

Back On The Wall!

"HE'S RE-KINDLED A FIRE IN US HOTTER THAN EVER!"

From Jacob & Saffron
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THE PAST YEAR OR SO HAS BEEN ONE OF MANY TESTS FOR US. & we want to thank Dad & Maria for their constant encouragement thru these fiery trials.

THE KIDNAPPING OF OUR CHILDREN In February of last year by my former wife was no doubt the biggest test we faced, but how true what Dad always said, that "God gets His greatest victories out of seeming defeats," & the scripture that "All things work together for good".

AT THE TIME WHEN MARSENA TOOK THE CHILDREN, it was almost too hard to look towards the end of the road & what the Lord was trying to do in our lives. But having now passed thru the tunnel, we can see how at that time Saffron & I had settled down & become complacent in the lush lowlands. We were not really desperate, & the thorns & thistles were subtly choking out our ability to bear fruit.

WE HAD COME DOWN FROM THE WALL OF HIS WORK & settled into the rut of our own work. Our big desire was to establish this refuge, but the Lord wanted us on the road. It seems that with every mobility letter we only hardened our positions a little more, always trying to present our program to God for His signature, as well as making "logical excuses" for it. Thank the Lord, He never signed it once, & He continued to work on our hearts. Now that we are mobile & living by faith once again, the Lord has accomplished more with us in the past month than in all of the last two years. Hal!

EVEN THOUGH THE LOSS OF THE TWO CHILDREN WAS A TREMENDOUS BLOW, it accomplished

ed the purpose of driving us into the presence of the Lord, from which we had so easily strayed. But, even after the children were kidnapped, we still didn't seem to get the point, & so for almost a year we drifted in the "Valley of Baca" & would have died of thirst there had not the Lord reached in with His loving hand & pulled us out. After a year of attempting to locate the children & doing very little witnessing or litnessing, we were broke & desperate, & Saffron was about to have a baby.

FINALLY, IN DESPERATION AS JONAH CRIED "SALVATION IS OF THE LORD" while in the whale's belly, we cried out to the Lord that we would go mobile if He would only show us the way. And the first thing He said to me was almost too much to bear. Our rent was behind, & other bills were due, & the Lord said, "Get a job". I knew it was the Lord speaking, but I didn't want to hear it because I'd always been so self-righteous about working in a system job.

BEING IN A TOWN WITH A LOT OF UNEMPLOYMENT, I figured finding a job would be hard, but the Lord already had it mapped out. After only one day of looking, He opened the door for me to work as a dishwasher in the kitchen of the very hotel where Saf always went flying.

IT WAS HUMBLING TO SAY THE LEAST. But the Lord in His mercy & wisdom was helping us to pass thru the system, so we could escape from it; & thru this job we found a nice 18-foot trailer for only \$700, plus a van to pull it with. And most of all, it renewed our burdens to really witness to the lost--three of the other dishwashers I worked with

got saved before we left, & they were really receptive to the message.

THRU ALL OF THIS WE STILL HADN'T REALLY COMPLETELY FORSAKEN THE SITUATION WITH OUR CHILDREN & put it into the Lord's hands. But then, just before we were ready to leave & go mobile we got Mag 34 with the sad story of Justus but the inspiring, strengthening & faith-building example of Sally's utter loyalty to Dad & the Kingdom, despite the loss of her children. Her circumstances were so similar to ours, & her reaction to them was just the encouragement we needed to put it all on the altar once & for all, & to get back up on the wall of His work.

WE LAUNCHED OUT BY FAITH ON APRIL 1ST, & the Lord is opening doors left & right. The very first radio station we went to booked the MWM Show, & the next day we got an invitation to sing at a Baptist church & promote the show.

WE'VE STARTED PROVISIONING AGAIN & found that many people are still willing to help us with our daily needs. It's almost like being "born again" all over again, as the Lord has used all these things to re-ignite a fire in us hotter than ever. We are so thankful for the privilege of being able to represent MWM & to promote it in our area.

WE HOPE TO STAY ON THE ROAD, booking the show, invading the churches & gathering support for our eventual flight south, Lord willing.

NOW THAT OUR "PINIONS" HAVE HEALED, we hope to take this powerful radio show to as many stations as possible before we leave, & to offer our services to minister to any who may respond in our area. Thank you again Dad & Maria for such a beautiful & exciting way of life. We love it & you a lot. (GBY!)

