

Determine what specific goal you want to achieve. Then dedicate yourself to its attainment with unswerving singleness of purpose.

Gen-Up ... new pub for OCs!

Are your OCs looking for their pub? The Lord has answered, and there's a new monthly pub, aimed at OCs, but which we're sure will be enjoyed by those older than OCs too.—*Gen-Up!* It contains fresh art styles, fresh layout styles, and of course fresh new Word!

Like *Xn*, this pub is DFO. That way you can prayerfully use this mag or select articles with those you are following up on. Please make sure to ask the Lord and get a confirmation from Him before sharing portions of *Gen-Up* with non-CM/FM friends, relatives, and contacts.

Happy reading and feeding!
Love, your *Gen-Up* team



Coming soon!

P.S.: If you look in the *Encarta World English Dictionary*, you'll see that "gen up" refers to finding all the information on a subject. The Lord said it's also referring to the OCs as our upcoming generation. So what does "Gen-Up" mean?—We're filling up our upcoming generation with the Lord's information!

VICTORY IN SPAIN!

By Miguel and Esther, Spain

We love you and we would like to share with you some good tidings about the wonderful victory the Lord has just given us: The judge who carried out the investigation on Miguel as a result of the allegations made against us on the negative TV program, has ruled to closed the case! Praise the Lord for His deliverance and for His wonderful answer to our prayers! "The wrath of man shall praise Thee!" (Psa.76:10). Thank you so much for upholding us in your prayers!



Interested?



Interested in reading more about the Brazil national retreat? Interested in reading about what classes they gave and what material they used? If so, check out the MO site for the full article and background information at: <<http://www.familymembers.com/newswire/article.php?nwid=1008>>

And don't miss checking out all the photos from the retreat as well, on the MO site at: <http://www.familymembers.com/artphotos/thms.php?cat_id=103>

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Reflections!

—2 of each!

BY YOUR REFLECTIONS EDITORS

More on upcoming *Reflections*: As we are now including more material written by Family members (isn't it great?!), and in line with the Lord's general guidance giving a bit more counsel for people who already know the Lord and consider themselves Christians, we pray these pages will be a blessing to you in your follow-up ministries.

At the same time, each month we will try to do two pages that can be universally used—for Christians and non-Christians.

So each month we will have two pages geared to strengthening and encouraging Christian sheep, and two pages that can be universally used for people of any religion—or no religion at all.

Of course, it is the aim of *Reflections* to help people learn to appreciate and love the Word, and to know that God, through Jesus, can give them what they need for their lives. So it is our prayer that the *Reflections* lead people closer to Jesus and to the Family, either in big steps or little steps.

Many thanks to those of you who have sent in your contributions to *Reflections*! They are beautiful! We would like to use them all, all at once, but will need to stick to our four pages a month on the topics the Lord directs us to. So if your contribution doesn't make it out soon, please be patient and know that it's not because it's not good, but because we don't have space for everything to get out at once. Thanks for your prayers that the *Reflections* will be what the Lord wants and the Family needs.

in My arms...

Written by Phoenix, July 10, 2002: Sunny (of Gideon, Japan) passed away peacefully last night. She had fallen into unconsciousness for three hours or so, and then passed away. Marie Claire, her eldest daughter, said that she was really smiling just before that, eating ice cream, and she even told Gideon that day, "This may be the day I'm leaving," with expectation, confidence, and peace.

She was always calm in spite of the pain, and alert, and she could communicate with us very clearly, which is very rare for cancer patients at that stage, as they become half conscious or befuddled because of all the drugs or pain killers. The doctor was quite amazed at how alert Sunny was. I know that the Lord did that so that she could spend time with her family.

We are very thankful for her help as a VS on this earth and, especially for the last few months of her time here as she poured out her heart to the Lord, praying for people and different situations while she was in bed. She was a real fighter! GBH!

(Jesus:) All of Heaven is rejoicing, because a wonderful miracle has occurred. Another one has entered the spirit world and has joined us here in Heaven! It's your sweet Sunny. She's such a wonderful woman, so brave, so courageous! I'm so proud of her. She fought a good fight, she has finished her course, and she is now receiving her bountiful rewards! As Earth receded, Heaven opened. Now she's in such a beautiful place, here with Me!

Her graduation day was her victory day, her day of rewards, her day of blessings, her coronation day! She was crowned with glory and honor and I am lavishing rewards and blessings upon her. I welcomed her with open arms, and she's in awe of all that she's seeing and experiencing. She's so thankful that she's no longer bound to her fleshly body; now she can do all those things she couldn't there towards the end.


Though I know you miss Sunny, look forward to all that is ahead. She's going to help you from this side. She's going to help you keep forging ahead, winning victories, winning souls, as well as making progress in the spirit. She's going to help you understand and be able to use all the new weapons and to wield the power of the keys. She's going to continue being a very real part of your life, loving you and counseling you. She'll be at your beck and call until you've finished your mission on Earth, and then she'll receive you whom she loves so dearly with open arms. (End of message from Jesus.)

Let's meet at THE PARK!

—A new Web site for MCs, OCs, and even JETTs!

The NACRO CCCPB (Central Child-Care and Parenting Board) is hosting a new Web site especially geared to our younger members at www.bordert.com/park.

 Member Online Bulletin Board! (Forums)

 Member e-mail list to share around the world!


News and Testimonies! 

 Praise time Suggestions!

Online **Heaven's Library!** 

 Family Word Games to Download!

Online Foto Galleries! 

 Members' Art, Poetry and Story Corners!

Stay posted for an Exciting Art Contest and Prizes!

What's that address again?
www.bordert.com/park

Dates on Family Activity Reports

BY WS

A Home recently asked on their TRF if we could remove the date from *Family Activity Reports*, or at least move it from the heading to the fine-print copyright line so that older FARs could be given out without drawing attention to the fact that they are old.

We took that question to the Lord, and Dad said: "The *Family Activity Report* is a monthly newsletter, and one of the main purposes for the FAR in the first place was to chronicle the Family's witnessing activities and good works over time. The FARs only recount a tiny fraction of what the Family is doing, but because it's a monthly newsletter, it builds a greater testimony over time. The fact that the Family keeps up their witnessing and social gospel projects over years proves that the Family is genuine. ... If people want to give out an old issue because it contains an article that they think will be of particular interest to someone, they can just give him or her that issue with a current one and explain, "Here's an old issue that I think you'll find especially interesting, and here's some of the latest news of the Family." Or, since the Homes have to photocopy the FARs to give them out, they can just mask the date on their "original," if they think that's a problem. Or they can just cut and paste the testimony they want into their own newsletter." (End of message from Dad.)

Legal and media

The Family on BBC Radio 4

BY ABI, (FID), WEST EUROPEAN PUBLIC RELATIONS BOARD

It's the era of action and we expect the Lord to open doors to publish the meat of our message. And we're happy to share with you a recent miracle along those lines:

BBC *Radio 4* is the radio station that the UK takes seriously, known for its factual, non-sensational reporting, with a listening audience of about 10 million weekly, predominantly the educated and the influential. *Radio 4* listeners have been in for a special blessing in the past three weeks—our meaty message featured on a series of three programs called “Bigots or Believers,” also advertised in trailers. Only the Lord knows how many people were reached.

To give you an idea of the angle that was taken, following is a description of the Family by the presenter, Ernie Rea, that can be found on BBC's Web site. You can also listen online for the month when the programs were aired at: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/religion/bigots.shtml> (This Web page also has a link to the Family site.)

The Family (also known as The Children of God) was founded by David Berg in 1968 when he received a message to take God's Word to the hippies of California. He called his followers to devote themselves full time to Christ and decried the Western values and worship of money. They are Christian fundamentalists who take the Bible literally. They believe we are living in the Biblical End Times and only those who love and serve God will be saved. They're defined from other Christian groups by their attitude to sex—they practice free love between

consenting members of the group, provided no one is hurt by this. This has led to allegations of child abuse and criticism of a recruitment technique called “flirty fishing.”

The series looked at three very different radical groups to show how society relates to those with strongly held beliefs: an anti-globalist movement, a Muslim group, and a Christian group—us! When they first got in touch, asking for our participation, it took a lot of prayer and seeking the Lord to be sure, but He confirmed it. The program producer, researcher, and presenter spent a day with us—recording the opening of our new “Family Information Office” (more details below) and then they came to a local Home where they recorded Sunday fellowship as well as in depth interviews with myself, Joy (Bulgarian), and a short informal chat with everyone from our Home. Altogether they must have recorded for six to eight hours. They had asked everything under the sun, from my salvation testimony to teen camps to FFing to the Law of Love to Charter rules to what communal living is really like, etc., etc! The Lord had shown us to use this to reach out to people's hearts with His love, so we desperately prayed to be able to convey this, even though the choice of topics was not up to us, as we were mostly just answering their questions.

The series was to be broadcast a month later, in a series of three half-hour programs, at a time of day with a high listening audience. We claimed the power of the keys as we knew that it was the editing that could result in either a good or bad program.

As it turned out, we are very happy that they were fair to us and gave us an opportunity to preach the Gospel! The first program was mostly on the Muslim group, though there were short parts with us, mostly on communal living. The

presenter explained about the Family on this program, and all the subsequent programs, like in the blurb above. That program concluded with him telling the audience that the following week would be focused on the Family.

During the week we heard from a few friends that the upcoming program was being advertised on radio, including a clip with me talking about FFing. Now we were really waiting in trepidation and calling on those keys again!—And of course they worked! We were very thankful with the outcome. The program began with the singing of “This Little Light of Mine” from the Home's fellowship. They included parts of our interviews where we clearly explained FFing, the Endtime, and other Family issues. Joy gave the salvation message including quoting Rev. 3:20 and explaining how they could ask Jesus into their hearts. Little Amanda (of Simon and Natasha) sang “Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam.” All together, despite some skeptical comments from the presenter (his style!), it was a powerful witness. PTL!

The third program was mostly on the other groups, but we had a good segment where we explained our history and vindication, our mistreatment by the media, and our office was advertised, so we're hoping people will want to drop by and see us.

The fruits of this are as yet unseen, but there's been one inspiring testimony already. We got a phone call from a man in Ireland who wants to know more about us. When I asked how he got our number, he explained he'd heard the radio program and then got our number from Directory Enquiries; when we'd opened our new office we had it listed. We're so happy to know that those seeking the Lord through the Family will be able to find us if they look—and we pray we can do our part to follow-up on the hungry and activate them for Him!

The European Family Information Office

As you may know from *Grapevine* articles, the FID (Family Information Desk) has been established for around four years already. It was set up (pre-board structure) to serve the Family in the entire EURCRO area (Western Europe, EEA, and Africa). Now with the PR boards, our job is a little different, but we are still representing the Family on an international level in this part of the world.

Here's something that could be useful: In order to dispel the “myth” that the Family is unreachable, that we're only living in P.O. boxes, can't be found, etc., we have established the FIO (Family Information Office) as an official contact address for the Family in Europe. The Family Information Office is located in Luton just north of London, England. It's set up as part office and part storefront and we have an extensive library, legal files, and documents related to religious freedom, court cases, articles, and videos about the Family as well as a beautiful display of tools for sale, including *Activated* mags, books, tracts, posters, CDs, and videos.

If you find yourself in a situation where you're asked where the Family “is” in Europe, you are welcome to give this address. This address can be given to the public, to academics, to government agencies, police, friends, or not so friends, as the point is that we want them to know where to find us.

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world news



Hiki, Esther, and Mia at the Saitama stadium, witnessing



R-L: Joanna, Hikari, Esther, and two students

World Cup Soccer

BY JO AND ESTHER, JAPAN

The FIFA World Cup 2002 (soccer) was held this year in Japan and South Korea. While we would love to have attended all the games around the country, we don't have a vehicle, and with our other responsibilities we were just able to attend a few of the games. We also had rainy season to contend with, but the Lord made even the rainy days fun. The games brought half a million people to Japan, the highest influx of people they've ever had. Soccer is a relatively new sport in Japan, and the young people were very enthusiastic and it made it very easy to approach people as they saw it as an international event, and it was a first to see Japan competing, so everyone was very happy.

