

EUROPE'S EARLY EXPLOSIONS!

HOW WE SPREAD OVER EUROPE COUNTRY BY COUNTRY!

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PIONEERING OF ENGLAND

IN JULY 1971 THE JESUS REVOLUTION HIT ENGLAND! Faithy, Jonas, Dutch Ben & Miriam, Apollos & Lois arrived & Faithy was able to stand up for the faith during a panel discussion when countered by some British intellectuals & stuffy Church officials, televised throughout England. The reaction from this one show brought a rash of phone calls so the team soon had openings in churches

throughout the country within days of their arrival, where they would sing, give their testimonies & show the NBC Film "First Tuesday".

THEIR BURDEN WAS TO TAKE THE MESSAGE OF JESUS TO THE YOUTH so they were soon engaged in long witnessing days at Trafalgar Square & Picadilly Circus where international travellers & hippies congregated in downtown London.

WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF FIRST LANDING IN

ENGLAND, FRENCH JOSEPH JOINED THE TEAM, but since their Polish landlady, Mama Helen, didn't take too kindly to hippies, Jonas had to sleep out in St. James Park along with their first new disciple.

THE LORD SOON OPENED THE DOOR OF A LONDON CITY MISSION in Bermondsey through some kindly church people who also gave them the use of another little cottage in Horsmonden; Hop-pickers Medical Mission near Tunbridge Wells, which became the first Babes Ranch (& the following year was graced with the presence of Dad & Maria who stayed there for a few months!)

HOSEA & ESTHER, MIGUEL & TIRAS SOON ARRIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES followed by a small team of others, most of whom spoke foreign languages: Becky, Eliaphaz & Grecia, Ready & Prisca, Mash, Jocabed, Darkon & Elisha--& these went on within time to pioneer yet other countries!

THE FIRST ENGLISH DISCIPLE TO JOIN WAS SAMSON, followed by Ara & later Samson's brother, Michaliah. Samson & Michaliah's father, Mr. Frampton, gave the Family the use of a portion of an old factory in Bromley which the Family inhabited at the end of that summer. As their population expanded, they were soon given the use of the remainder of the factory, which was fixed up into office & living quarters. Mr. Frampton also gave them the use of an island he owned in Northern Scotland, which was used for a Babes Ranch, & later that Fall two other houses located at Chinbrook Road, to which we later moved our printing & publications.

BY THIS TIME THE FAMILY HAD ACQUIRED TWO OLD DOUBLE-DECKER BUSES that soon became familiar sights around Trafalgar Square & Picadilly Circus. As well every Sunday at Hyde Park, these bright yellow buses, emblazoned with "The Jesus Revolution" in startling red, would pull up & spill forth with Family members with guitars who would converge upon the crowds, already singing "The Children Are On Their Way!"

THOSE FIRST MONTHS IN LONDON RESULTED IN A WITNESSING EXPLOSION which made "disciples of all nations", with almost every

HOLLAND

DUTCH BEN, WHO JOINED IN AMERICA--the first foreign disciple to join the Family, & his lovely wife, Mirjam, also of Dutch descent, were on the first team to Europe which arrived in London in the Summer of 1971. With Falthy's pioneering encouragement, shortly thereafter they left London to pioneer their home country of Holland, first visiting with Ben's parents in a small vil-

witnessing invasion resulting in potential new disciples! Besides French Joseph, there was Solomon from Liberia, Johanon from New Zealand, Thomas from Mauritius, Theophilus & Zebediah from Australia, as well as English missionaries Joseph & Mary (Joseph had been born in Pakistan), Gibeon, & Sarah Ireland, German Sheriah, Lukas & Onesimus, Canadians Hosanna & Gamaliel, Adam, who had been living in Kenya, Kezia from the U.S.A., Beno from Malta, Taberah & Rebekah Red from South Africa, as well as Swiss Nashon, Swedish Dorkas & Cheribum from Scotland & others!

MUCH NATIONAL FRUIT WAS ALSO BORNE AS Thaddeus, Bartimeus, Daniel, Joel, Sammy Samaritan, James, Carshena, Michaei, Jacob & Rachel, Cabbon, Giddel & many, many others joined!

EACH EVENING IN BROMLEY AS THE FAMILY GOT TOGETHER FOR SNACK, AFTER A SPIRIT-FILLED INSPIRATION, PRAYER & LOVE FEAST, sitting on the only furniture in the room--a huge pipe skirting the baseboards--the evidence of how the Lord was adding to the Church daily was manifested by how far down the pipe the seating arrangement extended! There were soon close to a hundred in the old Bromley factory & so much of the leadership was continually being skimmed off to pioneer other European countries, that these new babes were put right to work teaching others to teach others!

BY THE END OF THE YEAR NEW TEAMS HEADED BY NEW YOUNG LEADERS HAD BRANCHED OUT INTO SCOTLAND & IRELAND, as well as other English cities, as Dad had instructed in our divide-&-conquer colonisation tactics.

ENGLAND WAS INDEED THE MAJOR STAGING GROUND FOR THE ONSLAUGHT OF EUROPE. "From this first beach head, we spread to the next nearest target area as rapidly as possible, like stepping stones...Just as soon as each new Colony was established & going under good leadership, the pioneers moved on to the next!" (#151:29) Many of these new disciples won in London were on the pioneer teams which branched into the rest of Europe as our world conquest of love rapidly spread from country to country!

lage. Soon to join them from London was American Inspirationalist Jonas, & the very first disciple won in Europe, French Joseph.

JONAS & JOSEPH LIVED RIGHT IN VONDEL PARK AMONGST THE HIPPIES, where Ready & Prisca joined them in early June '71. Holland has been renowned for years for its open Socialistic attitude towards youth & various organisations & cults, & the city of Amsterdam opened their central Vondel Park to the hippies, who would gather there from around the World to not only congregate to

do drugs, play music etc., but also eat & sleep, as the government even supplied public bath houses for their use! The team of six Children of God continued daily with personal & musical witnessing from early morning till late every night!

BEN & MIRJAM MEANWHILE HAD MADE CONTACT WITH A WOMAN WHO BECAME OUR DUTCH QUEEN, an eccentric widow named Elsa who lived in a huge house right off the Vondel Park & who opened her house to Ben & Mirjam to live with her. Ready & Prisca also sometimes stayed with Elsa as did dear Faithy, who came to help boost & shepherd & pioneer this very important city, although much of the time Faithy & the rest of the team slept in their sleeping bags in the park amongst the hippies. This of course was an exceptional sample to Queen Elsa, who wondered how much or how far we'd go to reach the lost. It was truly Faithy's sample of fulltime witnessing & her burden to reap this harvest field that kept Amsterdam the fruitful witnessing & training base it was for the next several years!

AFTER SLEEPING IN THE PARK, "CRACKED" HOUSES & AMSTERDAM'S FAMOUS "SLEEP-INS", the team was given the use of an attic portion of a night club & more help joined them, such as American Jacobed & the first disciples won in Amsterdam's famous Dam Square: French-Canadian Gideon, American Ruhamah, Hawaiian Arnon & American Shalom.

DUTCH BEN COMBED THE CITY FOR A NEW LIVING LOCATION & TTL, found one right off the main streets of Amsterdam along the canal--the famous Children of God headquarters in Amsterdam for the next several years--Kerkstraat 7. A Christian King let us use the house for years & later donated a printing press plus the use of his printshop to help us print the message. The team was thrilled beyond measure to have a stable roof over their heads & the building was almost just that--a roof--with only the main walls & pillars remaining, but lacking any solid floors within the three-story tall, thin building which was only as wide as two windows! Ben, a tried & proven carpenter, got busy provisioning all the materials & working on building up that house, along with our first few new disciples, including Belgian Lazarus & German brothers Erastus & Lambflock (ex-"Wolfgang"!)

IN ONLY SEVERAL WEEKS' TIME THE DETERIORATED BUILDING WAS RECONDITIONED, soon to accommodate literally hundreds of God's children & visitors flocking to the door to "come & see" the sample that they had seen witnessed daily on the streets of Amsterdam! Within a very short time, visitors of all

nationalities were guests in the Colony, lured especially by the Family's offer of free food for all! Many times as many as 100 people would follow the team home at the end of the day where the witnessing would continue before the free meal was served!

THE FIRST DUTCH DISCIPLES were Joshua 1:8 & Phoebe, who later were married, Indonesian Dutch Zattu & catacombers Israela & Cyrene who were later able to join fulltime.

