

THE AMAZING STORY BEHIND THIS HAPPY FAMILY PICTURE

WHY I SHARE MY WIFE

BY GEORGE BLACKLEY

THE family in this picture are no ordinary group—they are the Family of Love.

This is the new name for the Children of God religious sect, who left Glasgow two years ago after it was revealed that young female converts made love to strangers in a bid to convert them.

Now they are back. But while the Mail revealed them down to a secret address in the city's East End, group leader Archie Graham admitted he shares his wife with 100 men.

"I am happy, because I am a man," he said, "and I am a man who loves women. I give everything and share everything—including my body."

COLLECTING

THE family who "I share everything" with, are not ordinary people. They are the Family of Love.

"We have a group of about 100 members in Scotland and others in England. They are all young people, mostly in their 20s and 30s, and they are all very happy."

And they have been collecting an average of £10 per day from members of the public, with the sale of "love letters" and erotic literature.

Now Hamilton MP George Robertson wants their collecting activities investigated and has written to the Home Secretary to the Commons about the case.

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Front member Jonathan Little with Archie Graham, his wife Elizabeth and her son Dominic. (Photograph: DAVID HARRIS)

Front-page newspaper photo in colour!—Love is still news! PTL!

"WE MADE FRONT PAGE ON THE SUNDAY PAPER."

The article was even advertised over radio to get people to buy the paper! It was the result of 2 reporters tracking us down by watching our post box after

a Member of Parliament had gotten in touch with them. The article hasn't hindered our work in any way & at least it got the message over Scotland!"

Artemas & Elizabeth.



Thankful parents of Maria Angeles & Jerusalem!

"MY SISTER JERUSALEM & I HAVE KNOWN THE FAMILY FOR ALMOST 7 YEARS."

With our decision to serve the Lord full-time came many battles & persecutions. When I look back on it now I realise I could have loved my parents more & tried to have more understanding of their viewpoint. I think if I had been more prayerful I could have helped them to understand the spirit of our decision sooner.

THEN WITH THE BIRTH OF MY BEAUTIFUL JESUS BA-

BY my mother came to visit & we shared many testimonies, opened our hearts to her & shared the Word. Last year my whole family got together with Jerusalem & her husband Gabriel & children which bore tremendous fruit in drawing us closer. Since then both they & my brother have received the Lord, & they have received not only us, but other sisters, into their home as part of their family. Now they defend us & receive us into their home & hearts, God bless them!"—Maria Angeles.

Friends Old & New Get In Touch!

Letters Received by WIM & LIMs in Response to the Wonder Working Words!

"THE LORD HAS NOW CHANGED MY HEART & is causing me to return to full-time service for Him. What the Lord did is that He put me on the road with one of my best friends in the system who I had previously prayed with to get saved. I fed him with more Word & MO, & last month I brought him & his girlfriend to a local Home where they joined. That was such a convicting experience that now I'm in the process of dropping out again."

—Asaph; Canada.

"I AM A SISTER WHO USED TO BE IN THE FAMILY over in Europe. Because of leadership I had some problems & returned to the U.S. It has been 3 years since I've had contact with anyone in the Family. I met a brother here who told me of all the changes the Family has gone thru. He read me '11 Years of Family History' & gave me your address. I want to receive the Letters very badly. I'm enclosing 10% of my earnings. I am so happy for all the changes. I'm anxiously awaiting the new wine from Dad & all my brothers & sisters. God bless you for all your labours of love."

—Bethlehem Snow; U.S.A.

"BECAUSE OF THE LETTERS FROM YOU, the information provided & Jesus' faithfulness & love, I have rejoined the Family after a leave of 8 years. Hearing from you & receiving the words of David again has given my life a purpose. I know it has taught me many lessons being away from the Family, mainly how much I thank Jesus I'm back! Because of you telling the VSs of me, I have been in fellowship with brothers & sisters & have witnessed my whole physical life (mate & kids) chang-

ed. Just because of your letters the door was opened for us to behold His face & love. Some old timers might remember me, so please tell them I love them."

—Elijah Davidson; U.S.A.

"MY GREATEST VICTORY WAS TO BEGIN TO RECEIVE THE LETTERS & to be in contact with you once again. The receiving of all these Letters, & in Spanish, is very important & a real inspiration. They are helping me to get back on the right path."

—David Corral; S. America.

"WENT OUT LITNESSING FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS MONTH & started taking my children out. I am very happy that I have decided to serve the Lord. It has changed my life! There is no greater fulfillment in life than

living for the Lord!"—Carolyn; U.S.A. (New disciple TRF Home!)

