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Dad Exploded When He Read — Our First Visiting Servants'



First Home Report!

—BAWLS OUT
TOP LEADERS!

"PTL! GB! Thank God for the Visiting Servants and the Lord! We don't seem to have much else in the way of responsible sheps! God bless 'em for their good work!"—Love, Dad. 27/1.

(Dad reads first Visiting Servants' report to top leaders!)

Information: 18 people (including the six children). Regional Shepherds were living in the Home, along with the Home Servant. Also, this is a visitors home (**DAD:** *In other words, where visitors come!*) and the girls are doing some FF'ing (**DAD:** *Now can't you just imagine them bringing their nice FF fish to*

a place like this!) and they have started a Church of Love. (**DAD:** *My God, let's hope they haven't!*)

The house itself is a bit old, but rather nice, if kept up. But right now it is in bad shape as it hasn't been cared for and is dirty. (**DAD:** *Now you might be excused for living in an old house. You might even be excused that some of it, pieces of it, are either falling down or falling off. You can't help that, that's up to your landlord, although maybe you ought to have a maintenance man to try to fix things up as best you can. But there is no excuse with all the people they have*

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in that house, 18 people, for not keeping the house clean! I mean, even if it also means not just sweeping the floor and washing the windows and keeping the kitchen clean, but even if it means you have to paint the walls and whatever else is necessary to make it neat and well decorated and decent and unashamed to bring distinguished visitors there, any kind of visitors. I wouldn't want to take any kind of a visitor into a house under this description. —Nobody, no friends of mine, at least!

NOW I WANT YOU TO FIND OUT WHO IS TO BLAME BESIDES THIS ARCHBISHOP! It's definitely his fault, because apparently he didn't oversee it like he should have and didn't get down there and get something done, if he had to put on his overalls and start painting and sweeping the floor himself! "He that is greatest among you must be servant of all!"

I'M HAVING TO GET IN NOW AND FIND OUT THESE THINGS MYSELF, because you leaders haven't found them out! Think of it, that I have to stir myself up about one little Home out of hundreds! I have to get upset and get you up here out of bed and bawl you out for it, because you have not taken care of your work! I have to do it now for you!)

When we arrived, everyone was awaiting us and they all seemed a bit fearful. (DAD: I guess that's the way they usually felt when any big shots came aound. Thank God our dear little Visiting Servants are little shots!) A lot of them were out litnessing, and we could inspect the

house a bit and speak with a few persons, such as the old shepherd.

(DAD: They just voted him out today. I don't know why they thought the other guy was going to be much better, since apparently, had he been living at that house? Well, at least he was supposed to be the Regional Shepherd, and maybe he will do something for it. They didn't have much better on hand at the moment, so I guess they did the best they could. They said that guy couldn't do any litnessing or apparently anything else or sweep the floor, because the Archbishop kept him so busy doing his work, such as collecting the mail. Apparently he is too lazy to go to the mailbox and get his own mail. And this guy makes the excuse that he has to be so busy picking up the mail once a day, or maybe he goes ten times a day, and therefore he couldn't litness!)

They have many problems of organisation and following a schedule for everything. They weren't having daily meetings unitedly and neither were they having weekly business meetings. (DAD: Apparently they weren't having any meetings, period! —Totally contrary to the New Revolution rules issued three years ago!)

NOW, I'M NOT GOING TO BLAME THE POOR SHEEP, DUMB SHEEP, that much, because God compares His children to dumb sheep, which is just about the dumbest animal there is in existence, if you know anything about sheep. Did you know that sheep—I'm talking about real sheep now, the animals—couldn't exist were it not for man? They simply don't exist in the

wild. There is a kind of sheep, what they call these hill goats and rams, but they are completely different from the kind of domesticated sheep. Domesticated sheep cannot take care of themselves, and they are notoriously the dumbest animal there is! If one of them runs and jumps over a cliff, all the rest of them will follow him!

SO SINCE GOD HIMSELF HAS ALREADY CALLED HIS PEOPLE DUMB SHEEP, I'M NOT GOING TO BLAME THEM VERY MUCH.

But I am sure going to give hell to the shepherds, the ones who are supposed to be taking care of them!

THIS IS JUST LIKE A HOME WITHOUT A SHEPHERD AT ALL!

Apparently there was no shepherd, nobody organising them, no schedule, no cleaning, no meals! Can you imagine!—Because there were no cooks! Well, maybe they had some meals, but sometimes they just didn't cook at all!)

