

Letters from Shaul & Abiah

—NEWLY APPOINTED KQS'S OF LATIN AMERICA!

Dear Dad & Maria, 25 Jan. 78

God bless you both and thank you so much for the blessing of meeting you last night. It left such an impression on us before our trip back to Latin America. I love you!!

Thank you so much for dancing with me, Dad, because you had such a firm, loving grasp and had so much love that I felt my connection is also more firm and loving now. I think I'll never forget "Lovest thou me?—Feed my sheep."—Such loving, loving shepherds! We know you love the sheep and want to be sure we set that same sample and pass that on to the kids—the love and kisses of David! We need you and the words so much!

I was really impressed by your constant concern for the sheep. What an emphasis it was and I can see Rachel is also such a faithful shepherdess, passing down your love. Quite a different sample than what we've seen the last two years in Latin America!

This is what the Family of Love is all about—**LOVE!**—Love for each other and for souls. We were quite nervous at first in meeting you, but you both showed such love right from the start. I think meeting you made us more than ever realise how much you love the sheep and we can't fail. Seeing the love you had for all the Family members and the Family intimacy really impressed me also.

We got some of the physical and spiritual love and kisses of David, which will help us to pass it down to the sheep and our fish. Really, I can hardly even put down in words what a blessing it was for us, and how much it emphasised to us the importance of giving a right representation to your children. They love you so much, we know they do. And they do want to obey your Letters.

Thank you for believing what the Lord tells you and telling us, so we can reach the world and know the real truths of God's Spirit. I really love you too, Maria, and your concern for everyone really showed me such a sample, and I see how the Lord uses you to be such a "priest-ess of love".

So, I just want to tell you again—thank you, thank you, thank you for the great blessing of meeting you! I love you and want to be a faithful shepherdess. We need you! Love & lots of kisses, Abiah.

Dearest Dad & Maria 25 Jan. 78

God bless you both! You both truly are the greatest inspiration in my life (together with the Lord), and I wanted to write to tell you just how much you mean to me.

Yesterday was one of the very, very greatest blessings of my life, and I'm eternally grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to meet and be with you. It seemed as if the time passed by so quickly, almost

like a dream you remember as you wake, and yet the evening so impressed me that it's as if the dream still lingers on in reality. You are such a tremendous inspiration to me and to so many, and all I can say is, God bless you both and help me to spread that same spirit of love to everyone I meet.

What impressed me most was (is) the Spirit of love that you carry. I told Maria that I was so nervous just prior to meeting you, as I had always gotten nervous around Deb and Jeth, and yet you both made me feel so at peace and so calm, just to be in your presence, that I could hardly believe it. It was such a spirit of trust, love and confidence—no cover-ups, false-fronts, no show—just the true, sincere and honest love of Jesus shining through you, not just towards me, but towards everyone with whom you came in contact: waiters, fish, door-men. You both took so much of yours and God's precious time to show them love and concern.

I had been around Deb and Jeth when they were trying to impress me or convince me that they loved me and to win my confidence in them. But they would be sour with others: waiters, other brethren, or some little sheep that fell across our path. I always felt bad, as if the love was a little less than sincere and genuine, and it therefore seldom fully won my confidence. But last night, you both were so natural, so real, so concerned, so loving with everyone, that I knew and believed that it was the real, true love of Jesus!

What equally impressed me was

your true concern for the sheep. When you asked me, "Lovest thou me?", I felt like a simple little fisherman being instructed by Jesus on the shores of Galilee (and it was Jesus in you asking me). Your every concern seemed to be the sheep—those beside you, those around you—your sheep and children everywhere. It so impressed me! I answered "yes", and my only hope and prayer is to live up to the calling of a true shepherd, to lay down his life for the sheep.

Maria impressed me with her openness and sincerity, and her simple manner really inspired my confidence. A little bit of love really goes a long way, so I guess a lot of love goes even further. The love and faith you both showed is carrying us to the ends of the Earth with God's message of Love! God bless you!

I could see or rather feel how Arthur and so many others had flipped head over heels for Maria, as she makes you feel so calm, like a little child rocking in its mother's arms. God bless you, Maria, I love you and thank God for the time I was able to spend with you, as it made me feel so much closer to you, my Family and most of all, to the Lord.

