

Don't be afraid to give your best to what seemingly are small jobs. Every time you conquer one it makes you that much stronger. If you do the little jobs well, the big ones tend to take care of themselves.

AMNESTY ANNOUNCEMENT

By Mama and Peter

Dear Family,

We really love you and appreciate you and the tremendous job you do of reaching the world for the Lord! We're so thankful for each of you who make the Family what it is! We couldn't do without you!

As you know, there have been some changes made in the Charter regarding some of the excommunicable offenses, as per the recent "Amendments" GN (GN 1033). As the Lord led with the lifting of some of these formerly excommunicable offenses, we asked His guidance about the discipline of those who committed such offenses and had either just confessed, or were in the process of undergoing a PE term for them, or else who had committed these offenses but hadn't confessed them. So after much prayer, hearing from the Lord, counsel and deliberation we want to announce to you that in light of some of these recent Charter changes, the Lord, in His love and mercy, has allowed an amnesty for two formerly excommunicable offenses that with the amendments are no longer excommunicable offenses in the Charter.

The previous excommunicable offenses that will fall under this amnesty are:

- 1) Anyone who *only* deep kissed an outsider.
- 2) Those 18–20 who had consensual sex with those over 25–27 respectively and those older and out of range who had consensual sex with 18–20-year-olds.

Anyone currently on PE for *only* these offenses can stop their PE term (your COs or VSs have probably contacted you about this already).

[Note: As mentioned above, kissing outsiders is no longer a Probationary Status (PS) offense. However, when

sending out the "Amendments" GN we overlooked adding a clause to the "Sex and Affection Rules" making kissing outsiders a Charter offense. God willing, we will rectify this when we reprint the Charter. So we just want to let you know that once this is added to the Charter, while you will not be put on PS for a first offense, kissing outsiders is still not sanctioned and would be breaking a Charter rule.]

Following is the dictionary definition of "amnesty":

- 1) a warrant granting release from punishment for an offense
- 2) the formal act of liberating someone; grant a pardon to

The amnesty for these two previously excommunicable offenses will end on December 25, 2003. This means that if you have in the past committed one of these offenses and have not yet confessed it to your shepherds, and you do so between the time you receive this notice and December 25, you will not be disciplined. However, if you do not take the opportunity to come clean with this amnesty, and are found out or confess later, you will receive the discipline that you would have received at the time the offense was committed.

There are those who had confessed to one of these offenses right around the time, or before the recent "Amendments" GN went out, or were undergoing PE for such an offense, and they have already received news of this amnesty via the COs or VSs. But we want to announce this to the rest of the Family as well, so that if you hear about this, you will understand the reasons for it, as well as

to give any who have committed such offenses but haven't yet confessed, the opportunity to do so and to get your hearts clean before the Lord.

We want to further explain that this amnesty is the Lord's love and mercy. Just because the Lord has now led us to lift some of these restrictions does not mean that having committed these offenses previously was right. It was wrong, because it was an offense committed at a time when it was a Charter infraction, so technically you should be receiving discipline for it.

"The bounds that I have set, because I have set them, are the boundaries, and you are to go no further. For to go further is *sin*, for these are the boundaries that I have set. ... Stay within the boundaries of God and sin not, for he that oversteps the boundaries sins in My sight. For these are the *boundaries of God*" (ML #3016: 81–82).

However, when we prayed about whether discipline should still be given to those who committed these offenses and either confessed or were found out after the Charter amendments came out, the Lord said He'd like to extend mercy, and not stick to the letter of the law in this. The burden of carrying unconfessed sin is a hindrance to spiritual growth, and the Lord wants all of you who may be carrying this burden to be free from it by giving you the opportunity to confess and receive His forgiveness. It's important that you who benefit from this amnesty realize this, and have the right attitude towards the mercy the Lord is showing.

Others of you might also be tempted to feel that it is unfair, and that we are rewarding people for not confessing a Charter offense when they should have. However, please understand that the Lord looks at each person differently,

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and gives each what they need. If you immediately confessed to having committed a Charter infraction and received discipline, please thank the Lord for the lessons and growth that you experienced as a result. Those who didn't confess, but do now may not have received the discipline, but they may also have missed out on some of the Lord's blessings and growth that comes with being honest and open about their mistakes, even if there would have been consequences attached to that honesty. So now the Lord is giving them a chance to come clean and be free from the guilt they may have been carrying, without fear of consequences, and they can start over again on a clean slate with the Lord.

Below is a message from the Lord on this amnesty. Please do take the time to read it, as it will give you further insight from the Lord on the matter.

Once again, we love you, dear Family, and feel honored to serve you, and to serve the Lord with you. Thank you for being such sold-out, dedicated, and on-fire disciples for the Lord. You are in our prayers, and we claim the keys for your continued anointing to do the job the Lord has called us to. Praise the Lord!

Love in our wonderful Husband,
Mama and Peter

(Jesus speaking:) I have said that My mercy is from everlasting to everlasting. This is a dispensation of My love and of My grace to you, My wonderful Family. This amnesty that I give is a token of My love to you—that while you are sinners, and while you have sinned, yet I forgive and I show mercy.

It will be a temptation for some to take this in the wrong way—for some of you who confessed earlier and received discipline to feel that you got the raw end of the deal, and those who held out and did not confess got off scot-free.

First of all, you must understand what mercy is, what amnesty means. Amnesty is a pardon. That means you are forgiven for something you did wrong. It was wrong to have done what you did; it was wrong to break the Charter rules, to commit an offense that you knew to be an excommunicable offense at the time. So therefore you deserve to be punished. You deserve to go through discipline for your offense. But in this case I will have mercy and not sacrifice. I am showing that I am greater than the law, I am greater than sacrifice, for I am love.

While I am loving and merciful, it is important that you, the recipients of My mercy, do not lose the fear of Me, and that you respect the rules, and follow

them. You must show Me that you are thankful, and you must take this time to cleanse your heart of unconfessed sin in order to start out clean and fresh with Me. Use this as an opportunity to get your heart right with Me, and to start afresh, but don't use it to excuse bad attitudes or other wrongdoings. This will not be pleasing in My sight, and you can be sure that you will not get away with it. I simply won't let you.

Some may feel that those who are benefiting from this amnesty are being rewarded for not confessing. However, while it may seem so, this is not the case. I work in each life differently, and I know what each person needs. I greatly reward those who of their own volition confessed to a wrongdoing even though they knew there would be consequences attached. This is very pleasing in My eyes, and those of you who have done this, receive a great reward; and the discipline you underwent also served to strengthen you and to help you to grow. So you must not look upon that as a bad thing, but as a good thing, as a time that I spent with you, that I was able to use to strengthen you. Those who didn't confess, aren't able to benefit from those rewards. They are receiving My grace and My mercy, and the

opportunity of a clean start which is My gift to them, as I know they need this.

Remember, all have sinned and come short of My glory, and while you were yet sinners I died for you. So no one deserves My love, My grace and My mercy, yet I still give it. And you cannot compare My dealings with each of you, for each disciple, each Family member is a unique individual who I deal with and handle differently, for I know their personal and specific needs. So trust Me that I give each of you what you need, and what is best for you.

So, My loves, I wish for you all to rejoice, and to thank Me for this mercy, for this grace—whether you are personally benefiting from it, or whether a brother or sister or fellow Family member is benefiting from it. Thank Me and praise Me for My infinite love and mercy which reaches from everlasting to everlasting, and is without end. Thank you, My loves, for following Me, for serving Me, and for giving your all to Me. You are a Family to be proud of, and I'm proud of you! *(End of message.)*

“Calling on the power of the keys is the road to strength, power, victory, and new life.”

want ads (continued on page 16)

We're an SGA/YA couple, **Anthony (24, New Zealander) and Angel (19, Indian)**. We recently moved from the Mideast to India, and the need has arisen to take a short trip to New Zealand so that our baby can be born there to obtain citizenship. So, we thought to ask for help towards this: If the Lord lays it on your heart to give in whatever way, small or great, towards the \$3,000 that we need—we'd be eternally grateful! Thank you so much for considering our request! WRLY! Our e-mail is: contact@familycaregoa.com

—ANTHONY AND ANGEL (IA38)

Hi, everyone! Greetings from the Middle East! I'm currently trying to visit my family, who I haven't seen in a few years, and I'm attempting to raise the money needed for this trip. The problem is that my skills and

ministries have generally been service and Home related, and I don't really have any friends or relatives to request help from. I've also got a full-time desk-type of ministry, which makes it difficult to take time away in order to fundraise.

To compound things, due to all that's been happening in this region of late, particularly the war in Iraq and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the economy around here is very bad, which makes it even harder to raise funds. All that to say, I need real miracles in order to get the needed finances which totals about US\$600. Can you help?

Any gifts towards this trip would be an enormous help and greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

—MIKE D. (23), MIDDLE EAST

kidbits

Alina, born to **Nadia and Steven Willing** on March 29.—Russia

Leona, born to **Tabitha and John Rocky** on May 5.—Denmark

Dominica Victoria, born to **Dana and Michal** on May 9.—Russia

Celine Andrea, 3rd child born to **Jessica and Pablo** on May 17.—USA

Michael David, born to **Tina and Tom** on May 28.—USA

Jasmine Rute, 2nd child born to **Danielle and Olivier** on June 9.—USA

Angel Claire Faithful, born to **Marie and John** on June 21.—USA

Rina Nicole, born to **Virginia and Daniel** on July 31.—Indonesia

tidbits

New CM/FM disciples...

Uliana (25, Ukrainian), joined in the Ukraine

Birthday thank-you from Mama

Dear Family,

I love you so much, and thank the Lord for each one of you! It's always so wonderful to hear from you, and I appreciate the many letters, greetings, photos, prophecies, and especially all the prayers that you sent my way on my birthday. Once again, thanks to you and our wonderful Husband, I had a terrific birthday!

First of all, the Lord gave in prophecy through our WS co-workers what

He called "an invaluable handbook" to help me in shepherding and leading the Family. The messages that were received covered a number of topics—personal instruction, insight, encouragement, visions, personal promises, new keys, and more. All of which I am very thankful for!

Next, the support and prayers from all of you, My dear Family, have made a difference, and the Lord has done many miracles for me through your prayers. Each time my birthday rolls around, I thank the Lord for the many gifts that He gives me from each of you in the form of your love, your prayers, and your faith and determination to keep fighting. These are precious gifts in addition to all

the others He pours out upon us.

As I enter a new year, *again*, the thing I am going to be the most thankful for is your continued love for Jesus and your dedication to His Family. I love your desire to continue to grow stronger, and your desire to even more effectively use all the weapons that He has so freely given us. It makes me so happy that you want to continue to do your best for our Lord and Lover. So, thanks for making my birthday so happy by continuing to love and serve *Him* most of all! I love you so much!

Yours in His great love,
Mama

New products, TEAM Web site updates, and more!

BY PHIL, FOR TEAM

Greetings, dear Family, we love you! The following products, updates and notices from TEAM explain what is currently available to order. We hope that some of these materials will benefit you in your home-schooling efforts.

As previously mentioned (GV #143), we are offering Bible books for children in English and Spanish. These are still available and thanks to your interest and enthusiasm in these items, they are going like hotcakes. We will continue to carry these while supplies last.

New products

Sunday Phonics System II: This is an updated version of the Sunday Phonics System.

