

The Continuing Faith Adventures of a VS Family At Large!

—Now in Mexico, heading SOUTH!

Seek & Secundus & their 8 children in Mexico!

16/8/81: TEXAS: WE WILL BE HERE ONE MORE WEEK to receive a passport in the mail & then to Houston to get our winter things, so that we can then head South without having to come back for anything. We want to be a help & blessing in any way we can. We realize that as we travel we want to be pioneers so that we will have something to share to help & encourage others with children & also to keep our kids inspired & alive for the Lord.

WE SANG IN A CHURCH, which may be a real open door to help supply some of our needs. Jason won two more souls this week & Secundus & I each won one. We are so encouraged to see the kids starting to witness without any prompting from us.

SECUNDUS ASKED ME TO ADD A TIP about making a wooden cover for the top of the stove so that when you aren't cooking in the trailer it can be used for counter space. We don't use the stove much because it is just too hot to cook. We've been learning a lot to try to have meals without cooking to beat the heat. To boil eggs, just bring the water to a boil & then turn off the fire & the eggs will cook just as well. We also have learned to really like avocado sandwiches. We mash the avocados with margarine & salt & make a spread.



Sockin' it to 'em on a Spanish-language TV show in Texas!

MY FAMILY WAS IN A NEARBY TOWN just the Sunday the children sang on TV. It really blew their minds. My brother said that my Dad was about to cry & they all commented how they couldn't believe that they had lived with the same kids for three months. They were really proud of the kids & it was a good testimony to them of the Lord working in our lives. We love you so much, we have so much to thank you for & pray we can show our appreciation to you by being a blessing to others.

23/8/81: TEXAS: THE KIDS WERE INVITED TO SING on Spanish TV program on two Sundays. The program director said she was especially interested because of the children's experience living in Spain & their ability to sing in Spanish. The second Sunday they let me explain our work first in Spanish & then in English & the kids too shared in Spanish a little about where we have lived in Europe & about how everyone needs God's love & that's why we sing! AS A RESULT, OUR LITNESS DONATIONS HAVE

DOUBLED as many people recognise the kids from the TV program. It has made witnessing so much more fun & exciting for the kids.

THE KIDS HAVE HAD A SOUL-WINNING REVOLUTION, most of their converts being the children they play with here at the trailer park. We plan to leave here in the next day or two to Houston to pick up our winter clothes & then head for Mexico, so please keep praying for us!

30/8/81: TEXAS: DAD & MARIA, THANK YOU SO MUCH for the very inspiring note from Karen. It encourages us so much to realise that you have taken such an interest in how we are doing & how the Lord is working in our lives.

FIRST WE WANT TO TELL YOU THAT WE AREN'T TRAVELLING ALONE ANYMORE! A brother named Zack & his little boy Mikey are with us & now also a couple with a year-old girl. They are Becky & Simon & little Heidi. He had been working part time laying carpet. The Lord put it on our hearts to help them get going for God again & that they could be a help to us.

They didn't have a vehicle to pull their trailer & hadn't witnessed or listened for a while. But GBT, they have been willing to make a lot of changes & it has been a blessing to have the help & we feel it can be a testimony to other Homes as a sample of working together.

DAD & MARIA, YOUR SAMPLE OF TAKING IN PEOPLE & TRAINING THEM, in spite of your very busy schedule, has encouraged us to be willing to try to do the same. PTL! This new team has required that we once again enlarge the scope of our private family & take the necessary time to make sure they are happy & adjusting to the new situation. Living together sure helps us continue to grow & change & get a lot of victories. Hallelujah!

A COUPLE NAMED ESTER & MATHIAS CONTACTED US & asked us to visit them on our way to Houston. When they returned from Venezuela he went to finish school & now is a mechanical engineer, just starting his first job for an oil company. They hadn't had any fellowship with anyone in the Family for over a year, altho' they have been Reporting & are still faithfully training their four children & are a very good sample home. They are praying they can get a job in S.A. soon to get out of the States. We had a good time together singing & sharing one evening & having devotions together the next morning.

