

April & May 1981

Dearest Friends & Family,

Greetings and love to you all. We would like to share with you our first newsletter from America.

Upon arrival here in California, we were warmly greeted by our friends, the Davis family, who live in Simi Valley. They have graciously hosted us and all our children for two months now. They have 9 children themselves so needless to say the house is always bustling with activity!

Their children also sing and have been missionaries to Peru for several years where they recorded an album in Spanish for all of South America. They were very well received there and hope to return soon to continue their work.

We had been overseas for almost a decade and all of our four children were born in different countries where we ministered. Paul Michael, 8 yrs was born in England, Regina, 3 yrs, in France, Laila, 2yrs, in Tunisia and Aaron Paul, almost one year old was born in Malta. The Lord only knows where the next one will be born; due sometime in October. We Praise the Lord for such wonderful children and the opportunity to "train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Pr 22:6

Just recently the 'Love'n Family' (that's the singing team composed of the Davis family with whom we are staying) won first prize in the annual talent contest held at California Lutheran College in April. That was quite an encouragement to them all as they practiced very hard for that show.

At the end of April Regina and Paul our two eldest children of the Star Family Singers- placed 2nd & 4th respectively in the "Pioneer Days" fair of Simi Valley. Regina sang "O Sole Mio" with all her little actions and Paul sang "Down from His Glory" to the same tune. They were thrilled to sing on stage before the crowds that gathered and it was



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GREETINGS FROM S. CALIFORNIA  
ADRIA HOLDING AARON, STEPHEN WAVING  
GINA, PAUL, LAILA L-R ON THE BENCH.



the first time either one of them saw a trophy. Regina just loved her "Trokie" as she called it!

We have also sung a few times on the streets of VeniceBeach area and witnessed to the needy young people there. Little Paul could hardly sing as he was crying for them because "they really need Jesus." It was the first time he had seen such desperate and drugged hippies; but he sang boldly on and many people were touched by the Spirit of God that day. Afterwards we distributed little Bibles to all who remained and shared our testimonies of how God saved us from darkness, drugs and despair. "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." John 6:37

Beside many music miralces the Lord has done some wonders in giving to us many new slides and filmstrips on Bible Prophecy and Stories from Creation to Christ. We have been able to show these in schools, and some churches as well as in our home almost every evening.

The filmstrip projector was given to us by a Christian lady whom we met at a local swap-meet just shortly after our arrival to California from France! We had little or no money, but as Peter and John said, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have give I thee..." (Acts 3:6)

We continued sharing our testimonies and experiences over seas and in North Africa with her and finally concluded that if that filmstrip projector was not sold perhaps next week we'd have the \$50 to buy it! She said, "I'm amazed it is not yet sold as in the stores these go for \$250-\$300 each and this one is in excellent condition!" As we turned to go after singing her a few songs we only walked 20-30 meters when all of a sudden we felt someone tugging on our sleeve saying, "Come here." It was the lady's daughter and she was sent to say, "My Mom wants to give the filmstrip projector to you!"

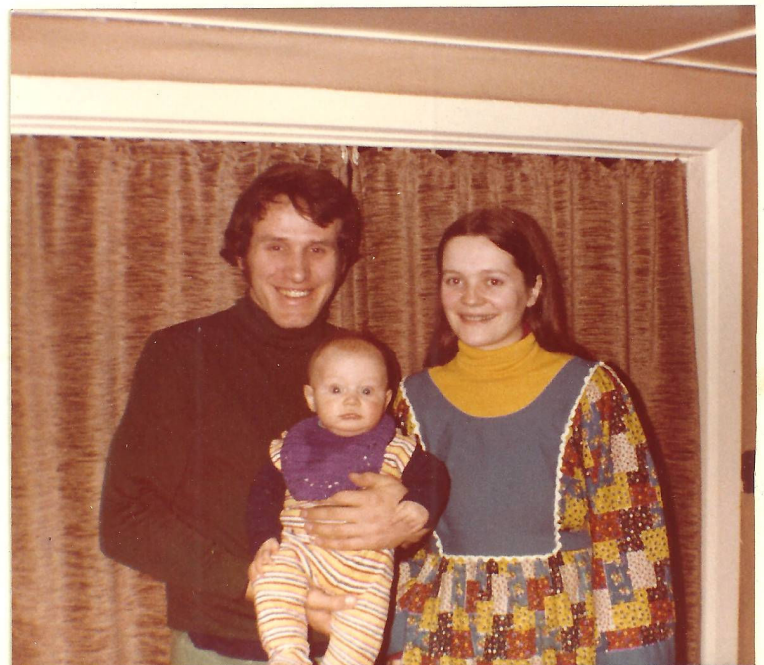
With tears of joy and thankfulness streaming down our face we walked back to where we had left the lady standing and there she was holding up the filmstrip projector saying, "The Lord does answer Prayer!"



