

it appears that Deborah in particular was extremely hard on Paloma. Whenever we were around Deborah, Deb really talked down on Paloma. The general attitude was, "She is barely a disciple"—her same attitude towards Ebed. Ed and Paloma seemed to feel almost like Ebed and Leah felt when they left.

They were made to feel that there was "no hope". Paloma told us on the phone, "I knew I was bad, but I couldn't possibly be that bad!" For instance, Deborah sent over a note with some clothes for the girls in Publications, saying, "These are for whichever of the girls they fit except Paloma". Paloma also said that Deb and Isaiah would walk past Paloma without smiling or saying anything and just walk on. Or Isaiah would give everyone in the room a hug and overlook Paloma. Such events, though few, really stuck out, as they were the only times they saw Deb and Jeth.

Ed and Paloma had written us for clearance and, as I mentioned previously, we wrote Deb and Jeth recommending they be given a change. We, of course, wanted them to come as we had really worked well with them in the past and had no experienced hand in Publications in the North. Instead, we were told it was impossible, and Ed was doing better. Paloma also said last night that when they confronted Deb and Jeth about moving to our area, they completely cut us down and told Ed and Paloma they would not be happy working with us. So quite obviously they did not want them to work with us. Rather than give

them the change they wanted and needed, they sent them litnessing to a small town in Peru with their two small children. When they left, Jethro sat down with us for about three hours explaining it away, telling us how out of it Ed was, etc. (Previously, only Paloma was out of it, in their eyes.)

Such lack of trust was quite commonplace. Former AB's of Venezuela and West Indies, Amram and Jochebed, left almost solely because of Jeth, who constantly bawled them out and got on their case about every little thing. Carlos told us the other day that in Jeth's visit with him to Caracas, Jeth almost never let up on Amram, especially, and constantly nagged and badgered him about every little thing. When Amram and Jochebed left, they used the FF Letters as their excuse, but they told us that Jethro was a "sick, drunk man", as all he had done was drink, go to movies and bawl them out in his visits there.

From what we understand also, Manasses and former AB's Boaz and Remy were also dealt with quite harshly and given little remedy, just prior to leaving. So we do not believe Ebed and Leah's or Ed and Paloma's cases are all that isolated.

There are also quite a few times that people got incredibly heavy blasts from Deborah or Jethro, but thank God, those people have still stuck it out. Deborah, for instance, completely blasted one girl, for cutting her hair, in front of thirty other people, and said jokingly, "Shaul, I thought I told you not to let Cherith into this meeting with-

out a bag over her head." She made her wear a scarf on her head and said otherwise she couldn't stand looking at her. The girl and her husband, Jubal, were AB's and one of the sweetest couples in Latin America. They were totally humiliated!

Jethro blasted the one house in Lima that was faithfully FF'ing. In a two-hour session, he screamed at them that they all "had their heads in their pants". Needless to say, it did not encourage FF'ing or helping out Family members and made everyone feel "out of it" and "unspiritual". Deb, Jeth and especially Isaiah, would always talk about how "fleshy" Rebecca, Faithy's secretary, or Rosa, Juan Carlos' wife, were, although these two are quite faithful FF'ers. Then when a new Letter came out, they would use these girls as proof that the Lima area was FF'ing!

Many times they told us we just were not hard enough on others. They would bawl people out quite harshly and expect us to do the same. They told us to be harder in our correspondence to the field (especially Abiah in Childcare). Jethro blasted some people so hard, we're thankful they're still in the Family! For instance, Abiah was admonishing the AB Mother in Mexico, Esther, about not keeping the school clean, while Jethro egged Abiah on to be harder on her. Finally, Jethro grabbed the phone and literally screamed at Esther for at least ten minutes!

Their phone calls to us were always quite scorching. So I called and offered to resign and got bawled out

for wanting to quit! Shortly thereafter, I made my call to Rachel. I got severely dealt with by Deb and was told that I had "no love for the field" and that we should be thankful for their mercy for no other leader would work with us. We were often made to feel they were exceptionally merciful with us, to win our loyalty to them. After that, their calls to us were a little milder and more considerate, I suppose because they thought we couldn't take it. But they seldom asked us for our opinions, ideas or suggestions. We made more than our share of mistakes and had a lot of lessons to learn and still do, but we felt they were driving by force and condemnation rather than inspiration and trust.

They had very little faith for many of our undershepherds, and yet they expected us to produce with them. All the little people we tried to use, they put down or demoted and then dealt with us about our discernment. Jethro would talk about how Zadok had had to demote nearly every leader in the South, and Jethro got on our case because we didn't "fire" enough people.

