

deep & lasting effect on the brethren here & given everyone a bigger vision & greater faith for heading south. And now almost everyone is praying, planning & preparing to pack up & move

on, & a few have already started on their way! **AS THE MAJORITY OF THE LOCAL FAMILY ARE MOBILE,** many of the meetings have been held in campgrounds or beside the sea & other

natural & relaxing surroundings, a real blessing & relief from the busy city! **(Amen! New-functional Camp Meetings! Great Ideas! Keep 'em rolling! GBY! TY! WHY! - & are with you in spirit!)**

Our Own Parliamentary Procedure!

CHILEANS GET TOGETHER TO DIVIDE INTO DAFs; A VISIT TO THE SOUTHERN LAF!

from Zichri, Hepai & Lux; Chilean VSs: **OURING THE LAST EXCITING MONTH, THE FR HAS REALLY BEEN TAKING SHAPE!** Since the majority of the Homes here are in the capital, several AOMs were held to try to organize into DAFs as well as talk about points that affected the community in general, i.e. security, video fund, provisioning, etc. Everyone felt these meetings were necessary to kind of "stand in the gap" until the area was more organized into DAFs with shepherds etc.

WE REAGLY FOUND OUT WE WERE OUT OF PRACTICE WITH RESPECT TO HOLDING & FACILITATING IN LARGE COMMITTEE MEETINGS! Wow! Sometimes things got pretty wild and woolly! We all quickly realized the need for some basic ground rules at the larger meetings, & since we made some the meetings have been a real blessing.

THE BASIC RULES WE MADE ARE THESE: 1. Begin meetings on time. 2. Only one delegate per Home (so meetings don't exceed 20 or 25) who truly represents the ideas & points of the members of his Home. 3. No children at meetings. 4. Each speaker would have a time limit of 3 minutes to present a new topic with one minute for others to comment on it. - time limits of course must be flexible & left to the discretion of the person chairing the meeting. 5. One person speaks at a time. 6. A good meeting translation should be given. 7. A sum-

mary should be made at the end of the meeting mentioning points discussed & action to be taken, who is responsible for what, etc.

THESE POINTS MAY SEEM OBVIOUS, but the Lord knows we need to review some guidelines at the larger meetings



Happy in their new field: Miguel, Magdalena & Jeremias holding little Ariana.



Precious nationals: Maria Angelica & daughter Helen (11).



Local Area Shepherds Mankas & Esther with son John David. (Photos by Zichri)

where things can get pretty confusing if there are no rules! Lord willing, the chairman should be a good example of a "Good Executive" pumping people power, not trying to be the power. Now larger meetings are a blessing, as they are held decently & in order & with promptness & time limits to keep the ball rolling! TY!

IT TOOK A WHILE FOR ALL TO AGREE ON HOW TO DIVIDE UP INTO DAFs, but now there are 7 full-fledged DAFs in the capital, & everyone seems happy with the decision! The dust is still settling, & with the influx of brethren from Europe & the States, new LAFs & possibly a new DAF should be forming soon!

WOW! THE GOOD FRUIT IS EVERYWHERE! - more cooperation in the areas, in the individual Homes; most everyone is convicted to do more for the Lord; we concentrate on what we all have in common (Phil. 4:8); there's more sharing & some beautiful love-ins; Kid Power groups are forming, mothers' meetings, etc. It's absolutely beautiful to see this difficult field "get it together". For us, who've been here 3 years (since the MNR), it's a dream come true!

ALSO, WE JUST RETURNED FROM THE SOUTH where we had a super-inspiring visit with the 2 Homes there. The brethren really appreciate the "special attention" of a visit, & now that the FR is taking care of the organizational side of things, we're freer to "abide in our calling" to visit & inspire. TY!

Prayer Stops Coup!

- & Lessons learned!

-The Family's view of the recent coup in Thailand!



Army tanks across the street from our home during the coup!

From Isaiah, LIT-PIC Servant; Thailand: **WELL, IT WAS A FAIRLY EXCITING MONTH BEGINNING WITH THE APRIL 1ST ATTEMPTED MILITARY COUP!** It was quite a surprise & taught us a few lessons. The main thing we've seen from it is how much the Lord must love the Thai people to allow us to continue to burn free openly & freely, & that He is by no means finished here in Thailand. In fact, we've just begun to explode in new areas of witnessing!

IT WAS A SERIOUS & SOBER WARNING TO BE PREPARED tho', as things can change so quickly. It's really a miracle that with all the military involved in the coup attempt that there was only one casualty, an innocent civilian. We had prayed specifically for the poor soldiers caught in the middle of this insanity, that the Lord would spare their lives, & He truly answered our prayers, PTL! So He's been merciful to the lost sheep in Thailand & has allowed us to continue on openly in this fruitful & exciting field, TY!

