

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



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Malachi 4:5-6 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

The last verse in the Old Testament is a promise and a warning. It is a promise of a man who will come to prepare the nation of Israel for the coming of Messiah. It is a warning that if his ministry is not successful, God must smite the earth with a curse.

This must be a serious situation to put the whole earth in danger of judgment. Fathers are the target of this ministry. In anticipation of the coming Messiah and to prevent judgment, the greatest need of the nation of Israel was for fathers to properly relate to their children. This was so important that it must be accomplished before the ministry of Christ could be effective.

In the first chapter of the gospel of Luke, the very beginning of the New Testament, the author reminds us of that last promise given over 400 years earlier. "And many of the children of Israel



shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord (Luke 1:16-17)." Luke, moved by the Spirit, adds a note of interpretation to Malachi's promise. He quotes the first

phrase word-for-word, but the second phrase, "turn the hearts of the children to the fathers," he interprets as "turn...the disobedient to the wisdom of the just." He causes us to understand that the children were *disobedient* and the fathers should deal with them by becoming *wise and just*. It was the one crucial condition to prepare the nation to receive Messiah. It is therefore fair to say that at that time the world's greatest need was for fathers to become *wise and just*, thus winning the hearts of their children.

The prominence of this in Scripture and the acuteness of the situation demands that we regard this with utmost seriousness. Most Bible believers are confident that we are once again at a point just prior to Messiah's coming. The Great Tribulation, which precedes the Second Coming, is rightly understood to be the very curse about which Malachi spoke.

This curse is not just an arbitrary event that will occur because it was prophesied to occur. There is a reason why God is provoked to curse the earth, causing great suffering on all its creatures. Malachi called it the "great and

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dreadful day of the LORD." In another place it is called "the day of his great wrath." In Matt. 24, Jesus called it the "great tribulation." It is a day when God's anger is turned loose on sinful mankind.

What great sin would provoke God to such drastic measures? We will find God's perspective quite different from ours. We have a way of standing inside the church, looking out at the spectacular sins, knowing that the judgment of God must fall on THEM at any moment. But "judgment must begin at the house of God." It was John who had the ministry of turning the fathers' hearts, so his message will reveal the fathers' needs. The sin was summed up as lack of justice. Children will turn their hearts to their fathers when fathers are *wise* and *just*.

What does he mean by "the just"? He is not speaking of being justified; there was no such condition in John's day. "Just" describes the relationship fathers sustain to the world in which they live. The fathers were to be just, act just, express justice in their daily dealings. This could only be done through wisdom. The pseudo political justice of our modern socialistic system is no substitute for Biblical justice. Biblical justice is horizontal, the way one acts toward his fellow man, towards his wife, his children, his neighbors, etc. This is

nothing new. It is in fact the theme of the law. "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God (Micah 6:8)?"

Professions and beliefs have nothing to do with justness. Justice is what you DO in regard to others, not what you claim to believe. Most people have never ever considered the relationship between child training and one's duty to his fellow man, but they are inseparable. Children are not trained by words and spoken principles; they are trained by example and principles lived out in daily life. You don't teach a child to be a giver during home devotionals; you teach him to give as he watches you give. You don't teach patience by demanding that he wait; you teach patience by him seeing you wait. Honesty, kindness, mercy, love, purity, all virtues are communicated by example only. Wise fathers are just, and just fathers are a joy to their children. The heart of a child is

won by a father living justly.

John characterized the mentality of the men of his day:

Matt. 11:14 "And if ye will receive *it*, this is Elias, which was for to come.

15 He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

16 But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows,

17 And saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented.

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil.

19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children."

John was calling that nation of fathers to repentance, but they shielded themselves from his message by denigrating the messenger. They expected to set the tone for the messenger and the

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Y2K

We have received a lot of mail concerning the Y2K article in our Aug./Sept. newsletter. We are not experts on farming, chickens, cows, goats, water purifiers, or food storage. If we need information of that kind we go to the library or to an old issue of Countryside magazine. If your interests run in this direction, you should subscribe to Countryside at W11564 Hwy. 64, Withee WI 54498. Subscription rate is presently \$18.00 per year (6 issues per year with over 125 pages per magazine, packed with information). You may call them at 1-800-551-5691, or visit them at web site:

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message. If they "mourned," the messenger was to mourn; if they played music, the messenger was to dance. A man who stays in control never repents. They wanted the prophets to be subject to their viewpoints.

