

# the GRAPEVINE

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Your living is determined not so much by what life brings to you as by the attitude you bring to life.—John Homer Miller

## brotherhood

### EE Family Fellowship

BY GENAI (VS), EE

We had a wonderful Family fellowship with people coming from 12 surrounding countries. It was great fun being able to spend three days together. In total, 327 people attended. The band from Hungary (presently touring Kosovo, with Vas and Tim) also came and gave a great performance.

It was encouraging to see the effects that the S2K has had on the Family as a whole, making events like this a lot more manageable and fun. We look forward to organizing more of these events in the future.



### "Afraid of Being LEFT BEHIND?"

—New tract in the *ComicTraX* series—coming soon!

Sneak  
Preview



MO site ad

See MO site for the full story: *Special Olympics "Meena Bazaar!"*  
By Mary (16), Islamabad Home, Pakistan

To all our wonderful husbands and fathers: Don't miss checking out the Father's Day prophecy posted on the MO site. We love and thank you for all you do to make our lives wonderful! Happy Father's Day!

## Sponsoring Opportunities!

BY YOUR ACTIVATED INDIA TEAM

Hi there! A big thank you to everyone who has participated in the sponsorship program for India. We receive many heartfelt requests from people all over the country asking for the *Activated* magazine, books, prayer or counsel. Many of these dear folks sincerely love Jesus, but are quite poor and cannot afford the subscription price. Then there are the Homes that work extensively with the deaf who faithfully send us addresses of needy people. Another area where we receive numerous addresses for sponsorship requests is from the northeast of India. The people are very receptive, however they cannot afford the subscription price. Of course, many of the other Homes in the country meet similar people in their day-to-day outreach. So all that to say, it is to these folks that we offer the sponsorship program to.

We would like to invite you to be a part of this worthwhile program. We need your help. Please send all contributions via your TRF marked "Sponsorship for the *Activated* India Desk." Thanks so much! We REALLY appreciate it!

## "Grapes of thanks" contributors

BY TABITHA, FOR ANDREW AND CHILDREN

Dear precious Family,

I want to say a big thank you to all of you who sent words of encouragement to both Joy and Andrew. They were so sweet and greatly appreciated. As you know, Joy graduated on May 12. We want to add her name to the Family members Memorial Web site and want to ask via this announcement if we could include some of the messages you were so kind to send us. We can add them anonymously if you wish or just parts. Please contact us and of course we will respect your wishes. Joy was a special woman, a great mother and a beloved wife, and her family would like to share

some of her life with others via this site.

## Ring Kitchen Bells!

BY YOUR EVE EDITORS

Do you like to cook, love a challenge and enjoy doing things that are not only helping to fill a need in your present Home but also being a blessing to others around the world? Well, look no further!

We have received positive comments on the various recipes that have been printed in *Eve*; however, the delay in getting more of them to you is that we always like to have the recipes tested before printing them. The recipes are garnered from various sources, including Web reprints, etc. So by having a person, or persons, try them out first, we can print any necessary modifications or comments that can be a help to everyone else.

So here's the bottom line: We have set up a new section on the MO site [see *Overflow* section, *Recipes*], whereby any interested culinary artists can download a recipe of their choice and try it out for us! All that we ask is that you follow the recipe as exactly as possible, and then fill out the simple form that is provided and e-mail us your feedback. We will then use this feedback to judge if the recipe is worth printing for the Family in *Eve*, and note any comments or adaptations that should also be included.

## backtracking

In GV#110, an error was printed in the "kidbits" section. It read: Baby girl, 10<sup>th</sup> child, born to Sue and Chris on March 20.—USA. It should have read: **Jasmine Zarah**, 10<sup>th</sup> child born to **Chris and Sue (Jonathon and Faith)** on March 20.—India. Congratulations on your tenth!

## kidbits

**Angelina Nicole**, born to **Michelle SGA** and **Paul Malaysian** on March 2.—Thailand  
**Selena Angela**, born to **Vijaya and Joe** on February 8.—India  
**Shane Arnold**, born to **Theresa and David** on March 26.—Thailand  
**Isamu**, born to **Gracia and Paul** on March 29.—Japan  
**Aliona Julia**, born to **Luba and Ilia** on April 2.—Russia  
**Isaac**, born to **Esther and Joshua** on April 9.—Japan  
**Charlene Faithful**, 3<sup>rd</sup> child, born to **Cecilia and Jonathan** on April 10.—Mexico  
**Jenny Lind Ai**, born to **Sunshine and Nehemiah** on April 16.—Japan  
**Katrina Shanti**, born to **Shayna Rose and Daniel Endtime** on April 19.—India  
**Marc Adin Cole**, 1<sup>st</sup> child, born to **Katrina and Chad** on April 21.—Canada

## tidbits

### new disciples...

**David** (26) joined on April 3, 2001.—India

### getting together...

**Dawn and Donovan** tied the knot on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2000 and had a Family ceremony on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.—USA  
**Russian Elia** and **Russian Lika** got married on April 22, 2001.—Russia

## New address for CVC

Sorry folks to give you yet *another* new international CVC address! However, after praying about it, in order to do all we can to avoid any errors in the handling of CVC mail, correspondence and business, it was decided that it would be best if CVC had an address that was solely for CVC mail and not shared with another company or ministry. This international CVC address can and should be given out to anyone with questions or comments about the program, and for those outside the Family who have inquiries, or need documentation about students, etc. The following box has now been opened for CVC correspondence:

CVC (or Christian Vocational College)  
P.O. Box 796263  
Dallas, TX 75379  
USA

**E-mail: [cvc@cvcollege.com](mailto:cvc@cvcollege.com)**

**Phone: (972) 931-9335**

**Fax: (972) 380-6923**

**U.S. Toll-free Number: 1-888-871-8388**

The new address above can be used immediately, as it is "open" and functioning already. Mail sent to previous addresses is being forwarded—so don't worry if you already sent something to the other address.

**Your local area FED/CVC Desk will continue to handle your diploma and certificate applications**, as well as questions you may have. The above address is for international communications when needed (and is also for the NACRO CVC Desk).

Thank you very much for helping us with this project.—Many hands make light work and we hope through your labors to be able to provide a steady stream of healthy, delicious recipes for the entire Family.

Oh, and keep checking back frequently, as we'll add more recipes on a regular basis. We love you!

# legal and media

## Another Victory for Religious Freedom in Russia!

BY MARC AND CLAIRE, USA

More good news from Russia! Moscow's northeastern circuit court has ruled in favor of the Church of Scientology by dismissing an appeal by prosecutors seeking to shut down the Church's Russian office. (The Jehovah's Witness ruling, however, was just recently overturned, so the battle for religious freedom in Russia continues. Thanks for your prayers for continued religious freedom in Russia, so that the Gospel may be preached!)

The following article gives the details:

### Russia Court Protects Scientology

(ASSOCIATED PRESS, MAY 18, 2001)

**MOSCOW (AP)** - A Moscow court has dismissed an appeal by prosecutors seeking to shut down a Russian office of the Los Angeles-based Church of Scientology, the group's lawyer said Friday.

Prosecutors had accused the group of conducting illegal business activities, the Interfax news agency reported.

Moscow's northeastern circuit court rejected the charges against the Humanitarian Hubbard Center in a ruling Tuesday, but prosecutors appealed, said lawyer Galina Krylova. The appeal was turned down Thursday.

The case was among several filed against foreign-based religious groups in Russia in recent years, including a lengthy procedure against the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Bowing to pressure from the Russian Orthodox Church, Russia's parliament in 1997 passed a law restricting activities of religious groups not considered traditional for Russia. The law guarantees the rights of Jewish, Muslim and Orthodox churches as representing the main religious faiths of the country, and requires strict registration rules for others.

"Freedom of conscience should be a higher value, regardless of whether you like a religion or not. Our government apparently thinks differently," Krylova said.

Prosecutors first moved against the Hubbard Center in 1998 on accusations the group caused psychological harm to its members, but the case was dismissed when no victims could be found, Krylova said.

Authorities later filed tax evasion charges that were also dismissed, she said. In 1999, prosecutors alleged names that appeared on the group's registration documents were found to have no relation to the center. The center said it corrected the documents.

The Church of Scientology was founded in 1954 by L. Ron Hubbard and teaches that technology can expand the mind and help solve problems.

### Worldwide witness via BBC

BY ABI, EUROPE MEDIA DESK

Graham Hill, a producer with BBC World Service radio, got in touch asking for me to speak on the program he would be presenting on New Religious Movements. The program, called "Agenda," is presented by Chris Gunness and is broadcast weekly (repeated twice). It advertises itself on the BBC World Service Web Site: "Agenda is a 30-minute weekly program on the BBC World Service looking at ideas and trends in politics, economics, science, arts and culture, the way-we-live now. It considers the thinking which is shaping our world and talks to people at the frontiers of progress." It apparently reaches 35 million people.

David Barrett (who recently published a factual book on NRMs that has a good chapter on The Family) had been asked to speak and also to find someone else to join the show, so that's why they got in touch with me. After prayer the Lord led for me to go ahead with this and went to the BBC studio for the recording.

When I first walked in I saw that in the stack of papers that Chris was holding was a full-page negative article from a few years ago from the *Daily Telegraph*. My heart sank as I wondered if I'd walked into a controversy, but it

didn't turn out to be like that, PTL. Chris had a planned script of questions to ask which I looked at briefly before the show started. We chatted for a few minutes, but basically soon the lights were on and it was time to roll.—What they couldn't see was lots of silent desperate prayer! (It was one of those "get prayed up to date" occasions.)

When it was my turn, I had an opportunity to talk about how I got saved, the Law of Love, and then about sex—which Chris asked about and I knew was coming, along with child abuse questions—so I had the opportunity to refute the child abuse allegations, and later talked about our good works and that the Law of Love is mostly about helping others and sex isn't such a big deal. Jesus' love is the most important, and that's what I was trying to convey. David also spoke up on our behalf. The other person on the program was an anti-cultist who was a member of Jim Jones's group but left before the Jonestown tragedy. But she didn't have anything too outstanding to say. Overall the program was a positive witness and showed that members of NRMs are mostly "normal" people.

The producer, Chris, was quite interested in us and we had a chat after the recording was finished. He was curious about how the Law of Love works in practice, and also how my relatives react to me being a Christian [I'm of Jewish heritage]. He got the point that the main issue for them is not that I'm part of an NRM but that I converted to Christianity. I also gave him a folder with various pubs and suggested he put that in the BBC files so they have updated info on the Family.

**UGANDA** - Tina, Happy, Simon and Celly: *Nu Beat*—our own radio show featuring music produced here as well as from various FTTs—is now on five radio stations that cover the entire country as well as some parts of neighboring countries. An inspiring article about the program was published in one of the main newspapers, *Sunday Vision*. The Saturday edition of *New*

*Vision* had a picture and caption in the children's section of our girl clowns doing a show at a local orphanage.

We appeared on an unplanned TV show called *Jam Agenda* which happened on the spur of the moment. The four girls [Tina, 21, Celly, 21, Julie, 20, and Heather, 15] and Kaweesa went to the Silk Club Street Fest (a 12-hour "Wild and Wicked" street jam here in Kampala. Kaweesa's performance of the song was the highlight of the event, accompanied by the "Obsessions"—Uganda's top dance troupe. He then surprised the crowd of 10,000 cheering Ugandans by performing the song again, this time accompanied by our girls. It was a live show and they were asked lots of personal questions. We were able to get in a good witness about our work here in Uganda and even a plug for the movie premier we're hosting as a fund-raiser next month, DV.

*New Vision* also carried an article about the performers at the Silk Club Fest. About us they said: "Nairobi-based sensation Kaweesa leaped first on stage and did his chart busting 'East Africa—Hakuna Matata.' He stunned the crowd when he brought a troupe of white dancers (from God knows where). The choreography was perfect, the sound excellent, as the crowd boogied and sang along."

