

eyes shine with love for the Lord. Wow! How she loves Jesus & how she loves you! What a blessing & privilege to be near her & Juan. TYL & thank you Dad!

THE OTHER DAY I WAS GOING THRU' A "MINOR" TRIAL (hal), so I came to the "pop-up" & put on your taped comments of the early videos of MWM. It was perfect! Instant inspiration & victory! Wow! Love, Patience. (PTL! GBY! ILY!)

From Jonathan Nubes; MCV DJ: Dearest Dad & Maria, iLOS AMO MUCHISIMO! In the last couple of days we've been listening to your beautiful tapes & I feel like I'm in Heaven. Your love comes thru so clear—your warmth, your concern for even the smallest of details, & it just constrains me to do all I can within my ability to pump the shows & reach the sheep. Working for you is truly working for love!

I'M SO THANKFUL FOR ALL THE ENCOURAGEMENT you give me about the Shows. I'm very glad you like them. There is only one thing I want to do now, & that is please God & you, & the two go hand-in-hand. Working for you is the most wonderful thing in the world. Thank you, Dad & Maria, for taking such a close interest in MCV & for your timely guidance & leading. Thank you for taking us all into your bosom. It's the best place to be.

AND MARIA, ONE COULD REALLY FEEL YOUR LOVE mercy & concern behind it all. Just your presence comes across beautifully. Like Dad says, a great great part of all this is due to you. Please receive from me a nice hug & kiss & Happy Birthday. In a soon-coming video, Lord willing, I'll recite one of my favourite poems to you. I didn't mean to get so emotional but this was in my heart & it popped out.

YOUR SUGGESTED SCHEDULE IS FANTASTIC! Wow, thank God for the good old mid-

day "siesta". It flipped me out to know that you really believe in it too. I always seem to just naturally get sleepy at that time, so it is a real victory for me to enjoy this time of relaxation, quiet & maybe even a little loving. I was never too much for those American schedules, hal!

THE IDEA OF WORKING FOR PERIODS OF NO MORE THAN THREE HOURS at a time is also great. This is going to help us to be much more refreshed, make less mistakes & have clearer minds. Your insight on all the aspects of a ministry like this is right on, hits the nail on the head.

IN CLOSING I WANT TO SAY I AM AS HAPPY AS CAN BE, fulfilled as ever. Thank you for taking your precious time to instruct us, encourage us & pray such a beautiful, loving, powerful prayer for us.—Thank you too for your sweet gift of appreciation. It was a beautiful detail! We also really want to take heed to your advice of writing more newsletters etc. Love, Jonathan. (Amen! GBY! Tks!)

From Rein & Rejoice: 8/7/81 Dearest Dad & Maria, Faithy & Juan,

GBAKY! We want to write & share what the Lord has been showing us. More than anything we want to apologise for the trouble we have caused you & the work, & for our lack of love, faithfulness & loyalty. You all have been so loving & generous in trying to help us & use us, & we feel so ashamed for not having been more thankful & appreciative of this Golden Opportunity.

WE HAVE JUST BEEN LOOKING AT THE WAVES & MAN instead of to the Lord & His ordained leadership. We will happily move out of the way for others who are & have proven to be more faithful & loyal, but will be happy to do anything if you will give us another chance to prove ourselves faithful & loyal & obedient.

WE JUST FEEL THAT WE HAVE BEEN OFF-THETRACK & just plain out-of-it, & only want to get back on the track & in God's will. Thank you for your loving admonitions & all the good counsel, faith & hope you've shown to us. We pray you & the Lord will forgive us & that He will help us to get the victories we need to be a blessing to the Lord & His Family. "I'd rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than to dwell in the tents of wickedness!" Love, Rein & Rejoice.

P.S. YOUR WORDS, "NO, YOU'RE NOT IN THE 'DOG HOUSE'" but rather in the "Father's House" were such beautiful & encouraging words & really make us feel so loved when we certainly don't deserve it & help us to see more than ever before the love & patience that the Lord has. Your words & Faith & Juan's continuing sample of love & forgiveness in spite of our blow-its have driven that home more than anything. We're just so thankful to even be in the Father's House & will happily work together with the leadership that will be here. GBY & thanks for everything. And thanks for sending all of them because we know they're really needed & we know & love them. Much love from two of your grateful prodigals, R&R. (GBY!)

