

Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got a hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.—George Bernard Shaw (1856–1950)

LONDON PEACE MARCH the message gets out!

BY ABI, EMD

There were probably about 30–35 Family members involved in the London peace march on Saturday, February 15. We gave out hundreds and hundreds of “Are You a Peacemaker?” tracts. It was an inspiring, united witnessing project and we reached many people who haven’t heard our message! PTL!



This was our meeting point where we waited for each other at the start. Lots of people passing by took photos of our signs, including one non-mainstream media outlet that interviewed me. It was a great spot for getting out the lit. Then we joined the march ... and the two inset pictures give you some idea of how it was.

FEBRUARY 22 ANTI-WAR RALLY IN PRAGUE!

BY HEIDI, CZECH REPUBLIC

“I call on the forces of David to begin to show their faces, to make themselves known in the media, to begin to cry aloud from the housetops of My salvation, to sing loudly of My praise, so that all might hear that there is yet hope in the land!” (“More on the Keys!—What the Future Holds, Part 3,” ML #3354:45).

In light of threatening war in the ME, the Family in Prague has taken to the streets to get out “Are You a Peacemaker?” tracts. Scheduled anti-war rallies are a

golden opportunity to reach the multitudes, as folks are receptive to a tract that looks political rather than religious.

Last Saturday (February 22) we joined the local anarchist chapter to march from the main tourist square to the American embassy to express our disagreement and opposition to the Bush Wars. Conservative Mom thought to give out tracts “*e basta!*” The teens and JETTs had other ideas, and came up with some Dad quotes and personal sentiments to place on banners.

Tracts were given in English, German, and Czech to passers-by, as well as folks resembling Bob Marley to Geronimo and Bill Clinton within the march.

Several people commented positively on the banners and gave thumbs up on the messages written thereon and within the tracts.

German Activated mags available

BY THE GERMAN ACTIVATED TEAM

By the time you read this, two issues of the *Activated* mag will be already printed in German! We opted to put our best foot forward and translate the very appealing issues of June and November 2002 first (to really whet the spiritual appetite of your sheep), but the basic issues (1 to 9) are in the making. Get your supply today while stocks last!

We will also be producing some new tracts, several of them with color pictures! “Mottos” calendars are still available, but they’re going fast! Details from the GPC can be obtained at: diefamilie@bluewin.ch

And if you haven’t done so already, check out our official German Web site with more color, illustrations, and moving elements than you will find at most sites: www.diefamilie.com



Mark (17, holding banner), Zeth (20, mid-banner), JP (15, far end of banner), Prague



En route from Churchill Square to Wencelas Square, main Prague tourist site, Elisa (10) and Natty (11) plead for the lives of the Iraqi children

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BOARD NEWS

Preparing to face the wind!

BY MICHELLE, FOR THE CENTRAL INDIA CP AND FED BOARDS

As a follow-up to the "Pray, Obey, and Prepare" GN, the Central India CP/FED boards held "Persecution Prep" seminars during January and February in Bombay, Goa, and Pune. The seminars were an inspiration and a boost for us all, with wonderful tips and ideas on how to better prepare for coming persecution.

The seminars were divided up into two sections:

- 1. CP topics** – Word, prayer, FAQs, children's witnessing, and the sample of our Homes and children
- 2. FED topics** – Portfolios, record keeping, CVC, and more

Section 1: Childcare and Parenting

One of the most thrilling experiences in the meetings was sharing the lessons we have been learning and the testimonies of what the power of the keys and intercessory prayer can do.

In a FAQ section of the meeting, we went over some of the many questions that the children (and parents) are often



Seminar attendees in Goa, India

asked, such as why we choose to homeschool our children, why there are so many people living in the same house, what do the daddies do, etc. Going over some of these questions unitedly provided the attendees with a springboard to discuss this more in detail with their Homes. Copies of these FAQs were given to the attendees to take Home.



John, Central India FED chairman and faithful teacher, with Andy, one of his students

Witnessing with children was another topic that generated many inspiring ideas. With an ever-increasing number of visitors to our Homes, our children have a captive audience to let their light so shine even right at home!

Other points were discussed such as Home cleanliness, instilling faith-building Word in the kids' hearts, greeting visitors, answering the phone, etc. It was fantastic to benefit from everyone's experiences and share ideas. We certainly need each other!

Section 2: Family Education Department

The second part of our seminar featured the wonders of homeschooling. The first part of the FED section was a show and tell of the ways to keep records, logs, and make portfolios.

As a cherry on a cake, at the time of the third seminar, we were also blessed with the wonderful counsel in the new *FSM*, "Dispelling the Myths About Family Education" (*FSM* #398) and more ideas and tips on portfolios in the *Grapevine* #146 "Home Schooling Corner." Thank you for all the amazing testimonies, keep them coming!

Part of the meeting also covered the CVC diplomas. It was vision increasing to go over the *CVC Handbook* and look at the many diplomas and certificates available.

Learning the local language has been a weak area in the work here. Through the recent FED newsletters the need to emphasize learning the local language has been focused on and it has been bearing good fruit. Testimonies of "tried and proven" ways of learning the language were shared by many Homes, and we claimed the power of the keys to make even greater progress.

The meetings were closed with prayer and claiming the power of the keys to bring all the points back to our Homes for prayer and implementation. The Lord promised that as we take the little steps toward these goals, He would provide the help and strength needed. The seminars certainly gave us many new challenges for the year 2003 preparing us to not only face the wind, but to enjoy it!

(Editor: To read more about this seminar, check the MO site at: <http://www.familymembers.com/newswire/1753>)

FAQs related to GP products

BY THE WS GP DEPARTMENT

Heaven's Library novels for the GP?

Q: One of the directors from a preschool asked for some books for her teens. I showed her the brochure and she wanted a novel. I sold her *Apocalypse*. Later someone in my Home who had read this said it would be too heavy for her teens as it contains sex. I called her to explain this to her, and she said it would be fine as she would be reading the book to them. I was wondering, though, about making these novels available to the GP, because they are a bit heavy and very Family oriented. I haven't read them all though so can't speak from personal experience.

A: Several of the *Heaven's Library* novels have been rated as GP, though not all of them. We tried to select those that were not so Family-specific, and those that are GP are the following: *The Perfect Ones*, *The Saga of Cormac*, *Abraham: Two Tests and a Wish*, *The Mountain Calls*, *Amaris I and II*, *Apocalypse*. (We've since discontinued printing some of these [though they're still considered GP], and are currently only reproducing

four for GP distribution: *The Perfect Ones*, *The Saga of Cormac*, *Abraham: Two Tests and a Wish*, and *The Mountain Calls*.)

Some of these do have a heavy message, and just like with all GP tools, what's appropriate for one person may not be the best for the next person. So you would need to ask the Lord which ones you should offer in which situations. It's also important to be familiar with the GP tools you're giving out, especially meatier ones such as these. If you're going to be distributing the novels to the GP, it would be a good idea to read them and know their contents, both in order to help you pitch and sell them (the best salesmen are full of their subject), and also to know what would be appropriate to recommend to those you meet.

Dramas for distribution

Q: I have been visiting libraries and schools with the Aurora brochure and getting good response. One thing that comes up a lot is their concentration on Story Hour as part of their curriculum. I wanted to suggest the idea of having Story Time CDs. We have "Mottos" and Happy Birthday CDs, so how about reading Christmas stories or Power and Protection stories or *Grandpa Jake's Storybook* on CD?

A: Great idea. We have started to produce a couple of dramas for GP distribution, and would like to do more. Please pray for

those working on them—dear Simon and team in Africa. We recently released a drama of *A Christmas Secret* along with the book of the same title, and we hope to soon have dramas of more of the *Stories to Grow By* series, as well as possibly doing a drama series of *Grandpa Jake's Storybook*.

Age-appropriate reading?

Q: I was reading "The Hot Chocolate War" to my kids and there was a section in there about Charlie, the wild girl, and it mentions how she teased the teacher with sexual connotations. I had to skip that part as it wasn't appropriate for children. I was also going to send this to my Catholic cousin who loves our children's literature, but would also not read that to them. Now I find myself even reading through the kids' stuff to see if it has sexual references.

A: As this pub was rated for the GP, we didn't give it an age rating like most CM/FM Family materials have. We'll try to send a notice regarding a possible age rating with future GP/ DFO pubs that go out with NPC mailings. In any case, however, please read any GP pubs before reading them to your children, unless they're specifically billed as a children's pub, rather than assuming that because they're stories, they're suitable for children of all ages. In some cases, especially if a mag is

intended for a GP or DFO audience, it may be more geared toward teenagers or adults. That was the case with this mag of Christmas stories, which was not intended for children.

"Current Issues" songs?

Q: A few years ago there was a project about "Current Issues" songs. I was wondering what happened to that, because there seemed to have been a few good songs on pertinent themes. Are projects like these planned in the future?

A: The "Current Issues" songs project became the *Higher* CD that was released for the GP a few years ago—including songs such as "Charlie," "State I'm In," "When Will the War Be Ended?" etc.