**SOUTH AFRICA** - Aaron, Heaven, Mary and Stephen: We did an interview (in both English and Afrikaans) with the host of *Radio Pulpit* (this radio station reaches the whole of Southern Africa e.g., Namibia, Botswana, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Swaziland and Lesotho) where we described our work of reaching the people of South Africa with the message of salvation, our prison ministry and some of our CTP projects in Johannesburg and other parts of Africa. We estimate a mass witness of about 1 million because it was on prime daytime slot.

**BOSNIA** - Enoch, Peace, Dan and Precious: OBN TV broadcast four *Treasure Attic* shows with Bosnian subtitles six times. *KISS TV* also broadcast two *Treasure Attic* shows (again with Bosnian subtitles). OBN TV broadcasts four *Treasure Attic* shows each Saturday, reaching an estimated 700,000 viewers per show.

**YUGOSLAVIA** - Andrew, Miracle, Larissa, Jonathan and Sim: *KFOR Chronicle* did a favorable article about our cooperation with the British KFOR here in Kosovo, distributing aid and doing shows. *RTK TV* had a news broadcast with an interview with Sarah, following our show in the Pristina stadium for 25,000 students, parents, and teachers.

**ROMANIA** - Josiah, Joy, Jenny and Joy: A weekly national talk show did a nationwide program talking about a homeless person we helped to take off the streets. It mentioned Josiah PI from The Family helping him and finding him a place. Our visit to the local women's prison on Women's Day was aired at primetime on local TV news.

Dust and Diamond: One of Bacau's two main daily newspapers printed a short article about goods we had collected to help flood victims. They also wrote another very detailed, positive article about our little family and our ministries. Most of the text is our history and testimony, including the "forsake-all" message of how we dropped out to follow God's will.

**SWEDEN** - Steven and Christina: Two radio programs broadcast interviews with Jonas and Angelina in Thailand. One radio program featured a 20 minute clip of Jonas in Thailand. It was mainly about his popularity there and his history in Thailand as well as talking quite a bit about the CTP work the Family is doing there. The other radio station (biggest in Sweden) did a shorter version of the first program in their music news program. *Nya Varmlands Tidningen*, a local Swedish morning paper (audience 144,000) ran an article about Jonas' success in Thailand and his album.

**GERMANY** - Tom, Hannah and Maria: A local newspaper *Fahner Hohe* carried Sara's drawings with the caption that she grew up in third world countries doing humanitarian aid work with her parents.

# happenings

## [It's happening!]

### **Jonathan Nubes, Chile:**

We are managing our *Activated* mini-desk here in Chile and we are literally flipped out over all that is happening. We have visitors over almost every single day at our house. People are growing by leaps and bounds with all the new GP materials, particularly the *Conéctate* mags. The *Reflections* and the *FARs* are also going out well. We give classes to friends a couple of times a week.

Some of the people that are more advanced in the *Activated* course are starting to tithe or to give generously. For example, a lady that finished her first year's subscription gave pajamas for all the kids in the house. A day or so later she phoned again to tell us she wanted the kids to have two pairs of pajamas each. She is begging us to not leave her without spiritual food for the next year, as she used to read every magazine and share it with her employees. In a word, the era of action is unfolding here in our little Home. We are living some of the most exciting times we've ever had in the Family!

## [Millennial open house program]

### **Home in Islamabad, Pakistan:**

In January we held our yearly appreciation dinner and open house for our friends, donors and well-wishers. Over 150 guests came and were touched by the songs and dances performed by "The Family Singers."

Charity, using an overhead projector and giant screen, took our guests on a pictorial review of the activities conducted by the Family in Islamabad during 2000. Stefan then thanked by name those present who have helped over the years and who have made many of our projects possible. He read a beautiful poem in ap-

preciation of their friendship and help.

Most people brought their kids as we told them there would be face painting, sculptured balloons, and clowns, as well as our kids singing and dancing! The kids had lots of fun as they lined up to get their faces painted and to receive a balloon of their choice. The parents were happy to see their kids having so much fun, and we were able to promote our services for birthday parties and other functions.

The whole evening was sponsored by our dear friend, Mr. A., with a full course buffet dinner, waiters, a large tent in which we had the function in our front garden, heaters, and dishwashers.

## [Condolences to Babu Chhiri's family]

### **Kathmandu Home, Nepal:**

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2001 Babu Chhiri Sherpa, a 35-year-old record-holding Nepali Sherpa climber, slipped and fell 200 meters into a crevasse on Mt. Everest and died. He held two world records—the fastest climb up Mt. Everest (in 16 hours, when it normally takes 2 to 4 days), and the longest stay at the summit (for 21 hours without oxygen). He'd also climbed the world's tallest mountain 10 times. A couple of years ago several of us met him briefly at a function, but we had not seen him again.

After his death, we had a burden to do something to witness to his family, which the Lord confirmed in prophecy. He left behind his wife and six daughters under the age of 15, and his elderly parents. The funeral ceremonies went on for some time, as is usual here, plus it took a while for us to track down his family's location and phone number. We prepared an envelope with a *Glimpses*

of *Heaven* book, and a Nepali tract and *Reflections*. When we got to their flat (they live on just one floor of a house), it was much more simple than we'd expected. Though often lauded and famous, many Nepali climbers are just simple people, and climbing well and even breaking world records doesn't bring the same money endorsements, book deals, etc. that famous foreign climbers get.

When we got there, his wife showed us into the living room. To our surprise, along with his parents were two Buddhist monks who seemed to have taken up temporary residence in the house. The room had a large Buddhist shrine set up in one corner, and the walls were covered with photos and magazine articles celebrating Babu Chhiri's many feats. It was a little awkward initially, but finally we were able to explain in our broken Nepali (they spoke no English) that some friends of ours had met him, and we were there to offer our condolences and words of encouragement.

They were so sweet. It touched our hearts to see the wife bustling in and out, bringing food and drinks for us despite our protests, still concerned about serving others even in the midst of their grief. After a little while we went out into the hallway to talk to his wife (who spoke a little English). She is very brave and cheerful in spite of everything that's happened to her and the responsibility she now has for the whole family, as his parents are much too old to really do anything.

We gave her the envelope and told her that the book was for her daughters, as they can read English, and we expressed our concern and prayers for them and their family. Though there was definitely a bit of a language problem, when we prayed the Lord showed us that our love

and concern in being there would come through in the spirit and be a witness, even though we couldn't say as much to them as we'd like.

Just as we were leaving, the wife of Babu Chhiri's business partner arrived. She spoke excellent English, and we were able to talk to her more, explaining our reason for coming, etc. She got teary-eyed sharing more details about his death, and invited us to come visit the small school that he started up by Mt. Everest. We left their home very touched, and will be visiting again, maybe bringing our kids along to meet theirs, and see if we can be a help in any way. Please pray for them, and all of the wonderful people here that need His Words.

## [Conéctate fair team]

### **Rose-Marie, Monterrey, Mexico:**

Our Home teamed up with Peter and Joy's Home in the city, who had provisioned a good discount on a stand at a fair in Monterrey. The fair was called, "*Expo tu casa*" which was all interior decor and the like. We thought it would be a good try-out to see how this would work for future ventures, from the *Conéctate* business angle as well. Peter and Joy were doing ballooning and face painting. Peter is quite professional with what he can create with a balloon, and although there were two other ballooning and face-painting stands, they were amateurs compared to Peter and Joy. Our stand was also decorated very nicely with all kinds of balloon shapes, very professionally done, and it seemed to attract every child and parent that stepped into the fair hall. The kids would see the balloons, and choose which one they wanted and while they waited for Peter to make them a balloon the kids and

# Miss Songkran

By Cristy E., 17, Thailand

It was two days before the Thai New Year, a celebration also known as *Songkran* [held on April 14]. The Thai people love ceremonies and festivals, and one of the many beautiful traditions they have is the celebration of *Songkran*. On this day people pay their respects to their elders by giving them a blessing or what we would call an “anointing” of jasmine perfumed water. They either pour it over their right shoulder or over their hands. Then they put a bit of nice smelling talcum powder on both cheeks and wish them happiness and prosperity. They also believe that this is a time where they should be washed clean and in order for that to happen everybody goes out on the streets and has a big water

parents would get interested in the tools on the stand and ended up buying something as well.

The fair began on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and ended on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Thursday and Friday were slow days as far as selling material, although we had a lot of people come by our stand, and many were very interested in our tools, and we were thankful for the exposure for the *Conéctate* material. However, Saturday and Sunday were awesome days, which is when things took off and we were constantly busy. The ICD was our best seller. We pushed those and over the weekend sold 37 ICDs in total! A number of children recognized the ICD as their schools had bought them and were familiar with them and wanted a copy of their own.

The organizers have invited us to participate in future fairs, and we are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for us as we follow His leadings and pioneer this new avenue of witnessing with the *Conéctate* material!

fight! Yup, that's right. Everyone is happy and in a dancing mood, all having a good time throwing water at each other. It really is an amazing sight.

During this time the Lord led us to some top people on the island of Samui and surrounding provinces. There was going to be a *Songkran* Festival, filled with performances and activities, which would last three days. One of them was the *Songkran* Beauty Contest. It was going to be the first time that the island of Samui (where we live) organized such an event. That's where the Lord brought The Family into the picture.

A day before the event, we got a call from the mayor and the head of primary education, saying they would be coming in half an hour to see us. Well it turned out that the mayor wanted me to participate in the Miss *Songkran* beauty contest show! We only had one day to get all the needed costumes, and to teach me how to walk gracefully like the Thais. The whole time I felt the Lord was really with us, because everything flowed. He was always there to engineer little miracles here and there.—Like being able to find a swimming suit that fit me, ha! Or a Thai costume that I could just squeeze myself into. He also supplied the needed friends who did a professional job in putting on the make-up, and to teach me how to walk and *wai* (a Thai custom of greeting) correctly.

At first I was very nervous; participating in a beauty contest was the last thing I would see myself caught in, but the Lord reassured me that He was in control. In total there were 18 contestants, and all of them were Thai except for me. It really made me desperate, especially since I was the first to go up, and half the time I didn't understand what they were saying. You can imagine my surprise when they said I had won third place! I knew that it was nothing of myself, but



all the Lord that shone through me that day, and thanks to all the prayers and support of my sweet Home.

Because of this event, we have become more known around the island. When on stage I was able to tell the people that I was involved with The Family Volunteers, and that we have been involved with various projects on the island. People are starting to hear about our work and many doors are opening up. We became good friends with the cameraman, and even got aired on national news for a couple of seconds.

The other day we also met Miss Thailand. She heard of The Family before and said she met Jonas and the group several times. She was really impressed with the fact that foreigners were trying to be like the Thai people, learning their language and culture. She gave me her e-mail and phone number in case I needed any recommendation in the future. I was to consider her as an older sister. This is such a fulfillment of the Lord's promises, of how He would do greater works in this new era of action. He sure has done that for our little Home!

## Wine Press reactions

**Eric, Maryland** – I had an unusual bout with high blood pressure and read the Letter “Nothing is Impossible!” This Letter I'm sure the Lord wanted me to get the point from by reviewing it at this time. The revelation in this Letter is so important that I believe the Lord allowed me to almost fall into bed and read this again. ... After reading this Letter and praying for deliverance I went to sleep like a baby! ha!

**Bob, California** – I really enjoy reading the *Wine Press* with the different topics that are covered. It is really inspiring even to this (I won't say former member) because even though I was not reporting, I considered myself “in” as a love member, because I still had the love of Jesus in my heart and a love for the brethren, but that's just my interpretation of “in” for me at that time. Yes, we are all family, children of David and because we have love for the Lord we are able to overcome any differences that may otherwise divide us, and unite together in the sweet, sweet spirit of the Lord that is with us always.