THE COUP OCCURRED AT 2 A.M. ON A WEDNESDAY MORNING. In Bangkok, it was a normal day. The only visible evidence of a coup was that key buildings had a few soldiers & armored vehicles around them.

There were no soldiers in the street & all was quite calm. The newspapers & radio stated that all was fine, that Prime Minister Prem had resigned, Parliament dismissed & political gatherings of over 5 people illegal. But everything in daily life seemed normal.

THANK GOD FOR SHORT-WAVE RADIOS! We soon found out from BBC & VOA that Prem had not resigned but was resisting the coup & planning to fight. We also learned that the Royal Family was behind him & had joined him in the city of Korat.

Calling other Homes we were surprised that only one was listening to BBC, & some did not even own a shortwave radio & were totally in the dark. We found that our shortwave was a real blessing in keeping up with the latest developments, as the coup had taken control of the radio network. Only later did Prem begin broadcasting from Korat & that was in Thai. So a shortwave is very important to have in time of emergency.

THANKS TO DAD, ALL THE HOMES WERE PREPARED FOR SURVIVAL, so there were no worries there. Also everyone kept in close contact throughout the crisis, which without the Lord's mercy could have turned into something very serious. **WEDNESDAY EVENING WE**

FELT BURDENED TO CRY OUT TO THE LORD TO HAVE HIS WAY, that the best government would remain in power. We felt led to pray for Prem who has seemed honest, sincere & concerned for the problems of the country & under whom the Family has enjoyed freedom in all types of witnessing, that the Lord would give him courage, wisdom & a heart to handle this situation, & we prayed especially for the poor soldiers caught in the middle of it all that if it were possible none would be hurt. The quote that came to me was about the course of nations resting in our hands & that our prayers could determine the outcome.

BY FRIDAY MORNING THINGS BEGAN COMING TO A SWIFT CONCLUSION. At 9 a.m. tanks moved up the street in front of our Home. Groups of heavily armed soldiers were placed about every 20 feet along the street. Talking to them, we found they were Prem's soldiers & it was evident the coup attempt was over. By 11 a.m. Prem's soldiers had retaken the city, & by a miracle no shots were fired! By evening everything seemed back to normal.

SO, GOD ANSWERS PRAYER! We are convinced that because of Dad's prayers, our prayers & the prayers of our Family around the world everything worked out quickly & above all peacefully, a real miracle! It seems the Lord has had mercy on the people of Thailand & is allowing us to continue on in this extremely fruitful & definitely exciting field!

BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE'VE SEEN HOW QUICKLY THIS CAN ALL CHANGE! - In fact, overnight! So it should cause us all to do as much as possible while we still can. I pray that it will be a lesson to others everywhere to be prepared & work while it is still day! Love, Isaiah & the brethren in Thailand.

"Terrific!" Says Portuguese TV!

-About the MWM Video Shows! - First steps to getting 'm on TV!

From Ebed & Estrela; Portugal's VSs:

A FEW DAYS AFTER PORTUGAL'S FIRST VVV DAY (see Mag 39) we took the 6 MWM video shows down to the national TV station to see if they'd be interested in the subject matter, music & ideas behind MWM, as well as to see if, technically, they'd be able to broadcast VHS material - i.e. is the quality good enough & could they transfer it to their machines for broadcasting purposes.

WE KNEW THAT ON PORTUGUESE TV THEY SHOW ALL MOVIES ETC. IN THEIR ORIGINAL LANGUAGE with Portuguese sub-titles added, so we felt that the English videos had a good chance of being used right away in this country.

THE LORD OPENED THE DOOR FOR US TO SPEAK WITH THE MAN IN CHARGE OF PROGRAM - PURCHASING for the station. We had put together a little outline which followed Dad's suggestions on how to present the MWM audio tapes to station managers, about 1 1/2 minutes long, & it really paid off, as he decided to listen to most of the 4 1/2 hour programs! He watched parts of "The Cove Show", "Kid Power", "Athens Club Show" & "Shows 18a & b" (with Paul Michael singing "Give Us Our Sons")!

HIS OVERALL REACTION WAS VERY ENCOURAGING! He liked the shows, altho' he said that "they weren't superb". We had already explained to him that we had a very poor copy of the original. He accepted that & we told him that our getting into filming the radio shows was just getting off the ground but that we were interested in his reaction to them & the possibility in the future of actually using them for broadcasting purposes.



Estrela, Ebed & little Pedro, pioneering possibilities of airing MWM videos on TV in Portugal!

HE LIKED THE IDEA OF IT BEING LIKE A PUBLIC SERVICE to the community, like PBS in the U.S. He took it even further & was seriously talking about paying something for the shows & not just taking them for free. This, we felt, was very encouraging, as it could portend to show that our video shows have the potential to pay for themselves. PTL!