John called on the fathers to repent and become men of wisdom. But rather than preparing themselves to win the hearts of their children, the fathers were acting like children. Instead of repenting they faulted the messenger. The first messenger, the serious ascetic John, would not dance to their tune; he was not part of their tradition. He didn't laugh at their humor, and to him life was as serious as death. The second

messenger, the joyful Christ, would not mourn with them over concerns for their lost status as a nation. He did not use his powers to free them from Rome. Their religious spirit of decrying their poor condition did not take away his joy. He refused to join them in their pretended grief for the poor moral conditions of their time. They enjoyed taking note of how terrible was the moral state, how hopeless the times. If they had lived in our time they would have circulated literature showing the terrible statistics on abortion, teenage pregnancy, the encroachment of liberalism, the rapid loss of religious freedoms, the certain nearness of the Tribulation. They would have talked about how deplorable was the moral plight of out teenagers and how shameful the conduct of our President. They would have been the first to

condemn immoral and unethical behavior. And there they were content to abide. Somehow in their minds, to take note of sin and speak out against it placed them beyond reproof.

It reminds me of Jonah. He assured the wicked Ninevites of their coming destruction and then settled down to comfortably await their damnation from the Almighty. Instead, God continued his work in Jonah's heart. The work today doesn't need to be done in Nineveh, it needs to be done on the hill, above all the sin, under the vine where the "righteous" conduct homeschooling and hold church in anticipation of being outside the cone of destruction when the eminent judgment does fall. To Jonah judgment on Nineveh would have been a kind of vindication for his attitude. Like the devout of our

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From a reader




I have been reading Rebekah's Diary and have been touched by her honesty of feelings and thoughts and God's continual provision. It is so normal to be caught up in this world and its meaningless possessions and daily activities. We are born and trained to care so much about meaningless activities and things. It is probably honoring to God to take proper care of the things He has provided for us - but what about decorating and color coordinating and constantly wanting everything to be in its proper place and feeling so CRAZY when it is not! These things were so modeled for me as a child and it seems insurmountable to just throw these feelings out of my brain. I wish - I pray - that I could care only about honoring God - and not man! I find myself wanting to live longer so I can have time to get better in my life of attempting to honor God.

M. C., from N. C.

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day, his heart was sicker than the sinners of Nineveh (Matt. 12:41).

John's message reveals exactly what he meant by justice.

Luke 3:8-14 "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: [Gen. 18:18] [**Trusting in their religious identity**] for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: (Ps. 1:3) [**the trees represent men, fathers**] every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

10 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

11 He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. [**Benevolence and generosity**]

12 Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do?

13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. [**Honest in business.**]

14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, [**Peaceable**] neither accuse any falsely; [**Do not bear false witness**] and be content with your wages. [**Not greedy of money**]

The first thing we see in John's message is his frontal assault on their defenses. He demanded that they bring forth fruit to match their claim to repentance. They had insulated themselves from his message by a boast of having Abraham as their father. How common it is for fathers to avoid actually obeying by falling back on their profession or religious lineage.

Fruits worthy of repentance

- Not trust in religious identity (Abraham as our father)
- Benevolent and generous—to supply food and clothing to those in need
- Honest in business. They were not to deal under the table, not take bribes, not to cut a deal on the side, not to grease the palms.
- Peaceable—they were not to act in violence and that would include the attitude that accompanies violence or oppression.
- Not bear false witness (not to accuse any falsely)
- Not greedy of possessions (content with your wages) The key word here is *content*. A man who is not economically content has a poor frame of reference.

This list is not the ghastly sins usually associated with the wrath of God, but the very fact that we view them so lightly is proof of our carnality. That we should view social sins so indifferently is an indictment on our respect for our fellow man. Must sin be against one's own body to be reprehensible? Are not sins of neglect or indifference toward our fellowman even more abominable than sins against our own person? If children are raised by a religious father who professes to

walk in righteousness and holds his children to the high principles of religion, but he himself walks in the shadow of injustice, the children will see through it like a clear sky.

Think about it. A father claims that their religion is the right way (Abraham is our father), and he occasionally expresses his disdain for the less informed and not near so dedicated. But in his high standards he passes over the poor and hungry with an air that they are "low class" and "brought it upon themselves." Many families will not dirty themselves with stooping to help the piggish. Just quietly remaining above the fray is indictment against one's self.