DAM SQUARE, THE HUGE RUSTIC SQUARE in front of the government buildings in the centre of Amsterdam was the Family's daily witnessing turf for several years! They would leave the house singing & dancing along the streets with their guitars, along with the previous day's new disciples, piping interested sheep to the Dam Square, then continuing for hours with Holy Ghost Samples, songs & witnessing skits, as Faithy & Jonas had originally pioneered & trained the team to do from the very beginning, GB'M!

FAITHY HAD TO LEAVE AMSTERDAM ON A FEW OCCASIONS TO PIONEER OTHER FIELDS but returned when she could, to continue to inspire the pioneer & witnessing effort there. Meanwhile the Family was getting many invitations from various church & youth groups to sing & witness at their meetings, which they obligingly did for the small favour of feeding them dinner for their performance! Leading inspirationalists at that time were Gamaliel the Jew & Mephibosheth & main spokesmen were Joshua 1:8 & Zattu as national representatives in these meetings.

A BABES RANCH WAS SET UP where the new disciples had Bible studies & training for a few weeks before returning to the Kerkstraat for front-line witnessing activities! Whenever a new MD Letter was read aloud there were at least five running translations going in various languages as the Family population was so international! Disciples of many nationalities, including many Latin Americans, joined in Amsterdam & were usually sent on pioneer teams to their own countries!

CHRISTMAS '71 WAS ONE OF THE PEAK HARVEST TIMES IN AMSTERDAM, as at least one new disciple joined everyday! Among these new disciples were Peter & Damaris, Tiago & Tabitha, Mark GLP, Zaccheus, Paul (of Paul & Marianne) & many others. Ben & Mirjam became Regional Shepherds, as other Homes were opening in Rotterdam, as well as a Coffee Shop right on one of the canals in Utrecht & a travelling yellow "Banana" bus which invaded Dutch university cities. New teams also branched into Belgium & Luxembourg!

IN 1972, UTRECHT, HOLLAND WAS THE LOCA-

TION OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES WORLD CONVENTION where the Family became one of the main attractions. Through our witness at this convention the Family was given many invitations to countries all over the World. Several leaders including Catholic Bishops from various countries actually slept on the floor of the Kerkstraat house with the Family & participated in our daily witnessing & musical outreach at Dam Square!

EVERY DAY & NIGHT THE HOUSE WAS WALL-TO-WALL PEOPLE & the Lord continued to faithfully supply the food through provisioning to feed an average of 75 extra people per meal! With the arrival of more brethren making their "Great Escape", the house was so crowded that a team moved right into Vondel Park where more disciples

GERMANY

Our Family's pioneering of Germany actually began in London in August '71, where Faithy & her team met Hans Steinacher, a well-known German publisher who had just released a paperback book entitled "Jesus Kommt!"—or "Jesus Comes"—all about the famous American Jesus Revolution! He received us as the true representatives of this great spiritual Movement, & invited & offered to help us get started in Germany, where he felt our Revolution was greatly needed! He later even asked us to write an entire chapter about our particular Family for the climax of his second book on the Jesus Movement, which we did & he published it in its entirety, with our message of Mk.16:15, Lk.9:23,24; 14:33; Ac.2:44,45 & Ezk.34!

So on September 20, 1971, only 2-1/2 months after Faithy & her little team set foot in Europe, she took another group of six to Germany: Apollos, Lois, Gideon Harper, English Daniel & German Lucas, who had joined about a month earlier in Holland. Mr. Steinacher introduced them immediately to his Christian friends, who were very warm & friendly, showing a real concern & humility & admitting their need for such a spiritual kick in the pants to help them try to reach the many lost youth of Germany.

The day after their arrival, Mr. Steinacher took the little group to the big modern YMCA hostel in Essen, a large industrial city in the cold, hard Ruhr area. There they were told that it was theirs to use as they pleased! But instead of choosing one of the beautiful large conference or meeting rooms in the building which were offered to them, they chose the unused little cellar in

joined, & had their "open-air" colony! Thank the Lord by the time cold weather began to set in, the Lord opened the door for the Family to also occupy the adjoining house to the main Colony, so we had both Kerkstraat 7 & 9!

AMSTERDAM WAS TRULY BLESSED BY GOD AS ONE OF THE GREATEST CENTRES of the European disciple harvest & remained a fruitful witnessing & training field for other pioneers to branch out into new mission fields over the next several years!

THE FAMILY CONTINUED TO REAP A MIGHTY HARVEST through the Poorboy Club & the Lit Revolution in the following years, with many of the Dutch disciples going on to pioneer new far-flung fields & preach the Gospel to every creature! PTL!

the basement which became known throughout the city & in the press as the "Keller", & was soon to be filled nightly with many troubled young people who came to us, searching for answers to their problems. So by day the small team sang & witnessed in the large shopping & walking streets of Essen, & by night they were witnessing, counselling & singing to those who came down to the "Keller".

About a week after their arrival, they went to a very large & highly publicised "Jesus Generation Festival" in Herne, which had representatives from many religious groups, churches & denominations.—But outside the huge auditorium was a group of radical leftist demonstrators who weren't allowed in by the churchy organisers. The religious leaders begged Faithy to speak to the crowd, but she wouldn't go in until they let the protestors in too! Finally she spoke, with a heavy message saying that our spiritual Revolution was not a part of their Jesus Show, but a dedicated band of full-time revolutionaries for Jesus, determined to give all in obedience to His Word to reach their lost whom they were locking out!—Her explosive "sermon" caused no small stir, & there was a division among the people & some lasting fruit joined which remains till this day!

Many church, religious & youth group meetings followed this one, as desperate pastors & youth leaders would invite Faithy & team to speak to their youth with our challenge of full-time service & radical witnessing activism. One of the main tools at these meetings was the "Ultimate Trip" film, which was followed by songs, personal testimonies, & ultimately the call to receive the Lord & even forsake all to follow & serve Him! Many of the earliest German disciples were fruit of these meetings.

Another man whom God used as a great help to the early pioneers was dear Dr. Deichmann, a wealthy Christian businessman who owned a shoe-store chain throughout Germany! He was a great help to the early Family there financially, providing stoves, beds, & clothing for them, as well as nice new shoes & warm boots for the entire Family throughout Europe during that cold winter of 1971!

The next open door was in Bonn, where Gideon went & soon brought back a precious new disciple, German Habakuk. In the second week of October, a fresh team arrived from London: Elisha & German Sherlah, Darkon, Aphek & Onesimus. Faithy left around this time with a small team to go on to the new field of Scandinavia, leaving Apollos & Lois & the growing little team there responsible for continuing to preach the Gospel to every creature in this strange new land of Germany. Many more church meetings followed, which were largely crowds of unchurched curious youth who were attracted by the churches' advertising our appearance, so they attended the meetings to find out what this "Jesus Revolution" was all about!

Often unruly, slogan-shouting, pro-Marx, anti-God (especially anti-church) rabble-rousers would pipe up in the middle of these huge meetings in an effort to disrupt, embarrass or discredit us & our beliefs!—But we soon found out that nothing attracted & held these crowds of German students like a hot debate or raging controversy!—And the Lord definitely caused "the wrath of man to praise Him" as we socked 'em back with the answers from His Word with the conviction of His Spirit. And they were always astonished at our doctrine, for we taught them as one having authority—and not as the churchy Scribes that they were so used to & fed up with! (Mt. 7:28,29)

The Family also received a tremendous amount of favourable, although often somewhat sensationalised, publicity in the early days, with full-page articles in many national papers & major magazines, TV interviews, etc. All of the publicity helped the little team tucked away in the industrial town of Essen to reach the entire country with our message of salvation & challenge of discipleship which brought countless sheep, kings, friends & helpers to our doors!—The little Keller actually got so crowded that there was a waiting line to get in & they began having to ask the merely curious, already-saved & self-satisfied churchy Christians to please come back on Sundays, & thus make more room for the poor, unsaved, drug-ridden youth who were pressing into the fold! (Lk. 1:53)

When the welcome at the YMCA started wearing thin as they discovered that we were quite a "heisse Kartoffel" (hot potato!), the Lord opened another door at an unused school building in Essen, which Dr. Deichmann helped the Family to secure, furnish & set up. This became the central HQ for the Family in Germany for many years, from where new teams went out to all over German-speaking Europe, preaching the Gospel to every creature!