# FEATURE

## EUCRO Update

—A Summit 2001 Presentation

*(Editor: There are so many countries in Eastern Europe, that we could have easily filled several pages in the Grapevine with news of happenings in that part of the world. However, due to space limitation, we've put lots of juicy details on the various European countries on the MO site, and we'll make note of that throughout this update. Sprinkled throughout this presentation are indented clips/updates from Homes in Eastern Europe that were added to the original Summit presentation.)*

### Not just the EE and Russia! It's N.E.A.T!!!

BY MAGDA

In the past we've used the handle "EE and Russia." However, that title didn't really cover the Belarus, and also the Central Asian countries of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, which have a large Muslim population. So we decided that all the Homes in the **Northern EurAsian Territories** would now be called NEAT! The VSs and the Homes like this because they send messages "To All NEAT Homes with much love from your NEAT VSs," ha.

Due to the sensitive nature of these fields we aren't able to get into too many details and specifics as to what the Homes there are involved in. However, many doors have been opening and in recent months the population of our outside membership has grown tremendously. The job is much too immense to do on our own so the Homes are faithful to create outside flocks which has raised up bellwethers who are learning how to shepherd others. These bellwethers and outside disciples are now distributing the tools and teaching others to witness and pray together and hear from the Lord together. We

### EASTERN EUROPE OVERVIEW

BY DAWN CRO

There are approximately 910 on-fire and dedicated CM/FM laborers in the EE and Russia. Over half (56%) are EE nationals, the majority being Hungarian, Romanian, Polish or Russian, in 117 Homes in 19 countries of Eastern Europe. Eighty-two members (including children) make up our total FM population, and almost all (98%) are nationals reaching the lost on their Home fields.

We translate lit into 17 languages, and there are 13 that we actually have a Mail Ministry course in, some a complete course and the rest partial. We have Homes in seven sensitive countries or areas: Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo and Bosnia, and in the past year new Homes have opened in 2 other sensitive countries.

wanted to share a beautiful prophecy which the Lord recently gave for the NEAT area! As you can see, the work and precious brethren in this area need your support through desperate prayer.

*(Jesus:)* I have given the Children of David a new anointing, I have poured My Spirit over them to accomplish great things. This anointing will be mightily used in these great lands, where the vacuum and the hunger for My Words are so great! The floodgates of My Word remain open, and the work remains full of vigor and energy; the potential is enormous and the possibilities are limitless! But the laborers are so few, and the

support base is so limited. Pray, dear ones, for the work in these great lands, because it is entering into a new phase, spearheading the troops into the Endtime battle, and yet bringing new and magnificent fruit! Pray for the faithful ones who remain in these lands and continue to feed the multitudes. For the hunger never subsided and the thirst was never satisfied, and yet the time is running out, and your prayers are needed more than ever! Partake of the work in spirit; share the rewards in your prayers! For your prayers will do mighty things, and I promise to move My mighty arm in answer to all these requests if you only fervently pray!

### Still Hoppin' and Poppin' in Poland

BY ABE VS

This is a big country with many opportunities. Although there aren't many Homes there at this time, and the field was definitely much more fruitful when it was first pioneered, it still has a lot of potential. The Homes that have remained have established their works and are participating in inspiring CTP ministries with orphanages, foster homes and other such institutions. They do clown shows and distribute thousands of dollars' worth of food and clothing, winning souls at the same time. This in turn has been a good appeal for fundraising and provisioning.

*(Editor: Check out the MO site for more on Poland, including the country's spiritual transition from Catholicism to materialism, the propaganda against NRMs in the main cities, and the active FM Homes there!)*

### Lovin' Latvia

BY ABE VS

There is an ongoing ministry of bringing aid from the West, mostly in the form of hospital beds, wheelchairs, clothing and other supplies. God bless the brethren there, as some have carried on reaching the field with very little personnel. The Lord has blessed their labors and brought more personnel there in recent years. There is still much to be done.

BY LOCAL HOME:

Our team has been in Riga now for about 3½ years. Af-

ter its liberation from Russia, Latvia has been trying to get on its feet economically and politically, and the needs—both spiritual and physical—are great. We have established CTP contacts with many institutions here—orphanges, prisons, a center for street kids, a large handicapped association, hospitals—through which we minister to many. We are warmly welcomed as we come and sing for them, minister to them, and feed them the Word. We also minister to the directors and leaders in these places who have learned to hear from the Lord fresh every day! These leaders are very hungry for our fellowship and counsel.

After seeing our sample of how the Lord supplied large amounts of food through local companies, the chairman of one of the main associations started provisioning himself! Soon he had provisioned a BRAND NEW CAR for his association! We have started to go around to our weekly market contacts together with staff from the center for street kids, and they are so amazed at the Lord's faithful supply—there's enough fruits and vegetables to go around not only the Family Homes, but also for the 50-100 street kids who are able to get a nice, warm meal every single day.

We also minister regularly to a handful of live-outs and Catacombers who willingly help with provisioning calls or other business and are our faithful partners on outreach and personal witnessing trips!

## Lithuania reached with the tools

BY ABE VS

Lithuania has been a very fruitful and responsive field in terms of tool distribution. In spite of a bad economy and not having had audio or video tools in the local language, the Home has faithfully distributed an average 10-15 tools a day for the past few years.

Recently a Christian TV studio offered to record the "Forever Friend" TA and *Countdown to Armageddon* videos in Lithuanian, taking care of the translations, getting together the singers and performers, etc. They would like to broadcast the programs on national television and distribute them in schools as Christian teaching aids. In counsel with Aurora, the Home decided to embark on this project, and because of the brethren's faithfulness in reaching out to their friends and supporters over the years, they now have all the financial backing they need to sponsor this program. With these new tools, soon available in Lithuanian, the Family there will be able to reach Lithuania like never before.

*(Editor: More on the MO site!)*

## Estonia calls

BY ABE VS

There are presently no Family Homes in Estonia. However, Estonia is a ripe and ready field and has been open territory without a Home for about two years now. God bless the brethren that poured out to this field for several years before moving on. It has been quite a fruitful field with many souls won. A fruitful part of their ministry was reaching the large ethnic Russian population, who are once again waiting to be reached with the Lord's love.

*(Editor: Check the MO site for more on the visa obstacles and this white and ready field.)*

## Love reigns in Ukraine

BY PHILLIP

To give you a little idea of the economic catastrophe and desperate situation that is the backdrop of The Family's work here, according to official statistics, Ukraine is the poorest country in Europe. Since its independence the standard of liv-

ing has dropped by 80%, the average salary is 20 dollars a month, and according to a recent study it is the fourth most corrupt country in the world!

A woman who works in a government position approached the local Homes and said, "I would like for you to be able to reach the youth of this country, because I know the Family has the message that can help people. Look at your young people! Look what they are doing—they are motivated! Can you help me motivate the Ukrainian people? You can teach them anything you want about the Family. Please do lead them to the Lord, give them the literature. Just get them motivated!"

In answer to that plea, the Home's show troupe did 27 shows (called "Around the World in 80 Minutes") in youth centers and summer camps during the month of August 2000 alone. In the process they led 400 people individually to the Lord and collected 400 addresses of people they are now writing to.

This woman was so flipped about the success of these shows that she now wants them to do performances across the entire country! She said, "If you put together a big show, we will take you everywhere! We will rent halls/stages and pay your hotels, your transportation and everything." The Home sent out an advertisement for more people to help with this show troupe, and they are beginning to work with their team to prepare for the summer witnessing ahead.

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With the help of many faithful supporters, our Home organized 25 deliveries of humanitarian aid from Western Europe, which we distributed personally to 1,500 desperately needy children in orphanages and handicapped Homes and to the most destitute huts and shacks of 40 of the poorest

villages in Western Ukraine; a ministry which has changed many, many lives.

*(Editor: Check out the MO site for more details on the ministries taking place in Ukraine.)*

## Hungary gets fed

BY ROSA VS

Getting paid for witnessing!—Yes, this is what happened last year when four Family teachers spent a full week with 36 children, ages 9 to 16, as their audience. The teacher, after meeting the Family, got so turned on that she insisted that the Family would provide the teachers for the annual English learning camp she held every summer for her students. Not only did the Family teach them English, but all about the Bible, salvation and Jesus, and gave them a full, well-balanced diet of *Treasure Attics*, *Life with Grandpa* stories and *Treasures*. By the end of the camp all the children prayed to receive Jesus. The Family has gone on to minister to these students throughout the school year. The kids want the Family as their teachers next year, so the teacher made an official invitation to us again.

*(Editor: There's a lot more happening in Hungary; check out the MO site for interesting snippets from various Homes.)*

## Check out the Czech/Slovak area

BY LOCAL HOMES

Teaching English has proven to be a very effective way in personal evangelism, bringing approximately 50 visitors to our Home each week. We've also been using *Activated* material during our English classes from time to time.

Through these classes we met a psychologist who got saved and is now asking for counsel from the Bible for her patients. This young woman loves the *Word Topics* and asks for Bible studies during our weekly class times to-

gether. Our teens also teach English two to three times weekly for 1-2 hours. This is a very good way for them to personal witness and it is especially rewarding for us to see them taking more of an interest in people's personal lives, what they go through, etc. We also distribute food, clothing, shoes and school supplies to local institutions caring for orphans, teens in trouble and the handicapped.

*(Editor: There's lots more on the MO site, including new disciples and super-organized CTPs!)*

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Our various CTP activities have recently all come together under the umbrella of a new program, which is aimed at children living in institutions that are notoriously under-financed in this part of the world. To the children, this program means fun outings to special places of interest, all-expense-paid trips to popular restaurants, boat rides, bus trips and much, much more. To the business community it means an opportunity to participate in and contribute to something truly worthwhile and meaningful, reaping the benefits that come from unselfish giving.

The program also includes periodic performances by our clown and music group, usually coupled with humanitarian aid shipments to the particular institutions. Another aspect of the program is visits by our popular "Doctor Clown" to cancer wards of children's hospitals and to institutions of the mentally and physically handicapped. The hospital shows especially serve as a wonderful opener to in-depth witnessing to the children and parents alike! Ever since we incorporated our ministries into a legal framework and registered it with the authorities, it has really boomed and shored up enthusiastic support from the local business community here.

## Ray of hope shines again

BY STEVEN, RAY OF HOPE HOME, POLAND

This is a testimony of how the Lord can use anybody to make a meaningful CTP project and how He supplied for it. A certain orphanage is our CTP project and contact. Last year we did a puppet show of the Christmas story and took provisioned goods to them. But this time we wanted to give presents to the older children at this place. Everyone likes to feel special and receive a present. But the question was how to do it? Where do we obtain the funds for it? We are just four adults with six kids in our Home, barely making ends met. (Thank God that Cephas and Ela started to work with us for the last few months as this has helped us a lot.) In answer to our question of "how," the Lord answered our prayers in a very unusual way.

We often go clowning in one of the local supermarkets. That's where we met our friend who, after buying a balloon for his son, invited us for his son's Santa Claus party at school. We decided to go for it. I had fun clowning and ballooning at this party and since our new friend was there, the Lord gave me a check to ask him if he could help us in our preparation. He liked the idea and agreed to help sponsor the show. He gave a donation of US\$1,400 to buy presents and other needs for the children.

