

THE ENLARGING OF OUR TENTS!

— FAMILY PHASES IN THE MATURATION OF A MOVEMENT!



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DAD WRITES, "IN 1966, OUR LITTLE FAMILY OF SIX HIT THE ROAD BY FAITH... We didn't seem to accomplish very much, going from church to church & witnessing scene to witnessing scene through a few States of the U.S., singing, witnessing, winning a few souls & trying to stir up the churches to do the same, without much success...By the end of 1967 we had toured most of the U.S...but had only doubled our number to a mere dozen who could still all be fitted into one little camper bus! But that was 100% growth & we were learning to hear from the Lord, & getting the Message out the best we could." (187:5,6)

HUNTINGTON BEACH

"IN 1968 IN CALIFORNIA, GRANDMOTHER DIED & WE GAVE UP ON THE CHURCHES & began to work independently by faith with the youth alone outside the churches." (187:7)

IN SUMMER OF '68 THE FAMILY BEGAN USING THE LIGHTCLUB IN HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, TO MINISTER TO THE HIPPIES, as the Lord had asked Dad to become the "King of the Beggars", & the Teens for Christ as they were known, began visiting churches en masse as well as invading campuses. While some pastors of the churches we visited liked us & received us, visiting others where we were not so well-received with our ragged band resulted in almost daily newspaper publicity with such lurid headlines as "Howling Hippies Disrupt Church!"

"OUR MILITANT ATTACKS ON SYSTEM-ADDICT RELIGION & THE EDUCATIONAL & COMMERCIAL SYSTEM in general with invasions, sit-ins, demonstrations, marches, picketing, beach baptisms, revolutionary shouts, wild worship & real red-hot subversive, radical, Bible-teaching with bare & naked flashing Sword of God, really turned the kids on!" (167:14.)

THOUGH IT "MUST HAVE SOUNDED ALMOST RIDICULOUS TO THE PITIFUL LITTLE HANDFUL OF YOUTH who were just starting with us then in one tiny little colony of only a couple of dozen,...I told them that the Revolution would rise like a mighty ocean swell to a gigantic wave of witnessing which would sweep the World like a gigantic ocean breaker, rolling across the countries & continents of the World until it had thundered upon every shore." (154:2.)

DAD WAS SUPPORTING EVERYONE ON HIS MEAGER SAVINGS & from his mailing list, & we began provisioning day-old sandwiches to offer to the hungry hippies we invited to the Club to witness to. One September night in 1968 Dad made "Our Declaration of Revolution" (#1336) & this hit the news! "The Teens for Christ became the Revolution for Jesus, numbering about 50" at that time. (187:7.)

"THE IMPLACABLE FOES OF ANYTHING THAT'S DIFFERENT began to land us frequently in jail, persecute us, harass us, bully us & threaten us, until they finally drove us out of town!—In fact, completely out of the State of California!" (167:18.)

THE GREAT TREK

"IN THE BEGINNING OF 1969 WE FINALLY FLED

TO TUCSON FOR THE SUMMER, establishing a sort of hippie church in good Brother Ware's former church building, known as the Lighthouse. Here we grew & prospered from about 50 to about 75 fulltime witnessing disciples until we left there in four separate teams to cross the country with the Gospel of the Good News...as far South as Miami, Florida & as far North as Montreal, Canada. Coffee-houses were established in Texas, Florida & Quebec, "where we witnessed one-on-one in personal evangelism to the youth of North America. "We finally arrived safe & sound 3,000 miles away at dear Dr. Martin's Camp-ground in the Laurentian Mountains at Laurentide near Montreal. Here we had our first official convention & organised as a definite religious body." (172:120, 121.)

