

HELPED A LOT, but, if you agree, a little word to this effect would be very helpful. (DAD: Here 'tis!) Really, I personally feel the best way to tell the temperature of these Homes is to pay a V.S. visit and meet the fish.

FISHERMAN & CLUBS: Another major area of difference from the Letters and Tenerife method to the way we've seen the need to approach things from here is that:

GIRLS GOING TO A CLUB UNACCOMPANIED BY A MALE IS SIMPLY NOT DONE, very risky (civilization is not so genteel in affairs of sex east of Greece we've found!) and can get you a bad name fast, which makes catching big fish much more difficult! We've even found this held true in India to some extent! Going to clubs has borne relatively little fruit compared to making social contacts in more casual surroundings through mutual friends, business contacts and even hitchhiking!

FOLLOWING UP THESE FRIENDS AND LETTING THEM GRADUALLY FALL IN LOVE with our "respectable" sisters, and then revealing their willingness to share more deeply, seems to bear more fruit with less risk than going "all the way" after one, two or even a few dates. We feel this falls into the category of understanding local customs and taboos that you mentioned in "World Conquest Thru Love"—just being in-tune with the mentality that we're trying to reach.

AS FAR AS FISHERMEN GO:—We've found that in many cases they are more than just protection

actually they are real assets in ministering. Though of course the fish hunger after the emotional and physical love through a woman, when you get down to changing their minds about matters of philosophy or religion or life's real values, Muslims often can receive these things better through the mouth of a male who is their close friend, than through a woman who is their lover.

ISLAM DOESN'T EXACTLY ELEVATE WOMEN TO THE ROLE OF SPIRITUAL TEACHER! In fact, they aren't even supposed to pray with men in the mosque!! So, though we definitely found fisherwomen more effective in Greece, there seems a more necessary role for men in the Arab or Muslim world. And the goals of our FF'ing in these countries also seem to differ to some extent from the West.—

OFTEN WE FIND OURSELVES SPENDING A LONG LONG TIME ON SOMEONE WHO ISN'T EVEN SAVED or at least doesn't understand salvation very clearly, and having to devote the major amount of a bait's time to one fish—as they are either kings or potential kings—and non-Christians, especially Muslims, can take a while to bring to Jesus!

WE DRAW ENCOURAGEMENT FROM LETTERS LIKE "MISSIONARY'S PRAYER" AND "MO MEETS MO'AMMER" AND THE ISLAM LETTERS, as well as the examples in the Bible of Esther, Ruth and even Abraham and Sara. But, this can really limit your stats, unless these Homes feel understood, it can even drive them to a hasty or

tactics in Teheran! A little word of understanding of these circumstances in a Letter would help a lot!

I FIND MYSELF OFTEN IN THE UNCOMFORTABLE POSITION OF SAYING I DON'T THINK DAD EXPECTS US TO DO THAT HERE! Most agree, but if it's in a Letter, it would be a big help! "Quality, not Quantity" is really the keynote for drop-in, Third-World FF'ing, we feel! An indiscretion, or a tangled line can result in big problems; again, not just for us, but also our fish! Most of these fields make Spain (which inspired "Don't Drop Out—Drop in") look like a totally free society! (DAD: Amen!)

BUSINESSES: One last subject that we've been knocking around with a lot of the brothers in these countries is the potential (and advantages!) of starting small family-controlled businesses, which often could provide the covers, visas and income that jobs do, without having the quenching effects of working under ungodly taskmasters of system employers.

IN INDIA WE'VE STARTED A SMALL COMPANY doing a number of things including making a sponsored radio show with a little advertising, supplying European voices and models for advertising and marketing Family music cassettes. It's starting to prove quite lucrative as well as a good cover.

IT SURE HELPS ANSWER THAT INITIAL QUESTION OF "WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?", without revealing the hook, line and boat in your first five minutes of conversation! It also has really won the confidence of our biggest king out

in India who wanted to see us do something efficiently before giving us a bigger slice of his kingdom, which could be considerable!

EVEN IN THE MIDEAST, WE COULD MARKET HANDICRAFTS, act as agents for entertainment, etc. quite easily! Or even open health-food restaurants and stores, etc. Actually, several brothers are taking steps in these directions. God help us, we don't want to get like the Jews, using God's Family for business purposes, but we see how business ventures, even not strictly message-oriented, could be more conducive to ministering than jobs in certain circumstances.

YET, IT'S SO DIFFERENT FROM OUR OLD WAY of doing things we'd really appreciate a little word from you on it, if possible. We're not trying to turn the house of prayer into a house of merchandise, but rather the house of merchandise into a house of prayer, if you know what we mean. And out here, in the oil boom states at least, the whole place is a house of merchandise! Sound feasible? (DAD: Why not?—"All to the Glory of God!"—1 Co. 10:31.)

