

# NO GREATER JOY

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## HOMESCHOOLERS TO NEW GUINEA

By the time you receive this news letter my twenty-one-year old daughter, Rebekah and eighteen-year-old son, Gabriel will be on the other side of the world, hiking the mountain trails of Papua New Guinea. They will visit each village in a pre-selected area and attempt to learn the words for one-hundred predetermined objects or actions (nouns and verbs). These will be compared and analyzed to enable her to make a determination as the "epicenter" -- the original tongue, the one from which the others have emanated.



Also to be considered is the interest of the people in having a missionary. In some cases the missionaries have arrived at a primitive tribe to find that the people have already received prophecy through their own Shaman of the coming messenger from God -- in which case, they are all eagerly awaiting the missionary. Sometime the Holy Spirit will just speak to the missionary and reveal the place to minister. And, there are those tribes that will threaten the missionary or flee from his or her presence. All these factors and more are a part of the process of preparing to do the work of Bible translation and church planting.

The language of most of these tribes

is unknown by anyone outside that tribe. There is no one to teach the missionary. The people do not even have a concept of writing or reading. They often view the unintelligent babbling of the strange outsider as ignorance. The children laugh at the missionary's inability to do what the smallest children can do -- ask a question. It sometimes takes several

communication understandable, she will be recording their history, folk tales, religious beliefs and social customs. She will have to teach them to read the literature she produces and cause them to understand the Scripture in its foreign cultural context. [Anyone looking for a challenging career change?]

As the American church has become



days just to communicate the idea of wanting to learn their language.

Upon her final return to P.N.G., Rebekah will be learning an unknown language and reducing it to writing by creating an alphabet and a dictionary. She will have to discover and define the innate rules of their grammar. All definitions of words must be linked to an understanding of the culture. In order to make the translation and her

more comfortable in its Laodicean role and settled down to count its assets and assert its influence in politics, a vision for reaching those who have never heard has quietly slipped out the back door to make room for the "power" program. Most Christians are not aware that there are still several thousand language groups that are still without their first verse of Scripture or yet to hear the name of Christ.

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In the rain forests and swamps of Papua New Guinea there are over eight-hundred language groups yet to be reached. Many of these tribes are still living in total ignorance of the outside world. Their naked bodies reek with the stench of decaying flesh and putrid sores. Their faces are hardened by fear of the evil spirits ruling every facet of their lives. Their daily life is one of foraging the rotten logs for grub worms, which are eaten alive as they are found, or of digging in the ground with stone implements or sticks for the roots which comprise the main part of their scarce diet. Their existence is not as National Geographic or Public Television would portray. They are unhappy people with sins and evil habits ranging from the deliberate killing of young children to Sodomy and child molestation. There is often savage warfare between competing tribes. There is no "paradise" in the shadows of a primitive tribe. While the nude bathers on the beaches of Santa Barbara are flaunting their flesh in ideal weather, the naked savages of the higher rain forest are huddle together shivering in

a fifty degree drizzle. A tribal family will see more of their children die of pneumonia or malaria before age six than will survive to become adults.

It is a simple matter to obey our Lord's last words and take the message that is medicine to the soul and health to the spirit. As all men, every tribal adult is individually, willfully rebellious. They do not deserve to hear, but it is at this very point that grace begins. You or your child can be God's channel for the revealing of this "so great salvation." Just think of standing before the throne of God at the head of a tribe of people whom you brought as a sacrifice of praise to your God. Yes, the Holy Spirit alone brings men to repentance and faith, but "how shall they hear without a preacher?"

**Be a part:**

Rebekah and Gabriel will return to the States to prepare for her extended return. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, there are several things you can do.

**1. Pray.** It is not religious rhetoric or a formality when we say that prayer is the most important part that we can play here at home. God has committed to us the ministry of reconciliation. He has given us a weapon against The Evil One who has blinded the minds of those who believe not. We must wield the offensive weapon of prayer if we would invoke the heavenly armies in an encounter with the forces of our enemy. Far more is done by prayer than by planning. Set aside a certain time every day for you and your children to pray for Rebekah.