"AFTER VARIOUS PROPHECIES ABOUT WEARING SACKCLOTH, the Family went on vigil in Washington D.C., New York, Philadelphia & Chicago, receiving newspaper coverage as the Red-robed Prophets of Doom" & later were first called the "Children of God" by a newspaper reporter in Camden, New Jersey. We stopped in campgrounds in Illinois & Louisiana & in December of 1969 ended up camping outside Houston, Texas where Dad gave the Letter "Mountain Men". "With our little gypsy caravan wandering across the nation, we only doubled our numbers to about 100...because it was a hard life, but it developed some of our best leaders of today!" (187:8)

TSC & COLONISATION

DAD "WAS INSPIRED TO FLY TO CALIFORNIA TO REQUEST THE USE OF THE OLD TEXAS SOUL CLINIC Missionary Ranch near Thurber, Texas...from Fred Jordan...so in February 1970 we happily moved back to the old homestead" with about 120 disciples to "dwell there securely for about a year-&-a-half while we doubled our numbers to about 250." At this time Dad gave the Letters "Nehemiah" (#D) encouraging us to stay on the wall as "A Sample, Not A Sermon" (#J), as "God began to give us the vision of His method of 'Colonisation', a plan for spreading such colonies throughout the whole World." (172:133, 134.)

IN THE SPRING OF 1970, THE FIRST AMOEBIA SPLIT & a team of 29 set out to "establish a new base in the old Soul Clinic Skidrow Mission in downtown Los Angeles at the invitation of Fred Jordan...Witnessing teams on Hollywood Boulevard, Sunset Strip & in Griffith Park & other youth hang-outs increased the population of the Los Angeles Colony to nearly 200 within a few weeks! Fred promoted his work & income through displaying these converts on his TV show." (172:134 & 135.)

IN SEPTEMBER, TSC SENT FURTHER TEAMS TO KENTUCKY & CINCINNATI, while Los Angeles expanded to Santa Barbara & San Diego a month later, financing the expansions through forsake-alls & provisioning.

"OUR ONE & ONLY GP PUBLICATION before 1971 was the little all-time favourite 'Warning Tract', which we'd been using virtually unchanged for three years since our humble beginnings in 1968 & before!" Thousands of these Warning Tracts were distributed nationwide, as we "warned the wicked of their wicked ways". (328A:3 & Ezk.3:17-19.)

NEAR THE END OF 1970 DAD TOLD US, "I GOTTA SPLIT" (#28) & left our Family of 300 disciples, now spread across the States in several colonies, to "Follow God" (#4). Dad soon wrote more counsel on "New Colonies" (#59) & the expansion of new areas continued throughout the United States.

IN JANUARY '71, "THE ULTIMATE TRIP" WHICH HAD BEEN FILMED AT TSC, WAS SHOWN NATIONWIDE (& in May of the same year was also shown in Europe, preparing the way for the pioneering teams to colonise that new continent)! In June, the House of Judah, founded by David Hoyt, joined & in September Linda Meissner's Jesus People Army in the Northwest followed suit to follow "David" (#77), being brought to the decision of "Jesus People?—Or Revolution!" (#148) The Jesus Revolution hit 'Time' Magazine's cover story!

AT THE END OF THE SUMMER OF '71 THE FRED JORDAN ERA ENDED, with the Family leaders ordered off of his property at TSC, L.A. & Coachella & simultaneous persecution arising with a wave of unfavourable publicity based on false accusations of hypnotism, drugs, kidnapping & incarceration! This accomplished God's plan of scattering us abroad, as Dad counselled us, "Even adverse publicity & criticism has served to stir up more controversy about us & increased the publicity of our Message & method!...—This sudden forced evacuation of all Soul Clinic properties, although a hardship at the time, actually worked together for our good as the Lord had promised." (172:145 & 146.)

EXPANSION OVERSEAS

JUST MONTHS BEFORE IN JULY '71, THE FIRST TEAM HAD LEFT FOR ENGLAND where they had appeared on nationwide TV, & now more troops followed to aid in the European Invasion where we began to pioneer a new country every month! Street witnessing, Randy skits in the Park, & Holy Ghost samples & feed-ins at Rock Concerts were tried & proven methods from the States that helped reach the youth of England & Holland, as well as international travellers. With further expansion

our Homes were winning 1,200 souls a week, & by the end of 1971, "We had grown to about 40 colonies with about 1,600 disciples!", more than a 500% increase in population that year alone! In fact, we were so many bunched up together that Dad wrote "Decentralisation" & "Let My People Go!", which resulted in the "Homegoing" & a later wave of favourable publicity as it proved that we were free & the lies that had been told about us in earlier media articles weren't true. PTL! (122, 144, & 145.)