The Lord showed us to buy primarily educational materials: rulers, pencils, erasers, glue sticks, animal coloring books, colorful paper for cutouts, notebooks, paintbrushes, color markers, drawing-blocks, etc. We included some donated sweets and natural juice. We also bought the following items for the orphanage:

*Seventeen Treasure Attics and Kiddie Viddies, plus 5 audio tapes for kids in English and Polish; small plastic slide; AIWA stereo tape recorder; big puzzles and educational puzzles; tricycle; two blackboards with color chalk; paint sets, finger paint, clay; educational board games; toys; singing Christmas trees.*

On the day of the show we had to borrow a trailer from our NATO friends, as there was so much stuff that we couldn't just fit it into the van. We invited the media, and two newspapers and one cable TV station were present and wrote very good articles. Our little "Rays" performed for the orphanage on the occasion: Natalie (5), Ania (5) Agnieszka and David (3).

We would like to thank all of our dear Family friends who helped us with their prayers and gifts during the past two years since we opened our Home. We couldn't make it without you!



Also, with the onset of the era of action, the Lord brought two new disciples into the Home (plus one "knew" one) and another one clamoring to come in as well. This has truly meant "action" for all of us here, as there is never a dull moment!

## Romania rocks

BY ROSA VS

This is one of the countries where we have the most Homes and there is a very good reason for it—the field is full of sweet and receptive people, just ripe and ready for the Lord's love. It's also a place where a lot of disciples join both the CM and FM Family. For example, after the Summer Catacomb camp (in 2000) seven people joined! Over the Christmas season alone the Homes here won over 8,000 souls!

Witnessing is truly a thrill—and did we mention a lot of people speak English? The Romanian language also is very easy to learn, especially if you speak Italian, Spanish, French or English. Many brethren have been able to obtain a humanitarian visa

through the many fruitful CTPs the Homes here have.

We have opened a transitional Home for orphan girls who have finished high school and are of age to leave the orphanage. It's a total life-changer for these girls, who receive job-skills training, medical care and lots of love for the first time in their lives! They have become like a part of our Family and also participate in many of our other CTP projects.

We recently brought in over 14 tons of food, clothing, bedding, toys, hospital equipment, etc., which were distributed among 10 orphanages, 1 home for the aged, 1 hospital and about 300 vulnerable families. Together with the city hall, we set up a free store where over 500 people received large quantities of donated clothing, shoes and bedding. Along with the family visitations, we pray with people and distribute Family lit and New Testaments.

At a large orphanage, we have donated computers and set up a computer training center. We teach two groups

of high-school-aged orphans, giving them a useful skill and a lot more hope for their future. At this orphanage we also teach English and host monthly birthday parties—everyone's favorite event!

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One Home put together witnessing dramas which they've been performing in discos for up to 1,300 students at a time. The reaction of the young people has been very positive! One youngster said: "You are exposing the truth about the System. It's great that someone has the guts to speak up and show the truth!" Recently they opened a cinema club where they invite young people and witness to them through various message filled movies.

With the large number of Homes on the Romanian field, the Lord showed our VS team, formerly based in Poland, to move to Romania so they could be "on location" to help concentrate on shepherding the Homes in that country and surrounding areas. This team was joined



by another VS, who was based in Hungary.

Here is a plug for more laborers ... MALES (over 21)! This land is not only full of sweet sheep to win and minister to, but guess what? It also has an abundance of pretty, dedicated, wholehearted, passionate, fun and ... SINGLE girls (over 21) IN the Family to reach and take care of, ha, who would gladly minister to you in return, as long as you are in love with Jesus, and want to reach the world for Him! So, are you coming, guys?

*(Editor: Lots more details on the MO site!)*

## Moldova

BY LOCAL HOMES

A disciple joined this month who is an ex-child psychologist. We started having regular classes with the different groups of sheep and have challenged our flock to pray about which category they would like to fit in and how much they would like to be fed.

We were able to have candlelight service together with 7 of our live-outs, catacombers and supporters. It was very special for us to hear their prayers. Most of them wanted to make progress in their walk with the Lord.

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We have classes, usually twice a day, with people who are at different levels of growing in faith. We have over 40 people that we are regularly witnessing to and presently we have two babes in the Home, and life is exciting!

## What's up in Croatia

BY LOCAL HOMES

Seven new disciples from Italy have joined our Home since we came to Rijeka in 1996, and these, together with our on-fire Family-born young people, continue to inspire others to serve the Lord. We started establishing a national church here in Croatia—so far we have two live-out disciples and a few outside witnesses, and the

Lord is enlarging our vision. We've also recently had the opportunity to perform for and counsel teens and young people, along with our other projects (teaching English to refugee children, CTP kids shows, Bible studies for sheep and so on).

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We are in the process of building a playground in Vukovar! There isn't a single playground in the whole city or places safe for children to play in. We went ahead by faith and the Lord provided all the materials and finances to start building it this coming month. The Lord provided also all the electric tools we needed, an approximate of \$2,000 worth. Along with it, the mayor of Vukovar gave us the 2000 square meters of land to build it on!

*(Editor: Yes, there's more about Croatia on the MO site!)*

## Flourishing Albania

BY ROSA VS

The work in Albania is very exciting and flourishing! Albania is one of the poorest countries in Europe. However, it's so faith-building to see the Lord providing wonderfully for the Homes there. They do not go to the West fundraising, as the brethren are mainly Albanian nationals and it's very difficult for Albanians to obtain visas for other countries. So the Lord has supplied through their provisioning and distribution of tools, and they are not lacking!

And most importantly they witness like a house afire! Every time they go out, no matter on what kind of business, they pray with people they talk with or give a tract to and win souls! No wonder the Lord is providing for them! They also produce their own tools—from translating, proofreading, layout, provisioning of the paper and the printing and then of course distributing the pubs far and wide. And they even managed to pro-

vision the equipment and software needed to do the job!

Please pray for them as the electricity in Albania is very unstable and they have long and frequent unpredictable power cuts, which makes their work on the pubs very difficult and is very bad for their equipment.

For years the Family in Albania has had (and still has) a fruitful and blooming catacomb ministry holding classes three times a week—one for the established catacombers, one for the newcomers, and one for their long time live-outs. If there is one word you could use to describe their feeding of their sheep it's FAITHFULNESS! One of their catacombers recently joined and there are others on the line!

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During the Kosovo crisis the brethren have been a big help with the various humanitarian aid projects in that area, as well as ministering to the refugees—their knowledge of the Albanian language made them invaluable witnesses, and their willingness to work hard made them a very appreciated team-force for any project.

They are very on board with the *Activated* vision and have mass marketing ideas concerning the tools. The challenge they are faced with, however, is the unreliable postal system in Alba-

nia. But they are so willing to do all they can to give the mags to the sheep that they have even considered going out themselves and delivering the mags personally to their mailboxes. Please pray for that aspect of their work as well.

And here is a plug for more laborers ... FEMALE this time, ha! Girls, that's your women's paradise—as the main characteristic of the CM population as well as live-outs and catacombers is the great predominance of handsome, hot, loyal, sincere and most importantly single men! But the requirement is to be willing to give your life to reach the lost for Jesus!

## Healing hearts in Kosovo

BY OASIS HOME

Here in war-torn Kosovo, many young people are very hungry for the Word, so we have been having very inspiring Bible studies weekly for students from our local school. There are 10 regulars but we have had as many as 17 attending the Bible study. We also have a weekly "*Activated* English Club" of 30 young people aged 15-18 where we have discussion groups, songs, games, and skits for three hours every Saturday.

We also conduct childcare seminars for teachers and animators who are working in remote areas around the





country. NGOs have come to us, asking us to hold seminars for young people from the different ethnic groups, to help them learn to work together. We have done 50 programs for children who are traumatized, handicapped, or simply in need of encouragement, several of which have been aired on the local TV. We also staged five youth concerts when the EAST Studio band visited last summer.

*(Editor: More on the MO site! Don't miss it!)*

## Bosnia still exploding

BY STAND HOME

Along with Stefan and Fay (our precious nationals), who have a big part in feeding the sheep, we are building a national church by ministering to seven live-outs and close sheep; about 17 sheep who are saved and getting regular fellowship and Word; about 30 potential sheep and close friends, as well as over 80 contacts and friends who receive some form of lit.

After having performed a series of Mine Awareness programs in coordination with IPTF (UN police) and SFOR at schools, we were asked to help with Drug Prevention programs which we are continuing this year in cooperation with the Bosnian Red Cross. We're helping them in their distribution of basic needs to the poor and are beginning a vocational Children's Club.

Our Home has been doing many performances for

children in schools, orphanages and centers for the handicapped and other institutions in all ethnic areas of Bosnia. Many souls get saved during these shows! We also do regular concerts for the SFOR troops near Sarajevo with our newly formed band.

We regularly visit two main Kosovar refugee camps in order to do follow-up, distribution of aid, shows and activities for the children. We have many good friends and some precious sheep in both camps.

Open Broadcast Network TV station (reaching 4 million) is showing the *Treasure Attic* shows (all 26 titles in Bosnian) plus *Countdown to Armageddon* (in Bosnian) and plan to broadcast *The Final Stand* and *Beyond Armageddon* in the near future. Kiss TV (reaching 700,000) has broadcast several TAs, as well as *The Final Stand* twice, and now are showing the whole TA series.

## Montenegro

BY DAWN CRO

Although we don't yet have a resident Home here, Family teams have been holding English clubs over the last year. They advertise these six-week clubs as an opportunity for young people to practice their English, which usually attracts about 30 kids from 16-21 years whom they would then witness to and lead to the Lord.

*(Editor: Find out more developments with the ex-*

*citing new open doors the Lord has provided on the MO site!)*

## Re-pioneering Bulgaria

BY ROSA VS

This is the third time that the Family has pioneered Bulgaria, as our work there was closed twice because of persecution. However, in spite of many obstacles, many precious catacombers left the country and joined in other EE countries. The ones who remained have been faithful to continue to witness and be a testimony for Jesus. Last summer one of them, who just recently joined our FM ranks, single-handedly translated four of the latest Family GP tracts, laid them out, provisioned the paper and the printing and gave them out on the coast. GBH!

The main flock we have in Bulgaria are our mail ministry outside witnesses who are spread throughout the country; over the years they have been the main force distributing our Family literature in places where the Family has never gone and where "angels fear to tread."

The team working to strengthen our Bulgarian sheep consists of two couples (both being an SGA married to a Bulgarian national). Their main goal is to follow up on and reach these MM sheep and establish and strengthen them as our national work. Both the goals and the methods of the Bulgarian work now are quite different from years past, when the emphasis used to be a lot on sowing the seed fast and in big quantities; now seems to be the time of quiet plodding and farming, tending to and strengthening of our flocks.

## Grapes of thankfulness

Much of the work and projects here in the EE would not be possible without the help and support of

some very wonderful provisioning teams in Austria, Sweden and Switzerland. These teams (usually couples who have been dedicated to the ministry) spend countless hours on the phone provisioning the many needs, and at times even hearts' desires of our precious missionaries on the EE field.

We've all benefited from their daily sacrifice and labors of love, and the Lord has abundantly supplied and rewarded them (and us) for their faithfulness in following up on the sweet contacts who have been encouraged to help regularly as a result. Literally tons of children's clothes and shoes for needy institutions as well as our own little ones, baby buggies, hospital equipment, pallets of paper for our printing projects, miscellaneous food products, and countless other items have been donated to the work!

So we'd like to say a heartfelt thanks and show our sincere appreciation to these wonderful people for all that they do to keep us warmed and fed (literally). Many of the ministries and projects in these countries wouldn't be possible without their faithfulness and sacrifice! God bless them!!!

## Plug for more laborers!

As you can see, Eastern Europe is hopping and we've only begun to scratch the surface! We have so many open doors and for anyone who wants to do follow-up, personal witnessing, CTPs, disciple winning, etc., the possibilities here are endless! It is not impossible to work out visas either, and for most countries long-term visas are fairly easy to obtain. So if you are interested in helping us to reap this mighty harvest field for the Lord, please write today! We're looking forward to hearing from you!