**2. We can go** and reach that tribe that will not hear unless we obey the great commission. God will use anyone. You need not be a preacher. The tribal people do not care whether or not you are a dynamic power house or a Greek

scholar. Can you just stick around long enough to learn their language and tell them the story in the simplest of terms? Rebekah still needs a partner. Do you know of a retired couple or a widow with medical skills who would be willing to spend two years on the field?

**3. You can give** of your money so that others can stay on the field long enough to get the job done. No amount of money is compensation to a missionary shivering in a hut, racked with malaria fever, weak with dysentery, while a witch doctor chants outside evoking the devils to take his or her life.

A man in America may ascend to the pulpit inflated with the hot air of his own self promotion, but no one travels several days walk from



civilization to descend into the devil's stronghold out of egotism. Our money should all be diverted to those who have never heard until the job is done. Let the "sanctuary" lights go out for want of paying the light bill, but feed the missionaries until those in heathen darkness have seen the light at least once.

If you would like to support one of our missionaries, your gift will be tax deductible. Every cent goes straight to the missionary. Nothing is withheld stateside. Our books are open to anyone upon request. It need not be one of our own missionaries. If you know of one who is doing the job, get behind him or her with your prayer and giving. Train your children to become missionaries. Give back to God what He has given to you. \*



# THE EMOTIONAL SQUEEZE

I just received a call from a young mother who tries very hard to properly rear her children. They are very obedient and pleasant. However, she has one concern. Her little three-year-old girl seems to be fearful and anxious when disciplined. She seems to withdraw into an "I'm being hurt mood." There is no rebellion. There is instant compliance. When spanked, she stands rigid and stoically accepts her "just due." Afterward she looks anxious and fearful.

I asked the mother if she was expressing hostility or anger toward her daughter. She answered as I expected (knowing the family well), "No, I am not angry or impatient. I always take a long time and explain how she has done wrong and why I am spanking her." So I asked the mother, "Does she begin to be withdrawn and hurt before the spanking?" "Yes, as soon as I begin to talk to her, she acts like she is going into some kind of a trance or something. She just acts like it is hurting her so much to be rebuked. If I tell her to stop crying, she does. If I tell her to smile, she does, but I don't feel like I am getting through to her soul."

Just to make sure of what I already believed, I asked, and she assured me, that she was spending time building her child up as a worthy and valuable member of the family.

So, as we evaluate this mother's concern, note that she is not concerned that her child obey, or even that she have a good attitude; this she does. She is concerned for what is going on behind those cold, misted eyes. Ultimately, that is our deepest



concern. Let a child get rowdy, fail to do his chores, tear something up, steal a cookie, hit his sister over the head with her favorite teddy bear, or sneak off to play with an undesirable neighbor; but make sure the light that is

burning behind the windows of their soul is bright and honest.

In such a situation as this, my first thought is to search out any emotional or physical abuse. That trance-like, non-resistant submission is symptomatic of a child scared to death. That not being a possibility here, I was puzzled until she told me that the child began to withdraw as soon as the lecture began. I have seen this situation many times before. It occurs as a result of an intense, oversensitive mother or father -- usually mother. A mother who is consumed of her own deep feelings will project that same emotional seriousness into every personal confrontation. Have you met

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## Lovely Feet

by Rebekah Pearl

*How lovely on the mountains are the feet of them,  
Though few they are -- the feet that really go.  
Most feet are busy tending for their own concerns  
Or propped up on the couch in sweet repose.*



*How lovely on the mountains are the feet of them.  
Though weary are the feet and dirty too,  
Treading through the rivers and the jungle trails,  
Obeying God's command to spread good news.*

*How lovely on the mountains are the feet of them.  
(Some couldn't be lovely any other way)  
So set my feet upon the mountains, Lord of All  
To tell the nations of the God who reigns.*

## EMOTIONAL SQUEEZE

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people to whom you wanted to say, "Lighten up, relax; It's not that serious yet?"