Faithy later returned & spear-headed a pioneering push in Southern Germany, & although they tried to witness mainly on the streets to those who needed it, there were some very important meetings with the top heads of the Lutheran church, including the Bishop himself! A major meeting with many prominent church-men occurred in Nurnberg on Feb. 5, '72, at which Faithy socked it to them with the message of Ezk. 34, & needless to say they didn't like being referred to as the fat shepherds! On March 14th, Faithy & her team of German Lambflock, Aphek & Apollos met with the Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Munich, aided by a friend, Gunter Rattay. At this meeting Faithy answered their many questions about our doctrines & beliefs, & the need for real spiritual Revolution in order to reach the lost & wandering unchurched youth of Germany!

Another major milestone which occurred during our early days in Germany was our first en-masse M. distribution at the Munich Olympics in August 1972, at which we distributed thousands & thousands of "Are You A Good Sport" Letters, especially written for the occasion! Many brethren from all over Europe convened for this onslaught! They all met together in the evenings & stayed at a large "tent city" just outside Munich, which the municipal authorities had set up to keep "undesirable" hippies & travellers off the streets of their nice rich Olympics-attending tourist-filled city. Here in the tent city we were able to arm the troops with lit, make our battle plans, & rest & recuperate for the next day's warfare.—As well as witness to the many kids & freaks who were royally escorted to this location by the city authorities!—The first day we ran through the crowds distributing the "Good Sport" lit, & the second day we ran from the crowds! PG!

SCANDINAVIA

IN OCTOBER OF 1971, FAITHY WENT TO STOCKHOLM, Sweden with Arnon Quickclick, at the invitation of a Swedish man who had met the Family while abroad & who ended up becoming

a real king in helping the Family get established throughout Scandinavia.

FAITHY & ARNON WERE SOON TO BE JOINED BY MIGUEL, SIMON BLACK, SHALOM, JOHANON, RUHAMAH, MORDECAI & OTHERS. They began witnessing in the hippy hang-out GamlaBro where Swedish Peter was led to the Lord. Later many of his friends from a hippy commune in Huddinge joined, amongst them Titus, Abigail, Barechias, Andreas, Israel, & Aristacus. So the Family occupied their commune & claimed all of its members for the Lord!

FROM AMSTERDAM CAME JONAS & JOCHEBED, AS WELL AS FRENCH JOSEPH, who travelled to meet Faithy in Copenhagen, Denmark. They began witnessing in Cristania, a former Danish military base that was now occupied by a hundred or so students & hippies who received permission from the City Government to establish an experimental alternate subculture there. The Lord led the early pioneers to Nehemiah, an older leather worker living in Cristania, a sort of City Father amongst the hippies! Nehemiah was a strong Catholic & immediately fell in love with the Family & helped that first little team to get their own Army barracks house, which was later christened "New Jerusalem".

IN JANUARY OF '72, MORE LABOURERS CAME FROM ENGLAND, among them Jason & Chloe, followed by Melchizedek & Mara, Johannan, Hosanna, Adam Africa, English Jerusha & Eliphaz & Grecia.

NEIGHBOURING THE "NEW JERUSALEM" HOUSE WAS A HUGE BUILDING HOUSING A COMMUNE called the "Sol Voign". Since the Family shared the toilet & wash-up facilities with the members of Sol Voign commune, it provided an excellent opportunity to witness to them daily & soon Valiant came over to "come & see". When he didn't come back, Nahum went over to see what had happened & also ended up getting saved & staying as well! Then Valiant's sister Rose came over, determined to get back her two commune comrades, but she too fell in love with the Spirit, received the Lord & stayed on! This prompted her boyfriend, Israel, to come stamping over furiously one night, only to be brought to his knees in prayer to receive the Lord also & move in!

WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMUNE ALL JOINING, the Family moved in to occupy the Sol Voign! The remaining commune members were somewhat taken back but eventually decided if they couldn't beat this new phenomena sweeping their ranks they'd better join too! Valiant's brother Jonathon joined & last was Valour, who forsook his Communist dogma to come & preach the Gospel!

NEEDLESS TO SAY IT WAS NO SMALL TESTIMONY

when all of these original members of Cristania began dropping out to follow Jesus, publicly burning their blocks of hashish as a witness against the system they were dropping out of! Many of the kids at Cristania were heavily into hard drugs but had miraculous deliveries. Finnish Bethlehem, after receiving the Lord, miraculously kicked her "junk" habit on-the-spot & her boyfriend soon followed suit! Dutch Eleazar joined at this time as well, as did Danish Angelo, a "hopeless" addict whose liver had been destroyed from drug abuse & many doctors had given up hope & said he would be dead in six months! But he was totally healed after receiving Jesus! Thank the Lord for the miracle-working power of Salvation which so many experienced there! Although the "Cristania Utopia" was doomed to fail miserably, many found a real Christian Utopia in Jesus!

IN NORWAY, AMERICAN GIDEON (WHO HAD HELPED PIONEER GERMANY) & TEAM INFILTRATED DIFFERENT CHRISTIAN YOUTH GROUPS & TOOK OVER ONE COFFEEHOUSE! Norwegian Joan & Jacobus, who were the somewhat disillusioned daughter & son of a well-known Christian missionary in Oslo, were among the first to join. When Norwegian Priscilla & Martha, who worked in the office of Jacobus & Joan's father, also dropped out, it caused no small stir! Phoebe & her twin brother Phillip also joined about this time. As more & more sons & daughters of the city's top citizens started dropping out to join the Family, they began receiving considerable publicity. Norwegian television filmed this exciting new Jesus explosion, at which time one of the film crew, Zac Lightman, got so interested he too dropped out to join!

THE YOUTH OF SCANDINAVIA WERE RIPE FOR THE REVOLUTION FOR JESUS & with so many new disciples joining they soon branched out into the other cities. In Sweden a Christian lady offered them the use of her facilities at Skillingfors, in a remote part of Sweden which they turned into a babes ranch where the new disciples could be immersed in the Word & cleansed from their old habits. Arhus in Western Denmark was the babe's ranch used for the Cristania new disciples.

DOWN IN MALMO, IN SOUTHERN SWEDEN, an American draft deserter, Isalah, received the Lord & opened up his apartment to the Family. Lund, a college town in Southern Sweden, was pioneered as well by Jason & Chloe.

IN THE SPRING OF 1972 ALL OF THE SCANDINAVIAN FAMILY GOT TOGETHER IN CRISTANIA for a week of fellowship & reorganisation. There were well over 100 Family members there & by

getting the use of the communal kitchen coupled together with massive provisioning, they were able to feed literally hundreds during that week. It was a tremendous sample to both the long-time residents of Cris-
tania, as well as to NBC television who had come to Europe to film "Chronologue".

LITTLE ESTHER, FORMER HEAD OF THE JESUS

ITALY

TWO DAYS AFTER MEETING WITH THE BISHOP OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN MUNICH, Faithy desperately wanted to get away from the churchy systemites with whom she & her little team were staying so she could pray & seek the Lord for His plans & next moves. So while they were searching for a cheap hostel in which to stay, a man came up to them on the street! He was Omar Stahl, a sweet American Mennonite missionary, & he said that the Lord told him to bring someone home with him that night! So Faithy, Ruthie, Apollos & Lois went with him, & stayed & prayed there for two days. And this was all Faithy needed to give her the burden & faith for her next move, & the little team took off in their van for Italy!

ON 19 MARCH, 1972, THEY ARRIVED IN ITALY, & spent 5 beautiful peaceful days in a small town north of Genova in a sweet Italian "Mama Mia's" house, reading the Word, corresponding & praying about the coming trip further south to Rome. Then they left for Rome, & on the way ran out of money, so they picked up two German hitchhikers who paid their tolls & meals the rest of the way!

IN ROME THE SMALL GROUP SPENT THE FIRST NIGHT CAMPED OUT IN THE BACK OF THEIR VAN AT A FAMOUS PIAZZA IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY! The next day they rendezvoused with Nathan & Syria, who became part of their team. Nathan & Syria had previously met a sweet Baptist missionary woman who was the supervisor of a small orphanage just outside of Rome, & she agreed to let the small team of six stay there.

THE NEXT WEEKS WERE SPENT SINGING & WITNESSING, ONE OF THE FAVOURITE SPOTS BEING THE "PIAZZA DI ESPANA", OR SPANISH STEPS, where many Italians as well as tourists & foreign freaks gathered. It was on one of these times singing there that Emanuele first saw us, & was literally spell-bound hearing Faithy pouring out her heart, singing "Amazing Grace", preaching & dramatically acting out the message of her songs to the crowd! That was on April 1st, 1972.

