

NO GREATER JOY



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Aiome Tribe Welcomes Missionaries

This news letter will go to the printer before Rebekah and Gabriel get home from Papua New Guinea. For us, it has been a matter of daily, nearly constant prayer. We know that our two children are in our Father's hands. When they were born, we committed them to the Lord. This was not to guarantee they would live to a ripe old age or be healthy and successful in life. Entrusting them to the Lord was not an insurance policy against pain or loss; it was a commitment that God could have their bodies and souls to use to His glory and honor.

As I am writing this, July 17, they are still in the mountains visiting the Aiome tribesmen. The last contact we had with them was two weeks ago, the day before they took a small plane hop up to a recently constructed air strip, fairly close to the tribes that Rebekah desires to reach.

Rebekah didn't know what kind of reception she might receive when they would walk into the Aiome villages. But, while they were in Madang, visiting with Independent Baptist missionaries and finding out all they could about the region they would enter, word had reached the tribe that a missionary lady wanted to give them a Bible in their own language. Three native men showed up at the missionary's



door in Madang and asked to see the missionary lady. Through the interpretation of the missionary, they told how a man from that village had come to know Jesus Christ through the witness of a Baptist missionary. The Aiome native was using a Bible in the Pidgin language trying to teach several others. The others can not read the Pidgin. They asked her to come to their village, learn their language and give them a Bible in their own dialect. They were burdened for the 14,000 people of

their language who did not have a Bible and did not know Christ.

They assured her they would assist in building a house for her and in any other needs. They said their tribe would "adopt" her, providing complete protection. The missionary explained this meant that if anyone harmed her, it would be taken to be harm to the whole 14,000, who would then go to war on her behalf. This custom guarantees virtual safety within the tribes.

So when Rebekah and Gabriel entered the villages to conduct the language survey, they were accompanied by men of the village welcoming the missionaries who brought hope of a Bible in their own language. God had indeed prepared the way.

Thank you for praying. And, we thank those of you who gave to make this trip possible. They will be home in time to attend a seminar in Rochester, NY, August 6-11. Rebekah will then be visiting churches to share her vision for her return to commence the language learning and translation of Scripture.

No church or Christian group is too small. If you would like to have her present her work, contact us, and we will see if it can be arranged. She hopes to return to P.N.G. within six months or less. *

Homeschooler Obeys Great Commission

I want to introduce you to another homeschooler, T. J. Slayman. It was five years ago, when T. J. was eighteen, that I first meet the Slayman family. T. J. had finished his schooling several years earlier and was working with mules logging the steep, timbered, limestone ridges that make up most of our local landscape.

For over a year, once a week, I sat down with this charming, but unsaved country family and taught them the word of God. In the spring and fall, we sat around a campfire. In the winter, we sat close to the wood burning stove to keep warm. The kerosene lanterns flickered as we tried to read the words of the Apostle Paul concerning justification by faith.

I was talking to the father, Tom, and was unaware that evening when T. J. first repented toward God and trusted the shed blood of Jesus Christ as payment for his sins.

Since that time, T. J. has demonstrated a singular steadfastness and moral earnestness to serve his Lord. The church has been the center of his activities. Others in the family came to know the Lord, and the whole family is now active in the church.

T. J. responded to the Lord's command to take the gospel to the whole world and, in preparation, went off to Bible college for two years. He returned to continue his studies here in our Bible training



program, and then spent the last year at Bible Baptist Translators in Bowie TX, where he received his BA in linguistics.

He has a burden for the people of Laos. This October, he will be going to Hong Kong to assist in discipling Chinese Christians and in the distribution of gospel literature. During his six month stay, he will make several trips into Laos in preparation for his return.

Here is a bright and talented young man who has gone from homeschool to timber jack, from mule tamer to official arm wrestling champion of his college. He loves his family and the good country life, but he has turned his back on what the world has to offer, has forsaken all, and is carrying his cross to a country where Americans are not well liked and the gospel is mostly unknown. He has the strength of body, the determination of mind, the commitment of soul, and love

in the spirit to do the job to which God has called him. He needs your prayers and your support. In future news letters, we will be following his progress. *

Our Mail Box



Dear Michael and Debi

We wanted to let you know how much we love and appreciate your book! As you can see we are ordering 8

more, so that speaks volumes.