## OVERVIEW OF WESTERN EUROPE

BY GALLIO AND NAOMI

There are about 80 CM Homes in Western Europe at this time. The number fluctuates, because people come from other fields for different reasons—maybe their visas are expired or they need to take care of paperwork, so Homes open up for six months to a year and then they end up going back to the field again. So there's a lot of movement and fluctuation, but the number has pretty much stayed between 75 or 80 Homes for quite a number of years now.

We also have about 155 FM Homes in Western Europe, and many of them are very active. So that increases our ability to get out the Word. With both CM and FM Homes combined, there are around 230 Homes in Western Europe. England and Italy tie for having the most Homes, and Iceland and Luxembourg for the least.

Our Homes in Western Europe are a big blessing to those on poorer mission fields, both by their faithful financial giving, as well as with many of them opening their Homes and hearts to those who go to the West for fundraising, or taking care of business and other legal matters. We admire our precious Family who so freely give of themselves, their time and finances to help those on the mission field. God bless them!

### France

The Homes in France have been organizing fellowships every three months for some time now. They didn't have VSs for a number of years, so they just got together and organized their own fellowships and elected their own people to take care of the different aspects of the work. The fellowships have increased their unity, and have been a blessing to everyone!

Within the last few years, they've put together a French studio, resurrecting the old French studio, and for the first time in five or six years, producing a new music CD. Now they have *Coloring the World* in French on CD that they're distributing. Compared to some areas, this may not sound like a very big accomplishment, but for us, it was really encouraging, as they produced the CD with very little help. They just got together and put their time and effort into it, and they did a fantastic job!

### VS and other Service ministries

Andreas and Kitty were appointed as VSs for Italy and Greece about a year and a half ago. We had been searching for VSs for that area for ages, and the Lord laid it on Andreas and Kitty's hearts to help out with VSing. They, along with another Italian couple, Samuele and Lily, are reviving the Italian PPC. At

the last minute, they translated and put together a couple of new Christmas CD cards. They did it on a whistle and a song, and went out there and got things rolling. So, we're really excited as it looks like things are blossoming in Italy again.

Of course, we are very thankful for our wonderful VSs in Spain, Miguel and Esther, who have been faithfully laboring in that field for many years. And not to forget VSs Peter and Rose in the UK, and Mary Meek in the Benelux area. Peter and Rose, along with Tito, operate our European *Activated* Desk for Europe and Africa, and have been faithfully pioneering this ministry for over two years now, firmly establishing the work, GBT!

### Provisioning Homes and other activities

There are a number of Homes in Western Europe who devote their time—either part or in full—to provisioning for the Homes in the EE and Russia. There's a Home in Sweden, a Home in Switzerland, a Home in Austria, as well as a Home in Norway that devote a lot of their time to provisioning. They provision everything from food to clothing, shoes, transportation, and have been a big blessing, especially to the Homes and various CTP projects in Eastern Europe and Russia.

We have some very active witnessing Homes in the

West who have a number of catacombers and live-outs they are ministering to—and they're winning new disciples! There are also some bands and singing groups who are winning many through the shows they do, both in their area, as well as in various surrounding countries or through the media.

There are other active Homes and ministries throughout Western Europe which we don't have time to cover here, but we admire and are thankful for all our precious brothers and sisters who give their all to serving Him in Western Europe.

### Help wanted

The office part of the work in EURCRO—stats, finances, comments and suggestions, CVC, some FED-related work, communications with the field, taking care of 180 FM Homes, as well as shepherding of the 80 Western European CM Homes—is handled by three full-time office personnel and one part-time office worker. They all do a very good job and are such a big blessing, but we have a very big need for ANOTHER SECRETARY. So, if anyone has a burden, or knows someone with a burden, please write us today! We could also use a handyman, driver, and business person, too, to help with the running of the office Home.



## OVERVIEW OF AFRICA

BY LISA AND OLI

(Editor: Snippets of testimonies with no author credited have been compiled by Lisa and Oli, from the local Homes' reports.)

We now have 65 Homes in Africa in 25 countries, totaling 585 Family members, half of which are children.

There is lots to do. We have four national churches that we are really proud of, and they are growing by leaps and bounds. One of our goals for the next year is to have many more.

Getting literature to the Homes has been a monumental challenge and something that still have to work hard on. Please pray for this as the conditions in Africa don't make it easy for the Homes to get the lit they need. We have two PPCs in Africa—one in South Africa and one in Ghana, but we have difficulty getting the lit/tools from the PPCs to the individual countries. It's not impossible, but it is a big challenge.

*Activated* has had a very warm welcome in Africa. The books are received so well. We are praying to be able to work it out for some of our outside witnesses to sell the *Activated* books and make their living from it. Please pray this can get rolling!

## LOOK AT THE FED

BY JOY, HUNGARY

In the EE we have a lot of new parents with very young children that need basic training in parenting, the "how tos" of home schooling, and they also need educational materials. We held a number of childcare workshops recently, starting with one in Hungary, and then holding a similar workshop for the other countries in the EE and the NEAT areas, using the videos and the material from the first one.

When we prayed about

## Sudan

We made our first scouting trip into Sudan this last year. (Editor: Read more exciting details in a soon-coming FSM!)

## Congo

We visited the capital of Congo three years back on a scouting trip, but this year we were able to make a 24-hour trip into the eastern part and in that short time the Lord opened up many doors for us to set up national churches. (Editor: Read more exciting details in a soon-coming FSM!)

## Angola

We just had another pioneer team go into Angola. It's so, so fruitful and sheepy. It's a beautiful country. (Editor: Read more exciting details in a soon-coming FSM!)

## Zimbabwe book fair

Another inspiration this past year was the Zimbabwe book fair that John from Aurora, Peter from *Activated*, Esther from the South Africa PPC, and myself (Oli) went to. The people are so hungry for the Word, for the Bible, and also for the *Activated* books and the real heavy stuff.

## Kampala, Uganda

FROM THE AFRICA RADIO MINISTRY TEAM

Our radio show *Nu Beat* is now on five radio stations in Uganda, also reaching parts

what to cover in these workshops the Lord led us to keep things simple. We took the attending mommies step by step through the basics of how to care for and train our little ones, beginning with when they're babies, to toddlers. We showed them how to make planners for their schooling, how to make flash cards, along with the basics of teaching reading, writing and arithmetic, etc. We printed several hundred pages of basic educational material for small children and gave them



of Sudan, Congo and Kenya.

(Editor: Check out the full testimony in this GV, in the Legal and Media section.)

## The Gambia, West Africa

Sinet Project: Upriver, about five hours outside the city, we are working on renovating a rundown building that is being used as a Jr. Secondary school. The teachers (all Christian Sierra Leone refugees) are all *Activated* members.

Sierra Leone Refugee Project: There are 5000 urban refugees in The Gambia. Our ministry is one of encouragement, crisis counseling, recommending when treatment is necessary, family assistance, etc. We have a group of Sierra Leone refugees who meet weekly for fellowship, inspiration, prayer and studying the Word. We have one couple with a baby who would like to be active Live-

out disciples. We need to open a second Home here, so we need to split up, and bring in more personnel—there's so much to do here if you have the burden!

## Nigeria

We've been doing a lot of personal witnessing and have won three disciples in the last few years. Now with the *Activated* vision picking up, we have about 30 paid subscribers as well as other sponsored ones.

The three Homes in Nigeria participate in monthly week-long medical projects where 2-4,000 people are treated. We help to supply the food for the volunteers, as well as assisting in any way we can.

## Guinea

Guinea is a French speaking, predominantly Muslim country that has been under communist influence and

to each attendee with some examples of how to use this material, to help our new moms get started. We also gave out notes from each of the classes.

The reactions we've gotten from this workshop have been very positive. One mom who lives in a Home quite far away from other Homes wrote saying that after she got home she was pretty busy for a while so hadn't gotten into what we had covered at the workshop. When she finally did get back into the school-

ing of her child, she said she had forgotten a lot of what we had covered and felt at a loss until she dug out the notes from the workshop, and was so thankful that we had given such clear notes along with the educational materials pack. She studied it again and it all came back to her, and she was able to set up her child's schooling.

Another thing that we have tried in Hungary—and we'd like to get it going in other countries as well—is having regular moms' fel-

opened up to the West only in recent years. We pioneered the first Home here two years ago and our main ministry has been to the refugees from Sierra Leone and Liberia, which numbered more than 500,000 at the peak of conflict in the region. We regularly take trips to different camps, do musical programs and skits, teach Bible classes and help the refugees with their physical needs. With the translation of the *Activated* magazine into French we are making great advances in reaching the youth and students of Guinea.

After several fruitful witnessing pushes into Freetown we have now a small number of solid *Activated* members in Sierra Leone.

### Togo (A new frontier in Africa)

BY JOH, AFRICA

Tatiana, our 11-year-old daughter, Milcah (my wife) and I have been invited to sing on national TV three



lowships and kids' fellowships. These don't take a lot of time to organize as we've kept them to one afternoon. We've held a couple so far and the reactions have been very positive. The moms' fellowship provides a special time for the moms to get together and talk about their kids, as some lack an opportunity to fellowship much with other moms since many of them live in small Homes. Even though many of the Homes are close by, there's often not much fellowship because

times. On invitation from the director, we sang in the French Cultural Center. Then we were asked by a local NGO to write, compose and sing on a Pan African video for the children's plight in Africa. We were also offered to do a CD with some local musicians for a very low cost. If you are interested in one please write us!

### Maputo, Mozambique

Our team has been in this Portuguese-speaking country for just over two years now. The Lord blessed us with a national disciple after only a few months, Daniel, who is faithfully serving the Lord.

Examples of CTPs we are or have been involved in are: 1) teaching English to a group of physically handicapped adults; 2) participating in AIDS awareness programs for children; 3) We have consistently helped a center for boys as well as one for girls and an orphanage for abandoned children and babies with provisioned food and clothing. 4) An on-going ministry for the past year has been at the cancer ward of the largest hospital in the country.

With the help of the young people we have made quite a few Africanized illus-

everyone is so busy. So having the opportunity to share tips and testimonies was great. During these get-togethers, we also have prayer for the children.

At the kids' fellowship we invited the parents to come with their children and help them participate in whatever activities we provided. Now we have formed a committee to organize kids' fellowships, so DV, they will happen regularly.

We've also set up seven video lending libraries for

trations for the Bible stories that we tell. *Contáto (Activated)* goes out well here, with both Christians and Moslems subscribing.

### Durban, South Africa

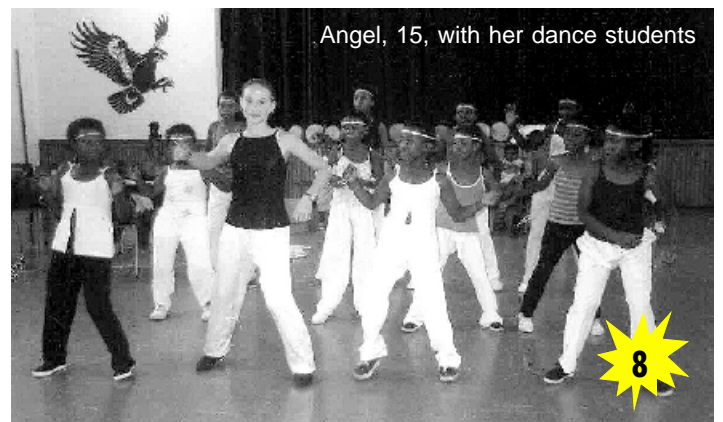
Since December 2000, we've held four beach camps for underprivileged kids. We've had over 400 kids attend the camps, with about a total of 350 souls won. Each of the camps lasts for three days, and includes underprivileged children from all over Durban.