From Giddel: Dearest Dad & Maria, **GBY WITH MUCH MUCH LOVE!** Needless to say, since we left Costa Rica, the Lord has worked many wonderful & inspiring miracles, & here we are at our beautiful majestic mountain-top campground! Hallelujah! **DAD, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR PERSONAL ENCOURAGING COMMENTS** to all of us in your tape entitled "Letter to MCV". Such a wonderful & precious Shepherd you are to me! Also, thank you for the gift you gave me from the MCV-designated funds. By God's grace I just want to be a real

blessing & help here in whatever I can do for our wonderful MCV family of musicians, moms & kids.

DAY BY DAY I CAN SEE MORE CLEARLY GOD'S PLAN FOR MY LIFE, which in my prodigal son days were clouded over with confusion & a lot of sorrow. Thank you so much for having such a forgiving Father's love to accept me back into your house, & then put on me the "robe" of God's righteousness again, to serve Him only, & also the royal "ring" of being a fulfilled son of God, to be able to receive His blessings once again.

I AM SO THRILLED WITH THE POTENTIAL OF THE MCV & MWM! all over the world! Perhaps the Lord will allow us to preach our Gospel of Love in all the world with our music thru radio, video & TV before the Time of Great Trouble & the End comes. I thank God for His Love & Word & your Letters which will help us make it thru to the End, & most of all I thank God for you, our King, Prophet & Shepherd of Love who will lead us. With love forever from a prodigal son,—Giddel. (TTL!)

From Bani & Mercy: Dear Dad & Maria, **GBY & GIJFNI!** Tonight we heard your tape about the MCV Show & then Faithy read us the first Dear MCV letter from Peter. Wow! God is so good to us thru you, Dad—you are God's love for us all! We feel so unworthy of even being here at MCV let alone receiving a gift from you & WSI!

TONIGHT I FELT LIKE I DID WHEN I FIRST JOINED the Family 9½ years ago. It was so inspiring & uniting to sit at David's feet (via cassette tape) & hear the Words of Life from the Mountain for us now! I received the verse, "Cast thy bread upon the waters & after many days it shall return unto you"! God bless you, Dad, for continually showing us that it's impos-



Mercy with her newest knew disciple! Photo by Tiras.

sible to outlive God.

WE NOW FEEL SO MUCH CLOSER TO YOU thru your words of love & concern for all of us here at the MCV camp that all we want to do is help & be a blessing in whatever way we can to help "the Greatest Show on Earth" to reach the world with God's Love thru God's man with

SEND YOUR SONGS!—Or yourself!

"ALL ABOARD!" —Faithy's still calling everyone to help! For more information write to: Musica Con Vida, Apdo. 312, Viejo San Juan, Puerto Rico 00902. (Please get clearance before coming!)

God's plan beaming His messages of love thru His antenna—you! Once again we'd like to say that we are 110% behind you in all that you ask us to do, as our life of love, joy & fulfillment is only from Jesus & you. In love & obedience in His Service, Bani & Mercy. (PTL! GBY! It's Jesus!)

From Gentleness: Dear Precious Dad & Maria, **HOW COULD ANY KING BE SO LOVING & thoughtful & considerate**, so concerned & aware of the needs of his flock? How could any shepherd be so loving & in tune to the needs & concerned for the happiness of his sheep? How could any ruler be so honest & giving & sharing all? You didn't even have to do this. You could have told us to hit the streets for our pocket money. But you're so sensitive to us & your love never ceases to amaze us. GBY a trillion times & I know He will. You really know how to invest well, so different from the carnal.

DAD, WE JUST LOVE YOU SO MUCH that I dare say, none of us can really express it right. We are all so proud of you & so honoured to be serving the true prophet & the privilege to be in the king's house. My heart's desire was always to sing for my king & now I am. I love you a million times a million!—Gentleness. (IL your songs! ILY!)



A How-To of Fellowship R. Organisation!

COMMITTEES FORMED THRU FELLOWSHIP REV. GIVE THE BODY NEW COORDINATION!

From Ebed & Estrela; Portugal: "I'M JUST A PROPHET, as I say, I just catch the ball & throw it to you, & now it's in your court & your baby & you guys gotta work it all out...we just want to know about it, we just want to hear about it, we want to hear your reports & how it's working. PTL!—Amen!—Let's go!" (1001:217)

THE "FELLOWSHIP REVOLUTION" HAS RESULTED IN AT LEAST 14 DIFFERENT WAYS in which the Family in Portugal is working more closely together! They are: 1. MWM; 2. Transportation to S.A.; 3. Music & inspiration; 4. Mothers & children; 5. Kid Power; 6. Prayer; 7. Elections & decision-making; 8. Provisioning; 9. Videoing; 10. FFing; 11. Media interviews; 12. Problems; 13. Pioneering; 14. GP Lit.