We have read many other child-training books, some very good, but none were as easy to understand and apply. You really were able to totally change our focus. At the risk of sounding too dramatic, you've changed our lives. We loaned our copy to a friend and she said those exact words, too! Our children were actually good (most of the time) but we were frustrated focusing on chastisement not training. My only regret is that I would love to sit down with you and ask a million more questions! May God richly bless you, He is already blessing your book.

Love in Him
Jim and Karol Colwell.



Noah and Elijah on the Mount



Some good friends of mine dropped off their twenty-four-month old son to stay with us for a week while they worked in a youth camp. You can imagine the kind of screaming we expected from this situation. But, when the father introduced us, little Elijah's face became a glow of wonder as he studied my long gray, nearly white, beard and gray hair. Because of the likeness to a picture in a Bible story book his father had been reading to him, He thought I was Noah. I could see right away that he was gratified to finally meet the man who talked with God and made a big boat to save all the animals. I looked into two believing, crystal blue eyes set in a brilliant white cotton ball of blond hair and just knew I was Noah.

Yes sir, for a week, I was Noah the Great. When I got out of his sight, he would call for Noah. When he got up in the morning, he would go through the house calling my new name. When I carried him down to the pond to show him the fish, he

didn't get to sit by me at the dinner table. Like a grandfather, spoiling the kids rotten, I rearranged the whole table for him (well, maybe for me).

I didn't get much cooperation from the rest of the family. On several occasions, I thought I was going to have to ring my daughters' necks for calling me Dad. The kid probably knows that Noah only had sons.

It was great! I got to be a dad for a week. It has been a while. What an opportunity you fathers still have to mold a little fellow into a great man of God. Children are not born with hang-ups, anger, bitterness, or resentment. Such trappings are gleaned from the family in which they are cultured. Neither are they born hard working, kind, considerate, and godly gentlemen. Those character traits are the result of sixteen or eighteen years of conscientious nurturing in the Spirit of God by a pair of loving examples.*



uttered one of his rare words, "Boat?" And not a boat in sight. I think he thought the fish and water were leftovers from the flood; he had already observed animals in the yard.

Later that day, he cried when he

Well, I found out how Paul and Barnabas felt when the people of Lystra were about to do sacrifice to them.



More Mail Box

RULE OF LAW

"Should a mature ten-year-old be allowed to switch a two-year-old if the mother is unavailable, for example, during a temper tantrum?"

If a child is not old enough or mature enough to spank the younger sibling, he is not qualified to be the temporary guardian. A child should never be left in the care of one who is not trusted to assume authority to spank when needed. If you can not trust them to

execute discipline, then you can not trust them to be the primary care taker of your child. If a child is ever left in the presence of one who does not have full authority, then you are allowing the child a dispensation of unrestrained rebellion. When a child says to another, "You can't tell me what to do, you are not my mother," you can be sure the mother can't tell the child what to do either.

True submission comes from the heart and is not restricted to one or two feared authority figures. Every mature person is consciously or

subconsciously aware of an inherent rule of law to which we are all obligated. This is a growing consciousness in children. This understanding is placed in us at creation (Gen 3:22), and is enforced by what we see in nature (Rom 1:19-20), and by a direct moral light from Jesus Christ (John 1:9). The child reared in the Christian family has the added light of Scripture and example.

Same as adults, children are often

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A reader asks, “How do you handle sibling aggression, fighting over toys, etc.? How do they learn to handle situations and not run to mama? How does mama learn not to intervene?”

Firstly, recognize the right of private property. If two families shared the same yard, they would soon fuss over how it is to be used. If six families had joint ownership in one car, how long would they go before fighting? Don't expect your children to show a level of maturity and sacrifice that few adults ever display.

Where it becomes a problem, permit no joint ownership. Do not force a child to give over his rights. The owner has prior rights no matter who had it first. That settles 95% of the conflict before it arises. If there must be joint ownership, then it will have to be handled on a lease bases; it belongs to Jack in

the morning and to Jill in the afternoon, or some other easily manageable plan. We want them to learn to give up their rights, but they can't give up rights which they never have. Giving up is voluntary, which means they can not be pressured into compliance and still reap positive character development. If neither of them has a right to possess it, neither can give over.