The main difference in the first (SPSI) and second (SPSII) version is that the second version is geared for 4th–12th grade reading level. This new version is much more comprehensive, and the structure of the language is much more advanced. If a child/adult is struggling, it is recommended that the child/adult go through the first version (SPSI), as there is probably a fundamental piece missing that causes the "struggle," but that can be picked up in SPSI.

At the teacher level, it is recommended that he or she go through the SPSI first, because SPSII is built off of SPSI. The teacher would need to have a good understanding of the format and OG (Orton-Gillingham)

concepts, which he or she will get in SPSI, before moving to SPSII, or SPSII will be too cumbersome. (This explanation was taken from the company's description of the product.)

Another item we have available is a pronunciation CD, which covers the phonetic sounds covered in the Sunday Phonics System lessons. This CD has been popular among the Sunday Phonics System users. It is available today!

On the MO site at <http://www.familymembers.com/fed/announcements/index.php?faid=14> you can find a brochure of the Sunday System.

About the Sunday Phonics System

This is a complete phonics kit, and has been developed by experts who have taught both special need and dyslexic children. Arlene Sunday, its author, worked at the Orton-Gillingham Academy of Educators and Practitioners in the USA. This organization is responsible for developing language therapists who specialize in the multi-sensory, structured phonics approach to teaching reading, spelling and writing.

This system uses the clinical approach to develop reading proficiency for those learners who have difficulties, whether it be learning differences, disabilities, environment, English Second Language, or improper instruction, and specializes in teaching techniques and research for children. Arlene Sunday has been a literacy specialist for 35 years, and she has trained thousands of teachers and parents in the art and science of reading, writing and spelling instruction. Sunday Phonic is a very

(more issues are being prepared for printing). Now we need *your* help to get the wonder working Dutch Words out to those sheepy Dutch speakers.

If you would like some copies of *Actief* magazines to feed your sheep, friends and contacts, please e-mail us at: actief@getactivated.co.uk or to the Europe Activated desk, and we'll be happy to help you.

Laat ons weten waar je zit! Veel liefs van het Nederlandse Actief team! (We look forward to hearing from you. With lots of love from your Actief team.)

successful teaching system, provides an easy-to-use format, and contains an instructional video for each lesson plan.

Prices for Sunday Phonics System I and Sunday System II:

* US\$137.50 plus shipping

* Pronunciation CD is available for US\$9 plus shipping

Super Work Books

We tried to notify as many of you as possible when we heard that the publishing company for the *Super Work Books* announced that it's closing in October 2003.

We hope you saw our first notice (GV #155). You can order these workbooks, but please order soon, as Grade 3 and 7 books are already out of stock.

TEAM Web site

As many of you have visited our Web site, we'd like to give a little explanation about its contents, so that navigating it is smooth and easy. The following two points are where you can find our latest products and most current prices.

* Missionary Services Program: This is where you can download our latest order form and price list which has "special discount prices" for Family missionaries. Some items are 75–80% off; most are 50% off.

* Current product list of educational and inspirational materials can be found in our latest catalog.

We are no longer carrying the following items:

- * Dorling Kindersley's Flash Cards
- * *Feed My Lambs* set
- * English Readers

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Actief now available!

By the Actief team

Attentie Nederlands taligen! Actief is er nu ook in het Nederlands (Dutch Activated is available now!)

Do you have Dutch-speaking sheep, friends or relatives that you would like to feed with the *Activated* magazines in their own language? You can minister to them now with *Actief (Dutch Activated)*! Dust and a team of heavenly helpers have worked hard to get the first three *Activated* magazines translated and printed in Dutch

news from the Activated desks, June 2003

BRAZIL

Another month of victories! June was our best month this year for subscriptions, with 219 new subscriptions.

Reprinting *Contato* mags 1–9: We're working on correcting and laying out the updated versions of magazines 1–9 which we should be printing soon.

CEAD (CENTRAL/EASTERN EUROPE)

Results from the "introductory offer": Over the two and a half months of the special "introductory offer" in Romania, Hungary, Croatia and Slovakia, we received almost 2,000 new subscriptions. Each of these people have already begun receiving their monthly mailings, and already we are starting to receive increased numbers of subscriptions from the other countries which are participating in this same introductory offer during the months of June, July, and August.

CHILE

Mag of the Month increase: The Homes are discovering the benefits of the Mag of the Month and feeding their sheep and members with the regular issues. A Home in the south of Chile started buying 100 mags every month when they discovered how well they go out.

Subscriptions via e-mail: This month we received a few subscriptions through e-mail and normal mail. Even though few, it's encouraging to see folks subscribing through this avenue.

COLOMBIA

Mag sales increased: Our May batch of mags was sold out before the June mags were ready and we had to reprint to meet the need. Many Homes have increased their monthly orders, and other new Homes have subscribed.

E-mail response: A lot of e-mail responses are coming in from those who have gotten the mags and want to be in closer contact with the Family.

Satisfied customers: Subscribers are saying they are very happy with the quality of the mags—both their presentation and content.

EAD (EUROPE/AFRICA)

Meeting in France: We attended a meeting in France for about 30 delegates at which the FCT (French Creation Team) from Reunion presented some ideas about marketing French tools.

There has been a steady increase in demand for French tools now that the *Activé* magazine has been printed and the subscription course is well underway. There is a gathering momentum in ministering to French speakers, and we are getting more and more e-mails from brethren asking

for more material to feed their sheep. Our French stock is sold out, except for some magazines for the mailing. Everyone is eagerly awaiting the "Mottos" in French, which are being printed.

Meeting in Spain: We held a meeting in Spain for delegates from some of the Home. The Homes all committed themselves to get more on board with distributing tools and using the Mag of the Month. A number of Homes joined in on the bi-monthly order for Spanish Mag of the Month, and already we're starting to get addresses for subscriptions.

Meeting in Ireland: We shared with the Homes the different ideas of how *Activated*, tool distribution, and marketing are working in England, and discussed ways to push *Activated* more in Ireland.

INDIA

Accelerated tool distribution: We've seen an increase in tool distribution—the VCDs have especially taken off. *God on God* continues to go out at a steady rate.

Subscription renewals: Our subscription renewals continue to come in at a steady rate, with 78 renewals in June. We will be sending the Homes lists of people who've completed their year's course of *Activated*, and we're looking forward to a flood of renewals.

Retreat for Active members: The South CGO board held a retreat, which about 38 Active members attended.

JAPAN

Bilingual *Christmas Secret* drama/book project: We were able to rework and condense *Christmas Secret* to target the Japanese people, and then did a word-for-word translation of it. The script for the CD drama was also finalized.

Mass marketing: Prepared a "mass marketing" kit to be used when approaching establishments. Includes such items as price lists and other paperwork that will be required in order to reach a wider market.

Christmas CD cards: Two new Japanese CD cards are being printed.

MEXICO

CD cards: We had very good sales of CD cards this month, over a third more than the usual average sales in one month.

USA

Mag of the Month: This month our MOTM subscriptions jumped from 6,850 to 9,400 (English and Spanish combined). This is pretty directly due to our effort to push the MOTM.

Winepress: Our *Winepress* membership increased by 10 this month and is now at

405, and our active supporters who get personal letters and additional material are at about 60–65 supporters. This month the Lord showed us to try to encourage our Winepressers to be more active witnesses by having a new witnessing shiner category every month posted in the *What's Up* mag.

Activé—French Activated

By the *Activé* team

Dear French-speaking Family,

God bless you! We pray that you've seen good fruit from ministering to your sheep with the *Activé* magazines, and that the Lord is blessing you for investing in our *Activé* future! Sometimes we don't realize where the magazines might eventually go, but you just never know. Here's an inspiring e-mail from someone who received an *Activé* magazine in the Congo war zone:

Dear *Activé*,

I am called Ami Aimee. I was staying in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, in the south where the aggressors' wars started. I fled to Kotwezi, a little town, and it is at this very same place, inspired by the Holy Ghost, that I started a ministry amongst the young people.

I got an *Activé* issue while I was taking a walk. I saw a little boy with a brochure in his hands, and I thought it was some other magazine. I was only interested at first to read the title, but I saw that the message was very interesting, and I asked the boy if I could buy it. Without hesitation, the little one agreed. This is how I got my own copy of "How to Lead Your Life."

May God bless you and may He bless your ministry as well as your family.

Ami Aimee

Several thousand *Activé* magazines have already been distributed in French-speaking West Africa, and we are getting requests for sponsored subscriptions. If you would like to sponsor subscriptions, please send your gift through your TRF designated: "EAD—French Sponsored Subscriptions."

After overcoming many obstacles, we have now printed up to *Activé* issue 8, with 9 and 10 at the print shop. If you have French-speaking sheep who you would like to subscribe to 12 issues of *Activé*, please send them in to active@activated.org

We look forward to hearing from you,
Your *Activé* team

Mag of the Month! Are you using the Mag of the Month yet if available in your area? Why not discuss it as a Home and give it a shot! Lots of other Family members are doing so and LOVING IT!

activated news

An Activated plan of attack By Ryan, Puerto Rico

While we meet a lot of people because we are an active witnessing Home, we weren't satisfied with our follow up and feeding the sheep on a regular basis. In our monthly witnessing Home council, this was always a big topic—how to get our follow-up program rolling. Like most Homes, we had tried most everything to get *Activated* subscriptions, including having days set aside where we only sold subscriptions, but nothing really worked. So as a Home we came up with a new plan of attack: We made a commitment to sponsor subscriptions from our own Home.

We ordered that month's Mag of the Month, sat down and went through all our list of contacts and friends, and came up with about 100 people. We then sent the Mag of the Month to all these people, along with the local brochure we made explaining our work inside. We waited a few days for the post to get to them, then we set aside three days to call all these people on the phone and ask them if they got the mag, how they liked it, and if they would be interested in continuing to get it every month. If they said yes, then we asked if they would like to give a donation to cover the cost of it. So far, there has been a very enthusiastic response from those we called. One man sent us a donation of \$300 immediately after we called.

Although we usually make our budget easily, due to various circumstances, last month we were really tight. It was a commitment to pay over \$100 on stamps and get the MOTM program again, as well as take all these days to follow up on the mailing, but the Lord is more than repaying! Even more than financially, we have found a good way to feed our sheep on a regular

basis with the *Activated* mag and believe that is going to reap blessings in many ways both now and in the future.

All because of one meeting...

By Paolo Alleluia, Croatia

I've always had a big trial walking into shops to sell stuff. When the *Activated* program came out I knew that we were supposed to get out there and offer it to people. When *Activated* was translated into Croatian I knew I couldn't get away with not pushing *Activated* any longer. I love witnessing and feeding the sheep, but it was the idea of walking into shops or offices with a PR album presenting the work and selling mags (or tools) that has always been hard for me.

After attending the *Activated* meeting held by Phillip (of Dawn) at the last Family Camp in Hungary, something incredible happened! The idea of being a little newspaper boy for God, and learning to not to feel bad if people would reject us or kick us out gave me the faith and the boldness to go into every shop and offer *Activated* to everybody.

It's still a battle sometimes, but once I get started then I'm fine and I even have a fun time doing it.

Healed through *Activated* By the Chile desk

A girl called us and said she had picked up the "chess piece" mag from her boss' desk and read it from cover to cover without stopping. For the past couple of years she had suffered from a colon disorder that caused her a lot of pain and discomfort. That night she felt as if a big ball had left her body and the next day she was totally healed. Since then she hasn't had any trouble with her colon. She subscribed on the spot and now wants other books and tools.

