

Former Chain Officer apologizes to Dad for lying, and finds . . .  
**The Sure Mercies of David!**

(From one of our personal staff who had 213 left behind—D)

10/6/81

Dearest Loved Ones,

GLYN & GBY! We're so glad to know you're doing well & that we can be a help to you here. I just finished packing some things for you & wanted to send some inventories as well as a short personal letter. I hope the inventories are clear enough & that they'll be a help. I really love you & keep you in my thoughts & prayers.

Yesterday we were able to stop by the other house to get a list of things & at that time P. discussed with me about the personnel change. First of all, I wanted to thank you for the time I was able to share with you all. It was a blessing to have learned & shared lessons with you but most of all to have seen your sample of love. PTL! It's more than I had ever dreamed or expected would ever happen to me—a privilege! I feel that "To every thing there is a season & a time to every purpose under the heavens". My hope for now is to be a big help to the other house & to the baby & I'm sure it'll be a fun time full of learning! So please don't worry about me as the Lord's been speaking to me through His Words & yours, which are so full of encouragement & comfort. TYJ! I'm just happy that J. will be able to share in the same experience as I have. I took some time yesterday to see her a minute to reassure her that she'd be a tremendous blessing & that she's going to love her ministry & that she's going to do really good. GHI! I really wanted to encourage her so she wouldn't worry or be nervous like I was when I first came. Ha!

I don't want to make this too long but wanted to let you know that I'll be ready to help out at the other house or wherever the need is to be filled. I'm still trusting & obeying! TYJ!

Again, thanks for the wonderful privilege & honour! PTL! I love you both so so very much! Thanks for the love & concern you always showed me & the encouragement in every little way! Lots of hugs & kisses!!

(PTL! GBY!—U were always such a blessing & hard worker (Ha!) in many ways than me!)

Always in His service & Love,

(— We'll love U always & hope 2 CU again B4 2 long! Why so! —GARY!—U's Haer! (GHI!))

you for everything & I'm sure my communication with you is going to improve now that I don't have anything left to hide. God bless & keep you both. Thanks again for everything.—Your son, Jay.

(PTL! GBY Son for your honesty.—And to prove to you that honesty pays, we've doubled the amount you sent & sent it back to you, as we know it was a real sacrifice. We've never for-

gotten the other sacrifices you made for us when we were there, & have always loved you dearly & are so glad you're getting things straightened out, & know God will bless you for it. PTL! GBKAMYAB!—Love, D.)

From Jael, WIM:

Dear Maria,

GBY! ILY & PRAY FOR YOU very much. I hope I'm not being presumptuous somehow by writing this letter, but I felt so burdened to write you. I realise you are terribly busy, & I hope this letter does not drain you in any way, but I really wanted to share with you.

FIRST OF ALL, I WANTED TO SAY WHAT A BLESSING & THRILL it has been to be able to sew for you. It's been the desire of my heart, but I never imagined it would ever be possible! Thank you so much for this privilege.—I hope so much that you like the things. It was so inspiring to make them.

I WANTED TO MENTION WHAT A BLESSING PETER'S VISIT HAS BEEN. He's shared so many precious lessons with us, & just having him around & seeing his sample has taught us so much. He's so loving & sweet, but so full of conviction. He seems so happy & so fulfilled.—You can tell he loves you so very much.

I'M PERSONALLY THANKFUL THAT YOU HAVE SOMEONE THERE TO HELP YOU who does love you so much. Typing his reports was a blessing, & I think that's why I decided to write this letter, as it showed me how interested you are in everyone in the Family, & what a true Shepherdess you are. You must be so busy! I pray for you!

IT WAS ALSO SO INSPIRING TO HEAR DAD'S TAPES TO MWM, & we learned so much from them. The lesson about appreciating the nobodies was such a help. I hope it can be shared with the whole Family soon! The lesson on giving cred-

it to the somebodies was terrific too. I personally needed it very much & really pray I can take it to heart, as I have had a real problem thinking more highly of myself than I ought.

THIS LESSON WAS LIKE A BRIGHT LIGHT TO MY HEART & revealed exactly how the Lord looked at my attitude towards others around me (especially towards my husband) & it made me just want to disappear & be a little invisible help to him & to Damaris & just help them more to shine & to make their loads easier. Thanks for your faithful sample of just being a little helper.

HEARING HOW THE LORD MADE PISCES TO BE SERVANTS & HELPERS, & also talking to Peter about how Pisces

tend to like to take the lead, but that's not the Lord's design usually, I really see where I have failed the Lord in the past due to my pride & wanting to be a leader etc.

I REALLY HOPE TO CHANGE & truly become a little helper, & be a little sunbeam for Jesus, to try to make things easier for those near me with big jobs & big responsibilities.

