

General Report on the Mideast & Africa

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MIDEAST

GREECE: This is the area where we feel the "RNR" was the most desperately needed, as we had 35% lit bill taxes and the Homes suffered, though we don't think quotas were nearly as high as most of Europe, due to governmental restrictions which made us go slower and be more careful. We also had poor leadership and too many levels supported by too few people.

FF'ing only got started nine months ago when we moved there from India, and has only really caught on in the Homes over the last 3-4 months. (It's really beginning to go now and all the kids are happy about it!) Winning nationals was going very slowly, so the "RNR" should really help this, and we believe FF'ing will be the real key.

One big problem being faced now is severe overcrowding. Since rural areas are very harsh on litnessing and witnessing teams (one team was sentenced to 6 months in jail by a kangaroo court for "proselytising", but skipped the country first), only

the cities are capable of handling Homes, and even some of them are tough on our Family members. One city alone has an incredible 13 Homes!—Way too much (at least at present) for a population of 3-4 million!—Especially when the authorities don't like us! We hit people with lit and cafe singing too hard with so many teams going out, and we're afraid if we don't thin out soon, it will be much harder government pressure against any litnessing!

The pile-up has been caused by families too weak to move out further East and that couldn't get cleared back to anyplace else in Europe, plus the fact that it's the most civilised place for a sprint/communications center in that former Ministry area. Some relief should come as the stronger families move out to pioneer fields over the next month or two, but we pray some couples who don't have faith for this may be able to integrate into works elsewhere, so as not to continue to endanger the overall

work in Greece.

There is a lot of potential on the islands this summer for FF'ing, but a shortage of girls is going to make it difficult to staff these, unless more girls come from Europe or elsewhere—or we can FF 'em in quick! (And there are desperate needs in Arab countries for FF'ers too!)

TURKEY: We have four or five Homes in Istanbul (over 5 million population), which should thin down to 3 or 4 soon, as pioneers move on. Music has been the main means of support and even the key in FF'ing, as we have several little acoustical combos working in high-class restaurants, getting large tips and even fish through it! They've really ministered to some big ones!

Ankara has two Homes, one doing quite well with a dropped-in brother as a language school co-director, and a little music combo. We also have two brothers teaching young children at a school. FF'ing is going well and the physical standard is good and climbing.—Also some very good catacomb fruit! The other Home, recently pioneered, is having some personnel problems that may be resolved by new elections.

Izmir has one Home. They have a small music group and do some FF'ing and catacomb outreach. It should boom this summer, as it's on the sea.

The work there has won some good nationals, but lost a lot due to the military draft (all Turkish men must serve two years). Pandita and Virginia are the strongest nationals they have. We believe that

through stressing FF'ing and nationalisation, Turkey can zoom!—Really a far-out country!

JORDAN: The work is going strong! They haven't had a lot of fish, but the ones they have had have been big and have helped us get the message out through the media and introduced us to some very important people.

They do a weekly radio show of slightly modified Family songs connected by MO quotes on the same theme, and they are becoming quite famous! One brother also is dropped-in as a reporter for the "Jordan Times" and gets to use MO quotes and even cartoons in the paper occasionally.

The Homes have a good physical standard, although they recently had a very sick baby due to some parental neglect, but the Lord helped the child and parents through it.

EGYPT: The little team is doing fine, ministering to some really big fish. They could do more with one more girl to help with childcare and to FF. The living standard is very good. God bless them.

SUDAN: We have two pioneering brothers there, as folksingers. The family we were sending there changed their mind, so we need a couple and single girl to go soon and get FF'ing going!—The brothers did win a stewardess though!

LEBANON: We were doing fine until recent fighting erupted outside their house and they fled. Two Lebanese brothers were turned back at the Greek border, so they are back there now, and the other three are praying about returning.

(Editor: They could have been a tremendous help to the people in their distress, if they had stuck by their post. Now is when they are needed the most as messengers of mercy.) "Alexander" should really, really encourage them.

GREEK & TURKISH CYPRUS: Soon to be re-pioneered in selah, FF manner.