NF #8 Reservoir

Singer/Music/Lyrics/Producer

- 1) How the World Has Changed**
Jerry/Jerry/Jerry/Andrew
- 2) John 14**
Elam/Elam/John 14:1-2;
Elam/Andrew
- 3) My Mother, My Special Friend**
Francesco/Joshua,
Francesco/Joshua,
Francesco/Francesco
- 4) Rise Above**
Elam/Elam/Elam/Eman
- 5) Battle Wounds**
Jerry/Katrina L., Jerry/Katrina
L./Jerry
- 6) Waitin' on You**
Elam/Elam/Elam/Eman
- 7) God's Grace**
TJ/Emmanuel/Good Thots/
Emmanuel
- 8) A Stirring in My Heart**
Elam/Elam/Elam/Eman
- 9) You Speak to Me**
Crystal Lily/Juan S., Mike
D./Caroline Atherton Mason
(1823-1890)/Mike D.
- 10) Joy Will Come Again**
Pedro/Pedro/"Comfort in
Affliction" GNs, Pedro/Andrew
- 11) Tender Hearts**
Elam/Elam/Elam/Eman
- 12) Para Frente**
Daniel, ROSE/Daniel/Daniel/
Emmanuel
- 13) My Neck o' the Woodz**
Emmanuel/Emmanuel/
Emmanuel/Emmanuel
- 14) I Need You**
Elam/Elam/Elam/Eman

TCD #28 WrapCD (Rhapsody)

singer/music/lyrics/producer

- 1) Prophets of MO**
Jay [rap], Godfrey [vocals]/
Jay/Jay [Inspired by: *Blood
and Freedom*]/Godfrey
- 2) Love in Motion**
Jun/Francesco/Jerry/
Francesco
- 3) Focus on the Power**
Tony [rap], Haven, Joni
[vocals]/Andrew/Andrew/
Andrew
- 4) Abraham**
Vas/Vas/Vas/Vas, Andrew
- 5) None of These Things Move Me**
Gavin, Willie, Emmanuel/
Emmanuel/Emmanuel/
Emmanuel
- 6) Any Way You Want Me**
Jay [rap], Godfrey [vocals]/
Jay, Godfrey/Jay/Godfrey
- 7) Do My Best**
Andrew/Andrew/Andrew/
Andrew
- 8) Awe**
Tigo, Emmanuel, Gavin/
Emmanuel/Emmanuel/
Emmanuel
- 9) The Bigger They Come**
Steve Canadian, ROSE/
Emmanuel/Emmanuel/
Emmanuel
- 10) Rappy Birthday**
Shawn, Aaron/Mark
Livingstone/Mark Livingstone/
Emmanuel
- 11) The Root of All Evil**
Godfrey/Godfrey/Godfrey/
Godfrey
- 12) You're Standing**
Vas/Andrew/Praise/Andrew
- 13) The Lord Will Do It**
Steve Canadian, Gavin,
Emmanuel/Kris, Emmanuel/
Kris, Emmanuel/Emmanuel
- 14) Believin' Is Seeing**
Emmanuel, Gavin/Emmanuel/
Emmanuel/Emmanuel
- 15) Temptation**
Danny, Nathanael, Rachelle,
Sara/Danny, Nathanael/
Danny, Nathanael/Nathanael
- 16) Power Down**
Emmanuel, Gavin, Tigo/
Emmanuel/Emmanuel/
Emmanuel

Sponsor-a-Book sponsor sheets

If you're interested in promoting something similar to the Sponsor-a-Book program (GV #159), you can find the sponsor sheets, courtesy of the *Conéctate* desk in Mexico at: http://www.familymembers.com/activated/downloads/misc/sponsor_a_book.zip

The Story of



By Yug, Zindy and Vorp, Tubabalite

On the not too distant planet of Tubabalite...

Queen Nefrata floated above her throne as she examined a gadget in her hands. The gadget displayed symbols across its screen that caused her face to turn a bright green, which was a sign of happiness for the Tubabalites. The symbols and signs showed information on the younger Tubabas on the planet, which Queen Nefrata has great interest in, as most of them are her offspring.

A message bubbles onto her screen: "Vorp here. I wanted to be the first to tell you... I've been invited to Earth to view an amassing of young warriors from the exotic land of India. They are from the ages of 16–20... in Earth years, of course. I knew you would be interested. It's being held at a tucked away mountain spot. It seems they received the name and training techniques from the Lord of Lords Himself. They're calling it ACTS 2003..."

Nefrata quickly blew a bubble toward the screen, as the Tubabalites communicated in bubbles. Its translation: "Go to my chambers. I must meet with you before you depart. Bring Yug and Zindy as well."

In the queen's chambers...

In a tight circle the three sat, very green (a.k.a. happy). They were three inches high, and rather round little creatures.

"...So that's what I told the queen, and then she called for us here," Vorp bubbled.

Zindy bubbled in, "ACTS 2003, intriguing name. But what does it mean?"

"I brought the translation

with me," Vorp answered. "It means All Champions Training Seminar. The 2003 is for the humans... so they can know which year it'll be held in, I guess."

At that moment Queen Nefrata blew into the room. The three seated creatures immediately jumped up and sent bubbles of adoration into the air.

"Thank you for coming," Queen Nefrata bubbled. "This is a rare opportunity for so many young warriors to receive training together. I want each of you to realize how important this is. Our Creator tells me that some of these may be visiting our planet some day. And as far as I have heard there is much we can learn from this, and possibly use with our young Tubabas. Vorp, you must observe and report on the organization concerning any physical aspects. Yug, you must tune into the spirit—what spiritual preparation are they making for the future battles and how are they preparing?"

"Zindy, last but not least, you will report to me the reaction of the youngsters to such an experience. Go now with my bubbles of blessings."

In Spirit Station, above a mountain range...

"Vorp, my dear friend, oh, and Yug, and Zindy, it's good to see you after so long," said Jeslay, a stunning spirit, clad in nothing but light. She was the protector of the Kodi Mountains where the ACTS 2003 was being held.

Jeslay gently picked up the little round Tubabalites in her hand, and briefly explained the intense spiritual warfare Satan was waging. She also described the different arrangements that were made for their seven-day stay. She care-

fully closed her hand, and before they knew it they were down on Earth.

Earth, moments later...

The three Tubabalites suddenly found themselves incased in a transparent bubble, which was designed to protect them from any and all harm. Aslan, a volunteer spirit helper, has been charged with their care.

"Vorp, look!" exclaimed Zindy. "There are so many young warriors, I've counted 65, and there are so many trainers here too."

"You have no idea how much time and preparation and prayer the trainers have put into this event," Aslan added.

"Quiet please, guys, the keynote is beginning," Yug said earnestly.

A few days later in the main hall...

"This is so great!" Yug exclaimed. "I think even I am learning about how to relate to other aliens. All this stuff about being ready to change in order to make new friends and meet new people... Queen Nefrata is going to want all of this on the teletransporter for the Tubabas."

Vorp nudged him, "You're a little late with that idea. I've been recording everything since the beginning. And Zindy's got her brain hooked up to a 24-hour capture lens. She only has to blink her eyes and we've got a picture. We've got two more days until the final night before they all leave, and that is when the three of us will need to beam together

our reports to Queen Nefrata, got that?"

"Got it!" agreed Yug, as he continued taking his notes for his report.

Two days later, three creatures meet on the volleyball court to beam their reports to Tubabalite...

REPORT FROM YUG

Being a professional champion of the cause is the main focus of their entire training here. Each attendee received a message from their prophet David calling them to lead on the revolution and take it to places it has never gone before.

Through doing extensive Biblical research they have also traced their place in history, and have seen for themselves how important this battle on Earth is right now, and how their army has been foreordained and prophesied about.

Their leaders and generals have an amazing gift of seeing into the future, and have passed on much of what they receive to their soldiers in order to prepare them for what is ahead. They had a meeting to get this information about the future, their enemy's tactics and how the battle is playing out just as it was prophesied.

A new strategy was used during these training days, known as "A hands-on, physical application," in relation to the different tactics talked about. The main thrust of this strategy was activated through workshops. A team of lieutenants and sergeants were brought in, who specialized



The JT board members

in gaining enemy territory and expanding their occupation in the enemy's strongholds.

"United we stand, divided we fall" seemed to capture the main thought of one of their meetings. They talked about something called the Law of Love, which is the element that binds them together as the strongest team of soldiers I have ever seen. A scene was played out for them all about a hotel cafeteria where people pick and choose the aspects of this Law of Love that they want to live, and they really shot that theory full of holes to where I am sure no one wants to live by the cafeteria theory anymore.

A very important strategy meeting was held where each soldier placed an awesome headset on and experienced through visual research, the vital necessity of communication with headquarters and the personnel there. Pictures were reviewed of the basic enemies that they must fight, these included our own enemies of Bacchus, Pan, Arakan, Obstacon and more which they have identified. The entire picture of the warfare at hand became crystal clear as they knew whom they were fighting and who was helping them from our realm of the spirit.

After all this, you would think that it would be over, but the soldiers themselves then ended their training days by receiving personalized instructions, safeguards, and challenges for the future and battle ahead. Spiritual personnel introduced themselves and the Lord of Lords and King of Kings spoke to them and gave them His personal words of encouragement and motivation. I have never seen anything like it!

In my professional opinion I must say that I have never seen such spiritual and practical preparation for war as I have seen here. Each meeting and strategy gathering covered different aspects and gave the soldiers just what they needed for the battles that they are going to face ahead.

Signed,
Yug

REPORT FROM ZINDY

I wish you had a chance to be here, but I took 32,461 pictures with my capture lens that I'm sending you. They should give you a good idea of the wonder-

ful reactions from each of the earthlings.

The attendees are now going home with a fire burning in their hearts, and a deeper commitment to Jesus. The baton has been put in their hands, and they are gonna run with it. I'm sending you a reaction I was able to capture that shows just how much this camp has helped each one who attended.

Reaction from an

Earthling in Bangalore: I'm really thankful that I got the opportunity to come—to get away from the frontlines, and spend some time being trained for the big battles to come. One of the most inspiring things this camp has shown me is that I am not alone. There are so many wonderful, on-fire, dedicated teens here in India that are making it. This camp has given me the big picture—we are a force to be reckoned with. Let's see some action!

REPORT FROM VORP

My main research and report is focused around a night called Talent Night. The human race is most creative and with some help from the spirit realm they made this talent night a spectacular event. To give you a few examples; there was a "down through the history of Family" dance done by a very lively bunch of young ladies and gents. It ended in the country of Thailand where one young lady learned to "become one," and did a rendition of a *lukthoong* dance.

There was also a band that played music accompanied by saxophone. Some of the young men displayed their music and creative talents through songs they wrote. There were many other such talents that night. The air was filled with music as these young people danced on into the late hours of the night and you could feel heavy vibrations in the atmosphere.

On the last day, a clear blue sky, music sounds through the hills. . .

Zindy speaks quietly into her record-dicta, which transports everything live to Queen Nefrata's throne room, "Everyone has taken their seats and awaits what is to come. It's completely silent.

