

gestions on ordination seriously.

**Concerning reporting:** I think it's going to be a real blessing to have every colony council member sign the reports, and I think it's going to really give a change away from things being really secretive with the big leader image, to a much more open and honest atmosphere.

**Income and finances:** I really think it's just going to flip everyone out that they're only going to have to give their 10% to WS and then also get to know where the money goes! Generally I think this is really going to make people feel like they're really participating and really taking part in reaching the world and knowing what's going on.

**Quotas:** People have been forced to get out certain amounts of lit

that they had not agreed on with their colony council, and I doubt that we have all followed what Dad said about everybody getting out one or two hours a day at least, simply because we'd gotten involved with so many things that we thought were emergencies, which actually I don't think were sometimes, especially considering the new Letters.

**Publications & Mail Ministry:** I know that we have been getting letters addressed to Dad, but I think we failed to forward them on, as well as forward on the answers. All in all, it sure looks like we still have a long way to go to even put the New R and its ideas into effect. The new Letters are going to be a real help in doing it.

Most of all, I feel so convicted by these words myself, that I am very, very ashamed of not following the Lord and Dad better and feel like I have been a hindrance, much, much rather than a help. But, D.V., I really hope to be able to catch on to the real Revolution, as all this has certainly caused quite a revolution in me. I feel at a new point, a new birth, and pray I can in some way or another do something to better the situation and pass on some of the blessings I have been getting here.

**The Letter has so much to say about being honest and open for the work's sake, the sheep's sake,** and how that is the only thing we are here for, and it has blown my mind to see it work! It has created such a relief for me, that I feel like I have come into the sunshine again after being in the rain and cold for a long time.

Out on the field, I think the kids at the bottom are probably some of the only ones trying to obey the Letters—especially the New R Letters. They have to in order to survive, as opposed to the leaders who live on budgets. So many times I have wondered why we again made excuses for not everyone being "the same" and the severe difference in living conditions and standards, but being satisfied with explanations like, "we need to raise the standard", which was outright ridiculous, because the only thing we were doing was to create a more severe difference in "class" and not going in to help everyone raise their standards.

So, because we all have been so

used to looking to our "leadership", it should be a real solution if we just get rid of our chain of cooperation so that people will naturally seek counsel from the Letters much more and then find people that live the principles of the New R and will help in drawing the kids closer to the Word and win their confidence by being right there, visiting and really helping without applying rules and creating laws.

**Hearing this also gave me more faith just to be honest about things,** in hopes that it will help to portray the picture as it is, something which I feel is not commonly taught and practised.

I believe that the most disastrous thing of all was the way we were practically being brainwashed into thinking that things are supposed to be the way they are and not really daring to take the Bible and Letters as the measure for everything. Thereby, we were completely getting away from what God is doing and saying today, which is what we are actually living in this outfit for, so we can pass it on to others. So, thank God for Dad, who seems to be doing the work on both ends—hearing from God at the top and speaking up from the bottom!

So all in all, it was so good to hear the truth about some rules and procedures as well as people. Even though I sometimes felt wrong, as I am sure others did too, about things like too much emphasis on the actual figures of statistics, hard money and the de-emphasis of the Word and care for the sheep, I wasn't sure who was to blame, me or my leaders.

## Hannah's Reactions to -- "WHERE ARE THE SHEPHERDS?"

I don't think I have been so touched by a MO Letter ("Where Are the Shepherds?", No. 662) in a while as this one, in a very particular way. It is a little hard to express, but it almost felt like ointment on sores. In a way, the Letter does not express anything new, when it talks about shepherds, hirelings, etc., but still I feel we have gotten so far away from it out on the field that it was the most beautiful thing I have read in some time.

It reassured me of the things I joined the Family for, that they are still the same, that the real Jesus is still the guy who gets beaten, belittled, spit in the face and so forth, with real love for the people and not someone "cool", "with it" and "on top" of things.

I was actually shocked to see how much closer Dad is to the people than our leadership is, and how we have been brought up the wrong way and direction. It has been such a deep experience for me to be able to be here with Dad and Maria and see the "unrefined" hard work and love and labour of everyone here, which this Letter is an example of.

It is one thing to hear people talk about love, laying down your life, etc. and another thing to see it. I am shocked even by the simplicity and concern for the little things I have read in this Letter, because I can see every single one of them practised, while before it was the same words, but the actual works presented quite a different interpretation.

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## FF NEWS FROM TENERIFE



Juan with Betty, at the Church of Love in Tenerife. Photo by Paul Fisher.

### A Fulfillment of Dad's 'Church of Love!' Vision!

Today, as every Saturday, Betty came to the Church of Love with the children. Afterwards, everyone came into the house and we started personal witnessing. I encouraged her to start witnessing to other people, as there were so many new people. She smiled and said, "You must teach me, I don't know how." So we talked together first to a man that was there and then to Eloy.

That was the first time she shared with others, as until now I was always sharing with her.

That night I picked her up and we went downtown to Atlantis, where we had a drink and talked. The other day she had told me that her husband would be coming home from a fishing expedition, and this evening we had a very good conversation about him and her relation-

ship with him.

She told me about her husband, that she loves him very much and that he is a very good man who is taking care of her and the children and everything, but that she is not "in love" with him.

I encouraged her to be thankful to him and just love him with all her heart, as he has been out for such a long time, and now that he is coming back, he really needs and deserves it. I told her to ask the Lord to give her a great love for him, that this would be such a tremendous testimony for him, to see how much she has changed, as I believe it's going to be a surprise for him—all these new friends that she has and these new beliefs. I told her about witnessing to him, to go slowly so as not to blow him away,

just to be wise and ask the Lord for wisdom.

Then we just danced and had a good time, as she likes to dance so much. Then we went to one of our houses and had fellowship. Then I put on a tape of the Family and she liked it very much. She asked me to wake her up, as she needed to be up with the children.

In the morning I took her home and we had breakfast together with the children and then we had devotions. We read John 4 and I encouraged the children to be good witnesses. Every Sunday we pick up the children to come here and have a class with us about the Bible on flannelgraph.

So Betty is really growing and getting closer and closer to the Lord and all the Family. It's a blessing to be ministering to her and the children as they are such precious children. I really thank the Lord for this ministry that He has given us here, and I am so thankful that He is using us here. I love you very much. —Juan.

### WINNING THE GIRLS!— Elena from Finland!

While litnessing, I met a beautiful girl who stopped right in front of me and looked deep into my eyes! I had seen her before, and I gave her a copy of "Sex Works" in English. She looked at it and said that she knew our Family in Finland and that some of her friends are in the Family and that she even corresponds by mail with one of them. "They are all so nice, they have so much love!" she said. "I've been



Nati with Betty's children (l to r) Jim, Lali and Bill, at the Church of Love. Photo by Paul Fisher.