

Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect. It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections.

MONTENEGRO A.T.T.S.* IGNITES OUR TEACHING SKILLS

*ACTIVATED TEACHER'S TRAINING SEMINAR

BY MIRACLE (OF ANDREW), KOSOVO

An exciting part about living our life for the Lord is following Him and seeing His miraculous leading and guidance through doors swinging open as He leads us where He wants us to go. That is what makes life for the Lord a thrill.—Not just a humdrum “every day's the same life,” but being out there where the action is, in the center of His will. We thank You, sweet Jesus, for choosing us into this exciting life and engineering these happenings! We just have to hear from You and make sure we are there to catch the opportunity.

The tiny seed that led to this event was planted at our regional fellowship back in May. We had heard that Aaron and his team were going to be giving seminars on teaching the Word, and we wanted those in our area (Kosovo, Albania, and Montenegro) who live far away from the large “hubs” of Family activity, and often cannot travel freely because of the visa expense and restrictions, to have a chance to receive this wonderful input. We talked to Aaron, threw out the idea, and things grew from there.

First, we started the necessary communications with the different Homes to find out who would be interested. We wanted it to be not just a seminar, but a type of holiday for our hard-working Family missionaries, so we asked the Lord to provide a beautiful spot on the Adriatic coast in Montenegro that would be easily accessible to those attending. Next, we wanted to provision all the food and funds to cover the expenses of the

housing for up to 50 people, as we wanted it to be free for everyone who could come. Didn't the Lord say, “Where I guide I provide”?

Standing on those promises, we put our faith into action, and began to collect as much provisioning as we could from inside Kosovo. One military base also donated food. A UN contractor that supplies many bases, gave us the rest that we needed. That was the “easy” part. Then we needed the money for the rooms and other needs.

We already had in hand two sizeable gifts that had been designated for our summer plans, but we still lacked 1,000 Euros. We prayed and the Lord showed us to go to a certain man who we had been trying to see for quite a long time but without success. We committed it to the Lord in prayer, went to the place, and there he was. When we told him how much we would need, he said, “I don't see that that would be a problem!” Wow! It turned out that he could only give half, but had found a friend who put in the other half.

On a previous trip to the coast the Lord had led us to find just the perfect location, and finally the time came for us to go down to make the final preparations. We still needed a large quantity of milk, drinks, snacks, and our “daily bread.” We claimed some key promises and sent out two provisioning teams “not knowing whither we went,” only knowing that He would be there leading us. We had four days, and every day He led us. One supplier donated 240 liters of milk, and different bakeries delivered fresh

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The entire group on the steps of our guesthouse



Taking advantage of a free moment to sing some songs that made the Revolution

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Aaron explaining the fundamental aspects of being an inspired teacher

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bread to our door each day. The Lord also supplied the juice and snacks we were claiming, and even threw in some diesel for our vehicles. He is so good to us!

The Lord couldn't have given us a more lovely location, and the weather was near perfect until the Enemy tried to "blow" on our fellowship by bringing on a "burrah"—a very strong wind that can go on for days. Calling on the keys, however, took care of that, and only one day was unsuitable for swimming. The evenings together were memorable and so much fun. Most of those attending were from

outer areas where there is not much fellowship, so this part of the gathering meant a lot to them.

Best of all, the seminar inspired us to be the best teachers we can be, not settling for the minimum in sharing the wealth of Word we have in our Family pubs. It was a life-changing experience for all, and brought the firepower of God's Endtime prophets to the fore!

Thanks to Aaron and Lisa, and all their team, for taking this time to help us all to sharpen our swords. You were great samples of the Word and putting it into action, to change our lives and those of our sheep!

kidbits

- Michele Overcomer**, 3rd child, born to **Daniella and Stefano** on August 28.—Turkey
Alex Daniel Newlife, born to **Andrea and Andrew** on September 1.—USA
Alysha Kate, 2nd child, born to **Aichan and Mike** on September 5.—PACRO
Twins Francesca Leanna and Jacqueline Kayla, 7th and 8th children, born to **Victory and David Komic** on September 8.—Thailand
Oliver Leon, 5th child, born to **Cheery and Nathaniel** on September 12.—India
Alina Julia, born to **Joanna and Oleg** on September 16.—Ukraine
Charlene, born to **Tamara and Jonathan** on September 19.—India
Kylie Faye, born to **Ruth and Martin** on September 19.—Thailand
Jôme Bonaventure, born to **Nadina and Luke** on September 25.—Switzerland

tidbits

- New CM/FM disciples...**
Matthew (20), joined in India
Robert (45), joined in the USA
Samuel Driver (39, Spanish), joined in Spain
Mamita (74, Dutch), joined in Holland
Marco Branch (27, Albanian), joined in Albania

in My arms...

(By Maggie, Paul's wife, Italy:) On October 7, 2003 at 4:30 AM, Paul Fighter graduated to be with Jesus. Paul was such an amazing fighter, and was not a complainer. He never gave up!

In Paul's last days on Earth, he had went in and out of a coma several times. The first time he went into a coma, he had not spoken for several days before. Even though he was in a coma you could see him fighting, he was not ready to go home just yet. Then one day his brother, Stefano, came to see him; though Paul was out of a coma he was still not speaking. Stefano had lost his nine-year-old son the month before, and Paul had been concerned at the anger Stefano had at the Lord.

After several days of not having spoken, the first words out of Paul's mouth were to his brother. He asked him, "Did you read what Maggie gave you—the story of someone in the Family who had lost their son years before?" Then he started to witness to his brother as if everything was normal. What a testimony!

A few hours after Paul passed away, I had a vision of many angels, and Paul was dancing with them. Then he turned to look at me, he was the young, handsome man that many knew him as before with a great big smile.—I knew he had made it home! This man was not only my husband, lover, best friend, brother, and shepherd, but next to Jesus he is a hero and a saint to me. I love and miss you, my dearest Paul Fighter.

(By a brother in Italy:) Paul was such an example to me of a faithful witness in spite of his illness. He was such a fighter and would never give up. He used his "handicap" as a stepping-stone for a more powerful witness. Paul was also faithful with the ministry of prayer. Just a couple of weeks before he passed on, when I spoke to him on the phone, he asked me if there was anything I wanted prayer for.

According to the doctors, and the condition Paul was in, he should have been gone about ten years ago, but the Lord kept raising him up every time to be a special blessing to all of us who were touched by his love for the Lord and his dedication.

When the funeral service ended and everybody was standing outside the church, a song was playing in the background. It was a song Paul sang on a tape—"Camminando in un Mondo Tutto Solo" (Walking in a World All Alone). I walked up the stairs toward the car; I wanted to capture that voice, that spirit. I didn't want him to go, but the song went on—"That with Jesus and the holy angels to Heaven I will go."