Esther had worked on the "Color of Love" tract, giving it more cartoons (as comics are real trendy and loved by the Japanese) and we thought the message of love overruling nationality differences would be an appropriate message for the games. We also decided to do face painting there to help finance our witnessing as well as a cool way to meet people and get their interest. We distributed nearly 4,000 tracts and 700 English posters.

Hikari (18) and Mia (21) eventually joined up with us. A few other people came like Nick (21) and Vesna (21), and down at the Kobe match were Comfort, Genny, and teens. Genny also joined us for the matches in Tokyo. Stephen, Maria, and Etoile were able to travel around the country and attend a lot of the games.

At one of the matches we also were interviewed by an Indonesian TV station that broadcasts to over 50 million people. At first the man wasn't so interested in filming us, but was watching the face painting. Then Joanna gave him a "What Everybody Needs Is Love" poster and explained it to him. He said, "This is what I want to film. I want you to explain the poster." So Joanna, along with Esther and Vesna held that up along with the Japanese "Color of Love" tract and explained the message and then a little about the Family and our work.

Our trip to the Kobe/Osaka match cost us a lot of travel money, but the Lord showed us to go despite the expense. The Lord told us to make it a mini road trip, and to look up some people that Jo had met during the time

she was working at the Family's earthquake relief work in Kobe. The Lord blessed our appointments, as in following up on one man, he wants us to join him on a committee with the governors of two major prefectures in Japan, which is a great answer to prayer right after our "reaching the top" prayer days. We also got to see a man I had met earlier, and though we only had 20 minutes with him, he gave us a donation of \$500, which just about covered our train fares there and back. So while it was a step of faith for us to go all the way to Kobe not having transport, the Lord blessed us as we followed His plan. The witnessing at the games was very fruitful!

It was an excellent time to witness to the Japanese people at an event where they are very open. We loved it! Someone came up to Esther, the forerunner for our team, and gave her a very sought-after ticket to one of the games (on the black market here they'd been selling for up to US\$800 a ticket), so after her labors of love she was able to go and have fun and watch one of the games!

All in all, it was a great way to go witnessing and postering and we wouldn't have missed it for the world!



Esther at the World Cup game of Ireland vs. Saudi Arabia with a free ticket she got



R-L: Sam, Nick, Vesna, Esther, and Joanna at the Sendai stadium

A LIFE DOUBLY BLESSED

BY MICHELLE (SGA, OF PETER, SAMARIA, AND HEIDI), INDIA



Hikari passing out tracts at the Osaka stadium



Esther with three Japanese girls we witnessed to who were wearing kimonos

Grateful for the answer

BY COMFORT (FGA) AND APRIL (15), JAPAN

April (15) was taking a short break from all the commotion at the World Cup when a man, who was in his forties, came over and started talking to her. He seemed sweet and receptive and was interested in what we were doing, but it was so loud that it was hard to talk. He left, but we had forgotten to give him a tract, and we felt very convicted so we asked the Lord to help this man to find Him. Finally, it was time to leave and on our way back home on the train we bumped into him. We were really excited, because now was our chance to really witness to him.

He started to tell us how he had almost died a few times 'cause he had a serious heart problem. He said he had a fear of dying and was searching to find the answer in his life. When we got off the train and were ready to say goodbye, we felt that we needed to get him saved. We basically grabbed him and told him that we have the answer! We told him about Heaven and how if he accepted Jesus, he could go there too. We asked him if he wanted to get saved and he said yes. It was the most amazing experience! He was crying and we put our hands on him and prayed for him right there. None of us cared that there were hundreds of people looking at us. Afterwards he started hugging us and saying how grateful he was to us for showing him the answer. What a miracle!

Today is Mother's Day. As I take my place on stage and test the mike, I look out across the restaurant. Over 200 people are here for the Sunday brunch, most of them mothers and daughters. Big mothers with little daughters, small mothers with tall daughters, and the not-so-rare breed of mothers and daughters who look like sisters. Over at the reception desk is a heaped pile of fresh pink roses wrapped and beribboned—the hotel's gift to mothers. A few bashful sons and fathers with radiant mothers also dot the scene, but they are outnumbered.

As the opening chords of our first number echo across the crowd, I struggle to feel my mother's presence. The words of the song David begins to sing remind me of her.

"Surround me with the little people..." Mom brought eight of her own little people into this world.—Each one of us her favorite; each one of us holding her in our hearts.

"...I wanna be, held in the everlasting arms of eternity." Those are the arms that are holding her now, seven years after she passed away because of cancer. The arms of my dad, holding her till she breathed her last. The arms of us kids, still hugging her goodnight. The arms of eternity. I blink away hot tears.

"Laughing and singing, what a way to live..." I think back to when I heard my second mom's voice on the phone just a few weeks ago, as usual, full of laughter. She is one person who knows what it means to live.

"... 'cause life ain't worth living, if it's not to give." I'm going home to see Mom in a month. I know how I'll find her: Tirelessly caring for her family of now eleven children, and two more overseas. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week of giving. I know when I get off the plane, and feel her arms enfolding me, everything is going to make sense again.

In the audience a young mother dances with her baby girl across the restaurant floor. The baby laughs, she is secure, she is loved.

And then I know. I know why I can smile, why I can laugh, why, thousands of miles away from my family, I can still reach out to show others love. It is because I have been blessed to share the love of not one, but two mothers. One who left me in the physical so that she could be ever near me, and one who came when I needed her most. I have no cause for tears. God knew best and He has blessed me in double measure. I am secure. I am loved.

I can carry on the legacy of love left to me by my mothers. The love shown me by a mother who brought me through the innocence and helplessness of infancy to the broken hearts and secret tears of a teenager, who holds my hand through the day and watches over me while I sleep. And the mother who brought into my life the joy that I never thought I would feel again, the sun that I thought had dimmed forever, and a new brother and sister like two perfect pieces to complete my life's puzzle of love.

I know that my dad, my eight brothers and five sisters will agree that for me Mother's Day is just one more day to thank God for my life, a life doubly blessed.

UPDATE AND THANKS FROM EUROPE ACTIVATED DESK

BY THE EAD

We'd like to say a big thank you to the 147 sponsors who have sent in donations to sponsor 1,745 *Activated* subscriptions for African sheep. (Due to time and space limitations we haven't listed the Homes here but as we would like to highlight those who have helped us you can view the stats on our Web site at www.getactivated.co.uk.) Having these donations has helped us send out hundreds of mailings to sheep all over Africa, and many of them have written us letters of appreciation. We are sure that you are going to be thrilled when you meet these people in Heaven, and they tell you how thankful they are that you helped them get this spiritual feeding.

Sending funds for sponsoring subscriptions:

Please designate any gifts for the sponsorship program to the "African sheep fund" to make it easy for us to process these funds. Thanks again to all those who have given so generously.

Sending in addresses:

If you want us to send your sheep the *Activated* magazine, the quickest way to send in the address is by e-mail to activatedeurope@activated.org. Please **DO NOT** send subscription addresses via the TRF. Even if you are sending payment through the TRF, please still send the address via e-mail to the aforementioned address. Thanks. You can also send addresses by mail to the address printed on the inside page of every *Activated* magazine.

Magazine of the month (MOTMs):

Many Homes are ordering a quantity of MOTMs for their personal outreach and feeding of their sheep. Each month at the time that we send out the *Activated* mailing we also send out these orders for MOTMs to the Homes. If you want to

order MOTMs for your outreach, please let us know.

Activ :

The first issue of French *Activ * has been printed and the next fourteen issues should be well on the way to being printed by the time you read this article. DV, once we have a stock of *Activ * at the EAD we will start sending out mailings to the addresses of subscribers you send in. You can also order your own stock of *Activ * for your personal witnessing. For all enquiries please write to: active@activated.org

Spanish and Portuguese:

If you have any sheep who speak Spanish or Portuguese, we can send mailings to them as well as we already send mailings to Spain and Portugal. (Homes in Latin America or the U.S., please communicate directly with your local *Activated* desk in either the U.S., Mexico, Colombia, Chile or Brazil, for Spanish and Portuguese magazines. We're available to help Homes in other parts of the world who may have Spanish or Portuguese-speaking sheep they would like to feed.)

For your inspiration, here's a letter we received this month from a sheep in Nigeria:

Dear *Activated* friends,

I am very happy to drop this mail. Actually, your letters, tracts and richly educated magazine *Activated*, have aided me in no small measure in my life and ministry. It's so amazing the impact your literature has had on my life and many brethren in the prison, especially many inmates in Uyo Prison. Of a truth, many souls have been converted and many people's worlds have been changed for the better via your work.

Indeed, how you handle such issues in the *Activated* column tagged "Answers to Questions" is wonderful. I must commend your wonderful work. Virtually all the pages of your

magazine are captivating and morally grounded. Of a truth it's a must for new converts and a good encouragement pack for those already in the faith.

Your literature has been a source of comfort to me. Any time I am disturbed, it has given me much strength to move on whenever the Devil wants to weigh me down with discouragement.

I really appreciate all your kind effort and wonderful contributions in spreading the good news.

The brethren in Uyo prisons and Nifes Uni Uyo branch express their thanks and appreciation for your care. Lest I forget, I received the last mailing of the *Activated* magazine safely.

Your brother in the Lord,
Michael Chidiebere

French *Activ *

By your French Productions and Creations Team

Dear French speaking Family!

Dieu vous b nisse! On vous aime!

Do you have friends and contacts that you would like to minister to with *Activated* in French? Well, now you can. The first seven *Activ * magazines are about to go to press and will be available for you to order soon. The content is the same as the English *Activated* magazines but the covers have all been done in the new style.

If you would like to order some *Activ * magazines, please contact us at: active@activated.org. Send us your contact and shipping details. (The *Activ * magazines will cost 20 cents [US] each plus shipping. We will be holding a stock of *Activ * in a few locations including Europe, Africa, and Canada to make shipping these to you as simple and cost effective as possible!)

Once the first six *Activ * magazines are printed and stocked at the Europe *Activated* Desk (DV, within seven weeks), we will begin sending monthly mailings to any French-speaking subscribers whose address you send us. We will post a notice about this when we are ready, so keep on the lookout for further details about subscription prices, etc.

You can also order the "Start Early" (*Pour un Bon Depart*) posters in French from the APC (US\$ 3.00 per set plus shipping) and there will be more tools available soon, DV, including the *Mottos for Success* calendars! Regarding French tools, please contact us at fpc@abmc.net.

We need your help in getting the wonder-working French Words out to the waiting French speaking world. Do you want to help? *Alons-y!* Come on, let's reach the French speakers!

Please keep the French Creations Team (FCT) in your prayers with the many projects in the works.

Feel free to contact us for more details at active@activated.org. We're looking forward to "*activer le monde Fran ais—ensemble.*"

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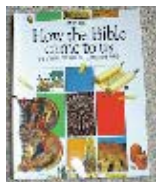
You can also make sure your sheep get their *Activated* mailings quicker by sending their address and info through the Web site. We hope to hear from you soon. Happy "activating!"

TEAM FOUNDATION OFFER!

BY THE TEAM FOUNDATION, USA

We're offering a "first come, first serve" (due to limited supply on hand!) on children's Bible story books. See list of books below! We were able to obtain these books for a very, very low price, and we want to pass them along to you! Since we only have a limited amount of these books, we'd like to give those who live *outside of the USA* a chance at ordering these books first. (Those on mission fields will have to figure in the shipping costs in addition to the cost of the book(s) you order.) Please order right away!

CHILDREN'S BIBLE STORY BOOKS



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Meryl Doney (Ages: 6 years to teen)
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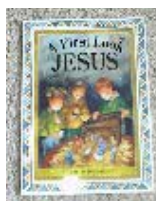
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[Editor's note: For an new listing of TEAM's product catalog and order/price list, check out the MO site at: <<http://www.familymembers.com/fed/announcements/index.php?faid=9>>]

QNAs

New GP DM?

Q: Is there a new GP *Daily Might* in the works? If so, could we know when it will come out for GP distribution? Thank you!

