

# FAMILY NEWS

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## When In London Call...!

FF'ING AS A SOCIAL ESCORT!—TIPS 'N TESTIMONIES!

From Lamb; England:

Dearest Dad & Maria,

**WE FLIPPED WHEN WE READ YOUR RECENT SUGGESTION** to do escort work in "Going Underground"! Two days earlier we had seen an ad in a local newspaper asking for girls to do escort work & we were debating whether I should apply or not. So when we received the mailing, it was a definite confirmation from the Lord! TYJI! So I phoned the agency & went for an interview & they took me on their books. A brother took some nice portrait photographs of me & since then things have just snowballed! Hallelujah!

**IT'S JUST LIKE YOU DESCRIBE IT, DAD!** I normally go out to dinner and/or theatre or a nightclub, & the client will give me a tip & taxi fare home. Nearly always a man will ask me to spend the night with him. I usually tell him that I like to get to know a man better before I get that involved with him. Most men seem to respect this & so when I do get sexually involved, they really appreciate it & know that it is special & not just part of the job.

**I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WITNESS TO MANY INFLUENTIAL MEN.** And in this type of work, there is a continual supply of fish. I have men on the line who ask to see me every time they come to London. Also, financially it has been a great blessing. Another advantage is that normally I get home earlier than I would going out regular FF'ing which is a great blessing since I have to get up with my three children in the morning!

**ONE LESSON I LEARNED** is to be careful not to by-pass the agency by giving clients my telephone number too soon. At first I did this & the agency got a little annoyed & didn't give me any work for a few days & only started giving me work

again when clients asked for me.

- So, I found that if a man really likes you & wants to see you again, at least for the next date it's best to let him go thru' the agency.

**THE TIPS ON BEAUTY ROUTINES IN THE FN** have been a great blessing because usually I have to get ready at very short notice. To start with I did not need a lot of clothes. I just had a nice coat,

handbag & shoes & three dresses. Just lately I have had gifts of clothing & perfume from clients who want someone to go shopping with them & as a "tip" buy me something too! PTL!

**WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR THIS OPEN DOOR** which has enabled me to witness to such an extent which before was not possible. We are learning many valuable lessons all the time & the NRS Letters are a real encouragement & help us to keep pluggin' on! Much love in His Service, Lamb (& Joseph).

## Another Side of the Story!

REACTIONS TO AN ARTICLE IN THE FAMILY NEWS—  
"Problems With an Unloving & Jealous Husband" (Vol. 7, No. 3)

From Alejandro Luchador;  
Venezuela:

Dear Dad & Maria,

**DAD, I'M SPECIFICALLY WRITING CONCERNING A LETTER OR ARTICLE I READ** in the Family News Vol. 7, No. 3 from a sister named Marsena Davidson about her husband's unfaithfulness to help her with the children & lack of love for her.

**DAD, MY HEART IS VERY GRIEVED BY THIS ARTICLE** as I know some things mentioned to be absolutely untrue about him. This brother has won many disciples that I know of including winning me to return after being kicked out of a Home in 1974 as a problem case, the District Shepherd telling me God was going to deal with me very severely, all of which I took very seriously & suffered much condemnation, not wanting to rejoin another Home.

**BUT THIS BROTHER, JACOB DAVIDSON, TOOK ME IN,** persuading me to try again, along with other brothers that none of the other Homes wanted or had the faith for. He would always give them a chance. He had incredible patience & was a real inspiring sample. So for her to insinuate he's

always been negative, distrustful & has an accusing personality, I just can't agree with, especially the way she puts it—"the whole six years" she's known him.

**I HAVEN'T BEEN IN PERSONAL CONTACT WITH HIM** for a couple of years, but I just can't buy a completely negative story, all black, no white, about a brother whose been a shepherd in the Family for about 7 or 8 years now.

**ONE THING I NOTICED ABOUT THEM AS A COUPLE** in the year I was working with them in Colorado in 1975 was their difference of personality.—She being a Taurus, a real lawkeeper, for example.—He, his name was Ithiel at the time, being a Scorpio & a real liberal & radical & laughing at her legalism & telling jokes or doing something funny to get everyone to laugh & out of themselves. As a result, even in 1975, there was a noticeable lack of communication & at times a spirit of contention that affected the Home, as a direct result of their own disunity, which has obviously grown worse. This disunity of the two of them & their poor relationship & sample could be the reason for the existing problems in the Home & not all his fault as she is trying to

indicate without saying it.