Because of this, everyone was doing his own thing. We found that they didn't have meals sometimes, because nobody cooked, and they don't have a good plan for cleaning the house, and the finances are a mess, all because of a lack of communication. They also don't care for the house, because nobody was considering it their own home, because everyone was just passing through to other parts in transition. (DAD: Apparently, everybody going through there just thought they were on their way someplace else, so why should they worry about the house. Well, I want to tell you something!—

WE'VE GOT PEOPLE WHO PASS THROUGH THIS HOUSE ON

TRANSITION, AND THEY ARE IMMEDIATELY PUT ON THE WORK SCHEDULE, and they pitch in and sweep floors and do dishes and all the rest—not only my staff but yours and visitors as well. Why should anybody think they don't have to do anything and not have any duties just because they are passing through!

I HAVE NEVER AT ANY TIME EVER HAD SUCH "GUESTS" IN ANY OF OUR HOMES that I had anything to do with! Everybody who knew anything about it at all, who were supposed to be members of our organisation at all, knew that there was no such thing as "guests" in our colonies, except system mothers and fathers or members of the press or friends, fish, or somebody else.

IF THEY WERE LIVING IN THE HOME, EVEN FOR A FEW DAYS, THEY PARTICIPATED IN THEIR WORK. Now where do these people get the idea that they can just lounge around as guests because they were just passing through?)

Also, they were looking for another house, but they weren't even taking care of the house they have. Almost everyone has their clothing but they don't have closets or shelves. Suitcases and bags are all over the floor. (DAD: I wonder if that is a common practice in our homes, if they are still camping out like hippies. God help us! I wonder when our kids will get it through their thick skulls that their bumming hippie days are over! Since they have become a Christian, they ought to live somewhat differently.

THEY ARE NOT CAMPING OUT ANYMORE, UNLESS THEY ARE ACTUALLY OUT ON THE GROUND! Any Home, any fixed HOME, has no excuse whatsoever to act like they are camping out. They ought to get out and provision the furniture, whatever they need! My God, I've been in houses where I nailed up a rod or I hung up a rope to hang clothes on, if there weren't any closets.)

Also, they don't have personal towels for each person nor sufficient sheets. (**DAD:** I want to tell you that even when we were virtually bumming and camping out and living on the road, we weren't in that bad shape! Everybody had his own towel. Everybody had his own sheets or sleeping bag. I can't imagine such conditions existing in our homes!)

...nor warm enough blankets (**DAD:** Here in mid-winter!)... and the house was a bit cold, even though it has a functioning heating system—a coal furnace (a small one) and radiators in each room. (**DAD:** Apparently someone is too lazy or doesn't know how to run the furnace. Thank God they've got some heat!)

Neither do they have hot water... (**DAD:** Now can you possibly imagine living just a few days without hot water in mid-winter? Have you ever felt how cold the water is coming out of the tap this time of year? It's too cold for me to even drink it! To shove your hand in practically gives you a chill! Can you imagine a Home that turned off their hot water heater because it wasn't functioning properly and then just

let it go just because it needed cleaning and adjustment? I'll tell you—

I THINK FROM NOW ON WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO MAKE IT A REQUIREMENT THAT NO MAN CAN POSSIBLY BE ELECTED HOME SERVANT UNLESS HE HAS SOME MECHANICAL, FIX-IT ABILITIES or has got a man in the house that has. We've got it on the Home Checklist: Is there anybody in your Home that can fix things, a maintenance man of some kind?) No hot water in the taps simply because the water heater is out of adjustment and needs cleaning. So they had cut it off, because the water didn't come out hot but only slightly warm. (**DAD:** Well, if you ask me, it is better slightly warm than not at all!)

We talked with almost each person in the house separately. Everyone was happy with the new Letters and very thankful that we were there. (**DAD:** I wonder how long it had been since they had had a visit from anybody, any superior officer who cared. Son, I want you to get on the telephone or get out in that car and go tomorrow and get ahold by the neck everyone of the officers responsible in this thing! Every one of them knew these conditions existed, or should have known these conditions existed!—And fire them tomorrow! Put them out litnessing on the street or tell them they can go anywhere they want to go and pioneer a new Home. I mean it!

WE ARE GOING TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OUT OF THIS PLACE AND SOME OF THESE PEOPLE! As I told you in my note, may God have mercy on them, because I'm

not going to have much mercy on them! I have told people too long and have written it too many times, and by the help of God it's never going to happen again!

NOBODY IS EVER GOING TO WALK INTO ANOTHER ONE OF OUR HOMES AND FIND IT IN THIS KIND OF CONDITION, if I can help it! If I have to go in there and start taking a whip made of thongs like Jesus did and whip out the money changers and get the people to work!)

