

far-fetched today, but I am looking for that time when we'll have to run the whole show anyway. PTL!

My wife is in agreement with this and has been taking an active part in helping me plan and prepare the materials. Up until now our thinking has been, "Well, we have to teach our own children anyway, so we might just as well send it in so others can use it too if they like."

Anyway, the answer is yes! The changes with the "RNR" brought tears to my eyes, as it was the answer to so many problems in so many ways, I couldn't even tell you. I have seen immediate good fruit from everything: brothers getting helped, the whole Family getting more honest and open with each other, homes becoming homes,

and a whole new spirit of pioneering and trying again. I know that some will really swing far, but I feel that you have caught it in time.

The confidence of the people in Dad and you all there has been rescued, and in the end we will all be much more mature and ready to keep going for God on our own steam, even when the lights go out. Thank you so much for making this great sacrifice for your children everywhere, and I know that all of us want to put our whole effort into honouring your faith and love to make it work, as never before!

In His Love forever,
Paul Theophilus.

Standing up for the Truth in STATS-KEEPING!

Dearest Rachel, 2 Jan. 78

God bless you for all your faithfulness to Dad, and the way you stand up for the truth so strongly in the face of our enemies! Your reply to the "Las Palmas Daily" was an inspiration and a real sample of "how to take it". Also your replies in "Time" were so straight and forward that even my mother could just about understand why we're doing what we do to win the lost!

Anyway, I just wanted to ask, what does one do to stand up for the truth within the Family? I just came from a colony in which they weren't reporting backsliders, to keep from getting reclassified. The easiest way would be to just do as I'm told and forget about it and leave them off my report and not say anything about them, which apparently all my leaders do. But that doesn't seem very honest to me!

I've just transferred to Frankfurt, and now as I'm faced with writing my first shepherd's report, I find that there are six catamounts listed on my report, 5 of whom nobody knows very much about, except, as the former Shepherd tells me, they're four girls who don't want to really come around anymore and one guy whom they haven't seen for ages.

Well, maybe other Shepherds can fill in a 6 when there should hardly even be a 1, but I can't! So I finally got up to my Bishop and told

him I didn't think I should write them down, but that I should clear it all up by reporting that they've backslidden.

Boy, did he freak out! He told me that his overseers would really get upset and get on his case, etc., etc. He told me how that once a girl joined with her child and they counted it as two new disciples, and later when she backslid and took her child, they reported two backsliders. He told me his overseer got on his case and said that the child didn't backslide, so they should have counted only 1 backslider, the mother!??

So, his advice was that I just leave it all blank and forget about them,

and if the KQC writes anything asking where they went, just to tell them I'm a new Shepherd here and I didn't know anything about them.

What does one do when faced with advice from his Bishop like, "Do you want to dig your own grave?" "For God's sake don't do that!" "So-and-so would be furious!" "Do you know what so-and-so would say?"

If I'm wrong, please tell me, because I'd surely like to know! I send all my love and appreciation for your faithfulness in such a great service and responsibility, and I pray this doesn't add a burden. Love in Jesus and David,

Deuel Gardner

A LETTER of APOLOGY from two FORMER PRIME MINISTERS!

Dear Dad & Maria, 28/1/78

God bless you! We love you both very much and can't tell you how thankful we are to be in the Lord's wonderful Family.

We wanted to write a note to give our sincere apology for the way that we so seriously failed you and the Lord. Please forgive us. Rachel pointed out to us the many mistakes, oversights and shortcomings that have taken place in Madrid, for which we are truly sorry.

The new "RNR" is such a miraculous answer to prayer—what a beautiful Letter! We are so looking forward to getting back to the basics. I'm sure going to the field is going to teach us so, so much and can see how much it's the Lord's design to keep us all young and close to Him. I'm sure all the kids on the field will be so inspired with the

changes coming from these Letters, the answers. What an explosion!

Your sample to us as such a loving, concerned and sacrificial father is such a convicting testimony of the love the Lord has given for us. We love you very dearly and pray that the Lord helps us to more closely follow your leadings and the Letters in the future.

Once again, please forgive us for our failure. We know the Lord is going to help us to change and are looking forward to all the Lord has in store. We only hope that the damage can be undone, caused by our lack of love and concern.

We love you and will be praying for you in the many decisions being made with this new Revolution.

Love in Jesus,
Silas & Endurance

New Indigenous FF Team— EXPLODES!