THE NEXT DAY, APRIL 2ND, was Easter Sunday, & Rome was filled with people from around the World to see & hear the

PEOPLE ARMY who merged with the Family, came to Scandinavia at this time & eventually got married to Danish Valiant. They oversaw the Scandinavian work as it continued to blossom over the next few years, especially when the Lit Revolution got underway, & all of Scandinavia was reached via the printed Word!

Pope speak at Vatican Square. It was difficult for a little group of six to be noticed amongst so many, but the Lord showed them a way. They made tall signs bearing the message in English & Italian, "The Love of Jesus is Not Religion!—But Reality!"—And attracted quite a few people, among them the Little Sisters of Jesus, who befriended us then & with whom we later had much contact.

EMANUELE IMMEDIATELY PUT FAITHY & HER RELIGION TO THE TEST, inviting her & the little team to the nearby home of a Communist friend of his to witness. But Faithy wasn't intimidated by him or his critical attitude & questions, but showed him the simplicity of the Gospel & Love of Christ & what real Revolution is all about, which was enough to prove to Emanuele that this was the real thing! A week later he invited them to stay with him at his big empty farm outside of Florence, where they continued to witness to & win him & some of his friends by their testimonies & samples.

IN SEPTEMBER OF 1972, DAD ENVISIONED THE RIVER OF GOD'S WILL FLOWING DOWN IN THE DIRECTION OF ITALY as he bade Faithy farewell upon her departure to Italy for the second time with "Arriverci Roma" (#180). Dad stated, "We are now beginning to invade the Catholic countries of the World, & we are going to have to be pro-Catholic" & "fellowship with them in the Love of Jesus". (180:7, 32)

THIS NEW DIRECTION & ADDED COUNSEL OF "ARE WE CATHOLICS OR PROTESTANTS" (#184) from Dad was just what was needed to invade these staunchly Catholic countries of Southern Europe, as up to this time so much of the outreach was to hippies, whereas these countries required a completely new approach.

BY THIS TIME MORE HELP WAS RECRUITED FROM ENGLAND including Chronicles, Vessel & Malachi Wind & families, who together with Jonas & later Sarah Violin, formed a little music group, "Mountain Child", to "make the Italian Boot dance". (180:156)

IN FULFILLMENT OF DAD'S VISION WHERE HE SAW FAITHY MEETING WITH THE POPE, on October 4th 1972, accompanied by Sister Magdaliene of the Little Sisters of Jesus, Faithy had a "Papal Audience" (#192) with Pope Paul! A

team of Faithy, Rachel, Martha, Giddel & Ruthie, Nathan & Syria & Emanuele accompanied the Little Sisters of Jesus to the Vatican—This was a miracle in itself as Little Sister Magdellene had been so sick that day she wasn't going to go but Dad prayed for her & the Lord miraculously raised her up! (See 341:4,5)

FIRST, LITTLE RACHELE, DAUGHTER OF NATHAN & SYRIA was blessed by the Pope as he passed by. Later when he was done with his speech, "Little Sister Magdellene & Faithy waited for him. He greeted them & gave each of them his hand to kiss, & Little Sister Magdellene introduced Faithy. The Pope put his hand on her head & prayed almost fervently.

AS HE TURNED TO GO, FAITH SAID, "PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN OF GOD!" & he turned around & put his hand on her head again the second time! Prior to this, during the course of his speech, he had given a lengthy greeting to the Little Sisters of Jesus & the Children of God & said, "The Church sends you to be witnesses in the World!...As a sample of His Love among the people!" (192:11, 12, 40)

CONTACT WITH THE CATHOLICS WAS SUCH THAT WHEN THE PIOUS ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL WAS FASTING, Faithy & team gave a Bible Study on Isaiah 58 to the Bishop & his colleagues on the real purpose of fasting to encourage them to exercise their faith!

ABOUT THIS TIME FAITHY MET MIMI, A YOUNG DIVORCEE WHO JOINED, & the Family turned her art gallery, close to Piazza Navona, into our first coffeehouse where the Mountain Child Band played evenings, after being out ministering daily in the streets of Rome.

EMANUELE HAD ALSO OPENED THE DOORS TO HIS APARTMENT IN ROME AS WELL AS HIS "BASSETTO" FARM NEAR FLORENCE to additional Family members. Nathan & Syria had opened a Home down in Sicily, while Fortunatus & Tema pioneered Naples & another team occupied a farm near Torino, close to Bricherasio.

A TENT CAMP TEAM AT THE ROMAN BEACH-TOWN OF OSTIA camped out all winter, where their sample of unity & sharing everything was such a testimony to the local Communist town that each weekend they were besieged with interested visitors bearing food & supplies, amongst them the leader of the Communist party, who became their close friend, even helping them translate & lead visitors to Jesus.

IN EARLY 1973, EMANUELE VISITED ENGLAND ALONG WITH RACHEL, who was still bringing him into the Family, & being brought to a decision through "Bell, Book & Candle" (#203), Emanuele made the right choice & made the transition from king to disciple!

RACHEL & EMANUELE'S UNION WAS LATER MADE PUBLIC AS THEY WERE MARRIED IN ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL on Easter Sunday April 22nd, 1973 with the ceremony re-enacted by the Bishop of Rome on the Spanish Steps later that afternoon.—The same spot in the centre of Rome that Emanuele had originally met the Family the year before, now hosted the symbolic marriage of the COG to the Catholic World!

THE WHOLE WEDDING WAS FILMED FOR TV & PUBLICISED IN NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES THROUGHOUT ITALY, & during the public reception, Faithy & the Mountain Child Band sang atop a van, holding up a sign stating "St. Francis lives today in the Bambini di Dio!" And indeed he must have been helping us, as Franco Zefereilli admitted after spending a great deal of time in our Colonies that we were the main inspiration behind his movie "Brother Sun"!

IN THE EARLY SUMMER OF '73 THE FAMILY ATTENDED THE MILANO POP FESTIVAL which was organised by the Communists as a propaganda machine, but which resulted in the Bambini de Dio taking over the whole Festival & being more of an Acts 2:44 & 45 sample than the Communists could have ever hoped to attain which drew the net on many disciples.

WITH "SHINERS OR SHAMERS" AT THE END OF THE SUMMER, ALL OF BASSETTO EMPTIED into the streets of Florence & began to distribute the meager amounts of lit produced in Italy at that time. This got Italian Pubs really rolling then with a full translations & publications department set up in the basement of Bassetto, with Aaron Red, Magdalena Mirth, Francesco, Elia Burn-free & other nationals translating, while Adin, Samech & Esli printed.

THIS NEW-FOUND METHOD OF LIT-IN-THE-LANGUAGE OF THE LAND inspired teams to branch out to all the major cities of Italy where a witnessing revolution was soon underway, & shiners like Sheba Bear averaged 3,000 pieces of lit distributed per week for the entire year of 1973!

THE "FAMILY HAND" POORBOY CLUB WAS LATER OPENED IN ROME & wielded the scythe in reaping many souls & Catacomb Members.

WHAT DAD HAD PREDICTED SOON CAME TRUE: "ALL ROADS LEAD FROM ROME & THROUGH ROME!" (180:56)—And teams trained in Italy soon received the call to help in other pioneer fields worldwide, many moving to the Mid East, Africa, India & Latin America.

SWITZERLAND

THE PIONEERING OF SWITZERLAND BEGAN ON APRIL 12th 1972, when Faithy told Apollos &

Lois that they should pray about where God wanted them to go from Italy! They prayed, "Lord, please show us where to go by having us meet people from that land!"—And that day at the Spanish Steps, the first sheep they met were Swiss, one of whom received the Lord, & then met others who took them to eat & described life in Switzerland to them! And by "coincidence", two days later the supervisor of the little orphanage where they were all staying was going to drive up to Zurich—and had room in her car for them & invited them to come along!

SO AFTER A BRIEF STOPOVER IN ITALIAN SWITZERLAND, they arrived in Zurich on April 17th, then went straight on to Bern at the request of a small town chicken farmer who had met the Family in London! He was Walter Niederhauser, a Pentecostal preacher who brought Apollos & Lois to many church meetings to try to teach the Pentecostals how to use the power & tools of the Spirit to actually reach people & witness, rather than just playing with them as toys. A lot of "Invading the Churches" helped them establish many good contacts & friends & reach many youth with our message.—When not busy with meetings, they would daily go into Bern, singing & witnessing in the train station, coffee houses, youth hangouts, etc.