TUNISIA: They are doing quite well with music (a professional quality dance band) being the main source of supply, means to get out the message, cover to stay in the country, and a big way to meet far-out people in a social atmosphere! They have a few good nationals as close catacombers and one just joined! They have a French brother there named Jonathan who wrote a song "Change the World" that told the whole story in song and won first prize in a pop festival contest and went out over the radio and TV and newspapers! They also have people with a burden to pioneer Algeria and Morocco.

ALGERIA & MOROCCO: Will be pioneered in similar style as soon as others can replace some people in Tunisia. They have several open doors in each country.

MALTA: We don't know what's happening there right now.

IRAN & THE GULF

IRAN: We have 6 or 7 Homes there now, all with one or two people dropped into jobs for cover and support and doing a lot of FF'ing. We had been kicked out of Iran time and again, until we adapted the "Pisces" approach, and a lot of good fish are being won (several have given big donations to pioneer

works). So far, no good nationals have been able to drop out and stay out, due to repressive parental and governmental system.

U.A.E.: Just a little 2-guy, 2-girl team (one just had a baby and the other is pregnant). They have good dropped-in jobs and a small FF'ing ministry. Another family and a few FF'ers and that place could really pop, as the Sheikhs are easy to reach and starved for what we've got!

KUWAIT: The same as U.A.E. Amon is the pioneer leader there, and he's the one who got the stories (Letters!) into the "Arab Times", where he is working as a reporter!

BAHRAIN: Recently opened with a British couple and a few acoustic musicians to play at a hotel. Far out little country with the freest nightlife in the Gulf! Should be great FF'ing!

WEST AFRICA

NIGERIA: We are moving out of the bush, but Comy, Nekoda and Deborah (of Stephen Apollos who recently went to be with the Lord) and her three children and a few others have a burden to stay in the eastern Nigerian towns and use lit, music and FF'ing as their outreach and support. Hopefully, they should be nearly indigenous by the time their pioneer budget runs out.

They've done some good FF'ing and had good media exposure (as "Family of Love", a music-dramatic group doing social development work). Comy also is working on a mailing list from amongst the bush catacombers to send appropriate MO mailings to, and they will still be communicating with the Rev. about progress there.

TOGO: We're moving out, as it was too podunk. We can hit it with lit road teams from Ghana.

GHANA: We'll be keeping a sprint center and base road teams out of there with a Conakry Rip-Off vision to nearby countries where possible. It will need to decentralise soon, as it's a multiple Home!

IVORY COAST: Peter, Topaz, Antipas, Hagar and a few others will be teaming up for FF'ing and musical miracles in this very modern and sophisticated city of Abidjan.—25% French population and very French culture. Almost European standards.

SENEGAL: Joseph and Abigail are doing great, FF'ing and music-wise, in this very modern French city of Dakar. Very good results and just about financially indigenous

now through FF'ing and music.

EAST AFRICA

KENYA: A small team has a burden to remain, dropped into jobs and FF'ing and hope to be financially indigenous soon.

TANZANIA: Just two American blacks want to stay. Both have teaching jobs and so should be indigenous. The brother is a very potential black leader, very free and loving and educated. The sister, who is West Indian, is doing better and can be used in FF'ing there.

Other areas soon to be opened:

Syria, Greek & Turkish Cyprus. Other potential areas: Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia (Editor: Careful! Not even reporters can get in!), Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Iraq & Albania.

From Your Little Lovers!

From one of our MO Letter secretaries:

Dear sweet Dad,

I LOVE YOU SO MUCH! As I was praying yesterday my heart was filled with thoughts of you & I realised it had been a long long time since I'd written you a love poem. Then I wrote down these words for you:

Dear sweet Dad, I love you so,
I long for your embrace!
I long to see the sunshine
On your sweetly smiling face!

The love that shines so deeply
Within your eyes so blue,
Made me fall so wonderfully
In love with you!

But this was not the first time,
I had loved you from afar,

Thru' the Words that you have spoken
Which have filled my hungry heart.

I treasure deep within my heart
The days when we were near
I didn't really want to part
From my Father's arms so dear!

But I'm happy that I am a part
Of God's great Family
& can type the words I truly love
That mean everything to me.

All I really want to say
Within these lines so few,
My dearest sweet most precious Dad
I'm so in love with you!!

—From one of your little lovers
who loves & needs you so much!
—Your Sal. (ILY2!—D.)