The main thing we found they were not doing in the Letters (DAD: Thank God! The one thing that thrills me is that our new system is working, and the very first day we put it into operation we found out. So that's one thing we can be thankful for!). . . was sharing sexually. All said they'd like to do it, but lacked initiative to take the first step.

(DAD: NOW WHY DO YOU SUPPOSE THEY LACKED INITIATIVE TO TAKE THE FIRST STEP? Well, I presume it was for the same reason everybody else was God-damned scared in all the Homes we have heard from doing it—because whenever they had done it before, they got bloody murder from their superiors!

SO EVEN THOUGH THEY FOUND IT IN THE LETTERS, THEY WERE GOD-DAMNED SCARED TO EVEN TRY IT, because of what they had already heard from their superior officers! Think of it! I've been feeling a little bit sorry for some of these officers I've been firing and throwing out of their jobs this month,

coming month at least, but I tell you, things like this are beginning to make me real happy, real happy to know that they really deserve it!

THEY DESERVE JUST WHAT THEY'RE GETTING! They need to go out litnessing; they need to go out and pioneer, because they certainly haven't been good shepherds of the sheep. You know what, if I had been them, I would have been around to these Homes at least once a week, when I lived right there in the same town, and I wouldn't have stood for a moment for one thing in that place not functioning, not a toilet, not a hot water heater, nothing!—If I had to fix it myself!

NOW WHAT THE HELL IS WRONG WITH THESE SUPERVISING OFFICERS? If this is the kind of supervisors we've got, to allow these conditions to exist right under their very noses and don't give a God-damn about it, then they need to go on the road, son, and the quicker the better!

YOU TELL THEM TO GO OUT LITNESSING TOMORROW, and if they don't like that, they can go and pioneer! They don't deserve to handle people anymore! Have you ever seen me mad before? I think there are a few times you have!

WHEN I HAVE TO BE PERSONALLY INVOLVED WITH THINGS that I shouldn't have to be personally involved in, because of the failure of others, I am plenty mad, son! Now I have fired people real quick, sent them on their way, for stuff like this!

IF YOU CAN'T LOVE YOUR BROTHER WHOM YOU HAVE

SEEN RIGHT HERE, how are you going to love all the other brothers that you haven't seen?

IF YOU CAN'T TAKE CARE OF A FEW HOMES THAT ARE RIGHT UNDER YOUR NOSE, how are you going to help the rest of them? I'm sorry son, but you are partly to blame. Every one of you lived there for months and didn't discover the hell of a mess these Homes are in!) They lacked initiative to take the first step. (**DAD:** My God, what's the first step? They must have been afraid to step out of their bedrooms or something!)

We tried to give the vision, to inspire all, that now the Letters are the leaders. (**DAD:** Thank God! Apparently we haven't had much else in the right leadership!). . .and they need to obey them. At first they were accepting our suggestions like they were laws (**DAD:** In other words, they were usually used to getting orders, apparently, from shepherds that said, "Do it!" and then left and never came back to see if it was done.). . .like the old vision. (**DAD:** In other words, the old way.) and were very happy when we would talk honestly, openly with them, and very excited because we represent the RNR for them, and got a vision to be more participants in decisions. (**DAD:** People who are just used to taking orders of course never learn how to make decisions themselves.)

Everyone has small problems that could be solved amongst themselves, but nobody shared. (**DAD:** Apparently they were even afraid to communicate with themselves. Well, when you get beat down for saying

a word to anybody for anything, as so many have from all the stories we have heard, then you are even afraid to talk to each other. Lord help us!)

Some persons never go litnessing, such as _____ (**DAD:** who is supposed to be the Regional Shepherd!) whose major problem is that he has to gather the mail for the Archbishop everyday, and this doesn't leave him much time. (**DAD:** Well, what does he do?—Go downtown to the post office and does it take him all day to make the round trip and back home again? Well, I think you had better find out!

THIS GUY I WOULD CONSIDER JUST AS GUILTY as the rest of them, even though they just voted him in because they didn't know who else to vote for.—Probably because they have never had enough people around to see how they were doing to know anybody else by name. He is the only one available, he is the only one there. All of a sudden now he is going to start doing something, probably because he knows he'd better!)

He confessed that this "RNR" was a complete liberation and he is very grateful. (**DAD:** He has been liberated from the Archbishop, thank God, and they are being liberated from the Archbishop too.)

When everyone else returned about 6 p.m., we had a little meeting reading the new Letter ("Colony Rules") and the rules from it gave a complete new vision—every point from it, that is, such as litnessing, choosing a leader, etc. (**DAD:** Well, I'm sorry I had to get you up here this hour of the morning, but I just

wanted to give you a sample of what is wrong and what has been wrong and my God knows how long and why the Lord led me to make a real shake-up and everything that is happening, that the Lord sure knew what was going on, because you didn't.)

