



NO GREATER JOY

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

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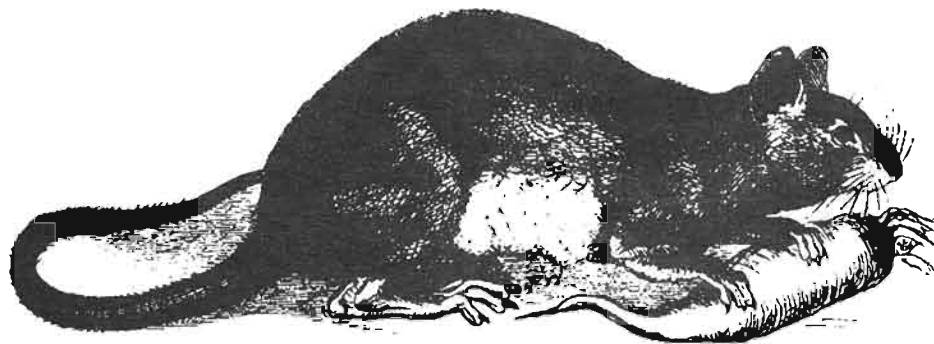
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Some of you have contacted us recently, even sent gifts for the newsletter, but you too must respond if you are going to continue to receive the newsletter.

Assisted by a professional programmer, we have completely revamped our office and our procedures. Under a different data base, we are going to start a fresh mailing list. Everyone who wants to be on our mailing list must respond now, even if you sent in a request just last week. We are sorry for the inconvenience, but we are learning.

If the address on your newsletter is accurate, just peel it off and stick it on the enclosed, pre-addressed envelope. If your address is not accurate, please send a correction. Place a stamp and mail today.

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raise? It will be two or three more years before the direction of the third child becomes obvious. The three small children are untrained, sadly lacking self-discipline, like their older counterparts. How many families like this one? More than I care to acknowledge. Daddy is always gone, trying to make a living. Mom is always sick or tired, so the children are left to themselves. Do they not take seriously the Biblical statement "A child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame?" It takes more than birth to make a saint. It takes a new birth.

As I sit in the airport, waiting to board, I overhear a conversation. A homeschool-looking mother, struggling with several unruly kids, says to another passenger, "And how many children do you have?" The passenger says something I can't hear and the mother responds in a sanctimonious tone, "Really! I have seven, so far." I look around and count. Yes, there are seven. The three-year-old is in the stroller yelling in a loud, angry, demanding voice, "Daddy! Daddy! Daddy! I want to be pushed right now! DADDY!" The shrill voice screeches on and on. But Daddy is trying to make ticket connections while struggling with the five-year-old, who is "having a very bad day." Perhaps he is tired from traveling. Mother is nursing the baby while another child quietly goes through someone else's belongings. The oldest children sit and stare at the TV. I want to stand up and apologize to those in the airport waiting room. "This woman knows not what she does." Instead, I put my head

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I carried my little bag of tools down into the hole where they breed and exist. I had been there before, not to this particular hole, but holes so similar that they all ran together in my mind. A quick check told me the child would be born before morning. The business of the moment held my attention until I could see the head crowning. For a moment, time stood still and I was forcefully reminded of eternity. A sob rushed over me before I could get control, another soul emerging to live forever. Another living being who would spend eternity honoring our Eternal God or suffering in a burning hell. With this realization, my soul wept in understanding of Jesus' declaration, "It had been good for that man if he had not been born (Matthew 26:24)." What chance had this child of living in the light, when all around him the rats that call themselves humanity fight and die?

The fog of despair began to dissipate as the baby moved down the birth canal. As my hands reached forth I felt a stir of pure longing, a prayer pouring from my soul, "Oh God, take this child for thine own. Cause this

Rats

child to know you, to honor you, cause his life to show your mercy and grace." And as I wrapped the baby and put him to the breast of the young girl who was now a mother, God spoke to me, "Your job has only begun: pray, seek to minister, hold them until they know you care, then tell them I care." I took peace in knowing there was hope. But there are so many.

Perhaps it is the seasoning of age that causes me to respond to life's events with either weeping or rejoicing. When one comes in jubilation, proclaiming that a certain family just had their sixth, or seventh, or eighth child, I can only pretend I don't see a sad future. I see their oldest daughter, rebellious, destined for the hole. I wonder if I will be helping her with her first "unplanned" baby. Their second child is a son, overweight and moody. What kind of dad will he make? What kind of sons will he

down and pretend I don't notice. I am so tired of pretending.

