

tion before, and the hardest beasts will soften with such gentleness of the Spirit.

Thank you so much for your guidance in teaching us how to be

used of the Lord. From your example and Letters, you have set so many of us so free! God bless and strengthen you!

Love, Fé.

The Strange Story of Inge Mamay!

(A backslidden "Saul" who now fights the Family, but who, like Saul, seems to be under conviction and may yet become an Apostle Paul! This is how wisely, patiently and lovingly one of her captive Family girls handled her enemy with love! —Dad.)

—by A GERMAN SISTER

Dear Family,
GBY, I love you! I am writing down my experiences I had with Inge Mamay during the time I stayed with her (from Feb. '77 to Sept. '77).

I first met Inge Mamay when I was witnessing in Cologne (W. Germany) about six weeks after I joined the Family. I joined in Dusseldorf. I was witnessing in front of the Dome and suddenly a friend of my brother, and later my mother, were there—they came from Dusseldorf. They wanted me to leave the Family and go with them. I refused.

Then a girl came, who I found out later was Inge Mamay. We sat down near the Dome, as I refused to leave the brethren alone and go with them all into a cafe. Inge showed me a report of the New York Attorney General about us and started yelling at me about what



Photo of Inge Mamay from a French paper.

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So Inge immediately wrote an answer to these lies and sent it to the magazine, but she did not insist on having it printed, as she said she has so many letters and calls from relatives and friends of people in the Family that this article did what she wanted it to do, even if it was only lies.

Inge tried to talk about the Family with me really often, so I would change my mind. She read Bible verses to me, which "clearly" showed that Moses David is a false prophet, etc. etc. But she saw that I didn't change my mind and that my love for the Family was even growing.

She saw that I suffered being separated from the Family and the MO Letters. She explained it to herself this way: She knew I was in love with a brother. The love between two people she could understand, but she couldn't go beyond that.

I always gave her much love, as Jesus said: "Love your enemies", but I always told her that I believe she was on the wrong track doing such a work, not gathering into God's fold but scattering.

I showed her Bible verses about that, like Mat. 12:30: "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad", but she didn't understand.

Once I was really down, as I missed the Family so much, and it made Inge sad, as she really started liking me. So she took me and another girl to France, Taize, so we could see something else and get our minds "right".

On the way she drove to Switzer-

land first, so I could see my boyfriend in the Family. Inge thought I could make him leave the Family. I was able to spend two hours alone with the Family then, hallelujah! That was in March 1977.

As I said before, I did not want to have anything to do with Inge's work, but several times I heard, when she made plans with relatives of some brethren to help them out of the Family. For a while I didn't tell Inge that I still believed in the Family and the MO Letters and that I still loved it all.

So she started talking about her plans in front of me when she wanted to get some brethren out of the Family. So I would call Colonies and inform them of what was going on. Inge did not realise for a while that I was hindering her work wherever I could. Finally she found out by a backslider who told her about me.

In cooperation with my father, Inge collected addresses of parents of brethren or of backsliders, and they met sometimes and exchanged their experiences with the Family and dragged each other down.

In the summer of 1977 the reporters of "Stern" came to visit us in Altenberg. The parents of another sister asked them to write an article about us, so they got interested and started collecting material. After visits in Italy, they finally came to Altenberg to also talk to Inge and her community.

She told her testimony, which was printed in the magazine, also with some more lies. So some more people got in contact with her and asked for her help. When parents ask her

crazy work I was doing just working for Moses David and quotas, etc. etc.

She really got mad, because I stayed calm all the time. When she told me that I couldn't be in my free will in the Family, I asked her whether I could be it with her (leave freely). She said yes, of course, so I said good-bye and left her, to her surprise!

A few days later she sent her boyfriend by to the Colony and continued making trouble. So I left for Austria a few days later without letting my parents know where I went. So my parents freaked out and started working against the Family on their own, then in cooperation with Inge. Inge even travelled to Vienna to look for me. —Without success.