After Paul's funeral we went to the park and had a special celebration of his Homegoing with songs and inspiration. We all felt his presence within our hearts. He is still with us!

(Jesus:) How beautiful in My sight is the death of My saints. This precious one is held in My arms. His path was a hard one, but he held on and refused to let go. Now he wears a crown and has great reward. How often the eyes of man can judge by the surface, but I see the heart.

I gave this one a precious jewel, cloaked in an affliction. He took it and carried it faithfully and bore much fruit. Through his own sufferings he gave light and hope to others who also suffered. Through his determination to serve Me no matter what, he gave vision and strength to others to look to Me in their afflictions.

He now stands strong and happy in My Kingdom. Rejoice, for his time of testing is ended, and he has come through as finest gold. (End of message from Jesus.)

The Warrior's Challenge

BY PETER P. AND SEAN, MIDDLE EAST

This teen camp was dubbed "The Warrior's Challenge," and to pull this camp off required a true team effort. It was everyone pulling together with a united vision that made this camp a success.

Before the camp details were finalized, we went ahead by faith. We were traveling by bus to the campsite, even though the place was still not confirmed. At the keynote we heard that we wouldn't have mattresses that night, and that they would come the following day, but miraculously they came through at the last moment. The mattress miracle was like God's keynote to us.

Every single meal was a miracle as well. In the course of looking for food contacts, we met some of our old friends who knew us from previous trips and were glad to supply us with a few extra treats like ice cream and chicken tikka. All in all, the Lord gave us five-star treatment.

We knew the Devil was going to fight this camp and throw a lot of lying vanities our way, but the Lord and His helpers led us step by step right up to the last minute. The Lord set the stones under our feet so we could cross the waters. Even though there were problems there were great victories.

The teens, about 30 in number, came from six different countries. Traveling in this part of the world is no easy matter. It was peak season and the Lord supplied the tickets for all to attend from far-off lands. Many of the teens don't have much opportunity to fellowship with other teens, so it was a real inspiration to them. It was beautiful to see the teens having fun together centered around the Word.

Some of the classes were "Call of a Champion," "Peer Pressure and Gossip," "The Endtime," "Friends and Foes," "The Fifth Dimension," and "Our Destiny Defined." The classes were organized into younger and older groups, so that we could have better discussions that were age appropriate and answer questions more effectively. The classes were interspersed with skits and some film clips that illustrated the points added a bit of spice to the mix. A lot of the teens mentioned the fifth dimension class as one of their favorites, saying it opened their eyes to how our spiritual enemy, Pan, works and how he is fighting them. It strengthened them to know who their spiritual enemies are, and how to fight them, as well as how things work in the spirit world.

On the evening of the last day of the camp the teens acted out a play based off of "The Greatest of These" (HL #54), dramatized by William Shakespeare. It was full of action, revelry, romance, and the struggle of good vs. evil, everything that a good story has, plus a lot of message that we could apply to our camp. On the afternoon of the performance one of the teachers got a beautiful prophecy about how our life is like a play and we have to act each scene at a time—exactly what happened in the performance that night. We also received a prophecy that Shakespeare and some of his original actors of the Globe Theater would be helping us to perform the play.

Everyone left feeling exhausted but satisfied knowing we put our all into the camp. How history will view this camp we cannot tell, but we do know that the next one will be better yet.

Do you come from a Muslim background?

BY THE FSM TEAM

Some of our Family are in countries that are 99% Muslim. If you are a Family member who was raised Muslim, the dear sheep in these countries could profit greatly from your experiences. Could you write the story of how you were raised, and then how you met Jesus and decided to serve Him in the Family? You can understand these people like no one else, and your experiences could be a tremendous faith-builder for those from a background similar to yours.

Thank you for taking the time to pray and ask our dear Husband for His leading on your writing your testimony. It may help many come closer to Him. You can send any testimonies to fsm@wsfamily.com.

KAT #5—Siesta Street

singer/music/lyrics/producer

- 1. Angels Are Here**
John/Michael Piano/Michael Piano, Windy/John
- 2. Lay Me Down to Sleep**
Windy, Yutaka, Jon/Michael Piano, John/Traditional, Windy/John
- 3. Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**
Cherish/18th century French folk song/Jane Taylor (1783–1824)/Michael Fogarty
- 4. Furry Bear**
Barry/Barry/Barry/Barry
- 5. My Boat Is So Little**
Yutaka, Jon, Akari, Lily, Jasper/Michael Piano/traditional Norwegian song/Barry
- 6. Siesta Street**
Windy/Windy/Windy/Barry
- 7. The Princess**
Windy, Lisa, John, Crystal Lily, Barry/Michael Piano, Barry/Michael Piano, Barry/Barry
- 8. Goodnight Lullaby**
Julia, Joan/Julia/Julia/Emmanuel
- 9. Seeds**
Windy, John/Windy/Windy/John
- 10. Dreamlands**
John/Mike D./Mike D., Windy, Barry/Mike D.
- 11. Little Children**
Windy, Maria K./Jude, Julia/Jude, Julia/Emmanuel, Barry
- 12. Does He Have Time for Me?**
Jerry, Yutaka, Jon, Akari, Lily/Steven Schaaf, Barry/Steven Schaaf, Barry/Barry
- 13. Message of Love**
Windy/Casper/Casper/Barry
- 14. Trusting in the Night**
Michael Fogarty/Peter Attack/Peter Attack/Michael Fogarty

KAT #6—Positive Praise!