"MY WIFE & I WERE IN THE FAMILY FOR 8½ YEARS, but for the last 1½ years we have not been reporting or sending in our %. I really got out of the ways of the Lord & God has really put me thru' Hell, or should I say our disobedience has. We need the Family very much & want to start reporting & faithfully sending in our %. We have 3 kids, & I don't want to fail God for these kids or anything. I have been fasting & praying, & boy when you go back on the Lord it gets to be a hard road, but we're willing no matter what the price. I was drinking & smoking dope. I had my excuses. I don't touch it anymore, PTL! I love you, Dad, & thanks

for what you have done. Even when I was lost, your Letters helped me. I feel like crying, & I am for your love & concern for us & this dying world. How you have so much faith, it blows my mind. Thank God for Dad. Please pray for me & receive me again as one of your sons."

—Barak Bush & Candace; U.S.A.

"I AM ONE LONG LOST BROTHER all right! I left the Amsterdam family 7 years ago & have been thinking of the Family ever since. I need fellowship & to hear from Moses David again. My heart has gone cold. Getting back in contact with the Family is one step in the right direction."

—John; U.S.A. (new TRF Home from test mailing).

"WE WOULD LIKE TO START REPORTING. We have been witnessing & have met some people who are very interested. I (Boaz) was an active member of the Family for 8½ years & I passed thru' a very difficult period when my wife left me with our child, who is 8 years old. She went back to the States & has refused to have any contact with me or anyone in the Family. She got a good job & is suing me for a legal divorce. We love you & hope to hear from you soon. We particularly feel the need to receive the Letters for inspiration, & we want to serve the Lord."

—Boaz Tuner & Marina

"THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SENDING ME THE FAMILY NEWS. It's been a long time. I've been out of the Family since Nov. '78. I was in Oldenburg, W. Germany at the time. After returning to the States my father came down with cancer but Jesus is doing a miracle & he is recovering & doing well now, TYJ. At first I felt much pressure & guilt for not being in the Family

any more, having been a full-time missionary. But Jesus has told me that no matter where we are we can be a witness for Him. So this is what I'm doing now. My job takes me all over the country where I can witness while in truck stops as well as at the loading docks. I've witnessed to all the other truck drivers in the company, as well as to my dispatcher & boss. For the time being I've given them Bibles but I'd very much like to give them some Mo Letters on prayer, faith etc. I want to thank you, Dad, for watering the seed, & I want to help water other seeds too, as well as help plant them. I love you very much & miss your Letters. Please pray for me, to do what is right. Love, a Prodigal Son."

—Gideon Newheart; (new TRF Home.)

"ALOHA! MY NAME IS NANCY. I have a husband of 10 years of loving each other & 2 lovely children—Willow-5 & Risha-11 months. I came across 'The Basic Mo Letters' from a friend who had travelled to the Fijian Islands & upon his return showed us this book. My husband & I gobbled as much of it as we could. We were like empty vessels being filled with the Word. Since then we have met the Family & have picnicked & worshipped & all been one family together. Thank the Lord for us having the blessing to meet everyone & to hear & understand & accept the Lord's Word. We have been hippies for 11 years living on the road, picking fruit, living in the country & on farms. We're pretty good at survival but lacking in the Word, until now. I count this a wonderful blessing. Please send us Dad's Letters & the Magazine. GBY."

—Nancy; U.S.A.

"I AM FORTUNATE TO HAVE FOUND SUCH A HAP-

PY FAMILY, tho' my parents do not think so! I don't feel ready to join full-time but would love to keep in touch in this way. Who knows?—I could just start up a small group of my own of people who work in the system during the day, God willing."

—Cathy; Europe.

"HELLO FOL! WE ARE FROM W. PAPUA, NEW GUINEA. I'm an ex-guerilla leader & spent 10 years in the jungle until I was captured in 1978 & spent 6 months in prison. Finally the gov't. of this country allowed me to come in March of 1979 & after 2 months I arrived safely with my wife & children. So this now is to become a new homeland for us. Can the Family please pray for the people of West Papua, New Guinea & their struggle for freedom from the oppression of imperialist America & Indonesia? They have suffered the loss of approx. 200,000 people including women & children. Until now the struggle is still going on, with America & Indonesia still bombing the whole country. Please pray for them."

—Jacob; Europe (asked for Basic Course).

"I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU for the mailing & tell you how the Words of David & the Family have really helped me & rescued me from the pit of useless existence & launched me into the wonderful exciting world of Jesus & His Family of Love. TYJ!"

—John; U.S.A. (New TRF Home!)

"PTL! I'M NO LONGER AN IRFER BUT A TRFER! I really want to thank you for your love & concern for me. When I was backsliding just before I joined, it was the letter from you asking of my welfare that touched my heart & made me realize that someone really did love & care for me."

—Crystal; Australia.