MP3 music downloads

Q: We enjoy all the FTTs and CDs. We are wondering if somehow the older ones that came out on tape could be made available again on CD or on MP3 format as our original tapes have largely lost their sound quality, and besides, we don't have a tape player any more.

A: All of the FTTs/TCDs and many other tapes are available as MP3 downloads on the MO site. A Home in Russia has also offered them on CD to Homes who want to order them. (See info in GV #143 re: *Library 2020*. Here is the MO site link: <http://www.familymembers.com/classifieds/details.php?adnumber=1044994418>)

12 Foundation Stones in Spanish/Portuguese

Q: Where can we find the *12 Foundation Stones* course in Portuguese? We found it in English and Spanish on the MO site but would really like to start using it in our Bible classes.

A: The Spanish and Portuguese versions of the *12 Foundation Stones* are both in the works, and the files that are ready so far are posted on the Spanish and Portuguese Members Only sites (es.familymembers.com and po.familymembers.com). Not all the classes are finished or posted yet (up to class 10 are posted in Portuguese, and up to class 4 in Spanish), though most are translated and about to be posted, and the rest will be uploaded as they're finalized. Please keep the dear translators who are working on this project in your prayers.

kidbits

Amaris Newlife, 6th child, born to **Andrea and Andrew** on July 25.—USA
Marijane, born to **Maria and Stephan** on December 2.—Kazakhstan
Gabriel Victory, born to **Angela and Daniel** on December 30.—Romania
Stefan, born to **Maria and Paul** on December 31.—Romania
Natalia Rose, born to **Chiara and Michael** on January 4.—Italy
Rio Reeves, born to **Claire and John** on January 5.—England
Kaylee Jayne, 1st child, born to **Paula and Phil** on January 5.—Indonesia
Brian Ajani, born to **Marie and Olivier** on January 12.—South Africa
Cedric Davis, born to **Ella and Martin** on January 21.—Holland

tidbits

new/rejoining disciples...

Andrew, **Amaris**, and **kids** (Russian) joined in Russia.
Daniela (19, Portuguese) rejoined in Portugal.

happenings

A puppet miracle

Sarah (of Samuel), Chennai, India: Recently the Lord supplied a beautiful puppet show setup for us, and it was a good lesson on how the Lord wants to give us the best if we show Him that we mean business and are willing to follow through on the vision He gives us. It all started with our family of seven children on the mission field of India. Samuel and I had been praying for some time for the Lord to help us find a ministry that all our children could take part in. When praying further, the Lord showed us to try and get a puppet show together, and so we started with some humble efforts.

The Lord supplied puppet patterns and the materials to make the puppets. When the first two puppets were made, even though they were “okay,” and were even fondly baptized Uncle Luis and Auntie Meek after two previous Home members, they were not quite “it.” The Lord seemed to be trying to get us to continue with the vision though, and supplied the stage plans as well as the pipe materials to build the stage.

Then we saw a video on puppetry from the FED resources! That was it!—We wanted puppets like that! So we prayed and claimed the keys and the Lord supplied 15 beautiful puppets for us! We were thrilled! To top it all off, the Lord gave us very nice material for the stage curtains. Now we have a setup which is worth over \$1,000!

We have been able to use them during Christmas, and did 22 puppet shows at orphanages, hospitals, cancer children, children with AIDS, for the elderly, school children, at Christmas parties, hotels, and shops. Everyone has commented how captivating the show is. All the teens, JETTs, and older OCs in the Home are involved in the show. They plan, practice, and



Our whole team with a set of puppets

then perfect their show. Even though we have just been using the puppets for two and a half months, they are quite good at it! We use Family songs, which the puppets act out. This is a fantastic way to promote Family materials.

Live interview on national radio

Beira Home, Mozambique: Our prison ministry is starting to flourish here in Mozambique. Recently we were called by a radio journalist, who wanted to do a one-hour live interview with us about our work in the prison. She happened to bump into us as we were giving an English class (Mozambique is a Portuguese-speaking country) to the prisoners and was very impressed with the response we were getting. We try to make our classes as fun as possible with games and songs.

André was the first one to speak and quoted Matthew 25: 36 where Jesus says, “I was in prison and you visited Me.” He also talked about how only God’s love can transform hearts and minds and totally change the direction of a person.

Then Michael, an ex-prisoner who we ministered to for two years while he was in prison, gave his testimony. He also mentioned the fact that we helped him find a job teaching children at a school. (It is very hard for ex-prisoners to find jobs, so it’s a miracle!) His interview ended with him saying the following: “Now I’m *happening* and free!” (He’s still learning English, ha!)

David, a new Mozambican disciple, was interviewed at the end and gave a powerful salvation message saying, “If people make a decision to receive Christ like I have, then their worries and troubles will be over!”

The program that we were interviewed on is called “The Hour of the Prisoner” and is broadcast in all Mozambique and some neighboring countries. It has an audience of two million.

Bountiful supply!

Sunny, India: The Lord came through wonderfully again for the Deaf Week, by supplying a lovely hall in the center of the city, with top-notch sound and lighting, all for free! Our deaf drama troupe produced very professional dramas that everyone really enjoyed. This year we had a new sheep, who is a professional dance teacher, teach our team a beautiful, intricate dance, which they performed wonderfully.

Quite a few of our important friends were able to attend the program, and were all VERY impressed and inspired to do more to help us. We were able to make 60 thank-you plaques for our friends, free of cost. (Many thanks to Bangalore for the thank-you plaque CD!) At this program we presented certificates to our new hearing friends who had gone through our recent Sign Language Course, and who had also become part of our Deaf Family, ha! The Lord also came through wonderfully with all the gifts and prizes needed, as well as the food and refreshments needed!

Additionally, on the Home front, we were able to re-cover our living-room furniture, and do a roofing project on the outside porch through the funds raised. At the Deaf Center we were able to make many improvements, which included repainting the whole center, putting up notice boards,

photo boards, paintings, maps and pictures to beautify the place. Our babies’ room is also looking lovely, with gorgeous murals, thanks to Rejoice and the teen girls, as well as new shelves, posters and decorations.

The deaf boys provisioned games for the recreation room, and we approached a wealthy local school to donate a table tennis table for us. They agreed, on condition that we would teach a Sign Language Course for their senior students. (That course is now in progress, with a dozen young hearing folks that we’re able to get to know!)

Nestle donated a coffee machine for the Deaf Center! And my personal crowning joy is a new washing machine, which arrived on our doorstep about a week ago—a lovely, deluxe model, donated by one of the top companies here. (We have been washing our laundry by hand for the past five years, having donated the first machine we provisioned at that time to a Home with many children. We had become so busy with the Deaf Week, though, that there was no time to do the hand wash, and the mountain of laundry was threatening to take over our bathroom! He sent the machine just in time to save us!). The Lord also supplied a nice five-in-one music system from Thompson.

Robber conversion

Victoria Russian, PACRO: I would like to share a miracle of the Lord’s protection that happened this month. My mother, who’s been a live-out for a few years and really loves the Lord, lives alone in Russia. One night she was awakened by some noise in her apartment and when she went to check, she found a robber in her kitchen, wearing her gloves, and with a huge kitchen knife in his hand. Apparently he’d gotten in through a tiny kitchen window.

news from your Activated desks – January 2003

BRAZIL – Despite a drop in sales and subscriptions (following December's record-breaking stats), January has been a month of victories, including a good batch of 100 new subscribers.

We printed and sent a mailing of our new catalogue. Our customers are just now receiving it and we have already started receiving the first calls.—Two full sets of videos were sold today as a direct result.

CEAD – Second year of Hungarian Activated: After much prayer and counsel together with the Homes in Hungary—which have pledged to purchase a sufficient number of magazines each month for a year—we have made the decision to produce a second year of *Activated* magazines in Hungarian. This second year will be the MOTMs (Mag of the Month).

CHILE – Many brethren are getting fired up about *Feed My Lambs*. They loved the quality, the pictures, the presentation, etc. ... It's going to be a hot item!

My mom quickly prayed, asking the Lord for help and wisdom, and then started talking to the robber. She told him about the Lord, and told him not to do anything that he would be sorry for later in life. Then she asked the robber if he wanted her to pray for him. The robber was surprised, but said yes. He knelt down on the kitchen floor by my mom as she was praying for him, asking the Lord to forgive him and save him. Afterwards, the robber was so touched that he apologized to my mother, gave her back the knife and her gloves, kissed her cat and left.

Whew! I was sure thankful for the Lord's angels protecting and guiding my mom!

We had a tremendous outdoor *Conéctate* meeting in one of the Homes outside of Santiago. Taking advantage of the summer, we invited all of our subscribers to a cookout where they could bring their kids to play and swim in the pool. The young people and adults had a volleyball game, lots of time for fellowship, and a moving inspiration and communion in the garden. It was a unifying experience and a memorable event for our friends and *Conéctate* disciples.

EAD – More Homes are starting to use the MOTM in their witnessing with thrilling results. One brother who was a committed and shiner street posterer, which is very lucrative here in England, decided to only take *Activated* magazines out when he went witnessing and was so encouraged with the results that he only distributes the latest monthly *Activated* magazine now. He says that the witness tends to get deeper with the magazines and the Lord has blessed the financial returns for him as well. The Lord blesses obedience!