singer/music/lyrics/producer

- 1. Wake-Up Time!**
Arthur, Larissa, Carlin/Julia/Julia/Emmanuel
- 2. God Said It**
Windy/Robert/Robert/Jerry
- 3. Sunny Sunbeam**
ROSE kids, Emmanuel/Joan Clair, Julia/Joan Clair, Julia/Emmanuel
- 4. Positive Praise!**
Barry, Windy/Joanna Newheart/Joanna Newheart/Mike Drummer
- 5. Say a Little Prayer**
Arthur/Julia/Julia/Emmanuel
- 6. Angel Riders**
Emmanuel, Miguel, Gavin/Emmanuel/Emmanuel/Emmanuel
- 7. Be a Helper**
Brisa/Gloria, Nathanael, Dan Johnson/Gloria, Nathanael, Dan Johnson/Nathanael
- 8. One by One**
Cherish/Robert/Robert/Jerry
- 9. Little Missionary**
Joan/Robert/Joan Clair, Robert/Andrew
- 10. King of Heartland**
Jerry/Robert/Robert/Jerry
- 11. If Jesus Came to Your House Today?**
Esther Wild Wind, Lua/Robert/Joan Clair, Robert/Andrew
- 12. Pied Piper**
Arthur, Larissa, Emmanuel, Willie D./Julia/Julia/Emmanuel
- 13. Joyful Singing**
Nathanael, Esther Wild Wind/Nathanael/Nathanael, Dan Johnson, Dominic/Nathanael
- 14. Little Gardens**
Larissa, ROSE kids/Julia/Julia/Emmanuel
- 15. Praise, Sing, Shout**
Nathanael/Nathanael/Nathanael/Nathanael
- 16. To the Rescue**
Nathanael, Lolo, Arthur/Nathanael/Nathanael/Nathanael
- 17. Love Cup**
Larissa/Julia/Julia/Emmanuel
- 18. I'm Gonna Praise You**
Emmie, Lisa, Juliet/Andrew/Andrew/Andrew
- 19. The Best Is Yet to Come**
Willie D./Elam/Elam/Emmanuel
- 20. Victory Praise Chant**
ROSE Studio team/Emmanuel/Emmanuel (inspired by *Treasures* "Power of Praise" [2 Chronicles 20])/Emmanuel
- 21. This Little Light of Mine**
Michael Fogarty/Harry Dixon Loes/Harry Dixon Loes/IVM, John Listen

board news



Singing "Brucia Libero Amore" (Burn Free) for Nathan, who wrote this anointed song

Brought together in spirit

BY ANGELA, CROATIA

We held a fellowship in Italy. The attendees were CM, FM, former members (people who left the Family as far back as 1975), friends, Active members, tons of kids, etc. There were around 270 people in attendance.

Many had been praying for this fellowship for a long time, and it finally came to pass! It took a united effort on the part of all the boards, and a lot of behind-the-scenes prep and prayer, which resulted in what many called a milestone for the Family in Italy, a turning point, a new day.—Nothing short of a miracle!

Besides this being the first time that both the CM and FM Family has had a national fellowship together, the Lord showed us in advance that it would be a good opportunity to invite quite a few former members, many of whom actually pioneered the work in Italy in 1973. Many of them were anointed songwriters—and their songs still win disciples to this day. One very touching time was when we publicly thanked them for their contributions and the new disciples themselves showed them lots of love and appreciation.

One day we were able to put together (and capture on video) a verbal history of the Family in Italy from the early pioneering days, calling up on stage the ones who helped to pioneer the work here, to share their testimonies. Everything was presented in chronological order, including songs and skits. It was a real blast and time travel.

Jason (Jonas) came from Hungary and helped with the inspiration. He also happened to be one of the early pioneers. There was Aronne Rosso, our first Italian disciple, Nathan and Perla, Angelo, Matteo Sole, Bepi, to name only a few of the most known ones. Through our Husband's heavenly never-grows-old music, we were all melted together as one, no barriers at all, only lots of tears of joy and thankfulness!

Everyone testified how the Family and the Lord and Dad's Words saved and changed their lives. By the end of our time together quite a few expressed the desire to meet again, work more together—even rejoin! The Lord's Spirit and love washed away bitterness, coldness, and hurt feelings. It drew everyone together as one—something only our wonderful Jesus could do (and quite a few spirit helpers we knew for

sure were floating around the place), igniting in everyone fire, passion, the Activated vision, and the revolutionary and irresistibly wild and free spirit of the Family!

Portfolio seminar

BY MICHELLE (CP CHAIRPERSON), THAILAND

The SEA CP and FED boards held a seminar on the topic of portfolios and over 20 delegates attended from near and far. God bless the Bangkok SC who kindly hosted the seminar. The seminar began with inspiration, followed by prayer for the childcare needs of the area. We then went on to a brief show-and-tell of the latest CP materials that have been sent out to the Homes in our area by the CP board.

Together we read a booklet that was put together especially for this seminar, which contained a compilation on the whys, wherefores, and how-tos of keeping records and portfolios. It also had lists and suggestions of what is important to keep a record of and display in portfolios. This booklet was part of the portfolio pack that we gave out to all the attendees.

Also included in the pack was a CD with several sets of colored portfolio pages, all the EDXs, bilingual portfolio pages, ready-made certificates, health pages, CVC forms, and tons of recent FED resource material, which was gathered or compiled or worked on last year by the FED board.

The FED material included on the CD was several grades worth of various social studies courses and classes, activity booklets, Christmas activity pages, GED info, reading and language arts aids, art classes, and more. We set up a TV to let the attendees view the contents of the CD.

During the seminar we read various prophecies—a prophecy keynote to the

seminar, prophecies about persecution prep, and compiled comments from King Peter along the lines of our sample and our face to the public, etc. Next, we covered practical tips on persecution prep and read some examples of what should be included in a portfolio. The floor was open to questions and discussion on the topics mentioned above.

Mary (CP board member) showed the newly color-printed health form that the regional CP board worked on, and she shared the testimony of how the Lord supplied the printing of it for free. Everyone who attended was able to take copies of these new health forms for each of the children in their Homes.

Faithy (FED board chairperson) covered High School transcripts, and how the CVC measures up to and even surpasses secular standards in every way. She also covered various CVC how-tos and tips. It was very inspiring and informative!

We then had a fun show-and-tell where several of the board members showed their portfolios and explained how they keep up with them. We even had examples of bilingual portfolios (both Thai and English text), thanks to Thai Meekness and Thai Faith (FED board members).

At our portfolio workshop the mothers and teachers had fun looking at each other's portfolios, gleaning ideas and tips. There was a lot of discussion, and a fun sharing of ideas on the many different ways to organize and keep portfolios.

Thanks to the SC FED department, we were able to print out colored portfolio pages right there at the workshop for those who needed them. Special thanks also to Benny, our cameraman who videoed the seminar. We plan to bring these seminar VCDs on visitation to the Homes for those who were not able to attend.

happenings

"We usually sing along"

Ana (19), Albania: Every weekend on Saturday or Sunday we have quite a few young people visit our Home. We sing songs together, read something from the Word, and help them to know and understand God better. We also live in an apartment building with little or no soundproofing, and were concerned for our neighbors' comfort. In a community as small as this one, good public relations are essential and we try to be friendly and considerate of our neighbors, but what could we do about the noise level? Could we tell the teens to keep quiet when they wanted to sing?

Well it happened one day that our next-door neighbors did bring up the subject, "Are you Christians? You know, we can hear you singing quite often."

We said, "Oh, we're so sorry. We'll try and be quieter. Is it very loud?"

"Oh, no, no!" they replied, "Don't worry about it at all. We like your songs and we usually sing along with you."

