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Living in a Selah Home— Security Lessons Learned!

by Francisco & Estela, after 9 months in a closed country!

I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE SOME LESSONS ON SECURITY that I hope will benefit those of you who live in a selah Home or are just setting up one or perhaps very shortly will be forced to become one! It may not all apply to your situation, but I believe generally they are good and sound for most closed countries or selah Homes. PTL!

IN OUR NINE MONTHS HERE we've made a lot of mistakes, learned many lessons and have had to change most of our ideas on how to relate to the system. "A real revolutionary must be revolutionary enough to pretend not to be a revolutionary when dealing with the system!" ("More Precious Pearls" No. 540:16 by Father David.)

UNLESS YOU'RE REALLY PRAYERFUL, careful and sensitive to the Lord's checks, it's very, very easy to make a lot of security blow-ups that can hurt your cover in the future. In some countries or situa-

tion, not be the COG or FOL, but you may have to avoid being classified as any kind of sect, cult or group! In such a case you'll have to be careful you don't betray your cover by:

NEVER TALKING IN TERMS OF "WE" ("We are Christians" or "We believe in Love"). The first person, "I", is preferable. Also, be careful about openly singing Family songs all together or praying in a group in the presence of new, untried and unproven sheep, fish or friends.

IT'S ONE THING FOR JUST YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL TO DO IT and quite another for all your household together to be doing it. I mention this because then, if you go on denying you're an organised group but your actions and activities show otherwise, you become a little suspicious to your friends and neighbours who aren't as dumb as we sometimes think!

NEIGHBOURHOOD RELATIONS: Most of your neighbours plan on liv-

ing their lives, in your neighbourhood & therefore consider everything that goes on there as their business—and that means you!

GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS and invite a few chosen friendly ones in, or they'll soon be making up their own stories about who you are. Also, for the benefit of your cover and those who will be staying in that Home for a while,

TRY TO AVOID "SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCES" and their "instant replacements" we're so famous for. That means when brother X suddenly disappears, brother Y instantly appears on the scene to fill in his shoes. He acts the same, talks the same and has that same "glow" in his eyes (ha!). This is particularly obvious in some fields when brothers X and Y are both foreigners—especially Americans!

FOR EXAMPLE, AFTER BEING HERE FOR TWO MONTHS, a brother who was quite beloved of our friends and people at his job suddenly disappeared with almost no warning (he went to another country to be a VS). It really caused some eyebrows to raise and hurt others. Today, six months later, some people still don't understand that. What's more, the day this brother left we fortunately found another American brother to immediately take his place. I didn't think much of it until this second brother had to go & we began to look for one more instant replacement for him. I guess you can see what I mean!

THIS ALSO MAKES A GOOD POINT FOR AVOIDING CONSTANT OR FREQUENT PERSON-

nel changes unless of course you want to change houses, neighbourhoods and friends as well. PTL!

A SYSTEM JOB REALLY HELPS YOU TO HAVE A BETTER COVER, even if it is only part-time, which is preferable. It doesn't do to have you seem to be "sitting around the house all day" unless you have a good story to explain it. Especially, don't be heard playing your guitar at home all day. Also, in your job, avoid crossing lines and having more than a couple of you working at the same place.

MAIL: No more than one Home should receive mail at one P.O. box. I suggest you receive all WS mailings in the name of a national, if there is one in your Home. If a new Home can't get a P.O. box right away, they can always get their mail "general delivery" for the time being. I don't think it's a good idea to have such mail delivered directly to your street address. "A post office box number acts as a buffer between you and the system, and even your enemies, so they don't always know where to get their hands on you at a moment's notice, and to your surprise!" ("Letters I" No. 51:31 by Father David.)

PROVISIONING: We have had good success provisioning on a small scale by just asking if they can help us personally—our little family who is trying to help others. It is good to keep the same two provisioners and not bring in new ones, so as not to look very big, or like a group, etc.

HOME LIFE: Each Home in a selah location or country should try to be totally indigenous. You should not have to worry about another bro-

ther to meet with those from other Homes on neutral ground outside our house. Even if a brother calls before coming, you can't be sure a friend won't unexpectedly drop by.

