

found himself in confusion & darkness, having rejected the Word & the way of happiness, after having been so mightily used by the Lord to write such beautiful songs. LHH!

WE TRIED TO CONTACT STEVE WHEN WE WERE IN AUSTRALIA to try & reclaim him for the Lord as we fell in love with his songs, but we couldn't find him. A few weeks later we heard from our Family in Australia that he had gone to be with the Lord!—But had very sadly taken his own life in his car in his garage, leaving a despairing note saying that he believed in God but was so confused & didn't know how to serve Him & so couldn't go on anymore. Poor fellow! He must now see his mistake & be so thankful that we are using his songs! TTL!

"KID POWER!" One very important fact that I want to mention here is that not only has the Lord reclaimed all these for His full-time service, but also their children who are now our "Kid Power" & a very important part of our Ministry, not only locally but for our worldwide spreading of the Good News, as they often appear on MWM & are a Hit! GBT! They have opened many hearts to us & made our Ministry & living here possible, TTL! And also we are so thankful for our mothers, our "queens" who keep them going for Jesus!

MORE VISITORS FROM VERY FAR PLACES: ZACH LIGHTMAN flew in from Zambia just in time to help us film our "Jesus Is Born" video for the Family & friends worldwide. Before going to his home in Norway he spent 1 week with us & was an invaluable help as we learned so much about lighting & videoing of our Shows from him.

HE IN TURN SAID IT RE-

MINDED HIM OF WHEN HE FIRST JOINED THE FAMILY in Norway & just walked out of his job as Norwegian TV's best lightman! He said he could feel the Lord calling him again!—This time to help our new Video & hopefully TV Ministry to really get started.

HE WAS GOING TO TRY & GET A LEAVE OF ABSENCE from his job, & last we heard he's miraculously gotten mobile & is coming with his family to MWM in February! What a blessing for us & them!

HO ALSO VISITED FROM HONG KONG for 1 month, living in a tent & learning many lessons which the Lord brought him to be with us at MWM to learn before going back to his important work of pioneering China!

HE GOT TO BE WITH US DURING THE RECORDING OF THE CHRISTMAS OLD FAVOURITES, & he saw how the Lord really broke us & got us all in the right Spirit & helped us to find the original inspiration of these beautifully powerful & full-of-the-Word Carols!

WE HAD ONLY ONE WEEK TO DO IT & GOT TO RUSHING instead of praying to try & finish in time. But it didn't work, so the Lord had to stop us via a message from Dad & Maria, to fast & pray for Sunday Fellowship & not work!

WE ALL LISTENED TO "MO'S MUSIC" TOGETHER, & it brought out so many things we needed to know about recording this type of songs.—& it also got us united in heart, mind

& spirit to really get on the attack & make these Carols sound like we really mean them, loaded with love & spirit & the original inspiration!

WE FOUND WE JUST COULDN'T RECORD THEM THE WAY WE HAD ALWAYS HEARD THEM SUNG in church. We had to learn to sing them, really listening to the words & putting real meaning & heartfelt emotion, & even praise, into them as we recorded them! Also, if these Carols were going to be played by the Family possibly until Jesus comes, we needed to put the real "fighting" spirit into them to keep us in times of hardship & tribulation, as we felt these were the type of songs we'd sing then.

ALTOGETHER IN THE PAST VICTORIOUS YEAR OF MWM we have recorded in our studios, both the old one & now the new one that our dear singing carpenters built—Tiras Seeds, Chris & John Cloud, whose wives Nadia & Danielle help in provisioning & secretarial work—a grand total of 256 songs!

AFTER HEARING THIS & BEING WONDERFULLY SURPRISED at the amount of work done in one year, Jeremy mentioned that it took them as long to do the last album he did for the system called "Flee", a total of only 12 songs! Wow! It's a musical explosion!

BESIDES THIS, 72 NEW SONGS WERE WRITTEN in this last year, 36 of them by our great & Godly composer Paul Michael! He said that in all his years in the Family (must be nearly 10!) that he had only written a sum total of 15 songs! But since he came to MWM 6 months ago the Lord has already given him more than a double portion with 36 new songs that are heard all over the world!—& are inspiring, & will continue to inspire, millions with the message,



Faithy & Ho in the studio working on the "Christmas Old Favourites"!

including our own precious Family & Friends! Hall Such a miracle!

WE HAVE ALSO HAD A GRAND TOTAL OF 25 ARTISTS, including children, who have actually recorded in our MWM studios!—Besides many more who appear on the Show who have sent us good quality tapes which we were able to use! TTL! And we are hoping there will be many more in this new year who will come & record with us at MWM & share their gifts & talents with the whole world, thru' MWM—The Gospel for the World! Hallelujah! Perhaps you'll be next! Please write us today!