Remember when Jesus said that the greatest commandment was to love your neighbor, one standing by asked, "Who is my neighbor?" He was not seeking clarification; he was seeking exemption from involvement. Remember, the Good Samaritan was preceded by a "good" priest and a "good" Jew, who no doubt had good things to attend. But their business kept them from *justice and mercy* ("these ought you to have done, and not to have left the other undone"). Tell me, what difference do you foresee in the two sons, one, the son of the Samaritan who assisted his father in helping the stranger, and the other, the son of the priest who hastened away from the disgusting scene to get back to the safety of decent society? Will the two boys grow up differently? The priest may offer religious instruction, but will it equal the silent

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instruction of the Samaritan who parted with his valuables and his time?

John told them to "exact no more than that which is appointed you." When a son sees his religious father advantaging himself secretly, hiding his action lest discovery prove embarrassing, will that son be prone to always be above board in his dealings with parents, or will he learn to twist the truth and hide the facts? Can that father realistically expect a son to turn his heart over to such a man, even if it is his own father?

John told the fathers that in their quest for justice to "do violence to no man." If a son sees or hears violence coming from his father, animosity, hatred, a get-even aggression, will he believe that his father is the spiritual leader of the home? When does the angry man stop and do his metamorphous into the lowly disciple, the meek man of God? Can he be believed when he speaks of love and patience, mercy and grace? Does the son believe that this father is a praying man? Does he pray for his enemies—like Jesus did? When he is angry and violent towards Mom and the kids, is the son to ignore what he does and still respect him? If you find a son who can respect the unrespectable father, you have found a vein of gold in a garbage dump. If the Messiah came to a nation where the men were all angry and violent, could they be his

disciples and remain violent and angry? If they did would their sons follow them into a "faith" that did not issue in justice?

John told them not to "accuse any falsely." How unjust to bring false accusation. There is but one reason to falsely accuse, and that is to bring the other man down, to hurt his reputation, to hurt him. It is an act of aggression, of dominance. It is a lie told not to gain gold or save your own reputation, but simply to destroy another. Have your children ever suspected that you have misrepresented the truth because you wanted to get back at another person? If you have accused your wife falsely, your children will take up her offense and never forget it as long as they live—or until they see the tears of your repentance wash the soul of your wife.

John said that justice was being "content with your wages." One of the stains on our generation is the working man's conviction that he has a "right" to work. The socialistic mentality is so commonly accepted that it is considered part of democracy, and not socialism at all. Everybody feels they have a "right" to eat from the corporate pie, and most seem to feel that their piece of the pie is not as big as it should be. There was a time when men on the farm sought wealth by working harder or longer hours, or devising some method of doing more in the same period of time. No one owed him anything and he did not expect it. Today there is a general lack of contentment. Fathers everywhere come home from work with sour tales of how

they are misused on the job.

Again, the key word is *content*—content with wages. Lack of contentment makes a man poor on any financial scale. "Godliness with contentment is great gain." There can be no godliness where there is no contentment. A man, who learns to be content in whatever state he is in, is indeed a rich man, and his children will be rich. A man with great means but no contentment is a man of poverty. A poor man who is discontent would be discontent as a rich man. Discontentment is not an economic condition; it is a heart condition, and is therefore only affected by what is within, not the

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spread the message. There are parents out there who need this message of child training. When we do live interviews on the radio it increases our orders significantly. Call your local Christian radio station and tell them you would like to hear a live interview of Michael Pearl and a review of the book *To Train Up A Child*. Send them a book along with your letter. Follow your letter with a phone

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circumstances without.

Children of truly poor families, but raised on smiles, hugs, and a spirit of togetherness, will think they are well off. Kids fed on beans, cabbage, and cornbread will think it is the best stuff in the world. Kids never know they are poor unless someone in the family gripes about it. Outsiders can't make you feel poor. Only family can do that, and Daddy can do it better than anyone. If Daddy is not content, if he is always worried about money, always talking about getting more for the family, then the kids not only do without many things, but they have to do without Daddy as well. Daddies caught up in discontentment will never win the heart of their children, and they will never have anything in their own hearts that their children will desire. Economic discontentment will eat all your joy, all your hope; it will silence your song, put a drag in your feet, cause you to close in on yourself and grow bitter in thought of what should be. In fact, economic discontentment will keep a man poor because it burns up his creative energies and takes away his hope.