IN THE FIRST MONTHS OF 1972, IT WAS A GENUINE "WORLD CONQUEST THROUGH LOVE" (#151), with 500 new disciples joining in two months & the number of colonies & countries doubling—from 40 colonies in seven countries to 80 colonies in 15 countries!

IN FEBRUARY 1972 DAD WROTE HIS "LAWS OF MOSES" (#155) encouraging everyone to read daily MD Letters, followed by "Labour Leaders" (#161) in May, impressing upon us the great need to train ourselves in the Letters. So began a new emphasis on training that was to last for the next two years, as we got our "Monster On the Move" (#176).

DAD WROTE "THE GREAT ESCAPE" AS WELL AS "OPERATION P.A.C.C." & the Family in the States began to to "Flee As A Bird", leaving in droves to Europe & South America, & the first teams went to the Pacific from "Border Bases" in the States. This influx of manpower resulted in a further dispersion with in Europe itself with "The Declaration of Independence" in July of that year, followed by "802 South" as we went on "The Attack" in our Gospel guerrilla warfare. (160, 164, 160B, 178, 173, 171)

WITH "ARE WE CATHOLICS OR PROTESTANTS?", Dad pointed out our striking similarities to the Catholics, as we infiltrated the Latin countries of Europe & Latin America. Faithy & team were granted a "Papal Audience" through contact with the Little Sisters of Jesus, whom we began fellowshiping with worldwide. We still kept an ecumenical stance, as our contact with "The World Council of Churches" increased, after first singing at one of their Conferences in Utrecht, Holland some months earlier. (184, 192, 183.)

"DUE TO THESE TREMENDOUS TROOP MOVEMENTS & THESE MAJOR MOVES OVERSEAS, there was naturally a slight slowing down in our total rate of growth in the latter part of the year. But that was good because it gave us more time to consolidate our gains & get firmly established in our new beachhead & more thoroughly train our disciples & leaders before the next major push of our worldwide invasion. It also slowed down our

witnessing somewhat, as our army was busy moving into new fields, learning new languages & customs & getting acquainted with whole new cultures of people that were totally foreign to most of us." (197:12)

BY THE "FALL OF 1972...WE HAD EXPLODED TO A TOTAL OF 134 COLONIES WITH 2,383 DISCIPLES IN OVER 40 COUNTRIES around the World in all six continents"! That year we witnessed to "nearly half a billion with personal contact, & nearly 80 million pieces of literature & nearly 700 news items, broadcasts, telecasts, books & magazines". (187:4, 197:8.)

THE LITNESSING REVOLUTION

IN FEBRUARY OF 1973, DAD RECEIVED THE "BIRTHDAY WARNING" FROM THE LORD stressing the need to "Feed My Sheep" scattered abroad with "The Wonder Working Words"! The Family began hitting the streets with MD Letters for the general public & in June "Shiners or Shamers" was written, encouraging us to do even more, & "It wasn't long before the sales of literature alone was supporting our colonies, as God had promised if we got out His Words, & we were no longer utterly dependent on provisioning, forsake-alls, gifts, the mails & donations from friends & supporters." (215, 233, 207, 241, 328A:22.)

FAMILY SPRINT SHOPS WERE SPRINGING UP EVERYWHERE & BY THE END OF 1974 "Our total World literature output was five times what it was at the beginning of the year & had reached a monthly production figure of 2-& 1/4 million copies—which was more than was printed in the entire first six months of the year!" (270:50)

IN NOVEMBER OF 1973 DAD RECEIVED "THE 40 DAYS" MESSAGE (#280) which was blazed abroad that winter in every country where the Family was, & our warning to the World received considerable media coverage, following the news of our political message, manifested in such GP Letters as the Godahfi series, "Green Paper Pig", "War & Peace", "End of Allende", "Arab Wall", "The Phoenix", "Israel Invaded" & "The Real War Goes On"! (226, 245, 243, 255, 272, 274, 276, 281, 277)

THE "40 DAYS" MESSAGE ALSO GOT THE FAMILY OUT OF AMERICA! At this time we were still over 2,000 disciples & sale of lit on the street was supporting our worldwide expansion. "God (having) dropped the bottle-breaking bomb of the 'Birthday Warning', nearly doubled our total literature distribution & those witnessed to in only one year!" (328A:8.)

