

LIVING THE LETTERS!

Dearest Dad & Maria,

God bless you! We wanted to write about some general tendencies we saw in quite a few Homes. The Visiting Mother, Diamant's, comments after visiting several Homes touched on many problems and have helped to confirm many of the problems we saw when visiting the Homes.

The main thing we noticed is the fact that in many Homes people still don't take the Letters seriously enough and don't think they can live them, especially in the so important little ways. How we wish everyone in the whole Family would know that the King's house is not an "exception" but a sample of what it should be like in each Home!

In a way, many people have become numb to the circumstances they live in. Many, too, have the attitude that the RNR was only for the leaders who had done so much wrong, so they tend not to feel the desperation to change. It's much easier to blame everything on circumstance or the mistakes of others, rather than their own disobedience.

Others tend to think that what happened to them before the RNR was a "mistake", meaning "God made a mistake". They don't see that God let those things happen to accomplish something in their lives. So in some cases, bitterness crops up. People go from one extreme to the other—from enduring everything to now not being willing to accept lessons as applying to themselves.

In a way, it's understandable, but still it needs to change.

Here in our house, the head translator said something the other day that we felt brought to light another side of the problem a lot of the Homes are having: He commented how at the other Home he was in that they barely managed to read the MO Letters together and never read the "Davidito" Letters or "Family News" together. Even the MO Letters, he said, were just read but rarely discussed together. It was more just "doing their duty" in reading them.

It seems that so many Homes get so busy with everything they think they have to do that somehow they don't really take time to apply the Word, especially in the always-so-important little things in their own situations.

At the Home where the German VS's live, they (the VS's) were even actually accused by one member of their Home of "having too high standards" when trying to organise the schedule! It's almost like people get into a trap with self-imposed pressures of finances and day-to-day living, and they don't have the vision that the answers to all their, even daily, little problems are right in the Letters! They miss really "living" all those important spiritual principles and so many get bogged down with the cares of this life.

Some people at this time seem to be doing little more than just trying to "make it financially". So, they

spend a whole day out litnessing and end up accomplishing only as much as they could have in just two hours, if they pressed in and made better use of their time!

You'd think every Home would have train, bus or tram schedules, so they could plan and not have to waste time waiting to make connections. But many Homes we've seen or heard of do not! (Editor: The Checklist-F2 includes a bulletin board for such helpful reasons as this!)

Also, it seems that people in the Homes don't realise how vital it is for each of them to accept their individual responsibility. It's taken some people a long time to "grow up" and take themselves more seriously and realise that they should be doing more to live the Letters.

Especially with the Home Servants, we've noticed that the trend is not that we're having dictators, but that the Servant is not taking the job seriously enough and is not being the "spiritual elder" or really "living" all the things Dad has to say about leadership in the Letters.

So most importantly, we have tried to get people to see that it is already written in the Letters and that their problems are all due to disobedience to what Dad has already written.

Another thing is that a lot of people have decided to make major moves on the spur of the moment, and in Northern Europe we have very few really well-established works as a result. Another sad result is that too often our parents lack the help they so desperately need with our children through this

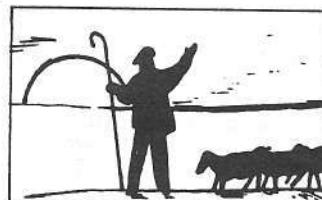
disorganisation and everyone moving about so much (besides some people just not being willing to help!).

We're happy to report, though, that the RNR has improved the Homes so much and people are learning! So many of these problems were hidden before and are now being brought out in the open to be solved. It is so encouraging that the vast, vast majority of the Family want to and do change. It seems like it's just a slow process for us all to grow and learn to be the leaders we'll need to be in the hard days to come.

How much faster we could go, though, just by being more obedient. Lord help us! One thing we can see (as Dad has said) is that the VS's are a real key in this. So we want to really encourage them to keep going and not to compromise their convictions one inch but to keep reminding people to be real samples of the Letters.