We sent out 133 French subscriptions this month and have almost run out of the initial run of magazines 1–4 that we printed in South Africa.

One side effect of launching French *Activé* has been quite a number of enquiries for more French witnessing tools. The French "Mottos" have been going out well and in the near future we hope to print some of the *Get Activated* series or books.

INDIA – Compared to the past few years our January sales were quite high. So this is a very good start for the new year.

Our GP mail (both e-mail and snail mail) is increasing and is starting to generate more retail sales from the *Activated* desk directly.

MEXICO – Our printers love our products and keep buying them from us—"Perlas" ("Mottos") to give to their friends as gifts, children's products for their children, etc. The printers who printed "Perlas" are Adventists, and are interested in distributing

our products in their bookstores throughout Mexico. They've bought a small quantity of our children products and adults books to test their market. There is a possibility that we could exchange our products for their printing of the "Perlas."

Sales were a little low this month, which is normal for January. We did sell 5,340 mags though, which was a big increase from last year (2,005), and 2,663 CD Cards, against 175 last year.

REACTIONS FROM SUBSCRIBERS AND SATISFIED CUSTOMERS

Thank you for sending me that wonderful *Activated* magazine. I read it and shared it with my family and friends. Everyone at home was excited when they saw the magazine. The message contained in it was inspiring and touched our lives. I also came to learn about Jesus Christ and His free gift of salvation to mankind. I received Jesus and He's my personal Savior.

—DAVID K., UGANDA

I've received the *Activated* magazine you sent me and I'm proud to say that the magazine has shown me a new and excellent direction, thus following Christ's ways and entrances. I did not only enjoy the magazine myself, but my family and friends with whom I shared the magazine equally enjoyed it. I hope to receive monthly editions of *Activated*.

—GEOFFREY E., UGANDA

[Note from Chloe, Europe *Activated* desk: This is a letter I received from an inmate at a prison we've been visiting. I met him for the first time on our last visit. I prayed with him to receive Jesus and I gave him the January *Activated* magazine to read. About a week later I received the following note from him.]

Thank you for listening to me that night and for giving me the chance to explain a bit about myself. You made a lot of sense when you talked about faith and the situation I find myself in. I felt uplifted by your prayer and after I went back to my cell I prayed some more, and

TAIWAN – The Lord opened the door for us to attend the Taipei International Book Fair this February (2003). A representative of the company organizing this event saw Aurora's booth at the Frankfurt Book Fair and really liked our products. Aurora passed her contact info on to us and we got in contact with her. She got very inspired finding out about the missionary side of our work and was able to work it out for us to get 60% off the price of a booth.

although I know Jesus knows what's in my heart, I told Him my fears and I felt comforted with God's grace. Maybe sometimes I should take time to listen to Him as much as He listens to me.

I read the *Activated* magazine. I liked "God's Chess Piece" and "Forgetting the Past." It really did make a lot of sense. If you want to send it to me every time it comes out, I'd really appreciate it.

I had my parole hearing on Thursday the 23rd. I'm not sure how they will decide. Just before I went in I said a small prayer. I thought about "God's Chess Piece" and I remembered this part: "Chess pieces have no will of their own. When a player picks up a chess piece and moves it to another square, the chess piece doesn't protest. It yields and goes where it's sent. Well, you're in God's hands." I never felt as calm as when I walked in front of the parole board, because I knew Jesus was with me. I really have no idea what the answer could be, because they don't give you any indication whatsoever, but with God's grace it will be okay.

—ANDY, ENGLAND

"Mottos for Success" is a piece of art, and I will try my best to spread the good word of mouth about your services and your publications.

—KULDEEP, INDIA

I am very glad to have come across the *Power Tower* cassette. I have never heard anything like it before! We have many cassettes in our bookstore, but this one is unique. We from Omega Books would like to thank you for your efforts in producing it! We would also be happy to have all of your titles in our bookshop.

—MATHEW, INDIA

HOLY GHOST SAMPLE in Taipei!



Beginning with prayer

By Esther SGA, Taiwan

It was February 21, 2003 in Kenting (Taiwan) and the ACTON YP camp had come to an end. The 70+ attending YAs/SGAs from Australia, China, and Taiwan were piling into the bus and vans that would soon take them back to their respective Homes and airports, after having spent an unforgettable, life-changing week together. Everyone was flying high and the atmosphere was electric. After numerous group shots (hours later) and “Revolution ... for Jesus!” shouts, hugs and kisses were still being given freely, while a few self-appointed bouncers were busy at work trying to get folks into the waiting vehicles.

Nat (SGA), myself, and a couple other young people (who would be departing

later), were talking about how the overseas young people would still be in Taipei for a few days before catching their flights back to their home countries. A light bulb went on and the conversation that followed went something like this:

“Hey! How about holding a Holy Ghost sample in Taipei this Sunday and getting both youth clubs and Active members (from Taichung and Taipei) to participate, along with the JETTs, teens, YAs, and SGAs in Taipei and all the visiting young people from China and Australia who’ll still be here?”

“Hmmm, sure sounds like fun, but it might be too short notice. It’s Friday ... and we’ve been gone from our Homes for over a week now, dunno. ...”

“Well, let’s pray about it, ask the Lord, and keep in touch. How about it?”

“Yeah, sure ... we’ll call you tomorrow with our answer.”

With the idea still fresh and the Lord’s confirmation received, I proceeded to call Johnny (of Sunny, who GB him, has been the heart and soul of the Taipei youth club for the past few years). As usual, his response was enthusiastic and supportive.

“Let’s keep in touch and fine tune the details!”

And so it was settled. We decided to proceed as discussed.

The next day I got a call; it was Nat on the phone, “Esther, we’re on for tomorrow. Amber, Marc (of Love), and myself are coming up with the club members. Please let Johnny know.”

Several phone calls later, we had secured quite a number of young people from the Homes in Taipei who were enthused about the idea.

The following day, after prayer and a “Go forth!” encouraging message from our Key Keeper, we all met up at Sun Yat Sen Memorial Hall on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

There was a fair of sorts taking place, families strolling with their children, several high schools/college cheerleading teams practicing their dance routines, as well as a large number of Buddhist followers, monks and nuns who were visiting an exhibition of sorts in the main building, etc. Overall, it was a busy spot with quite a mixture of people of all ages and walks of life.

As Family members began to arrive, the excitement in the air was beginning to be felt and seen. Active members, club members from both Taichung and Taipei, JETTs, teens, YAs/SGAs, and FGAs alike, greeted and hugged each other to the amusement of those passing by.

We all joined hands in a large circle and prayed for His anointing and Spirit to fall upon us all. We claimed the keys and everyone praised the Lord. As we opened our eyes, we realized we had a crowd of spectators wondering just what was going to follow next. Ha! We proceeded to divide up into teams, non-Chinese speakers with those who could communicate in the local language, as well as our precious AMs and club members, and we split up into a bunch of commando raids for personal witnessing and soul winning. We had agreed to meet back in half an hour to start the Holy Ghost sample, as we were still waiting for some folks to show up from Taichung.

Thirty minutes later, over 40 souls had been won and as the teams returned to the appointed spot, everyone was bubbling over with excitement! Some of the comments that could be heard from the returning teams were:

“A group of 18 cheerleaders just got saved! We took pictures with them afterwards. They were so sweet!”

“We sat down next to a lady and started witnessing to her. She got saved and started weeping, telling us she was in severe pain. We laid hands on her and prayed for her and got her activated!”

“Those six young people just prayed with us to receive the Lord, and they want to join in on our Holy Ghost sample!”

“I won five souls! And it wasn’t like work or anything—it was so great! Before I always tried to get a soul just so I wouldn’t look stupid, but now it’s so different!”

As we were still bouncing testimonies off each other, Andy (of Rose) who had been filming the happenings asked me to take the young club members/ Active members aside to interview them on video. GB them, even though they were a little nervous at being asked to answer questions on camera on such short notice, and in English to top it off, after prayer and some coaching, they went for it. It was beautiful to hear each of them boldly testify of their love for Jesus.

A few minutes later, our Taichung team arrived on the scene and we all proceeded to head for a strategically located spot smack dab in the middle of the action. There we pulled out guitars,

gathered in a big circle, and started to sing, clap, and dance to “O Happy Day,” “Shake, Shake,” “This Little Light of Mine,” “One Day I Took,” and others, followed by a Gypsy tunnel dance to the tune of “Mountain Children” where we grabbed those standing around and all joined in the wild and free Gypsy songs.

We then paused for a break while Frankie (20-year-old new disciple from Hong Kong) and Amber (24-year-old new disciple, Taiwanese) did the “mask skit” (mime) and delivered the salvation message for all to see, using the *Activated* magazine. It was very moving and many onlookers stayed around to ask questions afterwards and received the witness.

