

Dearest Friends and Loved ones,

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Star Family Singers

God Bless you! Here we are at long last! Please forgive us for our lapse of communication. We have had two really eventful months and many changes and we fell behind in our correspondence which we will try to catch up now! Thank you for bearing with us.

First we want to thank the Lord and all of you for your prayers! After four long months of separation our singing team is now back together! We thank the Lord for bringing them over that great body of water, the Atlantic. It's so good to be hearing those positive trumpet notes and piano notes again.

Our last newsletter left off near the end of June. Since then we have moved several times and met many new people. For a while we stayed at Bud and Connie's and a national park with the tent trailer. At the same time that we met Bud and Connie, we also met Glenda. Glenda came to know the Lord just 3 years ago. Her two children are grown and gone away from home leaving her all alone with a room mate, Marilyn. Glenda's a real on fire witness at her work letting her light shine brightly. She has been having Bible Studies in her home for some time now and when she saw us sing at Melodyland the Lord spoke to her heart that we should come and live with her. So we are now having Bible studies in her home and staying with her. We also have half of the team camping in the tent trailer. The Lord/a^{opened} wonderful door in a private camping near the beach, an excellent place to witness and be near God's creation also. So we have two wonderful places to live for which we are very thankful.

The first week of July we greeted Frank, our dear Maltese friend and brother who had desired to spend the summer with us as we had spent the last one with him in Malta. He was sorry we had left Europe to come to America, as he wrote in one letter, "it seems so far away and impossible to be together ever again..." But, "with God nothing shall be impossible." Frank entered an international song festival in Malta hoping to win one of the top 3 prizes which would enable him to buy a round trip ticket to Los Angeles to see us. The minimum wage is very low in Malta and very few are ever able to afford a trip to America. So he told the Lord if he won/one of the top prizes he would use the money to come visit us. Guess what? Frank's song won first place and we picked him up at L.A. International Airport the first week in July and have been enjoying his company since. He has just returned to Malta a week ago after spending almost 2 months with us. Have you heard his new cassette tape, G.I.V.E.? If not write^{us} for one. It has some beautiful songs composed by Frank with Adria and the children helping him sing them.

We now have two new co-labourers who have felt the call to come with us full time and help us reap the harvest. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:37-38) On Saturday before "Father's Day", Hosea and Marianne took the children, Gina, Paul and baby Michael to the local shopping mall to sing and do the puppet show for the children who were gathering to get Father's Day gifts. It wasn't possible for them to do the puppet show, but they didn't give up. They went to another place and started to sing standing the children on a wall so that they could be seen. They sang for about an hour and at the end as the crowd was dispersing they gave out tracts and witnessed to individuals. Marianne noticed one girl walking quickly away and felt led to speak with her. So she ran up to offer her a poem sheet and began talking with her. The girl, Sue, was so inspired by the children and was happy to see a witness for Jesus in a place where the central attraction was a booth of Buddhist idols. She said, "I felt so bad that no one was out there witnessing for Jesus, until I heard you all!" Sue was impressed by our way of life and began witnessing and visiting us regularly. She already knew the Lord, had been to two years of Bible College and was seeking a way to serve Him. After much prayer and spending her vacation with us she decided

that she was called to live as we live and help us in our work. Some of Jesus' disciples had brothers and called their brother to come too. Well, Sue had a brother, Steve, who she knew was searching for a place of service just like herself. So she began bringing her brother.

Sue had been living with us about six weeks when Steve too decided that the Lord was calling him to help us. So we now have two new co-labourers for Jesus. They are such a blessing and a help too. Please don't fail to read their testimonies which we hope to enclose with this.

As we mentioned before we have a Christian puppet show. This last month the Lord really used the puppet show as we did it at about seven old folk's homes, three summer camps and some Sunday Schools. It was well received by young and old alike and many souls were won to the Lord. Here's Marianne's testimony of one of the old folks homes they went to.

