

strumming once in a while, he is happy & smiling & the star to all the old ladies.

OUR YOUNGEST ONE NOW, 2-YEAR-OLD HENDRIK, really had a hard time participating in the show, so when he was smaller we kept him in his stroller, keeping him happy with an apple or so. (We always try to have healthy snacks on hand.)

HOWEVER, LATELY HENDRIK HAS GOTTEN TO WHERE HE IS WILLING TO GIVE OUT THE LIT WHILE THE OTHERS SING, taking it out of the guitar-case & throwing the money back in that people always hand him. It looks so cute when a little child toddles up to the big people handing them the lit, & hardly anyone can refuse.

IT TAKES US A LOT OF SHARING THE WORD WITH HIM tho' & gentle persuasion as he is now starting to partake in our inspirations at home, doing the motions & singing a little bit. We learned that we have to keep feeding & inspiring them with the Word, new & old, for this is what helps us get & keep the vision.

THE SAMPLE OF OTHER FAMILY CHILDREN SINGING always does a lot to re-inspire & challenge them, so if you have the opportunity, use it.

WHEN SINGING ON THE STREETS WE USUALLY HAVE ONE OF THE CHILDREN PASS OUT LIT to all the crowd before they all leave, & sometimes if the kids are raring to run around & litness, daddy just keeps singing with one or two of them, taking turns, which can really prolong the show. Then, later we often just start all over again with all the children & a new crowd.

IF THE SPIRIT IS REAL, NICE & HEAVY & THE PEOPLE REALLY ATTENTIVE & FASCINATED, we even ask for decisions after a skit such as "You Gotta Be a Baby." We say something like: "Now that you all know how, who

wants to go to heaven? Who would like to receive Jesus into his heart? Come on let's raise our hands!"

WE'VE ALSO STARTED TO PUT A SIGN IN OUR GUITAR CASE THAT THE DONATIONS ARE FOR OUR MISSIONARY WORK, which not only increases them considerably, but helps people to relate more to us & make more personal contact.

AFTER SINGING THE SAME SONGS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, the children really get turned on to learn a new song or skit, or one in another language, or to perform in a new place or different situation.

This is especially true if it gets adventurous for them, like when Valentina dreamt we would sing in a little circus. Later we actually did do just that, & the whole circus staff received Jesus & then let the kids ride on the big camel & on the ponies.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT POINT IS TO ALWAYS REWARD THEM, & often the Lord does it right on the spot by people inviting

us to special meals or outings or giving fruit to the children. (We all agreed to collect unhealthy sweets & later trade them in for good wholesome nuts, raisins, figs or tangerines, etc.)

WE ALWAYS HAVE ONE SET OF MATCHING OUTFITS (they don't have to be expensive, as long as they match) that we just keep for singing, so that we can always be ready if the occasion warrants.

WE HOPE THESE LITTLE TIPS CAN BE OF SOME HELP, as we have just started ourselves & are curious about what other families would have to say. But it is such a blessing to see the Lord use these little kids, & it seems that in many situations, working with them would free daddy from having to work in the system for support & open the doors for other fields where straight litnessing may be impossible but where it would be possible to go with a big family singing.

--With lots & lots of love, Micah & Deborah.



Happy caravanning kids enjoy Sunday Fellowship in God's beautiful creation: Stephan, Valentina, & Hendrik of Micah & Deborah, & Juan(in back) of Zach & Sarah.

Church Invasion Pays Off!

PIONEER TEAM GETS HOME SUPPORT TO GO SOUTH!

Fisher of Men; U.S.A.: ANDREW & MARY & THEIR LITTLE FAMILY & LYDIA AND I are doing all we can to prepare to go South. We have been pretty desperate in our preparation & God has been blessing our mail ministry, provisioning, litnessing & especially our church ministry.

RECENTLY WE WENT THRU ONE OF OUR BIGGEST FINANCIAL CRISES in a long time. We were still faithful to keep busy for the Lord in our witnessing but we had stopped invading churches for a while. So out of desperation we ventured out to the churches again in a new city and it's been more fruitful than ever! TTL!

MARY GOT ON THE PHONE & started calling up several churches asking them if they would like to have us sing & minister for a love offering. We went to one the next Sunday just to attend as the pastor wanted to meet us. The pastor then asked us to come back that night to sing.

THE KIDS SANG & THEY JUST FLIPPED OUT. They just loved us and though no formal love offering was taken for us, the pastor gave us \$100 & someone else gave us \$50. This really helped us a lot since we were struggling so financially & our bills were due.

Andrew & I sang again that week at their men's prayer meeting & gave our testimonies & they gave us a small donation.

THE NEXT SUNDAY THEY ASKED US TO MINISTER AGAIN and gave us the whole evening service. We sang songs and gave testimonies and the children sang. Andrew preached a sermon on the importance of the Word and on faith & obedience, using a lot of quotes from the



Singing "I Got A Lot Of Problems" in church: (l-r) Claire, Andrew & Fisher. (Photo by Mary)

Letters.