Then we launched into more songs and dances, and marched all through the area singing and distributing tracts as we advanced in a group singing at the top of our lungs songs of the Spirit such as “Jesus the Light,” “Ain’t It Good to Know,” “It’s a Miracle” and others songs in Chinese and English, to the amazement of all around us! Nobody refused the lit or the witness and some people even followed us around, wondering who we were. Both Chinese and foreigners were taking photos and filming the event, as it was truly a rare sight! Ha!

GB everyone who joined in wholeheartedly! The club members were flipped out to be out witnessing with such a large number of Family members of all ages and from so many countries. It was truly a Family event and they felt every bit a part of it! TYJ!

Thank God for the freedom and fire of His Spirit, which He poured out in abundance! I pray we will keep the flame fanned and burning brightly by His grace! Power to the people of the keys!

Photo Captions

1. Esther SGA and HK Frankie posing with our Taichung and Taipei club and Active members
2. Nat, Frankie, Kiran, Sancho and Joycie witnessing
3. Family members, club members, Active members, and brand-new sheep Gypsy dance/tunnel dance in Sun Yat Sen Memorial Hall
4. Taiwanese Amber (24) and HK Frankie (20), new disciples who joined in Taiwan and Australia, doing the “mask skit” (mime)
5. YAs Christina and Maria visiting from Australia witnessing with Taipei club members Wendy and Leslie
6. Esther SGA witnessing



4 radio programs in two days



Our show for the health department

BY ABE, MERCY, AND STELLA,
TAIWAN

At a program our children did recently for the city government's health department, we exchanged name cards with a radio reporter. We didn't think more about it until she called us up a month later.

"That day when I saw your children perform I saw such light in them," she said. "There is just something special about them." She explained that she works in the human-interest section of a government FM station and that she would like to do an interview with us.

After hearing from the Lord we accepted, but made it clear to the lady that we wanted to give credit to The Family in our interview, and that she shouldn't edit that out. To our surprise she agreed right away. "Of course I will leave your good name in, and what it is that motivates you to do good to our country," she said. It turned out that she is a Muslim, which is very rare among the Chinese here.

On the day of the interview Mercy was feeling rather unwell, but it was too late to cancel it, so we claimed the power of the keys. We told the kids to look at the reporter as a sheep and to show her lots of love, so when she came we all gave her hugs, which is something Chinese don't normally do, but she seemed to enjoy it. The in-

terview lasted about half an hour during which time she talked to Abe, Mercy, and three of the children. She asked Evelyn (12) if she felt envious of other children because they have nicer clothes and more fancy toys and things like that. Evelyn answered wisely in Chinese that all these things are only temporal and will soon pass away or break, but that love and having a family and a purpose in life are eternal.

The next morning the reporter called and told us that she got inspired to edit the interview into a two-part program, one with the parents speaking and the second one introducing the children and letting them talk. Each program was to be five minutes long and would be broadcast twice, one during the morning prime time and again during the early evening. Each mealtime we prayed for the editing, and the Lord really anointed her. She used some of the recordings of our show at the health department and mixed it with the interview.

The program gave a very clear witness for Jesus and reflected a lot of warmth and love and conviction for our beliefs. We were also able to give credit to The Family as the motivating force behind our life. Considering that the media in Taiwan usually avoids anything religious it was a total miracle how the Lord engineered these programs!

HOME RETREAT SPECIAL

BY DANIEL, BRAZIL

We wanted to share our experience with our first Home retreat, where our entire voting member population was able to meet for two full days to read and discuss important matters from the Word and topics that were important to our future as a Home. Two of our dear, sweet Active members and our brand-new disciple took care of the kitchen and our eight children while we were able to meet together without distractions. GBT!

The Lord had showed us that we needed this time together as we are such a busy Home, winning new disciples, six different Bible studies per week, Active members to teach and train, CTP projects, and four board members, two being chairpersons. Thank the Lord that each and every one in our Home is on-board and on-fire, but this also means that because of the nature of our Home, we can also have a tendency towards burnout, stepping on one another's toes, and going too fast so that we don't communicate as we should, etc. So this time of meeting at His feet gave us the opportunity to fellowship together without having to pour out to others, or take care of our sheep. We had time to just be together in His Word and presence.

After our regular Saturday evening Bible study, after witnessing to our sheep and counseling them, we were able to get together to begin our retreat with prayer and praise. The next morning, we had our first meeting. The subject was spiritual attacks, and we were able to read from the recent Letters about the different demons that are fighting us.

In the afternoon we had a Word study on communication and then discussed ways we could improve in our communication with each other. That night we had prayer against any and all of our spiritual enemies that fight against us.

The next morning we had a Word study on burnout and overextending ourselves, with a time of discussion about what we could do to avoid burnout and just plain exhaustion with our already great workload. We delved into what our roles are as individuals in the Home as well as what our united roles and goals of our Home are. We agreed that we needed to have another meeting or two to sit down and define our long term goals as a Home. This brought about greater unity between us as we were able to more clearly see what everyone else was doing and not only the immenseness of our job, but the importance of each one in relation to what we want to accomplish for the Lord together.

In the afternoon, we studied about unity, stopped to imagine what we'd feel during times of persecution and how we'd have to depend on "the least of these my brethren" for our safety and well-being. This made us very thankful for each other!

To finish off the retreat, on the last night, we got together for a time of loving Jesus and communion, where we expressed not only our love and devotion to our dear sweet, loving Husband, but to each other—sharing liberally words of appreciation and love.

LIFE IN AFRICA

... full of excitement!



BY BEN AND MEEKNESS, BOTSWANA

As we go into our ninth year in Africa, our lives are happier than ever! Our team has been in Botswana now for seven years and each and every year gets better and better.

Having Gabe (of Amy, from WS), Lisa, Dom, and Elizabeth visit us recently with the videos of the Folks was inspiring, and getting to see Mama and Peter made our day! Meeting Mama and seeing how spunky and sexy she is and the love that Peter and she have for the Family and Jesus reinforced our commitment and dedication to this wonderful Family!

Gabe made a lasting impression on us with his simplicity, dedication, and just wanting to be a servant. Here is a guy who is a shepherd in WS, visiting us in tiny little Botswana, and he had no big airs about him. He was such a good sample of a great leader. He took time with all of us and made each and every one feel special. He came with us on our CTPs, provisioning pickups, and lo and behold he even did the dishes. All through this he was in pain, as he was having problems with his back.

The sample that Gabe left us with was that you don't have to be this super talented person, full of ideas and talent oozing out of your every fiber and have a rah-rah spirit. But better yet in "quietness and confidence shall your strength be!"

Thank you, dear Mama and Peter, for sending such good ambassadors to us. We love, appreciate, and admire you.

The Family in Botswana

Crystal and Preety, clowns for Jesus



Ben on CTP

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Re: "Pleasure Seekers or Frontline Soldiers?"

("ISSUES 12," GN 1005)

By Adam, China

This was a message that I really needed, kind of a reality check. Sometimes I just coast along wanting to do just the minimum to "get by," and then complain a bit about having to do more. There is no substitute for hard work and sacrifice to achieve something extraordinary, and that is what He's called us to in the CM Family. The examples given were of common folk like me, but they had a vision. How much more should we who are called by the Lord be willing to give our blood, sweat and tears for His Kingdom!

Re: "A plea for prayer for the Palestinians"

(GV #147)

By Elisabeth (15, of Abe and Mercy), Taiwan

The "Prayer for the Palestinians" in GV #147 was really beautiful and touching. You know, sometimes when you read the news clips you get so mad and you feel so helpless to do anything about the plight of these people. It's wonderful to hear what a help our prayers will be, to know we CAN do something that's so powerful.

Re: Article by Carol

(GV #143)

By Connie, Germany

This article from Carol (23) about childcare was really good, grounded, and spoke to my heart! Childcare is such hard work. It takes so much patience and love, and you really can only do it when you are constantly close to the Lord and in good contact with Him! Thanks for this article!

Re: Xn message helps headaches

By Daniela, USA

The power of praise! I was having a lot of headaches, which I thought was due to high blood pressure and menopause combined. Anyway, I read one of the latest Xns which talked about putting positive Word and praise into your brain. It just stuck out and I realized that I was putting way too much negative stuff in my head, ha! I started praising the Lord more and thinking of positive things, plus of course asking for healing in the power of the keys, and my head has been so much better. I was getting a picture of a really ugly-looking, clogged-up brain before, and now it is getting better with the life-giving glowing power of our Husband's elixir.

forum

Little foxes spoil our sample

Home in Africa, temporarily in England:

Recently the Lord has been showing us the importance of living the standard to the full, and not letting the “little foxes spoil the vines.” In areas like junk food, we’ve found that since we’ve been in England the temptation has been much greater than when in Kenya. We don’t go out of our way to buy it, but we find ourselves being given junk food all the time. Being on the ball with these little things is very important and has a big impact on our witnessing.

We have a few families that we have been ministering to on a regular basis who are sweet and are slowly getting closer to the Lord and the Word. These families are either Muslim or Hindu, so we have been very desperate to find out how to feed them the Word and bring them closer to Jesus and the Family. In the beginning things are always a bit slow, as they are slowly being won over and we have to take the time to see them often, give them Word to read, let them know more about “who we are,” etc. This investment really pays off, though, and from there we are able to get deeper with them, and bring them along in their walk with the Lord.