The continuing faith-adventures of Seek, Secundus & their 7 children! A Large Family Going For God!

Free plane trip! Blessings & burdens of visiting home! Victories of mobility!

From monthly reports to Dad & Maria, from Seek & Secundus: 7/1/81: "GOD'S DELAYS ARE NOT DENIALS!" It seems like every time we write there has been some big new change in plans! We just returned from the office of an airline. They said we all can fly to New York for free!

YESTERDAY AFTER READING A LETTER & HAVING DESPERATE PRAYER we listened to the Lord & thru three of the children the Lord gave such encouraging quotes. Then this morning before going to the office of the airline Sherah came to me & said that she had had a dream that night that the airline gave us all free tickets & it was a real open door.

TWO DAYS AGO WE HAD TALKED TO THE PRESIDENT'S SECRETARY & gave her our P.R. photo album to show him. Today when we got there she was all smiles & said she had good news for us, that the President liked the pictures so much that he couldn't resist letting us all go for free! So then the children sang for the President & Vice-President & all the available office people. Sherah told them all about her dream, & it was a real testimony for the Lord. We shared with them how the Lord has always been faithful to take care of us & supply our needs.

WE CONTACTED THE BROTHER IN HOLLAND WITH THE CARAVAN & asked him to go with us to meet us in S. America & that maybe they could sell the caravan to help us get to our new field. With so many little ones it would be difficult without transportation. We asked the Lord why He gave us the van if we never were able to use it. We got the verse,



Singing at an old folks home--Jason-9 on guitar, Summer, cousin Shalena & Sherah sing in Spanish!

"Without a vision the people perish" (Pr. 29:18). It was the vision that the van was coming that gave us hope in a lot of ways to keep going so the Lord could get us to this point. We plan to visit with my parents & raise more support before going South. WE DON'T LOOK FORWARD TO RETURNING TO THE STATES & pray that it will pass quickly & that the Lord will lead us promptly on to our new field. We had told our folks before that if the Lord wanted us to go to the States He could supply the way for free so they need not go into debt to get us there. So it has been a real testimony to all of my family.

15/1/81: WE ARE PACKED & READY TO GO. We will be spending one night in N.Y. & then taking a train with an 8-hr. layover in Chicago & then to Texas where my family will be waiting for us. My family has pre-paid the train tickets.

BEFORE WE GO WE WANT TO SHARE A VERY AMAZING EXPERIENCE. Several nights ago Secundus & I had been

somewhat discouraged when we found out that there might not be room on the plane for us, & we were a bit weary too with packing & getting ready to go. Then Jason had been such an encouragement to us with a verse he received from the Lord (Is. 41:10). When Jason had shared that simple verse with us we both breathed a sigh of relief, knowing it was the Lord's message of encouragement for us. THE NEXT MORNING JASON TOLD WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO HIM DURING THE NIGHT. He had gotten up in the night to put the two little ones on the potty so they wouldn't wet their bed & found out someone had put a ring on his finger. He said that he knew it was a spirit because he had seen the shadow of the spirit earlier moving across the wall & it was so big it was as high as the wall. So Jason is so excited about his new ring. It looks like it is silver with a dark jade-colored stone. We all questioned every other source that it could have come from but no one had ever seen the ring before. So then we had a good time unitedly listening

to the Lord. The Lord didn't speak to us specifically about the ring, but gave us an encouraging prophecy, especially about how He is using the children.

THE KIDS HAVE REALLY BEEN BLOWING OUR MINDS in the different ways the Lord is using them. It is just like you said, Dad. I think we are going to be amazed at the anointing the children will have more & more as time goes on--or as time goes off!

THE KIDS HAVE WORKED UP A GROUP OF SONGS to use in invading my folks' church. It is so exciting to think of what an impact it will have to come back to the same church where I was raised, with children on fire for the Lord too! We enjoyed making the video for you but we feel like maybe we were a little ill-prepared. But you can see us "a la natural"! And I guess you can see that "it's gotta be God"! *****

8/2/81: THE FLIGHT FROM MADRID TO NEW YORK WAS WONDERFUL, & the airline treated us royally. They let us board first, the kids were taken to the front of the plane with the pilots to watch for as long as they wanted in the cockpit, let us watch the movie for free, took us right thru immigrations & helped us with the children & carrying our things! We always had the photo album ready to show everyone what we had been doing for the past 4 1/2 years in Europe & everyone was really impressed & encouraged us. This is always a chance to give the Lord the glory!

