

# NEWSLETTER

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Dearest Family, Friends, and Loved Ones!!!!!!

Greetings and God Bless You. Bismillah as we say in the Arab countries, "In the Name of God".

This is our second Newsletter from America and we are still in Southern California ministering to friends, homes, churches, schools and other organisations. We left Simi Valley on Memorial Day Weekend to make the long trip to New Mexico to see our parents. Realising that was not a good time to drive as everyone else would be driving we asked the Lord to lead us to a quiet little place to set up camp for the weekend. There were 9 of us all together; 4 adults and 5 children; travelling in our old '69 Ford Station Wagon which was loaded to the maximum and pulling behind it a little tent trailer which we shall call "God's Mercy"- as it was just that! May God Bless Jethro who loaned it to us for the journey or it would be almost impossible for us to travel together as a team for the Lord.

The Lord led us to a parking lot near Santa Monica pier where we opened the tent for the first time and cooked our first meal. God Bless Hosea who didn't give up on our "mobile attempt" when the kerosene stove was found to have a bad leak and wouldn't hold pressure! He just dug a little hole in the sand and threw in the wood and charcoal for his open fire. He kept praising the Lord even though our first week's breakfast took over two hours to make!

The Lord gave us favour with the parking lot attendants and police who let us stay for 4 days when ordinarily camping is not allowed there. In the end, they advised us to find a better place as that area, "unknown to us", was a dangerous area. We thank God for encamping his angels about us. We had heard some quite rowdy crowds in the night but had prayed them away.

During our stay on the beach parking lot we made daily trips out to witness. The first witnessing trip out we went to Westwood, a popular place for singers. As Adria waited in the car with the baby, Stephen, Marianne and Paul went to sing. Adria looked up just in time to see Mustapha Akaad walking down the street with his son. Mustapha Akaad is the producer of the new film just released in America called, "The Lion of the Desert". We had just seen the film and we were praying for and hoping to see Mustapha whom we had met about 3 years ago in Tripoli. We were so happy to meet and speak with him again. Thank God for His little miracles!

We witnessed for the rest of the Memorial Day weekend at Santa Monica pier and at Venice Beach where we were able to pray with a few people

to receive the Lord. "But as many as received Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God even to them that believe on his name." John 1:12.

We also made a special trip to Malibu one night to find Bob Dylan's house. The Lord led us right to the gate and we were able to speak with the ground keeper and leave Bob Dylan a cassette and a letter of appreciation from the Star Family Singers. We hear he is singing on June 21st in Paris to a sold out stadium of 10,000. We are happy to hear he is going overseas. They need his witness also.

Our car being so packed with gear and people and children, our maximum speed being 45 MPH, we felt more led to seek God's "Open Door" here rather than to try a long trip across the desert.

We felt led to go south, so after closing up our beach parking lot camp, we continued on. When we left Simi Valley the Lord gave us the scriptures, "Abraham went out not knowing whither he went", and "As I was with Moses so shall I be with you." (Hebrews 11:8; Joshua 1:5)

We camped for the night in Hunting Beach State Park where we found a camping surplus store to fix the stove and get a lantern and some other basic needs. The owner of the surplus store was touched by our way of life and donated a sleeping bag and a tarp.

Here we would like to thank Dr. and Mrs. Price for the blankets, without which we wouldn't have made it and also for the mysterious envelope which we are still saving for the California border! God Bless them! Also, our heartfelt thanks to JT and Melissa for their help and use of the tent trailer and thanks to Bill and Deborah for all of their help. We send our love to Amos also, whom we miss.

So from Hunting Beach we felt drawn to Disneyland area and found ourselves eating dinner in the Melodyland parking lot (a big church across from Disneyland). It turned out to be Christian film night and before we knew it we were auditioning and changing into singing clothes and we were invited to sing in the film intermission.

