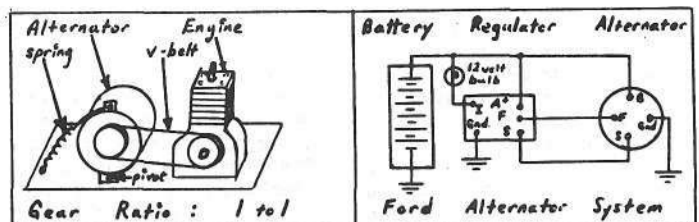


this sort in months. TYJ! By chance (ha!) I was seated next to him. He really poured out to us. PTL! He marvels at our life style, & would like to be able to do the same, but can't make the break from his wife & mother-in-law. He stays with them mainly for the sake of his 2 daughters, ages 7 & 11. He hungrily reads what Letters he has access to & particularly likes "Mountain Men"! He is 38 years old & an Aries.

We returned to our van for the night & agreed to meet Anna the next morning to say good-bye, & continue on our journey. The next morning the starter switch on the van did not work & we were detained at her place right into New Years Eve. She started pouring out her heart to me (Ruth) about missing the Family & fellowship, etc. After having just read the new Letter "Members",

we felt free to share more openly with her of the Good News in the FN's! As in verse 38 of "Members": "I think the more I read the magazine, the more I'd want to be a tither, the more I'd want to get my own copy!"

She was overjoyed at hearing about recent events & more than anything thrilled to know about the new books, cassettes, Kidz Mags, Calendars, etc, etc. After seeing all that she was missing, she said she was going to begin sending her tithe & asked for the address! Hal! What a breakthrough! That night she had even seen Emanuele's name in the Letter "Solitaire" & asked me to help her write him. We wrote him a letter together, she a little in Ital. & I a little in English. GBY! We love you more than ever, yours forever, Ruth & Ben.



POWER-- IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM

Much has been said about the approaching storm that will sweep the entire world, and we know that it will happen soon. When it does hit, the entire world will be thrown into great confusion. Energy & power reserves will still be in demand, but in short supply. It has been mentioned that videos & other electrical equipment can be run off of a car battery; that's true, but it doesn't take long for a video to run a battery down to nothing-- maybe 12 hours. Of course, you can start the engine on the car & recharge the battery, but how many times can you do this with gasoline in short supply, feeding precious fuel to an inefficient, gas-guzzling, multi-cylinder engine? The truth of the matter is, you need nothing but a small one-cylinder engine, like a lawn mower engine, a spare car alternator & a bit of hookup wire.

We lived for several months with no power other than our home-built generator and a large supply of lead-acid batteries. We had all the lighting we needed, as well as power for tape recorders, radios, etc.-- all on about 50 cents worth of gasoline per month (about a half gallon)!

We've included the above sketches to show the simple construction and electrical connections. Just make sure the wire you use is heavy enough to handle the currents-- 14 guage for all connections except the alternator-to-battery connection, which must be at least 10 guage or 8 guage.

Happy power producing!

Love, Zimran B., USA

"I WAS TALKING WITH A FRIEND OF A FRIEND OF MINE. He had a symbol of 'Leo' on his coat. 'Leo' is the first step to become a 'Lion's' member. We started to talk about these organisations. His father is a Mason of the 9th degree. His father had told him about Lucifer & that he is going to reign in the universe,-- that the Antichrist will reign on Earth for 1000 yrs., etc. This friend had the idea that these things he was expecting were not bad, & didn't really understand how serious these things were that he was getting involved with. I started preaching to him the truth about Revelation, the real face of the Antichrist & the soon 2nd coming of Jesus. I told him to be very careful & not receive the mark of the Beast. To my surprise, he told me he had received already the mark. His father had led him to it. I wanted him to show it to me & he did! It was looking like the mark of a vaccination, like burned skin. He didn't let me examine it thoroughly, but I think it had the mark (X56r), which is the way 666 is written in the Greek Bible, upon his forearm. Heavy! He also told me that the Masons are prepared for the atomic war, because they know it will happen soon, ha! They have ready refuges in the Aegean Sea Islands & elsewhere." (Michael Beloved; S.Europe)

"IF THE WEST IS ABOUT TO GET BOMBED SOON & with all the urgent moves going on, should we leave without support? We're going to India. If there's a war coming that soon, what's the point of raising pledges? We feel we're in a 'Catch 22' situation." (Peter; British Isles) (Matt. 9:29)

"WE HAVE STARTED GOING DTD WITH A GUITAR which helps to show a sample so the people will receive the sermon. Tony (A.C.Smith), a musician from the rock group 'The Allman Brothers' got saved! We met him while we were singing in a restaurant & visited him. He was very down because his girlfriend left him. Sheriah shared some love with him at which time he received Jesus. He's now considering dropping out of his rock group." (Elisha & Sheriah; Europe)

"AFTER YEARS OF ITCHING, FLAKING SKIN & IRRITATION, my husband finally found a cure! He tried 100's of creams, shampoos, medications, etc., but could never get rid of it. Then he used the 'stinging nettle' tea mentioned in the Childcare Book. It did the trick. The flakes & itching are gone. TYJ!" (Israel & Crystal; Europe)

"I THINK THAT FAMILY FELLOWSHIP DAYS should be reserved as much as possible for fellowship & sharing. Some fellowships I've been to finish early & then the Home members go FFing, etc. All the poor new visitors & new disciples are deserted & lonely; if Homes have fellowship they should care for the visitors & guests before looking for more fish." (Gypsy & Lisa; Europe) (Amen! Absolutely! - Maria)

"MY LITTLE SON THAT WAS BORN 7 WEEKS TOO EARLY, has to stay in a hospital for special treatment,-- warmth & air,-- & sad to say they are feeding him some kind of a sugar made out of grapes. Please pray for us, especially for him that he stays alive. GBY!" (Helga; Europe) (Grape sugar is natural!)

"I HAVE BEEN CORRESPONDING OVER THE YEARS with Rahel & Abel, (formerly in the office in Dallas in the Family), & sent them several Letters & LIN & FC material around Christmas. Here's an excerpt from her latest letter: 'It was really a blessing to hear from you a while back & to receive all the lit. It is interesting to see what you are putting out (such as the comix) & to read the discussions of problems, solutions, etc., such as in the DFO Letters that you sent. Enclosed is a small amount, I hope you will send more. I like to hear about children, marriage, etc.--but Abel is more interested in World affairs, etc.' They live in a remote town in Washington State & are continuing to have children. Please pray for them as they are very sweet & the Lord could really use them in the Family again! She really has the vision that raising her kids is her calling." (J.; Europe)

"AT MNM WE FOUND DTD TO BE THE MOST FRUITFUL. We made copies of the 'Simple Melody' tape & took it DTD, in the spirit of not selling it, but after explaining about our work, showing a personal photo album, & just asking a donation. Something like, 'Well, the tape cost us so & so, but whatever you could give above that would really help out.' And you can even give them a piece of lit with it. This could be a whole new outreach in a lot of these new countries we're going to, & be very fruitful with open doors for the children to sing, etc." (John Cloud; S.Europe)