Also, just being there with you gave me so much more faith in FF'ing, to see that it doesn't require some big leader with elegantly gorgeous girls (though all of ours are!), but just obedient and willing workers, fishermen and fish with a burden for bringing joy to those who have never experienced true joy, true love and true life. I've always want-

ed to give the same and have been FF'ing in a number of clubs in Latin America, but seeing how at ease, how natural you both are around sheep was like—

A real key to the door of FF'ing: to just be me and natural and just give others the sincere and real love of Jesus. Venezuela is going to be one of the FF capitals of the world, as it's full of "nouveau riche", already fed up with trying to make life revolve around a petro-dollar and now looking for something real and genuine.

Also, Venezuela is a real open door for reaching the "founding fathers" of other countries who pass through there, and may be the most important place in Latin America! The people we can reach there can help us to reach whole countries, if we would just reach them first. God help us! So your sample last night to us is going to help us to reach Latin America!

God bless and keep you both. I love you so much and thank God for you. You are always in my prayers.

Love, Shaul.

and that we can have lots and lots of fun as long as we stay "in tune with the Lord's music", as you said to me last night. As I already explained in a note to Emmanuel:

I feel that is one of the main reasons why the kids in Germany aren't really FF'ing very much—there is so much fear, and often when we go out, the situation is so unrelaxed and tense that we can't even hear from the Lord. It really cracked me up when you, Dad, said that sampling is one way of advertising the bait! I had never looked at it that way, and I know neither did anyone else where I come from. Yet it is sooo true! PTL!

It was just great to see the love you all expressed for each other and the real concern for other people, which requires a teamwork of a kind that I hadn't really seen practised before in this way. It blew my mind how little we did, but how much God arranged things and how much He did and what a result it already had in the fruit of one night.

Being so open about FF'ing never entered my mind. I had not been able to see how we would witness to people that know "all" (ha!) about us. So last night I saw what it is like to give God all the glory and be open about it, which now I can see better also in a situation where you would not be able to use the organisation name, but still be open about it.

I have to confess, before I met you, I was a little scared of what it would be like. Lord help me, but it's true! So then when I got to meet you, you imparted such calm-

ness and love that I felt so much more relaxed right away. I do want to apologise that I was still a little nervous throughout the evening, but it is so new for me to be with people who are able to look right into your soul. I am just beginning to learn to be the way I am and see that we are all the same and God made us the way we are and loves us even in spite of our shortcomings, so we don't need to pretend.

All evening I had to keep thinking about something you said in "Revolutionary Women", how so many people love you, because you have so much love. How true!! If I hadn't been in love with you already, it would have been "love at first sight" for sure! Now my love for you is deeper than ever! I wish so much that I could stay near you for awhile, because your sample helps me so much, because I need you so very, very much and only hope that this is not really selfish. If there is one thing I have seen while I have been here, it is that I need God's love and strength as well as your help to do anything, and that He, on the other hand, can do everything with us, that it is not us, but His Mercy. What a relief!

It gave me so much more faith and hope that I can at least get something done for Him!! If I have only come to the king's house to learn that, it was certainly worth it, and I feel so very thankful for this and count it a real, real blessing and wish even more to stay. May God help me to never forget this though, wherever I am and whatever I do!!

I feel so much at home with you all.—A little more than anywhere

A night out FF'ing with Dad!

—by Hannah Charity, German national & newly appointed KQS of Northern Europe!

I think a real good summary of my impressions of FF'ing last night is something one of the girls said: "When you meet Dad, with one glimpse you know he means just what he says in his Letters, and he does things just the way he says them!" In other words, it's real!! I was so touched by the many, many little ways you all expressed care, love and concern for others. Honestly, it would have never even entered my mind that you would (and we should!) have or take the time to check if we all are dressed warmly, if the lights of the car are on or off, if we are hungry, took a nap, and all these little things.

I was so used to being so involved with "important things" that there was not much time for such "details", and "waiting" on leadership who

"don't have time" for such things as opposed to being a help. One thing that went right along with it was how much concern you expressed in the way you always got everyone involved and helped everyone feel part of what we were doing, making sure everyone was happy. It feels so good to be loved so much, which is so simple and possible to be practised by everyone that I really cried when I thought of how far I have been falling short on that, and how unloved so many people in our Family are.

It never dawned on me how much fun it is to go out FF'ing, even though I have gone out before and we reached some people. I have always been reluctant to enjoy myself "too much", never realising that God had made it that way,