

surely pays to obey, to obey the Lord thru our prophet. As he has taught us, "Obedience brings down the blessings of God!" So thank you Jesus & thanks Dad!

IT WAS ONLY RECENTLY THAT WE OPENED THE HOME, BUT THE LORD HAS ALREADY BROUGHT A LOT OF PRECIOUS SHEEP ALONG TO KEEP US BUSY. We've also sung a couple of times for some influential parties which is always good P.R., but the most fruitful & effective ways of witnessing here are FFing (all the big shots here just flip over Western girls) & litnessing (which is like pouring water on dry ground)! And here people are thankful to receive anything you give them in God's love!

SO I HOPE & PRAY THAT THIS LITTLE TESTIMONY WILL INSPIRE SOME OF YOU WHO ARE STILL IN THE DANGEROUS COLD NORTH TO COME & HELP in the needy southern fields which are starving for the Words of David. GB&KYA!

P.S. WE HAVE TO BUY THE LIT WHICH WE DISTRIBUTE BY TENS OF THOUSANDS EVERY MONTH, so if you



Denis's love gift for coming South: his beautiful new mate, Maria. (Photo by Denis)

would like to help us with this, our first goal & first need, please send donations to Denis French via your reporting office. (Amen! GBY!) - & Get Home Support & Compto Zulu.)



Denis litnessing to the receptive people in his new field. (Photo by Byron)

## NEWS FROM A Missionary Family!

What it's like to raise 5 children on a foreign mission field!—Proof that the Words work!

From B. & M.: S.E. Asia:  
Dearest Dad & Maria,  
GB&KY ALWAYS! We certainly do love you & pray for you every day. Reading the Letters to & from Ho have certainly convicted us & woke us up. We just want to assure you that your words are our lifeline & without them we just couldn't live. (GBY! ILY!)

BY GOD'S GRACE WE CERTAINLY WANT TO FOLLOW YOU CLOSELY, altho' we must admit that our fruitfulness gets choked at times by the cares of this world, GHU! Convicted by our shortcomings & failings we just have to cast ourselves on "the sure mercies of David" (Isa. 55:3) All that is beautiful in life, all that is dear to our hearts we owe to your faithfulness & obedience: Our relationship together, our 5 precious children & especially, a goal & vision to work for & cling to.

WE'VE COME TO THE REALIZATION THAT WE DON'T NECESSARILY NEED TO BE "GREAT" in our service for the Lord, but that faithfulness & just plain thankfulness bring much more lasting happiness. This certainly has been the case in our lives, especially as we are now so busy in the training of our children. We call it their "TSC stage" as that time in our lives really grounded us in the Word. (Amen! TYJ!)

WE DO GET TO DO A LOT MORE WITNESSING WITH THEM being on such a fruitful field. They are already proving themselves to be sincere soul winners. We go out with them on weekends to parks & markets, & they are always so eager to go out. Being so blonde they draw attention, & especially now that they speak the language so freely with all the jargon & slang thrown in! The teenag-



"The Time To Be Happy Is Now!" This is the song we usually start with when performing with the children.—B. & M. & children Dorina-2½, John-4, Paulo-6 along with Jozef-8½ & Aarone-7 in back.



The heart of man is the same the world over! Aarone-7 & Jozef-8 do the "Heart Split" at a park.

ers are especially drawn to the kids & just last week Jozef-8½ prayed with a group of 5 to receive Jesus! (GBM!)

UNTIL DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR M. & I WORKED FOR ALMOST TWO YEARS as

directors of a community center (geared to ex-patriates) where we also worked with teenagers. We got a lot of first-hand insight into how thoroughly screwed up the Systemites' lives are. And we started to realize what you

& the Letters have saved us from! Altho' we learned a lot about how to relate to these people, we were certainly happy when it was the Lord's time to quit. About that time your love gift came for us, which was such an encouragement to us that we were on the right track to quit that job even tho' it meant quite a loss of income. God bless you for thinking of us. (WLY!)

WE BOTH LOVE BURNING FREE WITH FF'ING when we get a chance. We have been able to establish some heart-touching relationships with fish here—some stretching over 2-3 years, which have also been a great blessing to us personally, enabling us to pour out & mean something to others. Also, we've been able to make friends with many of the upper class of our own age—married couples—whom we socialise with & to whom our way of life is a real sample. This is in addition to doing street litnessing & witnessing & performing with the children. (GBY!)