BUT JUST A FEW WEEKS AFTER THEIR ARRIVAL IN SWITZERLAND, THEY WERE CALLED TO LONDON for a European pub & organisational meeting, so left the dear chicken farmer, church groups & new sheep behind with a promise to return. Lois returned to Bern with a small team on June 3rd, & shortly after arriving at Niederhauser's chicken farm received a letter from a Jesus People-type Christian in the US, telling them about a small commune in Zurich of newly saved ex-hippies who were trying to serve the Lord! Within two days, Lois, Dutch Israella & their little team arrived in Zurich & met this small Swiss "Jesus House", & their sample of whole-hearted witnessing & on-the-spot soul-winning in the youth-haunts of Zurich inspired their leader, Petrus Bear, to join us with his little flock! The Letter "Other Sheep" had just come out & was the exact counsel needed at that time! Both of Petrus' parents were very well-known actors in Germany & they opened their posh house in Zurich to us for some time, from where the team met & won quite a few full-time disciples.

SOON THE LORD OPENED A BEAUTIFUL OLD COUNTRY FARM HOUSE for the Family's use in the tiny town of Huttwil, which became the babes' ranch for Switzerland. Many other little teams went out to different small towns & cities of Switzerland in these early

days, one of which was German Habakuk's pioneer team to St.Gallen. Most of these won new disciples & were quite fruitful, however not very long-lasting, as the self-righteous church-systemites would quickly drive us from their little towns—usually with one or two of their newly saved & turned-on kids!—PTL!

FRENCH SWITZERLAND WAS ACTUALLY PIONEERED IN UTRECHT, HOLLAND IN 1972 AT A WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES CONGRESS, which Faithy, Hosea & many others attended. The main lasting fruit of the Congress was an invitation from Wim Schot, a Dutch staff member of the WCC, to open a "Colony" in Geneva (a very international city & headquarters of the WCC & several UN agencies & organisations) where he could "introduce" us to the WCC as a new radical Religious Group! Aside from his theological interest, Wim was really touched by the Spirit & particularly interested in our witnessing approach to the hippies.

AFTER A SHORT STAY IN HIS HOME IN GENEVA, Hosea opened up our first Colony with the help of Big Josh, Apollos, French Canadian Gideon, American Jason & a few others in an old run-down building called the "Prieure". This former hospital was on the lakefront near the center of town & was being squatted by illegal migrant workers, motorcycle "rockers", communists, & hippies that were passing through! Quite a lively place!

SO BY THE FALL OF 1972 WE HAD 2 WITNESSING OUTREACHS ESTABLISHED IN GENEVA; the first was a "PR" & more "civilised" approach at the WCC, & the second was at the "Prieure", witnessing to the hippies & rockers, (the latter were more concerned with getting our skin & that of our sisters than any religion whatsoever!)

IN THE BEGINNING IT WAS A FIGHT FOR SURVIVAL, as the rockers would often get drunk & come at night banging our doors down or with knives under our throats trying to get our sisters from the girls' sleeping room! The Communists were also at odds with the "rockers", & one evening they teargassed the whole building, forcing us all out into the streets! They eventually calmed down after they saw the sample of our loving way of life & that we weren't there to cause more trouble, but rather to try to help them all get it together & organise their mad-house. When they saw that we were the only organised group there, they voted that we should be responsible for the communal kitchen & cooking the meals! Ha!

SO APART FROM OUR DAILY WITNESSING TO THE PERMANENT RESIDENTS & THE MANY LOST HIPPIES WHO WERE CONSTANTLY PASSING THROUGH, we were

able to offer them all 3 substantial nutritious meals a day, prepared with tender loving care by our head chef, Shiloh Muesli! It was a real testimony to them all to see how the Lord provided for them through provisioning, & how we didn't try to profit from it, charging only 1 Swiss Franc per day (50 cents). If someone didn't have any money, they could wash the dishes or help on meal prep! Mealtime was always a very lively affair, as sometimes the bikers would ride through the dining room on their motorcycles, trying to cause trouble!

EVERY EVENING WE WOULD HAVE A LONG INSPIRATION IN ONE OF OUR ROOMS, OPEN TO ALL. Sometimes there would just be Family members singing at the start, but as the evening wore on other residents would slip in one by one & join in, knowing in their hearts that this was the true love & spirit that had caused so many of them to start travelling. We would sing Family songs for hours, in several different languages so that they would all feel a part. During those months we were able to witness to many & they all knew without a doubt that we & the Lord loved them, & many were saved, TTL!

MEANWHILE, IMRAH HAD REPLACED HO IN OUR OUTREACH TO THE WCC & WAS KEEPING BUSY MEETING MANY OF THEIR OFFICIALS, EXPLAINING OUR WORK TO THEM & being a sample, as Dad had suggested in 'The World Council of Churches'. (#183). Many of them were very convicted by our sample at the Prieure & came to visit us there, seeing a living sample of what they had been only preaching about: "true brotherly love, true unity & true sharing"! (#183:16). We won many friends there, including Rex Davis who is still a friend today.

WHILE THE HIPPIES, ROOKERS & WCC WERE ENJOYING OUR WORK AT THE PRIEURE, THE CITY OFFICIALS OF GENEVA WERE NOT! To them the building was an eyesore in the middle of clean respectable Geneva, & the fact that it was flourishing as a hippie pad thanks to our organisation did not improve matters any. They tried to ease us out by cutting off the water (which was foiled when an enterprising hippie found the water connection & cemented it open, permanently!), & then the electricity. But this didn't stop us!

THE CLIMAX CAME AT 5 AM ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 22, 1972 WHEN WE WERE AWAKENED BY POLICE LOUDSPEAKERS & the glare of floodlights surrounding the building! The police told us that we all had 15 minutes to get our possessions & come out & surrender. The police, considering us as the actual "managers" of these squatters were not in any

mood to accord us any special privileges & hustled everyone off to police headquarters in police wagons. Then, with typical Swiss efficiency, they razed the building to the ground in a matter of hours, a very abrupt end to an exciting colony!

A LOCAL POLITICIAN WAS BEHIND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE PRIEURE & he immediately departed for an extended vacation to avoid any repercussions. Upon his return he found that his summer house in the mountains had been burned to the ground by the Communists whom he had evicted.

AT THE POLICE STATION THEY SEPARATED US INTO ROOMS, ACCORDING TO NATIONALITY, while they decided what to do with us. As most of the Family members were Canadians (about the only ones who could speak French at that time), we found ourselves all together & began a good inspiration, causing an officer to ask us to please sing more quietly, as some people down the hall thought there was a party going on!

WE DISCOVERED THAT THEY WERE PLANNING ON FINING, IMPRISONING OR DEPORTING EIGHTY HIPPIES (INCLUDING US)! The 30 of us would have been deported if it had not been for the help of a Pastor-friend of a very influential Church in town who pressured the authorities to let us out under the sponsorship of a Queen, Juliette, who owned a couple of Hotels in central Geneva & who guaranteed room & board for all of us. When this was arranged we heard throughout the corridors of the Police Station, "All the COG can go!"

THIS CAUSED A DIVISION AMONGST MANY OF THE HIPPIES & ROOKERS, some of whom had become very close to us & were considering joining the Family. They now had to make a choice, & TTL some of them made the right one, including Jacob Hopper, Philippe La Plume's brother!

THIS SUDDEN EVICTION FROM OUR BUILDING OPENED UP A MIGHTY WAVE OF PUBLICITY in all the local papers with such titles as, "COG in jail for Christmas", etc. It created quite a scandal, especially as the Genevois are very proud of their heritage of religious toleration, so many prominent citizens & church groups offered to help us, & had us come to speak to their church groups etc. We benefitted not only in provision, but also in protection, as the main newspaper's Editor-in-Chief had fallen in love with one of our sisters, French Tirzah, & came to our aid, publishing some very favourable articles on us. This also helped all of us long-haired hippies to obtain six-month & later one-year visas, a near impossibility in Switzerland! PTL! So this seeming defeat

turned out to be a much greater victory than we could have possibly imagined, taking us from 'rags to riches' overnight, ending our ministry to just the hippies, who had heard the message & seen the sample, & raised up many new friends both in the administration & the clergy who opened so many doors for us to witness.