MUSIC & POORBOY CLUBS

1974 SAW "LITTLE FLIRTY FISHY", "BEAUTY & THE BEAST" & "THE LAW OF LOVE" all coming

from Dad's pen! Sex & our manifest loving affection became one of our biggest attractions as we baited the hook with the new/old outreach of Poorboy Clubs. Dad wrote, "Our greatest present push & potential in reaching the youth of the World on a rapid worldwide scale is again in the field of music & even dramatic entertainment even as we began so long ago in our first little club in California...We have now come the full circle around & are starting Clubs again, but this time on a vast worldwide scale...& with much broader exposure in the entertainment fields of TV, radio & worldwide record productions of our music to reach the young everywhere by every means possible." (307A:8 & 9.)

"BY THE END OF 1974...WE HAD NEARLY QUIN- TUPLD OUR FIRST THREE YEARS WITNESS— in only two years! We now averaged a monthly literature output of 5 million a month—three times as much as the previous year—from 30 Sprint Centres in 28 languages... resulting in a quarter of a million decisions for Christ! Hallelujah! 'Millions for the billions' had come true!" We had a total witness to "over 2-&-1/2 billion souls...or 2-&-1/2 times as many as '73!" (328A:16 & 17, 334B:2 & 3)

"OUR MEDIA WITNESS ALSO TRIPLED & the number of news items written about us more than doubled, so the whole World was talking about us more than ever!" At the end of the year, the New York Attorney General's Report was also released, full of slanderous lies about us, but Dad cautioned us to "Fret Not", writing, "Don't worry about a little 'bad' publicity, oral persecution or even a few verbal or literal beatings! They'll only make more news & keep you & your Message before the public until you've reaped the harvest, grown even stronger through opposition & even grown in numbers through attempted suppression, as history has so often proven!" (334B:3 & 317B:40)

THE DISCIPLE REVOLUTION

BY 1975, ALTHOUGH WE WERE GETTING OUT THE LIT & GETTING INTO THE LIT OURSELVES, DAD WAS CONCERNED THAT WE WEREN'T WINNING DIS- CIPLES: "With four Chiefs to every Indian—82% leaders & LT's—we've got too many Chiefs & not enough Indians! So it's time some of you Chiefs got out into some fresh new green fields & started harvesting the over-ripe grain for God & bringing in the hungry babes for Jesus, lest we inform you we don't need leaders who aren't interested in pioneering & obeying & scattering those blobs into all the World!" (328B:2 & 328A:47.)

"THE ANTI-BLOB LETTERS BEGAN TO HAVE AN

IMMEDIATE EFFECT by late Fall & Winter, with our colonies jumping to over 250 & our population to over 3,000...the number of converts sky-rocketed & hit over 30,000 a month, or more than five times as many as those gained before the Blob bursting & New Revolution Letters!"

"OVER 377,000 SOULS WON THAT YEAR!—More than all the previous five years combined!" Two thousand new disciples were gained in that one-year period, the highest ever, & to top it off we were still getting out 5,000,000 pieces of lit a month! Our population swelled by 53% & our colonies tripled worldwide! This era also began a Catacomb disciple expansion that began with "The New Revolution" & lasted until 1977. (336A:3 & 4, 382:32)

"1975 ALSO SAW A TREMENDOUS TRANSLATING PUSH" in Spanish, French, Italian, German, Japanese & other major languages. The Family was also receiving very favourable publicity with "Les Enfants de Dieu" in France, & "Os Meninos de Deus" in Brazil & other groups in Latin America. We were reaching 250 million people a month through the media alone.

