

Stirring Up The Churches!

TEACHING THE CHURCHES CLASSES ON "WITNESSING" & "THE BIG LIE!"

GETTING SUPPORT FOR THE FIELD!

From Cedar & Phil; U.S.A.:

GBY! WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS THE LORD HAS DONE with regard to "Invading the Churches" since we arrived in the U.S. WE HAVE BEEN REGULARLY ATTENDING A BLACK BAPTIST CHURCH in this city. Phil's mother is a deaconess & at 75 years old is a well-respected member of the church. Because she had been sharing parts of our letter with testimonies we were already well-known & welcomed warmly. FOR THE FIRST TWO SUNDAYS we were able to share testimonies from the pulpit & get to know the church members. We found the fellowship very inspiring as we had been alone for 6 months in England previous to this.

VERY SOON WE DISCOVERED THAT THE YOUNGER PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH WERE PRETTY MUCH ON FIRE but needed a lot of guidance & encouragement to get out the Word (thank the Lord for dear Dad). On Wednesday is Bible class, & for most of the time we've attended they have been studying Daniel. Wow! We really stirred things up during those classes, & the deacon giving the classes (who is a real sheep) was always open to the "new" ideas we presented (straight from the Mo classes).

DURING "WITNESSING TIME" WE USUALLY TAKE ALONG A READING FROM THE QUOTE BOOK or Daily Night & have condensed letters from the Quote Book printed up by the church secretary for distributing to the Bible class students.

ONE WEEK WHEN THE TEACHER WAS ON HOLIDAY WE WERE ASK-

ED TO "FILL IN" & gave a class on "Witnessing" straight from the Mo Letter, with a copy printed up for each person to take home. As a result of this one girl started going out witnessing with me every Saturday.

LATER WE DID A "CONCERT" FOR THE CHURCH which raised \$485 for us. The following Sunday the church presented us with the cheque, which they made to total \$1000. GBT! And more recently, Phil was asked to speak in a Methodist church as the main speaker at Sunday morning worship. He was very well received, especially by the young people, & although there were only about 100 people there, they gave quite a good "love gift".

ALTHOUGH WE'VE BEEN GREATLY ENCOURAGED by all that the Lord has brought about in this ministry, we have sometimes been so frustrated about not being able to come out in the open. On occasion we've had to bite our tongues so as not to totally upset the apple cart. We've truly had to pray for the ability to be "wise as serpents & harmless as doves", especially since we have a promise of at least partial support on the field.

AT FIRST WE THOUGHT WE'D HAVE TO GIVE UP WITNESSING as we are pretty well-known by now, but by choosing our Komix carefully & prayerfully we've been able to keep selah & still "roll the gold"! PTL! (Amen!)

CREATION CLASS OPENS CHURCH DOORS!

From John & Christina;

The Pacific;

ONE SUNDAY ABOUT 4 MONTHS AGO WE ALL DECIDED TO TRY "INVADING" a Baptist church,

& after the service I started talking with a science teacher from the local government high school. Our conversation centred on creation as opposed to evolution.

I RELATED TO HIM SOME OF THE PROBLEMS with the theory of evolution, & I described to him how physics went along with different processes involved in the Biblical account of creation, such as how the water went to the poles, etc. This led to him arranging for me to teach at the next two Baptist Bible studies where I covered the creation.

AT THE STUDY THERE WERE A NUMBER OF SCHOOL TEACHERS from 3 different high schools (one of the Lord's set-ups), & they became so excited at the class & its importance that they were almost jumping out of their seats.

SOON THEY HAD ARRANGED FOR ME TO GIVE THE CREATION STORY IN 2 SCHOOLS, actually taking over whole classes where both students & teachers eagerly received the new ideas (actually not so new). Thru this we were able to distribute about 50 or 60 copies of "The Big Lie" which we had re-typed with a different format.

In one school it led to our taking over the Christian Students' Club & leading one boy to the Lord.