I hear something, a voice coming from the forest and trees behind me. There is a man, bruised and beaten and struggling to run somewhere. He comes up into the clearing, and I can see that he has a flag in his hands. It is the ACTS 'Olympic' flag. Behind him is someone very dark, someone who seems to want to stop him. He comes into the clearing too, and he too has a flag. It is a very strange flag, like those that I have heard of from the distant planet of Zen. They are both running now to reach the front.

"Oh no! The dark man has pushed the other runner over the cliff and down into the thorns and rocks. But wait! He still gets up! There is a strong, angel figure behind him helping him to run. I think it is Aslan . . . my, he looks brilliant! The dark figure is now lost in the shadows, and the other ACTS runner makes it to the front and lights the Olympic torch. The crowd is cheering now!! The runner is running back and forth, and everyone is giving him what the humans call a 'high-five' for winning the race and being the champion!"

Yug takes over: "They are now reading a prophecy from that great Prophet David, of whom the ancients and even alien scrolls have spoken. It calls them all to lead the way to the Millennial Revolution! The prophecy is ended now, and each one of the young warriors stands up on the platform and tells their friends and co-workers how much this camp has meant to them, and what they want to do now. A training handbook is given to each one, with detailed instruction sheets, battle plans and strategy layouts for the future.

"Hey, Zindy, be nice and go and get me one of those, I've got

to have one! What is this? I have heard this before! Maybe when I visited the halls of Heaven." (Music plays.)

"It's time to rock the world, to show the world what the Champions of the Lord are made of. This is our shining hour, let's give the powers of Hell something to be afraid of. Let's rock the world! I knew I'd heard it before!"

Vorp quietly sneaks over to Yug and whispers into the record-dicta while Yug continues singing. "It's over now! Everyone is getting up and hugging and kissing and bonding. They are eating some great food, something called a barbeque. Oh man, I think I am gonna cry. This has been like home for me. I love these guys. I hope we can see them again when they come to rock our planet."

"I can feel it in my bubbles," Zindy shouts. "Something is about to happen. It's like war has begun . . . it's like. . ."

"You guys want to know what it is?" asked Aslan as he scooped the three of them up in his large palm, "It's that they are ready, they are armed, they now go forth to fight! They are committed to doing their part in this war of the worlds. These warriors are going to rock India, and yes, they are going to rock the world!"

That night as the Earthlings looked up in the starry sky and boarded the bus heading back home, they noticed a very bright green glow around a distant planet and a strange sense of happiness and joy surrounded everyone.

(If you don't understand anything of what you just read and wonder if it was all just made up . . . come to India and ask around and you just might be surprised.)

Bible stories on CD

Hello! My name is Lily, and I live in Canada. I've put different Bible stories on CD. These children's Bible stories are easy to read, some of the stories are animated, while other are illustrated.

I'm working on translating them into Russian, and possibly French. You can check out the details for the CD at: <http://www.wordofloveforyou.com/start1.htm>.

God bless you!



—Activating lives in Sierra Leone

PIONEERING A WAR-TORN LAND

BY MATT (22) AND MELISSA (24),
SIERRA LEONE

INTRO

MATT: BEING HERE IN SIERRA LEONE MAKES US SO THANKFUL FOR LIFE AND ITS BLESSINGS! A PASSING BREEZE, A WARM MEAL, ELECTRICITY, EVEN RUNNING WATER MAKES US SO GRATEFUL. PIONEERING HAS MADE US THANK THE LORD FOR EVERY BIT OF LIFE THAT WE HAVE WITHIN US!

WE HAD BEEN TO SIERRA LEONE ON A SCOUTING TRIP IN MARCH 2002, BUT WHEN THE LORD TOLD US TO ESTABLISH A HOME HERE THAT'S WHEN THE ENEMY STARTED TO HIT US HARD. THANK THE LORD HE HELPED US TO NOT GIVE UP, AND WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR STICKING TO IT HERE, AS EVERY LIFE THAT WE TOUCH AND SOUL WE ACTIVATE MAKES IT ALL WORTH IT! IN THE END WE SEE THAT WE HAVEN'T SACRIFICED ANYTHING, AS HE HAS REWARDED US WITH SO MANY SHEEP AND DISCIPLES.

FROM THE START, THE LORD TOLD US THAT IT WOULDN'T BE EASY, AND THAT THE DEVIL WAS TRYING TO SNUFF OUT OUR EFFORT AND WORK HERE, AND DAY BY DAY WE FEEL THAT. BUT THE PEOPLE HERE ARE CRYING OUT FOR THE WORDS OF DAVID, AND WE'RE SEEING THE BEGINNING OF A MIGHTY HARVEST HERE IN FREETOWN; THOUGH AT TIMES LIKE A PRECIOUS DIAMOND, HARD TO GET BUT WORTH EVERY EFFORT.

EUROPE TO AFRICA

MELISSA: MATT HAD DRIVEN DOWN TO SIERRA LEONE BY ROAD FROM GERMANY WITH ALL OUR ACTIVATED MATERIAL; THE ENEMY WAS ALREADY TRYING TO STOP US, AS EN ROUTE TO SIERRA

LEONE, MATT HAD AN ACCIDENT IN MAURITANIA. THANK THE LORD NO ONE WAS INJURED, AND WE WERE ABLE TO CONTINUE AFTER REPAIRS IN SENEGAL. (THANKS TO THE HOME THERE FOR THEIR HELP!) WE WERE ENTERING A SERIOUS WAR AREA, AND THE ENEMY WAS MAD. THE LORD REALLY TESTED US TO SEE IF WE WERE GOING TO GIVE UP EVEN BEFORE WE ENTERED SIERRA LEONE.

ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 28, OUR TEAM OF EIGHT BEGAN OUR DRIVE TO SIERRA LEONE.

WE'D CALLED ONE OF OUR FRIENDS AHEAD OF TIME, REQUESTING TO TEMPORARILY STAY AT ONE OF HIS GUESTHOUSES FOR A COUPLE WEEKS, TO WHICH HE AGREED. BUT UPON ARRIVING, HE INFORMED US THAT THE GUESTHOUSE HE WAS KEEPING FOR US WAS FULL, AND WOULDN'T BE AVAILABLE FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

IT WAS AT 9 PM WHEN WE ARRIVED, WITH ALL OUR LUGGAGE, TWO LITTLE KIDS, AND NO PLACE TO STAY. THANKFULLY, THAT NIGHT THE LORD OPENED THE DOOR FOR US TO STAY WITH ONE OF OUR UN FRIENDS, BUT ONLY FOR ONE NIGHT.

OUR NUMBER ONE GOAL

THE FOLLOWING MORNING WE GOT TOGETHER TO PRAY AND HEAR FROM THE LORD. HE TOLD US, "MAKE WITNESSING YOUR TOP PRIORITY—YOUR NUMBER-ONE GOAL. YOU SHOULDN'T BE CONCERNED ABOUT WHERE YOU WILL SLEEP, WHAT YOU'LL EAT, THE PERMANENT HOUSING YOU NEED, OR ANY OF THESE PHYSICAL NEEDS. I WILL SUPPLY THOSE THINGS FOR YOU. TRUST ME!"

SO THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE DID. WE PARKED OUR CAR AND WENT OUT HITCHHIKING AND MEET-

ING PEOPLE, WITNESSING AS WE WENT, NOT WORRYING ABOUT THE REST. IT WAS A FIGHT, BUT DAY BY DAY THE LORD LED US TO KIND PEOPLE AND PLACES TO STAY.

KNOCKING ON DOORS

ON ONE OF THE FIRST DAYS, WE WERE VERY DESPERATE, AS WE HAD BEEN WITNESSING ALL DAY, BUT STILL HADN'T FOUND A PLACE TO LAY OUR HEADS. IT WAS GETTING RATHER LATE, AND WE WERE FEELING PRETTY DISCOURAGED. YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WHEN IT SEEMS THE LORD ISN'T FULFILLING HIS WORD, AND YOU FEEL LIKE HE'S BEGINNING TO FORSAKE YOU? WELL, WE HAD PLENTY OF THOSE MOMENTS IN SIERRA LEONE. BUT HE DEFINITELY DIDN'T FORSAKE US!

WE KNOCKED ON THE DOOR OF A GUESTHOUSE, WHERE WE MET A NICE PASTOR WHO KINDLY TOOK US IN, LETTING US STAY FOR A WHOLE WEEK, DINNERS INCLUDED. THE LORD KEPT LEADING US TO SHEEPY PEOPLE AND PLACES TO STAY SIMPLY THROUGH WITNESSING; IT WAS JUST INCREDIBLE!

ONE MAN WE STAYED WITH WAS MR. JUANA, AND HIS TWO CHILDREN. MR. JUANA IS A MORMON AND WORKS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE. HE'S BEEN THROUGH MANY HARDSHIPS, INCLUDING BEING SUSPECTED OF WORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENT'S OPPOSITION PARTY DURING THE LATE '90S WHEN THE CIVIL WAR IN SIERRA LEONE WAS AT ITS HEIGHT. HE SPENT ABOUT SIX MONTHS IN PRISON, UNDER EXTREME CONDITIONS, NOT KNOWING WHETHER HE WOULD BE RELEASED OR NOT. HIS DIFFICULT EXPERIENCES HAVE MADE HIM QUITE A BROKEN MAN.

WE HAD MANY DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM AS HE HAD MANY QUES-

TIONS ON “OUR GROUP’S” STANCE ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS SUCH AS AMERICA, THE WAR IN IRAQ, THE RICH VS. POOR IN THE WORLD, WHAT WE AS A GROUP THOUGHT ABOUT THE AFRICANS, ETC. MOST WERE QUITE DELICATE SUBJECTS AND WE REALLY HAD TO STUDY THE LETTERS ON WHAT DAD HAS TAUGHT US SO THAT WE COULD GIVE WELL-ROUNDED ANSWERS.

WE’VE ALSO SHARED WITH HIM EXCERPTS OF SOME MO LETTERS AND THE END WITH HIM, WHICH HE REALLY ENJOYED READING. BOTH MATT AND I HADN’T BEEN TO MANY ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES, SO IT HAS BEEN EXCITING TO BE ABLE TO WITNESS SO FREELY IN ENGLISH.

HOUSE HUNTING

AFTER STAYING WITH DEAR JUANA FOR OVER THREE WEEKS, WE FELT LIKE TIME WAS UP FOR US AT HIS PLACE, BUT WE STILL HADN’T FOUND A HOUSE FOR RENT. IT WAS ABOUT A MONTH AND A HALF SINCE OUR ARRIVAL, AND WE WERE BEGINNING TO GET WEARY AND DISCOURAGED.

