

Reaching Out To Refugees!

MINISTERING MATERIALLY & HELPING THEM FIND HOPE & HAPPINESS THRU JESUS!

From Simon; Europe:

EVERY DAY REFUGEES COME TO THIS CITY LOOKING FOR WHAT THEY HOPE WILL BE A BETTER LIFE IN THE WEST. Often they come with no more than the clothes on their backs & know no one here.

THE ONES THAT COME & HAVE NO HOUSING HERE are often given places in various camps, such as a former military base near here. Recently some of us have been going to this camp to witness & minister to the hundreds of foreigners, the majority from the East Bloc.

IT HAS BEEN THRILLING TO FIND PEOPLE REALLY HUNGRY FOR THE WORDS & message of the simple life of true happiness that we've found in Jesus. They snap up the Letters on salvation, the spirit world, childcare, current events, etc. & ask us for Bibles in their languages.

Too often we find in the Gospel-glutted West that people are not as appreciative of God's Words as these foreigners who have had so little.

WE'VE ALSO FELT THE PULL ON OUR HEARTS TO HELP THESE PEOPLE WITH MATERIAL NEEDS when we can, as well as helping them to find the hope & happiness we've found in Jesus. We started looking around our attics & asking friends, & soon we had a bunch of clothes, toys for their children & household items which we took out there one Sunday. It was well received & went fast, & we hope that we will be able to help them again in this way.

ALSO, WE'VE BEEN REALLY GLAD THAT SEVERAL OF THE ONES WE KNOW THERE HAVE PRAYED WITH US TO RECEIVE JESUS. We want to mention that we have really felt that this camp would make an excellent target for some mobile teams' outreach. There are several campgrounds nearby, & for a



Three Rumanian refugee children anxiously look thru the fence of their camp.



Passing trunks of clothes over the fence to the refugees.



Refugee children search for things they need among the donated clothes.

team that had the burden & opportunity to take a more full-time approach to these people, there might come some real fruit out of it.

WE'VE MET PEOPLE THERE IN THEIR 20s from Kurdistan, Eritrea & Albania, plus hun-

dreds more from Rumania, Poland, Czechoslovakia & other closed countries. They are often walking around the small town that the camp is in, & a music/coffee shop approach might also work. GBY! (Amen! GBY! An open door!—D.)

"If You've Got Kids, Get'm Singing!"

"KID POWER" LETTER & MWM SONGS GIVE FAMILY FAITH FOR SINGING ON THE STREETS!

From Jon; British Isles:

I WOULD LOVE TO SHARE WITH THE REST OF THE FAMILY HOW THE LORD HAS BEEN REALLY BLESSING US & the children with a new singing ministry. We are a family of 6: Philip, Becky & their children, Eve (5 1/2), Etoile (3) & Justin (1), & myself, Jon.

IT REALLY STARTED WITH MUSIC WITH MEANING. For months now the children have been singing for their own inspiration & visitors. Eve would often put together a mock MWM show complete with "personal interviews", jokes, songs & jingles.

LEARNING "ROCKIN' ROBIN" SET THE BALL ROLLING & became Eve's star number in the show. Then one morning we read Dad's Letter, "Kid Power" & received the MWM songbook, which finally gave us the faith & the push to go ahead & do it in the streets.

THE RESULTS WERE FANTASTIC! We planned a program in the same manner that Dad suggested in the Letter & put on two 15-20 minute sessions. The response was really encouraging, & soon we were getting crowds of over 100. With a captive audience we could even slip in some real witnessing songs such as "Jesus Really Loves You".

IT WAS TREMENDOUSLY INSPIRING TO SEE THE CROWDS' FACES LIGHT UP as the children spread God's love thru the songs & their own sample. **NOW WE ARE TRAVELLING TO VARIOUS COASTAL RESORTS,** singing with the children 2 or 3 times a week, & we are seeing what a blessing they are. It took time & faith to train them, but it was really worth it. Personally, I was finding it quite hard to move these staid English spirits thru lit-



Jon sings with Eve(L) & Etoile of Philip Gad & Becky.

nessing alone, but God has given us the key thru music.

SO, IF YOU'VE GOT KIDS, get'm singing! If it can be done here in sleepy old England, it can be done anywhere—even more so! Our kids have become our greatest asset. I hope this will encourage you to use yours!

BY THE WAY, I had injured

my back quite badly a few days ago, & I was considering staying in bed. I could barely walk, but when I started singing by faith, after the first session I realised that the pain had completely gone & I was healed. PTL! "As they went they were healed!" (Amen! PTL! GBY! Keep'm goin' & singin'! TYJ!)

Spanish was feeble. Thank the Lord, Marisol, the oldest, is a very bright girl & has already picked up a lot of English as well as helped to improve our Spanish.

WE HAVE BEEN TEACHING THEM ALL TO SING CHILDREN'S SONGS, & although Jennifer & Joyce cannot sing all the words, their sample alone has been such a witness to many. Please keep them in your

prayers. **PETER'S TEACHING JOB ENDED IN JUNE,** & we really were praying that the Lord would do something to help us stay here, as financially it would be impossible since we have no regular income. The head of the English Department was so sweet & concerned that he asked the director if we could park on the school grounds for

the summer months. **TO OUR AMAZEMENT HE SAID YES!** Since our arrival the faculty have gone out of their way to help us. We have water, electricity, showers, private bathroom. They also gave us a room to use & put in a TV, drink cooler & left the playground open for the girls! Praise His name; He is so faithful! All this for free! TYJ! (Amen!)

Mobility-The Only Way To Get Ahead!