RECENTLY DAD GOT A BEAUTIFUL LITTLE WORD FROM THE LORD about MWM: "Yes, but I have caused thy voice to echo around the world", while thinking how small we are compared to many multi-million dollar shows!—Also while listening to one of the latest MWM shows at Christmas-

time when he was sick he said, "I was sick but you inspired my spirit & lifted my body with your music!" TYJ! "It's the magic that heals their souls & wounded spirits...!"

"MUSIC IS OUR MESSAGE! MUSIC IS OUR MINISTRY!" It'll live in their hearts forever—by His Spirit! Hallelujah! Will you help us? Is the Lord calling you today? Tomorrow may be too late! For "the harvest truly is plenteous but the labourers (Godly musicians, singers & song-writers & salesmen) are few."

"THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST CALL!" If you're not already on board, you'd better get on board! And please pray for us as we continue to pioneer MWM in Local Languages! This year THE WORLD! Hallelujah! "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world... & then shall the End come!" (Mt. 24:14). Are you doing your part? Will you be glad, or ashamed, when you see Him? LHUI Love.—Faithy.

Notes To Dad From MWM Minstrels!

Another Prodigal Son Returns!

From Tiras Seeds:

Dear Dad & Maria,

EVERYONE HERE HAS RECEIVED ME WITH OPEN ARMS, & I feel absolutely no condemnation for being a "prodigal son", just a lot of love & concern for my happiness & welfare here. The sample of love & sharing here is one I never knew before, as we left for the States just after the RNR.

HERE AT THE MWM CAMP SHARING SEEMS TO BE THE OIL that keeps this lamp burning. It's wonderful to be a family, truly having all things common. My sample has been our dear Faithy & Juan, who have shown me the Love of God.

FAITHY & I HAD A REAL LIBERATION IN THE SPIRIT after so many years of being together. I was with her in Amsterdam, England & France. Yet I never had any idea of being so intimate with her. Well, our different nights we've spent together loving one another & sharing the kisses of David, we have truly been freed from the past.

HOW WONDERFUL FAITHY & JUAN HAVE BEEN to little 'ol me, just as if I was in your home. TYJ! The first night Faithy was with me truly broke my bottle to receive such love so freely, & now after several other nights together, I am being freed to even minister to her also.

God bless her, she is the love of God to me, & I am so thankful to know my shepherds in such a close way. I pray I can share just as freely with those around me & show the same love & concern.

THE TAPES YOU SENT, DAD, ARE SUCH AN INSPIRATION to me, & to everyone here,

we love them! I've listened to the first three with everyone here on fast day. I loved the part where you talked about the little people, the nobodies. It made me feel so special because I've always done the menial tasks behind the scenes, the ones that no one else seems to notice sometimes. But Dad, you made me feel like I was someone & needed too! Thank you for having such a big heart. I am home at last & I know I am one of your sons.

I'VE PLAYED SOME OF MY CHILDREN'S SONGS HERE, & the kids love 'em. We will shortly be making a tape for Davidito which the children here are going to help me with. My songs are simple, & the kids seem to learn them easily.

I SPEND A LOT OF TIME WITH THE CHILDREN, & I'm very impressed with Jeremy & Fiona's children. They are so inspiring & a good sample to the others. I'm teaching Dicon, the oldest boy, carpentry, & he's very interested in tools & wood-working. Little boys sure love to build things & fix & repair, so there's another area where I am being used. TYJ!

IT'S TRUE THAT "A MAN'S GIFT MAKETH ROOM FOR HIM", & I'm so very thankful for the privilege of being a part of the MWM team here, & I pray I can be a blessing wherever & however the Lord chooses to use me.

THANK YOU, DAD & MARIA, for your love & open arms in receiving me back into your house. I know you're here with us in spirit. Hosea has been here a week or so. He's got umph, GBH! I learn a lot from him, he's got a real gift in the practical. I wanted you to know I'm happy now, I'm fight-

ing for the Lord now, & it's great Love & prayers, Tiras Seeds.

Responses to Dad's Tapes

From Topaz, "MWM Minstrel": Dearest Dad & Maria,

GBY! I LOVE LOVE LOVE YOU SO SO MUCH! Oh my, I just don't even know how to express in words how happy & excited I am to be part of this ministry! It's such an honor, privilege & a great responsibility. Lord help us all. I am absolutely amazed that "He could use a one like I". But then the verse comes to me how "God hath chosen the foolish things that no flesh should glory in it". TYJ!

TO HEAR YOUR VOICES ON THE TAPES TO US is one of the most wonderful things I've ever experienced.—I think second to my Salvation! I can't even take the credit to say it's "a dream come true", cause I never dreamed it or imagined even that I would ever hear your voice say, "Topaz, I love you"!

I JUST "CAME" RIGHT THEN & THERE in the Spirit & in the flesh I felt a warmth go all over me. Oh Dad, I love you too & Maria too. Thank you for your love & mercy & faith. Without you I know I would have been dead long ago.