AFTER PRAYING TOGETHER, ASKING THE LORD WHY WE HADN’T FOUND HOUSING YET, HE TOLD US: “THE ENEMY IS FIGHTING YOU LIKE MAD. HE WANTS YOU TO HAVE ALL THESE PROBLEMS SO YOU’LL PICK UP AND LEAVE. DIDN’T I SAY THAT THE BATTLES WOULD BE HARD IN SIERRA LEONE? DIDN’T I TELL YOU THAT YOU WOULD NEED TO FIGHT HARDER THAN EVER BEFORE? WELL, WHY ARE YOU SURPRISED THAT THESE ATTACKS ARE HAPPENING? IT’S OBVIOUS WHY.—THE ENEMY IS HOPPING MAD AND WANTS TO GET YOU TO GIVE UP. HE KNOWS THE REWARDS ARE GREAT HERE AND KNOWS OF THE VICTORIES THAT WILL BE WON HERE IN THIS LAND. I WANT YOU AS A TEAM TO GET TOGETHER AND PRAY DESPERATELY EVERY DAY. ... THE EVIL SPIRITS OPPRESSING THIS PLACE ARE STRONG, SO YOU NEED DOUBLE POWER TO FIGHT THEM AND BE ABLE TO ‘ENTER THIS LAND.’ DO YOU WANT THIS COUNTRY? DO YOU WANT THE BENEFITS? DO YOU WANT THE REWARDS? WELL, THEN BE MY FIGHTERS OF THE END AND PUSH TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT YOU CAN. THROUGH PRAYING YOU’LL GET THE MOST DONE. THE MIRACLE WILL COME; THE MIRACLE IS ON ITS WAY.”

WHEN PRAYING ONE TIME ABOUT SIERRA LEONE WE GOT: “THIS COUNTRY WAS RIFE WITH WAR; WAR-LIKE SPIRITS ARE OPPRESSING THIS PLACE. SO YOU MUST BE EVEN MORE ON THE ATTACK, MORE MILITANT AGAINST THE ATTACKS OF THE ENEMY AND THESE SPIRITS, EACH ONE SKILLED IN THE USE OF THEIR WEAPONS. BUT I HAVE GIVEN YOU MY KEYS, MORE POWERFUL THAN ANY WEAPON THEY HOLD. SO CLAIM THEM AND BECOME SKILLED IN YOUR USE OF THE KEYS. CALL ON THEM

EVERY TIME YOU FEEL ATTACKED, CONFUSED, DISCOURAGED OR DISTRESSED. ONLY THROUGH GALLING ON [THE KEYS] DESPERATELY AND SINCERELY WILL YOU SEE MIRACLES HAPPEN.”

SO MATT AND I CONTINUED TO GO OUT WITH OUR KIDS, DOING EXACTLY WHAT THE LORD TOLD US IN THE BEGINNING, TO WITNESS WHEREVER WE WENT AND THROUGH DOING THAT WE WOULD FIND A PLACE TO STAY. THERE WERE TIMES WE JUST STARTED KNOCKING ON DOORS AND PRESENTING OURSELVES AS “JOSEPH AND MARY.”

ON ONE OCCASION WE RAN AFTER AN NGO CAR WITH AN ACTIVATED MAGAZINE IN OUR HAND, WAVING FOR THE VEHICLE TO STOP. AFTER TALKING WITH THE KENYAN MAN INSIDE THE CAR, WE WERE TAKEN TO HIS HOME, WHERE WE MET HIS WHOLE FAMILY. AFTER TALKING THEY SAID THAT THE LORD HAD LAID IT ON THEIR HEARTS TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO US, AND THEY OFFERED TO SHARE THEIR OWN THREE-ROOM APARTMENT WITH US.

THEY WERE SO SWEET AND TOOK OUR WHOLE TEAM IN (EIGHT IN TOTAL AT THE TIME). THEY OPENED THEIR DOORS TO US, AND FOR THE DURATION OF THE THREE WEEKS WE STAYED WITH THEM WE ALMOST BECAME FAMILY.—WE ATE WITH THEM, READ THE WORD TOGETHER WITH THEM, PRAYED WITH THEM, TALKED WITH THEM, AND EVEN WENT ON OUTINGS TOGETHER.

DUE TO THE 10-YEAR WAR IN SIERRA LEONE, AND THE UN BEING HERE, PRICES FOR HOUSES HAVE SKY-ROCKETED TO ABOUT DOUBLE OR TRIPLE THE ORDINARY PRICES, LEAVING MANY NON-UN OR NGO WORKERS WITH A VERY DIFFICULT TIME FINDING HOUSING. BY THE END OF OUR SEARCH WE MUST HAVE LOOKED AT OVER 100 HOUSES.

HARDSHIPS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS

AFTER WE MOVED OUT OF THE KENYAN FAMILY’S HOUSE, WE WERE INVITED TO STAY AT THE PLACE OF AN EGYPTIAN MAN. AFTER WITNESSING TO THE EGYPTIAN MAN HE TURNED AGAINST US, EVEN LOCKING US IN HIS COMPOUND AT ONE POINT. THANK THE LORD AFTER GOING TO HIS BOSS (THE EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR), HE WAS ASKED TO LET US GO, BUT IT REALLY KEPT US DESPERATE AND CLOSE TO THE LORD.

ONE GOOD THING WE SAW WAS HOW IMPORTANT IT WAS TO ALWAYS WITNESS! I HAD GONE AROUND WITNESSING IN THAT AREA, AND WE EVEN HAD AN ACTIVATED SUBSCRIBER WHO LIVED CLOSE BY, WHO STOOD UP IN OUR DEFENSE AND TOOK US IN. LIKE GRANDPA SAID, “IF YOU WITNESS YOU ALWAYS WIN.”

THE HARDEST POINT WAS JUST BEFORE WE WON THE VICTORY OF FINDING A HOUSE, HALF OF OUR

TEAM DECIDED TO RETURN TO EUROPE. IT WAS A TEST, BUT WITH EVERY DIFFICULTY, WE LEARNED TO TREASURE BEING HERE. THE REWARDS FOR STICKING IT OUT HAVE BEEN FAR GREATER THAN ANY TRIAL.

SHORTLY AFTER THAT THE LANDLORD OF A HOUSE WE’D SEEN PHONED US AND ASKED FOR A MEETING. IT HAD BEEN TWO MONTHS WITHOUT ANY SIGN OF A PRIVATE HOUSE, SO THIS WAS REALLY OUR LAST HOPE. WHEN TALKING TO HIM, WE REALIZED THAT THE RENT WAS TOO HIGH, AND WE ALSO COULDN’T PAY FOR A WHOLE YEAR’S RENT (WHICH IS QUITE USUAL HERE IN SIERRA LEONE). THAT NIGHT WE GOT ON OUR KNEES AND PRAYED. THE LORD SHOWED US TO SIMPLY SAY, LIKE IN THE BIBLE, “WE HAVE NEED OF IT!”

AFTER TALKING WITH THE LANDLORD AND EXPLAINING THE SITUATION HE CAME DOWN BY HALF OF HIS PREVIOUSLY STATED RENT PRICE, AND AGREED TO SIX MONTHS’ PAYMENT INSTEAD OF A YEAR! AT THE END OF OUR CONVERSATION HE SAID, “YOU GUYS ARE REALLY LUCKY!” WELL, IT’S TRUE!—WE HAVE JESUS ON OUR SIDE! IT WAS CERTAINLY ENCOURAGING TO SEE THE LORD’S DIRECT ANSWER TO PRAYER, AS THIS WAS A “MANSION” OF A HOUSE, WHICH WAS ALL IN ANSWER TO PRAYER AND THE POWER OF THE KEYS. POWER TO THE PEOPLE WITH THE KEYS!

THE LORD DID SO MANY MORE MIRACLES FOR US, AND WE CONTINUE TO FEEL HIS BLESSINGS FOR REAPING THE HARVEST HERE. WE HAVE YET TO TELL ABOUT OUR REASON FOR BEING HERE—ACTIVATED! IF GOD’S CALLING YOU TO REACH THIS ENGLISH-SPEAKING COUNTRY IN AFRICA, WRITE US TODAY. THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE LABORERS ARE FEW.

[EDITOR’S NOTE: PLEASE SEE PRAYER REQUEST FOR MATT IN THE “PRAY” SECTION ON PAGE 10, AND CLAIM THE MIRACLE-WORKING POWER OF THE KEYS FOR A COMPLETE RECOVERY FOR DEAR MATT.]

New “Save Kika” Web site!

BY ZEB AND KRISTY, MEXICO

We’d like to invite everyone to visit our new Web site set up for our daughter Carisa (nicknamed Kika), who has spina bifida: <http://savekika.freewebsite.org/>. The Lord inspired us with the idea of putting it up to hopefully generate some support for her needs. By visiting the site you’re under no obligation to give, so please feel free to drop by, and send our link to anyone you want.

Thanks for all your prayers and support!

Pray!



Healing key: In your time of need the keys will come to your aid, bringing health and rejuvenation to your bodies. Call on the power of the key of healing and you will see miracles.

Testimonies of Answered Prayer

Christina (of James), Mexico: I want to thank all those who were praying for me recently against a possibility of cervical cancer. The Lord has done many miracles, and although I do have some cysts and a fallen uterus, I am clear of cancer! I will eventually need to undergo a hysterectomy, but I'm happy to testify that it is not life threatening, TYJ! I give all glory to the power of the keys. The doctors admit it was quite miraculous that the exams came out negative for cancer. One doctor said I must have had Divine intervention.

Josue, Joy, Lilac, and Paul, Guinea: There was a woman in our neighborhood who, for more than a year, looked like she was nine months pregnant. One day she came to ask Paul for some clothes, as we had a CTP of clothes distribution in our area. Paul asked her if she was really pregnant. She told him that she had a tumor in her womb, and nobody could help her.

Paul laid his hands on her and claimed her healing through the power of the keys. Three months later, she came to thank us because she was healed! She had a beautiful body, and most of all, a radiant smile and happy eyes. She was praising the Lord and thanking the Lord for healing her. She told us also that when we prayed for her, it gave her faith to keep praying herself for her healing.

Katrina, Brazil: When I was five months pregnant, a blood test showed I had toxoplasmosis. At first I was very discouraged, but the Lord reminded me of a vision we had of the keys turned to swords, and we started praying and claiming the keys. The doctor took another test, which was also positive, but on the third test, it came out negative—the illness had disappeared. It was a big testimony to the doctor! Thank you so much for praying for me!

Nina (of Martin), Tanzania: My sister, Tammie, is 39 years old and has wanted a baby for years. I prayed for her, but it seemed the Lord wanted her

to specifically ask me to pray for her (as I was always seen as the crazy fanatic of our family, praying for miracles, etc.). My sister went to doctors and clinics for years, but to no avail.

When I saw her last year, she talked to me and shared her heart about not having a baby, and she asked for prayer. The Lord told me to put her on the prayer list. Only days after I sent the prayer request in, my sister called to say she felt funny. She wondered if she was pregnant.

A couple weeks later the prayer list came out, and my sister was going to go into surgery to see if the doctors could "fix" some medical problem that could be preventing her from having children. But before the surgery she did a test, and the doctor realized that she was already pregnant!

My sister knows that it was because of your prayers that this miracle child is going to be born. So thank you for your prayers for Tammie, she is now six months pregnant.

Victoria (of Daniel), Argentina: After suffering for nine years with strong hemorrhaging from a fibroma, my menstruations are now without pain, and more normal each month. It is a real answer to your prayers! Thank You, Jesus, and thanks to a precious brother with the gift of healing who prayed for me.

Europe and Africa

Angel (YA): Ulcerative colitis.

Elena (14): Scoliosis.

Janet: Fibroid cysts.

Julie Trusting: Cysts on both ovaries and one on the cervix; prolapsed uterus.

Matt (22, of Melissa): Malaria. Hospitalized with a malfunctioning liver, and is in ICU. Please pray that he will be healed of the malaria, and that there will be no long-term problems as a result of this sickness. For Matt to regain his strength and be restored to complete health.

Michael (of Deborah): Prostate cancer.