—HOME IN INDIA

A: There is a reedited version of the previous GP DM in the works. It's been

delayed due to many other projects also in the works, but we hope to have it in print by the end of the year.

By Jonathan Nubes, Chile

I just finished going over the first three months of the new revised GP *Daily Might* that WS plans to publish in the coming months, and I was thrilled

to go over those basic principles contained in the MLs. What struck me most is what an essential tool the GP *Daily Might* is for any of us whose main ministry is witnessing, follow-up, Bible classes, etc. It has answers for a great deal of questions people ask you daily. There are certain pages that could

be used over and over in our daily encounters with the sheep and in our Internet exchanges with new friends and disciples. I dare say that knowing this book inside and out is imperative for every good witness. It should always be in our pouch and especially in our minds and hearts!

Board NEWS

SEA board happenings

BY SARAH, SEA REGIONAL CP CHAIRPERSON

I have been able to attend three board meetings so far and it's inspiring to see the board vision moving along. To see the ones that work every day with the children now being able to pray about the needs for their board is very inspiring. The CP board in Thailand has been commissioned by the Lord to be a board of prayer; they are setting up a prayer vigil so each Home will have a prayer warrior. Indonesia had their first MC/OC camp which was attended by 10 on fire kids. They enjoyed two days of fun Word and lots of exercise. They also held a two-day seminar for parents with small children, featuring a show-and-tell of where to find all the wonderful Family pubs and where to get inexpensive equipment for this age group. God bless Spring, John, and Joy who hosted these two events and provisioned wonderful meals, free housing, and worked out the details to bring this all about. In the PI a parent/teacher seminar is in the planning stages. It's exciting to see all that is happening in such a short time.

The "God factor" kicking in

BY MARK (CO, OF CARINA), INDIA

One thing that I'm inspired to share is about the financial situation of the boards and its set up. There isn't much financially right now for those on the national boards. Nevertheless, for the boards to really be effective, the "ground level board" has to be active, doing things, and has to meet quite often, and all of this

requires money. So from one perspective it seems constricting to *not* have the funds, if we really want the board vision to fly.

Yet, now that we're stepping into the first phase of this vision, I can see this "lack" of finances in the beginning stage from a different angle. I see a lot of mileage that the Lord is able to get out of this. People on the Home level are committing to be on the boards, giving their time, efforts, and energies for the area's work with no prospect of compensation. They have to travel, some from greater distances, which means an investment of not only time, but funds. This has caused people to seriously consider their place on the boards in light of this, which has:

- 1) Helped the Homes to pitch in, strengthening the attitude of, "it takes an investment to make a difference and achieve."
- 2) Even though the boards are organizational entities set up by the Family, what the individual Home members and board members put into it and make of it determines its success and effectiveness, whether great or small (like par. 87-93, of "Where To Next" brings out).
- 3) It's helping the Homes to stretch their faith that the Lord can and will supply abundantly according to the need, and probably more so, according to our desperation and vision.

When we were discussing the implementation of the boards at some of our seminars with the board members, I saw that many were real inspired and geared up after watching the videos to be a part of this vision. Folks were looking for ways to make it work. That type of active, positive attitude makes all the difference. With more of

that, the boards are going to go places, and hopefully it will spread down to the Home level and create a pathway to success.

A testimony along this line that comes to mind as I'm sharing this is about a team that opened a Home on the field. A few members of the Home are very talented in different areas, but for about a year they weren't doing much. Financially they were in the hole. A few other singles, SGAs, and some teens joined their Home, but still not much was happening.

We visited their Home and talked with and challenged them. We saw the potential they had to help on the boards. What had been happening was that they ended up doing a lot of CTP work, as it brought in some stable income each month. For them to invest more in outreach they would have to cut back on this, which meant a cut in steady income—a step of faith.

As a Home and team they determined to change and invest more time, effort, and focus on what's coming out in the Word. They cut back on their CTP and therefore had more time for other things. They volunteered to help with different city committees and board activities and became very involved in other camps. They started helping with bi-weekly class and activities for the young people in their city. More recently they were called on to help within the board structure and they agreed. Then there were other projects, which they became involved in and volunteered for.

When thinking about it recently I felt a little bad for them, as though their help was really needed, I could remember them sharing with me about their financial plight when I had visited. So I asked them, "How's it going? You're volunteering and being a super help in all these areas, but how's your

smaller-sized Home managing—especially financially?"

They said, "It's amazing! The Lord is supplying more now and blessing the Home more than ever before!" Wow! It's the "God factor!"

Lord supplies for board meetings

BY ANDREW AND HOME, KENYA

We got a letter from the COs asking us if we could pray about hosting the board meetings for East Africa. When we prayed about it we got to go ahead and check and see what doors would open. During the next week we called around and it seemed that the cheapest place would be around US\$3,000 (for 25 people), and that was just covering the accommodation, not counting food or anything else.

So with these details in hand we again came back to the Lord to get His counsel. He told us to go ahead by faith and be willing to even pay for this amount, and that as we took up the responsibility of hosting these meetings He would bless it and supply all that we needed.

Well, it wasn't long before the Lord started to fulfill His Word. We called a friend who is a member of a prestigious club here in Nairobi. He introduced us to the club committee, and then we explained our need. They got together and agreed to give us the accommodation in exchange for two shows from our dance troupe, along with an US\$800 charge.

We got to go for it and trust that the Lord would supply the remaining funds that we needed. They also agreed on the night of the show to let us pass the hat, letting us keep whatever we got to help cover expenses. We all prayed that during the show the Lord would do a miracle and touch the people's hearts and that He would supply all that

we needed to cover our expenses. So the night of the show arrived and after claiming the power of the keys we set out.

We started with a bang singing some recent Hindi numbers (as this was an Indian club, as were all its members), adding the new song "Love is the Light," which was a real hit. While some of the girls and guys sang a few more Hindi songs, the rest of the team went around with our beautiful CDs offering them to those who gave over a certain amount. The response from the audience was so positive that we ended up getting out over 120 CDs. We then led them all in the salvation prayer in Hindi.

The next day we got a call from the club. They were so happy and excited

about the previous night's performance that they happily let us know that they were going to be giving us the accommodation for free, without making us pay the extra US\$800 previously agreed upon.

So not only did we get the accommodation for all the delegates for free, but the Lord also helped us to raise three times the amount that we needed for the accommodation and led us to so many precious people who want to help on a more regular basis and who we will be able to activate.

This proved to us how the Lord is really behind these board meetings, and as we put ourselves out on a limb He came through and supplied above and beyond! We feel very privileged to be a part in helping the

board vision take off in the Family.

Moving in Mexico/ Central America

BY MARGIE, MEXICO

The Lord answered prayers for the Mexico and Central America board meetings. It was thrilling to see the birth of a new revolution, and to see the wonderful labor pool we have available in the Family. We visited three Homes in Central America, and they all had good standards, their work is bearing a lot of fruit (several new disciples in Guatemala, plus two couples waiting to join!), and the Family is working together in good unity and manifesting the fruit of obedience and teamwork!

Southern Mexico is basically made up of three ar-

reas—the East; the Center, including Mexico City, Cuernavaca, and Puebla; and the West, with three Homes quite far apart.

We had our first area meeting to introduce the CP and FED boards to the central area, and I worked with Joy and Joanna and Stephanie (all three on the FED board), and this meeting was very fruitful. It launched several inspiring initiatives: two OC camps in August for two groups of kids, a team to organize biweekly OC activities for the area OCs, and one team volunteering to hold regular MC get-togethers and fun activities. All those who came are inspired to have regular CP or FED workshops to learn about the CVC, to pow-wow ways to make the Word more alive in the lives of our kids, etc.

mama's mailbox

Dear Mama and Peter,

I wanted to thank you for all the hard work you do on the pubs. I know that it's a big job and that the load is rough, but I wanted to tell you that it is worth it all! Every little word and detail that you write has made an impact in my life in some way or another. I've learned that no matter how difficult it may seem at first, if I stretch my faith and follow in obedience to what you and the Lord have said to do in the Letters, I find that it's not so difficult and that His grace is sufficient for me.

I wanted to give you some examples of what fruit has come about through following you and the Letters. Firstly, I'm 18, and when all the GNs about Loving Jesus and living the Law of Love came out, I was too young to read them. When I turned 16, I felt that it was a lot to ask. I don't know why because I loved Jesus, and as a kid I used to always picture

Jesus coming into bed with me and sleeping with me at night, just as a sleeping partner, but as I got older I guess I lost it for a while. I didn't want to hear from the Lord because I felt that I was too bad for Him. I've done things for which I'll never be proud of, and I felt that Jesus could never forgive me for them or for neglecting Him. At that time I wrote you and I told you about my problems. I told you about my fears of not being loved by Him, and you wrote me the most encouraging letter I have ever received. I still have it, and it is always an encouragement to me whenever I feel too bad for Him to love me.

That letter has gone a long way to help others too. I've shared it with friends and my sister, and they were touched by your love and your desire to help me, as many of them knew what I was going through at the time. Well, at first I was scared to love Jesus intimately, but a friend of mine was such a good sample to me and he was always faithful to add Jesus

in, and as I tried to join in with him, I found it to be easier. I found that loving Jesus was better than anything else. And I have enjoyed it ever since.

I owe that to you, Mama and Peter!

—BY AN 18-YEAR-OLD FEMALE,
ASIA

Dear Mama,

I met the Family and Jesus 15 years ago. Since I read in the Word about laying hands on the sick, I have been doing that, and changes occur. It first started with my children, later with friends, and now with everybody who says yes. When I know someone is sick, my hands start to feel warm, and my heart starts beating hard. I enjoy it the most when I can tell them that it is Jesus, not me. Most of the time the Lord tells me about the person's feelings, what's in his or her heart, and the person receives double healing—in body and heart. While the person is talking to me, the Lord reveals what is bothering him or her and also gives me the way to say it. Only the Lord can do it! I'm

terribly shy by nature, so it has to be the Lord.

Once this four-year-old child woke up in the night with a cough, like asthma. I started praying and the Lord told me that he was sad because his father wasn't home, and the Lord told me to ask the kid if he wanted to talk to Jesus about the fears he felt about this situation. When he finished talking, the asthma was gone.

One day another kid was riding a bike and he fell down. When he lifted his face all I could see was blood pouring out. I lifted my hand and all I could say was, "Blood, stop and coagulate. In Jesus' name." And it stopped!

I've always asked myself what those big miracles were that Jesus talked about and how are we going to do them. As soon as I read about the keys, I knew this was the power we needed. At the beginning I was a little shy to say, "I call upon the power of the keys." But I read Mat. 16:19 and I just grabbed those keys and claimed them in faith.

—FROM AN FGA WOMAN

NEW PUBS

... and what they mean to you

Re: "Mama's Memo!—No. 11, Is Skinny Beautiful?"

By a 14-year-old, Pakistan

This Letter was so right on! I have seen a lot of my friends go on diets and starve themselves just because people said they were too fat to be on a singing team, and if they wanted to be on the team they would have to lose weight. I think it is really sad when they are still in their growing stage and it's not like they are overly plump or anything, but then they are given this ultimatum which also really gives an inferiority complex to the person.

Thank you, dear Mama, for addressing this point as it really is a big problem with us younger generation, to the point where it is hard to be accepted if you are not "slim." I am a bit on the bigger side too, but I try not to compare myself with others as I am happy with the way the Lord has made me and as long as I continue to stick to the Lord's health rules, e.g., exercising, eating right, and most of all living right. I know the Lord will take care of my body and form it into whatever He wants it to be.

By S., Pacific

The article about anorexia and bulimia is very good. I suffered from both for seven years in the Family during my YA-SGA years. I went through a lot of anguish and feelings of bondage as it controlled me a lot of the time during those years. However, the Lord did deliver me totally through prayer and obedience. Though when I think about it now, I could have been delivered a lot sooner if I had asked for help and united prayer instead of battling on my own, trying to seek the Lord. I guess it was pride that I didn't want to tell anyone about it.

My advice: Don't wait seven years!

