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Dearest Dad & Maria, 26 Jan. 78

We just can't tell you how happy and flipped out we are about the new Letters and all the recent changes that have taken place! We love you so, so much. I can't describe to you the joy that has filled our hearts with these new changes! It has absolutely set us free and made everyone so, so happy, it is hard to imagine!

It is like entering a whole new world, and everyone in the house when we got the Letters last night, was jumping up and down, dancing, singing and praising the Lord, and we have never had so much unity!

Thank you so much for your love and concern for all the sheep. We just thank God for you continually and just want to follow the truth of the Letters 100%! I'm sorry for all the mistakes that I personally have made, and want to ask your forgiveness. I feel like it is a brand new day and want to start fresh and clean all over again. I love you!

MORE ABOUT OUR FISH!

E.—She is pregnant! She came over last night to tell Cephas that she is pregnant with his baby. PTL! At first she was a little bit down about it and talked about getting

an abortion when she first came over. She said she has known about it for two weeks and has kept it inside her all this time.

But when she saw how happy Cephas was and saw his concern and his willingness to take the responsibility, she completely changed and is no longer thinking of an abortion anymore!

She says that she knows that it is really the Lord that it has happened to her, because she hasn't gotten pregnant for ten years and has made love to many, many men with never having taken any contraceptives at all. She said that it is so unusual that she can really see the hand of God in her life.

Cephas spent the night with her last night and she was just as sweet and open as ever. Today he spent a long time with her, encouraging her and talking about plans for the future. It seems like she is really leaning toward moving into one of our houses. She can see that this is the direction that the Lord is leading. It looks as if Cephas is acquiring himself a whole family, and he is really turned on about the idea. He is willing to do anything that is necessary to take care of her, and

he really feels a great responsibility towards her. It is really a major victory, and we can really see how much the Lord is working in E.'s life. Both she and Cephas are so happy and doing great! Hallelujah!

M. & J.—They came over to the house for dinner last night. We had a chance to talk to them both on a very intimate and personal level, the first time we were ever able to get so close to them, and we were able to really witness to them about the Lord, salvation, the spirit world, their personal lives, etc. We really had a fantastic time!

J. said that he could see now that the solution to all their family problems was love and how because of the lack of it, it caused so many misunderstandings and contentions in his household. They live with his parents as well as his brother and his wife and their children. They really came to us for counsel about the situation.

When we witnessed to them about salvation, it went so well and it was just the right time. They really listened and were so receptive. By the end of the evening they were so touched, and our relationship with them was on a whole new dimension. It seems it was no longer so much PR as it has been in the past, but we really got through to them on a very personal level. PTL!

We could really see in the conversations that J. is really the sheepier one and a very receptive guy. It is so funny to see M. and him together and their constantly disagreeing, and he is usually on the right track. It was so good that there weren't many people at the house that

night, as it was just a small little group of Aola, myself, Zeb and Leah. We saw how with our friends, especially the ones that we have known for such a long time, we need to make things more intimate with not so many people around and much less of a party spirit, so that we can really minister to them and make them feel freer to open up!

L.—She got FF'ed by Caddis last week and is doing pretty well. She really has some great sexual needs, and at times it is a little bit abnormal. In a course of 24 hours, she came 22 times, 7 times the first time they made love, 5 times two hours later and then the next evening another 10 times!

She is an Aries and has a very strong spirit, and we really see how it is so necessary to really keep a good strong line on her. It is almost as if she is trying to rip the bait off the hook, but she knows that it is impossible.

It is so funny how so many of these people are using power to test our strength, especially the bigger fish like L. and B. We have really seen the good fruit of holding the pole tight and standing strong in the Spirit. Sometimes it is a real fight, but they always get conquered in the end! PTL!

Lu.—She is still planning on joining the Family, but couldn't get out of her job for another month. She is inspired and last night brought over a friend of hers that she wanted us to witness to. Josue and English Ruth went out with them for dinner and it went really well. It was the first time she had ever brought any-

one over to the house, so in that sense it was a real breakthrough. She has started to witness and bring others to us.

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Casino Show Group—P., one of the two male dancers in the show group, got saved the other night with French Ruth! He is really turned on and said that he wants to join the Family and live with us full-time as soon as he comes back from Japan where he is going to be for a couple of months. He said now it is impossible to break his contract, since it has already been signed, but we are hoping that the Lord will do a miracle with this, as he will definitely make a good full-time disciple. He told us that he wants to go witnessing this week and see what it is all about so he will know exactly what he is getting into. He started witnessing to the whole show group the day after he received the Lord, and said that he felt so different when he was up on the stage and could tell that the Lord was with him. PTL!