Paul (of Maggie): They have found a bacteria in Paul's blood that comes from a failing liver, which can cause problems with the heart. That the Lord will have His perfect will with Paul, and especially that he does not suffer. Continued healing of AIDS, and an under-compensating liver.

Ruthie (of Baruc): Invasive breast cancer. For a full of faith and positive attitude and for the Lord's very clear leading regarding any treatment, as well as for His miraculous provision if this is how He should lead.

Trust: It seems the fiber knot in my womb is growing and is now about 12 cm in diameter, and is too big for a DNC, so my womb would have to be removed. Please

pray for it to disappear, or if it's His will, that the Lord will give me the faith for an operation. I also have to take medication for high blood pressure; please pray against any side effects of these medications.

North America

Chris (of Ken): Recently had a mastectomy, due to breast cancer, and is recuperating slowly. Please pray for complete recovery and healing.

Joshua (former member): He was involved in a head-on collision, and is in the hospital with three broken bones in his left leg, two fractures in his left arm, and his elbow is smashed. Please pray for a complete healing, and that this will draw him closer to the Lord.

Kitty: Breast cancer. For complete healing through the power of the keys, as I am putting myself in the Lord's hands, not accepting the doctors' recommendations of chemotherapy and radiation treatments, but only the removal of the lemon-sized lump. Also that the Lord will help me to get back to the Family in full-time service.

Pacific

Anna (of Noe and Joy): Turner's syndrome. There is no cure for this sickness, but we know that the Lord can raise her up through the power of keys. So please pray for her complete healing, and against any adverse effect of this sickness.

Heart: She was taking treatment for tuberculosis, but was unable to take her last month's medication. Please pray that the Lord will heal her up completely, even though she wasn't able to take the final month of medication; that the TB will not recur.

Megumi: Tumor on her right ovary.

Natsumi (2, of John and Lily): Severe kidney dysfunction; recently underwent an operation. That the Lord will heal him and help this operation to be effective; against any side effects.

South America

Brisa: Lupus.

Dulci: A fibroid cyst in her uterus; will need to undergo an operation to remove her uterus.

Joana (of Adino): An ultrasound showed a black spot on her liver. Please pray that this spot will turn out to be nothing serious. She is also battling pains in different parts of her body, so please pray that the Lord will raise her up completely.

Joy (of Daniel): Pregnant; placenta previa. Against bleeding, that the Lord will help her carry the baby to full term.

Juan Carlos: Was in the hospital due to a serious stomach problem and thrombosis in his intestines.

Tom (of Donna): Diagnosed with Hepatitis C; for his exam to show no damage to his liver.

board news

Japan Delegates' Meeting 2003

BY STEPHEN, JAPAN

At the end of last year the Lord showed us, the Japan regional council, to organize a delegates' meeting for the CM Family in Japan in order to strengthen them and help them follow the CvsC series and other GNs. With the help from wonderful VVs and board members we were able to hold a four-day meeting this year!

We had 123 people attending from 41 Homes out of 49 CM Homes in Japan. 102 of them were the delegates, 13 of them were the meeting shepherds (RC members and VVs), and 11 of them were children.

Prior to the meetings we received beautiful and encouraging prophecies from Mama's Home, GBT, which we shared at the keynote meeting. It was very inspiring to start the meetings with the Lord's faith-building Words.

Besides the keynote meeting and closing meeting, we had eight classes on the following subjects: obedience to the Word, spiritual warfare (spirits fighting for and against the Japan Family), unity within and between Homes, witnessing, persecution prep, shepherding and training young people, parenting, and education. We covered virtually every aspect of CM life in only four days, and highlighted different areas that we need to make progress in. There is so much to do!

In one of the keynote prophecies the Lord said: "I'm not expecting you to move the entire mountain in one day, but just to take one step up the mountain at a time. You will reach the top of My will—that's guaranteed—as long as you keep your eyes on Me and keep climbing. I'm way up at the top, and as long as you continue to focus on My power, you will walk over every boulder and reach the top."

Lord help us to keep climbing the mountain, taking one step up at a time!

Three-day camp out

BY ABIGAIL G. FOR THE SWECB BOARD, ITALY

It had been a year since we held our first MC/OC camp for those in the south of Italy, and on July 2nd we were able to hold a three-day camp for the MC/OCs in the north of Italy. The camp was held at one of our Homes in the countryside that has a large property. And to make it special, we camped out in tents and all our activities were done outside. Eleven children attended from the ages of five to eleven, along with four overseers.

After everyone arrived we got together with the children and discussed

the rules and plans for the camp.

For our first Word class we had an inspiration followed by the reading of "The Word, the Word, the Word!" and a time of reviewing John 15 with games that coincided with this chapter. (The children had been learning John 15 the prior month, in anticipation for the camp.) Lily, Ruth, and myself took turns giving the Word classes, and having different input from different teachers helped the Word classes to be more inspiring for the children.

At the end of the camp for one of our final Word classes we took the time to express our thankfulness to the Lord for this time together. It was very inspiring to hear all the children renewing their commitment to the Lord to be faithful with their Word time and time spent with Him daily. We then took some time to hear what the Lord had to say.

To wrap the camp up, we gave each of the children a diploma that we had prepared for the camp. It was encouraging to see them get along so well and work together in unity, even though a number of them didn't know each other well. It makes me so thankful to be in our wonderful Family and to have the opportunity to raise my children in it. There might be some small differences in how each one of us raises our own children, but the standard is one and is in the Word, which is why it's so much easier to uphold.

I've realized that camps don't need to be something big or in an exotic place to make our children happy. The fact

that they can be together, enjoying different activities and having fun together, is enough to make them happy. I am convinced that our children need more of this kind of fellowships and we will try to continue to hold camps and activities for their happiness and inspiration!



Moms and camp organizers—(L-R:) Charity (mother of 8), Abigail (mother of 7, CP board), Ruth (mother of 10), and Lily (mother of 9, FED board)



At the end of the camp each attendee received a diploma. (Back row, L-R:) Davide (11), Ruth (of Jonathan), Lily (of Samuele), Tanya (11), Abigail (of Simon); (middle row, L-R:) Valentina (10), Miriam (7) Becky (6), Andy (6); (front row, L-R:) Andrea (8), Tony (9), Andy (10), and Giacomo (10)

Southern Taiwan MC/OC get-together

BY IONA (OF AARON), TAIWAN

We had planned a hike in the nearby mountains for our MC/OC get-together, but it started pouring with rain. After hearing from the Lord we (the Taiwan CP board) decided to go ahead with the day, but to start out in our clubhouse. As we headed off we continued praying that the rain would stop.

All 17 MC/OCs arrived with happy, expectant faces. Aaron started off with a rousing inspiration. Tabitha then gave a class on friendship, ending with a skit on redeeming the time, followed by a treasure hunt on friendship.

We threw our mats on the floor inside the club, and had an indoor picnic. While the kids had lunch and shared the verses they'd been learning, Aaron got on the phone and provisioned a movie for the kids—a special treat and a touch of the Lord's love for them. Even though our plans were "rained out," the Lord had the answer and made the day a special time for all.



homeschooling corner

Finding school materials at good prices

By Celeste, (Central FED board), USA

I put together a few info blurbs that hopefully will make your hunt for school materials and cheap prices a little bit easier. A while back a dear mommy wrote in to the *Grapevine* about a site called Professor Mom's Schoolhouse, so I looked it up. This site is very good, although simple, and has quite a bit to offer. It was created and run by a Christian couple who have a real heart for others. They themselves have been involved in missionary work as well, and so have a real burden to help those who are out on far flung fields teaching their children along the way. They've created this site in the hope that they can be a blessing and help to homeschooling families, knowing themselves how expensive and difficult it can be at times.

They offer a good selection of mainly Alpha Omega Publications, but they also have quite a few other teaching aids, including the Saxon books and phonics course. The new *Switched on Schoolhouse* 2003 CD curriculum is also available at quite a competitive price, too!

Professor Mom's Schoolhouse (PMSchoolhouse.com) is a good site to check out! But the best thing about this site is that they offer a discount for missionaries like us! It's an additional 10–15% off on top of their already lower prices. How it works is: Give her a call (in the U.S. [541] 664-5019) and explain your missionary work. You will be given a personalized code that you enter in each time you order materials, and it automatically discounts your order. You might want to check this out!

The going rate for the 2.0 SOS, 2003 version is about US\$299 for the whole set of five subjects, but here are a few sites I found where you can get it for US\$240 or less!

- * PMSchoolhouse.com
- * joyoflearning.com
- * agdistribution.com
- * myeducationathome.com
- * familycow.com
- * newcenturyhomeschool.com
- * discountchristian.com

The above sites are all online stores, but you can also find places like the ones below where people are selling their used or bought and never opened materials, not only SOS, but many other curriculums as well! If you don't mind using an older version you can find some real good prices! Check them out!

- * vegsource.com
- * PMSchoolhouse.com (These guys have a section where people are selling their old stuff cheap!)

* eBay.com (Yep, believe it or not you can find quite a few great items here up for auction—AO, SOS, Saxon, A Beka, Hooked on Phonics, and more.)

Fantastic Word studies for young and old

By Stephen Kind (of Angela), Croatia

I was able to give a seminar at the EE Family camp this month on how to use the CVC book, set up a course, keep records, etc. I was very happy at the response, and attendees. Not only were their parents present, but also nationals who wanted to get certificates, and a brother who was going to SA and wanted to set up a CTP school, basing the curriculum on the CVC.

Giving that seminar turned me on personally about the CVC, and I decided, as a JT board member, to do the course on Youth Counseling. After studying through the CVC book for a while and looking at all the available courses, I realized what a wealth of material we have to study at our fingertips! Really, every ministry in the Family is covered in the CVC book, and it makes fantastic Word studies for young and old. People often seem to look at the book, and think that it's a monumental task, and then give up, but really, it's quite simple. Once you have helped one person set up their study course, it's very easy.

Last year, when I asked how many JTs were using the CVC at the camp, nobody raised their hand. I saw that it's really important to not only sell the young people, but parents alike on the importance of this tool we have at our fingertips. Everyone in our Home is super turned-on about it, and my wife, who is a personnel teamworker, is doing the Christian Leadership Course.

[Editor's note: The CVC QnA is found in GV #137, page 14, and will help you become familiar with the program.]

Using the "Shining Sample" readiness pack

By Dorcas, Japan

In recent childcare meetings we've read the "Shining Sample" readiness pack available on the MO site (<http://www.familymembers.com>). It was on the FED CD, which we got from the delegates meeting. It is great persecution prep. God bless the ASCRO team who worked on that. It is a tremendous help to check our Home's childcare and homeschooling side. We go over every point and see what we need to work on.

We have almost finished our portfolio and record keeping for our 6- to 18-year-olds, so right now we are working on our

answers to any questions we may be asked, and also for our children to be able to answer the questions as well. The kids up to 18 write their address and names and other personal info, like parents' occupation and date of birth, where they were born and where they have been living, etc., in Japanese.

I also read the *Wise Witnessing Replies* booklet that the Family produced a long time ago. We are now planning to go over this with our JETTs on up. Some things need to be upgraded and also changed to the way we answer for Japanese, but the principles are good and it is good for personal witnessing practice.

[Editor's note: The booklets in the "Shining Sample" pack cover the following subjects: Home prep, Socialization Prep, CVC prep, Education Prep 1–2, and Record Keeping Prep.]