Re: "Mama's Memo!—No. 11, Single Men Needed"

By Stefan (of Joy), Pakistan

I can say amen to what Dad said! In 1977 being 19, after being in the Family for two years, I was in need of friendship and sex and there was a shortage of girls around, which made

me, needless to say, very desperate. To top it off I had to forsake my girlfriend to join. But I set off and He answered and blessed me indeed. I found and witnessed to Joy who was very eager to join, however she had debts and remained a catacomber for one year. Then the time came, she was able to join full time. We have now been married for 21 years and we have nine children and one grandson! PTL!

Re: "Are You a Delinquent Parent," GN 984 and "Solutions for Shepherds and Everyone," GN 985

By Simon SGA, Kenya

I want to say a big AMEN to the recent GNs on parenting. Even though I am not a parent, I do work with kids and teach them a lot, so it convicted me and rekindled that fire in me to follow the Word and not System doctrines of "give the kids space." These are attitudes you see a lot of in movies nowadays, where there is the "perfect parent," who lets their kids get away with everything and "live their life, and make their own choices"; and of course, things always work out fine. But the truth of the matter is that by following that worldly standard you are ruining your kids for life. The Word is the only true standard we can follow. Thank you, Mama, for your very clear sound of the trumpet and for helping us get back to the basics.

By a mother in Canada

A lesson the Lord taught me last year was to pray for my children. He told me, "If you don't pray for your children, who will?"

Last year, our then 14-year-old teen seemed to be "on his way out," just waiting to get a little older to leave the Family. But then the Lord showed me to start praying desperately for him and upholding him in prayer. And then a change took place. A few months later he told me he had been planning on leaving the Family, but then he started thinking and weighing things and made his decision that he wanted to stay in the Family. He has been changing! He takes his Word time seriously, is hearing from the Lord, has a beautiful channel, is willing to go witnessing at any time, is very willing to help in whatever need. He's a totally changed person, sweet, and pleasant to be around! He's not perfect by any means, but I've seen

a miraculous change happen in his life, all glory to our sweet Jesus, and thanks to the power of the keys!

By a mother of eight, North America

Six of my eight children have left the Family over the past few years, and I have fought many battles with discouragement over my failures. This Letter was wonderful and encouraging for me, because I've already carried the condemnation from which the words of this Letter release me. I have hesitated to discipline my last two children, for fear that they, too, would turn sour on everything of a missionary nature. But the words of this GN are helping me to get my glasses adjusted so that I will be able to give them the guidance they need without repeating the same mistakes I've made with my other kids. I'm also trying to practice this counsel with the grandchildren in my life, because my children, their parents, are doing exactly what the Letter talks about. After not disciplining their children at all, they are finding out that they are not doing their kids a favor, and, guess what, the grandchildren prefer Grandma's discipline over their mother's lack of discipline.

I am praying that my grown children will also realize soon that many other aspects of their childhood were better than they currently believe. As they experience System life, they really are finding out that life out there is tough, and as they find out how tough it is, they start appreciating more and more the life they had and threw away. The people they think failed them, when compared to the horrendous sins of unregenerate men of the world, no longer seems worthy of their bitter thoughts. I rejoice because this kind of appreciation from them is like buds on trees after winter. When they tore themselves out of the Family they were like plants uprooted and they looked like they would be bitter and barren and leafless forever. Now I guess they think they've made a transition to becoming everyday people, but I'm encouraged that even that is only a stage the Lord is bringing them through, and that in the end, they'll be better missionaries, having come to the knowledge of the truth themselves.

By an FGA woman, Europe

Reading this GN helped me to clearly review my attitude with one of my teens and help me to see in what areas I am failing regarding my communication with her.

During her teen years, she has had her ups and downs (probably more downs than ups!) and until a few months ago I had lost faith that she could make it. I would try everything—all in the flesh—to make her behave as I wanted, but this made her even more rebellious. I was the opposite of how Jesus is with me! I was pushing her into what I thought was best instead of leading her. As time passed our communication became worse and it was like a vicious cycle—the more self-righteous I was, the more rebellious she became. I was reacting as this Letter said not to!

I finally arrived at the point where I didn't know what else to do, so I got desperate in prayer for her, as it was the only thing I could do for her, and it still is the *most* I can do for her! Until that moment I had overlooked that the most important thing in parenting to do is praying for our children. And as I started to pray for her, things in the spirit started to change not only in her but also in myself! I started to see her in a more positive way and she has started to change, slowly but surely! Little by little she has started to depend more on the Lord and not be so attracted to the world. My little flame of faith for her has started to grow again, and the more faith I have for her, the more steps she makes toward victory.

It is not that we have the total victory, and sometimes there is still a struggle, but knowing now that most of the final victory for her will depend on how much I fight for her in the spirit through prayer and with the power of the keys, helps me to keep praying. Not only do I need to pray for her but also for myself, that I can be more like Jesus is with me!

Another point that touched me is the importance to live with others so that children can benefit from the discipline and care of others. I firmly believe that the Lord's set-up is for us to live in tribes, because we parents are in some ways limited with our own children. Others can see in our children what we can't see because we are limited by our emotions or feelings toward our children. And this applies not only in the weakness of our children but also in their strengths!

Re: "Issues 10"

By Sher (22, of Derek), China

I was reading "Issues 10," and it seems that the "guy problem" is fairly widespread in the Family. I can defi-

nately relate to it and the trials shared by this sweet girl. I wanted to share what happened with me in case it's an encouragement to any others going through similar things.

I think my trials started around the time I moved to China. I know this is the Lord's calling for my life and I've always been thankful I answered the call, but that didn't mean it was easy and I didn't battle like mad at times (and still battle at times). As time went by on this precious field I began to realize that being without male company (at least a male to call my own) was gonna be one of the sacrifices for the blessing of being here. I'd been working with a large family for about two years (I'd been three years in China) when I almost reached the cracking point.

Before coming to China I was very confident that I wouldn't fall prey to these loneliness battles to the point where I'd even consider leaving my place and calling in the Family because I couldn't stand being alone. That was probably because before coming here I'd always enjoyed a lot of male attention, but after being in a closed country for a couple of years without much fellowship and few guys around, let alone anyone I found a "prospect," I became desperate. For the first time in my life I started to worry that maybe I wasn't going to get married and would be single for the rest of my life. I even came to the very humbling realization that I was desperately missing sexual fellowship.

I dug through all the Letters on loneliness and commitment and tried my best to concentrate on my relationship with the Lord. I can't say the battles went away, but this did help me hold on. I remember when Mama's Letter came out about winning your husband to the Family I was like, "Right, maybe I'll help win someone else's, but I don't want to marry a new disciple." LHM! Well, contrary to that, the Lord knew a lot better. The funny thing is that the whole two years in this situation while I was going through these battles, I was winning and shepherding the man the Lord knew would be my husband, I just didn't see it at the time 'cause it didn't look like he would be joining.

The next six months were intense. I fell in love with this man, but with him out of the Family and me in it looked hopeless. I really considered my place in the Family during this time. I'd been waiting for the "love of my life" for so long and now I knew he was the

one and he'd been in front of me all along, but there was still the fact that he wasn't able to join at the time and I wasn't going to give up my CM status. It was a tough fight. I prayed and prayed, fighting for a miracle, but even harder I had to fight to stay true to my place in the Family no matter what happened.

Well the happy ending (to a long story, which I won't relate here) is that the Lord did it. Thank the Lord for our wonderful Family! Somehow I'd held on and when I least expected it, He gave me the desires of my heart. I simply couldn't believe it! It didn't come without a lot of battles, trials, tests, and hard times when I didn't see how I could hold on one minute longer, but looking back I'm so thankful I did.

I remember one time when I wanted to call it quits, not to the Family but the situation and field He'd called me to, He told me, "If you leave now you'll regret it for the rest of your life." I didn't understand then why He wanted to keep me in such a difficult situation. Didn't He know how rough it was for me? Yes, He did. But He also knew that had He just moved me from the trial, had I given up and gone somewhere easier, I wouldn't be now married to the most wonderful man in the world, with a baby boy due in one week.

So, as it turned out I—along with all the wonderful people in my Home—did win my husband to the Family. Now looking at this one who was the Lord's choice for me, I can honestly say I've never met a man in the Family I'd rather have. He definitely gives the very best to those who leave the choices up to Him. So if that was His answer for me, it just might be for you, too.

One other thing is that I'm finding is that even being married to the love of your life isn't always easy sailing, as I think anyone who's married can testify. There still are times when I'm hurt or hopping mad at him and all I can do is turn to my first Husband—the only One who is the real love of your life, who always does the right thing, never hurts you, and is always there for you. As much as I dearly love my husband, there's no way he can be everything for me and that's one major thing I'm having to learn being newly married. I'm very thankful for the three years I spent here in China prior to getting married when I battled loneliness. During those times I found that deep relationship with Jesus that often only comes from those trying times.

Oodles of kids!

Rosita (YA), USA: I am, like most regular Family young people, working in a regular field Home, doing my share of dishes, outreach, leading fellowship, and yes, caring for *oodles* of young kids. In our Home alone we have (counting on fingers) 14 kids ages 12 and down, soon to be 15 (new baby arriving). I suppose that's big enough, no? I've had my share of feeling useless and like I couldn't cope with the endless responsibilities of caring for little kids, putting away their laundry, fixing their hair, cleaning the room, feeding them the Word, and schooling and educating them in the ways of witnessing and the world.

To all you young people who think childcare is not your boat, why not try it? Looking into their smiling and innocent faces and grubby little hands, you can't help but yield to the calls for help. Yes, childcare is cool, perhaps not as glamorous as a video or music ministry, but it yields great rewards. When everyone is with it, it can be the most satisfactory job you've ever been given.

We have a great crew of guys and girls who enjoy, and I mean *love* working with kids. And our kids are no angels. They're the rowdy, rambunctious type who need a lot of input and correction. All of us young people have taken up the call to teach and train "our" kids what we've been taught all of our lives. We've got Steven (17) and Marianne (22) who take on our troop of young toddlers from 1-2 years old. Gloria (21) teaches the preschool girls. I (20) care for the 6- to 11-year olds, and Paloma (18) schools our pre-teen, teenage crowd.

One plus, I believe, to not experiencing burn-out is that none of us are stuck at home all day feeling the humdrum routine of daily life. We each in turn with the children go out to "preach the Gospel to every creature." This has worked so well as we daily go out witnessing. We meet sheep, get people Activated,

and don't have to experience the pressure of raising funds through only going out on the weekends.

Thank you, Mama, for making things clear. It's certainly already in the Word. All the problems are solved through our careful study and living of the Word and listening to Jesus. I'm a firm believer and advocate that communal living works!

Claiming childcare help

Chris Forest, Mexico: The recent Letters about childcare mention that the first step in receiving personnel to help with the large families is to pray. Well, a couple of months ago I was filling in the TRF and I was murmuring a bit about the lack of help. Then I caught myself and wrote, "Oh, forget what I just wrote. I claim the best childcare worker in the world for our family in the power of the keys of the Kingdom." That was the end of it! Then in the numerous want ads and requests it all boiled down to a sweet girl coming to our Home in little Mexico all the way from Japan. She has only been here a few days and she is really good with the kids! We believe the Lord answered our prayers! We are a big family with nine kids and a single mom with two kids also, pioneering a fruitful work in a fertile field. Wow! It really pays to obey the Word!

Comment regarding children's movies

Ado (CO, of Kanah), USA: As is evident, over this past decade or two, the world in general has taken an ugly turn, with perverted sex and an over emphasis on sexual issues being common. Magazines, books, and even children's videos often talk about sexual topics that children shouldn't be exposed to. The movies, books, worldly music and magazines that JETTs and teens are bombarded with, at least in the West, seem to be increasingly more vulgar in their sexual content. On the streets

of big cities, sexually explicit material is often sitting on the magazine racks in full view for all. How are we as Family parents combating this onslaught of perversion by the Enemy? Are we showing our kids the Lord's viewpoint and the Godly, Family way of looking at sex and sexual topics? The Enemy is aggressive in getting across his viewpoint. Are we?