I know what I am talking about because I was raised as poor as the cracks in the walls that left my bed with thin crusts of snow. I remember one Sunday evening as we were leaving church, my family rejoiced over finding a slab of salt meat in the front seat of the old Model T Ford. When we came home to a one-room house with no insula-

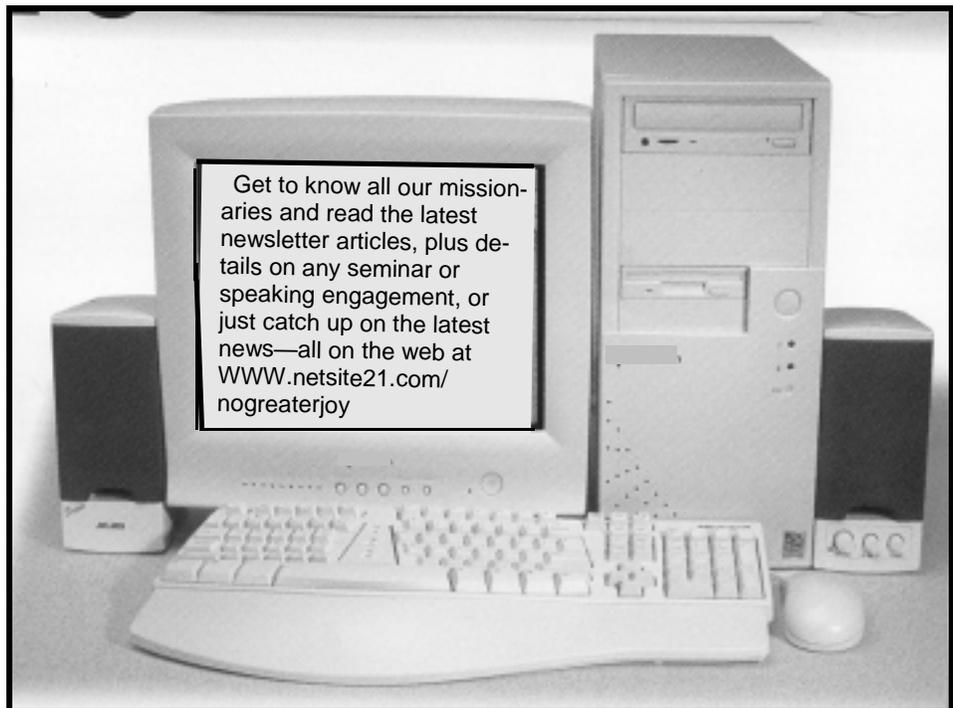
tion and tried to get a fire started, I didn't know we were poor. When I was fortunate enough to get one new pair of pants at the beginning of each school year, I didn't know we were poor. Everybody seemed happy. I was happy. I was grown, had completed college, and was well traveled before it dawned on me that we had been poor most of my youth. I can remember my Daddy writing poetry by the light of a kerosene lantern. At night with a blanket covering our legs to stay warm, Mama read Bible stories from an old book with only a few line illustrations. But believe me, there was nothing better anywhere.

My Daddy was not a perfect man, but I didn't know that when I was young. He has been dead now for 20 years, but I still remember him as the most just man

I have ever known.

Fathers, do you have a heart to which your children would want to turn? If you seek to turn your heart toward your children will they shut you out, or welcome you? If they would shut you out it is your responsibility to "repent and bring forth fruits meet for repentance." The disobedient will turn to the "wisdom of the just." It is yours to become an example of justice.

John said, "But wisdom is justified of her children." Wise fathers are just men, benevolent men, kind men. They will raise just children. The final tally is taken in the fruit. **Wisdom** (wise fathers) **is justified** (vindicated—demonstrated to be in fact wise) **of her children** (your children will demonstrate your justice and extol your wisdom in the practice of their own lives.).



To the Uttermost and then some

"Sister Rebekah, this morning my daughter Ana was reading to me the verse that says we shall be witnesses unto Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth. I don't know where all these other places are, but I was thinking that we must be the Uttermost. Are we the Uttermost, Sister Rebekah?" Papa Jashun rocked on his heels as he squatted there in the smoke by the kamp korip fire. The chickens squawked in alarm as his brother Tombi waved an expressive arm and answered Jashun's question before I could reply.

"Ami Akai! What makes you think we're the Uttermost, Jashun?"

I laughed as Mama Waina spat toward the dirt floor and managed to hit a piglet right between the eyes.

"If we're not the Uttermost, who is?" she asked reasonably. "Rebekah was the first white woman we ever saw, and it took the gospel of Jesus Christ 2,000 years to get to us." Jashun turned his cassava root and kawkaw over in the coals before he answered smugly.