* Here is a translation of the questions and answers for children mentioned above. The FED CD is a potpourri of different educational files and info put on one CD (some files in Japanese, some in English and some in both languages).

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The name of the nearest train station:
Name of School/Name of the courses you study:
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Teacher's Name:
Parents' Occupation:
Date of Birth:
Place of Birth:
Places where you've lived so far:

Joint language teaching

By Sue, Brazil

One weak area in our Home's homeschooling has been teaching the local language. We are finding a good solution by working together with a nearby Home. Their Home has good local language scholastics, but was lacking in teaching English to their children. By joining forces, we have been able to switch students two afternoons per week in order to fill this need. Since the other Home is nearby, they come (with all their kids) and we have both classes in different areas of the Home. This has been working great since it also allows time for the kids to have PE together. It's great for the teachers to have a change with their routine.

[Editor's note: For more testimonies, how-tos, and tips from you, check out Kidland #44 and the upcoming Kidland #45 on this subject.]

40-DAYS in ANGOLA ...More to Come

By Marcos and Sara, South Africa

Before leaving we were faced with three big needs: visas, plane tickets, and landing funds for the four of us: Marcos, Sara, Leilani (14), and Melissa (12). As we stepped out by faith, the Lord supplied them all, one by one. All glory to Him!

The Lord flew us in style and totally for free to Luanda, Angola, with us being the only passengers on an 18-seater propeller plane. We flew for six hours, stopping once to refuel in Botswana.

Luanda, a city that was designed for less than a million people, but is now home to six million, most of them refugees from the 30 years of civil war that ended just a year ago. There's so much poverty and dirt that we were tempted to get depressed and frustrated with things, but the Lord showed us that He was using those feelings and our subsequent prayers to work in the lives of the people there to help relieve their suffering.

There are also obvious signs of progress, with streets being fixed, trash collected in some areas, new shops opening up almost daily, new buildings being erected and rebuilding old ones, etc.

During the 40 days we spent in Angola, we were the guests of a Portuguese-Angolan couple and their five kids (four of which they'd adopted). We were overwhelmed by their hospitality, cheerfulness, and love. Their sample convicted us. They fed us and shared all they had with us (including the use of a vehicle during the whole time of our stay) without showing any sign of weariness. We ministered to them by reading them the Word and praying with them. A bond of love was forged between us.

In answer to prayer the Lord led us to meet several influential people, all of them potential pillars for the work-to-be of the Family in Angola. We were also looking into the possibilities of renting a house, since we're planning to move to Luanda in the near future. After some time we more or less gave up, because the rents were either too expensive (and by expensive we mean more than US\$20,000 a month!), or the houses were located in such depressing surroundings that it was really out of the question. Of course, we were not expecting to rent a house the conventional way—we were expecting miracles!

After a month we had to extend our visas in order to stay for a few more weeks. As we were walking back from the Immigration Office the Lord led us to a beautiful, quiet, and clean area.—The



best place to live in Luanda. The Lord gave us a check about this area, and we got so excited that we started asking around if there were any houses for rent. A couple of minutes later somebody led us to a house nearby whose owner wanted to rent it. The place needs quite a bit of repairs to make it suitable to live in, but we got so excited that we immediately approached a big construction company that donated most of the materials needed to fix the house up.

When we approached the director of the local university to see about the possibility of giving seminars there, he told us that they were just talking about us the week before and wanted to invite the Family to give weekly classes to the sociology students. (We had visited them on previous trips. See *FSM #376* for that story.) Talk about the Lord's setups! Two days later we gave them a Daniel 2 and a current events class, both of which were a tremendous success. For two hours we

had a room full of a very enthusiastic and participating audience.

We were also able to meet with deputies of the National Assembly. We discussed possible ways of ministering to the great number of children and young people in Angola. We emphasized that teaching their youth the Word, and to read and to write were their best preparation for life. They stressed the importance of us being completely committed to the job, unlike other missionaries that just pass through, distribute some aid, preach a bit of Gospel, and then are on their way. They said that this attitude has a negative effect on the people, causing them to close up to the Gospel next time around.

We also made contact with one of the directors of the main oil company, and she was very excited about us working with their social and humanitarian projects all over Angola.

What we learned from this trip is that we, and whoever is going to be part of the work in Angola, have to be completely committed, as it will require lots of sacrifice,

hard work, and it has to be a united effort. All the friends and contacts we met there expect just that from us.

We can see the Lord's hand at work, and we cannot afford being out of touch with Him for just one moment as there is also great darkness in that land, with lots of greed, superstition, violence, and diseases, but the victories, rewards, and blessings the Lord has in store for us there are absolutely astonishing. The door is wide open! The hour has come for Angola! The light of His truth and love will shine in the darkness and bring many, many people to Jesus and any sacrifice we will have to make will look very small compared to the great rewards He has for those who are willing to labor in this very fertile vineyard of His. We need your help in prayers, contributions, and participation.



["I love Jesus!"]

entertainment

Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up

CHARLIE'S ANGELS (2000)

Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore, Lucy Liu

Action comedy about three women detectives working for a mysterious boss, using martial arts, high-tech skills, and lots of sex appeal.

(Jesus:) While this movie doesn't have a lot of message in it, it is fun entertainment and isn't harmful or evil. It's making fun of action movies in a way, and it's not trying to be serious, so even though there are some fight scenes in the movie, they're very over-the-top, and it doesn't carry a violent spirit. It's got its comedy and light moments too, and the girls are cute, pretty, and funny.

If you're on guard to choose the good, this movie can be fun and relaxing entertainment; and if you're prayerful and watching for them, I can even show you some parallels to your life for Me that you'll find interesting. There's also a good lesson about not being led astray by your emotions or being too naive when on a mission.

This movie is kind of like a super hero beauty pageant. Super heroes aren't real; you're all human and fallible, but there will come a super hero who will arise one day who will have some of the power of the Enemy and he will come across to the world at first as the greatest super hero of all. But by then, you'll be anointed with *your* super hero power, and you'll have a lot of adventures in using those new and exciting super powers to fight the powers of darkness. Then, and only then, will super heroes really come alive! So look forward to that day, and keep practicing with using your spiritual weapons.

CHARLIE'S ANGELS: FULL THROTTLE (2003)

Cameron Diaz, Drew Barrymore, Lucy Liu

Sequel to the 2000 movie. The "angels" are back for more investigative action.

(Jesus:) This is more of the same along the lines of the first movie. There is lots of action in this one, even more than in the first movie. The story and antics are completely unrealistic, but it's done with a lot of humor. If you enjoyed the first movie, you will probably enjoy this second one as well. And the reverse is true, that if you didn't like the first movie, you probably won't like the sequel.

If you look at it from an allegorical point of view, you could get some parallels from this movie to your lives. These girls, when off duty, are pretty normal, and you might even say a little dorky, but when on duty they can really do damage to their enemy. The movie brings out that friendship and teamwork is important, and how a team is handicapped without even one of its members.

This movie is less innocent than the first one, in that there is more violence and evil portrayed. But it's a clear battle of good versus evil, and it's obvious that good will triumph. There are also a lot of sexual jokes—some outright, and a lot of nuances—which were for the most part in pretty good taste, but some are offensive, and the overall tone of which make this movie inappropriate for young teens.

It's not a movie to be watched over and over, but it's fine to watch, as long as you personally get the okay from Me.

Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

ALEX AND EMMA (2003)

Luke Wilson, Kate Hudson

An author whose writer's block and debts have landed him in a jam has 30 days to finish his novel or wind up in big trouble. To help him complete his manuscript he hires stenographer Emma. As Alex dictates his tale of a romantic love triangle to the charming, yet somewhat opinionated stenographer, real life begins to imitate art.

(Dad:) This is a traditional type of love story told from a new angle. Some mindsets come into question, but these are eventually resolved in the happy ending. It's a different way of telling a story, and if you like love stories, you'll probably like this one too. It's interesting to take a peek into others' lives and see what makes them tick. In this day and age of so many complex issues and electronic wizardry, it's refreshing to see a simple story of love.

Movies Rated for JETTs and Up

SINBAD: LEGEND OF THE SEVEN SEAS (2003)

Animated, voices of Brad Pitt, Catherine Zeta-Jones, Michelle Pfeiffer

Framed by the Goddess of Chaos for stealing one of the world's most priceless treasures, Sinbad, a young sailor, goes on an odyssey to find and return the treasure.

(Jesus:) This is a tale of an independent, swashbuckling, rascally young man who through a series of adventures and tests regains his higher ideals.

For My children who are accustomed to hearing about the spirit world, this movie contains a vivid illustration of the way the Enemy works against My children. The Goddess of Chaos represents the Devil himself, the Destroyer, who seeks to steal the Word and the light from My children's hearts. In the movie, the *Book of Peace* is like the Word, which when one has it in their possession, sheds light and peace and everything good upon the kingdom. When it is removed, all is in darkness.

There's a bit too much on the scary side for younger ones, but JETTs, teens, and even adults will find it interesting and entertaining. It is a decent film in terms of seeing how evil works; how real love is sacrificial; how when faced with impossible situations, deliverance and escape is possible. It has lessons on honesty, loyalty, sacrifice, choices, and having conviction to do the right thing.

Movies Rated for OCs and Up

IN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS (1991)

Trevor Black, Lise Wilburn

High school senior Mark Andrews thinks his wildest dreams have come true when he uses the wrong computer to make a simulated stock purchase and accidentally makes a million dollars.

(Jesus:) Overall this is a good movie with a good message, including good lessons about priorities in life, making the right decisions, about honesty and not taking advantage of others' mistakes.

This movie could also be turned into a good class about the economy, stock market, shares, insider trading, etc. It's good for young people to be up to date on this topic so they can know what's going on and can converse on this subject with others if necessary.

One thing that would be good to discuss is the emphasis that is put on going to a fancy college, as well as finding a good job and making money. This fellow is not serving Me, like kids in the Family are, but as a typical Systemite, is trying to make a life for himself.

It's a sweet movie, and it shows how being honest and doing what is right is better than being rich or famous. It is always better to do what is right and what My Spirit tells you to do.

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: THE CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL (2003)

Johnny Depp, Geoffrey Rush, Orlando Bloom

(Jesus:) This movie is pretty basic in its plot and delivery—it's an adventure story with action, chases, captures, escapes, and so on. It's entertainment only, and this is not unacceptable, as I do allow these kinds of movies to be seen, as long as they're not all you're ever seeing.

Though this movie can be enjoyable and fun for adults, it is not suitable for young teens—the age range that it was intended for. There are some ugly and graphic images that could be disturbing—those portraying the “undead” characters. If you are inclined to view this movie I would ask that you seek Me as to whether this movie is for you.

This movie is definitely a testament to the dangers of greed and selfishness. It gets pretty ugly when people stop caring about each other and are only looking out for themselves. The allure of

gold and riches has drawn many to a life of lawlessness and corruption, yet the part that many do not see is the emptiness that such wealth and recklessness brings. This is the curse of the rich, that though they have all that they could hope for physically, they do not feel satisfied, for wealth and riches can never satisfy the soul.