FOR THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF 1973 WE OCCUPIED AN ENTIRE FLOOR OF THE HOTEL PASCAL, eating in the restaurant along with the other hotel guests! Juliette had many religious groups stay at the hotel, & she insisted that we witness to them! GBH! She really loved us! At about this time the ML 'Rags to Riches' (211) came out, which not only gave us the faith for our luxurious living conditions but also gave us the grace to go witness to a better & more worthy crowd than our dear rockers & hippies, most of whom had taken a stand against the Lord & us the day of our deliverance from jail.

A TREMENDOUS MINISTRY OF "NEW BOTTLES" THEN STARTED as we had so many catacombers come over for classes after school & on through the evening. Many of these catacombers later joined: Wim Schot's daughter Ruthy, Mary Swiss, Julia, Christina & Milka. The Lord miraculously supplied a temporary house in a Church Parish & later a beautiful five-bedroom Swiss Chalet 10 minutes from the centre of town which had been evacuated for eventual destruction in future plans of the renovation of a city complex, but we were allowed to "rent" it for free for a whole year through the influential aid of another King, Mr. Tokio, PTL!

BY THIS TIME OUR QUEEN JULIETTE, though she really loved us, had gotten greatly influenced by a once friendly evangelist who had met Dad at TSC, but now had started to doubt Dad & his Letters because of our definite anti-Israel stand. He had helped us meet Juliette & arranged for her to take all of us in, but now was slowly trying to move us all out.

WE HADN'T GAINED SO MANY SWISS DISCIPLES, AS THEY WERE ALL CATACOMBERS STILL. But five or six fulltime disciples did join through visiting their brother or sister, as was the case with Philippe la Plume, who visited Jacob Hopper, his brother, as well as Levi, who visited his brother Shiloh &

joined, & quite a few others! The Swiss Chalet then became our sample Home for many delegations of the WCC to visit! PTL!

IN APRIL 1973, MOTHER EVE, STEPHEN & AARON VISITED FROM PARIS. They arrived late in the evening & the next morning Aaron was missing. At first Mother Eve thought he had gone out for a walk, but after a day they decided to seek the help of the Police to try to find him. We went both to the Swiss & the French Police & spent the next three days across the border in France in the nearby towns to see if he'd gone out witnessing. It was at the time of Rachel & Emanuele's wedding in Rome & many of us had hitchhiked to Rome. Upon our return, we heard that Aaron had been found at the foot of the "Saleve", a high mountain on the French border overlooking Geneva. We were all present at his burial (in a small churchyard at the bottom of the mountain) with many of our friends & Kings. (See #234).

THROUGHOUT THE REST OF 1973 & 74 THE COLONY IN GENEVA CONTINUED TO GROW & PROSPER, winning many new disciples & witnessing to the thousands who pass through this crossroads of Europe. After "Shiners or Shamers" came out a printing operation started, providing some of the first French lit! Provisioning was also very fruitful, & one of the fruit & vegetable contacts, Mr Stuki, became a close friend of the Family, & his daughters joined, & one of them married Jephthah, who had taken over the WCC witness from Imrah. Many of the catacombers grew up & joined the Family full-time, & are still serving the Lord on the mission field! GBT!

AT DIFFERENT TIMES COLONIES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED IN OTHER CITIES IN FRENCH SWITZERLAND, such as Lausanne, Neuchatel, etc. The Swiss have generally been quite receptive & tolerant of us, allowing us a good deal of freedom in our witnessing & witnessing. GBT!

OVER THE YEARS SWITZERLAND HAS CONTINUED TO BE A FRUITFUL FIELD, ESPECIALLY IN THE REALM OF FEING. With so many World organizations, banks & businesses operating within its borders, there is always a steady stream of searching, lonely businessmen & diplomats who are continually receiving God's Love.

SPAIN

It was Faithy's visit to Amsterdam in early Summer 1972 that challenged Ready, his wife Prisca, & a chosen team of four other Spanish speakers to make a pioneer push into sunny Spain! Faithy said, "If you don't

hurry up & get down there, I'm going without you! The Summer Harvest is now, so GO!" This small team of six, ready in only two weeks' time, piled into a second-hand stationwagon car that Dutch Ben had just purchased at the Utrecht car auction for \$100 with all their luggage & camping gear & what little Spanish

It had been able to get ahold of, & less than \$100.

Travelling with Reedy & Prisca were two new disciples won on the streets of Amsterdam, American Nehemiah & Venezuelan Zichri Sweet, along with married couple American Baruk & his English wife Shabua, all taking turns in provisioning every bit of gas & food along the way to their first destination—Barcelona! Having had plenty of witnessing experience by now, Nehemiah & Zichri stayed in Barcelona with their backpacks to establish contacts for living quarters, while the two married couples continued further south on invitation of the elderly Amsterdam Queen, Elsa, who had invited them to join her for a week's time on the Spanish seacoast.

When united again in Barcelona, the team of six stayed in the small apartment of a helpful, Black American professional basketball player who received God's children for the next two months, God bless'm. By this time the team had grown in number as several other disciples arrived from Amsterdam, including Mephibosheth, Ezekiel Venezuela & American Melita Bonita.

While they were all desperately praying on their faces for the Lord to open a door on new housing, as they suddenly had to move out one morning, the phone rang with the invitation of a dear Christian woman offering her beautiful home for the Family to live in for the next three months! That very Sunday morning the team had sung in the English-speaking Protestant church of Barcelona & was very well received, & these American church members opened their beautiful four-bedroom, furnished home to the pioneer team. PTL! The pastor of their church invited the Family several other times to sing at Sunday services, as it was quite a novelty seeing these "missionary hippies" who lived totally by faith!

More newcomers arrived—American brothers Abednego & Nadab, & Belgian sister Mary Revolutionary, & these three within the same month made up the very first team into North Africa—a backpack team to Algeria! The Barcelona pioneers continued to sing in various churches & youth meetings on invitation, as well as witnessing most all the day on the main streets & in student centres of Barcelona, still provisioning every meal & every need & receiving more incoming disciples, particularly from Amsterdam & the Scandinavian fields.

In a very strategic witnessing location, the Lord supplied a small, unfurnished apartment near the port & it was from this colony that their major daily witness reach-

ed many Spanish young people who soon became catacomb members, as well as many favourable friends & catacomb sailors from the American Sixth Fleet, as literally hundreds of American sailors were docked there over the following months & some of their Sixth Fleet fruit remains to this day!

Our Spain pioneers learned soon enough that although the radical "Cataluña" region of Barcelona was more receptive & ripe for the Jesus Revolution, it was still obvious that not even the youth of Franco-Spain could readily accept these Amsterdam or American-style hippy Christians, especially when they professed no certain Catholic doctrines or practices! It was at first very difficult to win fulltime national disciples because the Family had no religious denomination, yet the Lord won the hearts & souls of many Spanish via our singing witness in churches & at youth groups & at schools etc., with an ecumenical approach. Dad's Letters "Are We Catholics or Protestants?", "Are The Children of God a Sect?" & "Arrivederci Roma" were direct answers to prayer & the greatest help to reap the Spanish harvest in this strict Catholic field. The Little Sisters of Jesus Catholic order were also friends & helpers of the Family at this time, & "all things became new" as our pioneers learned to "become one", shape up & clean up in order to win some of the fiery Spanish youth in this tremendously potential field!

Staying in close communication with other teams in South America, Spain sent several Latin nationals to help pioneer with Amminadab in South America.

First disciples won in Spain were American Gibeal & Kish, & the first national disciples were Spanish sisters Jaspe, Belen & Jerusalem, as well as several other Spanish girls, the credit going in this case to the many single brothers who helped pioneer every major city of Spain & "woo the women", as the brethren usually outnumbered the Family sisters three or four to one!

Music was the key to the Spanish hearts & regardless of any denominational differences, Family songs in Spanish won all types of people, from students to hippies to Catholic priests & bishops! The Family sang on radio on several occasions as well as met the most influential priests & bishops of several major cities.

The capital city of Madrid was not fully pioneered for quite some time yet, but road teams & van teams often visited, especially reaching the many hundreds of students in the university area.

The second major witnessing outreach

was located at Rota, the American military base in Southern Spain, the team headed by American Epath & wife Samaria who successfully witnessed to hundreds of lonely sailors who were very anxious to enjoy Family fellowship, Bible classes & inspiration, & also very willing, God bless them, to donate towards every need during the "40 Days" survival preparations. Meanwhile the Island of Ibiza in the Balearics was pioneered by, again, single brethren who had an incredible outreach in this witnessing paradise to the hundreds of searching hippies covering the Islands at that time. Portugal was also cracked open by Isaias Brazil & American brother Zaccur, who immediately won the heart of the beautiful Disciple-Queen Paz, who's still in the Family today, married to English Joseph, GBH!