Everyone had read this Letter but they didn't know how to apply it to their particular life. (DAD: Why? Just as clear as can be! Why didn't these dumb sheep know how to apply it to their particular situation? We are talking particularly about the Home laws, the new Letter I just got out recently, "Colony Rules".

WHY WOULDN'T THEY KNOW HOW TO APPLY IT TO THEIR SITUATION? The same reason again: Dumb sheep don't know what to do! Somebody has got to be the leader; somebody has got to be the boss; somebody has got to be the shepherd and some executive has to carry out the laws and get the sheep to follow.

SO APPARENTLY THIS HOUSE JUST AS GOOD AS HAD NO LEADER AT ALL! They were just a bunch of people living together there, that's all.—No organisation, no schedule, no work schedule, no cleaning, no cooking, no nothing! I mean, it's almost unbelievable! Sometimes not even meals, because nobody cooks. Lord help us!)

We tried to inspire them (each one) that the whole work depends on their faith and initiative (DAD: See, that's the trouble when you put up a bossy system where everybody is told what to do. Then if somebody doesn't tell them what to do, they don't know what to do!

IF THERE ARE JUST DICTATORS, then they are so used to just getting orders and nothing else. Then when there is nobody around to give orders, they don't do anything. And apparently, they didn't have any kind of a boss there at all, much less somebody that could lead them.) . . .and to do it for the love of God and David and his sheep and not for obligation of the law.

After, we had an election to vote in a new servant, and they elected unanimously the Regional Shepherd. He is an American, but has a vision to get a co-servant. His wife will be the mother of the Home. (DAD: Apparently, she must be an American too, or he wouldn't need a co-servant.) We think it is a good election at the moment, because he has a good potential of helping the Home rise up.

(DAD: WELL, MY QUESTION WOULD BE, SINCE HE ALREADY LIVED THERE, HOW COME HE HADN'T DONE IT BEFORE?

While he is passing the buck to the old Home Servant, well if he was any kind of leader at all, he should have ridden herd on the Home Servant, if the Home Servant didn't take it into his own hands to get the thing organised himself. He should have pitched in and gotten it organised, right?

NOW BELOVED, WE JUST CANNOT HAVE CONDITIONS LIKE THIS GOING ON IN OUR HOMES! We just can't have it! It is a reproach to the cause of Christ! That thing down there is a shame and a disgrace to us. We ought to be ashamed of it, and we ought to be ashamed that we let it

exist right here under our noses.

I WANT YOU TO TAKE THIS LETTER AND READ IT TO THAT ARCHBISHOP and his wife, to let them know why they are fired! There is no excuse for those conditions existing for hardly one day in that Home, and he should have made sure somehow through somebody that that place was taken care of. As close as he lives to it, being right there in the same town, he should be getting around and seeing these places at least once a week or once a month or something, right? —If he were any kind of shepherd at all!

BUT APPARENTLY, HE IS JUST LIKE ALL THE REST, sitting up there collecting money and stats, and to hell with the sheep! Just keep them out there whipping to the sidewalks.

NO WONDER THEY ALL SAY THE SAME THING WHEN THEY MEET US: “Thank you so much for this little time with you, it’s been such a revelation. We wish everybody could spend time like this and understand.” For God’s sake, what is it about us that certainly makes people feel that we love them and all of a sudden they are loved, whereas they have been like living in a tyranny and a dictatorship for the secret police and scared to even meet us!

WHAT KIND OF LEADERS HAVE WE HAD, SON, THAT HAVE MADE THESE PEOPLE ALMOST NERVOUS WRECKS?—With fear and trembling even coming here to visit! When this Home heard that some officials were coming to visit their house, they were

just like this. Maybe it was because they knew that they hadn’t cleaned the house!)

His campaign speech promised to get the hot water working.—Ha! (DAD: I am more and more convinced that on every Visiting Servant team, a man or a woman should be some kind of a fix-it repair man who knows how to analyse the troubles, check it out and if not actually repair it on the spot, at least tell them what’s wrong with it and how to get it repaired and what to do. And we shouldn’t have a Home where there isn’t some fixer. How can any father or any home have any kind of a man who doesn’t know how to fix anything? I mean, you’ve got to have somebody around! If you can’t fix it yourself, you’ve got to get somebody to fix it!