"I know some people that are more Uttermost than we are. I heard some of the boys talking the other day about a new place they found while they were hunting seven days walk from here. They

found some people that are so uncivilized they don't even know how to make fire, and they don't wear any clothes at all." The others squatting around the fire all gasped in amazement and I eyed Jashun's skimpy loin cloth with wry humor.



"I guess it's up to us to take the gospel to them then, huh?" Said Tombi. "There's no way a white missionary would ever be able to bring them the gospel, but we could probably do it." We huddled there in the smoke of the kamp korip house another hour or so while they discussed how to go about reaching the Uttermost, and my mind went back to the way God had brought me here among them, the Kumboi Christians.

I am the daughter of Michael and Debi Pearl and have been homeschooled from the time I was three years old. When still children, my siblings and I were

continually exposed to missions as our parents took us on short term trips into Mexico and Central America. Our homeschooling was aimed at preparing us to be equipped in ministry, not worldly success. I took my first trip to Papua New Guinea when I was seventeen with New Tribes Missions, and felt like the Lord would have me return some day to this beautiful jungle island with its some 800 language groups. Back

in the U.S. I prepared with Bible school at home and with linguistic training at Baptist Bible Translators Institute in Bowie, Texas. It wasn't until July of 1996 that I returned to stay among the Kumboi people and begin language learning. The story of how I found them - or how they found me - is recorded in my Diary of the first year. But God had already visited the Kumboi people and there was a group of Christians there welcoming me to live among them while I taught literacy and Sunday school. The first year was one of much laughter and tears as we learned to know each other and the God that had brought us together. They told me that they had been praying for many years that God would send them someone to teach them the Bible, so I began to pray with them that God would send a man that could teach the Kumboi men the Word of God. How that prayer was answered with the arrival of Dewayne and Deanna Noel and their three children is also recorded in my Diary. As the Noel

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Uttermost...

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family took over the ministry there it seemed I was no longer needed. One day some of the villagers came to me.

"Sista Rebekah, mipela i save olsem, God i bin salim yu long brukim graun, tasol nau wok bilong yu i pinis. Olsem God bai salim yu long narapela hap. Mipela i tok tenkyu long yu na bel bilong yumi i pas wantaim insait long Kraist. Mipela bai lukim yu long Heven." ("Sister Rebekah, we understand that God sent you here first to break the ground, and now your work is finished. Therefore God will call you to another place. We want to say thank you and that our hearts and your heart are bound together forever in Christ. We will see you in Heaven.") I did not know at that time where God would have me go next, and there followed four months of prayer and searching before I finally got some direction.

By the time you read this, I will be in Israel working at Bethel Youth Hostel. It is a Christian hostel run by Paul and Traci Valerio, a place where foreigners from all over the world come to stay while they tour the area. Bethel is advertised in travel books as a place for people to stay that are interested in God or religion. Literature and Bibles in dozens of languages are available at no cost for those who pass through. The staff are always available to talk (witness) to any-

one interested. Many of the people that come through there are on a quest looking for God, disillusioned with life and ready for answers. I spent a couple of weeks there once and was blessed to see the fruitfulness of the ministry. While I was there I met a man that is now involved full time with *Jews for Jesus*. Ten years earlier he had come to know Messiah right there at Bethel. He first came there from China where he had spent some months in a monastery, seeking enlightenment with the Buddhist priests. He

Oh, 'tis sweet when He is near
To hark the voice I've strained to hear
To clasp His will against my breast
And put my troubled mind at rest!

Oh, its sweet to know what's true
Exactly what I'm meant to do
To have my faith's reward in sight
And greet the morning after night!

Oh, its sweet to know I know
How and when and where to go
To boldly run through open doors
And then to walk by faith once more!

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found no answers until he came to Bethel and was led to the Lord by Paul Valerio. There are countless others with similar testimonies. Another guy from Canada came through while I was there and saw the free Bibles on the counter. "Cool," he said, "can I have one? I've never had a Bible. What should I read first?" "Try the book of Mark," I said, and

showed him where it was. He came back two hours later having read the whole book of Mark. "Wow! Jesus is so cool! How come I've never heard about this before? Is it all true? What should I read next?" He stayed for a week and read the book of John and many of the Old Testament stories while Paul had Bible studies with him every afternoon. After struggling to witness to some of the people I've met in America, talking to the diversity of foreigners that came through Bethel that week was like hoeing soft, fertile soil instead of solid stone. I'm looking forward to working with the women's dorm, ministering to the wide variety of girls that stay there. I'll be scrubbing floors, washing sheets, and cooking meals, which will keep me busy in the mornings. It will be entirely different from the jungle setting I've been used to the last couple of years, but I am really looking forward to it and rejoice in yet another chance to do the will of God. ☺

You may write Rebekah at the following address.