AT THE END THE PASTOR GAVE a real plea for help for us and mentioned specific needs for us including all our needed truck repairs. They took up a love offering for us and it was \$1,000 -- TTL! This paid our bills and got all the needed truck parts. The Lord never fails if we're faithful!

ALSO, ONCE YOU MEET ONE GROUP of church people you usually run into other groups & fellowships who want you to come & minister at their church also. So, thru another group we were referred to, Andrew got hundreds of dollars worth of labor & parts donated to him by a Christian mechanic who wants to help us go South & preach the Gospel.

THRU THE SONG LEADER OF THIS CHURCH, Andrew, Claire & I got to go to a university for 2 days to sing on campus & teach a witnessing seminar & witness on campus. Several souls got saved & we went door to door at the dorms with our guitars & witnessed.

WE THEN TAUGHT A WITNESSING CLASS to about 70 Christians on campus & I never saw so many Christians

get convicted. We inspired several of them to go door to door. TTL! They gave us our food & housing for the 2 days we were there & we sang in their auditorium on the last night & they took up a love offering for us of over \$100.

AT THE LAST CHURCH SERVICE we shared at they took up another offering for us of \$400. We went from the biggest financial struggle to the best month financially & the biggest tithe we've ever had! TTL!

THE PASTOR WANTS US TO TEACH WITNESSING classes once or twice a week for the remaining time that we are here. You'll never believe what he wants to call these classes! He said we'll have our own "soul clinic" -- Ha! TTL!

WE ARE REALLY PUTTING OUR PLANS TO GO SOUTH FIRST & they really appreciate it & want to help us all they can. **THRU THE CHURCHES WE HAVE ALSO BEEN HELPED** with many other needs to take South such as clothing, car parts, a 12-string guitar, a banjo & a flute, a reel to reel tape recorder, 2 generators & much more -- so it's pretty fruitful. TTL! -- Fisher

Passin' Through The Churches!

REAPING PLEDGES OF SUPPORT FOR NEW FIELD!

From Asher & Amana:

Now in the Orient: **THANK GOD FOR DAD'S COUNSEL** ON "INVADING THE CHURCHES", as even tho' we came from the Jesus People we certainly would never have considered going back to the churches to witness & get support.

BUT AS WE HAD BEEN MOBILE THIS PAST YEAR, it is a ministry that the Lord gave us a burden for. In the past few months we were pretty involved with a certain church & we want to share the testimonies & lessons we have learned.

I HAD BEEN GOING REGULARLY TO A CERTAIN PETROL STATION as I had heard from a nearby home that the owners were Christian & had helped a brother with repairs for half-price, so we thought we would try to get to know them.

AFTER WE DID, THEY INVITED US AROUND TO THEIR HOME FOR AN AFTER-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP that they always have, so we decided to go. Well, needless to say, it was very uninspiring & spiritually dry, but we tried to drop a few "precious jewels" into the receptive hearts.

WHEN WE RETURNED HOME, THAT NIGHT WE WERE WONDERING WHY WE HAD EVEN GONE & whether it was worth going again, as it didn't seem that the Lord had opened any doors. Then, thinking about what Dad said that our major job was to get them to witness, we felt we just needed to go on the attack with that.

SO, THE NEXT TIME I SAW THEM I SAID THAT IF THERE WAS EVER ANYTHING WE COULD DO TO HELP in the area of witnessing we would love to help out. I said we gave Bible classes on witnessing & could do skits, flannel-graphs, etc., & right away



Asher & Amana with Luke & Little Amana before their departure from England to the Orient.

the daughter said: "You must be the ones to take our young people's meeting this week!"

IT TURNED OUT THAT THEY COULDN'T GET ANYONE TO DO IT, so TTL it was a real open door. The funny thing was that afterwards we wondered who was going to sing, act, etc. as neither of us play the guitar or have much experience in skits, but at the same time we knew the Lord wanted to use our little family to do it!

PRAYED GOD! HE REALLY HELPED US AS WE GOT DESPERATE, & in two days we came up with an hour performance complete with songs & skits. We had written out the words to the songs so they all could sing along with us, & the skits really went over well, especially with Luke (9 years) doing the skits too--we discovered he has quite a natural talent. TTL!

AFTERWARDS WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO SHARE OUR WHOLE TESTIMONY & how we live by faith travelling the world for Jesus. We were especially

able to emphasize the need for all Christians to witness. Then when we were leaving, the mother came & gave us a love-gift & said how thankful they were. They also invited us to dinner the next week which turned out to be another invitation to speak at their church. Also, they asked us to give a Bible class on witnessing to their young people.

THINGS WERE GOING ALONG WELL, & each time we went someone always gave us a little love-offering to cover our needs. We also went to dinner with other young couples who wanted to know more about our lives & how we could possibly live the way we do. So we were encouraged by all this, but we felt that something was still missing & that we needed to keep majoring on how important it was for them to be witnesses; we felt that was the main reason the Lord had brought us to them.