ON VISITS LIKE THIS THE PARENTS REALLY APPRECIATE it when we can plan activities to get their children involved with other children, so we had good singing & inspiration with everyone involved. They gave us \$100 & the use of a credit card to use while we're still in the States. They said they want to support us monthly, & we were so encouraged by their generosity, GB'M! We stayed one night there, most of us sleeping outside in the trailers—just enough time to be a sample & blessing & not overstay our welcome with so many children & people.

IT WAS A GREAT SURPRISE THAT MY TWO BROTHERS & my sister-in-law who forwards mail for us were all at the Sunday Fellowship with four of their children! PTL! What a change & victory in their lives. My sister-in-law has been faithful to take care of the mail & so willing to continue doing it for us. This has been a big help.

WE ARE HAPPY TO SEE THAT THE HOMES HERE are moving or planning to move, but most lack a sense of urgency. The process can be speeded up a lot if everyone could have a vision for working together to get out, & the weekly fellowship meetings can help a lot to accomplish this.

WE'VE BEEN LITNESSING, WITNESSING & PROVISIONING ALMOST DAILY to help support ourselves. The kids are still having a real soul-winning revolution, leading kids their age to the Lord wherever we go! PTL! It has been a lot of fun & inspiration for the kids to be living & parked with other families in the Family who have children too. The kids in the Family are very very special, & we are realising how special as each day we see the Lord anointing them & working in their lives.

18/7/81: TEXAS-MEXICO BORDER: We came to this border town with only one Family address to go on, but we found there are six Homes & they knew we were coming & had been waiting for us. We've been here a week now. We also have other addresses of Homes in Mexico, & Monday we'll leave here for a city where a number of families are living. We were able to have a good fellowship time last Sunday with all the Homes together at a park in the early evening before dark. It seems like it helps to have an outsider come in to help the areas get started some-

times & to get united, as they are more respectful & less critical of what is being said.

LESSONS WE'RE LEARNING: The Lord has shown us that when we visit an area the main thing is our sample of being unselfish & open. When we came here we were so glad we had provisioned honey to share with each family. We talked about how good it is to be able to always have something to give those whom we visit, so the Lord did just that & gave us a box of 48 sports shirts to give out to the brothers & older children, & a case of pineapples & 60 pairs of children's knee-socks thru provisioning while we were here.

WE'VE SEEN THAT SOME ARE SURPRISED TO FIND OUT WE ARE ALL WORKING & TRAVELLING TOGETHER. We didn't realise how important this would be until now, & how important it is to try to make it work, as most Homes are just one family or even single people living alone. It does take time for the Lord to break us together, but we've seen such positive results in all our lives.

OF COURSE, OUR GREATEST SAMPLE IS ALWAYS OUR CHILDREN & we wouldn't have anything "to boogie about" with out them! PTL! The kids really enjoy the fellowship with other children each place we go. They have switched off back & forth almost every night sleeping with Goodman & Christina's children. WE'VE FOUND THAT JUST LIVING & WORKING WITH A GROUP OF HOMES FOR ONE WEEK is a good sample. A lot of time is spent just talking to brethren who come by, which is an adjustment for us. But it really helps to have Zack & Simon & Becky to help make this possible.

1/8/81: MEXICO! That Heavenly sound—we can hear it, & we know what such ecstasy means!—To be out of the States! PTL! We are just finishing our second week in Mexico! When

we left the border we really prayed the Lord would give us a place of solitude for a week, to regroup & refill & have more time for the children who had all gotten some infectious sores while at the previous trailer park, & we knew we shouldn't visit other Homes until they were well.

GOING THRU THE BORDER AT RENOSA WAS EASIER than we expected, & we got our six-month visas with no problem & they just waved us thru customs. We drove to Saltillo where there are no Homes & were able to stay for free as long as we needed at a campsite which is part of a restaurant & motel with pool. PTL!—An answer to prayer!