YOUR LETTERS TAUGHT ME that Jesus is not dead. You taught me how to live & how to love. And like that beautiful song, "You are my life" says, "And if today I am not the same it's all because of you". If I dance or sing or shine or anything, it's all because of you!

WE MOVED INTO THE MWM CAMP almost one week ago. And every day is just beautiful, "Days of Heaven". We feel what it must be like to be in your home as we see Faithy & Juan's love & concern every day for all of us. And Grant & Sue & Nathan & Leah & everyone cheerfully

doing their best to make it all work.

WE JUST HOPE & PRAY EACH DAY THAT WE WILL NOT FAIL the Lord or you or all the precious love waiting to be found & wooed by the music of the harp of David. I love you both. Maria, your voice is so sexy, smooth & beautiful. God bless you! We're praying for you! Love forever, Topaz.

From Peter (Topaz's mate): Dearest Dad & Maria,

GBY! I LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH! I won't even try to say how much. I'm thanking the Lord for His & your mercy on all of us prodigal sons. That Scripture is truly fulfilled by you that, "We loved him because he first loved us". And I pray the Scripture is fulfilled in us: "Him that is forgiven much, loveth much". God bless you, Dad.

THIS, OUR FIRST FIVE DAYS IN MWM CAMPING, has been the most beautiful week in our lives in a long long time. Thru' Faith & Juan's influence we can really feel your spirit here & how it must be in your home. There's really nowhere else I'd rather be than here being a small helping hand to this great ministry.

I'M REALLY HAPPY & THANKFUL TO THE LORD THAT TOPAZ CAN BE SUCH A BLESSING & be used so much with MWM. I share your feeling that she really has "it" & she should share it with the world via MWM! Your comments really encouraged her & us so much, & she wants to be used to the full.

BEING ABLE TO LISTEN TO YOU on these tapes is really like sitting at your feet & getting your message for today. What an honor! On tape 5 you mention me a couple of times, about helping out around the camp & about my former selling of rocks. Your comment on the tape about "giving part of my

talents to the Devil" is so true.

LORD FORGIVE ME FOR TIME WASTED! Altho' I wasn't into it for the sake of business (like some others) but rather to help my little family thru' a hard time, it was a lack of faith, I feel, in not trusting the Lord & I was cheating God & souls of my time. It's so inspiring to know that my whole "being" is geared for this important work, even if one of the smaller members, TTL! I love you both a lot. I'm not one for many words, but the feeling is there. Love, Peter.

From Jeremy Spencer: Dear Dad & Maria,

GBAKYBI I'M WRITING THIS NOTE IN RESPONSE to your inspiring comments on the MWM videos. The points that the Lord brought out I think would make an excellent Letter. I especially saw the point about zeroing in on someone whilst singing or giving an interview or covering the show, it makes such a difference & really makes the song or whatever it is come across, alive & personal.

ANOTHER THING THAT WAS A BIT OF A SHOCKER was the suggestion to try recording the music & vocals all at the same time. So I thought about it, prayed about it, slept on it (or should I say stayed awake on it!) & after Faithy discussed it with us the following day, we tried it.

THE RESULTS HAD A CERTAIN "RAW" QUALITY that was quite good. It's going to take some practise as it's definitely not what we're used to! (Altho' I remember that during my first days of recording with Fleetwood Mac, I never considered recording any other way but music & vocals all at the same time).

I SUPPOSE THAT SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF "MULTI-CHANNEL" RECORD-

ING, artists & performers have become too technical & exacting in their music. And come to think of it, I think some of my most inspired singing has been whilst doing it "live" with the music, such as the little tape I did for my children. Tho' it's usually necessary to go back & add small embellishments musically to sort of "spice" it for listening interest so to speak. I hope that's ok, but anyhow—

OUR FIRST TWO TRIES AT DOING IT THIS WAY SEEMED TO BE QUITE INSPIRED. We did, however, add a chorus on "Ballad of Aquarius" as due to the limitations of our equipment it would have been rather difficult to do it all at the same time, because of limited space, microphone channels on the mixer etc.

I REALLY FEEL, THO', THAT THIS METHOD WILL REVOLUTIONISE OUR MUSIC, because if a song does not come across "live", I suppose it's not really going to come across with all the technical "patching up"! It's interesting to note that of the top three current listeners' favourites, two of them were recorded in this fashion! So that goes to show that the Lord is not limited by many or by few! (AMEN! GBY!—Dad)

I'D BETTER CLOSE NOW AS I NEED TO GET BACK TO CAMP. (I'm writing this during my "get out" time.) Thank you again for taking your time to give us all this wise counsel. But of course it just shows how important it is to the Lord right now. We really need your guidance & to follow it. Faithy got the verse, "The king's business requireth haste" (1Sam. 21:8), so pray that we will do our best to put all your suggestions into effect. "Believe His prophets, so shall ye prosper" (2Chr. 20:20) is the verse I got on this. Love & prayers in Jesus' Name, Jeremy.