

Security In Closed Countries!

Letter from Hosanna in Athens

Dear Folks and Timothy,

After reading a report from A. in Jordan, I wanted to pass on this part to you, as I felt it might be beneficial in helping the Family avoid these sorts of situations which have endangered different selah fields in the past. From A's report:

"A guy I work with, an American who is a pretty big goat, went to Portugal and met the Family there. That's fine as far as I'm concerned, but the Family he met went and told him that I was in the Family, my Bible name and gave him some lit. I think they met him while listening. Giving him lit is fine, but—

"To go and tell people the names and so forth of people in selah fields is really dangerous! This guy is definitely not a good friend of ours because of some of his dirty tricks and bad deals. When he told me he'd met some of my 'friends' in Portugal, I was curious to know who and what happened. He said, 'They told me your name was _____ and they wrote their names on this pamphlet by Moses David.' He just smirked!

"I think it's come to the point where there should be a policy in the Family not to go exposing members in selah fields. I know that in some situations, a breach like this could really cost a life! When you're virtually illegal and trying to carry on a witness in secret, you can't afford to be spotlighted. I don't think these brethren meant us any harm and wanted to help us and get

out a Letter. But it certainly doesn't help us to have our cover blown!

"In Germany, the sister of a girl we've gotten saved met the Family who put her on their mailing list and faithfully sent her lit. Our sheep hasn't even told her sister about us because she knows our security situation! This way, it's fantastic because—

"They're both getting fed and it's not endangering us at all! But if the brethren in Germany tried to get them in touch with us here, it could really blow everything because we'd be spotlighted as the leaders of the 'FOL' organisation here.

"I think we should encourage the brethren abroad to put the Arabs they meet on their own personal or Home mailing lists. The Arabs love mail and really respect literature. But for us to do it from here or to be even slightly connected to it could mean anything from deportation to imprisonment!

"I don't know how it is in other Arab countries, but in the two years I've been here I have come to realise that you can't get away with too much. The people here know a lot.—Total strangers know more about me and tell me where I live, how much my rent is, my income and a whole list of things!—More than even some of my best friends and close associates know!

"Maybe we should bring up these things to protect some of our new selah works in even more difficult fields such as Poland, Iraq or Saudi

Arabia. It wouldn't be a joke to be exposed as FOL in Saudi, but I don't think many brethren realise that..."

I think A's point of the European or North American Homes following up directly with the Arabs they meet through the mail needs to be stressed, rather than prematurely "spotlighting" our selah brethren; even giving out their postal address is dangerous!—Or taking for granted that they can follow up, as is possible in Western fields.

Then perhaps as a real bond has been established with the person they're feeding through the mail, the Home in Europe or America can then contact the Home in the selah field, giving a brief history of the person, what Letters they've read, if they're saved, etc. and leave it to the selah field if they want to fol-

low up on him or not.

I'm sure other near-serious situations could have been avoided if all the Family were better aware of the deadly serious need for security in these selah drop-in works. One thing that those less familiar with Arabs need to keep in mind is that usually Arabs are much freer on foreign turf away from home, whereas in their home country, due to social mores, they are constrained to be much more conservative. And even the hospitality they generously extend while abroad may be more difficult for them to follow through on at home. Hope this helps everyone to be more security-minded!

Lots of love,
Hosanna.

(DAD: Don't give out names of Family members in closed countries to anybody!)

FROM MO ON THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURITY!

(From "Security Rules For Selah Colonies"—MO, unpublished.)

WE ARE NOT PLAYING GAMES: This is a deadly serious business and one mistake could be fatal! (No. 43.)

WE NEVER MAIL A LETTER without us both double checking and even triple checking the contents, the packaging, the addressing, the return address and the postage and total general appearance. (No. 28.)

WE USUALLY PLACE OUR MAIL INSIDE OF TWO THIN AIR-MAIL ENVELOPES, the one in-

side of the other so that nothing can possibly be seen through the envelope. (No. 29.)

PAY ATTENTION TO THE CHECKS OF THE SPIRIT and heed God's still small voice when it checks you, "No, don't do that!" Our security really is in God's hands most of all and we have to depend on Him to take care of us and protect us and keep us in spite of our own stupid mistakes. (No. 76.)

A REACTION TO—The Shah's Last Resort!