We’ve found that our sample has been a big key to a more powerful witness and helping to slowly turn them on to our lifestyle. Through our sample we have been able to let them know about the dangers of TV, how detrimental it is to kids, and how it is destroying the youth of today. We told them how we have a list of movies for our children to watch and how members of our Family recommend them to us. This is a really big issue, as their kids will sit in front of the TV for hours, watching mindless, violent cartoons, and they in turn are quite rowdy and can be very foul mouthed, all of which comes from watching the TV.

Through our stance of not eating junk food we have also been able to be a testimony, and each of these topics enables us to be a greater witness. Seeing the good fruit our lifestyle has borne in the lives of our young people and children makes them want to do what they can to follow suit. Our sample is so important, and what was written in “Conviction versus Compromise, Part 6” is so true.

If we are faithful to live the Word to the full, our sample will speak louder than our words and will turn our sheep on to what we have. It has been sobering to see what an effect these “little” things have on our overall witness. It makes us want to do all we can to keep our socks pulled up and live the Word to the full.

The right kind of emphasis

Ezra and Abi, India: God’s way up is often down, and with the financial problems we’ve been facing as a Home this has been true. Through P&P the Lord told us to completely lean on Him and not to have any crutches—whether people or a set income. He said that we needed to give Him all the glory and credit. We feel like we are learning all over again to be real faith missionaries like in the Early Days. Just going out by faith, witnessing, and letting Him do the rest!

In “Gems and Jewels” (GN 1003), on the last page Jesus speaks about the value of taking breaks. It is so true as it helps us to stop and not keep going in the arm of the flesh, which we have a tendency to do. We are reaching a level of faith where we are learning to trust in Him completely all over again. It is so easy to build up momentum and keep going, but now that we are getting older, it is important to stop and slow down and He knows how to help us do it, through physical afflictions at times, backaches, etc. We know these are precious lessons that we need to go through to help us in the days ahead. We do see the Lord blessing us more as we let Him get in the driver’s seat and we sit at His feet. Things are happening!

We are also trying to whet people’s appetite with more Word, to be a real Word-based Home. Even reading the Word together after praise time, when having meals, etc. This gives us a good hunger for more Word in our lives. We were evaluating our days as a Home to see how much we are taking Word time, and we can definitely do better. So we’ve decided to start reading more together and then there is less talking and vain babbling. It does seem to sober the spirit and teaches people to redeem their time better.

Inform the parents?

A concerned mother, South America:

It would be a blessing if parents could be kept informed of their kids’ whereabouts and status, even if they’re over 18. For example, when my 18-year-old daughter left the Family, nobody informed me, and I only found out a few months later.

It might be a good to ask the person leaving for their parent’s e-mail or phone number so they can be informed. You might say that the person who’s leaving should do this, but in my daughter’s case, she was ashamed, afraid I’d be disappointed in her. I’m sure this happens to other

young people as well. It really saddened me that nobody had informed me that she wasn’t doing so well and especially that she left the Family, leaving me unable to help her and/or comfort her, and assure her of the Lord’s and my unconditional love.

Where’s the balance?

An FGA man, Taiwan: I have a question about some things I’ve seen recently, which I know aren’t really kosher according to the Charter. One is coffee and caffeine drinking. Some folks are constantly in excess of the suggested limits. Another is computer games and time on the Internet. And getting regular exercise and get-outs for FGAs and even some younger ones is a real big one, too.

These are things which many of us have trouble obeying; I think we’ve all fought them. But in some situations I’ve seen, it seems the shepherds of the Homes have just chosen to overlook these situations. They’ve probably done what they could to encourage and point them to the Word and the Family standards.

I guess that’s what I wonder about. These things are not really excommunicable offenses per se, but I think there is something in the Charter about “continual breaking” of any of the rules. I wonder if maybe we need to be a bit more firm in helping each of us to know the rules are all meant to be obeyed.

The situations described above, I know, are serious in that they really do affect the health—physical and/or spiritual—of those involved. The person who overdrinks caffeine is seriously bordering (already has, in reality) on health problems. They don’t sleep well at night. I thought it might be because of the caffeine. Now I know that’s true, as recently I watched this person make a cup of coffee ... putting four tablespoons of coffee crystals into the cup, adding hot water, and then putting some more crystals in. Whew! The last time I drank that much coffee at one time was in Italy, drinking two early morning espressos, and not being able to close my eyes at midnight! Ha!

Get-out seems to be something that is low on priorities of busy Homes, and many individuals don’t take the time or effort to make it happen in their personal lives. We know the results will be ill health and extra problems for them and their Homes ... consequently the work, in the future.

Excessive computer/Internet stuff is pretty self-explanatory, as well. We know that anyone who gets an imbalance in this

mama's MAILBOX

Hi Mama!!

I don't really have tons to say, but my best friend and I were just talking about how we should write you someday and I got all inspired about it. Ha! So here I am, writing you. I also want to express my thanks to you for all that you do for all of us. ... I really think that Jesus couldn't have chosen a better king and queen for our Family.

I'm turning 16 soon, so I've started reading through the Law of Love series. (Which by the way, I haven't finished it yet, but I find quite interesting and really appreciate all the counsel.) It seems all the questions I had are being answered one by one as I keep on reading. It's neat! I'll wait till I finish the whole thing before I ask you any questions about that now. Ha! But thank you so much for taking the time to get answers from the Lord about it.

I've asked quite a few of my already-turned-16 friends if they've started reading it and most of them answered no. It seems mainly because their parents never told them about it or explained that stuff to them. And even some of the 17- and 18-year-olds I know haven't even read it. I mean, like in some cases, the parents can't expect their kids to just read it on their own ... they just won't do it. Especially some guys ... or maybe it's just the ones I know? But it just made me wonder. I know the parents are busy and are doing their best, especially in field Homes and all, or maybe they just plain old forget, but either way, I do feel that it's important, and I'm glad my parents are faithful to stress that to me. (As much as I may hate hearing it at times. Ha!)

My friend was just saying that their lack of reading and having a knowledge of these things beforehand is what is causing a lot of problems. I tend to agree. So I was wondering if there could be a reminder or something on it? I think it's important that people have the right view on these things 'cuz they're really important and a possible baby is NOT something to take lightly. Not in my opinion, anyway. It's actually something that is quite a freaky thought for me and which I feel deserves A LOT of serious considering. But quite a few girls (and guys for that matter) that live in single family Homes seem to figure, "Well, it's not like there's anyone HERE to have sex with, anyway!"

But I *still* think that it's important, especially since the Law of Love is not JUST about sex, but all aspects of our Family life. Please do correct me if I'm wrong or if I'm not seeing the whole picture. It could be just the people I know and not as widespread, perhaps. But I was just wondering if we could get some counsel on that.

—a nearly 16-year-old girl, Asia

(MAMA: THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT REMINDER. PARENTS AND SHEPHERDS, PLEASE BE SURE THAT TEENS TURNING 16 READ THROUGH THE WHOLE LAW OF LOVE SERIES, AS IT'S VITAL!)

There are other important Letters and pubs to be read when teens turn 16 also, and a list of these publications can be found in the Charter, under "Word Rules," page 231.

area doesn't usually last in the Family too long. It's heartbreaking to see this. We all battle some in these areas, or related ones of System input, movies, music, etc. But we need each other and we need shepherding. If we don't get it, everyone will suffer.

Memorizing/reviewing push

Home in Kenya: Recently the Lord showed us that we needed to brush up on our memorizing. We've now got a memory project that all members of the Home have to memorize, and every week we have a written test. If you pass the test you're able to watch your movies for the week, and if not, well, it makes you work at it harder next week.

It's been three weeks since we started this and it has been really inspiring. We have started to review one verse or key (we are learning verses and keys) during our get-outs as well, which helps those who are quite busy during the week and have a harder time finding the time to memorize. After each goal is scored during our football game we all get together and review one verse before resuming the game. This also helps us to stay in the right spirit and ensures that we all pass our weekly test.

So far all have passed with flying colors, and now that we know so many keys we are able to use them in our daily prayers, which really adds extra key power.

Going back again and again

Frankie, Eastern Europe: The Lord did something special for our Home this month through prophecy. There was an issue which our members had been pondering for some time, one which would require a Home vote. Before voting, each of us took some time to hear from the Lord about the subject. The Lord spoke wonderfully to several of us, yet the answers we received seemed to conflict or to be of different opinions. We all agreed to further pray about this subject individually.

It was interesting to see what the Lord brought out through all of this. In the further prophecies we received, He emphasized that unity and trust is sometimes more important than "being right or wrong." He wants us to learn to appreciate alternatives and opposing points of view. In this case, it wasn't so much opposing opinions from us, but different sides of a coin that the Lord brought out. It all worked out for good and in the end all was clear! PTL!

the LOAVES and the FISHES

BY ELKANAH, FAITH, JOHNNY,
AND DAWEI, INDIA

The X Palliative Care Conference* was a big success and 500 delegates attended from India and all over the world. The main organizer is a very close friend of the Family who we have known for four years. She is an Active member and faithfully reads the Word and depends on it for her answers. We visit her and give her weekly classes.