MOST OF THESE TEAMS OR COMMITTEES CONSIST OF ONE TO THREE PEOPLE who coordinate ideas, lead discus-

sions & spearhead initiatives along lines discussed & agreed upon by all interested. We'll mention more about some of these committees & how they work:

MWM COMMITTEE: Victor, one of the LAFs here, recently got MWM on the air bi-weekly on a Lisbon station that covers the whole national territory! At our DAF & GAF we discussed what everyone could do to support Victor & his efforts & how we could possibly get more air time per show. Now the whole country is aware of Victor's efforts along these lines & can pray for him & the MWM program here in Portugal.

PREVIOUSLY THERE HAVE BEEN INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS TO GET MWM ON THE AIR which went virtually unknown for some time, & sometimes these overlapped on the same station etc., which wasn't good for P.R. So, it's good for the local family to get together on these endeavours! The FR is

giving greater impetus & united support to MWM efforts here. PTL! As soon as MWM or MCV comes out with a Portuguese show, the family here is ready to get it on the air in an organised, coordinated & united way!

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: One other area in which we have all experienced some "overlap" has been in procuring transportation to go overseas. The family decided to work together thru Pam & Jacob, who are "Family agents" for specific companies who have offered us the cheapest rates of travel out of Portugal so far. Coordination has helped us to approach them unitedly, getting them accustomed to working with & thru the same family people on behalf of others (who may be less experienced in P.R. or in the local language) & also bringing their prices down thru possible "group fare" excursions etc.

MUSIC & INSPIRATION COMMITTEE: At our DAF & GAF we have several musicians, led by Cephas, who provide good music & inspiration for everyone! One project that is being worked on now is writing out many of the more devotional songs of the Family in Portuguese & xeroxing them to be passed out at our DAFs & GAFs so that everyone will again become familiar with the words & music.

MOTHERS' & CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE: Aola is chairing this committee which has discussed lots of problems & come up with possible solutions which have helped. Also, a projector & several flannelgraph slide shows were recently donated to the work, & things were being organised for these to be available for the children's learning & inspiration. Also, a lending-library of flannelgraphs & books is to be set up.

KID POWER COMMITTEE: This committee is headed by Jay, Aola & George (a good musician). Every Wednesday morning the local DAF parents who wish to participate bring their kids to a weekly practice session. At the first meeting there were 18 kids. George is going to make a cassette with a rhythm track of just the music as well as a sing-along track with the words enunciated clearly. We already have openings at orphanages, schools etc. to perform when the kids are ready—also at our DAFs.

PRAYER COMMITTEE: This committee is headed by Jay. At our DAFs & GAFs he receives prayer requests on slips of paper from anyone who wants special prayer by the body. After going thru them, he later asks certain people to pray for specific things during our united



Cephas & Elsa, active on various committees formed as a result of "The Fellowship Revolution". (GBY! ILY!)

prayer time. This time of prayer is a fantastic blessing for everyone, & the Lord really speaks to our hearts during these moments of presenting our petitions & seeking Him! Also, Jay shares the answers to these specific prayers with each LAF when they are answered. It's very inspiring & proves that "God is still upon the throne & prayer changes things!"

ELECTIONS OR DECISION-MAKING COMMITTEE: At each DAF or GAF, there are issues to be voted upon for approval by the body. Someone always needs to present the issues at hand, explaining them in a clear & simple way for everyone to understand & to vote upon, or to open the subjects up for discussion if necessary. If the body does not agree with the Action Committee's proposals.

IT'S A DIPLOMATIC JOB & REQUIRES SOMEONE WITH PATIENCE who understands the issues involved. Jay and

Michael have been doing this job at our GAF & DAF. GB'em! This committee is also in charge of elections (for new officers, be they shepherds or heads of various subcommittees etc.).

PROVISIONING COMMITTEE: This committee is organised on the DAF level only, as it applies mainly to weekly food provisioning at local markets. Each LAF organises the weekly fruit, vegetable & meat provisioning for the Homes that fellowship—each week with that LAF. A 2-man team of provisioners is worked out at LAFs to make sure that every Home gets these weekly necessities. The markets of the city & surrounding areas are divided up & reserved for specific LAFs & their Homes so that no doubling up is experienced as was happening before the FR.

VIDEOING COMMITTEE: Cephas & I usually take care of the video equipment. We just finished, for example, a video with a re-



Everyone joins together to sing at the end of a talent show during one of the Portuguese fellowship meetings.