What am I trying to say? I am saying that I see Christian, homeschool families, dedicated to having large families, giving birth to children who will have a rat's existence. There is no guarantee of salvation. Your children are not born with your convictions, certainly not your regenerated soul. They come into the world as empty vessels. The children of Christian parents are of the same flesh as those born in the hole of despair. They are equally prone to an animal's existence of eating, drinking, demanding, commanding, taking and using. Their future is tied to the rest of the human race unless you do something radical to alter their course. Home birth, home schooling, not using birth control, modest dress, and making whole wheat bread are not radical enough to save your children from the despair of the damned.

Having sons and daughters is a temporal blessing. Raising children to be sons and daughters of God is a Divine calling. It requires an everyday, all-that-you-have commitment. Don't tell me how many you have birthed; tell me how many are walking in truth. "Well," you say, "they are all under seven years old." Then how many are walking in truth this very day? By example, are you raising them today to be saints of the Living God? Because, it is many todays that make tomorrow. Children don't just naturally become better people. If at two years old they are pitching fits, if at seven they quietly refuse to obey a simple command, then at fourteen they

will be like rats living to gratify their lusts.

The vast majority of people who seek our help seek it for their teenagers. They begin to reap what they have sown when their crop of children are somewhere between twelve and sixteen years old. When we make mention of the disobedience of the two- or seven-year-old they are offended and think we are too picky. I want to shout, "Give me your unbroken vessels; you have already spoiled your teens with years of leaving them to themselves." Why do you think the younger five children will be any better than the two you have already raised?

Remember, your life speaks louder than your words. You can't blame them for not respecting your words when your attitude is repulsive. Who you are at home is who you are inside. The contents of your carefully guarded soul will eventually spill out, and the children are always there to see it. Children are the first ones to spot a hypocrite and the first ones to want to flee from fraudulent, irate religious parents. Have you caused God to stink in the nostrils of you children? It would have been far better for your children if you had never worn the religious cloak than to wear it with dishonor.

The needs of the Christian home are the needs of the church, of the nation, and the world. The world waits on the Church to repent to its God, and the Church waits on the families to live their profession. The families, especially the children, wait on their parents to show the way of truth and holiness—not holi-

ness of doing, but holiness of being, the holiness of love and mercy, of self-discipline and consistence.

You must train them to be self-disciplined. But more than that, you must be living before your children a life so wonderfully different that they can only think of it as the presence and blessing of God. Only then will they hunger and thirst after righteousness instead of what the world has to offer. You can't talk, discipline, or spank children into sainthood. They must be drawn to desire to follow you into the kind of person you would desire them to be. It takes today and everyday, for the rest of your life, all your energy, attention and concentration to raise a child. Are you up to the task? Will you join me with a cry of pure longing, "Oh, God, I repent of all my selfishness and irritability. Teach me to walk with you in the paths of holiness. Take this child for your own. Cause this child to know you, to honor you, cause his life to be an example of your mercy and grace." And will you hear the Savior say, "Your job has just begun?"

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Papua New Guinea

Rebekah Pearl, 23 years old, is still in the Mountains of Papua New Guinea. When our son Nathan recently returned from visiting her, he said she speaks Pidgin freely and can communicate in the Kumboi language on an elementary level. Rebekah went to this semi primitive tribe, where no outsider had ever been, to learn their language and translate Scripture. Several years before she came to the village, one of their own, now called Pastor Allen, walked out to the city, eighty miles away, and heard the gospel. After trusting Christ he studied the Bible and returned to his own people to tell them of Jesus. He has no Bible in his own language and tries to read from a corrupt Pidgin bible. Many of his people have trusted Christ, but they cannot read. They are eager to learn to read the Bible. Rebekah went to translate, not to teach the men. Three months ago, the village elders got together and demanded that she, "Go home and marry and bring back a man to teach them." Pastor Allen even sent back a letter with Nathan telling us that "she must go home and bring back a man." I sent back a letter and told Pastor Allen that we had tried to marry her off, but that she was too picky.

We immediately began to pray a believing prayer that God would provide a family to go with Rebekah and preach the word to these people. In less than three weeks, Milton Martin, an old veteran missionary, called and recommended a young man of his acquaintance. That same day, Dewayne Noel, thirty years old, married to Deanna, parents of three fine children, called to inform me of God's direction in his life. We rejoiced in answered prayer and asked him if he would be ready



Dewayne Noel Family

God's answer to prayer

to leave by September of this year. His church, Faith Baptist Church, in Temple Texas, immediately promised him \$500.00 monthly support. We believe in going out by faith. That means setting a date and believing God to supply the means

They are now living here in Cane Creek going through intensive Bible training. We have six students in class every day. Rebekah will be home soon to help prepare this family with language and culture orientation. I will continue to teach the Bible, mission evangelism, and

church planting.