Bible classes at a nightclub

Joanna, Japan: Last Christmas, when we needed decorations for our Christmas CGO party, I had remembered seeing a supermarket where they were exceptionally cheap, so Esther and I went there to buy a few. At the supermarket checkout we noticed Estelle, whom I introduced myself to, and offered the Christmas CD to. She was very sweet, and as we talked we found out that she was the manageress of a nightclub down the road. I asked Estelle if we could come over to sell CDs at the club one night to the girls, to which she agreed.

We went to the club a few nights later, talked with the few girls that were there and were able to sell several CD cards. The girls who work

at the club are Filipino. We asked Estelle if we could leave with her to offer the other nightclub girls who weren't there at the time and to her customers as well.

We were very busy during Christmas, and we kept putting off going back to the club. One day while we were near the club, Estelle saw us and asked if we were going to pick up the money from the Christmas sales.

So we went back to the club. We had already been praying and the Lord showed us to start a Bible class there, so after a brief encounter with Estelle she said, "So what next?" To which we answered, "How about a Bible class?"

"How about at the club?" she answered. And so that was the beginning.

We now go to the club every two weeks for Bible classes with the nightclub girls. Every week we have new attendees who get saved. Different things have come up in their lives that have brought them closer to the Lord. Each visit something happens that is so moving.

Estelle told us that before meeting us, the Lord was slowly being pushed out of her life. She was looking for a way to get back closer with Him, but there wasn't a church she wanted to go to, so she was very thankful for us.

The faith factor

Juel (17), India: I've never considered myself a great outreach, but have always wanted to be—as outreach is my craze. We were short on personnel one month so they sent me out with another young person close to my age. At first I was freaked out, to say the least. I'm your average "Leery Joe" who doesn't have a generous quantity of fanatical, crazy faith. In this case, I had scarcely enough for myself and none to spare for my partner, who was trusting more in me.



Nick, Joanna, and nightclub girls

So with my partner and my ramshackle sense of guidance (I was new to the city), we left the house without knowing where to go. I had a recommendation from a school I had gone to the day before, where the people had been sweet and took four CDs, so we thought that another school might be worth the try. We started out for it. After an hour of driving we were both rather desperate, as we needed to get out something or have some fruit to show for the end of the day. We asked the Lord if it was His will that we go out all the way to the middle of nowhere for something we didn't know would be worth it or bear fruit, but the Lord confirmed that we should proceed.

We continued for about another hour of driving, and finally the driver stopped in the boonies and told us we were there. We didn't know whether to believe him or not as we knew nothing about this school, so we got out. It was the place, still in its creational stages. We went to the principal's office, claiming the keys like I've never claimed them before.

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BY THE WS COMPUTER DEPARTMENT

Q: We have a Windows XP system on our main computer and it doesn't seem compatible with the TRF or with PGP in general, apart from PGP 8 which we do not have a full version of (at least not the codes for the registration of the full one), so we're not able to keep our basic Home info very secure. What can we do?—Erica, France

A: On the MO site there are a number of computer FAQs that cover specific notes about all versions of PGP and how to make them work with Windows XP. You can find them at: <http://www.familymembers.com/computers/feature/article.php3?fid=18>. We hope this is a help!

Into Kinshasa, DRC

By Katya, Marie, Kaylee, Matthew, and Dito, Southern Africa

Over the past five years, three million people have died in Congo, mainly through starvation and disease, as numerous rebel groups and pro-government militias have battled for supremacy in remote areas of this mineral-rich country. Human rights groups call the conflict “Africa’s World War” because the death toll is worse than any conflict since World War II. Because of the ongoing violence, the Family has not been able to establish a solid missionary base in Congo, besides the small orphanage that Jakisa, our dedicated Congolese brother, runs in Bunia, right in the midst of turmoil and horror. Our hearts have often gone out to the people there, as we have been praying both for peace and for a way to bring them God’s comforting Words of truth.

How it came about

A UN representative working in Kinshasa, a friend of Katya, invited her to come there to help the people with our message of love and comfort and offered to accommodate our team. He gave her a tip about flying with the army, and Katya went by faith to the South African Air Force base and met with a Christian colonel who agreed to give us three free tickets for the following Tuesday.

We were a bit taken back when we found out that visas for the DRC were \$100 each. We claimed the keys, and Katya spoke with the Congolese ambassador who issued us free visas.

Our flight got postponed for a week, as planned accommodations didn’t work out. Then on the day before departure, when we called to confirm the flight, we found out that the colonel had gone abroad, and nobody seemed to know about us! One captain did know, but

she said the tickets had not been approved and needed the general’s signature. Katya got ahold of the general on the phone, but he explained they are strictly not allowed to carry civilians on their army planes, that it is just not done.

We prayed, claimed the keys and said, “Lord, our accommodation fell through, we don’t have the finances to support ourselves in Congo (where prices are very, very high), so if You really want us to go, if You’re gonna supply for our stay there, then You’ll have to do a big miracle.”

About one hour later, the secretary called to say that our flight was confirmed!

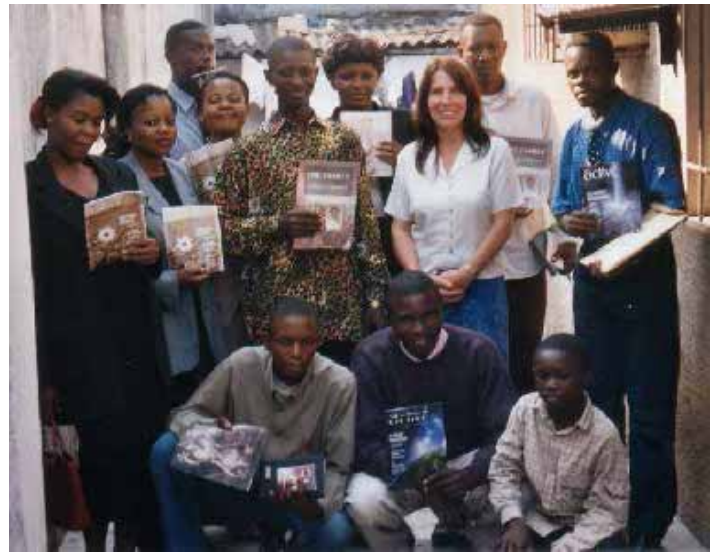
Our Husband’s bountiful supply

The Lord took such good care of us during our whole stay that we felt ashamed to have been tempted to worry when our initial accommodations didn’t work out. He supplied a free hotel for us for a few days, then Ali, a sweet Lebanese restaurant owner, put us up in his own house. Many restaurants opened their doors to us to give us meals. We had a contact for breakfast, two or three for lunch, and *shwarmas* from Ali’s restaurant for dinner.

Once in a while, dear Ali didn’t want us to get tired of the *shwarmas*, so he’d invite us for a Lebanese feast with a whole spread of delicious delicacies.