THRU THESE EVENTS THE LORD SHOWED US THAT HE COULD USE MY DEGREE IN PHYSICS to get us into schools & reach students with the truth, & eventually even into universities.

SINCE THIS BEGAN, THE LORD GOT ME ONTO A ONE-HOUR RADIO SHOW, after which a number people called in & were sent "The Big Lie". Also, I preached my creation

class from Pentecostal church pulpits, & at the last church Mark & Christina were able to sing Family songs too.

RECENTLY I SPOKE TO 3 CLASSES OF STUDENTS at a Catholic high school, & one sheepy teacher sent me a sizeable donation recently

saying: "I found the talks you gave extremely challenging, both from an intellectual & a faith point of view, & the students & teachers who listened to you have certainly had something to talk about since. Thanks again. May God bless you, your family & your work."

IN THIS PERIOD WE'VE BEEN MOBILE IN OUR CARAVAN, which is a good way to travel, reaching schools & spreading the Gospel, & still being free to train up our children. It's a new ministry, but it's starting to pay! (Hell, Please write your creation talk for FN the way you give it! That-Love-D.)

\$100 From The Sky!

SOME OF THE STRANGE WAYS THAT THE LORD DELIVERS ON HIS PROMISES!

From Isaac & Rebekah; The Orient:

GLIMP! THE OTHER DAY WE WERE REMINDED OF DIFFERENT OCCASIONS WHEN THE LORD SUPERNATURALLY SUPPLIED IN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS. It was an encouraging reminder that if we do what we can the Lord will always do what we can't do! TJJ! These all took place while we were in Australia.

ONE EVENING AFTER A DAY OF PROVISIONING, we provisioners got together for prayer, & the cooks had asked us to pray for some bread. Shortly afterward there was a knock at the door & there was a man with an armload of loaves of bread. He handed them to me & motioned for me to take them inside, which I did. When I turned around to invite him in, he politely refused & was already halfway down the stairs on his way.

AT ANOTHER HOME WE HAD PRAYED FOR SOME MORE MEAT, as the provisioners had been getting plenty of fruit & vegetables, but not much meat. That evening there was a clang outside the front door. A large goods truck had driven by & a case of good quality canned meat had fallen off the back of the truck on the sidewalk right outside our door. The driver continued without stopping & disappeared around the next corner.

ANOTHER TIME OUR HOME HAD CLAIMED THE FUNDS TO BE ABLE

TO BUY SOME STAPLES in bulk quantities, as buying the small daily amounts was more expensive, & we were never getting ahead enough to save up towards a bulk purchase. So we borrowed a friend's car & headed off the next morning to the bulk-buying store—with hardly a cent!

WE HADN'T GONE A MILE WHEN I THOUGHT I SAW A \$20 NOTE ON THE ROAD! Knowing he'd think I was a bit crazy, I asked the brother driving to stop the car so I could get out & check. I walked back half a block & found an orange candy wrapper, & I thought, "Oh well, nice try." But I got the witness to persist & look back a bit

further, & sure enough I found not one but five \$20 notes—a nice round \$100.

WE CHECKED AT THE POLICE STATION & A FEW SHOPS NEARBY to see if anyone had reported losing the money. The police officer we talked to said, "Hopa, I guess it must be yours." So we were able to buy all of the things we had planned to get in bulk. TTL!

PRaise THE LORD FOR HIS "DELIVERY SERVICE"—immediate, & even after-hours. My God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory, by Christ Jesus. Always! MGBAKY & yours safely in His care! (Amen! He never fails! GBT!)

Couple's second 'miracle' baby

CAMDEN, New Jersey. — Linda and Paul Abruzzo's first baby beat the odds by surviving, in spite of a premature birth weight of one kilogram. Their second baby was full-term, but weathered more rigorous conditions — development outside the womb.