We are thrilled at this recent development. God used our daughter Rebekah to open up this work and is now sending in a man to teach. The Kumboi people are already building a structure for their Bible school. They are looking forward to learning to read the Bible.

We are also preparing to print 20,000 rugged Bibles in the Pidgin language. This is a newer, far more accurate translation based on the texts of the King James Bible. Several of the "preacher boys" in the village already read Pidgin. They will immediately have a Bible faithful to the inspired word. If you would like to help pay for this Bible publication, your donations will be welcomed. We are getting a special break on the printing cost. The labor will be free, but we must pay for the paper and the binding. We should be able to get the Bibles printed for less than \$1.00 each. We will distribute them to missionaries all over

Papua New Guinea.

Rebekah and the Noel family will travel together to present their work during the months of June, July and August; then they are off to the mountains and the Kumboi people. If your church would like to hear their presentation, contact us immediately. They will also be at our missions camp in July.

Pray for these as they prepare a new assault on the Devil's stronghold. ☺



Kumboi who have committed themselves to attend Bible School put on their best clothes to pose for this picture. They want to learn to read the Bible so they can take the gospel to other villages. We send two missionaries and 1000 Bibles and it will multiply into fifty Bible reading, preaching missionaries who are better equipped than any American will ever be.

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Youth Missions Retreat.

July 22-25, 1997

Are you or your young people interested in obeying our Lord's last words, "*Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?*" If you would like to know more about missions and how you can be a part, how to prepare yourself or your children to go to a foreign country, to a people who have never heard, you are invited to come to what may be the best four days of your life. This is a learning experience.

- **Rebekah Joy Pearl**, our daughter, will fly home from Papua New Guinea for this occasion. She will tell of her work in word, song, slide and video. She will also be shepherding the teenage girls' dorm.
- **T. J. Slayman** will also be flying in from Laos for this conference. He will tell us of the ministry in Laos. He will be managing one of the boys' dorms.
- **Dr. Milton Martin**, an old veteran missionary with many years of experience among primitive tribes will be the main speaker. Through his ministry hundreds of Independent Baptist churches were started among the Indian tribes of Mexico.
- **Shad Williams** is a world missionary, ministering in India, Africa, and the Philippines. He will astound and challenge us with word, song, and pictures of the thousands that have trusted Christ through his ministry.
- **Michael Pearl** will be teaching twice each day, demonstrating the chronological method of teaching the Bible.
- **Steve Schnell**, one of our own, from Bible Baptist Translators in Bowie Texas, will be giving us a sample lesson in Linguistics and Translation. You will learn some of the techniques of language learning and Bible translation.
- **Many other missionaries** will be there to testify of their ministry.

The whole family is invited, but we are particularly interested in teenagers or young adults who have already shown an interest in missions. All Bible believing, fundamental missionaries are invited as well. For those interested in serving God this will be a thrilling experience. This is a how-to of missions.

This is not going to be a family-life or a child training camp. We are not inviting those who are having trouble with their teenagers. They will be bored with the seven hours of programming each day. Don't bring the unsaved or the carnal minded. We want only dedicated young people and adults. There will be recreational activities, but we are not arranging the camp to entertain. **Church youth groups responsibly chaperoned are welcomed.** There will be no baby sitting. You will be responsible to maintain watch on your own children at all times. If your children cannot sit still for two hours at a time, you will be uncomfortable. There will be pick-up for those flying into Nashville Airport.

Camp NaCoMe

We have reserved the most beautiful camp grounds in Tennessee. It is just ten miles from our little community. It is nestled in a valley of giant oak trees with a crystal clear spring creek flowing through the middle of the camp. The stream ends in a deep blue lake sitting right in front of the cabins. The accommodations are grand (in a camp sort of way) and the food is sumptuous.

There are several quarters where whole families can stay together – first come basis. But in most cases, the men and boys will be quartered together and the girls and ladies will be quartered together. The large buildings are divided into small rooms that sleep four to eight with sufficient bath facilities in your own room or building. There are some very nice handicap rooms.

NaCoMe Camp is ten miles SW of Centerville TN, 80 miles west of Nashville, 180 miles east of Memphis. Registration will take place at 3:00 PM Tuesday, the 22nd of July. The camp will end, Friday, July 25th with the noon meal.