Don't overwork your child's emotions with excessive indulgence in: "Why did you do that? You hurt Mother. You make me feel so badly. What you did is wrong, and God wants us to love our neighbor, etc." Children, especially young children, are not equipped to deal with great questions and issues of right and wrong, or of motive and consequence. The degree to which they are morally awakened should be addressed; but to expose them to the adult burden of motive and responsibility can cause them to carry a weight too heavy. A child can become depressed and withdrawn when they know that they are about to go through another emotionally heavy grilling that only spells rejection to them. If they had the courage to speak they would plead, "Whip me double time, but stop whining and looking at me with that forlorn pitiful expression." A child can take the spankings and bounce back before you find a place to lay the switch. But your emotions can bury them under a pile. Save the deep hurt and serious lectures for those rare times when the child's offense is worthy of Hell. Don't take them to the judgment seat of Christ every time they act like a kid.

The mother confessed that when she wanted the children to do something, she would ask them to do it rather than tell them to do it. They were left with the responsibility of deciding whether or not they should act. In some cases, when the mother really was giving them a choice, they found that they can say "No" and the mother

let it slide. But at other times the mother expected the child to obey her "suggestion." When the child fails to agree to do what is "asked," the mother just sighs deeply and takes on a look of being personally hurt. The children are then expected to evaluate the mother's pain and alter their choice accordingly. Of course, the children will eventually be emotionally manipulated into following the mother's feelings. This is beginning to get sick.

Hey! where is the old fashioned: Mama says, "Pick up your clothes in the next thirty seconds." No emotion, no alternative, no mercy. "In this household there is 'one law of the Medes and the Persians, which changeth not', and I am it. You now have nine seconds and counting." The mother is not angry. She is not hurried. She is smiling. "I think that she is hoping I don't make it in time. I believe she is going to enjoy spanking me. Get out of my way sister, I am coming down the hall with a load of dirty clothes at about sixty miles an hour." As the little tot dives into the clothes hamper with his pile of laundry, the mother makes a little buzzer sound with her mouth, laughs and lays her switch down, saying, "You made it this time; Oh well, maybe next," and turns to another chore. The kid backs out of the clothes hamper, laughs and feels like he just won at some sort of competition. He feels secure because his mother is secure. He may get half a dozen little spankings a day, but he never has to deal with weighty emotional matters that are meant only for emotionally disturbed adults. \*



## OTHER BOOKS AND TAPES

We have decided to make available to our homeschool friends the very best missionary books and videos. At the present, we have chosen three of our favorites:

**BRUCHKO**, by Bruce Olson, Creation House, 1993, 202 pp.

Almost no single missionary story is more unbelievable and yet incredibly true: a naive 19-year-old's capture by stone-age Indians, gaining their confidence and winning them to Christ. The story still continues today, as this issue will explain. \$8.99 + \$1.60 S/H when purchased alone.

**The absolute best** missionary video I have ever seen.

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actual footage of the conversion of nearly a whole tribe in Papua New Guinea. In 1992 Rebekah visited this tribe and met these new believers. If you can view this video without shedding a tear, you are either heartless or dehydrated. It is astounding, incredible, awesome. The book of Acts through the power of the Holy Spirit is still active. \$19.95 + \$1.60 S/H when purchased alone.



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## FAMILY PRODUCTIONS

I recently met a little three-year-old girl who is the product of her life with her parents. The family stayed in our home for three days and I got to know them very well. In two days of watching eyebrows and shoulder posture you can learn much about a family. Let me relate the circumstances of this little girl's three years in the school of character development.

Since the child was born, this family of eight has lived four or five different places. One recent apartment was only two rooms. They told about huddling in one room for warmth because they were without electricity. The plumbing on the third floor was so bad that their water often didn't work. They had to carry it to the rundown building. The neighborhood in which they lived suffered 80% unemployment. Crime was rampant. Nearly all of the family's friends were atheists or infidels of one sort or another. The mother is busy homeschooling the older children and cannot spend excessive time on this little one. She is often shoved aside to make room for the other chores.

For a year her older brother was so sick that when he could finally get to a doctor, the doctor expressed amazement that he was still alive. With proper treatment, the boy eventually recovered. At the present, and for the last several months, they have been homeless. The wife is eight months pregnant with her seventh child, and they live out of a van, going from place to place. Some of you have complained about your circumstances. You have the idea that if the environment could just be modified, things would be better. I doubt that any of my readers have had it as rough as this family.

