooms: On one free wall of our children's room we put washable vinyl wallpaper. This makes it possible to stick pictures or even real things like leaves with tape, together with the words, without damaging the wall." —Daniel & Suzanne; Eur.

"THE LORD'S BLESSINGS OFTEN COME IN DISGUISE! All 9 of the children, plus Mommy Tamar, have whooping cough! Nevertheless, despite the hardships & the fact the children have had to stay indoors all this time, we actually find ourselves being truly thankful for the experience. It has renewed us in many ways, brought us all closer together both to the Lord & each other. The children have been real soldiers, never once complaining or panicking when they cough so hard. We had previously prayed for the Lord to prepare us for the trip we hope to take to southern Europe—all of us living together in a 5-meter caravan & borrowed van.—What better way than to give us a practice run all confined together, hal PTL, the worst is almost over & we thank the Lord for this heart-searching cleansing experience!" —Gibea, Tamar & Flor; Europe (from their prayerletter).

"TOILET TRAINING TIP: "With our 18-mo.-old son, we saw how we could help him learn to control his bladder muscles. When we put him on the toilet, we opened the tap to let a little bit of water run. Immediately he started urinating. After some days he didn't need the trick with the tap anymore. Now he has hardly any

scholarships to attend, with us having to pay only the book fees, PTL! Suggestion: Mothers could offer their services as substitute teachers to help with costs for private schools & fees." —Lazarus & Charlin; U.S.A.

"WE'VE BEEN 'OPENING THE DOOR FOR THE CHILDREN' & it's amazing to see the changes taking place in their lives. It also makes us so thankful for the guidance we've had for our children. They're like little lights that are shining soooo bright!" —Adam & Ruma Dorlon; U.S.A.

"AS OUR LITTLE GIRL WAS 2 MONTHS PREMATURE she has to stay in the hospital until her weight reaches 2.5 kg. The sudden separation, plus seeing her so alone in her 'little box' broke my heart & made me cry. Also I didn't understand why I was feeling so out of tune with the Lord. When I asked Him about it, He reminded me that when I was pregnant I had told Him that I would give Him the baby & offered it upon the altar. So now He was testing my words, my love & my faith. Immediately I felt my burden lift, no more doubt & sorrow. It comforted my heart to see her smiling in her sleep, & the nurses are young & sweet with good spirits & the doctors too. The Letters 'Why Are Our Children Sick?' & 'They Behold His Face' encouraged & inspired me so much. And most of all this quote from Techii Chapter 5:17—"You & the baby may have to go thru' the fire, but the Lord is easily able to bring you out without permanent damage whatsoever." TG for the Word. By the way, I pump my milk & put it into bottles to bring to the hospital every day." —Habakuk & Sara; Europe.

"OUR WHOLE FAMILY'S BEEN MAKING PROGRESS IN THE WORD! I've been getting up early with Matt & getting in-



Zach & Lamb & family enjoy a rented cycle on the seafront!

to the Word & prayertime before the kids get up. The boys have been having daily Word time & are starting to memorize again. We got a tape recorder & now I try to keep Word & song tapes going most of the day. Our 3 & 4-year-olds received the Holy Spirit. I've been getting meals done earlier which has helped to give Matt & me time to talk or share a little Word sometimes before bed." —Matt & Joy Child; U.S.A.

"KEEPING CLEAN IN 3RD WORLD COUNTRY: "It's helpful to have your own or extra sheets & even your own pillow cases for hotels. The toilets are also very dirty so we have even our 4-year-old use the potty in our room (we big people just squat). Always have a plastic container for boiled water which you can get from the hotel kitchen, for drinking & teeth cleaning. We also have plastic food containers so we can go out & buy a cheap meal & bring it back to eat in our room—more relaxing. When out I always carry at least 2 wash cloths in separate plastic bags, one for faces & one for hands & knees & use them constantly when out as the children tend to get very dirty here, even when under constant supervision. When we eat out I take out our 'hands' wash cloth before praying for (& over!) the food, & we all wash our hands before eating (no washrooms here usually.) Always do this when going DTD. Plus

Flor & baby Timothy in Europe. Photo by Daddy Gibea Firstfruit.

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Renee & Matthew Canada going for God with their 71—Helene-1, Augustin-2y, Francisco-4, twins Natalie & Sascha-5, Isabelle-7 and Sara-8y4! "See their plea for help below! They've got 7 good reasons for wanting to know!—Can U help m?—GBY! Write m today!—I love,—Dad.)

"WE HAVE BEEN SO THANKFUL TO RECEIVE THE NEW FC KOMIX. These are such a blessing. We especially like FC 90 'The Bible or Babble'. It has a good message for our school-age children. Altho' they both enjoy school & do very well, I feel led to caution them against some of the education they receive. This Komix put it so clearly & is really needed. [Amen!—D.] —Jakim & Ruth Schazzar; U.S.A.

"THE CHILDREN SAY THAT THEIR GREATEST PROBLEM this month was going back to school, as they'd all really rather be out on the road witnessing for Jesus. They are 13, 12 & 11." (Why —Luke & Naomi; Europe. not?—D.)

"SUGGESTION FOR MOTHERS OF INFANTS: "Wear a smock as used by maids for general 'round-the-house use. This allows you to wear decent clothes without worrying about getting them soiled, & if you have to go

out for an errand (or a visitor arrives) you don't have to completely change clothes to be presentable. We photocopied verses from the FN & put them up in various places in the Home as reminders to memorize & review. For example, in the kitchen & over the baby's changing table so the mother can memorize & quote the verse & the baby can hear it." —Gabriel & Sky; South America.

"WE'D LOVE TO SEE TESTIMONIES & TIPS FROM A SINGING FAMILY—how they got started, the amount of discipline used, ways to get the children inspired to sing, if they have had problems with one who refused to sing etc.—Details behind the finished product. [C foto —Matthew & Renee Canada. above!]

"TWO RECOMMENDED BOOKS WE FOUND TO BE A GREAT BLESSING are 'Dr. Turtle's Baby Book' & 'Nourishing Your Unborn Child'. They

fit right into our lifestyle. GBY all for suggesting these great books to us. If you know of any more, please let us know. Thanks." —Hezekiah & Olive; U.S.A.

"DUE TO MY OWN NEGLIGENCE Robin-8 months almost drowned in the bathtub. He recovered completely, TTL, but I was really terrified when faced with the prospect of losing him. God really showed me to be more thankful for having him in the first place & to be really careful with our children instead of taking their safety for granted." —Sunny, Allison & Levi; U.S.A.

"THERE IS A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL WE WANTED OUR CHILDREN TO ATTEND but couldn't afford. Then while witnessing we met one of the teachers who invited us to the affiliated church where the children sang & gave testimonies. After seeing their bold sample, the principal decided to let them have



Flor & baby Timothy in Europe. Photo by Daddy Gibea Firstfruit.