Reaching the rich through hitchhiking

Hitchhiking proved to be a key, both in getting around, as well as in meeting top people. UN officials would often pick us up, and we were able to make solid contacts with several of them who are interested in supporting our efforts once a team returns. One official who drove us around the city so we could take pictures commented after hearing some of our testimonies, “You people



Marie with Joe and friends, all turned on by French Activé magazines

don’t look at things with human eyes. You see beyond the outward appearance, you see with eyes of faith, and therefore people don’t think of cheating you and you have tremendous results. In the short time you’ve been here, you have accomplished more to help the country than I have in the last nine months.”

Contrary to the negative impression the military had of the Congolese people, we personally had wonderful, heart-touching experiences. The Congolese can take you by surprise, as they don’t have any face-saving attitudes. They are very, very straightforward, sometimes blunt, but once we got over the initial surprise, we found it to be quite a blessing, as we could tell right away where people stood and what their intentions were. By the same token, it was easy to be straightforward with them in return, and it made things so much simpler.

We also found them to be extremely generous. The simple word “missionary” seemed to carry magic. One poor family of a widowed mother with eight children received us like kings, cooked for us and even gave us presents. Once when hitchhiking, a poor taxi driver stopped, but since he was not going our direction, upon hearing we were missionaries, he gave, out of his own pocket, the money needed to pay for another taxi!

Wherever we went, we gave out tracts and prayed with people to receive Jesus. We

found many who were saved already, in which case we would simply pray for them.

Reaching the university students

The Lord had placed on Matt’s heart the burden to reach the university students, so we decided to go to the University of Kinshasa, with over 26,000 students. Getting to the university was an experience in itself. It was too far to hitchhike, so we had to take two crowded buses. Those buses are empty carcasses of a former camper or minibus, with rough wooden benches for passengers to squeeze on. I can’t explain the feeling that filled our hearts as we were sitting there on the bumpy road, hot and sweaty, surrounded with Congolese students who sang with gusto all along the way. The warmth, spirit and beauty of their singing stole our hearts and we fell in love with them. They are such a beautiful and warm people, and we met so many of them who love the Lord and are just waiting for the words of David.

As soon as we reached the university, someone spotted us and wanted to take us immediately to the police department to obtain legal authorization for being there. We then met Joe, a spunky 27-year-old student in economy, who accompanied us to the office. We just wanted to obtain permission to pass out tracts, interact with the students and possibly give Bible classes to those interested. We met

one person, who referred us to another, then another, until we met with the dean, a very sweet man who got very turned on by our work, and asked us about the possibility of holding a conference in the university. He explained how there were many ungodly activities going on in the campus, and how beneficial it would be to have a Bible conference. None of us on the team had any experience with holding seminars, but when we took it to the Lord, He confirmed that it was His will to reach labor leaders and potential Active members in this way.

On the way home that night, a special man, Jacques, picked us up hitchhiking. He's an upper-middle-class Congolese, and was full of seemingly doubtful questions about salvation. But he prayed with us, and ended up driving us long distances both days of the seminar.

It was quite an ordeal to find a video projector, screen, and sound system in a week's time, and to provision the photocopying of the invitations and class sheets. Even the one and only movie house in Kinshasa had to close down because their projector was broken! But, by a series of miracles—some of them literally last minute—the Lord did it, and supplied all this equipment for free.

The theme of our seminar was "Change Your Life! ... Change Your World!" The Lord led us to show *Countdown to Armageddon* on the first day, and to cover hearing from Heaven and witnessing on the second day of the seminar, as well as give a brief Salvation/Holy Spirit class on both days. Although many people were already saved, there were a few Catholics who were not clear on eternal salvation.

The day before the seminar, as we went witnessing at the university, passing out tracts and invitations, we were faced for the first time with some antagonistic responses. There was a strong anti-foreigner sentiment, and many Congolese believe that the war and economic collapse are actually engineered by the

foreigners whose only interest is to rob the country of its diamonds and riches. Although it was easy for us to agree with those who attacked us with these accusations, they were so full of anger and hatred that they were not interested in what we had to say.

Even though some antagonistic figures were there on the first day of our seminar, as soon as we started showing *Countdown to Armageddon*, people got fascinated and watched with eager interest. Some had tears in their eyes and the impact was very powerful. Some commented afterwards that in the beginning they were not sure where we were coming from, but after seeing the video, it was so clear we exposed the evil in the world. They were won over.

As we did not have a guitar with us, the Lord showed us to pull on the natural singing talent of the Congolese for the inspiration. We let our friends lead, and they had the whole amphitheater sing in beautiful harmony "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" in Lingala (one of the languages spoken in the DRC), along with a couple of other songs.

On the second day we had lots of skits, and people were very moved when we had them close their eyes while we read the "From Jesus with Love" prophecies after the hearing from Heaven class. We even got a fresh prophecy for them, and it was very touching to talk with the students and answer their deep questions about communicating with Jesus and living for Him.

All our classes were taken from the *Activated* mags, which we advertised and made available to all. We had photocopied sheets for all the attendees with the outline of the class with Bible verses, and a slip to fill in and cut out for those who wanted to get *Activated*, or stay in touch and do something for the Lord. We collected 150 such addresses at the end of the seminar and met with many who are very sincere in their love for the Lord and their desire to serve Him.

The campus seems to be a mission field in itself, so we worked it out to keep in touch by e-mail with all of them until a team can return. We gave them the vision for witnessing, as well as keeping stats of the souls they win, tracts they distribute, and communicating with us about it. We'll also be sending Joe (the most potential labor leader) the *12 Foundation Stones* e-mail course so he can start studying it and sharing it with friends. He has a deep love for the Lord, and a sincere determination to live for Him and spread the Family's message.

Some students came up to us afterwards asking, "We want to become missionaries just like you. Will you train us?" Upon our return to South Africa, we already had received e-mails from some of them thanking us again for the seminar, saying how feeding and inspiring it was for them, how they had given out all the tracts we left them, and asking what they should do next!

"I can't explain the feeling that filled our hearts as we were sitting there on the bumpy road, hot and sweaty, surrounded with Congolese students who sang with gusto all along the way."

Ministering to the South African Air Force

We went to spend one evening at the UN base to minister to the South African Air Force personnel, who had been so kind to bring us here, and even loaned us beds and mattresses. We got into deep witnessing about the Endtime and our service for the Lord. Many of them had risked their lives when going to the rougher spots of Congo where the fighting is going on, and were hungry for answers from the Word.