Brooke Ashley Abruzzo was born in a three-hour Caesarean section that began with doctors believing they faced the task of delivering a baby in spite of a tumour on top of the uterus. As it turned out, the supposed tumour was the baby.

Live births result from only nine percent of abdominal pregnancies, which occur once in 7,000 pregnancies, and only about one in 100,000

such pregnancies reach full term, said Dr Stan Smith. Dr Smith, who delivered the baby, said: "The unusual part of this whole case is the baby went to full term, weighed that much (3.5 kg) and came out fine."

Mr Paul Abruzzo, 30, who runs a Philadelphia pizza shop, said he almost named his new daughter "Miracle". He added: "My wife was in pain for nine months, and I don't think I was as sympathetic as I could have been." The couple's older daughter, now 20 months, "was miracle enough," said Mrs Abruzzo, 32. "Now I have two of them." — Sapa-AP

(FTL!—A miracle town!—Merle was born there!—D.)

God Will Pay For You!

"HOW EXCITED WE WERE TO SEE THE LORD FULFILL HIS PROMISES!"

From Ado & Kanah; S. America: OUR 5-YEAR-OLD, DANIEL, RECENTLY FINISHED HIS FIRST YEAR OF SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN). It is the same school in which Ado teaches older children, & attending helped Daniel learn the language so well that he has no fear about conversing with others in Spanish.

DURING THE COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES for the kindergarten classes, Daniel's class of 20 children sang "You Gotta Be A Baby" in Spanish to an audience of about 500 students & parents. He was so excited (so were we) to get the opportunity to be a witness to so many.

THIS IS A SELAH FIELD for the family, & when we came here we didn't sing it so we wouldn't be recognised. But we eventually found out that the song had infiltrated into the churches from the family that had been here years ago, & it is very well known. As in "My Love Is A Legend", we had to stay behind the scenes & couldn't tell them that it's our family song.

ANOTHER LITTLE TESTIMONY IS HOW THE LORD SUPPLIED OUR BUS FARE ONE DAY when we did not have any change. We are usually able to provision the ride, but this day the driver said no. In desperation, we even passed out some Letters on the bus, but we weren't able to get any money to pay as we got off the bus. I reached into my pocket to show the driver I didn't have the fare, & from behind us we heard a deep voice say in English, "Go on, God will pay for you." So we got off & curiously tried to figure out who had said it. Thank the Lord; He always takes care of us!

ALSO, WE REALLY WANT TO SHARE A TESTIMONY ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WHEN WE DECIDED TO



Some of Ado's students at the end of the school year.

TITLE 15% THIS MONTH: we did not know how exciting the Lord was going to make it for us.

FIRST OF ALL, WE POURED OUT HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF PROVISIONS—so much so that we didn't have enough cash to cover both the 15% & the rent. Our mail ministry during that month had cost us an unexpectedly large amount for printing & stamps, so we were really short of funds; we had to decide whether to send in only 10% & pay the rent or "keep our vow" (Ecc. 5:2) & send the 15%, trusting God to supply another \$100 that we needed for the rent.

SO, FOLLOWING DAD'S ADVICE IN "GOD FIRST" (You are to pay your tithe even if you can't pay your rent), we knew that the Lord had to do

a miracle to supply the needed funds for the rent. We either had to have cash or a local cheque that could be cashed immediately, because here it takes 15 days for a foreign cheque to clear the bank.

SO TODAY, TWO DAYS BEFORE THE RENT IS DUE, when we went to the mail we found only one letter for us. And guess what was in it?—A cheque for \$100 drawn on a local bank. It was a missionary gift from a local church where we have been teaching Sunday School. How excited we were to see the Lord fulfill his promises.

THANKS DAD FOR GIVING US THE WORDS THAT GAVE US THE FAITH TO KNOW THAT "if we pour out, He'll pour in, & we can never out-pour Him." (Amen! TTL JNF! GBT-D.)