The organizing of the conference was a struggle for her from the beginning, as every doctor told her that it couldn't be done and tried to dissuade her from doing it. When she approached the pharmaceutical companies they refused to help. She called us every other day for prayer.

She asked us what we thought about the conference and we got in prophecy the story of the loaves and fishes, where Jesus said, "I did not feed those 5,000 by organizing fishing boats and sending My disciples out to catch fish. I fed the 5,000 by quiet trust and full assurance, knowing that what My Father had promised He was also able to perform. All I did was look up and cast My burden on My Father. He sustained Me; and He sustained the crowds, and 5,000 ate that day. But I had to truly trust first."

Our friend said that she was going to just look to Jesus. She also held onto the keys where the

Lord said that He would do great and awesome things that we know not of.

When we got this prophecy she printed the first invitation (eight months before the conference) stating that the conference would be held at a five-star hotel. She did this by faith as no funds had come in for the conference. At the very least she needed about US\$12,000, and two weeks before the conference (when we were leaving for a holiday to Goa for two weeks) she said that she still didn't have the money. She was a bit disappointed but told us that we were right in telling her that she should keep looking to the Lord only. Somehow we felt that the Lord wanted us out of the way so she could completely depend on Him and look to Him for answers. We told her that we would be praying for her every day.

This was a time of testing for her and us as we couldn't see the results, and every time she called she kept telling us how everyone was letting her down. All we could tell her was to look to Jesus and not at the waves, and that what He had promised her about the loaves and fishes He was going to fulfill. We also had to keep looking to Jesus. As we sat on the beach in Goa, praying for her as often as possible, it helped us to keep our eyes on Jesus and not on the waves. We learned how to pray desperately.

We came back the day before the conference and when I called her she told me that 10 days before the conference the Lord had supplied over and above what she needed! On the last day of the conference she told us and some of the other delegates who were amazed that it was a miracle of the loaves and fishes. The Enemy, however, did not give up, and on the second day of the conference there was a misunderstanding between a few doctors, which led to an uproar. She came to me right away and asked me to phone the Home for prayers, and everything got amicably settled. It was a war in the spirit, and we had to keep fighting for her in the spirit through prayer.

The day after the conference some of the delegates from England who spoke at the conference asked her how she was able to stay calm all the time, and she showed them the keys promise she was holding on to: "Call on the power of the keys of the Kingdom and I will show you great and awesome things that you know not." She told them that the Lord and His Word that the Family had given her was all that helped her. They told her that she should keep herself spiritually replenished and to watch out for burnout which they were facing. She has now been invited to teach Palliative Care to the doctors from all over India at Tata Memorial Hospital in Bombay.

Through all this we've learned how effectual prayer can be and how more *can* be accomplished through prayer. She has asked us to pray that she can spread the Lord's love to all the students who come to learn Palliative Care. Please also pray for her husband who is a well-known heart specialist and travels all over the world to give lectures. He is a self-made man and felt that he knew everything and did not need God. She had been praying for him and asking us to pray that he would look to God, and she was very happy when her husband who is in Calcutta called her and told her that a patient had asked him if he believed in God, and his answer was that he leaves everything to God. That was the first time he had spoken to her about God. Now he calls her and tells her to ask the Family to pray for him.

Her daughter got first place in the state in her 10th grade exams, and they both say it was only the Lord who did it as an answer to prayer. Her children don't like to mention God as they are very disappointed with the Hindu rituals, but when her daughter read *God on God* she enjoyed the book and said that those were the very questions she had on her mind, and she was very happy they were answered in the book. Thank the Lord for His precious Words in prophecy that we can share with others and the keys that work instant miracles!

(*Palliative care is tender, loving care for terminally ill patients.)

Pray!



Healing key: What you ask for in the power of keys, I *will* answer. I am bound to My word.

Testimonies of Answered Prayer

By Japanese Akemi, Middle East: Thank you so much for your intercessory prayers for my health. I haven't had any pain or discomfort caused by my fibroid, and haven't experienced the frequent migraine headaches that used to bother me. I just had a checkup and the doctor confirmed that I am free from anemia and in good health. Thank You, Jesus, for the keys to the Kingdom and the precious promises we can claim that work wonders!

By Cephas Newman, Turkey: For many years I suffered from insomnia, usually getting only two or three hours of solid sleep a night. I returned home the day before the Feast from a one-month trip to Canada to see my kids and family. By the time the Feast was over and I readjusted to the time change, I settled into sleeping a minimum of six hours a night and sometimes seven! Also, until now, I haven't been able to go to bed until 12 or 1 in the morning, but that has also changed. Now I don't have any trouble going to bed at 10 PM or earlier! Regardless of the time I go to sleep, I wake up six to seven hours later! Thank God for the power of the keys and the power of prayer!

By Jim (of Joy), USA: Thanks for your prayers for Joy during her cancer treatment. Since finishing her radiation and chemotherapy, she has been checked out twice and the doctors have found no more traces of the cancer. TTL!

By Priscilla Mo's Heart, USA: I was diagnosed with mild (basal cell) skin cancer near my eye. I was put on the prayer list and when I went back for a second opinion, the doctor said it was gone and that I didn't need the surgery.

By Cherish (of David), USA: I want to thank all of you who have kept me in your prayers. My recovery from surgery and the surgery itself to remove my tumor went well; the tumor was benign. TYJ! I'm starting to feel back to normal!

By Ian and Ruby, Burma: A few months ago we asked the Family to pray desperately with us for a sudden infection that our daughter Andrea (23) developed on her leg. It became quite serious very quickly, and required an operation. The infection came through a small scratch or mosquito bite, but became more serious, what the doctors think was a crossover infection. As her infection was large and on the ankle and near to the bone there was risk of a bone infection. She had an operation to cut out the infection and a daily dressing change for about a month. She recovered without problem, and the nurses treated her for free, and were very happy to do so as they are long time friends from a CTP that we do with the handicapped at the local rehabilitation hospital.

We are all very happy to testify that the Lord has completely healed Andrea and delivered her from this danger, thanks to your desperate prayers!

Asia

Burma: Recently many private companies and banks in Burma went bankrupt, and some of the larger banks closed. The main bank, which is supported by the government, is still open but only giving out money in meager portions, and is also expected to close. People can't withdraw money from their accounts, and so all businesses in the country are suffering.

People are starting to get angry, and Burma is not a country known for its peace and stability. We would like to ask you to please join us in prayer that this crisis will not develop into civil unrest and chaos. Please claim special protection for the Family in Burma, as well as supply for the Homes; wisdom, leading, guidance and clear channels with the Lord.

Jewel (of Josiah): Thank God, my brain tumor does not seem to be growing back, but I am losing sight in my right eye, which is the same side where I had brain surgery. CAT scans and examinations thus far have given no clear indication why, and it is not merely my eyesight weakening, but rather it is out of focus and they say corrective lenses won't help. My most recent MRI and CAT scans and visit to the top neurosurgeon here confirmed that something is causing pressure on the optic nerve—reoccurrence of the tumor, scar tissue buildup, or an air pocket, or possibly all of the above. I don't know if the Enemy is trying to scare me or destroy my testimony, but in any case, it's fertile ground for another miracle.

Southern Turkey Homes: With the likelihood of an attack on Iraq, our city is in a dangerous area, as there is a large American military base here from which the no-fly zone is patrolled, etc. That makes us a target for retaliation. Already, bomb shelters and such are being prepared, and many people plan to leave the city, or send their children away, if and when war starts. We may need to be prepared for this, but on the other hand, we know that there will be a great need to minister to our friends and sheep here during such a time. Please pray for our protection, wisdom, and guidance, and provision of a good place of refuge if we have to leave the city temporarily.

Europe and Africa

Sara Mountain: Diagnosed with two myomas (benign muscle tumor) on her womb.

Stephen, Lisa, Maria, and Joan, Liberia: There has been a spread of fighting between Liberian government soldiers and LURD rebels. Monrovia is in a state of fear, and many businesses are not buying new stocks because they are fearful that they may lose all if the rebels attack Monrovia. The Lord in a recent prophecy told us to continue to ask for prayer support from you, our beloved Family. He told us that we needed to buy time through prayer in order for us to complete our mission here in Liberia.

Please pray along with us for our safety and the safety of the innocent in Liberia, and that the Lord does not allow the fighting to reach Monrovia or anywhere close to the city. Also pray for the government and LURD peace talk delegates to find a solution to the civil war here that has continued unabated

since our arrival in 1999. For extra support as the provisioning here has pretty much come to a standstill due to the war.

North America

Chris (of Steve Tall): Breast cancer, for physical health and strength during chemotherapy.

Elena (1, of Sam and Becky): Elena recently went through some exams and thankfully her liver is doing much better. However, the doctors now found that some of her lymph nodes are inflamed, and they will need to do a biopsy to determine what is causing this inflammation. We need desperate prayer for the Lord to keep this inflammation from being linked to TB, cancer, or leukemia.