Our flight back took us to Burundi for one night. The base had not been informed of our arrival, but God bless them, one sweet sergeant major took us under his wings, and took good care of us. He set up beds for us in a broken down building with a

tent for a roof, gave us towels, soap, a flashlight, mosquito repellent, and a five-day survival pack each. He got us beer and invited us to the *braai* (barbecue) they were having. We were instructed on what to do if the sirens were blown during the night in case of bombing. It was exciting to say the least.

They called the base "the palace," as it is set up on the location of the former presidential palace after the assassination a few years ago. While the base in Kinshasa was almost luxurious with air-conned tents and prefab facilities, even somewhat of a swimming pool, the soldiers in Bujumbura really roughed it, all sleeping in open camouflage tents and facing daily bombing. We heard seven bombs explode in the early morning, and more later on, but thank the Lord, nothing too near. We watched their early morning parade, when they had united devotions and prayer for the day. We found the South African soldiers to be very friendly, and we were

able to witness deeply to quite a few of them.

Thank the Lord for such a thrilling witnessing adventure in this war-torn country where the harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are so few.

Activated plug

None of the 150 students who attended our seminar and want to get *Activated* can afford the US\$15 subscription fee. So any gifts towards *Activated* subscriptions to the *Activated* desk (EAD), or to the African PC towards French productions, would make many precious souls very, very thankful, and would go a long way in helping change this part of the world and teaching men to love instead of hate. Thank you so much! We love you!

activated news

A far-reaching impact

BY JOYFUL FREE, INDIA

One of our friends and her sister are subscribed to *Activated*, and have been receiving it for about a year. They have a Chinese restaurant here in Calcutta, and the staff they have are mainly Naga village people, who they train to work in their kitchen and restaurant. Every night at twelve the whole staff gets together to pray. A lot of their staff can't read, so when the *Activated* magazines come, they get everyone together and tell them the stories from the mag, and teach them the rest.

Then when some of their people come down from Dimapur to Calcutta (a two-day journey by train) they give them the magazines, which they in turn teach to their village people. Where it goes from there we don't know, but I bet it doesn't stop there! So when that one magazine gets sent to them every month, it has a lot more impact and reaches many more people than we realize.

A growing hunger

BY SAMMY PIONEER, TURKEY

We have some friends who used to be in our area, but then moved far away. We stay in touch by mail and occasional visits. The two last times we saw each other, the lady was so excited about the Word! As we came in, she quoted us pages and pages of the "Mottos for Success," which she loves and draws strength from. Then we left her with some *Motivated* mags.

On our last visit, we had hardly come in when she begged us for more "food"

(literally!). We pulled out a *Heavenly Streams* book (a collection of *Reflections* and other articles), and she started reading it out loud for all present! She then asked if that was all we had, and took off with all three volumes, ha! Such hunger, which the Lord filled.

Good effects of *Activated*

BY SIMON (OF MARIA), PHILIPPINES

I try to get people to take *Activated* on our first meeting, and not just have my established sheep subscribe. Usually one out of every three *Activated* mags I get out is a subscription. I'll often leave an *Activated* mag with a person, and then go back to see them, and they'll usually subscribe. Generally, 80–90% of the people will subscribe. Of those I follow up on, all of those that have gotten activated have turned into monthly supporters. Activating definitely has a very good effect!

"The best I've ever read!"

BY HEIDI BUTTERFLY, USA

We live in a county that is considered the second largest entertainment center in the continental U.S. People from all over the U.S., as well as other countries visit this area year-round. For over three years we have had a setup at a large restaurant where our teens not only balloon and face paint, but most importantly, on our table we have a display of *Activated* products. Besides videos, tapes, and CDs we have also been getting out lots of the *Feed My Lambs* sets as well as the *Get Activated* booklets. We also have

poster tracts, tracts, and the *Activated* mag on the table. We offer these to anyone interested.

One weekend a young mother brought her children over for face painting and balloons and she said, "You know that magazine that you give out, well, I have collected four issues from you. I think that it is the best Christian magazine that I have ever read. The articles help me so much, and the article about the signs of the time explains so much. Thank you for being here!"

Also a gentleman returned asking for the second part of the *Great Adventures* CD as his kids loved the first part, and another man who had gotten a *Cherub Wings* video returned for two more. We have also found the *Key Bible Verses* booklet very popular.

Recently, when we came under direct attack from an enemy of the Family, one of our *Activated* members, who we've known for three years told us: "I have seen your material, I have read what you hand out, and seen what you do, and none of it offends me. So if my management doesn't tell me different, you are here to stay."

Turn 'em on and make a sale

BY JAMES PERUVIAN, PHILIPPINES

I call back people I've sold tools to and ask if I can come visit. I'll usually leave a mag for free when they get tools, and so the next time when I visit I sell them the subscription. They're sold on our products and have had time to read the *Activated*, and they're so turned on by our materials and want to subscribe.

Redeem the prayer time

BY SUSANNA (OF TIM), USA

Recently, the Lord gave me an idea to encourage me to redeem the time more with my prayers. I now put up a printout of the latest international prayer list on a wall in the bathroom, along with a sheet of key promises. I put the two lists next to the sink for those minutes of teeth brushing, putting on makeup, etc. We're getting in the habit of looking at the prayer request and then looking at a promise and concentrating, claiming it in a prayer, shooting the request up to Heaven.

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If you have questions you can write TEAM at mail@teamfoundation.com or fpcteam@worldnet.att.net. We pray these are a blessing to you!

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Testimonies of Answered Prayer

Charity, Switzerland: Two years ago I was put on the worldwide prayer list as the tendons in my feet were giving me unbearable pain. I claimed the keys, and I started doing some physiotherapy, and tried to do more gymnastics. Today I can say that the Lord has healed me completely. Thank You, Jesus, for Your wonderful touch!

Priscila (of Francesco), Moldova: We had sent a prayer request in for Calin as he was going to have to have a very difficult tooth operation. We want to give the Lord the credit, as the Lord did the miracle! Even the doctor was amazed as he had predicted a 40% success! Now Calin is fine and can use the tooth, and most of all, there were not the feared effects of anesthesia (his heart could have just stopped). The Lord engineered it so that the nerve was dead and Calin felt no pain whatsoever!

Steven (of Christina), Sweden: For quite some time now I have witnessed and followed up on an elderly lady who was diagnosed as having a cancerous tumor in her breast. Last time I was there, I prayed for her, laying hands on her and asking the Lord to diminish the tumor and heal her. I was just visiting her the other day, and she shared the good news with me that after her last doctor appointment, the doctor had said that the tumor was reduced in size considerably, and that he had good expectations that it would disappear totally.

Asia

Joy (of Jim): She has had a recurrence of cancer that has rapidly spread throughout her body. Please pray for her faith and encouragement at this time, as well as for her family.