WELL, I'M SURE THIS IS QUITE LONG ENOUGH! I love you so very much & it's such a thrill when I occasionally get to answer the phone when you're on the other end! It's so exciting to be part of the Family right now, & to see how we are growing & how the Lord is blessing. Love always,—Jael

To my Dearest One

BY YOUR SIDE

Whether near or far away  
By your side I'll always stay  
Tho' it may be thru thick & thin  
We'll always be one in Him  
And when Time will be no more  
We'll dance together on Heaven's floor

Just a tiny rhyme to say  
I'm with you each step of the way  
And no matter where it is  
I am wholly yours & His

Guess I could go on all day  
With many loving words to say  
For you always I do pray  
And love you more deeply every day!

It may be a silly poem  
But it's true —  
Oh, my darling  
I LOVE YOU!

(Amen! Beautiful! Loving you —JY2. GBY!—Ta!—Jael) your love

From Jay, Europe:

Dearest Dad & Maria,

GBY BOTH & KEEP YOU

SAFE & secure. I love you.

PTL! Well, this is a letter which should have been written years ago. I'm sorry it's taken me years to be honest, but I guess it was necessary for me to realize what a weak creature I am & surely not the strong man I always thought myself to be. I realize that true strength is being willing to admit my mistakes, something which I've tried to cover up even to myself.

IT GOES BACK TO THE

TIME WHEN YOU WERE

HERE in Portugal for the second

time, when I & the Portuguese work were having all the

problems. At that time you asked me for a financial report (before my demotion) on all the

money which I was holding here for you.

ON THE REPORT I LIED

TO YOU & said that we had not received three-months rent

from the school, when actually it was only two-months rent

which we hadn't received. Because I could not justifiably account where the money went I falsified the report & said that it was never received. I'm sure the expenditures, whatever they were (& I honestly don't remember what they were), were not right & it was probably used on ourselves, the Home etc. I really can't remember. But I do know that if they were justified expenditures I wouldn't have hesitated to put them down.

SO I CONSIDER THAT THE MONEY WAS ACTUALLY

STOLEN FROM YOU & the work. I just thank the Lord that in His mercy I'm able to still confess these things to you after all these years. I guess the Lord knew that I would repent in His mercy He's allow-

ed me to continue in His Kingdom knowing that one day I'd be writing this letter.

I THOUGHT OF TELLING

YOU MANY TIMES, especially right after my demotion, but my pride kept me from it, thinking that you would have an even lower opinion of me. And then as the years went by it kept coming between the Lord & me, & you & me. It's like the story you told of the preacher who smoked cigars who said that everytime he got down to pray that cigar came between him & the Lord. Well, that's the way it's been with this sin of mine.

ACTUALLY, AFTER I ADMITTED THESE THINGS TO

AOLA & PRIMAVERA I began to realize & face the fact that all these years I've been pretty much standing still in my progress & service for the Lord. Like you said in "Old Bottles", there's no such thing as standing still. You're either going forwards or backwards.

WELL, I REALIZED THAT I'VE BEEN GOING BACK-

WARDS & backsliding without even realizing it. At times I found myself with little or no vision of what the Lord wanted me to do & feeling very useless. Because I was unwilling to admit my mistake & be exposed, I got out of touch with you & that's where I stopped. Since then I haven't been able to get back on the beam of God's perfect will & I've been going around in circles making very little real progress for the Lord.

EVEN JOEL, OUR OLDEST SON, HAD A PROBLEM WITH

STEALING MONEY & LYING, & the Lord spoke to my heart so clearly as I was so angry & upset with Joel that "I've have robbed God". It was so clear that his problems were only a reflection of my own sins from which I never really repented. Boy, you hit the nail on the head in those Letters, which is something I've never admitted. I admitted other things but never the fact that I robbed God. You were so right.

THIS CONFESSION IS THE

RESULT OF SOME REAL

SOUL-SEARCHING that took place in all of our lives after the-

Justus Letters & especially after the Ho & Esther Letters. We all broke down & got really honest before one another & the Lord.

TO BRING FORTH WORKS

MEET FOR REPENTANCE, WE'RE SENDING THE EN-

CLOSED FUNDS as a repayment or gift to you & the work. We're going to be sending the full amount as soon as we sell our car, something which we had planned to do anyway as the beginning of our forsake-all to get out of this country to safer fields. The enclosed money is all we have on hand right now. I was going to wait till we had the full amount before I sent this letter, but I realized how important it was to get it in the mail as soon as possible while the Spirit of the Lord was really moving in our hearts.

I PRAY & ASK FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS FOR MY DIS-

HONESTY, disobedience & rebelliousness. You're such a shining example of the Lord's love & mercy towards His children. I love you dearly & pray by the Lord's grace not to get off the track again.

ALTHO' I NEVER LEFT THE FAMILY PHYSICALLY.