Unfortunately, in the Family there are situations where parents allow their children to view movies rated way above their age, for example, MCs, OCs, and JETTs viewing movies rated for YAs or even unrated movies, etc. Many times these movies were rated for an older age group because of the sexually explicit content, which often includes things like adult sexual humor, exposure to homosexuality, sexual perversions, and often ungodly views of sex, or just worldly viewpoints of marriage, jealousy, divorce, etc. I've seen children watching these movies in Homes and have heard from OCs about some adult or even unrated movies that they've watched. Some of the "good" movies, even some classics, rated for MCs and OCs contain a lot of adult humor that the kids might not really understand.

The point is the need for parent/teacher involvement in what our kids are exposed to. The key to helping our kids *get* the *right* viewpoint is that someone needs to be there to explain things—not to let them watch movies by themselves or with their friends without comment.

It's sad, because Family parents are loving parents who want the best for their kids, but some are just not aware of all that their kids are learning from these movies. Perhaps they allow this because they are busy or unaware of the content of the movie, but when personally questioned, some of the parents have said that they didn't know their kids had seen such-and-such a movie. Another response about this is: "I thought that movie was rated

for their age group." Their kids had told them the rating was for their age group, and the parents hadn't taken the time to check it out themselves.

It's been surprising to hear some JETTs and OCs talk about ungodly behavior they've seen in movies or tell dirty jokes they've heard on videos or from others. These very evil attitudes are bombarding our kids through movies, books, worldly music, TV, association with both Family kids as well as non-Family kids from the neighborhood, school, and even from their own older brothers and sisters. I think another avenue that these attitudes come in and reach down to our younger kids is through teen, YA, and adult conversations. It used to be that most Family members were very conscious that talking about adult topics was to be out of earshot of children; however, in my opinion, that doesn't seem to hold true nowadays. Some of our Family children hear a lot of conversations about topics that they probably shouldn't hear.

Unfortunately, to use a common phrase used in the world today, I think some parents may be "in denial," thinking that their kids can do no wrong, or that their children could not possibly be doing something bad or taking in some worldly viewpoints from a movie. This attitude is not just in the Family; this is a common mindset of parents in society at large who often have less contact with their children than Family parents do. Sometimes we might wonder where our "sweet" kids get some "bad" attitude; sometimes it doesn't even show up until years later. As much as some parents would like to, it's impossible to keep our kids "in a bubble of protection" nowadays. That's not really an option. The Enemy is hitting our kids hard from every possible angle and as parents we have to fight even harder to combat these attacks. That's our only option.

As has been brought out in recent GNs, we Family parents need to be aggressively

fighting the Enemy's attacks on the lives of our children. I've heard a number of Family parents express concerns about living with another family's children, as they want to know what those children are like, how the parents discipline their kids, what their personal standard is, what are the kids allowed to do, or not do, etc. Thank the Lord that many of these issues have been discussed in recent GNs, but it is a genuine concern for many parents.

The bubble of protection that we may have taken for granted in the past is not automatically there now. The promises of protection and guidance that Jesus has given us are contingent upon our close communication with Him, our unity, and our communications with each other. Let's team up to help raise our children in the Lord, and not let the Enemy have such an influence in their lives without us aggressively doing all we can to counter that influence.

Kids can play a part in outreach

Mamta, India: I've been doing childcare for some time now, and just recently I was able to totally yield in this area. I needed a break for a year in between and the Lord was sweet to send someone along who was able to take my place and I was able to go on outreach a bit more than I had ever done before. The Lord did bless it and it was fruitful and it helped me get the needed break. After the person had to leave the Lord told me that He needed me back in the full-time ministry and it was a tussle inside. This time, however, the Lord helped me to totally yield and have the peace that everything would be just fine. The Lord had been convicting me to pour more into the kids spiritually and not just do the basics, so I started obeying the best I could and the Lord started blessing it. It's been a joy to be back doing childcare full time again.

I enjoy outreach as well too, and now and then I do get an opportunity to go out. Since my time on the field is limited (sometimes half a day a week), I had been really desperate because my partners were usually teens or people who are not "team leaders." We go out claiming the power of the keys and wonderful miracles happen with the kids' prayers.

One evening I called someone and he said to come see him. I had a teen as my partner, and one preschooler and one OC girl with me and we went by faith. I explained about what we do and pulled out everything I had in my bag and put it out on the table. He was a quiet sort of person who didn't give much response to what I was saying. So my partner kept praying while I spoke. I couldn't stay too long as the kids were getting past their quietness stage and getting into the wiggly stage. Finally I stopped and waited for the answer. To my surprise, he said, "I'll take it all! How much do I have to give?"

We got out almost as much as the shiner team that day! It was a testimony how much the Lord wants us to use our little warriors, and how much He blesses when we make a push to take the kids out witnessing.

Another time I was out and the Lord led us to one company where we took the card of the director. The secretary was sweet so we got a check to follow up on the guy. We did so and he turned out to be quite nice when I spoke to him on the phone. He took a couple of VCDs when we met him and I asked him to help sponsor some books for the hospital. I was hoping for a donation of Rs.3000 (US\$60). He said he would consider and asked me to call back a couple of days later. I did so and he apologized, saying he hadn't spoken to the concerned people. I got together with the kids and prayed that he would help and come through with the amount. When I called him again, he said he had a check wait-

ing for me to collect. I asked him how much the amount would be and he said, "Oh, a small amount—Rs.10,000 (US\$200)!"

Needless to say, I was surprised at the answer. The kids were so excited and I was so glad to have utilized their prayer power. This was just one of the many miracles the Lord has been doing when I have been able to go out. It

was quite encouraging to know that us childcare folks can also do our part of helping shoulder a little part of the load that the outreach guys carry.

That's to testify of the blessings of being on childcare, how the Lord can use you if you are yielded and do His will, He can make you a blessing to many. The kids are a powerhouse and we just have to learn to tap into that power!

CVC in action

CVC diploma helps get missionary visa

BY PAUL, PHILIPPINES

Recently we sent in a prayer request for our visa situation. And a few days ago I was informed by the immigrations office that they've granted us the missionary visa that we asked for.—An answer to prayer. The CVC ordination diploma was accepted as part of the proof that I'm qualified to do missionary work.

A big "thank you" to those who helped me get all the needed paperwork: the CVC desk, the Channel of Hope Foundation, FCF and everyone who prayed for our situation.

CVC tested in Russian regional court

BY DJ (OF DAVIDA), RUSSIA

I met an American couple in our city that needed the help of an independent translator. They came to adopt two children from a local orphanage and ran into a network of corrupt officials and translators.

After getting the okay from the Lord, and with my Home's consent, I accepted the job. But I wasn't sure about one thing—I'd joined the Family 11 years ago and thanks to the Lord, I learned to speak English, but I don't have any official diplomas. In school I studied French. When I was 17, I dropped out of university to join the Family and never received any further [formal] education. I even lost all my school and university documents in a raid during persecution seven years ago. The only papers I have are various CVC diplomas that I've earned in the last few years. But would my CVC "Oral and Written Translations Russian-English" diploma hold water with the Russian legal system?

In Russia the red tape is very red! The officials take pleasure in giving people the maximum amount of hassle. To help this couple I would have to translate legal documents, have my translations approved by local notaries, and represent the American couple in the regional court. I told the couple that with my "little" diploma I probably would be turned down. But they insisted on trying it anyway.

We went to two public notaries, I showed my CVC diploma, and both accepted it! The day of the court hearing came and the same thing happened—I was admitted right in, with only CVC credentials.

Russian regional court officials are not stupid; it's one of the most legalistic systems in the world. They had my background and education checked and verified. I had to sign and bear legal and criminal responsibility if any of my translating was false.

The end result is that this couple was able to adopt two neglected Russian toddlers. Now these children are happy, healthy, and safe, living in a nice home with caring parents. I believe that CVC played an important part in helping their lives be saved from a very dark future.

So, please, don't tell me that my CVC diplomas aren't worth anything. I've used them and I've tried them and they're great. I don't need anything else!

home schooling corner

In unity there is great strength, and all your manpower, gifts, and talents pooled together will make a tremendous force. The power doesn't come from any one individual, or because of one person's special gifts and talents, but because all of My children are molded together as one, moving forward as one, and applying the Word and the direction that I give to fulfill My plan and My purpose. ... I wish to pour out in great abundance and give ideas, goals, and plans to many so that your ministries might grow and blossom! ... You will see results and the expansion of the Family through this greater knowledge, experience, understanding, counsel, and workforce. With wise counsel amongst you all shall purposes be established. ("The Board Vision, Part 3," ML #3387:25-26,102.)

Questions...

By Maria Obey, Nigeria

The CLE Light Units, especially Math and Language Arts, take a long time to do, much more than the kids can cover in one year. Some average about 15 light units total in a year, in their required school time of twelve hours a week. Any suggestion or tips how others do it with their Light Units, and how much time do their children take? Just to cover Math and Language Arts alone is 20 Light Units a year. But they enjoy doing Science and Social studies too, and those Light Units go faster.

By Peter and Lily, England

If anybody has any satisfied customer comments about the 3-Gs in the CLE, we'd be highly interested.

[Editor's note: See Ben and Faithy's article on pg. 15, about how they worked with CLE to substitute American Social Studies with European Social Studies.]

By Sarah I., Thailand

I have a question about the SOS home school program. If you enroll with them, do they give a certificate after the student has completed 8th grade? And what is their program for the high school years? From all I have heard it seems like a good alternative for students who can't handle too many workbooks.

Helping children take on responsibilities

By Pedro, Hetzabe, and Magdalena, Mexico

We're including the children more in different ministries in the Home and it's bearing good fruit. One of our OCs commented that now that she's busier she feels happier and the day passes more quickly.

Supervised use of CDs for YC/MC schooling

By David Lamb, Taiwan

I have quite a selection of children's CD ROM material to use as a supplement to my YC and MC kids' education. We have five kids under seven years of age, so I mainly preview stuff that's suited for their age group. I have a few from the recommended list pubbed a while back and various others I've collected over the years. I try to treat every CD ROM like a video. I always preview them before I let my kids use them. Even the best ones have little sarcastic comments, scary pictures or references to evolution that you have to be on the lookout for. There's often a lot of foolish cartoons or animations added to keep the kids' attention.

I try to never let them be on the computer by themselves. I like to oversee what they do and make clarifying comments on what they're viewing and hearing. I try to apply Dad's suggestion that most anything can be edifying if you bring the Lord into it. I don't base their education around the CDs; instead, while they're doing their CLE or having Word time, I supplement the ideas they're reading with the CD info I have available. For example, if we're having a flannelgraph on "God's Mighty Motor," I will go to a science CD and let them learn about motors after the class. If I actually have a real motor available, I will use that first to bring in a hands-on object lesson. I try not to emphasize the computer, but it is nice to know what's available and use it so as to keep the little ones active and not sitting at their table or desk for the whole duration of school time.

I've found that Dorling Kindersley has many good CD programs for young kids. They are vivid and simple in content. Two titles that I recommend are "My First Amazing World Explorer" and "My First Amazing Dictionary." Some of the material for older kids is not bad, but you can

see a sarcastic and American spirit in it. I also let my kids type out their CLE reading words in big letters using the Windows Write program. Another project I'm working on is creating flash card slide shows using Microsoft PowerPoint. It's not too difficult to use and with it you can create many Glenn-Doman-type slide shows. I've done all the multiplication tables on slide shows and the kids like to watch them. You can animate and add sounds to any of the words or numbers. I usually create a colorful and animated MO quote slide at the end of each show as a shiner prize.

Acts of the Revolution videos

By Andy, Maria, and Ariana, Colombia

We've been re-watching the exciting series, *The Acts of the Revolution*. For most Home members it was a fun review of our History, but it was interesting to see how most of our OCs and MCs weren't so aware of the interesting facts and anecdotes shared about our origins. Also, as a Home we've started to use the GAP videos more, not only during our school times, but also for united family times or devotions.