From a member of Dad's Home:
Dearest Dad & Maria,

Thanks so much for the hot new Letter! It's thrilling how the Lord

shows you the "inside story" of countries, politics and people, even inside the Family! It gave me such a comfort and reassurance, how He

is in control and even knows our thoughts and hearts. It really teaches us the fear of the Lord; without it we never could receive any wisdom from Him. PTL!

Thank the Lord you two are in control too, with the Lord, Who is always faithful to show you the truth. This Letter will help everyone, or at least many of us who have been caught up in the "deceitfulness of riches", "snobishness", being "cool", etc.

One of the things that impressed me the most when meeting you is how simply you live, talk, share—having fun in the simple little things that are for free, like love, sex, the richness of God's beautiful creation and priceless lessons He is teaching us.

Everyone on your team is always "pinching pennies", trying to live as cheap as possible, dressing simply and comfortably. It's giving the Glory to God. When FF'ing, often-times we look more at the outward appearance of men, how much they earn, what they do, and forget to ask the Lord to lead us to the real precious souls who are so hidden sometimes.

The Letter also showed me to listen better to your warnings and to really obey, not to start reasoning, but to respect the Voice the Lord has given you. When living in the field Homes, I so often missed that real unity with each other; it only comes when we are flipped out over the Lord and what He's doing, being dependent on prayer like you are!

I need you so much! It thrills me to see your faithfulness, love, fear

and dedication to the Lord! I want to really suck and absorb every little word and lesson you give us. Much, much love and many thanks, always yours, R.

Dear Dad and Maria,

It's so nice when you come down for lunch. It's really a nice way to fellowship with the family, and for us all to have a chance to see you and visit. That was a beautiful prayer you prayed last night after talking about the girl who was mistreated by a former leader of the Chain.

You know, Dad, it's been such a re-education for me to see how you handle these situations and how you look at them. I'd heard the expression, "Dad is mad". But like you said, I don't think most people understand (or maybe not before) that it's a lack of love, mistreatment and neglect that make you mad.

Last night, it really touched my heart to see how you care for all of us and really are for the underdog. Before, I used to read the Letters and I guess I heard what I thought you were from the impressions I got from Family members.

But since meeting you, the Letters are new.—I realise how positive, truthful and encouraging they are.—Because that's the way you are; even when you scold it's still in love and that's something that I can see better now! I love you the way you are! PTL! Your, J.

LEGAL AGE FOR FF'ING!

TO CLARIFY a previous announcement that FF'ers must be 21 or older: FF'ers must be 21 or whatever is the legal age in your country.—Check local or national laws! Love, M&M.

Getting Back To The Basics!

A reaction to a talk given by Dad, by a member of his staff!

Dearest Dad & Maria, 20-9-78

Just a thank-you for last night's discussion and plan for going over your basic classes. We're all greatly encouraged by this and can hardly wait! I was especially convicted when talking about memorising the Word, as it's been a long time since I had kept up my review system and got down to business ingraining the Word in my heart!

Well, I'm really anxious to get at it again and also to learn some of these classes I've never had—like the class on John and the one on Acts 6-13 and a more in-depth study of the others! PTL! What a wonderful effect this will have on the Family, and we're so thankful now to get it onto paper!

It's simply our simple basics!—Like all the things you teach and the example you both set, whether it be the way you prefer your food cooked or your dress, your living arrangement, your lifestyle, your way of leading and teaching us, etc.—it's all so simple, uncomplicated, natural and basic!—PTL!

I don't think many people realise this, and it's certainly something I've learned only by living with you. It's really been a giant step in my life to see and experience this!

Simplicity is the key! Even as you said last night, "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled

Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ!" (2 Co. 11:3.) Thank you so very much for, more than anything, really living it and setting the example for us.

I only hope and pray that the rest of our Family realises and understands and lives this too, as boy, it sets you so free from the complicated, entangling hang-ups in the system! PTL!

I just feel the Lord is setting us straight down the narrow path through not only this talk of having these basic, essential lessons printed up for our whole Family, but also from the lecture and rebuke the Lord gave us at the other house on the system books and all! It's very sobering and such a need for us all!

PTL! We just can't thank you enough and can hardly wait for our first class!—A real desire of our hearts come true! Thanks again! God bless and inspire you today!

Love always, Path

P.S. This verse on simplicity also seemed fitting to you: "For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward." (2 Cor. 1:12.)

MO & Maria would love to hear from you!

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