To give a child *first come first serve* right to everything in the house is to create a false world view. It makes whiners and breeds aggression and selfishness. It does more for character building to voluntarily recognize someone

else's right and give up the coveted object than it does to get to it first and selfishly possess it for no other reason than a timely possession.

“How do we handle aggression, fighting over toys?” If it is a fussing, pulling match, establish ownership. If there is no owner, lease it out or throw it away.

However, if a child resorts to actual violence, hitting, biting, kicking, shoving, etc., then the violence should be dealt with by rebuke, exhortation, and a thorough spanking. Children must be taught that violence is never an acceptable alternative in personal conflicts. The rod with rebuke is a most effective teacher. *

CONSISTENCY?

A parent describes her dilemma: “I get so frustrated with the children. No matter how many times I tell them or spank them, they just do the same thing again. We just go round' and round'.”

When a parent gives a command in a frenzied state of anger, the children take it seriously only as long as the parent is “hot.” They interpret the parent's commands to be

unreasonable and temporary, lasting only as long as the temper. If however, you give a solemn and forceful command when you are not at all emotionally wrought, the children assume that it is well thought out and not based on a temporary state of mind. When their disobedience does not upset you, but still meets with swift and sure penalty, they will believe they really are under new management. If, and only

Now there's
an idea!



If, you are absolutely consistent, meeting every transgression with swift penalty, they will quickly adapt themselves to the new order. They will do the incredible. They will obey.

You have tried everything else. How about trying consistency? - 100% CONSISTENCY, every day, when it is inconvenient, for their sakes, and for yours.

You need the rest. *

A reader asks: "My three-year-old daughter often screams when she is aggravated by the other children or when she doesn't get her way. Is this normal?

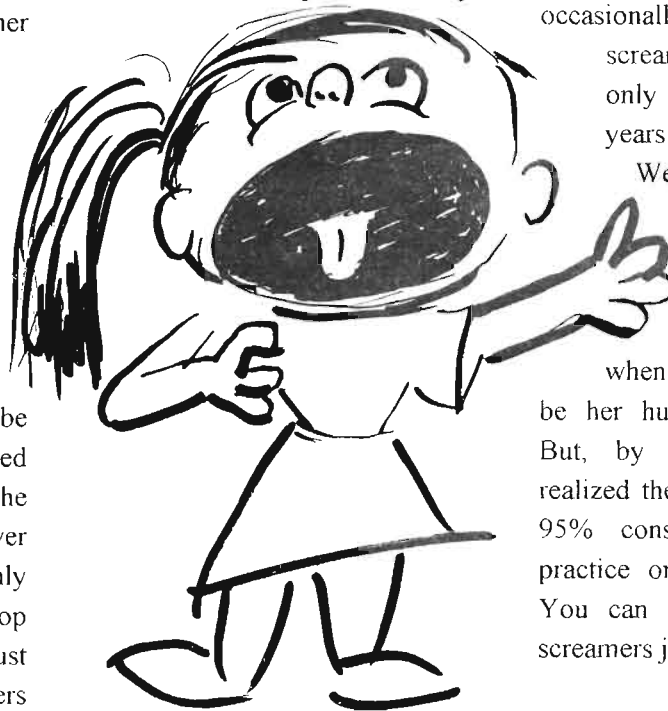
Will she grow out of it?"

It is average, but not normal. She will grow out of the screaming, but it will be replaced by equally ugly adult responses to not getting her way.

It is an easy habit to break. When she starts screaming, before you find out who is at fault, without saying a word, go straight to the switch. Spank her where she stands, and then inquire concerning the problem. Explain to her that the screaming will never again be allowed. When she is convinced that screaming will never get the other children in trouble, never gain her any sympathy, but only get her a spanking, she will stop her screaming. You might just ignore any offense from the others

when she screams; let it always be her fault.

Consistency on your part will break that habit in just a few days.



Never threaten, and never show mercy. One squeak of a scream gets a switching. If you are consistent, four to eight episodes should bring it to an end. If you are 95% consistent and find it more convenient to only warn her occasionally, or if she finds that regardless of the spanking she is occasionally able to get her way by screaming, then it should only take about eighteen years to break the habit.