Beka Pearl
Bethel Youth Hostel

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On the front lines

The Schnells arrived in Cambodia in late August, and are now settled in Kampot. Steve reports that his Khmer language study is going well with the help of his Cambodian teacher, Neang Po. Po has been saved about two months and is eager to learn the Word of God.

Bible training classes have begun with the invaluable help of Nyat, a language helper and main translator. The classes are open to all, but they have been targeting a group of about eight men, all of whom profess to be saved, but lack foundational teaching. Steve is teaching them the Bible chronologically with the belief that the gospel will have a far greater impact once they understand it in light of the whole Bible. Each of these men comes from an area where there is a pocket of believers struggling against pressures of Buddhism from family, friends, and the monks. They are very poor, and some travel over one hour, and others walk several kilometers and then hire a ride to get to Bible study four nights each week. Our goal is to get them to go back to their areas and teach what they have learned. Some people in these places cannot read or write. One man cried all the way through as he listened to the book of Luke in Khmer on cassette tape. A good translation of the whole New Testament is available in the Kmer language for about

\$35.00. Some funds have already been given to purchase simple cassette players.

Pray for these men, Po and Nyat, as they labor together for the sake of the Gospel. You may write to the Schnells at the following address.

Stephen W. Schnell
Phum Kampong Bay
Khym Kampong Bay
Kampong Bay District
Kampot Province
Kingdom of Cambodia

Never send money overseas. I can assure you that it will never get to the address on the envelope.

Shelby Josephine Noel was born October 17th in the mountains of Papua New Guinea. The tribespeople asked if they could give her another name, Aikram, which means *sister of the headwater*. Everything went well with the birth. Mother and daughter are doing fine.

God has sent two more answers to prayer. When the call went out for prayer in regard to the Ross River fever Dewayne had contracted, the answer was immediate. All the fever, aching, dizziness, etc., stopped completely! Dewayne says, "It is the prayers of the saints at home that affect the life of the missionary on the field for the better, not the faith of the missionary."

The second blessing is that a young man, Michael Braband plans to come by the end of the

year to help Dewayne with the increasing ministry. Pray that God will undertake for his visa.

Dewayne's grasp of the language is such that he has been able to preach many sermons in Pidgin, both in Aikrom and Madang. He no longer uses a language interpreter. He has had the opportunity to lead two young men to the Lord using a mix of Pidgin and English, which they

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understood fairly well. Dewayne has already started his Bible school with over 25 eager students.

Deanna is staying busy teaching children's Sunday school, ladies Bible class, and ladies prayer class. She is also learning sign language with the other women in the village so that all will be able to communicate with the two deaf girls that live there.

A visit from seven men from Spring City Baptist Church in Cleveland, Virginia was a real blessing to the Noels. They brought some much needed tools and hardware to Dewayne, treats for the children, and cookware and encouragement for Deanna.

The children are also doing well. Dewayne reports that there have been no serious illnesses, no life threatening accidents, and no bad words picked up at school. And you thought *they* lived among the heathen!

T. J. Slayman is still in Laos and doing well. He has finally completed his schooling and has an excellent working knowledge of the language. His understanding of the language ranges from the everyday street language to the political and religious. It's been a big accomplishment for him, and he is very thankful that God has helped him through it.

He will be going to Bangkok the first of November to the Laos National Day of Prayer meeting. This will be his third time to at-

tend this meeting and he is always very encouraged by all the other pastors and men that attend. Men come from all over the world to attend, and the ministry benefits from meeting new people and making new contacts.

He will also be assisting Milton Martin in Bangkok in December, distributing tracts at the Asian Olympics. He is looking forward to assisting in the distribution of literature in scores of different languages. All Asian countries will be represented, and literature will be available in languages for nearly everyone in attendance. In addition to Laotian, T.J. has a fairly good understanding of the Thai language, so he will be able to communicate with both nationalities.

