

VON TRAPP FAMILY

Life in America

Singing and Tours in America

From The Green Mountains To The South Pacific

While the Trapp Family Singers were on tour in Australia they visited the home of Archbishop Carboni who oversaw the mission station in the South Pacific. He shared slides and stories of the missions located throughout the islands of the South Pacific to a captive Trapp Family. He asked the family to consider missionary work when they were no longer involved with concert touring.

One year later in 1957, the Music Camp was closed and Trapp Family Singers twenty years of performing and touring came to an end. The children were getting married and following their own professional interests. While Maria and three of her children, Maria, Rosemarie and Johannes along with Father Wasner traveled to the South Pacific to begin missionary work. They first went together to New Guinea. Maria and Rosemarie became teachers and Johannes helped build two new schoolhouses and a church. Maria and Father Wasner were asked by the Archbishop to travel for a year throughout the islands to observe and report the needs of the people. The interesting details of their lives in the South Pacific can be found in Maria's book, *Maria, My Own Story*

