

Stops Acting & Starts Living-For Jesus

From Shelly, Puerto Rico:
IT'S RATHER HARD TO PAINT AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF MY CHILDHOOD. Until I was 9 I lived a very typical life in suburbia. My father was a rising executive & we moved a number of times when he was promoted.

WHEN I WAS 9 MY MOTHER DIED VERY SUDDENLY, & all at once our lives crumbled around us. We (with my 2 brothers & 1 sister) had lived in a world where my mother raised us, & my poor sweet father just didn't know what to do with us after she died.

THIS WAS AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT period in my life that definitely set me apart from all that I had once felt secure with. I remember really turning towards the Lord at this time in absolute desperation.

MY FATHER'S MOTHER CAME TO LIVE WITH US FOR JUST ONE YEAR, then she too died. This was a very difficult time as she was a very hard dictatorial type person & it was hard for us to adjust to her strict ways.

AFTER SHE DIED I WAS SENT TO A CATHOLIC BOARDING SCHOOL IN BOSTON. My sister was sent to my aunt's house & my brothers sent away to another school. At this time my favourite grandfather died, but I was almost too numb to feel bad.

THEN MY SISTER & I CAME BACK HOME FOR AWHILE, but we were not always the easiest children to care for. We went thru 14 housekeepers in 2 years. Hal-

IN THE 10TH GRADE I WAS AGAIN SENT TO A CATHOLIC BOARDING SCHOOL FOR GIRLS. At the first news of this I was very upset, but after realizing that there was nothing I could do I decided to really try. The first semester I worked day &



night. It was a very hard school, & when my first term grades were not as spectacular as I had hoped, I just fell apart. I was already pretty unstable & that just did it. There just didn't seem to be anything in life worth living for. Of course I was seeing a psychiatrist during this period, but it didn't help.

DURING THIS PERIOD THE ONLY THING THAT KEPT ME GOING WAS SOME CLOSE FRIENDS in another town who had a band, and I was the lead singer. I really loved it, & it really helped see me through.

BESIDES HAVING THE BAND, I ALWAYS BELIEVED IN GOD. Up till then I had rarely ever missed church in my whole life, although I was becoming more & more disillusioned with that too. Although I loved God, I couldn't understand why it was all so formal & that if I missed church intentionally a lightning bolt was soon to hit me. So one day I decided it was time to try it & see. This was def-

initely the end of one life & the beginning of another. I DO REMEMBER CLEARLY THOUGH THAT ONE NIGHT I DESPERATELY CRIED OUT FOR THE LORD TO TAKE MY LIFE, that I didn't want to live anymore. I guess right then He did take it, but not necessarily the way I had planned.

BY THE TIME I WAS TO GO OFF TO COLLEGE I WAS SO CONFUSED, depressed, disillusioned with life that I moved into the city. A friend told me that the musical "Hair" was auditioning people for the show & said that I should try out. I figured it would be good for experience in the future, but it never occurred to me that I would make it.

MY EXPERIENCE IN "HAIR" CHANGED MY LIFE. Here I was a young idealistic hippy in a show about the same. I was amazed to find out that the majority of the people in the show didn't believe in the show's message at all. They were only there for entertainment or artistic sake, just for the money or their own self-fulfillment. I became more & more discouraged because I wanted to sing about things I really believed in, not just something to tickle people's ears.

DURING THIS PERIOD I WAS DOING A LOT OF DRUGS with my "friends". I thought I was happy for awhile, & then I found out I was pregnant. All of a sudden my so-called "friends" weren't so friendly. Everything was fine till reality hit. I guess I took a leave from "Hair" & tried to figure out what to do. I felt so alone with nowhere to turn & no one to turn to. I REMEMBER PRAYING A LOT DURING THIS PERIOD, but although I had gone to church all my life & really believ-

ed in God, I never had a personal relationship & I didn't know how to get answers back.

I WAS CONCERNED BECAUSE I BECAME PREGNANT DURING A PERIOD when I was doing a lot of drugs. Everywhere I turned people said, "have an abortion". So to make a long story short, I went against my heart & had one, & everything went wrong. The System always has such quick solutions to problems, but then it often causes another problem, like in the case of living with yourself afterward. A few months later I ended up in the hospital from complications both in my body & in my heart.

AFTER I REGAINED SOME HEALTH, I moved from the city to the country to find whatever it was I was looking for. I had totally stopped any singing I had been doing because I had nothing left to sing about.

THE PEOPLE I MET IN THE COUNTRY THOUGHT THEY WERE SO "AWARE". They thought clean air, health food, surfing, meditating & dope were the answer. I became more & more depressed, as I was running out of ways to turn.

ONE DAY ALL THESE "NEW FRIENDS" & MYSELF DROPPED EVERYTHING WE WERE DOING & decided to travel the country for awhile. This trip just further exposed the hypocrisy of their beliefs & was just totally discouraging.