After the first of the year, he will be starting on a re-translation of the New Testament. He will depend heavily on national Christians who know their own language and culture well. The New Testament they now have is a very poor translation, lending itself to much misunderstanding. He has already started reviewing the changes that need to be made to bring it in line with the oldest and best manuscripts as represented in the Authorized Version. Please pray for him during this endeavor. It will be a big project.

The economy in Laos is still shaky. It has stabilized some, but T. J. says that crime (which was virtually non-existent) is "starting to show it's ugly face."

Please continue to pray for T. J. and his health. He finally realized his stomach problems were

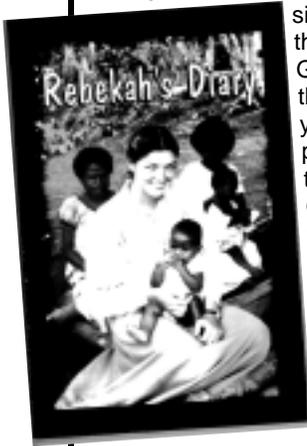
coming from eating MSG. Since he has eliminated it from his diet, he is feeling much better.

Please continue to pray for the country of Laos. With Christmas coming, they are getting ready for a big show. It is one of the few times of year that they can openly evangelize and tell people about Christ Jesus. T. J. has always found this time of year very rewarding and profitable for

Children Don't Wait

Children don't wait for you to call it training before they learn their lessons. They don't weigh words against actions and make value judgments based on a philosophical standard. Their philosophy or worldview comes out of your life, not your words. Children are not sophisticated enough to separate values from practice. Their worldview does not yet demand that they maintain a reputation different from their values. They are less likely to pay attention to lectures and more likely to emulate everyday behavior. Children intuitively know something that adults are not willing to face: Our real beliefs and convictions, our true values, are expressed in what we actually do when we are not on guard, when we are relaxed, when no one is looking. Everyday reality is what they emulate, not our pious platitudes. ☺

Read the rest of the story. Rebekah Pearl, the daughter of Michael and Debi Pearl is a missionary to a primitive tribe in the highlands of Papua New Guinea. Now you can read the daily chronicle of her first year among the Kumboi people. This 112 page book tells the awesome story of God's guidance and protection as a 22-year-old girl, all alone where no white person had ever been, sought to adapt to a primitive culture, learn two languages, and translate Scripture. See Rebekah in her village setting through several pages of photographs.

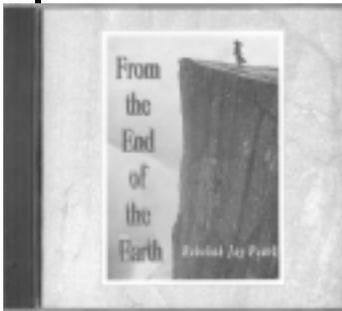


Written over a period of two years, the questions the Pearls were most asked are answered in this 104 page book. It contains 48 individual articles, each on a separate subject. It's full of real life humorous stories illustrating the Biblical approach to training children.

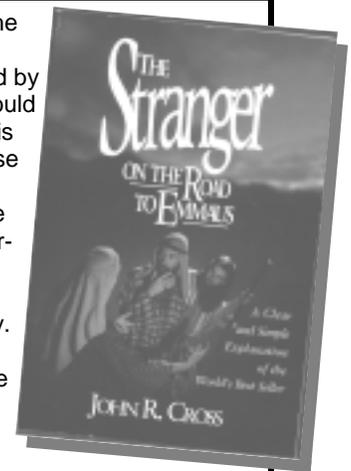
- ◆ How can I teach my children to share, to give up rights?
- ◆ How do I get my children to sit still in church?
- ◆ How do I stop being angry with my children?
- ◆ What can I do about sibling rivalry?
- ◆ Is it too late for my teenagers?
- ◆ How do I take the frustration out of



From the End of the Earth comes a song by Rebekah Pearl. All alone in a bamboo hut on the top of a mountain, the first white person ever seen by this Kumboi village, Rebekah writes and sings songs about her God. Rebekah accompanies herself on a classical guitar. This is not contemporary music. It is inspired by her walk of faith.



If you have heard of the chronological method of teaching now being used by missionaries and you would like to know more, here is your chance. This concise 318-page book by John Cross is ideal for anyone that wants to get an overview of the whole Bible and to understand its message chronologically. It is simple, well illustrated, and straight to the point. It is a great guide for parents who want to teach their children the message of the Bible.



