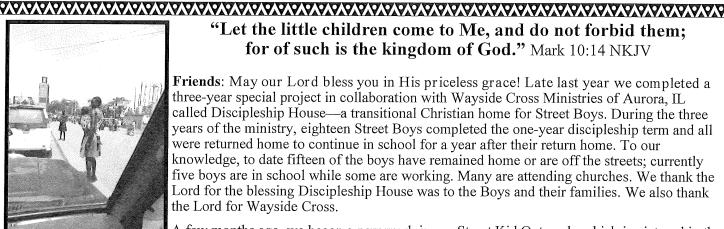


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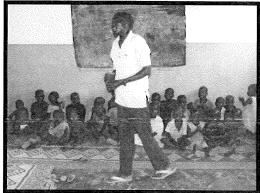
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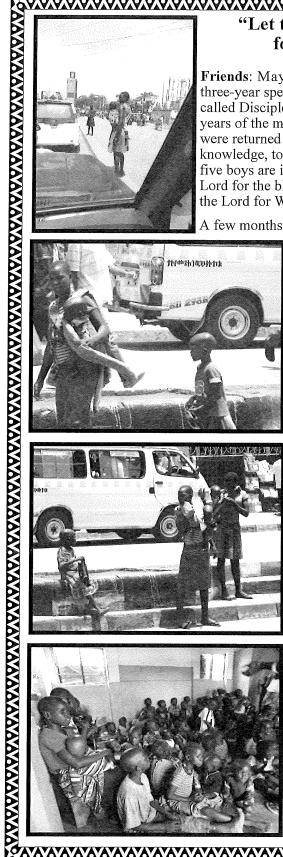
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### KAPPY'S CORNER—The River

It was a hot day. We had been in the car for hours when Jim pulled up beside the river. Stepping out, we were immediately surrounded by the peace and tranquility of that place. As my husband waded up the river to see what was around the bend, I settled down in the shade of a shrub and surveyed my surroundings. A sheer cliff of stone stood on my right, so tall it was hard to see the top. A thick forest, nourished by the river, stood on the opposite shore. At my feet the stream seemed to stand still—smooth, unbroken and thick—like a crystal clear covering of glass over the boulders embedded in the river. A small twig, a leaf or two, floated past as a testimony that the river was truly flowing, flowing endlessly toward its destination. It struck me that the water that was there a second ago was gone, replaced by new water, and in the time it took to think that thought the water in front of me had been replaced many times over. A sudden breeze brought a delicious scent. I looked for the source and found that I was sitting close to a bush covered with small blossoms. I sat and drank it in. When Jim returned from exploring, evening was approaching; it was time to get back to the valley.

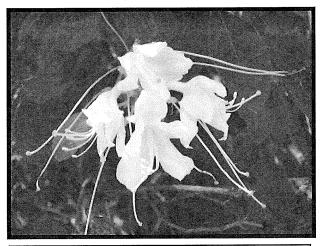
As much as I would like to relive that river-side experience, I can never really get it back. Even if I traveled to the same spot beside that river, it could never be the same. Like the water rushing down that river bed, the moment is gone. It's nothing more now than a beautiful but imperfect memory. But I have something better than a memory. I have the eternal Source of Living Water living inside me. When I'm spiritually dry and feeling particularly dusty, there is no need to travel to any location on earth to experience His renewal and refreshment. Just where I am, in whatever season of life, I can ask the Lord to direct my heart into the love of God and the

steadfastness of Christ—and let it wash over my soul in

crystal purity.

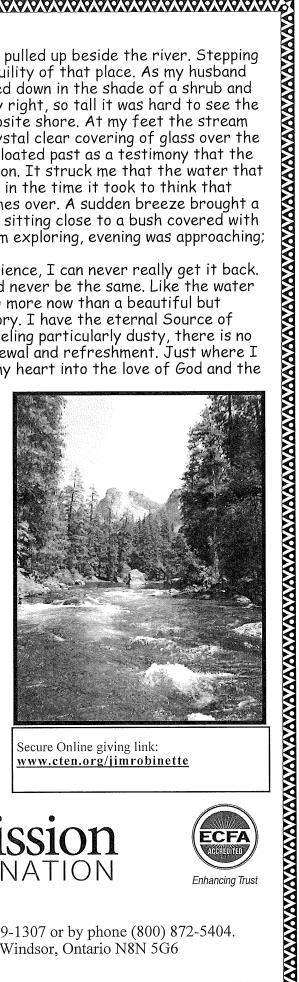
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