The Lord really poured His spirit upon us as we sang and Marianne gave her testimony of meeting us and coming to the Lord. After we finished singing a man jumped up and came up front and said, "I was taking my family out to dinner tonight, but instead I'd like to donate the money to help this family." The man leading the film felt led to take a "Love Offering" for us. God Bless them, even though this sort of thing is not done at this place. God knows our needs before we ask. We were down to the bottom of our finances but we were trusting God to supply and He did!

At the end of the film we were greeted by a sweet couple named Bud and Connie with their 4 children who invited us to their home. We explained the size of our team, but they would not be dissuaded. We now have the tent trailer set up in their driveway and we have had some wonderful fellowship with them.

The dear man, Steve, who first stood up in Melodyland to donate his dinner money invited us to his home to witness to his neighbourhood. Hosea set up the puppet show in Steve's front yard and the neighbourhood kids flocked around to see it. We sang and gave our testimonies and led some of the kids to Jesus. Steve's own son, age 6, came to know Jesus for which we all rejoiced. We had a wonderful time and also showed some of our filmstrips and slides about Jesus.

The Lord led us to contact the Full Gospel Businessmen, so we spent one day visiting their headquarters. Through our visit we were invited to sing for one of their breakfasts the following Saturday. We also saw on our tour that they have the Bible on tape, King James Version. Demas Shakarian, the founder of FGBMF was out of town in Berlin at their European Rally, so Stephen wrote a letter to his son, Steve Shakarian asking if they could donate a set of Bible tapes to help us in our ministry. We had an old set that we used for the children and ourselves to learn scripture, but now was almost worn out from use.

The Saturday morning FGBMF breakfast rolled around and we were all up bright and early, 6:30 AM, including Bud, our host. He hadn't planned to go, but the Lord had woken him up and had "plans" for him. We filled in testimony sheets to help the MC introduce us and they had Bud fill one in too. Bud is a Viet Nam veteran.

To our surprise and his we were introduced together and Bud and Stephen were asked to give their testimonies! Stephen told of how he was searching, had taken drugs, and found Jesus. Bud told his story of how he was in Viet Nam, was wounded by an exploding mortar round landing 2 feet from him, and had to have 12 feet of his intestines removed. He told how it was a miracle that he survived as the killing radius of the mortar round is 30 meters. He was wounded by two explosions, and had the two most fatal wounds. He told how he was an Atheist through all of this, came back to the states and finally received Jesus through a group called, "Marriage Encounter".

We all sang and Gina, age 3, sang her solo, "He Touched Me". The MC asked us to sing it again and everyone joined in. At the close of the meeting a man approached Stephen with a box. What could it be?! He opened it to find the whole Bible, KJV, on cassette! We are so thankful for this donation!

Ted Beckett was attending the breakfast and he spoke to us afterward. He felt led to pray for us and laying hands on Stephen and Bud he received a wonderful word from the Lord for both of them.

We were floating off of the ground after all of this and a man came up to us and told us that as Stephen's and Bud's testimonies were the highlights of the meeting, they would be aired on the radio that same evening. We crowded around the radio that evening at some friend's house and heard their testimonies and Gina's little voice singing "He Touched Me" go out to all of Southern California.

While in this area we have visited Knotts Berry Farm to see about singing. Their program is fully booked, but they gave us 5 complimentary tickets to visit the grounds. So we are looking forward to taking Hosea and Marianne who are European and the children to see the Farm.

Thank you all for your prayers. Please continue to pray with us as we visited the Christian TV station, channel 40 and told them our testimonies and gave them sample tapes and we are now waiting news to see if this is the Lord's time for us to share our testimonies on TV. Pray that the Lord's will will be done.

We love you and miss you. That's why we wrote this letter and we are sending it to you! Please do write us. May God Bless and help us all to do His Will and accomplish His plan.

Our love and prayers,

Stephen, Adria, Hosea, Marianne and all the little Stars!

PS: We are trusting the Lord to provide some type of mobile living quarters to meet our needs. Please pray with us for this. "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." Matthew 7:7

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PPS: If you would like to have any copies of the Bible on tape please write to us and let us know what you need.

*Also a great blessing to us over the past few months have been some of the Comics by Chick Publications - such as "Spellbound"*