We were constantly told we weren't doing the job "like Zadok and Palestina". Yet when we got to Peru, we were quite shocked to find Homes in Peru that had not been visited in six to eight months, not even by a District Shepherd! Ebed told us the Quayaquil, Ecuador Home had no furniture and only four beds for twenty people and sheets hung up for curtains. This was in Zadok's area and a major city and the same Home we had been bawled out for two years pre-

vious for giving them clearance not to send in their 35% until they at least had beds.

Deborah and Jethro's pressure on the field was often subtle, although sometimes also quite open. Ebed and Leah were told when Jethro visited not to let anyone in the door unless they got ten cents a copy. I myself had litnessed there and felt it was very unreasonable and told him so. Colombia is extremely poor, and I had a very hard time getting 6 cents a copy, although I can average 15 cents or better in most countries. They never did get ten cents a copy (and when Jethro went there it dropped to one cent, which gave him a little more compassion for the field). Jethro was mad at us, by the way, because we weren't averaging a dollar a copy at the border base.

Another example of the pressure put on the leadership in Latin America was a phone call to John and Rejoice in the West Indies because they were not getting out 2,000 a month per person yet. Jethro said, "John, you promised me you would raise those stats! Now why haven't you done it?" This pressure, of course, made John turn around and put more pressure on their field. The idea was to pressure the under-officers, who in turn would have to pressure the field or lose their job. In this way, Deb and Jeth could appear merciful in having their officers do the "dirty work". They also undermined the officers on the field by writing an advisory to everyone to "write Lima if your

officers don't print these mini-Letters", so that any who did not like them and would have preferred something else were discouraged from doing so. Whenever something went wrong, they blamed everyone but themselves.

We didn't want to make this too long, but we did want to try and give you some insight into Deb and Jeth's dealings with people and the field. After talking to Ebed and Leah, we realised that maybe we didn't specify the above enough before!

We joked that we learned how not to be and what not to do from Deborah and Jethro, but we're thankful for the lessons learned and more thankful for your sample of how to be and what to be. Most of all, we are thankful that things have changed and are changing and that the healing balm of His Word is going to heal the wounds and mistakes in Latin America and really set the kids free to live their faith in you and the Letters! Love in Jesus & David, Shaul & Abiah. (Editor: Newly appointed KQ's of Latin America.)

Dear Dad & Maria, We're sorry it took us so long to publish the above article "Exposed". We really had a battle over it as it is so "gory", it really made us sick! Zebedee even had a dream about it the other night (early a.m. of Feb. 25) that as he was working on it a big ugly demon with wings like an insect kept glaring at him like he was real mad about it being published. So Zeb rebuked him in Jesus' name and his wings shriveled up and he slunk away! PTL! Heavy! GBY! WLY!—Zs. (DAD: The preying mantis of "Cesspool"?)

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Letters From Former Leaders!

From Jethro, former KQC of Latin America:

Dear Dad, Maria, Rachel & Emanuele, 10 Feb. 78

God bless you all and greetings in Jesus' precious Name. It seems that in times like this it is often extremely difficult to really write you the kind of letter that will express my heart's meaning.

It seems that in the last two years (as KQC's of Latin America) we've made so many mistakes, so many blow-its, just not being in tune, not hearing enough and not listening enough. I want you to know that I'm really, really sorry. Please forgive me for my part in some of these tremendous errors which have affected not only a few, but hundreds, even thousands of lives.

I have been guilty of so many gross errors, gross neglects, falling short, unspirituality, drinking too much, being ununified with Deborah, being too hard on the flock, it really freaks me out sometimes when I think about it. It's awful, disgusting! I didn't deserve to serve as a KQC.

I can't even begin to confess all the mistakes, blunders, faults and failings I've done in two years, it would take a book: freaking out

over our blob colony in Lima but not being able to do anything about it because of not being able to get together with Deborah, then over-reacting in other areas and freaking others out because of my own frustration, etc. I've also been guilty of being the "big luxury leader" as you mention in "RNR" and not being careful enough with the finances, maybe sometimes as a retreat because of the problems or whatever. I was wrong, and by the grace of God I'm going to try to right it all. And may God help me to change and get back to Him and the basics.

We've been out witnessing and FF'ing almost every night for the last two weeks. I feel I've really failed in this in not getting out very much, and we're really trying harder. It's been such a blessing to get personally involved in people's lives and helping them to come closer to the Lord.

Reactions to the "RNR": You can't imagine how much I flipped out and how relieved I was and how happy I was when I read the Letter. I want you to know from the bottom of my heart that I think it is