Thank God for such a patient, loving Shepherd who feeds us so faithfully! We need you! With much, much love always—

Emmanuel & Hannah
KQS's of N. Europe



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SUGGESTIONS FROM FAMILY CARE SERVICES!

Seeing from recent reports how obviously and desperately our parents with several children need help with their kids, why not offer to be a help to weary parents in your own Home by offering to colour in their Family Care Teaching Aides?

All you need is a little relaxed time and an assortment of coloured felt-tip pens or coloured pencils and you can be a great help in preparing our children's teaching aides just by colouring in their MO Letters, Readers, Flannelgraphs, etc. made by Family Care Services for our Family! We'd really appreciate your help!

Love, Every Parent of Family

Children.

ATTN: DIETERS & FF'ERS!

Trying to keep up your FF figure? Dieting getting you nowhere? You need some vigorous exercise!—So why not volunteer for a one-hour playtime with the children in your Home daily? Run races, kick a ball, jump rope. "Don't just sit there, do something!" Hallelujah! And the parents and kids will be so grateful for that one hour's time for other duties! Why not try it? It works!

CODDLE CORDUROY: To keep corduroy looking its finest, never iron it on the outside. Turn it inside out and steam iron gently.

A PG's FF TESTIMONY!

We first met W. through a friend who asked us if he could come to dinner in our Home and talk with us. W. is a 32-year-old law and philosophy professor from Poland who three weeks previously had come to the U.S. on a Fulbright scholarship. Besides Polish, he also speaks Russian, German and English.

From talking with him, we learned many things about his life in Poland and that he has been an atheist since the age of 15. He told us that his marriage was ready to break up and about the concern he has for his children who are still in Poland with his wife.



Kanah Benjamin, an FF'er at 8-months pregnant! Photo by Ado Benjamin.

A few days later we were quite surprised to hear that he wanted to stay with us for a week! His orientation class was over and he needed a place to live before flying to California to continue his studies. A week before, we had asked the Lord to lead us to foreigners whom we could FF and witness to. So we felt that this was a set-up from the Lord to continue our witness to him and show him a sample.

While W. was in our Home, we had many long, long discussions with him. He is really an intellectual and was amazed at the simplicity of the Bible. He kept exclaiming how he'd never met anyone like us. He agreed with us on almost everything, but couldn't quite understand why we had to base it all on God.

One night he told me, "I'm like Doubting Thomas. I've got to see to believe." I was the only girl in the Home and at the time I was eight months pregnant. We prayed that God would use me to bring him to Jesus, so one night after going for a walk and spending time talking with him, he and I spent a couple of hours together in bed, and he was truly appreciative and really happy!

While I was jacking him off, he suddenly got a sharp pain in his side. He explained that he often gets these pains and that a doctor said he has a problem with his liver. He said the pain always lasts for several hours and sometimes all night and that he has never been able to have an orgasm the same night in which the pain occurs.

He asked me to pray for him, so I prayed for his healing and also

that God would use the experience to show him that He is real. About two minutes later he exclaimed that the pain was completely gone! He was so amazed and happy! He wanted to see if he could also have an orgasm, and to his amazement he did! Hallelujah! He said it was too miraculous to be a coincidence.

Then, when I asked him about receiving Jesus and shared a couple of salvation verses with him, he prayed in Polish to receive the Lord and asked God to show him about this and other miracles that had happened to him since meeting us.

The following days before he left, we noticed that he talked more kindly about his wife and said he wanted to help her. The day before he left was his birthday, so we had a surprise party for him and gave him a Polish Bible as well as a package of MO Letters. At the party we asked him to read aloud John 3:16 from his new Bible, and he exclaimed how beautiful it was, like poetry. We parted as good friends and plan to communicate through the mail as he continues his studies in California.—Kanah Benjamin; Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

P.S. I wanted to add a short note to Kanah's testimony because for us personally this pregnancy was quite a miracle. Kanah has always had a difficult time carrying children and with our first two she had to be in bed for some time.

But during this pregnancy, she has been able to continue in almost completely normal physical activity! So this FF experience was doubly inspiring for both of us! TYJ!

—Ado Benjamin.