

Travelling Amish

I was spending the day at a minister's farm, and we had been working in the field since early morning. It was getting close to suppertime. One of the neighbouring Amish came over to borrow farm equipment and told us that he thought some Amish from Ohio were on their way to visit in this district. He proved to be right, as a van full of Amish from Ohio soon pulled up in the driveway. Out came a minister and his family, and they asked if we could have them for supper. They gave us two hours to prepare the meal, which was very little time considering the van was full and there were quite a few people living on the farm as well. But the host family agreed and preparations started for the meal. In the meantime the visitors left to visit other Amish. We had very little time, and worked as quickly as we could. And, despite what I had thought in the first place, we made it. By the time the minister came back with his family, the tables were set for 24 persons and supper was ready to be served. I must admit that after the visitors left that night I felt like being a part of a giant "Amish drive-thru". It turns out that this is a common feature, as "travelling" Amish from far away expect to be welcomed at other Amish homes regardless.