LEGALLY BLONDE 2: RED, WHITE, AND BLONDE (2003)

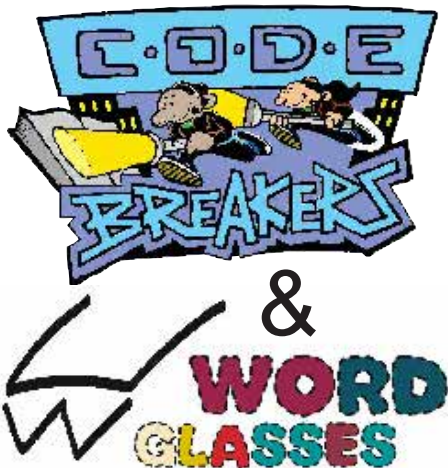
Reese Witherspoon, Sally Field

(Jesus:) The original *Legally Blonde* movie was fun. It wasn't full of message, but it did have entertainment value without a lot of negative messages baked in. The first movie was much better than this sequel. Since the content of the first movie was already shallow and frivolous in many ways, there wasn't much left for the filmmakers to work with when it came to putting together the second film, so they had to dig into some undesirable elements that make this movie less than meaningful, and in fact, not very worthwhile.

This movie promotes shallowness, frivolity, and takes the focus off of the real issues of the world and places them on almost irrelevant topics. While I love all My creations, including animals, they are not on the same level as humans, whereas this movie's underlying message is that animals deserve the same care and treatment as humans. The homosexual element is another avenue in which the Enemy got his propaganda in, leading people to believe that it's natural, normal, and not only are humans that way, but animals too.

There is the message of being a fighter, not giving up, and of encouraging others. But the main character was so self-absorbed at the same time, that it overshadowed these lessons in comparison.

It's totally unrealistic in every way—especially the notion that U.S. politicians would ever applaud anyone who exposed their corruption and shallowness, but then again, it's a spoof. It could be entertaining for some who enjoy light comedy, but be aware that it's not very meaningful and in most cases not worth your time.

LATEST RELEASE OF

If you already have the 15 released *Codebreakers*, we have five new ones available! We now have a total of 20 *Codebreakers* ready and more will be coming your way!

Codebreakers is a series of Word classes on VCD taught by Tiago, filmed by Benny of the *Digital Kitchen Studio* (Vine videos), and “skitted” by the hilarious artist and actor David Komic. They can be viewed in stand-alone VCD players or on your computer. Each *Codebreaker* has documentary and movie clips that not only make the class gripping and inspiring, but also adds tons of variety to our young people's Word time! Here is a list of the subjects covered in them:

- * CB 1: The Bible—Rewind and Fast Forward, Part 1
- * CB 2: The Bible—Rewind and Fast Forward, Part 2
- * CB 3: The Bible Code—Prophecies and Prophets, Part 1

- * CB 4: The Bible Code—Prophecies and Prophets, Part 2
- * CB 5: To Clone or Not to Clone, Part 1
- * CB 6: To Clone or Not to Clone, Part 2
- * CB 7: The World Cons' Piracy, Part 1
- * CB 8: The World Cons' Piracy, Part 2
- * CB 9: A Plague o' Both Your Houses, Part 1
- * CB 10: A Plague o' Both Your Houses, Part 2
- * CB 11: The Impostor! Part 1
- * CB 12: The Impostor! Part 2
- * CB 13: Hearing from the Lord, Part 1
- * CB 14: Hearing from the Lord, Part 2
- * CB 15: Lights! Camera! Blasphemy! Part 1
- * CB 16: Lights! Camera! Blasphemy! Part 2
- * CB 17: Life Is Beautiful! Part 1
- * CB 18: Life Is Beautiful! Part 2
- * CB 19: Committed! Part 1
- * CB 20: Committed! Part 2

Codebreakers prices:

- * 10 CDs: US\$40
- * 15 CDs: US\$55
- * 20 CDs: US\$70

Word Glasses are similar to *Codebreakers*, but can only be viewed on computers. They can be used for personal study or by a teacher reading the text and showing the video clips. They are text classes opened in your Internet Explorer browser with movie and documentary clips included. As you read the text on your computer, you will find video clips inserted throughout the text. Whenever you click on a clip a video will automatically start playing. Each CD has two to three hours of classes, including the videos. Here are the subjects covered in the first give *Word Glasses* in this series:

WG 1: Life After Death and the Spiritual World. (Word, testimonies, documentaries and movie clips on life after death, and a special section about famous people who have had life-after-death experiences.)

WG 2: Ye Are Gods! (What happened to the progeny of the angels who mingled with the daughters of men in Genesis 6? A fascinating study on angels and demons and their influence on Earth. Lots of video clips to illustrate this Word study.)

WG 3: Cool Home School! (Why we adopted the efficient but always controversial homeschooling method. Lots of testimonies on video from experienced homeschoolers and why they chose to teach their kids at home. A special section features famous Nobel Prize winners who detested the methods used in institutional schools.)

WG 4: Literature, Poetry and Positiveness! (Great for English language students, together with lots of video clips, this class teaches the history of the English language, poetry writing and how many of the best poets and writers of the English language have been the ones who exuded most joy of living and praises to God!)

WG 5: The Knight of Light. (A Word study on the Crusades and chivalry, and why the Lord has always compared us with the knights of old. A special section deals with St. Francis and the spiritual fulfillment of his knighthood.)

Word Glasses price:

- * 5 CDs: US\$15

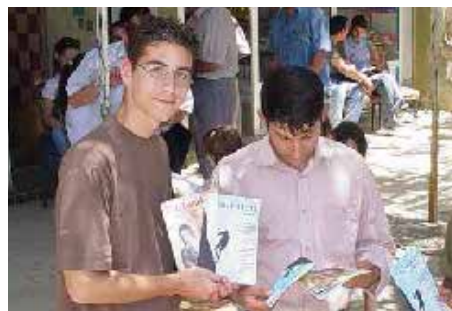
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You can send your gift to CDBREAKER—TH07, and then let us know where to send you the classes.

happenings

Into Southeastern Turkey

Hilltop Home, Turkey: We were privileged to participate in a two-week 5,000-km road trip to the southeastern part of Turkey, where we visited seven different cities and performed programs in fifteen different schools. This is the third consecutive year we have been invited by a Turkish educational foundation to travel and teamwork together to help in this needy and economically challenged area of Turkey. It was heartbreaking for us to see the great need that the schools have, many of which had no running water, and inadequate hygiene facilities, and poor to minimal educational materials for the children.



Personals

Jonathan and Ruth's teens in Italy are looking for **SGA Cherith** (Irish), she lived with us three years ago in Italy. We we'd like to get back in touch with her again! Anyone know her whereabouts, e-mail, or phone number? You can write us at: jonruth@tin.it. Thanks!

Looking for **Flor**, who lives in the Philip-pines, her father is James. Dear Flor, I need your address or e-mail, please! Write me! My e-mail is jwnichols@ozemail.com.au. I love you. Maria (of Amos and Faith)

BACKTRACKING...

By the Grapevine

We love you so much! We hope that the latest additions to the "Shine On" section have been an encouragement and inspiration to you. It was brought to our attention that there was a miscalculation in the "CD/Tapes" section of April's "Shine On" (GV #156). Below is the correct version of the CD/Tape section. Sorry for the mistake. GBY!

| TEAMWORK | Per Adult | Total |
|---|-----------|-------|
| CD/TAPE SHINERS FOR APRIL 2003 | | |
| Spring, Mexico | 633 | 1,265 |
| Aneta/Ben/Natalie/Peter, Botswana | 400 | 2,000 |
| David/Dove, UK | 125 | 374 |
| David/Natalia/Susana, Mexico | 104 | 1,038 |
| Daniel/Dora/Maria/Samuel, Kenya | 99 | 397 |
| Nina/Jay, USA | 87 | 260 |
| Samuel/Clara, Spain | 80 | 160 |
| Davi/David/Madalena, Brazil | 78 | 310 |
| Claire/Joana/Joe, Brazil | 76 | 456 |
| Crystal/Isaac/Rebecca/Ryan, Puerto Rico | 74 | 521 |

Our five-man team worked hand in hand with our Turkish associates to help promote hygiene, children's education, and good ethical habits. This was often done in the form of music, puppet shows, pantomime, and songs that the children wholeheartedly participated in and thoroughly enjoyed. After our programs we were able to meet with the teachers and personnel of the schools, and offer counsel, advice, and practical tips. We also passed out educational and character-building materials, including hundreds of copies of *Motivated* magazines that our dear Family around the world had sponsored. Numerous governors and mayors of the cities we visited, and other high-ranking officials also warmly received copies of *Motivated*.

Besides the city centers with large schools, some of the places we visited were so remote and with very small populations of only a few hundred people in these villages, that without the assistance of our Turkish hosts it would have been impossible for us as foreigners to visit.

The keys are no figment of someone's imagination...

Thaddeus English, Iceland: We started off the month flat broke, knowing that by the end of the month we had to raise around US\$17,000. We've rarely seen sums like that, and on top of it, bills started coming from everywhere! It got so crazy; we knew

the Enemy had overstepped his mark. It was beyond us--way beyond us!

However, as the days passed, the Lord kept interjecting new factors into the equation and as we sought Him, followed Him and called on the keys, each bill was paid on time. Although we haven't reached the end of the month yet, we are right on track for the remaining bills and really amazed at how the Lord has done it without our going on red alert let alone scarlet fever to do it in the flesh ourselves! Whilst we're no better or worse off than most other Homes we know of, the Lord has gotten us over a mountain, and opened a lot of doors for the summer outreach and winter witnessing too.

You could not convince anyone in our Home that the keys are just a figment of someone's imagination! We're seeing them work wonders on a daily basis! How did we ever manage without them?

God on God ... it's great!

David (of Sharon), India: I am so turned on to selling *God on God*! It's a hit! Everyone I offer it to buys it! Maybe it's not super lucrative, but I know I'll get God's blessing because I'm offering it to all my friends, contacts and sheep!

Think of it this way: *God on God* is such a cool, terrific, fun way to do persecution preparation and feed our sheep the meat of the Word!

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Hi all, this is **Caleb (16, of Asaph and Charity)**, writing from Islamabad, Pakistan. I was born and lived in Thailand, and from there I went with my parents to Pakistan, where I have been living for the last nine years. The Lord's been showing me that it's time I move on to a different field. There is a Home in Turkey that I'll possibly join, so I'm trying to raise the funds so I can get there as soon as possible.

Because I am living in a third-world country, it is quite hard to raise the money for my ticket there, so I thought I'd ask all the Family Homes around the world if they could help me with the needed funds. It's around US\$700. I would appreciate any help, big or small. If you feel called to help, you can send your gifts to me via your TRF, designated to "Caleb's travel, Islamabad, PK06."

My e-mail address is:
fampak@isb.compol.com.
Looking forward to hearing from you.
Love, Caleb

Dear Family,

My name is **Vince**. I'm 20 years old and have been living in West Africa for the last year and a half. Recently, the Home I was with decided to take a leave of absence from the field. The Lord showed me to stay here and help out a Home in a neighboring country for a few months, and then join a Home in another country close by.

Although Africa is poor, traveling between countries and getting visas can be quite expensive. As there really aren't any avenues to fundraise in these countries, the Lord told me to place an ad in the *Grapevine*, and ask you, my fellow Family members, for help. I need to raise about US\$1,000 very soon, so any help that you can give me would be very appreciated. If you can't help financially your prayers are also very welcome!

Please send all gifts to GG1545 through your TRF, designated for Vince. Thank you all for your support!

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