THE FIRST DAY THERE THE MANAGER ASKED THE KIDS TO SING at the restaurant for a banquet of very prominent people. They were so receptive. A reporter happened to be there & the newspaper put in a photo of the children singing along with a short article. We were hap-



py that it included the message that we are changing the World with love. After talking to a reporter of another paper, he was very interested in doing another article & came out & took pictures of the kids & wrote a large

article with two photos & the title explained that the "Little Farmers" have a message of the love of God!

THE KIDS SANG FOR A WEDDING PARTY at the same restaurant & also in several oth-

er restaurants. The owners & people were so receptive, so we praised the Lord to be out of the States & burning free again. We sang for two birthday parties too, where they were able to lead over 20 children to the Lord thru personal witnessing.

WE PROVISIONED A LOT OF OUR NEEDS THERE. The Coca Cola Bottling Company gave us drinking water free. There were two mills in the city so we provisioned 44 kilos of whole wheat flour & have been able to share it with other Homes in the next city. We got a lot of small things we needed by going store-to-store. Also we provisioned a doctor for a check-up for me. I'm doing really well with this pregnancy & it has been a real blessing. Due date is Sept. 6th.

THE KIDS SORES HEALED UP IN TWO DAYS!—With prayer, vitamins & a lot of extra work to keep everyone clean. We're having to be more careful about cleanliness & health etc., as some places are not so clean & sanitary.

WE ARE A TEAM OF FIVE ADULTS & NINE CHILDREN, with two vehicles, two trailers & a tent. It has been a real revolution working together, & a real blessing. There is always a lot to overcome daily to keep unified & keep a common vision. It takes work, like lovemaking! We are so grateful for the help with the children. Simon & Becky have become the kids' teachers, lovers & companions, & Zack is a very good handyman.

AFTER THE OTHER KIDS WERE IN BED ONE NIGHT, Jason took Becky for a walk to the pool. Then he walked her to her trailer & put his arms around her & give her a big kiss goodnight. Then he came in singing, "The hills are alive with the sound of music..." I was watching thru the window & cried to see him growing up so fast. Learning the lessons of life & love are so serious to our older little ones & they are

astounding us adults with their simplicity & beauty of living the spirit of "One Wife". Sex, sharing & taking turns is as natural to them as breakfast, lunch & dinner.

WE'RE NOW IN A CITY WHERE THERE ARE FIVE HOMES AT A TRAILER PARK. The climate is heavenly, so wonderfully cool, & the park is very clean with grass instead of dirt. This is the first day here & we have been really encouraged by the sweet spirit & unity of the families here. We feel there is so little for us to do as everyone really has the spirit of unity & they have so many united projects. The kids will sing for Sunday Fellowship, & we are all trying to learn some verses to

share in Spanish. IT IS SUCH A BLESSING TO BE HERE & we are encouraged to see a real working revolution here. We've noticed a real sense of responsibility here to the Lord & His Work & each other, & this unity is bringing on the blessings of God. They have united provisioning of fruit & vegetables, & their lit & paper is provisioned. Every morning at 10:30 different Moms take turns having inspiration, memory & flannelgraph with all the children & following this a short school-time. In the afternoon the two single brothers work with all the children singing & performing, & it is a very inspiring time for the whole camp to see the inspiration of the chil-



Newspaper photo of Stephen-6, Jason-10 on guitar & Summer-7.

Se encuentra el Saltillo Mensaje al amor de Dios a través de "Los pequeños granjeros"



"Los Pequeños Granjeros" es el nombre de un grupo que integran niños de 6 a 12 años, quienes, con la ayuda de sus padres, se dedican a la agricultura y a la ganadería en un terreno de 10 hectáreas que se encuentra en el municipio de Saltillo, Coahuila de Zaragoza, México.

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