J., one of the dancers, and **K.**, an English comedian who is also in another show, are going to be coming over tonight for dinner. Josue is also continuing to go out with another one of the dancers, **D.**, and there are two others that are really showing an interest in us. It is such a sheepy show group! Hallelujah!

R.B.—He is the bartender in the lobby of the club, who had always asked about you, Dad, every time we went there. He went out with Jessica for dinner last week and he got saved! He has been out with us a few times already when we have

gone out with the show group, and he has been so sweet and receptive. He got a New Testament and said that he already read all the marked verses.

The last time we were at the Casino, all the waiters in the restaurant were really going out of their way to be nice to us and were coming to our table and talking with us, etc. One of them said that a group of them wanted to go out with us some night when they weren't working. It was really inspiring to see how interested they all were, and it looks like we are going to have a real ministry there with all the waiters!

G.—He is a radio announcer for a national radio station here in Portugal. He came over a couple of weeks ago with A. and another friend. We had him over to dinner again last night. He said that since he met us three weeks ago, he could see that his ideas about life were beginning to change.

He said that he has been doing good PR for us with all his media friends ever since he met us. He said he wants to bring his superior to the house soon, as he definitely wants to do a program on us. He is a real intellectual guy, but it looks as if the Lord is really beginning to change him, PTL!

A.—He got out of the Navy with no problems at all, which is a real miracle! He is so turned on and is doing so well and is really excited about moving in in the next few days.

He is going to have only a part-time job as an engineer, and I believe how much he works is depen-

dent upon himself. He said that he will probably only be working about two hours a day. A couple of nights ago he led a girlfriend of his to the Lord, a girl whom we have known for quite some time!

L. & E.—They came over to the house with another friend. I personally had a chance to talk with both L. & E., and they really poured out their hearts about some things that they felt weren't right. It seems like last week she really got hurt when Caddis, the brother who's been FF'ing her, went out with her so that she wouldn't be at our house because we had visitors that night. She knew exactly what was happening and seemed to be hurt primarily because we didn't consider her a close enough friend that we could just be honest with her and tell her what was happening, that it would be best if she wasn't there that night, which she said she would have understood completely. The same thing had happened to E. awhile back, and it really seemed to bother him as well.

The Lord showed us how dependent they are on the Family, and it really broke our hearts. We are the only thing they have, and I guess because of that experience, she felt she was getting pushed aside a little and excluded, which upset her.

I also had a chance to witness to E. a lot, about his homosexuality. He admitted that he felt abnormal and wants to change. French Ruth FF'ed him a couple of weeks ago, although it didn't work out too well, because he wasn't very

excited; but it was a big step for him! He is very close to getting saved and said the other night that he knows that we have the truth.

The Lord showed us how much more sensitive we need to be to the feelings of our fish and also how we need to take them more into our confidence to really show them that we love and trust them.

C.—He spent the day and the whole night with us on Saturday. It was a real breakthrough, as he hadn't been over to the house for a long time. We had a chance to witness to him a lot about salvation, and he also got FF'ed by English Ruth. A funny thing that happened was that he met B. when he came to the house to pick up Christina. He hasn't seen B. in ten years and they both couldn't believe it. He used to work for B.'s family. He said the night before he was at the Stones and everyone was talking about us and asking where we were, etc. He said that he could see that we really had a lot of good friends here in Portugal. He said our house was becoming like City Hall! Ha!

B. & H.—I presented your idea to her about living with H., and it seemed like the Lord had really prepared her heart for it, since she wasn't shocked at all and said she could see that that was how the Lord was leading. She said one thing she would like to do is go visit him in Germany for a week or two to see how it goes before getting into actually living with him. She seemed pretty interested in the idea and seems to have the faith for it. She hasn't heard from H.

since he left, although she has written him four or five letters. She said he is probably very busy, and he has done that before.

IMPLEMENTING THE "RNR"!

Nationalisation—We are definitely going to try to get more Portuguese people involved in our house. It looks like we will be able to bring in at least two or possibly three, so they can start getting trained.

The nationalisation vision has really turned us on, and all the Homes are busy putting everything into effect. It is so interesting to see how the Homes are making their decisions on their own, doing so much better than they ever were before. The "problem cases" in the Homes don't have a chance now to be problems, since they have to answer to the whole Home for their actions, which has really caused a revolution!