[Editor's note: These videos may soon be available along with the other Family-produced audio video CDs available from SEA FED at eztel@loxinfo.co.th. See their order form on the MO site at: <http://www.familymembers.com/fed/catalog/details.php?id=304>]

Acorn in My Hand phonics book

By Sarah, Australia

I would like to testify of the fruit of a book called *Acorn in My Hand* for anyone who may be having trouble teaching their child to read. I am a mother of six and have taught my children as well as many others over the years. I have used mainly sight reading and have found this to be quite good; I have gotten most kids reading at quite an early age. However, my youngest son was not making much progress, although I had done all the usual things at an early age. He was having trouble remembering his sight words and it seemed like we weren't making any headway.

Upon discovering this book and using the principles contained therein, he simply took off. It uses the principle of teaching the phonetic rules (about 25, I think), and then the child can think about

how to spell his words without having to actually remember them. By learning the rules it takes less time than it does to try to remember all the words, and the child feels encouraged that he can write phonetically even if at first he doesn't get all the words correct. The lady in this book has such a love for children and uses encouragement, lots of love, and "bragging," as she calls it, to help the children. They simply blossom and flourish. I would recommend it as a must for any homeschooler. I know it is on the recommended list but I just wanted to testify of how it helped my son and me.

[Editor's note: See the "Educational Book Guide" in the Childcare Reference Handbook, pg. 738; or on the MO site at: <http://www.familymembers.com/fed/catalog/details.php?id=301>]

By Joy D, Australia

Acorn in My Hand is easy reading—a wonderful book on teaching phonics. I would highly recommend it. It is Godly and easy to follow.

Hero Tales book suggestion

By Angelo and Comfort, Canada

I read about a new two-volume set of books that people might be interested in called *Hero Tales*. They are biographies of famous Christian heroes written for elementary school-aged children by Dave and Neta Jackson, the authors of the *Trailblazer* Series, those exciting books such as *Kidnapped by River Rats* that are recommended in the Educational Book Guide. *Hero Tales* seems like many of the same stories as the *Trailblazers*, but all in two volumes. They are available at shopping.com for \$8.44 each.

Weekly CC devotions

By Asaph, Pakistan

Once a week we have a CC devotions with all the CC workers and parents. We try and cover two discussion points, as well as have good prayer time for the groups. We all take turns leading this devotion. We noticed that we were having too many meetings in the evenings, so to have a CC devotions (instead of a meeting) reading the Word together and discussing it is a real plus!

Teaching kids evolution's untrue

By Peter P., Africa

I feel that it is very important to teach the children about evolution and creation because it pervades every aspect of modern society (from art, science, history, lit-

erature, etc.). Having evolution referred to so matter-of-factly by the System may cause some to doubt. It is not enough for the kids to think that evolution is bad; they need to be fully convinced in their hearts and able to argue coherently and convincingly why evolution is not true. Creation is one of our foundation beliefs and one of the main tenets that the Enemy has attacked. Creation classes from the *BTH* and various videos are a big help in teaching kids against evolution.

Educational authority's recognition of our home schooling

By Ben and Faithy, Russia

This is one more testimony about the educational authority's recognition of our wonderful home schooling and the CLE course—this time in the Netherlands.

Our daughter Fleur was home schooled all her life, first with the help of *Super Work Books*, and then, from grade 8 through high school she was enrolled in the CLE full program. She obtained a CLE General High School Diploma, as well as four CVC Diplomas in childcare and computer skills. She finished high school shortly before she turned 18, and then she decided to leave the Family.

She settled in Holland and the first step she had to take was to enroll in a school to learn Dutch, as she never lived in the Netherlands, and knew very little Dutch. She also had to have her diplomas evaluated, so the Dutch educational authorities could give her a Dutch equivalent of her diplomas, as the Dutch schooling system is much different and more sophisticated and demanding than the American school system. She submitted all her diplomas, both CVC and CLE, and the CLE Office also has sent a record of her grades directly to her school counselor. And in their stead she obtained the highest Dutch high school diploma she could possibly obtain! As you can imagine, both she and we were very happy with that, and it helped her to have confidence in her education. Besides that, she has been the top student in her Dutch language school.

After almost a year of learning Dutch, she took entrance exams to a well-known hotel management college. There were over 200 students vying for 90 places. After the exams, which included written tests, group discussion, and interview, she thought she had little chance of passing, since she felt nervous during the exams and her Dutch wasn't completely fluent. Well, to her surprise, she passed the exams and got accepted! Once again, her Family home schooling

education proved to be excellent!

We also wanted to comment positively on the CLE staff. We've found them very helpful during the four years when Fleur was enrolled in their full program. They answered many of our questions promptly and did their best to accommodate our requests. We had no problems with substituting some of their subjects with our curriculum, for example American Social Studies with European Social Studies. When Fleur had to pass the final high school exams in one of their centers (thankfully she happened to be in Texas just at that time), they organized the exams on a very short notice and did their best to comply with a very short time frame she had for these exams. All in all, we enjoyed working with the CLE staff.

So little time to bring in the harvest

By Joy D., Australia

I have been reading the "home schooling corner" in the *Grapevine* with great interest. It's a great blessing. It seems the Family in general has swung to using ACE or CLE or depending on some System curriculum which is understandable. I know after using Family materials for years, and finding books to go along with what they are learning, it's a blessing to have something that is ready and the kids can just follow along.

I personally would like to see a swing to more Family-oriented curriculums. Years ago I worked on some studies for kids' school from the DBs, making a Language Arts course, including compound words, adjectives etc., as well as questions to answer in sentence form. Something like this could be wonderfully done with the *Heaven's Library* books.

I've been delving into old FED-related pubs this past few weeks. It's been fun and envisioning re-reading the different pubs about the CVC. The "Introducing the CVC" FSM 288 makes it clear the CVC is designed for us to teach our young people through hands-on experience and valuable training and practical skills training, the things that will help them to lead fruitful, productive lives. I have also found that each time I have students working on the CVC they are getting so much Word that the Lord just changes them through soaking in the Word.

Many of our first kids have great life education and *if* they are confident they do great. We need to instill that confidence and the fact that our education is every bit as good as the System's and even better!

Pray!



Healing key: In your hour of need, when your health fails you, when you need My supernatural healing, call on the keys. Through their power you will receive health for your body, strength for your spirit, and faith to believe that with Me nothing is impossible.

Testimonies of Answered Prayer

By David V. (of Danielle), Brazil:

My daughter Luz (13) is healed! She's definitely cured after Zac and Lucero's visit and prayer for her! She had gotten much worse in her overall health due to the advancement of her Progressive Degenerative syndrome; she was becoming completely blind and deaf and was speedily losing her motor skills and physical coordination, having a hard time to sustain her own weight and to walk. She had stopped reading and couldn't write anymore, was also having difficulty talking and could only do it taking small breaths and talking very slowly, one word at a time. The lenses of her eyes were turning hazy due to the progression of the syndrome, and the muscles of her eyelids couldn't keep them fully open anymore. One of them was almost completely closed all the time and the other was halfway closed.

After sleeping for four days with a small fever, after the prayer (the Lord had said that it was a holy sleep and that He was healing her heart and soul when we prayed), she woke up with her eyes cleared and one of them is completely normal and open and the other is almost there. She talks almost the entire day, has a sense of humor and cracks jokes. She is reading again, even at night (she had what they call "night blindness" and usually after 4 or 5 PM she could barely see anything), wrote a few phrases on homemade birthday cards, is walking without someone having to hold her, is lifting her feet from the floor to do so and has run after or from me a few times. She's also hearing better and the Lord has provided a pair of nice, strong, new hearing aids for her. She has gained about six kilos already, looks much healthier than before and is definitely growing again (she's as tall as her eight-year-old sister and much lighter, even though she'll be turning 14 this coming November). The keys work!

By Heidi Tradutora, Brazil: At the Brazil national retreat there was a prayer meeting for healing and many of us were healed from long-term health problems. To mention just a few, Cristina Maria (9) was delivered from stomach problems, gastritis, and she actually felt when the healing took place at the meeting, feeling her whole body tingling, and since then has not had any problems with her digestive system. V., a friend, stopped taking a medicine she's been on for years, and is feeling great!

Tod, who had injured his knees and was receiving physiotherapy, could hardly walk, but after the prayer he started swimming right away and is already even running with the kids. Felipe (2) who was having asthma attacks, didn't even catch a cold when most everybody else did, and is doing great. Since then he has had no asthma attacks. Anna (19) and T., a potential disciple, both suffered from photophobia, but don't have this problem anymore. Anna even spent her first W&R after the retreat by the pool getting some sun, something she could never do, as it would give her terrible eye and headaches. She was also delivered, by faith, from endometriosis, and hasn't felt the heavy pains she used to have. And the list goes on and on. TTL for the power of the keys that can heal anything!

By Cristal, Brazil: I was in a lot of pain in my back and joints from arthritis, but I was completely healed at the Brazil national retreat!

By Clara (of Bernardo), Brazil: I was healed from serious problems in my uterus, after being prayed for at the Brazil retreat!

By Hepsi Translator, Brazil: A wonderful miracle due to the power of the keys was the healing of Serena's baby, Samuel, born on the 16th of May with no signs of toxoplasmosis. They did tests on him when he was first born and there were traces of it. The mother, who had been on the Prayer List, had toxoplasmosis. The second test showed nothing! Totally healed! He's a very healthy baby, very alert and is growing a lot.

By Daniel and Lizzy, Brazil: We put Rafaelito on the Prayer List a few months ago since he was not able to sit, crawl or much less walk, even being a year old. He was born premature, so he had a mild case of cerebral paralysis, since oxygen didn't get to his brain immediately when he was born. We recently went to the national retreat here in Brazil, and a couple from Colombia, who came to testify of all the miracles of healing the Lord is doing in Colombia, had a morning of prayer and deliverance, and they prayed for Rafaelito. A week later, he started to make amazing progress, and now for the first time, he is able to sit by himself. At the

clinic where he does his physiotherapy, they tested him and they said that there is no brain damage at all, and that eventually he will regain all his normal movements. What a victory and answer to prayer!

By Teresita, Chile: Marcela and I and our seven children were alone in the Home one night when I started having stomach discomfort. At first it was just a small upset stomach, which turned into an attack of the Enemy on a large scale. The pain was unbearable, with sharp pains like when you go into labor. At that time we weren't used to using the keys, but we began praying with all of our heart and read promises about using the keys, and started using them. Not even 10 minutes after that the pain had disappeared totally, without even one sign or symptom following it. It was a big miracle that made us start using the keys daily, and our faith in them has been increased.

By Elisa and Larissa, Italy

Date: July 16, 2002

On April 21st, Stefano (23, of Elisa East, formerly Jemima) was hit by a metro train while visiting Vienna. He was in an induced coma for six weeks with an edema in his brain, a lung infection, and several other serious injuries.

He's recovering and has been out of a coma now for over four weeks. It's a miracle he made it and his physical condition has dramatically improved. His edema is gone, his lung infection is healed and he's making good progress.

He has been released from intensive care and has been transported to Italy for his rehabilitation. A good hospital that specializes in therapy for head trauma and brain injured patients has agreed to take on his care. Actually, Elisa had a ministry at this hospital and the Family has been going there on a regular basis for years now. They really love and appreciate the Family, so are more than willing to do anything they possibly can. One of the heads of the hospital has personally undertaken the arrangements for Stefano's transport.

Stefano still has a long way to go to full recovery, but we know that with faith and prayer and the power of the keys, he will be completely restored. He is brain-damaged, but at his age and with the right treatment and input, there's a very good chance that the uninjured part of the brain will take on the functions of the damaged area. That's the miracle that we're seeking Him for.

For every need that's arisen Jesus has supplied. But there have been and will continue to be expenses. So far we've had to pay a fee for each day in ICU, and other expenses. Due to the special nature of his needs and condi-

tion right now, the two of us will be caring for him full time, so we will need to support ourselves as well as cover the costs of some special treatments and care. If the Lord lays it on your heart, we would appreciate any help, either by sending a gift or pledging monthly support. And of course Stefano needs all the prayer he can get, and we are so thankful for and can see the answers to each of them.