### Arusha, Tanzania

FROM NINA, MARTIN, SEBASTIAN, ESTHER AND HOME

We work in an international school here in Arusha, Tanzania, as the administrator, principal and teachers for nursery, kindergarten and first grade.

We held two power-packed seminars this year at a Christian college. Each lasts for one week and an average of 80 village and city teachers attend.



the EE and NEAT area. We try to upgrade our libraries with 20 new videos every few months, so the Homes can have new videos available.

We're also working on getting educational books and materials from England to send to each of the Homes. It's often difficult to get good educational books in English in the EE, so having these books coming from England from time to time has helped to fill a big need. Dear Rose (of Peter) at the *Activated* desk has been going around to

Our Christian friends host an intensive two-year college course for pastors from East Africa. Nina has been teaching college credit courses on Child Development, a Christian approach to early learning Christian Education. What these pastors are learning will go with them and affect thousands of children in remote areas that we would never be able to reach.

### Cape Town, South Africa

(Photo below) Pictured here is Angel, 15, with her 12 dance students from the worst slums of Cape Town who learned to do it the Family way in a presentation for the World Conference on Religions. Afterward they had requests from around their community to dance at other functions.

For the past 3½ years, we have had regular CTP projects in Khayelitsha's townships, including one with the children, teaching them Bible sto-

Angel, 15, with her dance students



ries, drama and songs.

Leyland, Spring, Francis, and Julia also had weekly Bible studies with teenagers there who have been receiving the *Activated* magazine, and we have been going through the *12 Foundation Stones* Course with them.

## Zambia

Being in Zambia is a blast. We have one new disciple with a second one doing his six-month babes' course. We've been here for almost two years and with the Lord's supply we have built a three-room school, a brick double-toileted bathroom, and have dug a well. We bought a plot for school expansion. Two hundred and thirty children receive free schooling with provisioned schools supplies and the Lord has been supplying the teachers' salaries.

Bi-monthly medical camps in the school building are conducted with the help of a volunteer doctor and donated medicine. The Lord's supply of fruit, veggies and cornmeal has made it possible to give food to the compound families and the many that come to our house.

## Kenya

FROM ANDREW, HEIDI, MARTIN AND MICHAEL

We (Andrew and Heidi) came to Nairobi six years ago. Nairobi is a very ethnically diverse city, with expatriates from England, Italy, Germany, the States, and all over the world. There is a large Indian business community in Kenya.

Two and a half years ago, the Lord showed us to start a dance troupe. With encouragement from the Lord, as well as the local Asian community, we started to incorporate more of an Indian flavor in our singing and dancing.

Since we started "Becoming One" (we sing and dance in English, Swahili, Hindi, Punjabi, Spanish, Arabic, Turkish and even Chinese), we've been to Dubai, England, India, and even Rwanda once as well! This is a blessing, as fundraising in Africa can sometimes be trying, and can have its limits. This frees us to concentrate on feeding our sheep and follow-up.

Pray for us, as the Lord is starting to open up the doors for two of the singers to cut a CD in Hindi/Punjabi.

We are also involved in two very active CTPs. The

first involves delivering over a ton of food every week to various street children's homes and orphanages around Nairobi. The other CTP that we are involved in is organizing free medical camps.

## Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania

FROM STEPHEN, MARY AND MARK

We have different individuals and families that we follow-up on regularly, using our evenings and weekends, including family day. We couldn't wait till we had time to follow-up; we just started making appointments, taking the kids along with us. We have 10 children in our Home ages 14 and under, with five of them being ages five and under. So it's quite a testimony for people to see them and us in action!

## Madagascar

FROM PAUL AND CHARITY

A few months ago, a prominent local businesswoman told us she had been sponsoring a local detention and rehabilitation center for delinquent teen boys, and asked us if there was something we could do to teach Christian values to these young people. There are 60 teen boys ranging from 14 to 19 years old who are there for petty crimes. During our

weekly visits, we read something on the subjects of love, faith or prayer, which our close friend Vohangy translates in Malagasy.

After a few visits, the director told us he was impressed to see that his young inmates seemed very interested in our Bible classes, and we were the first Christian group who didn't not draw a bored response from these boys. Within the space of a month, all the teens had prayed to receive the Lord.

## Capetown, South Africa

The *Fax of Life* continues to be a blessing to many every Monday morning. Anthony has written and sent off a *Fax* for the last four years now and we are up to number 205! We receive support and help from many of the fax recipients because they are getting fed faithfully whether we are in personal contact or not.

We continue to supply bread, fruit, vegetables and clothing to two townships here. We deliver a minimum of half a metric ton of food weekly to help feed around 500 children every day. These children receive Sunday school training each day before their meal and are considered the poorest of the poor. Just this month we also delivered around \$6,000 worth of clothing and shoes that we collected from different stores.

## Johannesburg, South Africa

BY RACHEL, OF GIDEON

We started the Mustard Seed Project in 1999, and now have approximately 15 women, from full to part time, involved in growing food and they are there at the site almost every day.

We also run Bible studies in one of the Wendy Houses with about 15-20 people. The feeding scheme that we run involves a list of 70 malnourished children, 30 old people and we also supply our or-





**Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania**

FROM JONATHAN, MARY AND LYDIA AND KIDS

Since November 1999 we have been working with a center in a slum district on the outskirts of the city. Beginning with a group of 30 unruly little rascals, the project has grown to almost 400 children, who come in three groups for Bible stories, moral development classes and English. We graduate some of the older children to full-fledged Bible studies one afternoon a week.

The Lord raised up sponsors for eight children to go to secondary school who either were orphans or had only one parent. We have also identified 20 families that we help regularly with food and clothing.

Our dear Family, we would like to ask for your faithful support in prayer for the work in Africa, and for the different pioneer efforts launched. The need is so great and so much can be done—we need a lot of miracles! Will you help us make them come to pass? We need you and your prayers!

**Senegal**

The clown shows have progressed tremendously

since coming to Senegal. It's now become a clown/puppet show, and the kids always clamor for "La Ribambelle" clown troupe.

The singing trio "Crescendo" (Sabine, Jana and Abi) made their debut at the Meridien Hotel last year. They continue to witness through music almost everyday. We have people come to the house; they've been invited to cocktail parties, diplomatic circles, cultural centers, churches, as well as being invited by the prime minister to sing for his daughter's wedding. They continue to get high billing amongst the best in Senegal.

Our local CTP working with poor street children from the institution "The Daara of Malika" continues to make forward progress. Last year we were able to have a successful summer camp for over 100 of the poorest of the poor children in Dakar.

We've been able to launch youth outreach programs in two main universities in Dakar and St. Louis, and give many Bible classes to the students. We are also meeting more locals in this predominantly Muslim country that are interested in Jesus.

phanage crèche of 35 children with two meals a day. We teach literacy classes to the unemployed women, the mentally handicapped, for beginners and for improvers, with an average of 18 people in each class.

We have set up the first and only library in Diepsloot, which is open for all to use. The library includes books collected from all sorts of people; it also includes Bible story books and the *Heaven's Library* books.

**Johannesburg, South Africa**

We are a small Home situated in Kempton Park, on the eastern side of the crime capital of the world, Johannesburg. This is supposed to be the most violent place on earth outside of an actual warzone.

Our main ministry for the past four years has been to the inmates that crowd the coun-

tries prisons. A dedicated team is engaged two days a week at Leeuwkop Correctional Prison, bringing religious care, leadership training, counseling and friendship to the inmates, with wonderful results! We are currently operational in three of the sections at Leeuwkop, the Juvenile Medium B. Section, Med. A and Med. C sections.

Here is a statement of one of the inmates: "I am more free now in prison with Jesus than when I was outside without Him." The inmates coming to our classes are already hearing from the Lord in prophecy, they know and have a very good grasp of the Endtime, and they have the vision to reach the world with the Gospel. We have a number of ex-inmates who have come back into the prisons with us to give their testimonies. Many are also preaching the Gospel in the areas that they live in.



*(Editors: There is so much more that our energetic Family in Africa is doing, and we were very sad that due to space constraints we had to substantially edit down the totally far-out testimonies and updates you've just read. However, the good news is that you can read more exciting details for almost every country listed on the MO site today! Don't miss those extra juicy and fascinating details!—And there are TONS of pictures too!)*

**CAPTION CORNER**

- 1 ..... Cephas and Steven (l-r) after the show
- 2 ..... Gabe and Eman—Kosovo
- 3 ..... Peace and Angie with a Peacekeeper—Bosnia
- 4 ..... Peter clowning at a hospital—Hungary
- 5 ..... Julie and Mark as clowns—Kosovo
- 6 ..... Having a BBQ—Gambia
- 7 ..... At a rehabilitation center—Mozambique
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- 12 ..... Literacy classes for the handicapped

# Significant e-mails for April 2001

[Note from Cassie, for the e-mail answering team: All of these e-mail messages have been answered, and if the individual requested contact with a local Home, his or her e-mail has been forwarded to the area or Home closest to him or her.]

**Ray** – Hi. I've been reading about The Family on the Internet. First I read some bad stuff, and I finally found your official website. I believe that some people out there want to suppress us from finding out about Christ, the real Christ, unless it's through their own channels. Anyway, I think the Family is doing some great work, especially overseas (from what I see on your site). I've been to SE Asia, and I know the poverty there. I think you should keep up the work, and remember how Christ Himself was persecuted!

P.S.: I am not a Christian, but believe in what He stands for.

**Steinunn, Iceland** – I recently learned about your organization via friends who heard of Icelandic siblings volunteering in India. I am a Christian who would like to help. I would like the opportunity to volunteer my time and talents to help orphans and other in need in India. May I? And if so, how? Could I do so for a year or so, or do you require your volunteers to do this for a lifetime?

**Kudzi, Zimbabwe, Africa** – I found your pamphlet on my co-worker's desk. ... When I was reading it, I asked myself some questions and I can't seem to come up with answers. I used to think I was religious, but for the past four years, my faith has been shortcoming. Do you have any literature that could help me find my way back again, because I feel I cannot resolve whatever angers and resentments I carry by myself. ... Can I get to know God again??

**Marg, Australia** – Hi. I just chanced on your website. Many, many years ago, like in the late '70s, I spent some time

in Melbourne and in Adelaide and had contact with the Family then. My little girl (now grown, but still a little girl because she is one of those God has chosen to be an eternal child) has worn out the tapes.

Happy Family songs by the kids then with "Little Things," "In the Land of Not Too Much," "Love Ain't Trying To Be" and so on. Any chance they are on archive somewhere? That music has helped us through some tough days. Both Kylie and I loved the people, music and whole thing of the COG as it was then. But work meant losing touch when I went away to work "outback" on a cattle property. Thanks for reading this and be assured we follow the lifestyle as always.

**Olivia** – I am a mother of two with one on the way and am looking for a community to live on and raise my children on. Are you accepting people at this time and what are the requirements? I am a very good worker, honest, kind, and willing to learn. I also have a strong longing for God's Word.

**Mark, Canada** – Hi. I am interested in finding out more about your organization. Do you have any centers in Canada? I may be interested in joining, or at least helping out doing some volunteer work. I am as yet undecided about my own religious beliefs, but from reading your site I gather you do a lot of work with the needy, which I admire. I can't help out with a donation, as I am in school right now, but I could possibly do volunteer work.

**Maggie, Africa** – Please could I have more information on God's love. I would like to learn about God's love.

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**Check the MO site today for "Tons More Significant E-mails for April 2001."**

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## former members getting in touch

**Steven** – It's been about five years since I last had any contact with you. I grew up in the Family and had a great time. So many people that have left have so much negative to say and I just want to say that I think it's all garbage. I guess what I want to say is thanks for a great childhood, and if I could I'd like to thank some individuals that I never got a chance to thank. First, **Solomon**, the one on all the *Kiddie Viddies* (I can't believe that I remembered that). You were the greatest. You directed me so well.