Finances—We really see that the FF'ing is really going to have to start paying for itself, since it has come to the point where we can't

go out any more or at least very seldom because of the expense.

Before, the AB was supporting the FF'ing, but since that has changed we are going to have to start working out a whole new plan. *(MO: Let the girls go out without any male fishermen, and the men they meet will pay the bills!)*

It is really inspiring to see our fish starting to get the vision for helping us out, and everyone is so inspired to begin to start living much more by faith.

Now with the new Letters, we know the work is really going to explode! The Lord is going to do so much! The new Letters fulfilled the desires of all our hearts, and again we just can't express to you how happy we are. The Lord's completely setting us so free to do His will and really operate according to His Law of Love. It is so fantastic to be a part of this wonderful loving Family with such a loving Shepherd that cares for us all!

Lots & lots of love, Jay

THE OLD LEADERS of LATIN AMERICA...

EXPOSED!

A report to Dad by Shaul & Abiah,
Latin America KQS's!

Dear Ones, 26 Jan. 78

We wanted to write you about Deb & Jeth's dealings with Ed and Paloma, Ebed and Leah and others. The night before last, Abiah had a dream that Ed was back in the Family! So yesterday, as we thought we were leaving for South America,

we called the translators there and talked with each one of them for a few minutes. It was such a blessing to hear them as they each sounded so inspired, happy and liberated!

Paloma told us she had just recently received a letter from Ed in which he stated that he was thinking of coming back to the Family and had set a fleece before the Lord. So maybe the Lord is going to bring him back in very soon! We would like to call him when we return to South America.

We also wanted to mention that

it appears that **Deborah in particular was extremely hard on Paloma.** Whenever we were around Deborah, Deb really talked down on Paloma. The general attitude was, "She is barely a disciple"—her same attitude towards Ebed. Ed and Paloma seemed to feel almost like Ebed and Leah felt when they left.

They were made to feel that there was "no hope". Paloma told us on the phone, "I knew I was bad, but I couldn't possibly be that bad!" For instance, Deborah sent over a note with some clothes for the girls in Publications, saying, "These are for whichever of the girls they fit except Paloma". Paloma also said that Deb and Isaiah would walk past Paloma without smiling or saying anything and just walk on. Or Isaiah would give everyone in the room a hug and overlook Paloma. Such events, though few, really stuck out, as they were the only times they saw Deb and Jeth.

Ed and Paloma had written us for clearance and, as I mentioned previously, we wrote Deb and Jeth recommending they be given a change. We, of course, wanted them to come as we had really worked well with them in the past and had no experienced hand in Publications in the North. Instead, we were told it was impossible, and Ed was doing better. Paloma also said last night that when they confronted Deb and Jeth about moving to our area, they completely cut us down and told Ed and Paloma they would not be happy working with us. So quite obviously they did not want them to work with us. Rather than give

them the change they wanted and needed, they sent them litnessing to a small town in Peru with their two small children. When they left, Jethro sat down with us for about three hours explaining it away, telling us how out of it Ed was, etc. (Previously, only Paloma was out of it, in their eyes.)

Such lack of trust was quite commonplace. Former AB's of Venezuela and West Indies, Amram and Jochebed, left almost solely because of Jeth, who constantly bawled them out and got on their case about every little thing. Carlos told us the other day that in Jeth's visit with him to Caracas, Jeth almost never let up on Amram, especially, and constantly nagged and badgered him about every little thing. When Amram and Jochebed left, they used the FF Letters as their excuse, but they told us that Jethro was a "sick, drunk man", as all he had done was drink, go to movies and bawl them out in his visits there.

From what we understand also, Manasses and former AB's Boaz and Remy were also dealt with quite harshly and given little remedy, just prior to leaving. So we do not believe Ebed and Leah's or Ed and Paloma's cases are all that isolated.

There are also quite a few times that people got incredibly heavy blasts from Deborah or Jethro, but thank God, those people have still stuck it out. Deborah, for instance, completely blasted one girl, for cutting her hair, in front of thirty other people, and said jokingly, "Shaul, I thought I told you not to let Cherith into this meeting with-

out a bag over her head." She made her wear a scarf on her head and said otherwise she couldn't stand looking at her. The girl and her husband, Jubal, were AB's and one of the sweetest couples in Latin America. They were totally humiliated!

