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SO WE ARE READY & NEED TO GO AS SOON AS THE LORD OPENS THE DOOR! It is also obvious that my folks hope the Lord doesn't open the door & we aren't able to leave. They don't help us financially while we are here & we've tried not to be a burden, so we take care of numerous expenses ourselves. Thank you so much for the donation. We can really use it this month as most of my family seems to be waiting till we leave to give us a going-away gift.

IN SPITE OF THE OBSTACLES WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO BE A WITNESS TO MANY by the testimonies of the innumerable miracles the Lord did for us on our various fields in Europe. People just can't believe, but yet can't deny the testimonies, & we've found some very receptive hearts.

THE LORD HAS BLESSED US AGAIN IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY, & our 8th baby is due in September, PTL! We gave the van we had in Holland away to a family there who needed it, as was suggested by Daniel, the brother there. And we knew it was the Lord too.

THIS MORNING THE THREE OLDEST CHILDREN ARE WITH THEIR GRANDMOTHER at a church meeting for home missions, singing in Spanish for the meeting. If it takes longer than expected for us to be here (& it already has) we want to get rolling to get the boat in motion so that the rudder can start to work & do what we can, taking the first step by faith. So we are looking into the possibilities of getting mobile.

16/3/81: TTL FOR ANOTHER QUIET MOMENT TO WRITE TO YOU! One thing the Lord teaches through each new experience is mercy & that we have nothing to be self-righteous about. The new Letter "The Un-

guarded Moment" is so true. We should never be so proud to say that something just couldn't happen to us. Our hearts go out in a way as never before to those trapped here in the States. I used to see them in such a judging way, but now we are more in prayer for all the families here as we see how badly we want to leave & be on our way to a new field.

THE LORD WOKE US UP EARLY TODAY to pray about asking my Dad to let us use the trailer & put it in another place. Miraculously the Lord touched his heart & he told Secundus we could have the travel trailer to put wherever we liked! What a victory! We've been encouraged by the testimonies of Andrew & Mary & others of how the Lord is supplying their funds to leave by invading the churches & just by stepping out by faith.

THE LORD SHOWED US SOMETHING ABOUT PHIL. 4:19—He said He'd supply our need, & we need to be in a situation where we really have a need & then He'll supply it. So we've been looking for a place to put the trailer & also for a van to pull it. It has gotten quite obvious that we need to go as my family are really working at stifling the flame.

THE KIDS SANG FOR 3 CLASSES in the elementary school & have an appointment to sing for the Spanish classes of a large high school. The newspaper wrote a very favorable article after all & also printed a picture of the kids singing at the rest home along with their cousins. We finished the tape for the radio station here. She wanted it to be 5 minutes so she could play it over several times, & we were surprised how much we could get in on only 5 minutes. The kids said something that would lead into each song & we were able to get in several quotes with a good message.

THE LORD ALWAYS TEACHES US NEW LESSONS ABOUT GIVING, & your spirit of giving has taught us more than we have ever seen in the world. Since the last Letters on tithing everything, we try to figure out what that should be each month. Especially since we've been staying with my folks & not paying rent & they buy most of the food, the Lord told us just to double the amount of our Tithes from our money. When we wondered if we could afford to do that & still raise our flee funds, right away the Lord said that was one thing that we could be doing—to give—since we aren't on a foreign field right now.

THE MAIL WE RECEIVE & THE UNSELFISH HELP WE GET regularly from others has been a real testimony to my family since we've been here that faith works. Another miracle is that Secundus' family came to visit last week & the kids sang for them & we spent some time with them. Before they left they apologized for the trouble they've been to us in the past & said they've decided that our lives are ours to live as we see fit. They were so especially impressed with the kids.

IT HAS BEEN A REAL TESTIMONY TO EVERYONE TO SEE THAT THE CHILDREN ARE SO WELL-ROUNDED in their education & so well-educated even tho' we have been teaching them ourselves most of the time. So far everyone admits they're getting a better education at home. We have now seen the fruits of both—sending the children to public school (in Spain) & also from teaching them ourselves. It really depends on our situation & the Lord's will for that time. Public school did a wonderful job of teaching the children Spanish which has been one of our greatest assets, but at the same time it monopolized our time so that the children hardly had time for anything else.