REGINA BEING AWARDED HER TROPHY



PAUL - 2<sup>nd</sup> PLACE WITH THE OTHERS  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place,



Hosea, Michael + Marianne

We could hardly believe our ears and eyes as these words we had not heard since in Libya amongst some sincere Muslims who truly believed in us and the gospel as well, offering us their own house to use for the Lord's work. - *God loveth a cheerful giver*

"Where God guides, He provides". For a month we had a filmstrip projector with no filmstrips-then the Lord began to supply. We wondered why did you give us this fancy filmstrip projector which even has a cassette player which changes the slides on silent impulse? It was nice, but not yet useful, until, one day a friend introduced us to a publishing house which specialises in filmstrips and slides on Bible events. We had just received a \$50 check from a lady who was deeply touched by the children's song "He is Risen" as they sang on Easter Day at a nearby gathering.

We thought we would spend part of it for some of these slides and films in order to better illustrate to the children these important Bible truths! But after seeing the beauty and inspiration of these rare slides we couldn't resist spending the whole check.

Bible aides are fairly expensive but a most worthy investment which always turns out to be "better than gold or silver" (Ps 19:10)

As we were leaving the Center we met the man who is responsible for the warehouse of Audio-Visual aids and asked him if he ever has any "damaged" or "unuseable" materials which he could donate to some struggling missionaries whose main desire is to "preach the gospel to every creature". (Mk 16:15)

He said, "Sure, from time to time, maybe we can find a scratched film or two." Seeing that what our \$50 bought could be held in the palms of our two hands we could imagine perhaps one roll or  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a roll of damaged film would be all he could scrounge up! But God's Word says, "Prove me now herewith see if I will not pour out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Mal 3:10)

And if it weren't for the blue trunk Mother sent us with Marianne who had come only a week before we wouldn't have been able to contain the mountain of slides donated.

And just today the Lord has given us a light table to

view and put in order the many slides we now have. It was donated by a local printer who also volunteered to print literature for us without us even asking him. So God is a God of miracles and we do "Believe in Miracles". Do you? If not--test God at His Word. "If we ask anything according to His Will He heareth us"

So, we now have as well as our singing "Star Family", a full Bible slide show and even more recently with the arrival of our Danish brother, Hosea, a "Gospel Puppet Show" called "The Time to be Happy Show." After his first showing today to about two dozen neighborhood children, he was compelled to show it again to the same two dozen, plus more as they sat on the front porch shouting in unison, "We want the Puppet Show"!

We are thrilled to be able to share the many blessings where-with the Lord has blessed us to all those around us as we seek to "Brighten the Corner where we are."

Our little team here in America consists of Hans, a German brother that we brought with us when we came. He has quite a testimony. Next month we hope to get him to write up his story along with things that will shortly come to pass. Also just arrived is Hosea (Danish) who does the puppet show and helps teach the children with his English wife, Marianne. This is for all of them their first visit to America.

Another of "God's little miracles"---on the flight here we lost a suitcase containing Bibles and Bible teaching aids plus a few gifts. We did not know for sure where we lost it so by faith my dear wife Adria wrote to "British Rail, London England" thinking perhaps by chance we left it on the train when changing to catch our flight--and lo and behold they confirmed that it was with them so dear Hosea brought it with him! Hallelujah! Thankyou Jesus! God is still on the Throne and Prayer Changes things!

We still think of the other members of our little team overseas who have a desire to return to America that the Lord may help us establish a base from which to train and send out

missionaries to North Africa and Southern Europe.

We also have a Dodge motor-home that we have been using that we need to ship back to America. We have contacted a shipping company that will bring "The Ark" as we call it over for a fee of \$2,500. We are trusting God to supply this need. Maybe He will use you to help us. Pray and ask the Lord.

So if you feel God calling you to help this ministry of the New Believers"--the "Star Family Singers" we ask that you send "according to your faith" and "from each according to his ability unto each according to his need."

(Mt 9:9) In return we will send you some of the things that the Lord has blessed us with such as: cassettes of our music, literature, pictures, words & guitar chords to go with our songs and the Psalms, "Meditation Moments", bibles scriptures on tape, children's stories on tape (done by ourselves) or anything else that we might be able to send that will be a blessing to you! God Bless You!

"He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.

(2 Cor 9:6-8)(2 Cor 8:12-15; 1 Cor 9:11-14,16)

May God Bless and Keep you! We will be looking forward to hearing from you. The Lord spoke to us about America. I Kings 19:18- So there must be some of you 7,000 out there. Let us hear from you!

Sincerely in His Service,

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REGINA & JOHN SINGING IN PARIS THIS YEAR

#### More Miracles:

A dear friend Gladys really helped us when we first arrived by taking us to a local Bible Bookstore and turning us loose on her account. God Bless Her! We now have some wonderful flannelgraphs and picture aids to teach children! She has also helped us with the children's singing as she once played Jazz piano with Jimmie Dorsey and has written her own songs about the Lord.

Also, Aunt Cora, 83 yrs, returning missionary to Columbia after 30 years service greatly inspired our faith with her stories from S. America. She also gave us \$25 check to help get an organ which we greatly needed. Mariane talked to the owner and he gave it to us half-price, just what Aunt Cora had given us!

All this and much more is happening, not to forget Daryl who donates Dairy products and Lewis who threw away his marijuana pipe and box full after we prayed with him!