Well, maybe the habit will not actually be broken, but at least you will not have to listen to her scream when she gets married. It will be her husband's problem then. But, by then, you will have realized the mistake of being only 95% consistent, and you can practice on your grand children. You can be sure, they will be screamers just like their mother.*

Rule Of Law

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tempted to ignore the dictates of conscious and to peruse a course of self-gratification and rebellion. As their understanding of moral obligation emerges, they must be taught and disciplined to follow this law of love and good will. If they are caused to view their obligation as extending no further than their parents, they are given the false impression that their parents are the highest law. They should be taught that there are no exceptions to their obligations; they

are never out from under the law of love, decency, goodness, kindness, respect, etc. No matter who reminds them of their duty, whether it be a younger child or a stranger, they should recognize the authority of a law higher than all earthly authority, and bow in submission. To rebel against another who is attempting to enforce that law is to rebel against God who placed this law in all men.

A ten-year-old ought to be mature enough to discipline a smaller child. If they are not, one of the things that will help them mature is to give them real responsibility over the small child. If you want to breed hostility and cause

divisions in the family, just put a ten-year-old in charge of a four-year-old and forbid the ten-year-old from disciplining the younger child. He or she will despise the rebellious child and resent being put in that position. It is totally irresponsible to all parties involved to place a child under one who's hands are tied. In our house, there was no difference between the parents and the older children in authority over the younger children. I supported the commands of my twelve-year-old over my four-year-old just like I did the commands of my wife.*

Herbs

If I had to choose just one herb to send with Rebekah to the jungles of P.N.G., I would without question send garlic. Scientific research has confirmed the effectiveness of garlic in treating many health abnormalities.

Garlic is presently most popular for its amazing ability to reduce elevated cholesterol levels. A good percentage of middle age and elderly Americans are using garlic to help control high blood pressure and heart disease.

Garlic is an antifungal. Applied topically, it kills a wide range of fungal skin diseases. It has been shown to kill common intestinal parasites such as roundworms and hookworms. Garlic's anti-biotic and anti-bacteria properties have proven to be equal, and in many cases superior to commonly used antibiotics.

Medical science has little to offer when we suffer from a virus, but garlic has demonstrated strong antiviral properties. It has proven to boost one's resistance to contracting flue, and to be effective in fighting the infections if one has already succumbed to the virus.

Everyone nose' that garlic is popular at the Pearl house. We are constantly being fanned

away. To make a topical ointment, I soak a garlic cloves in warm olive oil for 24 hours. For treating ear infection, I put a few drops of the oil in the ear ever few hours. I use this oil for minor abrasions as well as infected insect bites. To treat an ear infection when the garlic ointment is not available, I sometimes just stick a bruised



GARLIC (*Allium sativum*)

clove of garlic right into the outside canal of the ear (not to deeply). For gland infections, I rub the garlic ointment or fresh garlic right on the area over the gland. Garlic has the ability to penetrate through the skin. Sinus infections can also be treated by external application. Rub the fresh garlic or garlic oil

into the skin right over the sinus cavities.

Treating serious infections, viruses, flu, bad colds, etc., I put a clove of garlic and 2 cups of warm water, in a blender and use the strained liquid as an enema. In cases of athletes' foot (fungus), I bathe the feet in the garlic water (blender mixture), dry, and then apply the garlic oil.

As a midwife, if there is any reason to suspect infection, I have the new mother use the garlic enemas and douches. The only caution needed in the use of garlic is to remember it is a powerful remedy. Raw garlic can cause a "burn" on the skin in just a few minutes (skin gets hot and red). It can make your stomach burn if you eat raw garlic. If the enema is too strong or done too often, it can cause discomfort.

For convenience, you can purchase garlic oil capsules. Wal-Mart and most any drug store carries them. If you desire to reduce the odor and taste, you can purchase the "garlic with parsley" capsules. The parsley greatly reduces the odor and flavor.

A simple book that covers the use of garlic, as well as a few other herbs useful in treating children, is: *The ABC Herbal*, by Steven Horne. Some of his other books tend toward New Age, but this one is intelligent. You can order it by phone. (1-800-421-2401).

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:

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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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