IN TEACHING AT HOME IT IS SUCH A BLESSING to be able to really take advantage of each child's interests & work their 3 Rs around that & of course the Word. The Lord will show you so much to do as you get started in the direction that the children show an interest in. One day Jason was interested in kangaroos & it led to a study in reading, grammar, the metric system & geography. It was his whole study for the morning.

GOD BLESS SECUNDUS! Some of my family have been so critical of him because he isn't out "working manually by the sweat of his brow", but instead faithfully takes care of the kids, more than ever before being so faithful to teach them the Word, in spite of the scorn of others. On the contrary, the critics are so busy with a lot of this & that, that they can only neglect the care & training of their children in the nurture & admonition of the Lord. Our children are really for the first time in their lives seeing the difference in our way of life & that of the System, & we know it is making them more thankful for the Lord & the Family.

14/4/81: TTL FOR A FAMILY & PARENTS IN THE LORD! We were so thankful to get your note via Keren & loving words of encouragement! We appreciate your financial help & the new Magazines. Lately during our most desperate times when we are crying out to the Lord—this might sound crazy, but at these times we feel you could rescue us somehow. But the Lord reminds us of the famous words of Admunden, "Don't rescue me prematurely!" The Lord showed us clearly one night that many people in the Family have come to the point where we are now & need the encouragement to know that

someone has made it beyond this point, even with a large family, & kept going for the Lord.

WE'VE NEVER FELT SO ALONE WITH ONLY GOD'S WORD to hold on to. In spite of the fact that we needed a little more help to get a van, no one would help us or even encourage us. It really seemed like an impossible situation. And oh, the prayer sessions we had unitedly out here in the trailer at bed-time with our faithful little soldiers!

MY RELATIVES WERE WAITING, watching to see us & the Lord fail & us have to admit that this life was just not for us. We did not realise that our testimony of living for the Lord had

been so convicting for everyone that they even wanted to see us fail to clear their own conscience. Harder hearts we've never seen before but maybe the Lord did it purposely to show us that all we need is Him & even be a testimony to them that He can take care of us fine, even without their help! Because...

HE DIDN'T FAIL! NOW WE HAVE SUCH A GOOD VAN THAT IT IS BLOWING EVERYONE'S MIND so much that some are even trying to help us again, seeing that the Lord is with us & caring for us! We got it for only \$1,950. We had saved up \$1,100 & paid this down & the sellers agreed to let us pay \$75 every two weeks without carrying



Victory! Against all odds—a new van! Seele, Summer, Patricia, Jamie & Stephen. Photo by Secundus.

charge until it is paid. Now that we have it my ex-husband agreed to make these payments for us, as he is sending us \$150 a month anyway. PTL!

WE'VE ALL BEEN BUSY FIXING UP THE INSIDE. Secundus has put in panelling all inside & stained it, using panelling my Dad had left from building his house. He put in a new floor & someone gave us the carpet samples to glue down. We have all the materials we need now for building the benches which are also trunks under cushions for storage. It is blowing people's minds how quickly it is all coming together, & they realise now that we really will be on our way soon. We still have some needs & are out of money, but we got together & prayed for each one separately & know the Lord will encourage all our faith & especially that of the children & answer specifically. One main thing we still need is an extended hitch as the trailer has a part that extends over the front.

WE FINALLY FOUND A SWEET PRINTER who is helping us with a lot cheaper price than all the others. He is printing the lit for us & also a brochure that will be ready soon. The Lord raised up a radical Christian who helped us amazingly for a while but when some local persecution arose he cooled off. He's an optometrist who supplied Secundus with a free eye exam & new pair of glasses & started right away making appointments for the children to sing in churches. We even sang at two black churches which was a real experience. They were poor but also faithful to help us with donations.

WHEN HE TOOK US TO SING AT HIS HOME CHURCH one lady stood up & said she didn't trust us because she knew that we had been with the COG & bla bla bla. We were honest with him & shared our testimony & especially how we are now



"All hail to the Queen!"—Seele & lovely daughter Sherah!

just working together to serve the Lord as a family. He accepted it all but things have been cooler & we haven't seen so much of him anymore. But PTL, the Lord used him to encourage us at an extremely hard time & to help support us too. So we really know that if we just get away from home the people will more appreciate the children & testi-

monies, as we have been warmly received everywhere else.