**I'M IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH EVERY COMMENT YOU MADE, DAD,** as to our liberties in serving the Lord as we desire & with whom & I also believe it may be better for her to escape to where her heart longs to be, with whom she desires as she's obviously overlooked & forgotten the good side he possesses.

**I FELT IT A TERRIBLE INJUSTICE** that one family member could write such an accusing letter about another without others testifying as to the letter's authenticity & accuracy. But even if the whole Home signed her letter, I still want to state that there are definite errors in her evaluation of her husband, in indicating that he's been in his present condition all six years she's known him.—Nobody that I knew when working with him a few years ago could have felt the same way.

**THANKS FOR LISTENING, DAD.** I just wanted to try & straighten something out. By the way, my name was Darda Travels at the time I knew & worked with them in Colorado. Love, Alejandro Luchador.

From Saffron Davidson; Colorado:  
Dear Dad & Maria,

**GBY! THE REASON I'M WRITING THIS LETTER** is because I want to tell you about someone that the Lord has used to change my life. His name is Jacob Davidson & he is

the same person that was written about in the Family News (Vol. 7, No. 3).

**WHEN I READ THE LETTER, I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE IT WAS ABOUT THE SAME PERSON!** I was really shocked that such a different view could be presented of one person. I love Jacob very much & at first thought that I might be "blinded" by my love, but the Lord gave me the quote from your Letter: "Love is not blind—it has an extra spiritual eye..."

**SO I WAS ENCOURAGED TO WRITE TO YOU ABOUT WHAT JACOB HAS DONE FOR ME.** First of all, he led me to the Family. I had been saved for a long time but never did anything for the Lord until I met Jacob. When I first met him, the thing that impressed me the most was the love & patience that he gave to his children.

**AT THE TIME, HE & MARSENA WERE SEPARATED** & each had two children. Tamara & Benjamin were very sweet & well-behaved, & I fell in love with them on sight. The Lord gave me a picture of an almost perfect family love & I was immediately drawn to it—& before I had never liked children!

**WHEN I MOVED INTO THE HOME, MARSENA CAME BACK** & I knew that Jacob really loved her very much. It was obvious that there was a little bit of discord, but it never interfered with the work in

the Home, although at the time we weren't bearing any fruit.

**BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF JACOB'S ATTITUDE,** as I have always found him to be positive, loving, encouraging & inspiring. He taught & trained me & I am very grateful for all of the patience that he has had with me. I know he has a lot of faults & there's almost no end to the mistakes that he has made. But "men of force are men of faults"—& Jacob is certainly a man of force (& in good company!).

**IN SHORT, I DON'T BELIEVE JACOB IS THE "UNLOVING & JEALOUS HUSBAND"** that Marsena depicts him to be. He is my husband also, & I've certainly never found him to be jealous but always encouraging both Marsena & me to share with other brothers & fish. And I believe that he has a lot of love to give to anyone who will receive it.

**THANK YOU, DAD & MARIA, FOR LISTENING TO ANOTHER SIDE** of the story. I love you both very, very much! God bless & keep you! Thank you for all your love & your letters!

Love, Saffron.

(Editors: Sorry, but all we know is what you write us, & we were only trying to answer her questions.—Be sure you tell the whole story!—Tks. GBY all!)

## M&M Mail!

MONTHLY RECAP OF M&M MAIL MINISTRY!  
by Keren



1. **NRS**—continued inspiring testimonies of new "cover jobs" by some members of our Homes; many comments on being convicted by "Why the Family?" regarding selfishness, expressing a desire to change; "DTD" testimonies beginning to come in from those who had been exploring this way to witness, with inspiring accounts of much fruit won & good support as well.—The WWW's are definitely doing just that! PTL!

2. **HOMEGOING**—A few still plan to make belated visits, but it seems most who went home during the holidays have now decided "where to" & are either returning to the same fields, pioneering a new field, or remaining home for a continued visit or to IRF. Received many inspiring testimonies of parents and/or friends who are helping

us in many ways (funds etc.), financing businesses for those very closed countries where this is necessary, providing baby & children's needs etc. Also good testimonies of finding renewed joy in His Service from those who went on to new fields!