Southern Spain was also pioneered mostly by single brethren & road teams, including beautiful Sevilla, Spain, the home of the Gypsies' famous "Feria de Sevilla", where Faithy visited Spain for the first time to join this mass musical witness with guitars & dancing for the Gypsy crowds & rich Spanish elite!

Coastal cities Alicante, Torremolinos & surrounding areas were also especially fruitful with summer vacationers & rich tourists receiving plenty of Gospel through these faithful brethren. In Alicante the team actually lived in a windmill!

Sevilla served as a Southern Base & the living location for "Los Niños de Dios" in the Capuchino Catholic monastery! Thrilled to see their youth's response to the Lord's music & witness, these monks opened their monastery to the Family for actual living quarters--boys, girls & married couples in one entire wing of their building & singing regularly in their Catechism classes, youth meetings & at every Sunday mass & leading in Scripture readings, as well as partaking in Communion!

At a beautiful orange & olive grove farm in Alicante, Spain, the Family also was invited to set up their Babes Ranch, invited once again by two Catholic priests who owned this Catholic Youth Resort. The Family's wave of popularity was quickly sweeping through Spain via their music & personal witness in Catholic & Protestant churches as well as in many schools, youth groups & major fairs & fiestas, besides the massive daily personal witnessing & witnessing in most every major city!

Following such popularity, of course, comes persecution, & Franco's Guardia Civil police began knocking at Colony doors with machine guns in hand, investigating every

disciple but especially interested in what Spanish youth were living in as fulltime members! Problems with 10:36 Spanish parents heightened & almost every mailing of literature into the country was inspected. An early morning visit from a jeep load of armed police was not an uncommon occurrence, but regardless of every search & interrogation or visit to the police station for passport check, etc., they never could find enough evidence to actually arrest even one Family member, PTL!

Moving on to Africa: Although Morocco had been visited by Little Esther & her Scandinavian husband Valiant on one occasion, the first real pioneer team there consisted of American Zion, Gamaliel the Jew, & Comfort. They were innocently stopped by police for a routine search within their first couple of weeks & when Christian literature & Bibles were found in their possession, they were immediately imprisoned in the Moroccan jail, along with many other youth who were suspected or guilty of drug abuse or crime etc. Ready & Ed Altar also made a trip to Morocco to try & locate the missing brethren, who were eventually freed after a very difficult legal struggle.

Spanish pubs began to really roll when the Barcelona Family received an invitation from a religious but favourable Count for the use of his wine farm outside Barcelona, & was launched with the faith, dedication & inspiration of American Baruk & Peruvian Meschek, who worked daily on translating the MD Letters into Spanish, with Love Dove as typist. A full darkroom & pubs centre was set up & a major push on witnessing began, this being at the time of "Shiners or Shamers"!

The witnessing revolution began a whole new chapter in the history of the work of Spain, as teams throughout the length & breadth of the country cut loose with the Lit in the language of the land! New teams under the new shepherds Shaul & Abiah, infiltrated virgin territory so eventually the whole country was reached!

Spain became the leading country in translations of Letters & pubs, as well as several years later becoming the centre of the WS worldwide publications, PTL! There was a day that the Family was leery of open witnessing in Franco-Spain during a wave of persecution, but the major witnessing & printing onslaught & Spanish national harvest was yet to be won!

The Lord led Dad & Maria to Tenerife in the Canary Islands in 1974 & there they began the "FF Explosion" & later continued this super successful ministry in Madrid,

where more influential fish & kings were won to the Family! Jay & Aola became new shepherds of Spain & the surrounding area when Shaul & Abiah were commissioned to go to South America! Spain made an all-out witnessing attack to refute the lies of the vicious press, distributing over 1 million

Letters per month, & Dad sent his own trained staff members, Dave & Spanish wife Carmen, to represent the RNR standard in 1978 & they became VSs of what Dad later called "One of the most fruitful fields in witnessing, pubs & FFing we've ever had!—God bless Spain!"

FRANCE

SHORTLY AFTER FAITHY, JONAS & THE ORIGINAL TEAM ARRIVED IN EUROPE in 1971, the first French & French-speaking disciples were won in London & Amsterdam: French Joseph, Buzi, French Canadian Gideon, French Canadian Timothy (Paul) & Taberah. Following a few months of training & pioneering in various cities, they came to Brussels to prepare for the assault on France!

IN EARLY 1972, THROUGH A CHURCH CONTACT, a house was offered to us in Aix-en-Provence, in the south of France, which became our first French colony, headed by Tiras & F.C. Gideon! It was here that the first disciples won in France, American Micah & Maacah joined, shortly followed by beautiful French Tirzah Moonlight, a talented executive secretary who forsook all! Shortly after, French Joseph, Jerusha, Buzi & Paul headed for Paris where they were able to find a little base in Montgeron (a nearby suburb) in an old caravan lent to them by friendly nuns. It was there that some of the early disciples were won, such as ex-priest Meggido, Leah, French Rebecca & many others. Most had been looking for a true sample of Jesus' love, teaching & simplicity in the church, only to find it with Jesus' true drop-out church! And drop-out they did!

IN THE MEANTIME, TIRAS HAD RETURNED TO LONDON TO RECRUIT MORE TROOPS, & in July '72 he returned with an impressive "Revolution for Jesus" double-decker bus ready to launch an all-out attack on Paris. Amongst his team were English Charity who greatly helped on provisioning, Ruhamah, & Marianne, who had joined the month before in Ireland where she had been a teacher! God bless these early pioneers who faithfully witnessed the best they could & won some of the strongest & long-lasting French disciples who are still going for the Lord to this day!

IN EARLY 1973 FRENCH JOSEPH WAS LEADING THE WORK & JOAN OF ARC ARRIVED to help in this pioneering push with her beautiful singing & her on-fire witnessing which won many to the Lord & to fulltime service. After desperate prayer, as they were still lacking a permanent base, the Lord supplied a large house in Montgeron where we were able to move the Translating Team, which until then was based in England. However,

the French disciples were also very involved with PR, provisioning, etc., which didn't allow them to get too far in their translating output!

DURING THESE EARLY STAGES OF PIONEERING, THE FAMILY WAS FAITHFUL TO WITNESS & MINISTER TO MANY CATHOLIC PRIESTS, NUNS & WORKERS, in obedience to Dad's counsel in "Ar-rivederci Roma", & "Catholics or Protestants". God bless Dad for his insight & wisdom, as most of them were very friendly & helpful, promoting & helping us to really get established in this staunchly Catholic country.

IN FEBRUARY 1973 THERE WAS A EUROPEAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN PARIS LED BY FAITHY & AARON who came from Scandinavia with Shulamite & baby Mene. Miguel & Becky were there, as were all European Regional Shepherds. The work in France was prayed about & discussed by all the leadership. It was such an exciting time! Faithy then received a dream in which the Lord showed her that the work in France would not really explode unless we had a definite base inside Paris (instead of this faraway suburb). Marianne happened to have a tiny apartment in the Bastille neighbourhood of Paris (the Bastille was the stronghold that the Revolutionaries took over in 1789, which started the French Revolution!), which became our base for many years, headquarters for the new spiritual Revolution in France! It was from this time on that the work in Paris, & the rest of France, began to blossom.

WHILE MANY OTHER LEADERS WENT ON TO OTHER FIELDS, AARON REMAINED IN PARIS & developed a great love for the French & inspired the first real translating push, as well as the distribution of the MLs. We started to have a steady translating team working on the Words of David. Aaron really laid down his life to instill this love for the Word into the translators before he went to be with the Lord in the Spring of 1973.

SHORTLY AFTER THIS, ONE OF THE MAIN CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS DID A VERY FAVOURABLE ARTICLE ON OUR WORK, publicising our frequent singing & witnessing in front of the famous Notre Dame Cathedral. This opened many doors amongst the Catholic society, & led to us being offered the use of the basement of a parish building right around the corner from Notre Dame! This new wit-

nessing base allowed us to explode right in the heart of Paris, led by the crazy faith & fire of Faithy & French Joseph. Besides the tiny Bastille flat, all of our motley crew were living in one big basement communal room, much like the Early Church, & many came to see our fire burn & join our wild bunch! The clergy of Notre-Dame worked with us for a number of months, helping us, & even asking French Megiddo, a former priest, to help give Communion at Mass one Sunday!