She is also retaining fluids that cause her stomach and legs to become quite puffy. The albumin (water-soluble protein coagulated by heat) in her blood and her blood count is quite low, so she will be receiving a blood transfusion soon. Please pray for that process to go smoothly, and that the blood she receives is clean and without infection.

Gentleness Fighter: Advanced lung cancer that has gone to her bones; doctor's aren't giving much hope. Undergoing natural treatment; against pain and discomfort.

Lirio (of Philip): Breast cancer and treatment.

Sharly (22): Diagnosed with pre-cancerous cells in her cervix; that the procedure to eliminate these cells is effective.

Pacific

Natsumi (2, of John and Lily): Underwent another operation for his bladder/kidney problem, and has been experiencing quite a bit of pain from time to time. Please pray for a complete healing of his bladder and kidneys and immediate deliverance from any pain.

South America

Andy (17, of Gabriel and Ruth, Mexico): Andy has been making progress; the health of his left eye is improving, although the fight has not ended. He needs another operation to help his retina stay firmly attached to the wall of the eye. For this reason we are coming to you, dear prayer warriors, to pray for Andy and ask the Lord for the operation to be a true success, to anoint the surgeons, and that the recuperation will be fast and good. We also ask for Andy to have perfect peace and trust before and after this operation, as it is a very delicate one.

Bolivia: A new law for higher taxes on wages was the catalyst for a strike and confrontation with the police in the center of the city of La Paz resulting in many deaths, injury, and destruction. Later the president annulled the taxation program, but the crowds assembled and started destroying five government buildings, setting them on fire, and robbing and sacking the businesses in La Paz. It was total chaos in the traffic, etc., as the police didn't show up.

Please claim the power of the keys of the Kingdom, for understanding, faith, and humility for the people, and wisdom for the authorities and leaders of the country, and for the Lord's mercy.

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Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up

SHANGHAI KNIGHTS (2003)

Jacki Chan, Owen Wilson

Sequel to *Shanghai Noon*. When a Chinese rebel murders Chon's estranged father and escapes to England, Chon and Roy make their way to London to seek justice.

(*Jesus:*) This movie is pure entertainment. It's nice for some people to be able to view movies of this genre and not have to worry too much about heavy lessons or about being negatively influenced by it.

Other than the usual lessons that come with a story of two people learning to work together, and fighting evil, there isn't much more to this movie.

There is a fair bit of violence, but nothing really gross or out of it—and as most people have come to expect from Jacki Chan, it's sort of a "dance" or choreographed violence—nothing obscene or tasteless like in so many of today's movies.

25th HOUR (2002)

Edward Norton, Philip Seymour Hoffman

Drama depicting the last day of freedom for a young man before he begins serving a seven-year jail term for drug dealing. Prowling through the city until dawn with his two close friends and his girlfriend, he is forced to re-examine his life and how he got himself into his predicament.

(*Jesus:*) *25th Hour* is a heavy movie, with a lot of insight. People in the System are chained eagles; even the ones who think they're free know in their hearts that they're not, that their freedom is a farce, and their happiness fickle.

This movie is a "traumatic testimony," but it has an important message. It breaks your heart for those who've made wrong decisions in their lives, but are trapped by those decisions. They silenced their conscience by greed and lack of conviction, but then one day they have to face reality, and it's not pretty.

The poor people in the world, the Enemy dupes them so easily, preying on their weaknesses, and chaining them to the lies they live. Every day he entangles them a little more, often without them realizing that they're being led around by the nose, and then one day, they take a look at what they're left with and it scares them.—They realize they have nothing.

If one doesn't follow the straight and narrow, the Devil will eat him up sooner or later. Even those whom the Devil strings along for most of their lives, treating them as his pets, he will exact the price from sooner or later. He does not care for his own. The Devil is able to deceive many to think they can live with him and enjoy his dainties and not pay the price. But the price will come, for many in this life, and for others in the next.

This film is geared toward warning those who enter the world of crime and corruption. It shows a world where love between people is corrupted by greed, self-interest, sin, fear, suspicion, and hatred. The bitterness and discouragement of the film's creator spews out in the statements made by the movie's main character.

The message of staying away from crime and drugs is one that is pretty obvious to the Family, and you don't need to see this movie to get that lesson! But a deeper lesson that is brought out that *is* relatable to those in the Family is one of telling your friends when you see them taking the wrong road—standing up for your convictions and the truth.

Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

HOW TO LOSE A GUY IN 10 DAYS (2003)

Matthew McConaghey, Kate Hudson

A single man who likes to "play the field" makes a bet that he can stay in a relationship for more than 10 days. However, he picks the wrong woman.

(*Dad:*) This movie pokes fun at both sides of the dating game, capitalizing on stereotypes and classic gaffes, but it also contains some good messages about what *is* important in connecting with another person and meeting their needs. It's not a "must see" by any means, but will provide a fun evening for folks who like this kind of movie.

There are some interesting pointers about what not to do in relationships. It's true that a lot of women get going too fast in relationships—they tend to be a bit overwhelmed by their emotions and really want to express them. They can be too clingy, whiny, and don't give the man enough space. This can make a man want to back off.

It's wise to move slowly in relationships. The Lord's given balance through the opposite emotions of men and women. While women want to move fast sometimes, men usually want to move slowly. Of course this is not always the case, and sometimes it's vice versa. But either way, the Lord usually helps there to be a balance of emotions so that He has time to work on your relationship and help you to grow and become a better team, before you jump into commitment.

Movies Rated for JETTs and Up

MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING (2002)

Nia Vardalos, Michael Constantine

A Greek woman falls in love with a non-Greek and struggles to get her family to accept him while she comes to terms with her heritage and cultural identity.

(*Dad:*) I thought this movie was great, in part because none of the characters are unrealistically beautiful or wealthy or suc-

cessful. It portrays normal people in a normal, though obviously exaggerated, situation. It spoofs both the Greek community and the stuck-in-the-mud WASPs*, but does so in a fun and innocent way that doesn't demean either. That's not an easy feat, and also one that Hollywood doesn't normally attempt. The result is a surprisingly refreshing movie, which also happens to be remarkably free of foul language, violence, homosexuality, and other negative aspects of life that are so prevalent in movies today.

This movie has the good theme of accepting the faults and idiosyncrasies of others for the sake of love—and how when you do so, happiness is the result.

(***WASP:** Acronym formed from *White Anglo-Saxon Protestant*; term for a Caucasian from an Anglo-Saxon Protestant background and belonging to the upper crust of society.)

SOLOMON (1997)

Ben Cross, Vivica A. Fox, Max Von Sydow

Dramatized account of the life of Solomon, starting in his youth shortly before he became king.

(*Jesus:*) The story and lessons of Solomon are very important for you who have been given so much—you who have received the miracle-working keys to My Kingdom. Just as I chose and called Solomon to take on the role of ruler and king for *his* day, I'm now calling *you*, each one of you, to take on roles of greater importance for *this* day and the awesome days to come.

Solomon's example, as portrayed in this movie, is one I pray you will meditate upon and learn from. I'm sorry his is not a more inspiring story. I don't usually like to highlight the bad in someone's life, the mistakes and the backslidings—especially when there was also so much good for you to learn from. But if you will, you can benefit and learn much, from both Solomon's good example as he was just starting out, as well as from his dandy bad example later on.

Background, training, and heritage aren't enough. Each new generation must choose for themselves whom they will serve and follow. When Solomon found himself in a desperate situation, with responsibility which he knew was much too big for him to handle on his own, he became desperate for My help. Because he realized and acknowledged that he needed My help, and because he truly wanted it, My light and anointing were able to fall upon him in great measure.

In the beginning, Solomon feared Me; and *that* was the source of his great discernment. As he himself wisely proclaimed for all generations to come, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Just as I granted Solomon's desire, when you forsake your own ideas and plans, and give yourselves to Me completely, I will answer your prayers

and possess you and anoint you. I will make you more than you are, stronger than you are, better and wiser than you are.

As long as Solomon stayed humble and close to Me, My Spirit was with him and he was the wisest man of his day. But he began seeking after other pleasures and compromising with other gods. He allowed his personal pursuits for pleasure and self-gratification to override his important duties and responsibilities to Me and to My people. He allowed a root of bitterness to grow in his heart and he became lifted up in pride. He became too familiar with My Word and began opening his mind to other teachings, going after the wisdom of this world. He began taking My blessings and My Spirit for granted, and thought that he could get along without obeying Me.

Once Solomon lost his fear of Me, he also began to lose the wisdom and the blessings of the heart and spirit that I had given him. He thought he was so smart that he could get by without Me, and without obeying his own advice. He forgot Who it was Who had made him great. Instead of the wise Solomon he was before, he ended up becoming one of the dumbest, most foolish men of all time.