AT THE SPANISH CLASSES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL the kids did a skit for the students to receive Jesus & possibly 60 high school students prayed. That was such a testimony to my parents because the week before we had sung for the local elementary school & as soon as

we arrived they warned us that we couldn't sing anything about Jesus as they could get in trouble for it. So my Dad had told everyone that our work in schools would be fruitless in the U.S. But at the high school the teachers & everyone were so receptive & we could handle the program in any way we wanted, & afterward they did some printing for us for free.

ONE NIGHT MY DAD EVEN TRIED TO TURN THE KIDS AGAINST US by saying we were using them & that the kids didn't like to live like we do. Out in the trailer we all shared together & prayed together, & the kids marched in & told their grandparents that they wanted to live for Jesus & no one was making them do it! My Dad didn't say anything more on the subject after that!

WE'VE FELT THE SQUEEZE FINANCIALLY since my folks aren't helping us like they used to when we were on the field. Surely this too they imagined would add all the more to our sure failure. We wanted to be a good testimony for the Lord, & they expected it too, so we have taken care of all our own expenses, except food, & we've even bought all the milk & some other things too. The Lord has supplied & Secundus was even able to get his teeth fixed & all the children got new shoes & new singing outfits for the hot weather. And we were even able to save \$1,100 for the van. PTL!

CRACK! ANOTHER BOTTLE-BREAKER! We were out of funds & needed money for supplies to work on the car. The Lord showed us that Secundus could take a carpenter job for a couple of half-days that had been offered him. The Lord showed us not to be self-righteous but to be willing to do what needs to be done just to get out of here. So he took the job & has worked one half-day

& will work another tomorrow for my brother delivering sausage. We're learning a lot about what we thought the Lord would surely never have us do! Hal!

IT IS SUCH A MIRACLE THE WAY I HAVEN'T BEEN SICK even one day with this pregnancy, PTL! One problem that has arisen is that Michael was still nursing when I found out I was pregnant. I had plenty of milk for him but now I'm trying to get him off the breast since I am half-way to due date & have visions of nursing two at once. But he is so upset about it & throws such fits.

OH, ONE REAL VICTORY IS THAT MY FAMILY HAS CHANGED THEIR EATING HABITS to suit our recommendations, as surely the children's good health & growth & even beauty has been a testimony for our way of life. It has been a sample to them to see us pray for our children when they are sick or hurt & give them vitamins, as opposed to the money they spend sometimes running to the doctor for everything. They've seen burns that both Summer & I had in the very tender part of the palm of our hands & tips of our fingers heal instantly & without a blister with prayer & application of Vitamin E.

THEY DON'T WANT TO SHOW APPROVAL IN ANY WAY for what we are doing, but it obviously is convicting to see how we care for & take an interest in the children & are faithful with their house & property & even money, trying to save in every way we can. It just must be heaping coals of fire on their heads because the more the Lord anoints what we do or what a sample we are, they never even comment. It's very strange, but we're learning a lot, especially to be soooo thankful for you & the Lord & our Family & freedom from all the awful things that bind everyone from being

free to really live life to its full est by living it for the Lord.

8/5/81: WE ARE SO HELPED, ENCOURAGED & THRILLED BY EACH NEW FAMILY NEWS! We are especially thankful for Hosea's testimony of how they invaded the churches when they were small. It just amazed us how many of the exact things we've experienced with the kids invading the churches, the same lessons & the answers to a lot of questions. We read it all together & it gave us so much more conviction.

WE TOO HAVE BEEN REALISING THAT THE KIDS CAN PLAY THE LARGEST PART themselves. This is what really convicts the churches & even touches their hearts to help us. We've also seen the importance of the children not questioning when they are called upon to sing. Singing really involves such a small amount of their time that we can expect them to do their best when called upon to minister in this way. The Lord showed us the verse, "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful". Our most important stewardship is the world & the lives, hearts & souls of men. The Lord has given these to us & requires that we be faithful.

WE TOO HAVE STARTED LETTING THE CHILDREN QUOTE VERSES & give testimonies between songs. Sherah-7 opens up her testimony by saying, "The reason we've been travelling all over the world for 5 years is because Jesus said in Mark 16:15, 'Go ye into all the world & preach the Gospel to every creature'."

I HAD WRITTEN ABOUT THE NURSING PROBLEM I've been having with Michael (now over a year old). I was always in question as to whether or not this was too much a strain on me & drain on the new baby I am carrying but I just didn't know