Dear Dad & Maria, Feb. 10, 78

I have so much to share with you about our new FF explosion here! It all began with your inspiration and burden to see these precious nationals used and also for the sake of the wonderful men we have met in pioneering FF'ing, too. We are all so inspired and raring to go!!—and have some testimonies to share with you about recent FF adventures!

First of all, I had the opportunity to interview these girls to see if they wanted to live in an FF Home, and they were all so ready and full of ideas right from the beginning, that we couldn't wait to get started! The girls are two who were in Tenerife, and two other new ones, both 22 years old. Next we will have Sara, a very potential girl leader, and Maria from Lima, both move to the new FF apartment in town.

All these girls like men very much and have done some FF'ing before, but never to the extent that they have wanted to. I have been amazed at how well they do with these big important business men—because they love the Lord, they love men and they love you and the Words!

It has been so inspiring to me, the "fisherwoman" to see these girls make a new beginning since the "RNR" and are making their own decisions, so that in only several nights going out together, the girls have made more progress in their FF'ing than some of us did in

weeks and weeks going with a fisherman!

We are able to discuss the very next day what happened the night before, and because they all live together (or will soon all six be together), they can fellowship and discuss things at home with no difficulty. So, right from the beginning they have learned how to pioneer a new fishing hole, make good relations with the management where we go, how to meet men at a bar or club, and all the etiquette it can involve.

It is very convenient for two lil' teams of two girls each to go to a high-class bar hotel, sit down for a drink and eventually and casually begin talking either to the men closest to you or "make eyes" at the ones you hope to come over. We have found that it is not accepted bar etiquette here to change seats and go to men we know or even to sit with them at a table on invitation—that is, until we are better known in a place and the management understand that we are not soliciting men (at least not for money, ha!). The girls have learned to be sweet to the waiters, to tip and become accepted first, which is very, very important for this type of work! There are plenty of professionals in these hotels, and they are there by license with the business, so we don't want to cause obvious trouble!—But rather, get to know a few men and the waiters so they can "cover" for us

and like the idea that we are there on a friendly basis.

Usually, the men come in by twos, usually an employee entertaining a visiting boss or client in the hotel. Before or just after dinner, they come in to the hotel bar for a drink. They pay for the drink that we first order. If it's a drink that lasts a long time, that is all we have, unless we go on to the hotel club for the evening together!

We have not paid anything at all, and have met some very nice and important, receptive men at these bars thus far, including owners of corporations, bankers, lawyers, and sub-director of a large newspaper.

One night a man who had not even talked with us paid for our drinks—just because he liked us and our smiles! GBH! Because these men are usually travelling through, we do not see the same ones too often, and so we take turns going to three places during the week. Also, we have not had to go home with them in the car because they are staying in the hotel. So, even if just one of the girls goes upstairs, the other one can wait for her with her date in the hotel club. The men have even offered to pay our taxi fare home! FF'ing really pays, Dad!

One of the most inspiring things of all, to me, is what a vision the girls have for financing their own FF Home! They have only a very small three-bedroom home and are living with a real sweet couple with a two-year-old child. The apartment itself is not very nice, but when I visited there yesterday, we all got to work cleaning and scrubbing away

and making it more "homey", adding that special woman's touch! Thank the Lord the brother there is a "fix-it" man and has made plans to make more hanging space, etc.

The girls go fitnessing in the afternoon and FF'ing almost every night, as long as two people are home with the child. Just before I left there, a friendly fish came to visit them (who knew some of the girls before) and donated all new furniture for their apartment! He will deliver a few chair-type beds that fold out, also a sofa that folds out to a double bed, full-length mirrors for the doors, closets, rugs, shelves and wall mirrors! The girls were so happy and had been faithfully praying and obeying, so the Lord has already rewarded them, PTL!

The apartment won't seem so crowded now with these fold-up beds, and the living room can be used for a love room in emergencies!! We have already begun to plan and pray how to provision FF clothes and material, because two of the girls can sew, and also to patronise a good boutique store where we can ask for a discount, or maybe send the brother there with us, to FF the sales girls! Ha! Love never fails, and it sure is a beautiful life to live! Hallelujah!

It's still in the pioneer stages, but what brave pioneers they are! Their evening bags come complete with ID cards, funds, door keys, vaseline and MO Letters in special little envelopes for "personal" gifts! Pray for us! We've got all of this city to love for Jesus, and we love you! —Your Sara.