FFING

WITH THE PUBLISHING OF THE "KING ARTHUR SERIES" IN THE SPRING OF '76, the Family in different parts of the World began experimenting with FFing as a new outreach! By the time of "The FF Explosion" (#576) published in 1977, FFing was in full swing & we found "The Spirit & the Word of God encased in frail feminine flesh...to be the most powerful effective weapon the Lord had ever used!" (551:44)

THE SUMMER OF '77 BROUGHT A WAVE OF PUB- LICITY NOW MAJORING ON OUR SEXUAL & FFING BELIEFS, which spread worldwide, including coverage in "Time" magazine. There was a massive witnessing drive simultaneously in which our different rebuttal Letters & NNNs flooded the streets of Europe & the World. We pioneered the new ministry of "Open the Door For The Children" (#588) with Dad's encouragement & later established the "Church of Love" (#617), thereby enabling us to minister to whole families, that is, FFing the husbands, & inviting the family to our Church of Love, while their children were reached through an "Open Door for the children"! The Family had now grown to over 8,000 by the end of 1977, & the Davidito Letters were being published, with a much-needed emphasis on our children.

WITH THE RNR IN EARLY 1978, NATIONALISA- TION & FFING STEPPED UP & GP Komix were the main fare of lit for the streets along with other lit closely adhering to the suggested

"Lit Laws". (Nos. 649 & 672) Despite Dad's counsel in "7 Supporters" (#673), stressing Prayer Letters, Provisioning, Soul-winning, FFing, Music & even jobs as alternate means of support, instead of only witnessing, finances slacked off about 35% after the RNR but the purging of the RNR "weeded out a lot of the chaff & kept the good grain!...One of the most astonishing things is that we were growing more rapidly than ever before--contrary to what you might have perceived, we gained more new disciples in 1978 than our average yearly gain for the past 10 years!--"Knew Disciples", a record number of babies above any year for the past 10 years! (773:13, 2 & 4.)

"1978 WAS A GREAT YEAR OF TREMENDOUS ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR US!—Even though the RNR had nearly knocked us for a loop for awhile! Some of our greatest victories were results of the RNR...greater nationalisation, more indigenuity, more homegrown grassroots leadership & best of all the pioneering of many new countries with the Gospel!" (766:23 & 1; 747:41.)

IN OCTOBER OF THAT YEAR THE JONESTOWN INCIDENT RESULTED IN A WORLDWIDE ANTI-SECT SMEAR CAMPAIGN—"Jonestown, their excuse to attack all the cults, & the cults were their excuse to attack us!--Because there is not one of them that preaches Christ like we do!" (#766:1)

THE LORD HAD TOLD US THAT THERE WOULD NEVER BE ANOTHER YEAR LIKE THAT ONE. With the persecution & finding ourselves no longer young, wide-eyed hippy teenagers anymore, in early '79 Dad counselled us in "Going Underground" (#750) & "Door-To-Door Witnessing" (#769), how to witness underground when the public ministries were no longer possible.

THE WIM (#755) STARTED AT THIS TIME as well as the whole IRFing program (#757), which resulted in 100 new IRF Homes per month joining with 300 new Members per month! Due to stepped-up persecution & the Family laying low, the lit distribution dropped off by two-thirds as well as Home Income taking a phenomenal drop. A new emphasis was placed on the mail ministry, as well as FFing, both "Undercovers" ministries for the days ahead!

WITH THE BIRTH OF OUR PRINCESS & THE PUBLICATION OF "TECHI'S STORY" (Nos. 785-790, 794 & 795), so began a new emphasis on pregnancy & newborns!

IN THE SUMMER OF '79, DAD WROTE THE TENT & CARAVAN SERIES WHICH HELPED GET US ALL MOBILE & we also began to "Invade the Churches" (#834) & use our children more as our main witnesses as Dad had encouraged us,

pointing out the "Advantages of Having Children". (#688)

THE "KQL REVOLUTION" (#832) TOOK PLACE AT THIS TIME WITH AN EVEN GREATER EMPHASIS ON THE LIMS GETTING THE LETTERS in the language of the land than ever before.

WITH 1980'S "THE CRASH IS HERE" (#854) a major push was initiated to stock up on survival.

MMM WAS LAUNCHED INTERNATIONALLY, WITH THE FAMILY BOOKING STATIONS WORLDWIDE, AN OUTREACH TO MILLIONS, which spearheaded a dozen other local language shows in the months to come!--A music explosion with MO Letter follow-up to thousands!