BUT IF A BROTHER DOES HAPPEN TO DROP IN, you naturally wouldn't introduce him as such and your actions toward each other should be reserved enough so as not to make the visitor think he's a member of some kind of group you have. Which reminds me:

IT'S A GOOD POLICY TO NEVER MENTION THE PRESENCE OF OTHER HOMES in the area to your friends or fish—not their members, locations or that they even exist. That sheepy friend or fish could be your enemy tomorrow. Unless he's tried and proven, why take chances?

DON'T LEAVE LIT LYING AROUND! We have one set of Letters that serves for the whole Home, and we keep it locked up in one place. All other personal copies are stored away in one place out of sight. (See "Empty Wind" & "Jewels Galore" No. 538:60.)

TELEPHONE: Most countries don't care too much about your "constitutional rights"—ha! They could easily tap your phone if they suspect you. So keep your Family business over the phone vague and to a minimum. I would like to suggest here that no one should give the phone number or Home address of a selah Home to anyone, without the permission of those who live in that Home. It's their life & work & they should decide to whom they wish to entrust their security.

THESE MISTAKES & OTHER

SIMILAR BREACHES OF SECURITY are actually quite easy to make for someone who is so used to living in a normal, above-ground Home & isn't really aware of how very careful one must be under such conditions. I know it's taken me nine months to learn a lot of these lessons, and I'm still making lots of mistakes. PTL! Thank God and Dad for the NRS, which is enlightening us all in this respect. Hallelujah!

BRETHREN WHO WISH TO CONTACT A HOME IN A SELAH FIELD where they will be going could write the Home through the KOS. The Home could then handle it from there. Even invited brethren who may be passing through should call before going to the Home and should try to avoid arriving with too much baggage. Maybe most of it could be left at the plane or bus terminal, etc.

IN CLOSING, I'd like to say that even though it may not seem like it, it's still possible to be very much a loving Family of Love and real sample under these conditions. In fact, you are compelled to be closer and tighter in the Spirit.

MANY MISTAKES WE DID MAKE COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED if we had only prayed & counselled together before acting on something that affected the rest of us. When living like this, you can't be an independent and do your own thing. Any lack of consideration for your brother's security could cost him, at the least, his freedom to continue his witness in that selah field.

I PRAY THIS LESSON WILL HELP YOU have a safer, more secure work where you are or will soon be!

"I'm The Lord's & Your Child Forever!"

From Dora (former German schoolteacher, now a childcare member of M&M's personal staff)

Dearest Dad,

GOOD MORNING! I LOVE YOU!

And I pray you have a very happy day, greatly encouraged to keep loving Jesus and all of us so much. I'm thanking the Lord that He is using you so beautifully to demonstrate His Love towards us.

I COULD UNDERSTAND SO MUCH LAST NIGHT, what a Love the Father in Heaven has for His children, by watching you giving the present to Davidito (a mechanical toy) and being so encouraged and delighted when he was able to handle it right!

PRECIOUS DAD, THANK YOU FOR THIS BEAUTIFUL RING. I'd love to let you know how much it

means to me, but I don't know if I find the right words to describe it. That it was given at the night of my birthday, even when this day doesn't mean too much, was such a wonderful expression of your thoughtfulness towards me, and that you took the time, the money and the effort to get it, in spite of your important tasks, is such a convicting sample of your love, Dad.

THAT IT'S A HEART and points out will remind me always to be a follower of the Lord and you: to give it (love) out, give it away like the Lord does and like you show us daily so many times to do.—And that it's gold I take as the statement that I'm the Lord's and your child forever!

THANK YOU, DAD, FOR BEING SUCH A LOVING FATHER, wonderful, thoughtful lover and such a strong reflector of the Lord and His great Love. Maria, thank you for being such a wonderful mother, faithful listener and scribe and beautiful sample of the Lord's Love. —Your child in the Lord, forever, Dora.

Preparing Before Going FF'ing!

by Fé in Malaysia:

One night, I was watching the girls dash out the door exactly the way I have done more times than I care to admit. So I began to think about the evenings in which everything has gone "right" and borne the best fruit, and I knew it has been the nights that our fishing team has taken more time to pre-

pare—with the Lord! Here are some easy steps to follow:

1. At the end of the day, at the beginning of the evening, try to take ½ to 1 hour rest time, for prayer, quiet time, shower and to generally change gears from a busy day.

2. While getting dressed and putting on make-up, maybe somebody could read a Letter or share with