NOW I’LL TELL YOU, WHEN I HEAR THAT PEOPLE ARE DOING DISHES OR SWEEPING FLOORS and cooking breakfast and are not afraid to pitch in and do jobs that are not even their own, because they need to be done—menial labour jobs—

I’VE GOT A LOT OF FAITH IN PEOPLE LIKE THAT, WHO ARE NOT AFRAID TO WORK! These guys who just sit around collecting money and stats and don’t even care enough about their local Homes to go around and see what they are like, they’re not shepherds!)

Afterward, we had an ordination for him and each person looked up Bible verses to give on being a good servant. We were turned on by the wonderful verses they got—a fantastic list of verses.

(**DAD:** Well, that much I must say, apparently, for our poor little sheep:

AT LEAST THEY KNOW THEIR BIBLES! Maybe they don't know how to clean house or fix the water heaters, but at least they know their Bibles. Thank God for that! That's probably the only reason they have ever pulled through.)

Everyone's heart kind of melted together as they each gave verses.

(**DAD:** For one thing, they were having a fellowship meeting for a change.—They hadn't been having meetings of any kind at all. You can't run any kind of a home or anything unless you get together at least once in a while!) Then we all laid hands on the elected Servant and prayed for him. Afterward, they filled up with visitors who came around 7. (**DAD:** God help 'm!)

We shared with the new Servant the things we had observed in the house and gave our suggestions and shared a little of the checklist. The things which we emphasised were finances and provisioning, and encouraging them to help one another out sexually, and fixing up the house—all the little details of the house. He took real good notes, and received them well.

(**DAD:** WELL, WE'RE GOING TO BE SURE THEY GET BACK TO THAT HOUSE pretty soon and make sure he did them well, as well. I don't like people who just take notes and then go and forget about it!)

Really, when we left the house, the spirit had changed completely! There shone new hope and inspiration on their faces! We also emphasised breaking up the blob! Some

people are planning soon to leave the Home—one couple and a girl plan to go to Italy, and a couple and three children to the North to pioneer. (**DAD:** PTL!)

All the visitors now for all the city are received here at this house, and following the direction of the new Letter we suggested to them, & we plan to tell the other Homes that they should all receive their own visitors. (**DAD:** Good!)

Thank the Lord! A very inspiring day!—Love, Your Visiting Servants.

(**DAD:** Ha!—At least it shows what a mess things are and how needed you and the Letters are!—Thank God! May God have mercy on those responsible because I'm not gonna have much mercy!)

Dear KQS, I think you'd better send your officers on the road or out litnessing! I'm furious!!—To think that you folks have been here this long and knew nothing of these local Home conditions or did nothing about them is almost unforgivable neglect of your duties! If I hear of anymore like that I'm gonna blow my stack and fire you all!

—Very MAD, Dad 27/1

—& to think that I had to discover these myself!—What kind of Shepherds are you!

A NEWLY APPOINTED KQS'S REACTION TO THE FIRST VISITING SERVANTS' REPORT!

Dear Dad & Maria, 27 Jan. 78

God bless you! We love you so much! We just read the Visiting Servants' report and your comments, for devotions. Needless to say, I

suppose, this has made a great impression on me and is causing me to further re-evaluate my position, on the way I can see that we should be doing things as newly appointed KQS's.

First of all, I think their report pretty well describes the conditions (plus or minus a little) of a good many "field" Homes, sad to say. I think it was a very revealing picture, and I don't believe that particular Home is by any means an "exception". I believe it is a very true, perhaps shocking, but nevertheless true picture of what a lot of Homes are like!

And, as you said, I think it's good in that the true picture is becoming clearer. Reading the report made it much more clear to me about the true state of the Homes in N. Europe. I know for a fact that the "field" Home in Zurich was probably a lot like that, as well as others.

I don't think it's so much the actual physical conditions, either. I certainly believe that virtually all of us live much better (more food, better housing, etc.) now than the people who were on the road at the beginning with you.

I think it's more of a problem of the attitude of the leaders. On the road, for example, you made sure that everyone had the best possible conditions under the circumstances. You were really concerned about every little thing, and (I know I've felt it here) people really felt that you loved and understood them! And, you had faith in people, and you really lived by faith!

What I've been trying to do is un-

derstand why they found a Home in the shape of the one they did, and why so many others are. I think for one, the wrong spirit has been passed down. In each major area things are run pretty much by either the A.B. or Minister and his two immediate under-officers.

The leaders have felt responsible to have all the answers, but haven't encouraged others in decision making. I wonder how many times a leader has gone into a Home, and when asked a question, said, "I don't know. What do the Letters say? That has got to be your decision."—and then really encouraged and inspired others to make the right decision. I think it's going to take time to build the confidence and faith of a lot of our local Home Servants, so that they will start doing a better job. I think too many people don't really have faith in themselves—especially a lot of sweet humble people.