Jethro blasted the one house in Lima that was faithfully FF'ing. In a two-hour session, he screamed at them that they all "had their heads in their pants". Needless to say, it did not encourage FF'ing or helping out Family members and made everyone feel "out of it" and "unspiritual". Deb, Jeth and especially Isaiah, would always talk about how "fleshy" Rebecca, Faithy's secretary, or Rosa, Juan Carlos' wife, were, although these two are quite faithful FF'ers. Then when a new Letter came out, they would use these girls as proof that the Lima area was FF'ing!

Many times they told us we just were not hard enough on others. They would bawl people out quite harshly and expect us to do the same. They told us to be harder in our correspondence to the field (especially Abiah in Childcare). Jethro blasted some people so hard, we're thankful they're still in the Family! For instance, Abiah was admonishing the AB Mother in Mexico, Esther, about not keeping the school clean, while Jethro egged Abiah on to be harder on her. Finally, Jethro grabbed the phone and literally screamed at Esther for at least ten minutes!

Their phone calls to us were always quite scorching. So I called and offered to resign and got bawled out

for wanting to quit! Shortly thereafter, I made my call to Rachel. I got severely dealt with by Deb and was told that I had "no love for the field" and that we should be thankful for their mercy for no other leader would work with us. We were often made to feel they were exceptionally merciful with us, to win our loyalty to them. After that, their calls to us were a little milder and more considerate, I suppose because they thought we couldn't take it. But they seldom asked us for our opinions, ideas or suggestions. We made more than our share of mistakes and had a lot of lessons to learn and still do, but we felt they were driving by force and condemnation rather than inspiration and trust.

They had very little faith for many of our undershepherds, and yet they expected us to produce with them. All the little people we tried to use, they put down or demoted and then dealt with us about our discernment. Jethro would talk about how Zadok had had to demote nearly every leader in the South, and Jethro got on our case because we didn't "fire" enough people.

We were constantly told we weren't doing the job "like Zadok and Palestina". Yet when we got to Peru, we were quite shocked to find Homes in Peru that had not been visited in six to eight months, not even by a District Shepherd! Ebed told us the Quayaquil, Ecuador Home had no furniture and only four beds for twenty people and sheets hung up for curtains. This was in Zadok's area and a major city and the same Home we had been bawled out for two years pre-

vious for giving them clearance not to send in their 35% until they at least had beds.

Deborah and Jethro's pressure on the field was often subtle, although sometimes also quite open. Ebed and Leah were told when Jethro visited not to let anyone in the door unless they got ten cents a copy. I myself had litnessed there and felt it was very unreasonable and told him so. Colombia is extremely poor, and I had a very hard time getting 6 cents a copy, although I can average 15 cents or better in most countries. They never did get ten cents a copy (and when Jethro went there it dropped to one cent, which gave him a little more compassion for the field). Jethro was mad at us, by the way, because we weren't averaging a dollar a copy at the border base.

Another example of the pressure put on the leadership in Latin America was a phone call to John and Rejoice in the West Indies because they were not getting out 2,000 a month per person yet. Jethro said, "John, you promised me you would raise those stats! Now why haven't you done it?" This pressure, of course, made John turn around and put more pressure on their field. The idea was to pressure the under-officers, who in turn would have to pressure the field or lose their job. In this way, Deb and Jeth could appear merciful in having their officers do the "dirty work". They also undermined the officers on the field by writing an advisory to everyone to "write Lima if your

officers don't print these mini-Letters", so that any who did not like them and would have preferred something else were discouraged from doing so. Whenever something went wrong, they blamed everyone but themselves.

We didn't want to make this too long, but we did want to try and give you some insight into Deb and Jeth's dealings with people and the field. After talking to Ebed and Leah, we realised that maybe we didn't specify the above enough before!

We joked that we learned how not to be and what not to do from Deborah and Jethro, but we're thankful for the lessons learned and more thankful for your sample of how to be and what to be. Most of all, we are thankful that things have changed and are changing and that the healing balm of His Word is going to heal the wounds and mistakes in Latin America and really set the kids free to live their faith in you and the Letters!
Love in Jesus & David, Shaul & Abiah.
(**Editor: Newly appointed KQS's of Latin America.**)

Dear Dad & Maria, We're sorry it took us so long to publish the above article "Exposed". We really had a battle over it as it is so "gory", it really made us sick! Zebedee even had a dream about it the other night (early a.m. of Feb. 25) that as he was working on it a big ugly demon with wings like an insect kept glaring at him like he was real mad about it being published. So Zeb rebuked him in Jesus' name and his wings shriveled up and he slunk away! PTL! Heavy! GBY! WLY!—Zs. (**DAD: The preying mantis of "Cesspool"?**)

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