DAD APPEALED TO ALL "AMERICANS ABROAD" (#905) TO HEAD TO NEW SOUTHERN FIELDS but to "Keep Your Caravans At Home" (#921), & in many cases the sale of caravans helped families to invest in videos as well as get to their pioneer fields. Besides being a means of Family fellowship, videos also became a tool of ministering to others.

WITH "SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP" (#950), WE BEGAN REALISING THE GREAT NEED OF GETTING TOGETHER & more Homes began living together in Co-ops for cooperative witnessing, as with the RNR & subsequent 'going underground' NRS vision a number of teams had taken drop-in jobs, living in small personal family units & weren't accomplishing so much for the Lord! "Tithing & the FN" (#928) not only pointed out the Lord's blessing on tithing, but gave us all renewed conviction to be "110-percenters"!

AT THE BEGINNING OF 1981 OUR RANKS HAD AGAIN RISEN TO OVER 8,000 & we had learned how to operate under persecution, brought on by publicity which was now accusing us of anti-Semitism. Our females were equalling our males in population for the first time in our history & we found half of us were children!--Resulting in a whole new emphasis on children, who indeed were becoming some of our major witnesses!

ALL THESE YEARS FFING HAD BECOME MORE & MORE OF A MAJOR MINISTRY IN EVERY FIELD & Dad had taught us how to "Make It Pay" (#684), & many girls had begun ESing! Dad later pointed out that while we were winning one soul for every 100 pieces of literature distributed, that one out of every two fish that our FFers really loved up were won to the Lord!--A tremendous percentage of fruit from the seed sown! "That's much higher than the total of nearly 30 billion witnessed to & only 4-8-1/2 million won! That's only one out of 6,000 of those witnessed to, only one out of 100 of those witnessed to, but one out of two of those fucked to!--So FFing is 3,000 times as effective as all

other witnessing combined!" (1083:82)
 WITH DAD'S "WORLD SERIES" (#1227), THE FAMILY BEGAN ANOTHER MASSIVE MOVE SOUTH & EAST In 1982, with 83% of the Family population now in the Safer South! Dad specifically encouraged us to "Go East", to the "Lands of the Rising Sun" (Nos. 1088 & 1283), himself leading the way!

WITH THE TREMENDOUS RESPONSE TO MWM, MCV & the other local language MWM's around the World, the MWM Members are now being counted as Family Members on the stats, based on the guidelines of the Letter "Members", (#1068) written in the Fall of 1981. So we are now over 12,000 Homes composed of over 20,000 Members in 108 countries, half of which are

TRFers & half of which are Club Members! And of the 20 largest countries that we're presently in, in 18 of these we are more than one-half national disciples!—Quite a miraculous change from being 100% American disciples in our early days, to now being 70% non-U.S. American!

FROM SMALL BEGINNINGS, THE FAMILY HAS NOW GIVEN A MASS WITNESS TO OVER 35 BILLION, distributed 460 million pieces of literature & led almost 6 million souls to salvation in Jesus!—All through the faithfulness of one little pastor who didn't find his life's work until he was 49 years old—David!—By one man's obedience, many have been made righteous! (Ro.5:19.)

HOW OUR FAMILY HAS MATURED!

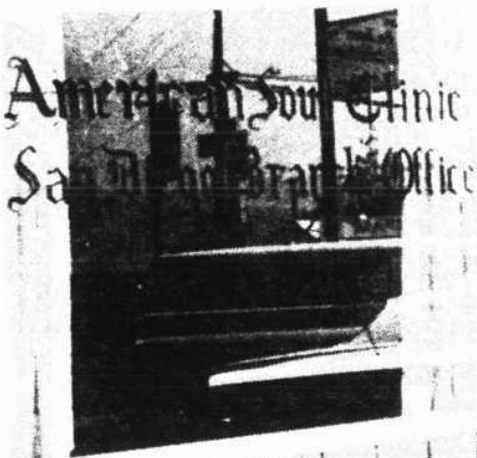
LEARNING NEW MINISTRIES & SUPPORTERS OVER THE YEARS!



DAD'S MAIL MINISTRY



PROVISIONING ON THE ROAD



COFFEEHOUSES



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