3. **"NEB. REV."**—These ML reactions have expressed sorrow at Dad's having to go thru' this heartbreak & trust in His promises for a Greater Victory to be won thru' it all, & what a loving & merciful sample M&M have been as well.—Plus expressions of love & prayers for Rachel & that she will obey & return.

4. **CHILDREN**—Many encouraging natural childbirth testimonies. Special thanks still coming in for "Jesus' Babies" & now for "God's Gift Is God's Work", with inspiring testimonies of the beautiful children of love the Lord's blessed many with

Most testimonies of our new "cover job" & selah Homes have said their children are their key witnesses & testimony & are opening many doors.

**5. ONE LETTER I FELT WAS ESPECIALLY BEAUTIFUL** this month came from Kezia Newsong in the Philippines. She said, "There are those families who don't have help but are remaining faithful to

teach their children to be the witnesses & the Lord is blessing them. I believe you, Dad, have given us every guideline & opportunity to be fruitful families for the Lord. Your sample & all the Letters from those who have been in your Home prove it can be done & it gives us so much inspiration & strength to have a Home just like yours!"

*"We love you dearly & are praying earnestly for you...Please keep in touch & let us know how you're getting along...!" (238:13 by Dad.)*

**SEND YOUR LETTERS & GIFTS TO MO & MARIA at: M. Nees Clark, Apdo. 35090, Madrid, Spain (with Attn: Keren in lower left corner).**

## Smoking It Almost Killed Me!

**DUEL WITH A  
DEMON!**

**THE DANGER OF  
COMPROMISE!**

**—& GOD'S MERCIFUL  
DELIVERANCE!**

From  
Mary Magdalene; France:

I NOTICED A FEW PEOPLE IN THE FAMILY having battles over smoking cigarettes & I wanted to share what happened to me. When I joined the Family three years ago, one of my biggest tests was to quit smoking. I used to hide in the toilet to smoke almost every day. I talked to my shepherd about it & prayed & prayed but was too weak to put feet to my prayers & stop.

I KNEW IT REALLY HINDERED MY SPIRITUAL GROWTH, like letting a door open for the Devil to come in & it made me feel very guilty in front of the Lord but I just couldn't seem to stop. Six months after I joined, I returned to France from India & went to have a general check-up at a hospital, my body being very run down from a long stay in India.

THAT'S WHEN I DISCOVERED I HAD TUBERCULOSIS! I knew right away that it was a judgement & a warning from the Lord about my smoking. I got pretty scared! The doctor's verdict was: sanatorium & antibiotics for a whole year! But with the help of some faith-building brothers & sisters, I decided to trust the Lord for my healing & we had a prayer meeting. While praying, the Lord spoke to me very

Don't let the "camel's nose" of COMPROMISE get you!

clearly & told me in French, "Donnant, donnant."—

**"IF YOU GIVE UP SMOKING, I'LL GIVE YOU THE HEALING!"**

I gladly & thankfully submitted! A few days later another X-ray showed that I was completely healed! PTL! All desire for smoking subsided & I felt completely delivered.

A YEAR LATER THO, AS I STARTED TO FF, the same battles came back. Most of my fish were smokers & I found myself starting to smoke again, first a puff here & there, then whole cigarettes. Then the need to smoke came back & with it a feeling of drawing away from the Lord as I started again to sneak into the toilet to smoke cigarettes. Give one inch to the Devil & He'll take a whole mile!

THE LORD TOLD ME IN A DREAM THAT IF I DIDN'T QUIT SMOKING completely that I would get tuberculosis again. This scared me but I kept smoking anyway & of course I soon started to cough. I tried to ignore it until it became so bad that a fish himself told me to go to a doctor.

THE RESULT: TUBERCULOSIS AGAIN—A WORSE FORM OF IT as I was now contagious! I went straight to a hospital so as not to contaminate anybody. It was a very trying time. Being separated from the Family is the thing I fear the most & here I was, locked away in a hospital, in a foreign country at the mercy of people who spoke a foreign language!—Then in Italy.

I WANTED TO HAVE FAITH & GET HEALED AGAIN but it's difficult to have faith when your

heart is not right with the Lord & when what you suffer is the consequence of your disobedience! I was praying & praying. The Lord is so merciful & so good that He nevertheless heard me. After two weeks in the hospital, the doctors told me I was no longer contagious & agreed to let me go home if I would rest.