WE ARE SO THANKFUL TO BE ON THIS MISSION FIELD & that the Lord still gives us many opportunities to be a witness. Next month while the boys have two-months holiday from school, M. & the boys will be travelling to litness & witness in places that would otherwise never get any Letters. This should also help the boys to grow up & learn to make decisions, as Papa cannot come along on this trip. (GBM!)

DEAREST DAD & MARIA, IT IS BEYOND WORDS HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK you & the WS & FC & other units accomplish so faithfully in putting out each month the tremendous amount of invaluable material for us, your children, all over the world. You are certainly faithful parents in the Lord to us. God help us to be faithful to you as well. And please forgive us for failing to

write you more often & assure you that we do love you & are continuing to follow you & the Words. Love always, B. & M. (You were certainly worth that walk in the Texas rain! GBY! D.)



Jozef-8½, faithfully passes out lit after singing!



Jozef-8½, fluent in the native language, really likes personal witnessing!



B. & M.'s youngest child, Dorina-2½, with a new-found friend!

## Island Excursion For Little Pioneers!

KEEPING UP WITH THE KIDS AS THEY EXPLORE & WITNESS ON SUMMER VACATION FAITH TRIP!

From Mirjam, Indonesia:

WE WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU A LITTLE OF OUR EXCITING TRIP thru one of the islands of Indonesia. As the boys had 6 weeks free from school, we thought the best way to spend the time was to go out on the road litnessing & witnessing.

WE ALL HAD A WONDERFUL TIME—Mama Mirjam, Jozef(9), Ronny(7), Paulo(6), & Johnny(5)—& travelled over 2,000 km. by bus & train, bemo & becak, hitch-hiking, & even by horseback sometimes.

AS WE WENT, these words from "Sight-See" truly spoke to us: "This is what is thrilling! This is what sends us across continents & oceans to far-away lands—to seek & save that which was lost!" ALL IN ALL IT WAS QUITE AN ADVENTURE FOR US—a mother on her own with 4 young boys—but God kept us & guided us & taught us to pray & work together. We never had a day of sickness or an accident, trusting the Lord for our health.

IN ALL OUR TRAVELS WE NEVER ENCOUNTERED A SINGLE UNFRIENDLY PERSON while out witnessing—the children were a real key as everyone loved to receive a Letter from their hands. Our usual tactic was to buddy-up an older child with a younger one, thus making 2 teams while Mama Mirjam kept a watchful eye on the proceedings. Being left on their own this way, the boys really burned free.

OFTEN I HAD TO REMIND MYSELF: "Don't make old bottles out of them by trying to make them do it your way!" ("New Bottles") One Sunday we were distributing in a city park where a large motor-race competition was being held—a very popular



On a 4 km. walk thru the mountains, we stopped in the villages on the way to give out the words of truth.

event among Indonesian teenagers. Jozef & Paulo took off to the grandstands, gave everyone watching a Letter & finished in time to jump down, congratulate the winner & also award him his Mo Letter.

IN ADDITION TO DISTRIBUTING, WE OFTEN FOUND THAT THOSE WHO WERE SINCERELY SEARCHING & lonely were drawn to the boys & would strike up a conversation with them. Also in the various places where we stayed, it was heart-touching to see how other travellers & Indonesian students took to the boys. Jozef & Ronny especially could relate to them, sharing God's love thru long conversations or playing chess with them.

BEING A SMALL TEAM, we usually stayed in a major city, using that as a base for sleeping & storing extra gear. From there, we would take day trips to nearby towns & villages, distributing as we went.

In this way, we were also able to enjoy the beautiful, God-given tropical scenery & take long walks as well.

WE ALSO TOOK GOOD DAILY WORD TIME TOGETHER to help keep us united, as well as keeping up with our memorising & reviewing projects.



High on a mountain: Johnny(5), Jozef(9), Paulo(6) & Mommy Mirjam.

The youngest two also continued their reading projects daily.

LOOKING BACK OVER OUR TRIP now that we are home once again, I truly believe that it would have been a lot harder if we had simply stayed at home & tried to think up different ways to keep 4 lively boys out of mischief for 6 weeks. It certainly was a lot more inspiring this way: meeting new people, seeing new sights & being useful for the Lord as well.

THIS TRIP WOULD NEVER HAVE TAKEN PLACE IF IT HAD NOT BEEN FOR THE LOVING CONCERN of Michael & Jimma, who took care of my 2 1/2-year-old daughter, & of course my husband Ben who made it possible & encouraged us every step of the way. (Amen! GBY!)