**Katrina**, his wife, thank you for treating me like one of yours. **Steven**, that summer when I landed in Guadalajara, boy, you helped change my life. **Arthur**, you're still the biggest man I know and the kindest teacher. Last but not least, I'd like to mention two others of which I spent more time battling against, but nonetheless admired, **Dust** and **Marc**. They were big shepherds. I just want to say thanks.

**Bob, California** – I still love the Family and the Lord and strive to follow in the direction of His guidance. I look back on my years in the Family mostly with fondness and thank the Lord for taking me to places I could never have entered without Him and to become as family with so many precious brothers and sisters, I

surely miss the sweet spirit of togetherness and unity of love.

(Later:) I think I mentioned in my last e-mail that I needed to feel more useful and be a blessing to someone and/or some family and even though my home is open for anyone to come for a temp visit, I want to do more. I have talents of cooking, repair, cleaning and gardening that could be put to good use in some large Family Home who might need someone like me. The Lord has shown me to rejoin the Family first, then after that I know He will show me what's next.

**Luc, Canada** – I am 47. I lived with the Family from Dec '71 to July '78. As mentioned in my e-mails, I was a line haul driver of semi-trucks which allowed me the privilege of traveling the USA and Canada almost in its entirety distributing *Mountain Streams* version of the MLs everywhere by the thousands.

**Donna T.** – Hello, I'm one of those California hippies from many years ago. I was with the Family in around 1980

or so. I just recently contacted somebody who knew about the Web site. Good Web site! I was just wondering if there is a directory of old members that would like to get in touch with each other. I only know Family names or first names, but I truly would like to thank some of the people who helped to show me a whole new life. My Family name was Faith, I wrote the song "Love Is the Name of the Game"—I had heard it sung by others, but I don't know if it is still around. I was in Austria and Scotland with Tabitha and Justin, I sang with Isaac and Timothy (from Norway). Then I was in Mexico with some crazy fun English girls—but I can't remember their names. I don't suppose there are any graying brothers or sisters that knew me? Well, I'm still close to God, open to the Spirit and trying to help others to see Him. My experience with the Family was responsible for tremendous change in me; from scared and neurotic to joyous, free and a helper of neurotics. God bless and keep the "faith." (Contact Donna via: [family@thefamily.org](mailto:family@thefamily.org).)

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# Pray!

## Asia

**Esther** (of James): Three vertebrae connected to her skull are misaligned and are constricting the spinal cord, causing blackouts, numbness and pain in her hands and legs.

**Akemi** (of John): Fibroid tumor in uterus.

**Claire Emily** (18): Scoliosis, eye pains.

**Daniella Joy** (SGA): A dozen cysts on fallopian tubes.

**Precious Willing**: Swollen tonsils and adenoids in her nose, causing breathing difficulties.

**Paul**: Over-active thyroid.

## South America

**Amy** (6, of Simón and Magdalena): Growths in neck.

## Europe and Africa

**Steven Cyrus** (child of Eleonora): Anemia.

# reax from you

## Magdalena (13), USA

Dear Stephen, Juan, and Abner, The GNs that recently came out—"New Era Humility," "Changed Man" and "Being Recreated" were very inspiring. It's so neat to see how you guys so humbly let your weaknesses be known to the whole Family so that we can all benefit. I personally could relate to them quite a bit. I just wanted to say thanks for being such a good sample of someone who is wrong and willing to change and accept the correction that they receive from others. I love you all tons, and want to be able to be as humble as you.

## Rosita (18), USA

I love the screen savers that you can download from the MO site! I saw it for the first

time yesterday. It's beautiful! That's all I can say! Each quote is perfect and so rightly fitted to its picture. Thanks to all of you unseen, unsung, unheard of wonderful people. I really appreciate it! It's so much more inspiring to sit in front of the computer in between things with deep, uplifting Heavenly minded tidbits rather than some other kind of systematized, computerized screen. You made my day!

## Catherine, Brazil

The recent GNs on the lessons that leadership are learning are marvelous, and really help us to see more clearly how we should be applying the New Wine in our lives. The Spirit of the Lord is moving very deeply in the

**Marie-Claire** (21, of Paul and Charity): Will undergo a heart operation after having two heart attacks.

**Liberty (of David)**: Stricture of the small intestine causing bowel blockage.

**David Newheart**: Chronic jaw infection and continual fatigue.

## Answered Prayers

**Paul and Joy, India**: Timmy's ear and hearing capacity has been improving steadily and he is slowly able to hear and respond when we talk to him.

**Ezra and Abi, India**: We want to sincerely thank our dear, sweet Family around the world for their prayers for Ezra's asthma and Abi's arthritis in her hand. We are both healed! TTL!

**Love Rejoice, Vietnam**: Thanks for your prayers; my back is not as painful as it used to be. Where would we be without our wonderful Family's prayers?

Family now. We were just discussing the fact that we have to follow these lessons in order to not make the same mistakes with our sheep. They call us all the time and ask us to make decisions for them. If we aren't prayerful, we'll start giving answers instead of leading them to the Lord in prayer, teaching them how to get answers on their own and then coming for godly counsel and confirmation afterwards. So these GNs are very helpful in showing us specifically how the Lord wants us to think and act with our sheep and not take burdens upon ourselves unnecessarily, thus getting lifted up in pride only to come crashing down again at some point. We appreciate you sharing your lessons with us, CROs.

# Mama Jewels

## On ... yielding to the Lord's will

### Mama's secretary story

—told over the intercom to an SGA

*(Talking about a newcomer to WS helping with secretarial work:)* You know, I used to be a secretary too! But I had quit my System job and had made the decision to drop out and serve the Lord and join the Family. I was going to witness. I was forsaking all and I thought I'd never see another typewriter in my life, and was very happy about it. I was off and away!

Just one hour into the drive leaving my home in Arizona, while in the van with Mother Eve, Hosea, Jeff and Faithy, Mother Eve said, "Honey, you're a secretary, aren't you?"

I said, "Well, I was."

She said, "Oh, we really need a secretary!"

My heart sank. I thought, *Oh no! Here I'm forsaking all, leaving everything behind—going to serve the Lord—and now they're trying to pull me back into the job that I had. I definitely don't want to do this!*

I was already feeling so bad leaving home for the first time in my life permanently. I was already feeling sad about leaving my parents. I missed them so much already. Then on top of that came this! If I had been only 10 minutes away from my home, I probably would have said, "Let's turn around and go back!" But it was too late.

So then I did some secretarial work for Jethro, and soon after that Dad asked me to be his secretary. Now if I hadn't done that and if I hadn't been willing to go back to being a secretary, even though it wasn't my preference, it wouldn't have accomplished the Lord's plan. Now I'm not a secretary anymore, but that was how the Lord gave me my calling in life, by starting me out as a secretary.

I was telling our newcomer that story, with the moral being: If it's hard for you to do a certain type of work or it's not your favorite, don't worry about it. Just trust the Lord, yield, and as you do, you'll learn a lot, and the Lord will probably give you the opportunity to change ministries down the line or will give you the grace and the anointing to stick to that one.

# QNA

## Blade in a book?

**Q, from the field**: My older kids really like to read the *Blade* and they want these mags in a book-type format (similar to *FJWL*). Is there a possibility?

**A, from *Blade* editor**: It's possible that sometime in the future, once we have amassed a significant amount of published *Blade* messages, that we will then print them in a single book. In the meantime, perhaps you may want to keep all your *Blade* mags in a folder or ring binder, so they're all in one place. GBY!

# entertainment

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## Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up

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### BLOW (2001)

Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz

Based on the true story of George Jung, an all-American boy, who became the leading drug smuggler of the Colombian Medellin cartel in the 1970s, and brought cocaine to mainstream America.

*(Dad:)* This movie is an interesting look into this man and his lifestyle, but it's sad how it almost makes him out to be the victim.—That's backwards. He had a good father who loved him and tried so hard to train him right and they had a good loving relationship, yet the son still chose to go his own way down the path of Hell, knowing how much it would hurt his dear father. That was pure selfishness. It was cruel to his poor father. The mother was another story and certainly didn't earn his respect or even love, but the fact that he had someone [his father] so special to hold on to him and pray for him and try so hard to help him, and yet he just flaunted his evil life in his face, was so sad.

The story itself wasn't so off. He had some tough times and tried to pull out of them a few times, so you can sympathize with that, but the fact that it ends with you practically feeling sorry for him just isn't right. You never see the results of his actions in bringing drugs into the U.S. This man was an instrument of the Enemy, used by Satan to propagate that terrible, terrible drug life.

God help the poor innocents who find this array of wonder drugs at their fingertips because of men like him. Put out a warning with this movie. Let people know that it's only half the story, or less. The other half is the sordid tale of death and ruined lives and families that resulted from this influx of drugs. Drugs have changed the face of the nation and not for the better, either.

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## Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

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### SAVE THE LAST DANCE (2001)

Julia Stiles, Sean Patrick Thomas

A promising young dancer loses her mother and comfortable lifestyle. She moves in with her father, a musician, in a mostly black, gritty neighborhood, where she develops new friendships and renews her love for dancing.

*(Jesus:)* This movie contains some insight into life in the ghetto, and what many people in the world today face in a society that does

not keep Me in the center of their lives.

This film shows the depths to which discouragement can bring you—where hardness of heart and holding on to bitterness and a tough attitude can lead. It also shows what the power of encouragement can do—what friendship, love, understanding and standing up for what's right can do. It highlights the importance of personal decisions and how one's choices shape their life.

There are wrong attitudes to be shunned in this movie, but there's also good to be gleaned. Some of the girl's behavior is a bit foolish and naïve, considering the circumstances she's in, and on the overall it's a bit of a "fairy tale," as many such movies are.

There are deeper things than meet the eye, if the viewer is open to asking Me what I have in it for him or her personally during and after viewing it. Though the storyline is simple, though it's predictable and what most folks would say falls under the more typical teen/romance/dance film category, there's a bit more to it than just that.

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### CARMAN: THE CHAMPION (2001)

Carman, Patricia Manterola

A retired boxing champion who's devoted his life to a Christian youth ministry in inner city Los Angeles finds himself forced to re-enter the ring.

*(Jesus:)* This movie was a good way to get across a worthwhile Christian message, in some fairly entertaining packaging. It's not overly religious or preachy, but it's not typical Hollywood either. It's something a little different, and many of you who like sports movies, or movies about interesting and unusual characters, will enjoy it and get something good out of it.

*(Dad:)* Although we in the Family do not use the means to reach people that this fellow Carman does, still he is reaching many with his own unorthodox methods, so he deserves credit for that. Some of the movie may surprise you—to think that a Christian would do this or that, but remember, he's reaching a segment of people who need to see that Christians aren't sissies, they aren't pansies, they aren't weak and namby-pamby string-for-a-backbone types. And I like that! God bless this dear man who is giving his life to reach many with a ministry that some may not like, but which does bear fruit. He's a little bit off the beaten track, just like we are,

so you've got to admire his guts and his ability to buck the status quo in order to get the Word out.

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## Movies Rated for JETTs and Up

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### A KNIGHT'S TALE (2001)

Heath Ledger, Rufus Sewell, Mark Addy

A medieval squire assumes the identity of his master and becomes a favorite in the jousting arena.

*(Jesus:)* This is a fairly straightforward movie. The main character didn't exactly accomplish anything all that great, but at least he learned lessons on real love and how, with enough faith and hard work, he could obtain what he had always wanted. Think about your own life and the things that you want or that you want Me to do for you and apply the same principles. Who can stop a man with faith? No one. Take the example of his strength and determination and use it to help you gain results in your own life.