Our Home number is AS1603 for those who want to send a donation via the TRF. If you want to contact or write Elisa, the e-mail is: smile2friends@hotmail.com

We love you all and appreciate your prayers and many thanks in advance for any help you can give.

P.S.: Stefano was an anointed artist. To view a picture of an angel he drew before the accident, see <http://www.familymembers.com/artphotos/thms.php?cat_id=89>

By Tim and Maya, USA

Date: July 9, 2002

We want to thank everyone for your prayers for our daughter Valorie Nicole (now 18 months old). She is doing pretty well physically. She is gaining weight. We have heard that there are ones that have been praying for her health on a daily basis, and that has really touched us. We don't know how to thank you for your concern in calling on the power of the keys on her behalf. We have received the Lord's words that He is going to do something special for her this year. Once again, thank you so very much.

Europe and Africa

Philip Handyman (of Angela):

Malignant melanoma; needs the lymph nodes under his left arm removed. Needs supply of finances and a doctor to perform the operation.

North America

Arizona, USA, by David and

Cherish: Pray for rain here in Arizona and Western U.S.A. which is experiencing the biggest drought in recorded history. Wildfires have already consumed much of the national forests in Eastern Arizona.

Clare (of Dawn): Nausea, pains in stomach, and difficulty eating.

David: Perforated eardrum; balance problem, and some hearing loss in his left ear.

David: Recovery from surgery on his legs, they rotated the left leg out, as it was turned in badly; speedy healing of the bone.

Gem: Continuing gall bladder pain after operation; for the doctors to locate the problem.

Kate: Eating binges; bulimia.

Kitty (of Ivan Warhorse): Tumor on her breast; having a biopsy.

Kristen (20): Car accident, fractured neck.

Mike Fischer: Undergoing operation on his knee.

Peter Trust: Pterygium (growth on eye).

Rebecca (of Mark and Joy): Hospitalized for extreme chronic depression.

Valorie (18 months, of Tim and

Maya): Cystic fibrosis. To continue to gain weight and maintain her proper height.

Pacific

Jasmin (of James Fighter):

Huntington's disease (degenerative neurological disease); dementia.

South America

Angelito (6, of Bernardo and Clara):

Down's syndrome; for his testicles to descend.

Dulci (of Genesis): Large myoma (benign muscle tumor).

Esther (of Juan Amado): Rheumatoid arthritis and problems with her eyes; for the tear flow to be fully restored.

Evangie (13) and **Ana Karina** (YA): Scoliosis.

Gabe (of Sunshine): Weak heart, blocked artery, high blood pressure. To get good exercise and on a better diet.

Kristen: Tuberos sclerosus.

Manases: High uric acid, which causes problems in his foot

Martin (of Magdalena): Cardiac arrhythmia (irregular heartbeat), tachycardia, cyanosis (excessively rapid heartbeat), and fatigue.

Natalia (20, of Jonathan and Luz): Back pain, gastritis, and carpal tunnel syndrome.

Ruby (of Emanuel): Chronic pharyngitis and throat infection; virus that can affect the valves of the heart.

Tim (13): Severe psoriasis (skin disease) over all his body, especially during the winter.

HELP WANTED

Hello, dear Family! First we want to thank you, dear friends, who helped us through this year. We couldn't have made it this far without your support!

We are **Josh and Lydia, a Russian-Ukrainian couple, living in Kiev**—the capital of Ukraine (a couple with a little daughter and another baby on the way will be joining our Home).

Over a year ago we came here to pioneer a music studio recording ministry, under the Lord and COs' guidance. Our goal is to produce witnessing tools for the field—tapes, CDs, etc., in Russian (and other EE languages as well), as the need is so great and the laborers so few. It's been a year full of miracles, battles, and victories for us. Our faith was tested almost daily, and priceless lessons were learned. We've seen the Lord do miracles of supply throughout the year, and the Lord gave us a beautiful little daughter, Diane, a gift from Heaven.

Due to the changes that are taking place in the Family all around the world, quite a few people have quit their System jobs, being convicted by the Spirit and the New Wine. We admire their faith and decision to change, even though for us it meant losing most of our income. Living in such a poor country like Ukraine, we don't have a chance to raise our funds locally; for us nationals, it is practically impossible to go to fundraise to the Western countries. So we wanted to humbly ask for financial help once again, dear Family, trusting that our Heavenly Supporter will provide for us all and hoping that you will hear our plea! We are well aware of the fact that a lot of you are already supporting lots of missionaries on various fields, and that another call for help could easily get lost among many other cries for help. But we ask you to please consider our desperate situation and our desire to serve the Lord and ask Him about it.

We don't ask for a lot—even a little donation will go a long way here and will make a great difference! To give you an

example: Our rent is \$150 a month, and whatever else we have left after paying it (usually not much) goes for food. The food here is cheaper than in the Western countries, but not always (some products, like chicken, juice, and cheese cost the same as in the West, sometimes even more).

Our biggest expense of the year was getting a keyboard for the studio (which was an incredible sum of \$890), which the studio couldn't do without. We used half of our pioneer gift that was left for this purpose and took a loan to cover the other half. We asked the Lord and are trusting Him to supply for us, as our only motive is to serve Jesus and to share His Gospel with the needy people of Eastern Europe! Will you help us to reach them? We need your help!

If you would like to know more about our work in the EE and/or get regular news from us, write us at: kars@t.kiev.ua. Thank you! We keep you in our hearts and prayers!

Much love in Jesus, Josh, Lydia and Diane

For KARS team

entertainment

Movies Rated for YAs and Up

WINDTALKERS (2002)

Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach

Story follows two of the U.S. Marines in WWII who were assigned to protect Navajo Marines who used their native language as an unbreakable radio cipher.

(Dad:) This movie, like most war movies, shows the absolute horror of war. It shows that in war no one wins.—Everyone comes out a loser because of how many lives are lost. As far as top-notch acting—it's excellent. It's based on a true story of the Navajo code talkers and honors their valuable role in the Second World War. But if you don't like war movies and they have a bad effect on you, don't see this one. It's very dramatic with the main emphasis being the battlefield and human anguish. It's not for the fainthearted. It's intense, with some real gut-wrenching, heartbreaking situations.

I wouldn't suggest that you see it without really hearing from the Lord. Don't just take it lightly and sit down and watch it without praying first and getting the Lord's okay. It's very realistic. It's sad; it's the horror of war.

Take note that this film is one more of many exposing the public to ultra-patriotism and nationalism, gearing the public up to accept the coming wartime frenzy. There are so many war movies coming out these days, and this isn't one of the best, either production-wise or message wise. It does have the worthwhile element of touching your heart for the poor souls who have to go to war, and showing you some of what they go through.—That's the upside of pretty much any war movie, if you're mature enough to see that and get that from it, and don't get tripped off by the patriotism aspect, or attempt to get your history lessons from Hollywood. There is a bit of overkill with all the huge explosions, which is this director's most outstanding feature, and there is certainly plenty of gore, but not so much depth or substance of the characters or the story.

This movie does bring out some valuable racial issues, showing the bigotry of some, and also showing how when they needed to, the Native Americans and Whites could become united. On the other hand, it demeans the Japanese, making them seem almost less than human, like "pop up targets" to help the plot along. It's a cheapening of human life. The movie shows that war is horrible, and yet the "hero" as it were, is pretty much a cold-blooded killer, without real principles or morals of any kind, and no goal in life except being a good Marine. Nevertheless he does have his "human" heroic and compassionate side, as most people do

deep down. You can see he's sad, hopeless, even suicidal, and the feeling of the movie overall certainly doesn't give much hope or inspiration. The movie is touching in a sense, and at the end you feel some measure of positive emotion, but it's not a real uplifting feeling you walk away with.

This movie won't be harmful for most mature people to watch, if they're interested, and it has its good points, but it's also one that you can pass up and not be missing too much. It's certainly not one for sensitive viewers, because there are a lot of battle scenes and some pretty gory stuff.

Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up

MINORITY REPORT (2002)

Tom Cruise, Colin Farrell, Max Von Sydow

In a futuristic world, murderers are caught by the "pre-crime" police unit before they commit a crime. However, when an officer in the special unit is accused of a crime, he sets out to prove his innocence.

(Jesus:) This movie really gets you thinking. It addresses significant issues in today's world—personal liberty versus greater involvement by the "state" for the sake of everyone's protection. It shows just how far Big Brother can go, and there will be similarities between the type of control shown in this film and the AC's regime in certain countries. It shows the importance of not letting events drive governments or people to the extreme of control and practically all elimination of individual rights and privacy. The Enemy and the AC forces have lulled the average Systemite to sleep to the point where he doesn't even notice his freedom being stripped away little by little.

There are a few scenes of violence that sensitive viewers should be cautioned about, such as the opening murder scene, and other murder scenes, some of which are replayed a few times. There are also a few other unpleasant scenes, such as an eye operation. The subject matter is murder and it's not a movie one should go into lightly seeking "entertainment."

Any movie that's set in the future usually has something about it that seems a little bleak and foreboding, and you, My children, can thank Me that you know the future—at least more so than most people do. You know how it's all going to end up. You know you're going to be on the right side. You know you're going to come out okay, one way or the other. You also know I won't let you suffer more than you're able to bear. Other people don't have that kind of reassurance, so some are afraid. I use that feeling of insecurity and fear sometimes to

prepare My sheep to receive Me. People know that the world's future isn't all that bright, and it's hard to find much hope in it. They try to find hope in the idea that humankind is overall good and fair and things will work out, and that concept is put forth in this movie. Unfortunately, that isn't the truth, because evil men will wax worse and worse.

It's sad the way society is headed—the way people are willing to give up personal freedoms for either convenience or security. Nevertheless, it's part of My plan, and it must be so. Yet as long as there are people like you, My children, and others standing up and speaking out and fighting for freedom of religion, for freedom of privacy, for freedom from too much government intervention, you can help to stave off the complete control of the AC for as long as possible. You won't "win" in the sense that you can't stop what is meant to come. It will come, for that is the destiny of the world. Still, though, I will bless you for standing up and fighting, and in doing so, you will win others to your cause—My cause. And in the end, of course, you really do win.

There's a good message in this movie about choice, how every person has the choice to do right or wrong; it's a gift that God has given people, and it cannot be taken away from them.

The fact that they had those "pre-cogs" or seers, in the plot, was very significant. People are starting to open their hearts and minds more to such spiritual concepts. Be cautioned, however, that the spiritual foresight, prophecy, and foretelling of the future which is portrayed in this movie is not in line with My Word. These are gifts I will give to My children who are yielded and who harness the power of the keys in full faith. The gifts you saw in this movie are a mockery of My gifts. These were not pure gifts, but were tinkered with and altered by Satan, by the machinations of man, and by those who would use others for their own gain.

While the movie was interesting and had a good plot and kept you guessing, the Enemy also got in and glorified his coming system. There is a spirit within this movie designed to linger in the mind of the viewer, and cause them to ponder the question of a systematic prevention of crime, and to what lengths the System should be allowed to go. Some will draw the right conclusions, and others the wrong ones.

The world is speeding toward destruction, and violence is on the rise, just as the spirit of Satan is on the rise. He is synonymous with violence and evil and perversion. And as the people of the world open their mind to him more and more, shocking violence

and murders of all kinds will only become more common, to the point where people will be willing to accept tremendous violations of their personal freedom.

Be mindful of the spirits, for some action/mystery movies carry more than meets the eye. This is one of them, wrapped in a clever and entertaining package, but at the same time attempting to twist your mind ever so slightly. Be on guard. Movies have more effect than you realize.

If My children see this movie they must be sure to pray a cleansing prayer before and after, as the images shown throughout the movie can have a negative affect on the minds of My brides if they are not cleansed by Me.

Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST, THE (2002)

Rupert Everett, Colin Firth, Reese Witherspoon

Two young gentlemen living in 1890s England use the same pseudonym (Earnest) on the sly, which is fine until they both fall in love with women using that name, which leads to a comedy of mistaken identities.