THROUGHOUT THE PIONEERING & POPULARITY STAGE OF THE FRENCH WORK, the Lord always used Faithy to raise the standard & the flame of David & to lead us from one stage to the next in our attack! Shortly after she returned from Rachel & Emanuele's wedding in Rome, she heard about a weekly Talk Show on TV which was extremely popular at the time, viewed by about 15 million people. The theme of this one particular show was going to be the "Hippy Movement", & various University professors & one radical hippy were invited. She saw the tremendous possibility of delivering our Message, as who better than us could talk about hippies & give the true answer to their quest & heart-cry? Full of faith, she walked into the TV studio & pushed French Joseph forward, who was only allowed to sing one song at the end of the Show, "You Gotta Be A Baby"! But that little song & that one TV program proved to be the turning point for the work in France!

THE ONE HIPPIY INVITED, (MARY MAGDELENE), a psychologist who had dropped out & written a book about it, blasted the old fogey professors with a frustrated final outburst of "I could show you my ass!" At the height of this tumult, French Joseph spontaneously began singing, "You Gotta Be a Baby!"

MARY MAGDELENE TURNED AROUND & JOINED JOSEPH IN HIS SONG as she was getting so turned on by the simplicity of the Message & the radical way he had approached the subject, thus making it a tremendous testimony to millions of French people watching the show. In fact, after receiving Jesus into her heart in the ladies room at the TV station, (just to "please those sweet freaks"!) she came to visit the Family the next day!—She knew something was different. Faithy's warm love & strong faith particularly impressed her & she soon joined us for good, stopping all smoking & taking drugs, & becoming the subject of many articles in the press, as many could hardly believe the radical change that had taken place in her after that scandalous TV program!

A POPULAR FRENCH SINGER, JACQUES MONTY, was one of the television audience that

memorable evening. He loved the antics of Joseph & Mary & flipped over the simple song he heard Joseph sing! He was determined to find out more about this ex-hippy who sang with such boldness & conviction. He visited us & could hardly believe his eyes! All this faith, sincerity & talent was something he had never seen! He decided to record & promote this new peculiar group, "Les Enfants de Dieu" & their Don Quixote-like theme song 'You Gotta Be A Baby', as he wanted to help others know of the love, faith & happiness that he had seen in the Family.

OUR FIRST RECORDING IN THE FALL OF '73 WAS SUCH A FUNNY EXPERIENCE AS NONE OF US WERE PROFESSIONAL SINGERS. Few in fact were singers at all but we were all there for the first recording of "You Gotta Be A Baby"; mothers, provisioners, secretaries & all! This song, released as a single record became quite popular, & by the end of the year could be heard on the radio, in shops & on juke-boxes throughout France. Radio & television engagements followed, & it dawned on us that the Lord was presenting us with a tremendous "golden opportunity" to reach the French! During these first months of "show-biz", the Family was living with 'no certain dwelling place', as the priests at Notre Dame had asked us to leave, as we were getting a little too controversial for them! Ha! One of our temporary homes was the basement of a Protestant church which we called "Holy Holes", & where we all slept on the floor, & Big Josh in the bathtub they used to baptise people in! Jacques Monty was bringing all his top show-biz friends to see us, & we spent hours witnessing & singing the songs of the Spirit to them, causing many of them to break down in tears as they felt the power of His Love!

IT WAS AT "HOLY HOLES" THAT FAITHY RECEIVED THE PROPHECY ABOUT BEING THE STANDARD BEARER OF DAVID! The Spirit was certainly hot & heavy at this time as we did little more than witness, litness & sing, often not knowing where we would sleep that night, like so many of the Family. The Lord finally provided us with an old warehouse (after coming back from witnessing one day to find that the Protestant minister had evicted us, putting all our belongings on the sidewalk!) which we called 'The Stable', & where we spent the winter of '73-'74, sleeping on the cold cement floor with a few cots & heaters that Jacques & his partners had bought us. —The generosity of some systemites!

BECAUSE OUR MUSIC SEEMED TO BE OPENING SO MANY DOORS, other Family musicians & performers were brought in from various fields —Jeremiah, Nehemiah & Windy from Amsterdam,

Simon Black from Italy, Jeremy, Jamaican Tracy & Micah Bear from London, Paul Michael from the States, Mercy & Topaz for help with choreography & dancing, Michael Listen, etc. As the blob grew, more heads & hands were needed to help take care of it. In January of '74, Faithy was invited to visit Libya, (after Ho had been invited by Godahfi while visiting Paris), so Deborah took over, with Big Josh shepherding "The Stable".

IN THE EARLY MONTHS OF '74 THE SHOW GROUP APPEARED WEEKLY ON "THE GUY LUX SHOW", the Ed Sullivan show of France, viewed by about 25 million people, & we became quite popular with the song "My Love Is Love", which made us a household word in France! It was quite a paradox as we were becoming quite famous, but the 120 of us were still piled up in a freezing cold warehouse, boys who had to leave their wives & families behind to help in Paris, sleeping shoulder to shoulder in one big room with only a cardboard ceiling over their heads to keep the heat in! Through mismanagement on our part & the deceitfulness of some of our kings, the Family was not receiving much royalties, so we still had to trust the Lord for all our needs & be faithful to litness. But those days were electric! Beautiful new songs & inspiration were pouring in, & it was exciting ministering to top actors & singers, & reaching all of France through TV & radio!

BUT AGAIN, DAD HAD TO SHAKE US UP as this Paris Show Group was absorbing so much talent & personnel, especially under Deborah, that we started to give more priority to TV & Shows than to our main job which was to use this wave of publicity to flood the country with the Wonder Working Words! We were still blobbed up together, literally scrounging, until we really got on the attack with the lit, which helped us to reap a great harvest of new disciples & we opened up a babes ranch to train them outside of Paris.

OUR KINGS DIDN'T SEEM TO SHOW SUCH A GREAT CONCERN FOR OUR POOR LIVING CONDITIONS, so in the spring of 1974 a team of Family members who were "professional squatters" came from London to help us "crack" a building. (The landlord of "The Stable" had evicted us!)

THROUGH A MIRACLE OF GOD we were able to squat an empty six-story office building in excellent condition, smack in the heart of the financial district of Paris! It belonged to the National Electrical Company & had been vacant for several years. The 120 of us with mummies & buggles & pots & pans were able to sneak in without being noticed & were busy cleaning & setting up furniture by

the time the Police showed up the next day! (The guards at a large bank across the street had called the police, thinking that we were planning a 'heist'!)

DESPITE MANY ATTEMPTS TO EVICT US, we were able to remain there for two years. The show group was popular with many members of the then new administration of Giscard D'Estaing, & the Interior Minister refused to sign an order to evict us. GBH! No one had ever squatted a building like this in France, so they weren't sure what to do!

FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS, THROUGH THE "NEW REVOLUTION", the "Paris Building" not only supplied the accommodations so desperately needed, but it became a busy beehive which helped us reap a tremendous harvest at the peak of our wave of popularity. It housed our recording studios, RR & reception rooms, nursery, babes ranch, publications department, provisioning department, photo & printing unit, & the only 5th-floor disco in Paris! (The PoorBoy Club). During this time the French Pubs really got rolling, translating & printing hundreds of the MLs for the public & new disciples.

DURING THIS TIME THE WORK REMAINED QUITE CENTRALISED, THE 'BLOB' ABSORBING ALL THE TALENT, so the "New Revolution" was a real answer & a very exciting time. More & more teams started to reach the many untouched cities throughout France & new French leaders & disciples got to flap their wings & the lit started to pour out all over France. The tremendous wave of publicity helped us establish extraordinary provisioning & housing contacts & prepared the way for the flood of the Words of David. When this wave started to break, the FFing Revolution helped us continue to reap the many remaining hungry souls until the time of the RNR, & then started the last of the three P's—Persecution, PTL! But we were able to continue strong, & glean the last harvest until the time came to move to more receptive fields! TG a tremendous harvest was reaped, thousands of souls were saved & the country had been hit through the lit & the media & our FF sample, resulting in many fulltime workers won who continue to serve Him faithfully on the riper, greener & hungrier Southern & Eastern fields. PTL!

P.S. 1983: ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING CHAPTERS IN THE HISTORY OF THE FAMILY IN FRANCE was that Dad, Maria & their staff lived & worked there for a few years! They enjoyed it very much & Dad has even said that he sometimes feels homesick for France! So GB the French & help them to remember our witness & message & make the right decisions in the years to come!