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## Movies Rated for OCs and Up

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### FLASH (1997)

Lucas Black, Ellen Burstyn, Brian Kerwin

A boy falls in love with a horse named Flash. He gets a job to earn the money to buy the horse, but he's forced to sell him to an unscrupulous trainer when the family falls on hard times. There are a few points that will need to be pow-wowed, but it is a sweet story with a good ending.

*(Jesus:)* It's a horse movie, kids, with fun adventure. Now you don't want to imitate all you see. For example, don't think that you can walk up to a horse you like and talk it into letting you ride it. You can get kicked or seriously injured doing something like that. And don't think you can ride a horse or bicycle across hundreds of kilometers on your own. You need to stay close to your parents and follow their counsel. However, in this case, the boy needed help and no grownups were around. So he rode off to get the help he needed from his dad. He would have had an easier trip if he had accepted the help offered him by some of the people he met, but nevertheless he made it. And it shows how although it looked like he was all alone, the Lord took care of him and got him back together with his dad. It's a fun story, with an encouraging outcome. Enjoy it!

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**The EAST Studio Band is currently with Andrew and Miracle and Home in Kosovo doing a tour of 10 concerts around Kosovo! This is the third year they've visited: 1999 Bosnia, 2000 Bosnia and Kosovo, and this year, Kosovo and Albania.**

**They have already done three of the 10 concerts (with visiting performers Vas and Tim Drummer), and a log of their performances and pix will be coming your way soon. Keep an eye out for it! Don't miss it!**

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## [Homes being upfront]

**SGA CRO, ASCRO:** Something I've noticed recently is that it seems that quite a few battles and trials that new Homes or incoming personnel have with bad Home situations stem from the fact that the receiving Home is not very honest with them about their situation before they arrive, either financially, or with their children and Home standard. It seems that the receiving Homes are quite desperate for personnel and maybe are not that forthright about these things when communicating originally. The end result is that the team going there ends up quite discouraged and disappointed with the situation and even wanting to leave shortly afterwards.

Maybe these initial battles are what will help them make it as a team, and help them be more fruitful in the long run, if they take it to the Lord and let it unite them, but it does seem that it would be love on the part of the existing Home to be more up front about their situation so that the incoming team knows what they are getting into.

## [Weapons fascination]

**Home in Europe:** A sweet family came through our Home with their senior teen boy. This boy, although very sweet, seemed to have a bit of a fascination for weapons, and was carrying all kinds of knives, switchblades, air guns, etc. Of course, our 13-year-old was quick to catch on, and before we knew it he had a toy gun under his mattress that he had bought down at the supermarket. Comparing guns quickly became the new thing, even with visitors and people that we wanted to witness to. Oh dear!

We had a good talk time about it. We powwowed about the teen years being years of decision making, sticking to our convictions, and what kind of disciples the Lord wants us to be. Our sweet son agreed to get rid of this gun. The Enemy is trying to attack our teens in all sorts of ways. He's furiously trying to defeat our young folks by any means he can, so LHM to fight back as to help and keep our precious teens for Him.

## [Their samples sparked my own]

**David (of Ruthie), Taiwan:** I've been recently helping another Home in our city hold an English camp for kids. It's been a lot of fun and a good supporter for the past month. Some YAs from China were invited to help in the camp during the busiest times. Now, I know that not everyone on any field is "together," but I have to say that these girls were some of the best samples I've seen in a long time, adults included. They were so on fire, took initiative, loved the Lord sincerely, practiced and promoted the new weapons. It was wonderful to work with them. Their sample sparked my own. I do have the gift of prophecy and believe in the new weapons

wholeheartedly, but to be honest, I haven't been the best sample of using them consistently. I talked to the girls about my experiences with prophecy and spirit helpers and they listened and told me about theirs. I'd like to make a suggestion that bellwethers like that visit many Homes, not to teach or make reports on others, but just to be a sample. I'm sure it would be contagious and benefit the revolution.

## [Importance of protecting the sheep]

**May\*, Taiwan:** The "China's Hour" GN was so touching and emotional for me to read, as I am a Taiwanese national, and lived in China from 1983 to 1985.

During the big persecution in 1986, my mate and I were the last Family members to leave China, after my mate was released from prison. I still remember the day when the plane took off from Beijing Airport destined for Tokyo. I was crying the whole flight. I poured out my heart to the Lord for the sheep the Family had to leave behind. For the first few years when we lived in Japan, whenever we prayed for China, we'd often break down in tears, pleading with the Lord to keep

them until some day the Lord would open the door for the Family to go in again.

One thing we would like to emphasize for our teams in China is the importance of protecting the Chinese sheep. As a foreigner, the worst thing that can happen to you is that you have to leave the country, or that they will arrest you for a short time and then deport you. At least that is the policy right now. But for local Chinese, persecution can mean losing their job, their reputation, getting a life-long mark on their record. It affects them very severely if they are found to have been associated with you. The police can send them to labor camp without a trial, as happened to some of our sheep at that time. After that they will always have a bad record.

When we got wind of the persecution back then, we went to great lengths to hide our sheep's addresses in the most secure way. I won't go into details here, but clearly that was the thing the police were most interested in and asked my husband about many times. The day after he was arrested [for his missionary activities] they came back to our small apartment and ripped everything apart—even the carpet and some of the furniture—but they didn't find what they were looking for, TTL! After we left China we were able to feed and encourage many of the sheep we had to leave behind. When we left Japan eight years later, we turned the China Mail Ministry over to Chinese Becky.

For the last three years while living in Taiwan, we have been able to take four road trips into China. On each trip we go to great lengths to keep the addresses (of friends we meet) as secure as possible.

(\*Alias used.)

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## help wanted

Dear Family,

We are a **pioneer team in the Punjab, India**. We've found the CLE program the best for our four school-age kids so far but find difficulty acquiring the materials. God bless the Family in Delhi who helps get together lots of books for us. Our struggle is partly the cost and partly distance (we're the only Home in this city).

We'd like to request if anyone could help either with a designated gift, or if you have extra CLE books you don't plan to use (especially 9<sup>th</sup> grade workbooks and textbooks). We need material for grade two and upwards. If there is any possibility, you can e-mail us at [era\\_message@yahoo.com](mailto:era_message@yahoo.com). Thanks for considering our request. We love you. **Gideon and Mercy, Chandigarh, India**

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# Letters to the editor

## Re: A lesson in prophecy (GV#110)

FROM A YA, CHINA

I went through what may have been my most difficult test with prophecy when about a year ago I heard from the Lord about something with a group of small children concerning a Bible story and got it wrong. I didn't know why the Lord had allowed it to happen and I became first bitter, then discouraged! Reading this article in GV#110 shed so much light on why and how it happened. It was so encouraging to know it has happened to others as well.

Thank you for being so open; it was like a touch of the Lord's love to me because until this time I had still tried not to think about it or come before the Lord to show me what had happened. Thank the Lord I have continued using my channel and had just put that particular situation on the shelf. Now I feel renewed confidence that even when wrongs occur that the Lord has a greater overall plan and can bring good from it. Thank you for sharing this, it really is an answer to prayer. I love you!

## now that's funny



### Bad Habit

Two nuns are ordered to paint a room in the convent, and the last instruction of the Mother Superior is that they must not get even a drop of paint on their habits. After conferring about this for awhile, the two nuns decide to lock the door of the room, strip off their habits and paint in the nude. In the middle of the project, there comes a knock at the door.

"Who is it?" calls one of the nuns.

"Blind man," replies a voice from the other side of the door.

The two nuns look at each other and shrug. No harm can come from letting a blind man into the room, they decide, so they open the door.

"Good day, sisters," says the man, "where do you want these blinds?"

## Personals

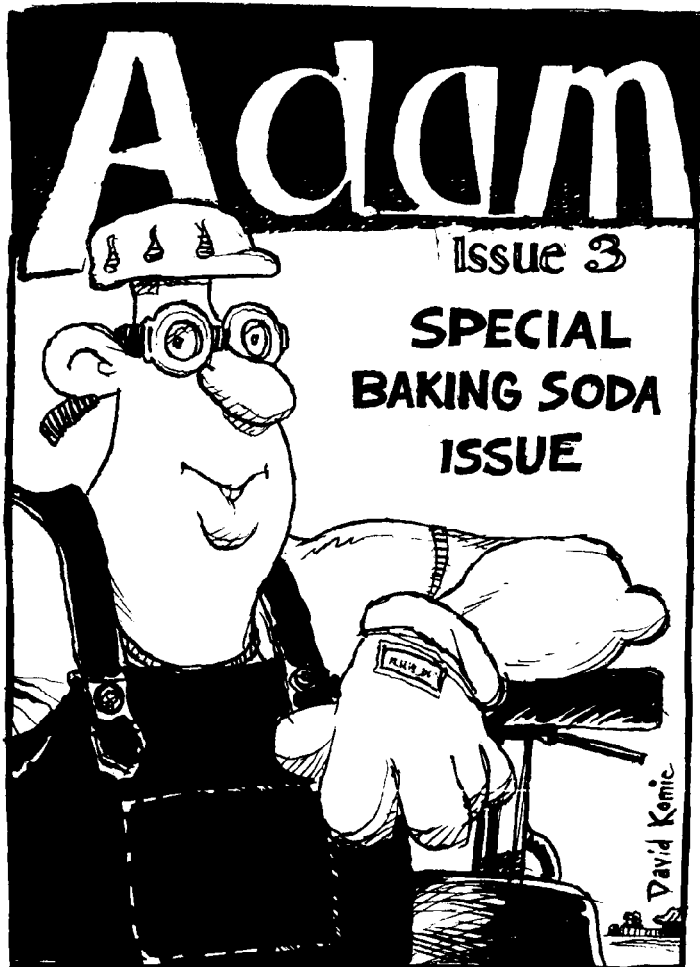
Dear SGA who wrote "Not Enough Men" in Issues #6, please contact the Grapevine editors at gv@wsfamily.com as we have a letter for you.

Chris and Esteban are looking for **Ivan and Mateus** (of Brazilian Maggie). Where are you guys? Please write us at: linkup7@terra.com.br.

Maria (Rute) seeks to get in contact with **Branch (of Vida)**. We lived together in Brazil, Belo Horizonte, 90. My e-mail is: wimmaria@terra.com.br.

From Olivia (14, of Claire, Taiwan). Looking for **Ester (14), Joanna (12), and Marie (16, of Simon and Renee)**. Haven't received communication from you guys in a long while. I want to get back in communication. E-mail me at: Wwaves@pavo.seed.net.tw.

David SGA in Moscow would like to contact: **Tiago and Gentleness, Maria** (Portuguesa), **Miguel SGA** (Peruvian) and **Brisa!** Please write to: kidzbiz@online.ru or to dave\_imboden@yahoo.com. Thanks a lot! Looking forward to hearing from you!



## 1001 GREAT USES FOR BAKING SODA.

1. Wash the handle of your hammer with baking soda.
2. Wash the hammer head with baking soda.
3. Wash all the nails with baking soda.
4. Wipe down all your used baking soda boxes with baking soda.
5. If you are being chased by a fierce dog, throw a box of baking soda at it.
6. Parked on an incline? Place a box of baking soda under the back wheel.

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## Heaven-scope

### TAURUS

You're the kind of guy who does things fairly okay although sometimes you make mistakes but don't feel bad, we all do.

### SAGITTARIUS

Apart from sometimes doing things that aren't really the best, more often than not you're not that bad, all things considered.

### OUR CUTE GALS (Sent in by Oliver of Olivia in Bolivia)

He: What's wrong with the engine?  
She: It's a defect in the oscillating transmission-drive reverberator.

Cover photo: Pneumatic drill at the ready, Eric of Erica in America strikes a thoughtful pose before demolishing the sidewalk in front of his Home.

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