(Jesus:) This movie is fun, entertaining, and excellently done. It is refreshing in that there is no foul language or violence. Apart from some mildly deceptive behavior on the part of some of the characters, there isn't much that is objectionable in this film. It's not something by which to base relationships on, of course, as it's based on a fanciful approach on love and life.

Oscar Wilde was a master of the spoof! He was not an admirable person in himself, but the wordings and the nuances and the suggestions—all intended to make fun of the traditions of the era in which he lived—were priceless. The movie is embellished quite a bit from the original manuscript, but in any case it is enjoyable entertainment.

The only thing that is lacking is a deep theme. But in actuality, the theme of the shallowness and frivolity of the rich is well brought out. The need for sincerity and the difficulty in finding it is also brought out.

Movies Rated for MCs and Up

ESCAPE TO GRIZZLY MOUNTAIN (2000)

Dan Haggerty, Miko Hughes

This rugged adventure set in the U.S. Pacific Northwest follows a brave boy back through time in a race to save a bear cub from its cruel circus owners.

(Jesus:) This is a simple and sweet spirited movie. The time travel part will need to be explained to kids—how the way this is portrayed is not something that really happens, but is just part of the story. It has good lessons on standing up for what you know is right and on taking care of nature and animals. It's very sweet how they make references to

“God” and “God’s world,” etc. It has quite a godly message.

OTHER MOVIES

ICE AGE (2002)

Animated, voices of Ray Romano and John Leguizamo

(Jesus:) This movie is fairly typical of a lot of the material that is produced for children these days. Children's expectations and appetites have changed, to where they're no longer satisfied or content to enjoy pure and simple entertainment; they need more in order to make them happy. The producers of this movie geared the tone and presentation towards the general appetite of the world today. They did their best to weave in a good message, but they felt they had to sugarcoat it with a lot of junk in order to make it sell well and make it a hit. But just because that's what the world desires, or even what your own children might desire, doesn't mean that that's what's good for them.

This movie has so much of the world in it that I would not recommend it for young children. There is sarcasm and foul humor and foul language, and these things are not appropriate for My children to be exposed to. It does have a sweet ending, and portrays some good “examples” in its characters, like the message of laying down your life for another, and learning to care for others and work together. But there's so much that comes before the good lesson, that it's not worth it for kids to wade through the muck in order to pick out the one bit of nutrition. What they would remember most—much more than the lesson—are the witty lines, cutting remarks, dirty humor, and attitudes of the world, which I would rather spare them from.

If parents are considering showing it to their children or JETTs, they should certainly preview it first, pray and ask Me about it, and take into consideration the different flaws of the movie—the foolishness, sarcasm, wrong attitudes, and the false evolutionary premise—and they should be sure to pow-wow these things with their children. It certainly is not one for repeated viewing.

If adults want to watch this because they really enjoy animation, I trust that they will pray before and afterwards, and can enjoy the entertainment if they choose the good and eschew the evil. With the life experience you have as an adult, you can look at the characters in an animation like this and see beyond the sarcasm and foolishness and catch the depth, the feelings, the give and take, relate to the “human nature” quirks they portray, etc., and it provides some good laughs. However, children see things on a more simple level. Even many young people who should be mature enough to handle something like this would fall into mimicking some of the comments and attitudes, so I don't give an across-the-board permission to view this movie.

kidbits

Ryan Andrew River, 1st child, born to **Suzie** on September 26.—Canada

Ivan Antonio, born to **Clara**

Wilderness and Simon Andres on April 4.—Australia

Kata, born to **Mook and Joe Christian** on May 27, Thailand

Elyssa Kayla, 20th child (11 girls, 9 boys, in their blended family), born to **Heidi and Gideon** on June 5.—Pakistan (*Congratulations, Heidi, on your 14th child!*)

Keith Brian, born to **Angelina and Jon B.** on June 16.—Thailand

Anesthesia born to **Sara and Kiran** on June 23.—Australia

tidbits

Christian (23) rejoined in April.—Japan

Frankie (19) joined in May.—Australia

Noel joined on June 19.—Japan

help wanted

Hello! I'm **JP (17)**. I have been in the Philippines for six years now, but I would love to be a missionary in another field. The Lord has confirmed that it is His will for me to have a change and there are a couple of Homes in South America willing to take me. Someone is already helping me with half of my fare but I still need to raise the other half. I have been raising funds through outreach but it's not enough and is taking me some time, so to expedite my trip I would like to ask if you could help me towards my trip! GBY! IRLY! You can send your donations through the TRF to James Paul, PH23, Philippines. TY!

Have you been wanting something DFO to share with your friends and sheep that would outline how much the Family is doing? **Download “Heading into 2002” (color PDF) from the MO site**, compiled by Marc and Claire (USA) from the GN series by the same name, for an eight-page overview of the Family's accomplishments in 2001. Available to share with your friends and contacts! We pray it's a blessing to you! Find it here: <<http://www.familymembers.com/pubspages/media.php3>>

Shine On—June 2002

TEAMWORK	Per Adult	Total
SOUL SHINERS FOR JUNE 2002		
Rosita, Mexico	2,500	5,000
Salomon/Belen/Cristal, Mexico	1,500	12,000
Juliet, Brazil	413	2,892
Andres/Maria, Argentina	364	1,091
Jan/Maria/Paul, Nigeria	314	1,256
Ezequiel/Jonathan/Rejoice/Tabitha, Brazil	258	1,550
Abigail/Andrew/Ezra/Ruth, India	233	2,101
Aaron/Joyful/Luis/Paul, India	205	1,644
Happy/Marcelo/Nina/Silvia, Argentina	186	744
Claire/Crystal/Daniel/Steven, India	152	610

POSTER SHINERS FOR JUNE 2002	Per Adult	Total
Elene/Rima/Sharif, Nigeria	9,143	64,000
David/Elias/Sofia, Peru	2,400	12,000
Charity/John, USA	2,150	4,300
Clara/Priscila/Tiago, Brazil	1,563	6,250
Joy/Maria/Stephen, Peru	1,000	7,000
Maria/Michael, Japan	766	3,064
Marianne/Shine/Timothy, USA	675	8,097
Rosita, Mexico	650	1,300
Clara/David/Nina, Portugal	533	3,200
David/James/Pandita/Vicky, Japan	530	2,650

TAPE SHINERS FOR JUNE 2002	Per Adult	Total
Joy/Matthias/Tiago, Brazil	413	3,301
Ben/Jonathan/Ruth/Vessel, Mexico	135	943
Ezekiel/Maria/Promise/Eric, Mexico	128	512
Nina/Jay, USA	107	321
Claire/Joy/Stefan/Tim, Switzerland	94	374
Samuell/Clara, Spain	89	178
Rosita, Mexico	88	175
Tim/Aurora/Elisabeth, Spain	68	203
John, Sweden	65	130
Brian/Claire/Joanna, Brazil	60	361

VIDEO SHINERS FOR JUNE 2002	Per Adult	Total
Joy/Matthias/Tiago, Brazil	110	880
Consuelo/Jeho/Juan, Brazil	78	543
Joao/Clara/Joana, Brazil	52	209
Gabe/Pablo/Rejoice/Solomon, USA	43	255
Piper/Ester/Fiorella/Juan, Brazil	40	240
Dove/Maria/Svieta, Russia	24	144
Francisco/Margarita/Sam/Sunshine, Mexico	22	112
Ben/Meekness/Val/Fe, Botswana	20	100
Magda/Meekness/Philip, Namibia	20	60
Angela/Elias, Spain	18	73

now that's funny!

While acquainting myself with a new elderly patient, I asked, "How long has it been since you have you been bedridden?" After a look of complete confusion she answered ... "Why, not for about twenty years—when my husband was alive."

—Dr. Leonard Kransdorf, Detroit, MI

letters to the editor

Re: GV #131

BY SHEMAIAH, USA

Please let Mark and team in India know how much I enjoyed his form of writing out their testimony. It was so neat. God bless him for bringing out what the Lord did in such a fun way.

Re: Grapes of thankfulness

BY MARIA, CANADA

It might seem insignificant but I always get so touched when I read the "grapes of thankfulness." It brings tears to my eyes to read about what Family members do for each other, and how much they care.

Re: Christy's story (GV #132)

BY DANIELLA (OF EMANUEL), FRANCE

Thank the Lord for letting us hear this wonderful testimony. It gives hope and insight for the others who have left the Family, and makes me pray much more for them, and convicts me of the need for unconditional love for them. Thank you, Christy, for sharing what the Lord did for you.

Personals

Julie Greeneyes is looking for **Kimberly (of James and Christina)**; please write Julie at e-mail: mysticsand@aol.com.

former members and friends — seeking contact

From Linda Gibson (a.k.a. Genesis Robinhood): "I am trying to reach my dear friend, **Jeannie M. (a.k.a. Naomi)**, who helped me with my children in the Philippines in 1979 through 1982. My name is Linda Gibson and Jeannie knows me as Linda Sexton. This was my married name at the time. (To contact Linda, send your e-mail to: www.thefamily.org and it will be forwarded.)

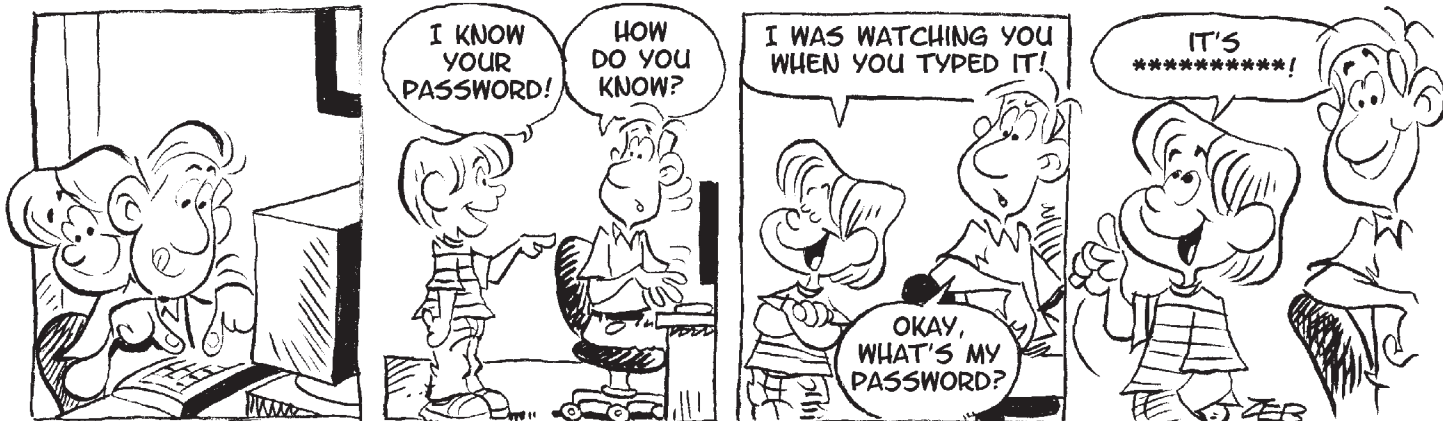
Joas (legal name Jairo L., Brazilian, last heard of in Guarujá, São Paulo state, Brazil), Clara (former Family name was Shula, also formerly married to Elijah Ever) would like you to contact her at e-mail: rocky3247@aol.com. She would also like to hear from **Cyrus and Chalce** or any other friends who know her from her 15 years in the Family. She now lives in Florida.

Carl Frye is looking for **Eric C.**, who he met in the UK in 1979, and then traveled together to Katmandu. If you know who Eric C. is, please contact Carl via the Family e-mail box: family@thefamily.org

Russell Allen is looking for **Rick V.** who changed his name to **Amaktar** when he joined the COG in Santa Monica, California in the '70s. Russel is an old friend who was in the Air Force with Rick in Germany from 1972 to 1974. If you know who Rick V. is, please contact Russel via the Family e-mail box: family@thefamily.org

Do you read the FARs? They're full of inspiring accounts of what the Lord is doing through Family members around the world. Don't miss them. Check out a neat testimony from Daniel, Lana, and team as they take to the road in Djibouti and eastern Ethiopia!—"A Family Affair!" Read all about it in FAR 198!

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