Liberty (of Ivan): Rectal cancer that has spread to the glands. Liberty has chosen to not go the medical route with an operation, chemotherapy, and radiation. She has been experiencing some pain when walking, and has serious indigestion at times, and lately is bleeding again. Please continue to uphold Liberty in your prayers, that the Lord will deliver her from the cancer fully, for regular di-

gestion, physical and spiritual strength, and for a proper diet.

Mikey (15, of Thai Bright): Mikey is severely handicapped, and seems to be nearing the point of going home to be with Jesus. Please pray that the Lord will have His perfect way and will with Mikey's well-being, and that He will make him whole in body and spirit in His perfect time. Mikey's developed bedsores, which are very painful and uncomfortable; they have to lay him on his side and turn him over. For Bright's strength, anointing, peace and supernatural comfort and faith during this time (and also for those in the Home). For the Lord's anointing and spirit on the caretaker who is helping with Mikey's physical and medical care as well.

Europe and Africa

Gloria H.: High blood pressure; myoma in womb, and lumps in the bladder.

Jerry (of Joy): Underwent an operation to insert a shunt to drain the excess fluid that was accumulating around his brain after the first operation to remove the tumor. The operation went well, but after the operation he was having fevers and had to take antibiotics, which made him feel sick. There was continued swelling in his head, which the doctors discovered was a blood clot where the tumor was removed that has caused an infection.

Please keep Jerry in your prayers, specifically against the infection, that it won't get into his blood stream, against fevers, and that he'll be able to eat and drink to get strengthened. The doctors are waiting for a full report from the laboratory before making a final decision, but their present prognosis is that they'll have to do another operation to remove the bone completely, and clean out the infection. Please do pray for wisdom for the doctors who are making these decisions. Please also pray that the Lord will give Jerry the strength and the grace, and that his body will be able to withstand the strain of going through a fourth operation.

Joshua (5, of James and Angela): Continued progress for his muscle development, and any pending treatment. Please pray that his legs don't need to be put into casts, and that the muscles will not be so tense.

Joy Happy: Colitis that has been affecting her overall health. High cholesterol level that has gone down, but not enough, and the doctor said that if it hasn't dropped more over the next month, she'll have to be on medication, which will be a problem because she has colitis as well.

Justin (3, of Joy): Leukemia. He has chemotherapy often and it is quite det-

rimental to his health in that it destroys his immune system. He is going in for a spinal tap and more chemo, so please pray for him because it is quite painful, and he has had complications in the past. He takes morphine, but it doesn't take all the pain away—it just dulls it.

Mikael and Andreas (6, of Mary): Partially autistic; for their development, that they'll continue to improve in the formulating of simple sentences and getting more attentive and outgoing. Pray especially for Andreas who develops slower.

Ruthie (of Baruc): Breast cancer; she has had two operations to remove the tumors. The Lord showed her that He wants to heal her without further medical treatment, contrary to the doctors' advice. Please keep praying that she doesn't have a relapse, but that her body continues to get stronger.

Timothy (7, of Anthony and Talitha): Down syndrome; to be able to start forming sounds and words, to speak, for all his lost hair to grow back in nice and thick, and for overall development.

Pacific

Ceddie (3, of Cesco and Cryssy): Complete healing of an intestine that fell into his scrotum.

Davi (of Jay): Healing from persistent headaches, dizziness, pressure in the head, and eyestrain, due to low blood circulation in vessels feeding the head—a relapse of the problem that she was born with, still causing problems after treatment. Resurgence of a long-term cervical erosion that's been treated twice, but reopened again.

David: A couple of his back discs are damaged and the bones are touching each other, causing a lot of pain.

South America

Joel (of Phoebe): Fractured his collarbone in an accident; he has a temporary cast on now to keep the bone in place. The doctors will reevaluate his condition as it is possible he will need surgery. Please pray that he will be healed and no surgery will be necessary.

Sonny (3 mos., of Micah and Anaik): Sonny was born with an extremely large testicle, and after two doctor's examinations, the doctors are pushing for him to have extra testing done to verify whether or not he has a tumor. The doctors insist that if it is a tumor, it must be removed immediately; and that there is no hope for his testicle. Please call on the keys of healing in desperate prayer for a miracle that his testicle becomes completely normal! Also that Sonny will gain weight, as he's only gained two pounds in three months.

entertainment

Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up

VIEW FROM THE TOP (2003)

Gwyneth Paltrow, Christina Applegate, Mike Myers

A small-town woman from meager beginnings has dreams of becoming a first class international flight attendant, and is willing to do whatever it takes to ensure that her dreams come true.

(Jesus:) This movie is very predictable. If My children just want some time “away from thinking,” and a comedy/love story, they could watch this. It does contain a good lesson about how riches and your hopes and dreams for the things of this world do not satisfy, and only love satisfies. This is a good lesson and one that can never be reinforced enough. One undesirable part of the movie is the gay guy. In movies these days they often feel they have to insert a gay in there somewhere, but at least he’s not a major part of the movie.

OUT OF TIME (2003)

Denzel Washington, Eva Mendez

The respected chief of police in a small Florida town fights to find out the truth about a vicious double homicide, when he himself falls under suspicion.

(Jesus:) This is the type of movie that is entertaining and away from thinking in that it is engrossing and suspenseful. It shows that anyone can be weak and subject to temptations that lead him into situations that could be his downfall, or even his death. It shows how far someone can go astray when they take the first step away from the straight line of integrity and honesty.

The primary lesson in this movie is that if you, My children, are not careful, you can weave a pretty terrible web of deceit that will eventually entangle you.

UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN (2003)

Diane Lane, Raoul Bova

While on vacation, a newly divorced writer buys a villa in Tuscany, Italy on a whim, hoping it will be the start of a change for the better in her life.

(Jesus:) This movie has beautiful lessons of loving those you’re with, and trusting Me with your heart’s desires, and then watching Me fulfill them in the way I know is best for you. So often you think

you know what you want, but if you were to get it, you would be unhappy, incomplete as a person, and not fulfilled.

This movie clearly brings out that I do everything well, even if at the time things don’t seem to be turning out well, or the way you expected. It also shows the blessings you can receive if you reach out to others, despite what you feel you lack, and turn your efforts toward helping others in need, no matter how bad your personal situation is.

I do give each person opportunities for balance in their lives—times of joy and rejoicing, and times of testing, lessons, and strengthening. Of course, it’s up to you to take those opportunities, and do something with them. But life on Earth is not meant to be easy. You didn’t come here to have everything just the way you wanted it—you came here to learn, to be trained and strengthened, to make decisions, and to grow. So realizing that I give you what’s best for you, through the circumstances around you and the opportunities that I bring your way, is what will make for a truly happy and complete life.