The emphasis has been on the leaders and not the Letters. So thank God for the RNR! And I think the leaders haven't been real shepherds all too often. The leaders have been so busy with other things (music, finances, administration) that the simple job of following the Letters and just watching the sheep has been neglected! Through the gripe letters, you heard the bleats of the sheep. Now you've seen the physical conditions of the Homes.—But I believe it all stems from the same problem!

I really do believe that the RNR is the answer. If we have Visiting Servants and SCS's and KQS's who really, clearly understand the "old"

and the "new" and who will be faithful to live the Letters in the Spirit themselves, then no Homes like the one they found will exist for long! Finding the right Servants is so important.

My first reaction after reading their report was to go and visit the

Homes myself. But, as someone said, that is like the old. I think we could probably help change things more by trying to build faith and confidence in others!—Especially if it's some new bottles.

Much love & prayers,
Emmanuel Provisioner.

A NEWLY APPOINTED KQS'S REACTIONS TO THE NEW LETTERS! —WITH COMMENTS BY DAD!

Dearest Dad & Maria 27 Jan. 78

I love you so much and I just wanted to let you know first of all that I have learned more this last day or so than I have learned in ages: Reading the new Letters, sharing in devotions about the letter and report from the Visiting Servants (DAD: *Ha! Did you hear the ruckus this a.m.—6 to 8? I was bawling out the top leaders for allowing such Home conditions to exist right under their noses!*), and most of all experiencing your personal love and concern for each one of your flock.

I am just so thankful for all this experience and I want to take it back with me wherever I go forever. I just want to learn all I possibly can while I've got this opportunity. (DAD: *Amen!*) Reading this morning through all the material you asked me to go over was really an experience. "Where Are The Shepherds?" especially helped me to see just how important it is that I am completely frank and really prayerful about how I phrase and relate situations and experiences. (DAD: *Amen!*). Your warnings to Emmanuel about not shielding his

leadership were very clear and also the importance of accuracy was impressed upon me,

So I'll really be trying to wear my "green shirt" and be as open as possible. After going over the Letter this morning from the Visiting Servants, it just showed me more than ever that we have to stop the flow (DAD: *Sorry, but we didn't get this one—stop what?*) (Keda: *Sorry! I ain't deep, I just ain't clear! I meant, stop this trend towards high pressures on the kids and their not getting all their needs met.*). .and the Letters are doing just that—helping each one to stop and reassess where they belong and how they are being led personally by the Lord, and then stepping out and doing it!

I'll go through each of the Letters I read firstly, then answer more of the questions you asked after that. I love you both so much!!

"RNR": The whole thing is just so true and each point was right on—from the fact that bureaucracy was hindering progress to the fact that permission to help out Family members sexually had to come from leaders far up the chain (and then it wasn't always granted!) (DAD:

Who said? Who started this policy? –You certainly can't find this in the Letters!–Can you?–Couldn't they see such freedom in the FF Letters? If I start kissing you in your bedroom, I'm certainly not going to stop for a Council Meeting, much less phone up the Chain!–Ha! Hop to it!), and the fact that there were a number of weak leaders and the number of mistakes were multiplied because of this.

Changing the names is really going to help the changes come into force soon I believe—**stressing Servant, Home and Family will help us move more speedily into that frame of mind and behaviour.**

Something that really struck me in paragraph 40 is that you are placing the faith in the kids to give (**DAD: Amen!**) where in the past we have used the taxes to levy extra funds from each colony's income to put into funds to use for overseas—in our case Southeast Asia. I don't know why we just didn't have the faith that the kids listened to the Lord and could see the need to help their brethren in poorer countries, but it really convicted and inspired me to read that. **GBY!**

(DAD: They may need some encouragement to give—like suggesting 10% of their surpluses for missions?)

Also by stressing the importance of national brethren as leaders, it is going to help ensure that they are seeking real leaders and not just sweet sheep. Also getting the English Letters into the hands of the nationals right away will be a real key in them hearing the Letters right away—they'll demand to hear

the translations! (**DAD: PTL!**) I remember coming into a few colonies a while back and finding out that the new brethren were not getting copies of the FF Letters until they had finished reading the 144 (**DAD: Ouch!**), but we stopped that right away, but I bet it could be happening still to a lesser degree. One of the things that strikes me about the new offices:

The Visiting Servants are going to be free to just travel and share and visit and won't be responsible for keeping up with each little detail of all his other colonies plus clearance and PR and all like we had to be before. (**DAD: Amen!**) In other words, it is clear that the Service Centre will be responsible for the printing and a lot of the finances and administration, whereas the Visiting Servants will be free to do just that. The effectiveness of each will be really increased a whole lot, I'm sure. Hallelujah! Thank God for all these solutions! (**DAD: Thank the Lord!**)