Camper tuition

- \$75.00 for each person 12 and older,
- \$45.00 for those 3 - 11.
- No charge for those under three years old.

We are expecting to fill up the 365 beds in the camp. If you desire to register please send a deposit (check) of \$20.00 per adult (12 and older) and \$10.00 per child (3-11 years old). Include the name and age of each person coming and their family status.

If you need more information before registering, we will send it upon request. Just put the word CAMP in large letters on the outside of you envelope. Those who register will receive detailed instructions and a map three weeks before camp.

We need to hear from you right away. Send your deposit today.

Now it is your turn to minister.

You can do what hundreds of others have done. Be a very special friend to someone by giving them a copy of TO TRAIN UP A CHILD. By purchasing eight or more books, you can receive a 40% discount. You can purchase eight books for \$18.64 + \$4.50 S/H. That is just \$2.33 each, for a total of \$23.14. If you cannot afford to give the books, you can do what others are doing and sell them at your cost or at retail price.

Missionary Resources

Read **Bruchko** and discover what it is like for a nineteen-year-old boy to walk alone and unprepared into the dense jungles of the Andes mountains in search of a primitive, savage tribe. He first knew he had found them when he felt their arrows tearing his flesh. This man is still alive and still ministering to the Indians of Colombia.

Read **Lords of the Earth** and see what it is like to stand between two warring tribes with a message of love and peace. They thought he was a god when their arrows wouldn't kill him.

Read **Mission Venezuela** and discover the meaning of culture shock.

See the video **EE Taow!** and weep as you see live footage of a whole village becoming believers in Jesus—all in one day.

NEW

Commandos For Christ, a great book. The true story of the author's experiences as he and fellow missionaries contacted and evangelized primitive tribal people in the remote jungles of Bolivia. It is as exciting and thrilling as it sounds. It keeps you on the edge of your seat.

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- If you only want to buy one simple herb book, Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Herbs might be a good choice. It does not get into any serious healing with herbs but it is interesting and easy to follow.
- If you need one with good pictures to be able to identify herbs Magic and Medicine of Plants, by Readers Digest, is good.

- If you really don't care to grow or identify the herb in the wild but simply want to use them in helping keep your family healthy. The How To Herb Book by Velma Keith and Monteen Gordon is short, simple and to the point.

- If you are a more serious herbalist and really want to learn to use herbs for healing there are several books you will want to have on hand. Herbs that Heal by Michael Weiner, and The Healing Herbs by Castleman are both very helpful. These two authors are well known herbalists and do a lot of writing.

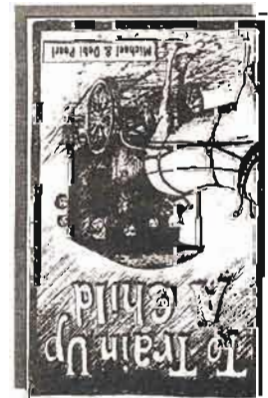
- One book I almost never lend out, because I like to have it on hand at all times, is Nutritional Herbology by Mark Pedersen. This book is not for beginners.

- The ABC Herbal by Steven Horne is helpful for mothers with young children. As I said in the beginning, you need to have the wisdom to throw out the nonsense and use the good practical uses of the herbs. As a mid-wife I have occasionally used Herb, Helps and Pressure Points for Pregnancy and Childbirth by Katherine Tarr.

Almost every herb book you will get has a list somewhere near the back of the book of places where you can order herbs. There is usually a list of seed companies, nurseries for small plants, companies from

which you can buy dry bulk herbs, and a list of companies where you can buy ready to use herbal products. Penn Herb Company, Ltd. 10601 Decatur Road Suite #2, Philadelphia, PA 19154-3293 has a collection of herbal products and dried herbs so you can mix your own. Clark's Natural Herbs, PO Box 12-B, Chaffee, NY 14030 (716) 496-7230, is a small company that has always been helpful to me on an individual basis. Many herb seeds can be found in the flower seed section of your local store. Kitchen herbs such as garlic, sage and thyme are easily found in most department stores. Echinacea is a flower and can be in flower catalogs. Go to the Library and look through the herb books. You will find more sources listed than you could ever use.

In studying herbs I have discovered it is best to concentrate on one or two herbs at a time. For example, go buy some garlic and plant it. Read every thing you can find on how to use garlic in growing and healing, then experiment on yourself or some unsuspecting friend. If I only had one herb to use, and my family's life was at stake, I would most likely choose Garlic. It can destroy the most deadly bacteria, get rid of worms, wipe out a fungus, and season your beans. I bet your local drugstore can't beat that. ☺



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