WHILE WATCHING "THE COVE SHOW" some of his comments were that Faithy was "a beautiful girl", one of the secretaries thought she was "very sexy". He said that Topaz had "a sweet voice". He thought Simon was "good", & that Jeremias was "a very good guitarist". He very much liked Faithy's introduction to "See Wash Over Me", saying "I agree with that", when she said that Esther saw that God was the only answer to life's problems. He really liked & caught the Spirit when Faithy was singing & speaking.

WHILE VIEWING "KID POWER" he thought Heidi was "a star", liked Celeste & said she had "a lot of fire". He really liked Dicon's MC'ing & thought he was "terrific!" Both he & the girl in charge of light entertainment made favorable comments

on the "softness" of our music, how it was not as "hard" as other music they'd heard in most music shows! PTL they were really getting the message! All this was while viewing the videos in black & white & on an improperly tuned TV set with lots of interference!

AFTERWARDS HE SAID THAT IF WE COULD GET HIM MORE PUBLICITY about the shows that he could share & distribute at a meeting with the dept. heads to discuss the buying of our tapes, that after this meeting he could definitely let us know if they'd buy our series of programs weekly! He liked it, but he said he needed more publicity in order to sell his staff & associates on the idea.

THERE ARE ALSO A FEW TECHNICAL ASPECTS THAT HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT. He mentioned that in Portugal & Spain & all over South America that they broadcast in a more professional video 2-inch tape or from 16-mm film. He said we'd have to see if we could transfer our VHS to the other tape or shoot it onto 16-mm film, or on Umatic, VCR, BCN, for airing in Portugal, or something that could be transferred to these systems for airing.

HE ENDED BY SAYING THAT IN PORTUGAL THEY ARE LOOKING FOR 1/2-HOUR SHOWS - like ours! He asked us to keep in touch & mentioned again that they'd be willing to pay something for the programs, altho' it wouldn't be as much as for the normal shows. We told him the quality of the shows would be going way up! Please pray for this man as he could be a real open channel to get the message over on TV here in Portugal! **(Amen! PTL! - However, too many problems with selling. Let's loan 'm free & be freer to win souls.)**

The Miracle Tent!

GOD'S MIRACULOUS PROVISION FOR THEM!

From Uriah & Katrina, VSs in Greece:

We wanted to write & share this encouraging testimony of a specific answer to specific prayer!

With the Greek Summer, with its warm balmy evenings, coming to a gradual end, & cooler weather & rain on the way, the need for a big communal tent for Music With Meaning was getting closer, & so a request was made to the Provisioning Home to get one as soon as possible!

We began checking into the different possibilities & what was available locally, checking the normal, natural, reasonable, possible sources...but to no avail! What was available was either too small, too expensive, or 'out of reach'! We tried the Girl Scouts, a UN refugee office, tent makers, the U.S. Army base, & even a big construction company, etc.: The tent makers could, of course, make something, but the estimated cost for such a large tent was well over \$1500, & not only that, but the time it could take was yet another factor, not to mention the question of quality!

Time went by & the evenings & afternoons began to get cooler until one Sunday Fellowship it was very cool & no longer pleasant to gather outside in the "Loveville Taverna" & so everyone prayed desperately asking the Lord specifically for a strong, rain-proof, wind-proof (learned from last Winter's experience with the make-shift communal tents), big enough to hold everyone...and now!!!

The next day Joy found a Children's Camp Ground in the yellow pages. She phoned & explained what was needed & asked if they could help or had any ideas, and the man offered almost immediately that he had a 50-square-meter tent & that he could loan it to us!! Thrilled & excited Joy & John Cloud drove to meet the man & his wife & came back with not only a firm commitment of their help with the tent, but also a beautiful testimony about the Lord's hand in this couple's life!



German Maria & Simon Peter in Loveville's new winter Taverna!

When we went to view the tent at his Campground we flipped to see it as it was perfect - Made to order - for our needs - 55 square meters with high roof, vents for smoke pipes, sliding doors... a real U.S. Army field tent! Rain-proof, strong, big enough for people to stand up straight at every point. Then, as we were taking it down we flipped again as the man said not only could we borrow it but we could have it if we wanted...Ha! Did we ever want it! TY! It only needed a little repair as the night before there had been strong winds & rain (the first of the season...!) and the tent got torn from sagging on its own metal posts, as some stakes had come loose from the rain softened ground! Obviously the enemy knew he was about to be defeated & was trying to destroy the tent before we could use it! It turned out that this man had bought 20 U.S. Army surplus tents at the local U.S. Base during one of their regular "auctions" & he said he's the only one in Greece with this kind of tent! What a miracle of His guiding hand!

The very same day the tent was standing in its new home as the Loveville Winter Taverna! Just in time too as the nights are chilly & rain soon to be regular!

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See, Uriah & Katrina