"Colony Rules": One of the main things that we noticed in reading this Letter in Australia was that so many of the quotes were from the New Revolution, and especially since we have this recent pressure on national quotas (**DAD: What are these? Never heard of 'em!**), we could see that we were nowhere near living them! Lord help us, in letting ourselves get so far from what had already been written down! We had quotas that were passed down to us and it was really almost a formality that the kids should have any say in them. We tried to cut down the number of

Lit Exempt brethren, which was good, but the fact that the families couldn't get all of their quotas meant that a lot of the singles had to get theirs as well, as well as the brethren in the Islands—to keep the national quotas high enough to keep the statistics balanced!!

It's clear that it was all coming from the top and not from the bottom, the kids or even the need of the sheep in the country. With all the lit that Australia is getting from Hong Kong at the moment, we will be getting about one piece of lit to almost one in fifty Australians. Compared to the fact that we have just 18 adults and 12 children in Indonesia to reach over 140 million people, the odds are crazy! (**DAD: God help us!**)

Having unanimous decisions on all issues will sure be a help in making sure that all have a fair share in the decision and not just the Americans pushing things through.

Reading that betrothals don't have to be legalised really set the ball rolling (**DAD: Ha! PTL!**) down South, since several kids were praying about having a more open relationship, so we had three in three days after the Letter. It was exactly what gave them the faith to step out. TYL! (**DAD: Betrothals never had to be legalised! Where'd they get that idea?—Much less even permission to help each other occasionally—or regularly! Where'd these rules come from? —I'd like to know!**)

“Nationalisation”: This was a real revelation, about moving on the Americans so that the nationals can move into their jobs, then get the U.S. kids out pioneering like they

always do so well. I had never seen it so clearly before, but it is obviously true. The tip of how things are working in Tenerife with the local brethren leading the physical matters firstly until they can grow into the spiritual area—whereas in the past, we have always waited until someone could do both before they would even be considered. (**DAD: God help us! The early church had deacons who were just waiters before they became preachers!**)

“78 Here We Come”: It blew my mind to read that the Chain of Cooperation would have worked if we didn't have so much poor leadership. (**DAD: We're all a bunch of novices, but learning, TG!—I never had a job like this before either!—Ha!)** That just really broke my heart to read. And then to read that we are risking the whole Revolution again was really something too! I know that is the Lord's solution to all the things that have been coming up in the gripe letters!

“Where Are the Shepherds?”: As I mentioned before, this letter really helped me personally to see just how important it is to be totally frank and really say what is on my heart. I really believe that it will have the same effect on the other kids too—I sure pray so! I had never heard the standard that “failure to report a crime is a crime” before (**DAD: You gotta see it in a Letter first—and it still remains to be seen if they'll obey it! God help us!**) and it really impressed me! It really makes clear exactly the types of people who should be appointed as Servants—ones with a real heart for the needs

of the sheep and not for their own things. (DAD: Amen!)

"Visitation: How To Do It":

Laying out the plan that the Servants are to live up to their names and not to have power to order the Homes to do this and that, but are just there to help them sort out their own problems and situations according to the Letters, is just fantastic! I can see that the first little while it might take a bit to get going and into the swing of things. But once it is rolling, it is going to really develop the kids' own self-determination, as someone said this morning. I can really see that when they visit and don't give the answers to all the questions, but simply keep directing the kids back to the Letters, saying, "What do the Letters say?", it will really bring everyone closer to the heart of David, and make them dependent on the Lord as individuals! Hallelujah! And I guess that's about the best results we could possibly want!! (DAD: Amen! Let's hope and pray so!)

It strikes me that it will take un-

til the Visiting Servants actually come around till the kids start to get the vision and really begin to apply the Letters—particularly in the area of sexual freedom within the Family. They will specifically have to encourage it, I believe, or the kids will continue to be as inhibited as we all have been in the past—because of the negative counsel we have received from leadership in the past. (DAD: How could they dare contradict the Letters and make the kids disobey them!)

I love you both a whole bunch and hope this helps. I think I will take a brief nap, then get on to the next part—about our demotions from Prime Ministers and me from Minister and how I see it. I'll keep them separate as asked, though, so that you don't have to wait until I've finished the lot until you can read it. (DAD: Tks!) Please take care of yourselves and get enough rest—we need you so!!

Love, Keda.

(DAD: GBY! WLY! Hope to see you soon!)