FOR THE NEXT SIX WEEKS I WAS IN BED, extremely weak & sick, my hair falling out because of heavy doses of antibiotics & feeling very much under condemnation. I had truly "sinned & come short of the glory of God". Then, to top it off, I foolishly got out of bed & went out FF'ing ten nights in a row. I completely collapsed & could not get up anymore. I felt I was going to die & was very desperate, truly at the end of my rope at last.

ONE MORNING AS I TRIED IN VAIN TO GET UP, I started to cry & prayed with all my heart, really broken, ready for anything, at last submitted to the Lord, & my prayer broke thru' in the Spirit for the first time in months. The Lord told me, "There's a whole bunch of dirty dishes to do in the kitchen, you'd better get up & go do them!"

IT SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WITH GOD nothing's impossible! I stayed up for the whole day for the first time in a long time. The very same day I quit taking the medicine & had desperate prayer together with the whole home to be healed. The Lord told me, "When thou shalt cry unto Me with a whole heart, then will I hear thee & answer thee & show thee great & mighty things which thou knowest not." PTL!

WITHIN A FEW DAYS MY HEALTH WAS BACK TO NORMAL & since then two X-rays have showed no signs of tuberculosis! Glory to God! He never fails, if we obey! Thank the Lord for His "lashes of love"!

—Mary Magdalene.

# “Why The Family?”

## A FURLOUGHING FAMILY FINDS OUT THE HARD WAY!

From Marcos & Tabitha; Switzerland: Dearest Family,

**GBY! WLY & PRAY THAT THIS TESTIMONY OF HOW HE'S CHANGED OUR LIVES WILL BE A HELP & an encouragement to all of you who are in the same situation.**

**DURING THE RNR, WE LEFT THE FAMILY & went home for a "vacation".** In our hearts we didn't want to forsake the Lord or His Work, so we decided to become Catacombers. But we weren't willing to give our lives 100%, even in our everyday life for Him; & being with one foot in & the other out is the worst place to be!

**FINALLY, WE LEFT OUR PARENTS' HOME & FOUND A JOB & a flat & began living our own private life outside the Family (with very little contact with it, if any).** Even tho' we did want to be Catacombers & do something for Him, it was very hard!

**LIVING A SYSTEMITE LIFE CAN EASILY LEAD YOU ASTRAY!** It's like removing a burning coal from a fire & letting it burn separately until it cools off & dies; the fire itself also loses a bit of its power because it has need of this coal too.

**SO EVEN THO' WE WANTED TO SERVE HIM** with all our hearts, we weren't able to accomplish anything because of the fact of living alone & having so many systemite tasks to do that we began to excuse ourselves for not doing anything for Him!

**THEN THE LORD HAD TO BREAK US COMPLETELY** so we'd again be a useful vessel. As Dad says: "God only uses broken men & women, no others will do." And what He used to break us was our dear little daughter Ana. When Ana (1½) was born, we promised the Lord to give all our life for His Service & to offer her to Him as Hannah had done with Samuel (ISam. 1:11).

**BECAUSE OF OUR DISOBEDIENCE, ANA FELL VERY SICK & wasn't fighting against it but letting herself die instead.** It was like a physical image of our spiritual condition as we knew we had to fight but we were letting ourselves die spiritually. The Lord showed us He was going to take her because of our

stubbornness.

**HE REALLY USED THAT TO BREAK OUR HEARTS & we had communion, asking the Lord for her healing & to get our hearts right before Him.** Right after that we got a "greater victory" & the next day Ana was totally healed & a lot happier. PTL! TYJ!

**THE LORD OPENED OUR EYES TO OUR NEED OF THE FAMILY,** so we prayed that He would open a door wherever He wanted us to go & we began by faith to drop out

from all our system attachments. In a very few days we received news from a Home that wanted to work with us. Very soon we're going to move in & by the grace of God be what He wants us to be—"Real Fighters"!

**NOW WE REALISE HOW SAD & UNINSPIRED & SELFISH WE WERE** while living alone. But He's given us a great victory & happiness in His Service & the blessing of fellowshiping & sharing with our wonderful Family. "Even Jesus needed a family & so do you & I!—That's 'Why the Family!' Amen?" (752:39.) Much love in His Service, Marcos (Spanish) & Tabitha (Swiss)

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