IN DUBAI AND TEHERAN, the most developed of our drop-in works so far, we've seen some incredibly good fruit, and tremendous potential! Even using the very gradual, dropped-in approach, these areas have at least as many, if not more, good fish and friends on the line per labourer, as the works we've seen in freer areas.

SO, TO US, THE FRUITS LOOK GOOD, and the future promising, if we can avoid the pitfalls. Amen.

THESE WORDS AND THE THINGS WE EXPRESSED WOULD BE A BIG HELP. (DAD: Here 'tis!) We sure need,

—Kenaz & Hodiah.

Our Handicapped Child!

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all!" (Ps. 34:19.)

by Didymus & Blossom;
Puerto Rico

Dear Dad, Maria and Sara,

God bless you all mightily! I love you all so much! Well, I've written you many times, but never mailed the letters. But this time I'm determined to finish the letter, as I'm so convinced to share with you what the Lord has done in our lives! PTL!

For a long time, we were in Peru as Didy (my mate) was an artist. I was looked upon as a real problem, mostly because I was so disillusioned about the way things were. I was a childcare worker plus had a baby, but it seemed I didn't have too much time for her.

While there, Ivana came down with meningitis and was very ill. The Lord used this time to draw us closer to Him, the Letters and each other. Thank God for you, Dad, as every Letter that came out at the time was so appropriate: "Pill or Pilgrimage", "Lashes of Love", "Afflictions", etc.

The harshness of the past leaders was so heavy that I was under such a cloud! While Ivana was in a coma, they got us together and told me that I should take my baby and go back to "my fat Jewish mother" and that from the day Didy married me I had killed him! Didy was told

he lost his crown as an artist and we both felt that God was through with us!

When Shaul and Abiah returned from your Home, we shared with them all that had happened. Their reaction was so different! Instead of being harsh, they really encouraged us for sticking it out! Their faith in Ivana and us was incredible, and for the first time I could really see God's hand in it all!—To mold us through the fiery trial and affliction to make us what He would want us to be!

Our lives have changed! I have experienced the truths of "Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivereth him out of them all!" Plus, that God's delays are not denials! We are now in Puerto Rico so Ivana can receive modern therapy. She has to relearn everything. Her progress is coming but takes time. The girls who work with her are Christians and young, plus they really love her. They know who we are and witness to the other parents about our testimony.

One night when we were going to bed, The Lord placed a real desire in us to seek Him. We were so desperate and the Lord filled us up with something we wanted to tell you:

She had long black hair and a staff and was caring for multitudes of sheep.

The Lord told us it was Ivana and that in the Endtime she would be called "the princess of mercy and love" and that all she had gone through was to teach her compassion on others. He told us that with all her progress, we needed to always let her know Jesus had healed her. Then He told us of the importance of raising her in David's heart and spirit. Then we received several scriptures on healing! Wow! We wept and wept for joy. From that time, although we really get attacked sometimes, we know the Lord's plan! Hallelujah!

We want this to be an encouragement to other couples who have handicapped children, to keep serving the Lord the best they can. At first we went through real trials

to help Ivana and that for her sake we should be here. So we decided to really attack here and change this part of the world. We started a new plan of going to different orphanages, prisons and hospitals. Plus, I've been getting out FF'ing at least three times a week. And although I'm in my eighth month of pregnancy, the Lord's giving me some sweet Puerto Rican men to minister to!

Once again, I want to thank you for the MO Letters and the Davidito Letters and most of all for caring so much! We love you and Lord helping us, we want to impart the love you've showed us to all those in need!—Love, Blossom & Didy.

P.S. We are keeping notes on Ivana's progress and taking pictures of her at the various stages, as we believe it will be such a testimony some day!

Childcare Lessons and Tips!

by DELIA NUBES; Spain's Visiting Mother

SEPARATIONS AND SCATTERED CHILDREN!

A problem that seems to be occurring very much recently is a flippant attitude about separating, finding new loves, etc., even in established families with two, three and four children. The parents separate, divide the children and take off! Soon they get discouraged because they can't find people to take on the responsibility of the children with them and they say, "What's

wrong with these single brethren, where's the Letter 'One Wife'?" But if they themselves have shown an irresponsible attitude towards their young ones, it is hard to inspire someone else to take on the responsibility!

I am seeing lots of children in the Family right now suffering, lacking either their father or their mother to give them that extra personal love. It is not always because of lack of love in the Home, but be-