**LETTER FROM EMMANUEL & HANNAH,
NEWLY APPOINTED KQS'S OF NORTHERN EUROPE!**

Dearest Dad & Maria 24 Jan. 78

God bless you and thank you so much for your encouraging note this morning and the verse you got from the Lord. TYL! What a blessing to be able to help in the "Ministry of David"!

After we read over your comments on us being the new KQS's of Northern Europe, we have to say that we both felt quite humbled by

it, because neither of us are even too sure what KQS's need to be doing, let alone capable of being one. Besides, as we've said before,

Our preference is to be "door-keepers" in the house of God, and we'd prefer to stay as close to you as possible, even with no titles. We both feel that we have so much to learn. However, we both felt a certain responsibility for Northern Eur-

ope, because since coming here we have already experienced and seen so many things that we felt the kids on the streets need to know about, that we almost felt obligated to share somehow.

We read "Love Never Fails" together this morning, and were quite struck by the fact that God can really do it, and give the victory by grace, so we felt—

If we don't have to be expected to be any big leaders, but if we have you to help us and show us what to do, and only follow your counsel and instructions, we would be willing to try our best in helping to keep an eye on things till you find a better KQS, and just try to be a link and help of communication for you.

It sure could be an encouragement and sample for other leaders to go right to the bottom and have faith for people to at least take them in, as we know you have picked us up and put us in the sunshine of His love, with all your encouragement and TLC, and needless to say, we do feel very, very incapable and unworthy for you to show us that much love and confidence, and we would really, really hate to let you

down! In fact, it is quite incomprehensible to us, and almost feels like a joke on the whole R, considering all the mistakes we made, that we almost feel like the newest "Mokes" (what a combination, the folks and the mokes!)

"Did God Make a Mistake?" — what an appropriate time for mailing this Letter out! We wonder how many of the kids even read it, because, to be honest, I, Hannah, didn't but just dismissed it because I was "too busy and didn't have time" to read an "old Letter". Lord help me! Thank God you have stayed so dropped out. It is certainly a principle of the way the Lord works, being such an iconoclast.

We need you so much to keep destroying the little systems we set up, which all of us have fallen into sometimes. We would have died long ago if it wasn't for your faithfulness to the Lord and His sheep! We love you and want to help in any way possible.

Love,
Emmanuel Provisioner &
Hannah Charity,
(Ed: Newly appointed KQS's of Northern Europe.)

Love Letter from Portugal!

Dear Dad & Maria, 19-1-78

I love you and miss you so much! Thank you so much for all your hard work in bring out the beautiful words, which we all need so much. The "Family News" are such a hit here! Everybody loves to read through them! God bless them for

writing their feelings down, as it will help so many others to become more free spiritually and to change things in their lives. God help us to stay broken-hearted and follow your sample closely, with so much love and concern for the sheep and your own Family. I love you so,

so much! God help me to never forget anything you have taught me with so much love and patience!

You don't know how thankful I am to be able to witness to these people here in Portugal! My heart is just breaking more and more for them. It's incredible! I have never felt so much for a whole country and its people, like I do here. They are just precious people! Whenever you start to get to know some of these people a little closer, their heart-problems in life, you feel like taking them into your arms and taking care of them like a little baby. They are just so needy and hungry for real love and somebody to care for them, and they seem to all accept us so much. Really important people love us. I just feel so close to them. I'm able to really communicate with them, to talk with them, to give them what they need.

I like to reach people like these people here—people who are serious, who you can talk with, really communicate with, people who are spiritually open and deep. I think they are very close to people in the eastern European countries. They have this same spirit around them.

“Lady Luck” said that we won this game here. So God must love this whole country so much, and He is giving us so much love and under-

standing for the people. So we are really able to help them, reach their hearts, their minds, their souls.

Thank You Jesus!

You know, whenever I listen to beautiful classical music, I often go very much into the spiritual world. I was so thankful for Bernardo buying tickets to the different concerts. I love to listen to piano concerts. Listening to it, it calmed me down so much, after a hectic day in the house, and it felt so beautiful. In those moments I'm often thinking so much about you, and feel so close to you. God really knows what I need sometimes, and He gives us always what we need and what's good for us. Thank You Jesus!

It's so beautiful to live in this Family, having a real purpose in life to live for. Thank you for being so faithful and showing us the right way. Through one man's obedience so many others find the right way.

So many people need your words, Dad, your words for today. The world is getting so cruel, hard and harsh and worse day by day, that people need something to be able to hold on. God help us all to be more faithful in being a real Priestess of God's Love! I love you more than I can say with words.

Love, Rachel Lovelight
(German National)

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