You may ask, "Why does the family live like that; why doesn't the father provide something better?" They live that way out of love for others and obedience to their employer. The six children, from the three-year-old to the seventeen-year-old boy, are all bright, energetic, thankful and creative. They speak several languages and are all committed to getting the gospel to those who have never heard. They are US missionaries to Albania.



When they went there in 1992, the country was suffering from the aftershocks of communism. The people had rioted and destroyed their own country. Food was scarce, and utilities were usually inoperative. The country had boasted of being the only entirely atheistic state. No religious people of any kind could be found. They had either been killed or imprisoned. It was into this environment that God called this family to labor for the harvest. They have now returned to the States to rest and share their work with others before going back to Albania.

Now, back to the little three-year-old. Her name is Janell Rogers and she has become my new sweetheart. I first met her sitting at a long table in a missionary conference. After talking with my wife, she tapped

me on the arm and asked, "Do you really have a live horse at home?" I said, "Yea, we have two of them." She looked distressed, "Where do you keep them?" "Oh they are just hanging around the back door." "Are you sure you have two live, really live, horses hanging at your house," she distressedly pleaded. Her concern increased as she learned that there were live chickens, cows, cats, dogs, and other various live creatures. By now, I was perplexed, for I knew that Albania was full of draft animals. Deliveries, even in the large cities, are often made on donkey back.

Finally, with her spoon dripping food, held suspended in front of her bobbing head, she turned to my wife and impatiently demanded, "Do you know what alive means?" We finally solved the dilemma. They came from Paraguay, where they had been missionaries for eleven years, to go to Albania. She had been reared in a multilingual home where they were active learning new languages. She somehow thought that live meant dead. She thought that our yard was full of poor dead animals. You could tell that this little world traveler was exercising extra patience on these dumb Americans.

I usually write about problem parents who produce problem children. In this case, I spent three days with a family that was able to teach us a few things. I love to make suggestions to parents about rearing their children, but in three days I couldn't find anything that needed correcting.

They had not read our book. The children were the product of two people who loved each other and of a family with habits of giving and serving. This was not a self-centered family. They were not "saving their

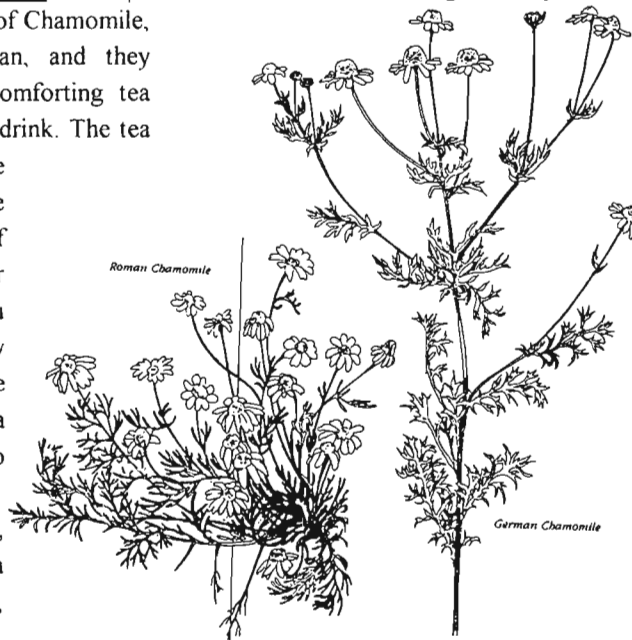
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# Herbs

## CHAMOMILE

There are two kinds of Chamomile, German and Roman, and they both make the most comforting tea you could ever hope to drink. The tea tastes and smells like fresh apples. If you have ever read the story of Peter Rabbit to your little ones then you probably already know that Peter's mom gave him Chamomile tea before putting him to bed.

In herbal language, Chamomile is called a relaxing nerve herb,



which means it has a calming effect to the nervous system. It is also known as an anti-spasmodic, which means it relieves muscle spasms or cramps. As a carminative, it is rich in volatile oils that stimulated the digestive system,

which helps stop the formation of gas and dispel gas already formed. It is a gift to mothers with a colicky baby. It relieves the gas (anti-spasmodic & carminative) and calms the child (nervine).