"Through Merilyn, Glenda's room mate, the Lord led us to a Christian lady, Dorthy, who wanted us to do a puppet show and sing at her convalescent hospital. So we went and the Lord really annointed the children and the show. The people were so thankful and open to the Lord. God bless Paul, age 8, he had them all hold hands in their wheelchairs and ask Jesus into their hearts. Many were weeping and one lady we talked to afterwards was a Christian and gave her testimony on tape. She is blind, but she sang her favourite song, 'Amazing Grace', 'I was blind but now I see!' She said the Lord helps me see! Another lady said, 'Your children give me hope. I've never seen such happy smiling children. They give me hope for this last generation.' Dorthy prayed with us after ~~that~~ that the Lord would really open doors for us to do more shows and she talked to other hospitals and we soon found ourselves doing shows sometimes two a day. Many souls were touched by the love in the children. Praise God!"

During this nice summer weather we have been singing and witnessing a lot at the beaches, Newport Beach, Huntington Beach, Venice Beach and Laguana Beach. We also discovered the "Sawdust Festival" in Laguana. They welcomed singers to come and sing and so we did! Hallelujah! "This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine!" *Many of our Song Cassettes went out to interested Spectators as well.*

As you probably know, we live by faith. The Lord many times tests our faith to the very limit, but He never fails to supply all our needs according to His riches in glory! At one such time like this when financially we were rock bottom (thank God the Rock Jesus is our bottom!) the Lord did a miracle again. Once we didn't have the money for our campsite rent but the Lord certainly did! There was a family from Korea picnicing right next to the tent trailer. They invited us over to sing for them so we did and they were just new Christians, hungry for the Word. They were interested in the Bible on tape and just before they left they came up to us at exactly the same time as the campsite official was asking us to pay our rent and handed us \$10 for Scripture tapes. That was just what we needed! Hallelujah! God knows our every need.

Another time Hosea stayed at the camp with some of the children while the others went to town shopping and doing some errands. Since it was late the team decided to stay in town, but Hosea was left without any dinner unknowing to the team. But the Lord knew! One family in the campsite had overheard them singing in the camp previously and came to him with a large pot of food saying, "We thought you could use this, we heard you singing and it encouraged us so much we wanted to give you this." "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." (Isaiah 65:24)

Here's another little miracle! We went to court for our first traffic ticket in twelve years....for driving "too slow" on the freeway! Ha! The ticket was \$40 and we had decided to just do our time in jail and witness rather than pay that much which could be used for tracts and Bibles. While we were waiting in line we were witnessing and telling of our decision to a sweet lady. Our time came to go in so

we said good-bye and started to walk away. She stopped us and said, "Wait a minute. Shh! Sit down! My husband's not saved and he doesn't understand these things." As we had tears in our eyes she wrote out a check for our ticket. We tried to refuse, but she insisted. God Bless and reward her mightily. That very morning someone phoned us and said that the Lord had awakened them at 5:00 AM to pray for us though they knew not why--until we told them later! Thank God for the prayers of his saints--a sweet savour unto Him. God is still on the Throne and prayer changes things!

So with so many new faces and experiences and new labourers we are surely keeping busy! Thank you all so much for your prayers. See how they help us? Thank you also for your support. The theme of our lives is surely, "I Believe in Miracles!" May God Bless and keep you all. Please do write us if you can. Let us know if there is anything that we can do for you. We now have a 16mm film projector and a good witnessing film from the New York's World Fair. "The Parable" Thank you Jesus! So let's keep letting our lights shine! You do what you can do and God will do the rest!

Much love and prayers,

The Star Family Singers

Regina singing "He Touched Me" one of her favourites.

(L-R) Sue, Frank, Adria, Maryanne, Stephen & Paul on stage at Melodyland before their weekly film.

We've found singing on Hollywood Blvd. and Sunset Strip to be very rewarding these past few days and have met some interesting people. We'll tell you about it in our next newsletter.

Bringing "glad tidings" to the old folks too--Gina, Paul and Maryanne. Over 300 aged folks heard the Good News this month thru the children's witness.



Bible on Cassette, Songtapes, Poem Sheets and more from the Star Family display--Order yours Today!

God Bless Bud & Connie for their kind hospitality toward us all for these past few weeks. This newsletter was typed on his Computer - a first for us.

THE SALSBUYS & THE STAR FAMILY FROM LEFT-RIGHT
BUD CONNIE JUSTIN MARIANNE AARON MICHAEL HOSEA STEPHEN ADRIA



REGINA ADRIANNE LEILA JOSHUA HEATHER PAUL (15 IN ALL)