My father went to the German magazine "Der Spiegel" and in cooperation with Inge had an article made about us in November 1976. As they—Inge and my father—continued making trouble and did many things against the Family and partly leadership (with official help), leadership suggested that I go home for Christmas and calm my parents down and straighten things out.

When I came home, my father had me legally declared underage. One night Inge came and wanted to talk to me to convince me that the Family was false. But the Lord showed me before that something was going to happen so I could avoid talking with her. Then the weeks passed and I did not have any freedom at home.

The first few days I was locked in the house, then afterwards for

to go and talk with their children to convince them that the Family is bad—which my parents did many months ago in Cologne—they usually pay for the fare, if she has to go a long way, such as to India or Malta, etc.

I want to tell you a little about her life now. Inge is a Catholic and was also educated that way. But she did not see what the Bible tells being done. So she came away from her beliefs.

A few years ago she went to Taize, where there is a convent and people live together there and share everything they have, but it's all churchy. She saw this sample and started believing again, reading the Bible and saw Jesus is real. But all that did not completely satisfy her.

Then she went to Rome with her school, and as she was on a bus she saw a young man whom she liked. So she started talking to him and he started to talk about Jesus, which she liked very much. It was a brother. He invited her to come by, and she stayed.

She was with the Family for two weeks. After that she called home to her mother, as her letters to her were not answered. Her mother screamed on the phone asking her to come home. Inge knew at that time already that her mother was gravely ill with cancer, so she packed her things and left for Germany.

But back home she always had in her mind to join again and was looking for the Family there. All the time she expected to get some mail from the brethren. She wrote several love letters, as she was in love with that Italian brother she met

weeks continually watched. My parents kept mail back, opened my letters, etc., so I couldn't have any contact with the Family. My parents always said I'd have the choice either to stay at home or go live in the community of Inge.

I hated both ideas very much, but as I didn't have a passport and the authorities were watching my steps, I couldn't split. So I prayed what to do and finally decided to go to Inge Mamay. God showed that I could come in contact with the Family again there. So I moved there to Altenberg and came away from my parents and their continuous control.

Inge was always friendly to me, as I was that "poor little confused and misled girl, believing in a false doctrine and a false prophet".—That is what she believes. So she just wanted me to find myself and become "me" again.

I was doing the household work in the community of five people, as I waited for things to change, so I could leave for the Family again. Inge had many visitors all the time, like parents, backsliders, priests, newspaper reporters, radio, etc. I didn't want to get involved with them and tried to avoid any contact with them, which wasn't possible all the time.

One day a reporter of the "Pravda" came and I was there with Inge and another girl (backslider). The reporter asked questions about our time in the Family, and the girls talked about it. I just listened. When the first article came out (about Inge), she got mad as they didn't print one true word; they didn't even print what she said

first, but she never received an answer, which disappointed her so much, she told me.

Then she started hearing something bad about us and wanted to know more and started to collect information. Finally she was sure that we were a bad group, not following the Bible. She came in contact with an influential woman whose daughter was also with us for a while but later backslid.

Together with her, she helped a brother out of the Family. Then another girl joined them both—another backslider—and these three started to work against the Family. They founded a community intended to be an alternative to us, for people who want to leave the Family and have no place else to go.

The daily life in the community: Inge has a little devotion daily, reading some chapters out of the Bible, singing songs together, praying together. The community comes together once a week to discuss schedules together and make out plans about finances, work, what to do in the free time etc., to be organized a little.

She, Inge, wanted to be a mother for these people, caring for them, giving them love and comfort, as she saw that the world lacks this so much. She received love and comfort in the Family during the two weeks she was with us and that impressed her so much, so she wanted to give it to others. Actually, she tries to imitate the Family.

As I spent quite a long time with Inge, I got to know her quite well. She knew I loved her and she started opening her heart and shared