ON THE WAY BACK FROM THIS TRIP we met some people in the Family in Albuquerque, New Mexico who told us about Jesus. There was one girl that had such a peace on her face--the very peace that I was trying to find to end this turmoil & confusion that had been going on in my heart for so many years. I took a walk that night & asked Jesus to really come into my heart

& show me the way & the truth.

IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME AT THE TIME TO STAY WITH THEM, so we returned to the place we had been living previously. There was one girl & myself who really started reading the Bible & became increasingly more & more hungry for the Truth. We realized that we needed a Shepherd, as we felt so alone. We wanted to find this "family" that had told us about Jesus.

WE HEARD THAT THERE WAS GOING TO BE A BIG "JESUS CONVENTION" in Dallas called Expo '72, & we figured that this family might be there somewhere. So we drove 2000 miles to find them. The first thing we found in Dallas was a newspaper with an article about the Family's coffee house on the outskirts of the convention. We went right over, & I felt so wonderfully overwhelmed by the fact that these people were not just talking about what they believed, but they were living it.

RIGHT THEN I KNEW I WOULD JOIN, but I guess I had a few things I needed to learn still. I tried college for awhile, then went to Europe, all this just to find that serving Jesus was the only way that I would ever find happiness.

I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER THE FIRST NIGHT LIVING WITH THE FAMILY. I had the most beautiful & peaceful dreams like I was at home at last.

OF COURSE JOINING THE FAMILY WAS NOT THE END. I've been involved in a number of projects related to recording music thru the System. I guess for the longest time I felt that if one of our songs were a hit we could not only support ourselves but get our message out too. This sounds right on paper, but it sure does not work in reality. I'll admit that I got way off

track a number of times with this idea. Sincere, but sincerely wrong I guess!

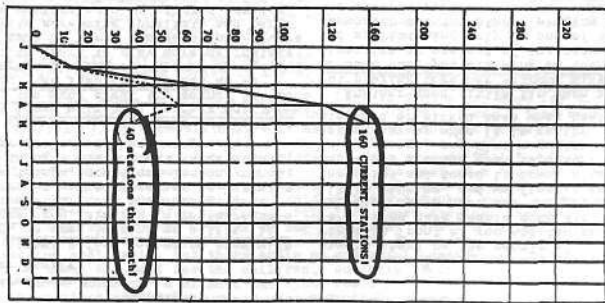
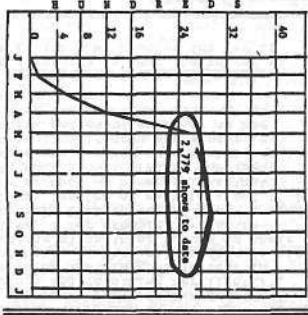
I ALWAYS NEED TO GET MY NOSE RUBBED IN BEFORE I CAN SEE THE TRUTH. Obviously, God's way of getting the message out thru music is not in some big flashy way, but simply & naturally thru our sample of living together, which is what gives our music meaning.

NOW THE LORD HAS NOT ONLY GIVEN ME A NEW FAMILY. He put a new song in my heart & something at long last to sing about.

WHILE I WAS IN EUROPE WITH THE FAMILY, I met my husband. Now together with our 5 children we're helping "Music with Meaning", spreading the message of God's love to the rest of the world His way, not ours!



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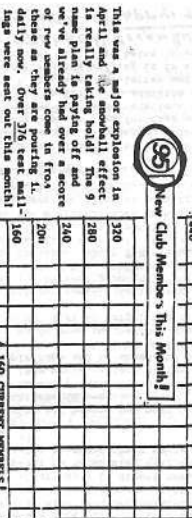


III. MCV Club Members

MCV Club Members by Date

Who They Are

Years of Age



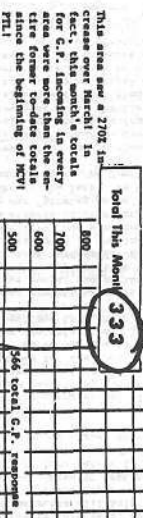
Government Officials	Professionals	Reporters/Journalists	Services	Students	Normal Laborers	Other
1	22	5	1	107	15	9
1-12	13-19	20-				
1	2	20	5	87	5	4

IV. GP Response

GP Response to Date

Where They Are

Years of Age



Country	Male	Child	Male	Female
Argentina	1	7	2	1
Brazil	1	30	14	16
Colombia	1	17	12	3
Cuba	1	1	1	1
Costa Rica	1	1	1	1
Guatemala	1	10	7	3
Honduras	1	1	1	4
Japan	1	21	11	10
Mexico	1	1	1	2
Nicaragua	1	10	3	6
Peru	1	1	1	1
Salvador	1	1	1	1
Uruguay	1	11	2	12
U.S.A.	1	1	1	2
Venezuela	1	1	1	1
Yugoslavia	1	1	1	1

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For period ending: April 30th, 1982
SA C/MEX CB SP US Other

Monthly Bookings/Current Stations
KBP 3.12 - 8.12