Great Book

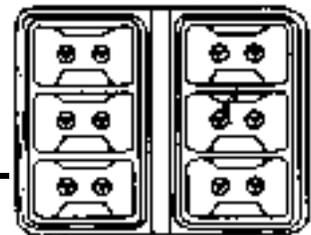
Me? Obey Him? Debi Pearl says, "When I was a young bride I read *Me? Obey Him?* By Mrs. Elizabeth Rice Hanford. I can still remember the surprise and joy I experienced in 'trying out' what I had read. I know God used this book to help make my marriage, thus my ministry, what it is today. May God bless you thus as you read it." *Debi Pearl*

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Michael Pearl reads both books (To Train Up A Child & No Greater Joy Volume 1). Six tapes in a vinyl album for a gift of \$18.00.



Project whole world

If you received our last newsletter you already know of Project Whole World. It is our joy to be able to do something on this scale. We know what our job is. It is to take the message of Christ to every soul in the world. The church is running behind schedule. There are many ways to do the job. God has given us a vision for the use of literature, especially illustrated. There have been times that I have been ashamed of the quality of material we pass off on those who are being exposed to the message for the first time.

We are well aware of the value of the chronological approach to evangelism and church planting. So we are producing a large illustrated book of approximately 300 pages. Starting in the book of Genesis and dealing with the major events of the Bible and history, we will tell the story all the way through to the present and until the beginning of eternity. There is enough information in this book that if it is the only exposure a man gets it will be sufficient for him to understand God, the law, the nature of man, sin, Christ, the church, the great commission, the second coming and judgment and rewards. Through reading this book alone

a man should be able to get saved, and become a missionary to his own people, starting the church in his own culture.

It will be glue bound, and although black and white, it will be impressive to the foreign reader. We are using one of the best "comic book" artists in the world. Since getting saved he has dedi-



A Sample of the art from a book of 300 pages

cated his talents to God and we have hired him full time to produce this marvelous message in pictures. Michael Pearl is writing the script and directing the artwork. We have hired another man, Gary Hill, full time to work on the computer, adding grey scale and text. He will also be

working with foreign languages arranging for the translations to be done and then importing the text into the art work. It will cost us about \$70- to \$80,000.00 to get this ready for the printer in English. We have already received two large gifts of several thousand dollars each and many smaller gifts. God always provides for His work done His way.

Our goal is to make this available in any and every language around the world. Where it is necessary, we will print the foreign language editions here and have them shipped, but in most cases we expect to have them printed in the country where they will be distributed. The originals will be made available at no cost to any Bible believer in the world who will print and distribute them. As God provides, we will continue to finance foreign printing and shipping.

Please pray for the Pearl family and for our unnamed artist. I will tell you his name and give you his address when he has about completed this project. I do not want him burdened down with other work before he finishes this job. Pray that he and his family will remain in good health and that the attacks of Satan will be deflected from all of us who are involved in this great work. ☺

From our Readers

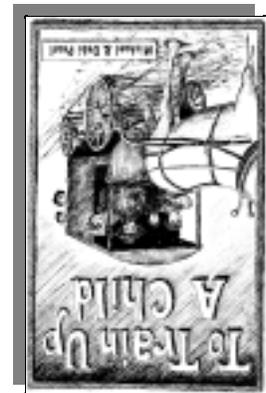


Dear Pearls,

Thank You! Your book turned my 5-year-old from a sullen, angry, joyless child who kicked me and even hit me once to a joyful, childlike, happy boy who continually tells me he loves me. We are still working on the obedience—he had his way a long time—but it is getting much better. However, I occasionally become impatient and angry, and I want that to stop. I hate being angry at him—it is not from God. I know. I also know it has to do with my lack of obedience to my husband; it seems totally unfair and even wrong, some of the things he wants me to do. I am willing to learn and repent though. In a newsletter there was a letter to you that mentioned one of your articles, "Carnal Husbands" also one on the Joy of the Lord. Could you send those to me with the books I've ordered. Thank you again!
BS from CA

Dear Michael & Debi,

I wanted to share with you how you have helped me. One of the things you taught me was to quit making excuses for my son's behavior and do something about it. One day after reading your book he and I were struggling through another lesson when I had enough and told him that he was grounded for the rest of the day and had to sit on his bed. He hates to do that but he is willing to if it means getting out of reading. Then the words of your book came to me. I realized that he just did not want to read, not that he couldn't so I made him come back in there and do that lesson. I then made him do it again and again and told him every time he stalled whined or tried to get out of reading he would have to read more. It worked. His reading has improved more in the last 4 weeks than in the whole first grade.



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