OUR FIRST NIGHT IN NEW YORK WAS QUITE A SHOCK! We were surprised by the hard hearts sometimes & the high prices. We had to pay \$5 five times to have our bags moved & \$50 for the cab from the hotel to the train station! For our 8-hour layover in Chicago we found a very nice reasonable restaurant



Daddy Secundus has a happy helper on dishes--Patricia-3!

& then took a bus to a big museum. We were quite a spectacle on the busy streets of downtown Chicago. There were no children there at all, except us with our seven, PTL!

DURING THE TWO-DAY TRAIN RIDE TO TEXAS THE GIRLS WON TWO SOULS! There weren't sleeping cars for most of the trip so both nights we all slept in our seats & found grocery stores before we left to buy snacks so we wouldn't have to pay the expensive train prices for food. But once for a special treat we all had dinner in the dining car & enjoyed it so much.

THE FIRST NIGHT AT OUR FOLKS' IN TEXAS THE CHILDREN SANG FOR EVERYONE & we've been singing for visitors ever since. We even sang for two different churches last Sunday, but to be honest the "invading the churches" ministry just is not for us. (Secundus asked me

to add that maybe this is too negative & that we have to be open to be used as the Lord leads here. He reminded me that many things that we've had to do are difficult the first time.)

WE WERE SHOCKED TO FIND OUT THAT SECUNDUS' FAMILY in another state contacted my Dad twice to ask him if he would agree to sign with them to get us deprogrammed! We were sure relieved to find out that my Dad refused & even had to hang up on them once. So we have been in continued prayer about our security & surely don't plan to visit Secundus' family!

OUR HEARTS ARE NOW PRETTY DESPERATE to find the Lord's way to our new field of ministry. We are so thankful that "the Lord knows the way thru the wilderness, all we have to do is follow!" The brothers in Holland have written to us

are eager to join us either here or on our new field. They have sold the caravan & are selling the van too. It is so encouraging to see the Lord working things out in their lives too. After travelling with all the kids we realise how thankful we will be to have some help, especially pioneering a new field. PTL!

TODAY IS OUR FIRST DAY ALONE, with both my Mom & Dad working & my brother in school. So we are looking forward to having time for prayer & communion & listening to the Lord to get His leading. It is without any doubt quite a trap here, & we really wouldn't recommend that any brethren pass this way to S. America without sure leading from the Lord to do so! Being here has really made us thankful & looking forward to being on a new field & busy fighting new battles again. We've been praying so much for you & others who may be moving soon too. *****

27/2/81: PTL! WE'VE ALL MOVED OUR SLEEPING QUARTERS OUT OF THE HOUSE into the camping trailer my Dad bought just after we arrived. It's so roomy with four double beds! The first time we were able to put on the tape "Follow God" & heard your voice once again, it was such a relief to us & we embraced every word.

ENCLOSED IS A TAPE OF SPANISH SONGS THE KIDS HAVE RECORDED for Spanish MWM. Secundus & I honestly have so little musical talent, but we can offer what we have in our hands, the kids. The same goes for our Spanish--it is very poor; but the kids speak Spanish fluently. We've just been praying a lot about what we should do & where to go from here. We always pray the Lord could make us a blessing & are praying about how the Lord can best use our talents, which are mainly our seven children.



After recording 3 songs for a tape for Spanish MWM, with the help of one of their uncles (Seek's younger brother). (l-r) Sherah-7, Secundus, Jason-9, Summer-6 & their uncle.



Newspaper photo of singing in an old folks' home! Jason with guitar. (l-r) Cousins Shalena, Jerrod & Amiel. Patricia-3, Jamie-4, Stephen-5, Summer-6, Sherah-7.

LAST WEEK THE KIDS SANG AT TWO REST HOMES HERE. It was really cute because their cousins, my brother's two, stood up & sang with them. We were able to pray with those who could understand to receive Jesus. We were able also to talk in length with the lady who had the radio station here. She has asked us to make a tape for her radio program of two Spanish & two English songs & to read one of my poems & do a little inter-

view with the kids. THE KIDS ARE HAVING GOOD SCHOOL & DEVOTION TIME, & so far no one has questioned us about their not being in public school. My Mom has been a blessing helping out wherever she's needed in the mornings with school & memory & review. But it is quite a fight for "honor for prophets in their hometown". A reporter took pictures & did an interview for the newspaper of the kids singing but then for