I FEEL LIKE ANOTHER PRODIGAL SON coming back to his father's house. If I can be of any greater service to you & the Lord's work or if there is anything you think I should or could do, please let me know. Thank

perhaps even to survive. Thanks.

What greater love hath any man than this? Lord help us to follow in your example & in turn lay our lives down for the sheep of thy pasture.

SO IN A COUPLE OR THREE DAYS (LONGER IF MY HEART WOULD LET ME STAY HERE in this lovely "temple" with all your precious helpers) we shall load up & start our journey for, shall I say "home", for now.

Thank you also for the many precious gifts & helpful tools such as the video, books & a host of other items—& precious beyond gold or silver the wonderful videos beyond the wealth of all this world, the very Words of Life.

I JUST CRIED & CRIED TO SEE THE BEAUTIFUL LOVE VIDEOS MWM DID under the guidance of your loving suggestions. When Joan spoke in tongues so was I in tears & thanksgiving for all the Lord has done & for you, Dad & Maria. I too was so comforted that night to the sweetness of your love & also to my precious Maria whose sweet voice, even out of breath running up the stairs, filled me with ripples & thrills & a blessing of closeness. May God bless me to be her "Lord Byron" at least here in the labours of love she has commissioned for her children.

AND TO ALL THIS I MUST ADD ONE OTHER OBSERVATION: How beautifully simple, shockingly plain & simple & ordinary & humble you are. Royalty like yours needs never be concerned for earthly trappings. Thank you for that lesson too. That was & is another great difference between David's House & that of the Imitator—humility.

IF I SHOULD LIST ALL THE THINGS I HAVE LEARNED HERE in these last couple of days, I fear I would never get my work done. So let me close with a kiss & a prayer & a deeper hope & vision to be faithful to His Kingdom & you & all our loving Family.—Yours in His love forever,—Paul. (PTL! GBY! Why?—D.)

**"A Glimpse Beyond!"**

A response to Dad on Video!

From Paul Theophilus:

Dear Dad & Maria,

GBAKY WELL & HEALTHY.

You're ever in our thoughts & prayers. Ben, I & my 5-year-old son Azar arrived safely at last here in this beautiful little "Garden of Eden" & wonderful island of love.

I WAS A LITTLE SICK THE MORNING AFTER THE TRAIN

RIDE. I think the fumes from the diesel engine & lack of proper rest (32-hour trip) had a lot to do with it. But so much love & tender loving care soon restored me, & the sweet lingering of your loving spirit fills the air with a divine perfume. TYJ!

Path was so sweet & insisted we rest & relax. Finally when I really took her advice I was healed all up nearly instantly!

I AM SO BUSY "NURSING" FROM ALL & EVERYTHING

—new wine, the most beautiful videos in the whole world, new & quicker ways to do our work, & love—love—love is everywhere! —And then the greatest joy a Child of God can know besides the Lord & His Spirit—

TO SEE & HEAR GOD'S MOST PRECIOUS SERVANT & SOUL WINNER, YOU DAD.

I just cried & cried—& laughed too—with you. Thank you so much for sacrificing your body (on video) for us & by faith someday perhaps millions more may eat of the Tree of Life you give & be healed. I know it sure helps heal me.

I WATCHED ONE OF YOUR SINGING TAPES. Someone said you wanted it to have been better. Please, Dad, be encouraged if it had been any "better" I don't know what my poor little body would have done!—The Spirit is so powerful! It was the first time I ever saw such a "living" sample of you & learned to love you all the more.

YOUR EYES ARE SO BEAUTIFUL, so direct.—I got a glimpse beyond what men see in this life—not what we now appear as, but what we shall be when He appears & we appear with Him. Thank you so much for loving me—for loving all of us!

WHEN YOU BLEW US A WARM KISS this morning at devotions, Azar exclaimed the words of my own heart: "Grandpa kissed me!" Thank you, Grandpa, for all your precious precious kisses. May we be faithful to let them pierce our stony hearts & pour forth waters of life to this desperate starving thirsty world. Thank you for your faithful sample. May we be found faithful & honoured to stand by you in the resurrection. However close or sorrowfully far that day may be for those of us who remain here, still that day of joy is set before us; it will not tarry.

THANK YOU FOR SHARING THE BEAUTIFUL HOPE of the promises to come so that we may endure each our cross with patience. God bless you, Dad & Maria, & keep you ever & ever & may His eternal love fill your hearts to overflowing.

I LOOKED AT THE CAR & CARAVAN YOU OFFERED TO US & believe it will be a great help to us, perhaps to help put some of the children on tour for the summer while the rest of us try to finish up the "little" projects we so desperately want your loving Family to have, as you & Maria have so provided for & encouraged us to complete.

THANK YOU THEN AGAIN, DAD, for not only giving & sharing with us the spiritual riches of His Kingdom but also to be so concerned & thoughtful for our physical care as well—even to give me your own bed in the love & faith that it will help us