Both Chamomiles are easy to grow. German is an annual, coming from seed every year. It has a way of reseeding itself everywhere. The Roman Chamomile (I think is sweeter tasting) is a perennial that comes back from root year after year. It is a lazy looking plant, growing all laid over and spread out. The small flowers are the part of the herb you pick to make your tea. I took the dried herb tea I bought, sprinkled it on the ground, and grew my own Chamomile. The dried herb is available in bulk from many herb companies. \*

**NOTICE:** The whole family will be attending a seminar in Rochester, New York, August 8-11. Rebekah and Gabriel will be fresh back from New Guinea. If you are somewhere between Nashville TN and Rochester, NY and are interested in having either a child training seminar or a presentation of Rebekah's work, either right before or after this date, please drop us a line -- include a phone number.

### FAMILY PRODUCTIONS

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life," they were laying down their life and family for others. As a result of the divine laws of sowing and reaping, by giving they were saving their family. I would rather be in a crowded one bedroom apartment in a foreign and sometimes hostile culture with six singing children, than secure in America in a spacious home with each child in a their own self-indulgent, pouty mood.

I misled you by describing their physical circumstances. You were thinking, "What a poor disadvantaged child." **I want you to see that it is not**

**what is without, but what is within that makes good kids.** By your letters I can see that many of you need to stop praying for circumstances to improve, and instead, **make a family commitment to serve others.** If you are too tied down trying to survive to have time to serve others, you need to do the serving more than others need your service. When we spend more time and energy giving, our own needs diminish in proportion to our concern for the needs of others. Our worry fades in the degree that we are concerned for others. Our greatest trials are born in a self-centered heart.

Giving, caring parents create giving, caring children. Frustrated, anxious and

fearful parents reproduce themselves. Bitter mothers who teach their daughters to be sweet and kind still produce bitter daughters. More is caught than taught. Critical impatient fathers train up disrespectful bullies, unworthy of a mother's love.

The first rule of child training is to decide what you want your child to be become and then become that very person yourself. The second rule of child training is don't complain or be surprised when they turn out to be just like you. \*



*Our Mail Box*



Dear Michael,

Thank you for making this book available to my family. The Holy Spirit has used this book in a mighty way to

point out wrong motives and attitudes. We have always disciplined with the rod and loved our children, but many times neglected training. Our children are much happier now and have an inner peace. We as parents are finding our children such a delight, it is sometimes hard to share them with others. This book has given me such freedom from stress and anxiety as a homeschool mom. I had lost focus as to why I started homeschooling. I now can focus on raising a Godly seed, and not on fear of government and man. I am ordering 15 books for friends and family who can't wait to get them. Isn't God good! K.M.C.

Dear Mr. Pearl,

Your book has changed my life! I have shared it with my pastor, and from the pulpit he held up the book and said, "This is the best book on child training I've ever read." He recommended that every family should read it.

Therefore in response, I'm placing an order for 35 books for our church. Thank you for caring enough about children and parents to provide this book to us.

J.C.

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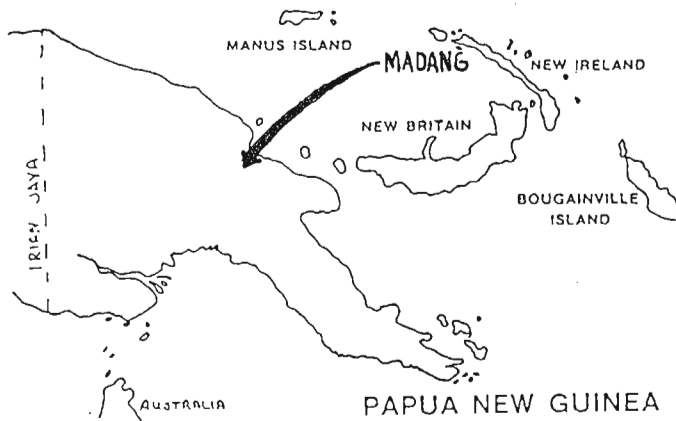
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If you know of others who would like to receive this newsletter, send us their name and address.

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"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth" III John 4

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