"BUT IF YOU PUT HIM FIRST & YOU PAY HIS TITHE, 'HE WILL POUR OUT A BLESSING THERE WILL NOT BE ROOM ENOUGH TO HOLD IT!'—He's promised it! It's His Word, it's a contract, & He cannot & will not violate it. He will do it just as sure as the Law of Gravity! It's His Law of Economics— if you put Him first & you pay your full tithe, God will bless you for it & He'll see to it that you have more than enough to pay the rest of the bills." (#934:10)

Cutting The Cord of Compromise!

LEANING ON THE SYSTEM ALMOST PARALYSED FAMILY'S MUSCLES OF FAITH!

From Asaph & Claudia; Canada:

WE JUST WANT TO SHARE SOME OF OUR EXPERIENCES, especially about lessons we have learned in the last year. Having returned from foreign fields, we didn't feel very much like part of the family here, & didn't feel any real closeness with the brothers here, except for a few whom we saw from time to time. We followed the trend common to most of the family in the area, & we pretty much worked by ourselves.

IN THE SPRING OF 1980 WE STARTED TO GO ON THE ROAD REGULARLY, based out of the town where we had a little apartment. The reason we kept the place was because of welfare, which Claudia received for herself & 2 children. We thought to just "use it" to raise funds to get back to the field, but now we know that in our specific case it was (or became) a compromise & a tie that the Enemy used to keep us dependent on the System.

AT THAT TIME WE DIDN'T REALISE OR DIDN'T ACCEPT THAT LEANING ON THE SYSTEM & trusting the System was weakening our spiritual muscles of faith & hindering us from being a real powerful witness. We couldn't honestly tell those we witnessed to that we lived by faith & were totally dependent on the Lord, when here we were receiving welfare from the System. Plus, we were not really free to follow where He led us, as we were tied down to this place & could not take trips as far & as long as we wished.

AS THE YEAR WENT BY, WE COULDN'T MANAGE TO GET OUR FUNDS TOGETHER, & although all this money came in, it seemed like we put it in a bag full of holes; always something happened & we had



From left: Rebecca holding Sephora, Jeremie with Virginia, Naomi (new disciple) with Emmanuel, & Asaph holding Myriam & Mommy Claudia.

to spend it. Obviously it was the Lord dealing with us to teach us we needed to trust in Him. It took us a long time to learn the lesson, & I even took a System job during the winter to make ends meet.

ALTHOUGH WE WERE FAITHFUL 10 YEARS, the Lord wanted us to be 110 years, & every Mag we read brought new conviction to our hearts that He wanted us full-time & totally depending on Him. We read testimonies & letters on the subject & felt convicted. And when we finally took our step of faith & first cut off welfare & then quit the job, the Lord mightily blessed us. (Faith & Healing p. 19)

IN THE 4 MONTHS SINCE THEN, THE LORD GAVE US A NICE & COMFORTABLE MOBILE HOME, some faithful childcare workers & also a precious new disciple, not counting our sweet knew disciple. We couldn't be more certain of being in the centre of His will. Our vision is to go south in a couple of months after gathering home support

for when we get to the field. IN THE MEANTIME, being mobile enables us to travel a lot here, & we enjoy the fellowship of many different homes in this area. Thanks so much to Dad for giving us the vision & inspiring us to "get it together".

WITH LOVE, Asaph & Claudia. P.S. WE DID NOT WRITE THIS TESTIMONY WITH THE INTENTION OF DISCOURAGING OR CONDEMNING those who benefit from welfare, such as large families or unmarried mothers without supporting mates. We simply wanted to share lessons learned.

IN OUR CASE, WE DID RECEIVE INCOME OTHER THAN WELFARE BENEFITS, & had this income been declared, the government would have cut off our payments. Maybe the Lord didn't bless us because we were "practising to deceive" & therefore "abusing" the System, not merely "using it"! Hallelujah! We are just thankful it is all over & the Lord is taking care of us! TJJ!