No matter how smart or talented or gifted you think you are, unless you stay close to

Me and desperate, hungering after the things of the Spirit and My Words, you can really blow it. You'll gradually drift away and end up feeling nothing but emptiness—with no joy, no spirit, no light or anointing. Just as Solomon, you'll end up feeling that all is vanity, all is empty, all is useless.

Solomon's final counsel to his generation and to all generations that would follow after him was to "Fear God, and keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Take heed to Solomon's words, dear ones, but do not follow his example. Whatever you do, do all to My glory, not for personal gain, and you will find the joy of spirit that cannot be taken from you.

Movies Rated for OCs and Up

BEST BAD THING, THE (1997)

Lana McKissack, Michael Perron, Kirin Kiki, George Takei.

Story of a young Japanese-American girl raised and educated in the U.S., set in Oakland, California, during the summer of 1935. (Could also be shown to MCs after prayer and previewing by parents.)

(*Jesus:*) This is a great movie for kids to whom you want to show a bit of depth and "reality" of life—especially life in those

days when children had to work and a lot was expected of them.

It also shows that I am on the side of the weak and helpless, but that often, when you're stuck in an impossible situation, I ask that you do something to show your faith and to put it into action.

The movie has good lessons on giving, being a help, and how I can really bless that—not necessarily with anything physical, but with feelings of happiness and enjoyment.

The Romans 8:28 factor is also very strong in showing how things that may seem like burdens can indeed be blessings and that I have everything under My perfect control.

It shows the benefits of being adaptable, as the girl learns to eat different kinds of food and to sleep in a new room. It's one of those movies that broadens kids' horizons, as the Americanized little Japanese girl goes to stay with a Japanese woman who doesn't speak much English.

It's a movie that will be good all around for most kids, and you can make it even more educational by explaining a bit about the history of the Japanese first coming to the United States, and explaining a bit about the racist attitudes displayed by some people.

HELP WANTED

Hello there! My name is **Simon. I'm nearly 12 and I'm Spanish.** I've been living in Ghana (West Africa) ever since June 1998. The Home I live in is called "Extra Mile West Africa." Our ministry is to educate two- to six-year-olds in need. We have a lot children in our school. The school is called "David's Harp School."

We go to the airport cargo site every Wednesday to ask people to help us by giving us some fruits or vegetables. We also have a contact which donates to us a lot of fresh tuna.

At the moment I'm very interested in photography. I would like to get camera with a 180 mm zoom which would cost around 220 Euros. So far I have earned 103 Euros. So if you could help me with 150 Euros or something small towards it, it would be a very *big* blessing. Our Home number is: GH1537. This is our address: P.O. Box 2516, Accra Central Ghana (West Africa). Much love, Simon

God bless you all! I love you! My name is **Emmanuel Warrior and I live in Ghana.** I am an African national and

have been in the Family for almost two years. The Lord has been very good to me in the Family. I have no country, but as you know, Heaven is our country. The Lord called me to serve Him in the Family, and I am very happy to give my fellow Africans the words of David and the love of Jesus. All my Home members had to leave to different places because the Lord showed them to. There is a big need for the Word in this part of the world (Africa), and the Lord showed me to stay and witness to the people here, and He has promised to bring fellow laborers to help me [coming soon, DVI].

However, because it's just me until my new Home members arrive, I would love to ask for any donation the Lord would lead you to give. It would be used for a van and computer parts for the Home. I am doing my best with the power of the keys to call on the Lord's supply, but if you can help in any way it will be a big blessing, either monthly or a one-time gift. Lots of love, Emmanuel Warrior.

P.S. My Home number is GH2027.

Hi to all! I am **Kira, a single mom (EE national) with two young kids** (six and five), and for the past four years I've lived in Romania. The Lord opened doors where I could be a help, a witness, and an encouragement to others.

We have no burden to return to our own country (sensitive country) as the kids would have to comply with the school system, and I might have to end up getting a System job to support ourselves. Whereas here in Romania I am free to raise my children in the Lord.

I do some fundraising here by organizing craftwork projects with local women and offering the products to Family brethren doing fundraising trips to the West. (I hope to develop this into a women's program with Bible classes and seminars.) Along with some gifts from some friends and my parents, this has helped us to keep going. Now with both of kids being of school age, our financial needs are increasing.

I am looking for someone who could sponsor the children's school needs on a monthly basis (any donations towards our work will be greatly appreciated as well!). If you would like to know more about our situation or our work you can contact me at handsnheart@yahoo.co.uk or through the ABM at RO054, for Kira.

Thank you, dear Family! Please let me know how I can reach you so I can thank you for your gifts via e-mail personally. With lots of love and prayers, Kira

now that's funny!

Centuries ago, the pope decided that all the Jews had to leave Rome. Naturally there was a big uproar from the Jewish community. So the pope made a deal. He would have a religious debate with a member of the Jewish community. If the Jew won, the Jews could stay. If the pope won, the Jews would leave. The Jews realized that they had no choice. So they picked a middle-aged man named Moishe to represent them.

Moishe asked for one addition to the debate. To make it more interesting, neither side would be allowed to talk. The pope agreed.

The day of the great debate came. Moishe and the pope sat opposite each other for a full minute before the pope raised his hand and showed three fingers. Moishe looked back at him and raised one finger. The pope waved his fingers in a circle around his head. Moishe pointed to the ground where he sat. The pope pulled out a wafer and a glass of wine. Moishe pulled out an apple. The pope stood up and said, "I give up. This man is too good. The Jews can stay."

An hour later, the cardinals were all around the pope asking him what had happened. The pope said, "First I held up three fingers to represent the Trinity. He responded by holding up one finger to remind me that there was still one God common to both our religions. Then I waved my finger round me to show him that God was all around us. He responded by pointing to the ground and showing that God was also right here with us. I pulled out the wine and wafer to show that God absolves us from our sins. He pulled out an apple to remind me of the original sin. He had an answer for everything. What could I do?"

Meanwhile, the Jewish community had crowded around Moishe. "What happened?" they asked.

"Well," said Moishe, "first he said to me that the Jews had three days to get out of here. I told him that not one of us was leaving. Then he told me that this whole city would be cleared of Jews. I let him know that we were staying right here."

"Yes, yes ... and then??" asked the crowd. "I don't know," said Moishe. "He took out his lunch, and I took out mine."

—COURTESY OF DAVID (TEEN), KARACHI, PAKISTAN

How far does Arab hospitality go?

BY MARIA SWISS (OF PHILIP), MIDDLE EAST

I'm sure Arab hospitality goes much further, but just for fun, here is something that proves it really isn't just talk!

My mate, Philip, picked me up at the airport with our teen boy, and he said that they'd been invited to an "iftur" (breaking the fast at the 5:15 PM meal at Ramadan). The lady of the house had laid out a rather copious meal of homemade dishes, and during the meal, they had a very good conversation on deep topics. This man teaches at the same language institute where my mate teaches for a visa. Although they don't know each other that well, the handwritten invitation had come to my husband's mailbox where the staff members base out of.

When we got home, Philip picked up this paper again and let out a shriek when he noticed that the invitation wasn't addressed to him, but to someone else! One would never have found out if the paper had been in the wastebasket as the hospitality was unquestionable! So the next day, Phil called the guy to apologize and explain the mix-up due to the mailboxes being above each other. The guy said, "Never mind. *Ahlan was'ahlan* (Welcome)! And by the way ... it was for Thursday *last week!*"

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Personals

Daniella (of Simon), in Japan. My HD just had a bad problem and I lost your e-mail. Please send it to me again. Mine is: fcfam@superig.com.br. Love, Clara (of Filipe).

By Luz (from Paraguay, PY03): I am looking for my daughter **Daniela** (or **Jessica**, of Steven). She was living in Miami with her two children, Liana Jane and Kevin. I have tried several times to e-mail her, to phone her, etc., but it looks like she has moved. If someone knows her whereabouts, please could you write me at: famcde@cde.rieder.n et.py. Thank you so much!

Aloha! This is Candy from Jo'burg, South Africa, calling out to **Andrew (18, of Gideon and Joanna)**, at the Miracles Home, in Japan). WHERE ART THOU? Because whether you're raptured or not, I still really want to hear from you ... okay? And if anyone that is reading this knows the guy, then pleeease show this to him and ask him to write me! My e-mail is: candywright1984@yahoo.com. Much love and prayers, Candy

Looking for **Anita in Nepal** who was fundraising in NYC about two years ago with me. Girlie, please get in touch with me asap at e-mail: stormswift@yahoo.com.—Noelle

Looking to get in touch with **any and all CM Homes or CM Family members in the South Sea Islands, namely Fiji and Tahiti**. Very interested in communicating with you. Please contact me at the soonest possible time at e-mail: stormswift12@yahoo.com. Thanks!—Noelle

My name is **Jessica** (14, of Ezekiel and Sunny, Brazil). I'm looking for some friends in Greece—Gideon and Meekness' kids (**Ricky, Tony and Vinny**). I would like to get in contact with you guys. If you read this add, please contact me at e-mail: jessyebr@yahoo.com.br

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Tom would like to get in touch with Kat, believed to be in Thailand. We were in Lebanon together. Write me at bioslush@eminem.com.

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