SO, WE SUGGESTED THAT

THEY START A REGULAR PARTY or get-together in order to reach their unsaved friends, & that we would be willing to help get the first one going.

THE CHURCH LEADERS GAVE THEIR PERMISSION, & WE BEGAN TO ORGANISE IT. We felt the Lord really wanted the young people themselves to do the skits & music, etc., so we got volunteers & taught them how to do it. They learned songs like "Jesus Really Loves You" & "You Can Be Free".

ONE NIGHT WHEN WE WERE PRACTISING WITH THE YOUNG PEOPLE, one of the leaders of the youth groups came up to us & gave us an envelope & told us that the Lord had told her to give us some of her holiday money. What we thought to be just a few pounds for petrol turned out to be 115 pounds. TTL for His abundant supply!

THEN THE NIGHT OF THE FIRST PARTY CAME, & 65 young people came from all over the area. This was twice as many as everyone had expected, so it really showed them what they could do by just trying something new.

WE WERE ALSO ABLE TO MAKE A FEW CONTACTS FROM ANOTHER YOUTH GROUP WHO CAME, & they were amazed to see the skits & hear songs with so much life in them.

EVERYONE ALWAYS ASKS US WHERE WE GET ALL THESE SONGS & IDEAS & LITTLE "QUOTES", & we always just say, "from a friend", which funny enough is what we were told when we heard our first Mo letters! Boy, if they only knew who "our friend" really is.

THEY ALL KNEW WE WERE ON OUR WAY TO THE ORIENT, & we found that this really helps to give them the vision that we are going into all the world and are just a passin' through!

NEXT, WE WERE INVITED TO SPEAK AT THEIR OLD PEOPLE'S

MEETING, & those who we were told were the "nominal members" of the church turned out to be some of the sweetest & humblest ones we had met. We read them "Making Memories" by Grandma & shared our testimonies & way of life, & they hung onto every word. They want us to send them our prayer letters from the Orient & promised to pray for us in their meetings. GBT! They also took a collection for us which more than covered our needs!

AS OUR DEPARTURE DATE FOR OUR NEW FIELD WAS APPROACHING, we were praying for a final way to be able to minister to everybody. And since the Lord had provided us with a projector & slide show of Zeffirelli's "Jesus of Nazareth", we offered to show it to them.

THEY READILY ACCEPTED & this time wanted to make it open to the whole church. So, we arranged to show it on one of our last Sundays after their service, & about 50 people turned up.

THE LORD GAVE US THE IDEA TO USE "The Story of Love" tapes by Simon Peter along with the slides, so we made a one-hour tape from the four cassettes to fit in with the slides.

PEOPLE CAME UP TO US AFTERWARDS & WERE SO AMAZED BY IT ALL & HOW WELL IT ALL FIT TOGETHER! They just couldn't figure out how we had managed to do it & where this "mysterious voice" came from which read the scriptures with such authority & conviction!

SO IT WAS A REAL VICTORY, & even after the first showing of the slides they gave us 50 pounds for a donation, which more than paid for the actual slides! TTL!

THEN, DURING THE NEXT WEEK WHEN WE WENT TO SAY OUR FINAL GOOD-BYE to the different ones who were the most receptive, they all pitched in & gave us 60 more pounds to

help us on our way. **AND WHILE PRAYING FOR US, THEY PRAYED THAT THEY WOULD NOT ONLY BE FAITHFUL TO PRAY FOR US,** but also to help support us! They all said they were so sorry to see us go as they had never gotten so attached to people in such a short time. It just showed us how starving they all must be for some real fellowship.

ALSO, ANOTHER INSPIRING THING THAT HAPPENED JUST A FEW DAYS BEFORE WE LEFT WAS OUR RECEIVING A CHECK in the mail for 100 pounds from a little lady at the church who we had hardly even talked to. We couldn't even place her when at first we tried to think who she was. Praise God!

SO WE TRULY THANK THE LORD FOR GIVING US SUCH SWEET FRIENDS, & we pray that we will be faithful to minister to them what they need from our new field.

LOOKING BACK OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, we really know that one of the main reasons the Lord worked so fast & provided so much so fast was because we were finally obeying the Lord & fleeing the West to needier & riper harvests! TYJ!

AT THE SAME TIME, THE LORD WAS PROVIDING THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS TOO, so we hope this will be an encouragement to anyone else who needs to leave now but can't see how. We know the Lord will do it!

WE HAVE BEEN IN THE ORIENT NOW FOR FOUR DAYS, & are so happy to be in such a challenging new field where there are so many new horizons.

WE REALLY THANK GOD FOR DAD & MARIA'S DIRECTION, as without it we would be as unfruitful & as unfulfilled as the churches. God bless the family here too who have really opened their hearts & homes to us!

LOTS OF LOVE & PRAYERS, Asher & Amana.