There are some System attitudes in the movie that I wouldn’t have My children of David emulating, but overall the movie is a warm and uplifting one, with good lessons. The message you come away with is one of hope, and that no matter how dark and difficult the situation, if you can hold on and keep trying, you will come through the storm, the sun will shine again, there will be a rainbow after the rain.

Something to watch out for is the overall acceptance of the gay lifestyle, especially in the beginning. It is not in your face or overly promoted, but at the same time they are portrayed as normal people and as if their lifestyle is just a normal part of life. I would have you love the sinner but hate the sin. So be aware of this subtle weakening of your convictions and pray that I will guard you from being affected by it.

Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

RUNAWAY JURY (2003)

John Cusack, Dustin Hoffman, Gene Hackman, Rachel Weisz

A juror on the inside and a woman on the outside manipulate a court trial involving a major gun manufacturer. Based on a novel by John Grisham.

(Jesus:) One thing this movie shows and reminds you of is that there is no true justice in the System. Sure they have laws and an attempt at righteousness and enforcing peace, responsibility, and accountability for wrong deeds. But when it comes down to it, there can be no justice without Me, without theocracy and letting Me truly rule your life. That’s not to say the laws are useless. They’re very useful and provide boundaries for the heart of man, which becomes more evil overall by the day.

The movie presents the twisting of the law and the verdicts to suit the biggest moneybag as seeming a bit far-fetched. But as you’ve already seen in court cases, those with the most money hire the slickest lawyers or group of lawyers, and by sheer force win cases in that manner. But you can be assured that even though the Goliath of the System will be more and more against you as the days grow darker, it will just take one little inexpensive “rock” imbued with My power to bring the giant crashing to the ground. For if God be for you, none can be against you, lest they touch the apple of Mine eye.

For those who watch this movie, let it be a reminder to you that the System is not designed to protect My Davids, but only to favor their own. This will help to remind you that when you are in need, it is Me you must run to, and Me alone. “For some trust in chariots and some trust in horses, but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God” (Psa.20:7).

Sensitive viewers should be aware that there is a bit of a scene near the beginning—nobody gets hurt, but a man smears blood on himself, trying to make a statement. If anything, this scene can be a reminder that in order to truly be a good witness, to lift up My cause, to promote My righteous ways and the protecting of the weak, you have to ask Me for the most effective way. This would be a prime example of a way *not* to be a witness for what is right. Also, later on in the movie there is one violent scene, with a man attacking a woman.

Although the movie isn’t perfect as far as some of the moral implications, it shows the lengths that people in the world are forced to go to at times in order to get justice. One thing that is important for people to realize is that

the portrayal about how things work is a little unrealistic and sensational, and purposely made that way for the sake of the story. The sad truth of the matter is that the legal system can be even more corrupt and dishonest than the way that it is portrayed in the movie.

VERONICA GUERIN (2003)

Cate Blanchett, Gerard McSorely

In 1994, Irish journalist Veronica Guerin found herself making headway in the fight to reveal the drug epidemic that plagued Dublin. Over the course of two years, Guerin fought to make her way into the laps of the drug barons with the help of her informant, sacrificing her family and social obligations in an attempt to expose these criminals.

(Dad:) This is an excellent movie about courage and bravery, a good fighter movie. This woman is portrayed as a pretty normal person with flaws like all of us have, but who stands up and fights against what she knows is wrong even though she is faced with seemingly insurmountable odds. Family members should be able to identify with her and relate to many of the struggles she goes through.

It's a pretty rough movie to watch as it depicts violence in a shocking way in some scenes, and has quite a bit of foul language. Those who view it should be prayed up and expecting to see a pretty tense and emotional movie, not something light and entertaining. Through her determination and fight, this woman was able to bring about many changes for the better. She changed her part of the world and made it better, but it cost her a lot to do it.

The plot brings out the battle she had with spending time with her family and being a dedicated mother and wife versus taking the time she needed to accomplish the mission she had a passion for. She had to battle with overcoming her fear, and she was faced with criticism as well. It shows the power of the pen, or the written word—Veronica's valuable weapon.

Movies Rated for JETTs and Up

THE DISH (2001)

Sam Neill, Patrick Warburton

The residents of a small Australian town prepare for the first televised

landing of man on the moon that's to be relayed through their huge radio telescope.

(Jesus:) This is an offbeat movie, as well as a pretty true-to-life character study of real, normal, regular people and how they behave.—How they act when receiving a special honor, and how they act when the unexpected occurs. It's an interesting look into some folks who worked "behind the scenes" doing little but significant things to help make a big thing happen. It's something all little people can relate to—those who do something "small," but are a part of something big.

Of course, it's very different in the Family because for these people it was all about the honor, the recognition, and sometimes the way they acted, trying to be so "important," was pretty silly. The movie brings that out clearly. It also shows some good examples that you can learn from, of wise interaction between different nationalities and generations.

Other Movies

[Editor's note: Before watching a movie rated in the "Other Movies" category, Homes and individuals should ask the Lord whether it is appropriate. If considering showing an "other movie" to teens or JETTs, parents or shepherds should both preview and pray about it.]

CONFIDENCE (2003)

Edward Burns, Rachel Weisz, Dustin Hoffman

(Jesus:) The whole premise of this film is built on deception, greed and revenge. The heroes were bad people who made a living stealing. In this case they did attempt to steal from someone who was supposedly worse than they were, but does that make it right? It's a matter of "less bad" vs. "bad," but still both options are "bad." Apart from that point, it gives people a very unrealistic portrayal of what life is all about and the consequences of things of this nature.

Non-Recommended Movies

THE WEIGHT OF WATER (Sean Penn, Elizabeth Hurley, Catherine McCormack; 2000)

(Jesus:) This movie has a very strange spirit attached to it. It also

has a lot of violence, with the murder being replayed over and over again from different scenarios of how it possibly could have happened. Also the relationships of the present-day people who are investigating the murder are very strange. It is not clear what the problem is, but it is clear there is a problem. The bad outweighs the good in this movie, so I would not recommend it for the Family to watch.

FDDC Products

The FDDC (Family Duplication and Distribution Center) has these three new children's products available for ordering:

- * **The Bible Hunt Game (FCP 57)**
18 pages. Beautifully colored and laminated.
- * **Kids Vitamins** 16 pages (colored/
cardstock)
- * **Kids Key Promises** 4 pages
(laminated)

If you would like to order any of these products please contact us at either address below and send us your PGP key (if sending an e-mail), Home number, and mailing address and we'll communicate with you as to the details (shipping and cost) of these items!

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backtracking...

In GV #161, there was an article entitled "Who Says God Pays Peanuts?" The article was credited to "Katrina, Thailand," but it should've said "Kristia, Thailand" instead. Sorry about that, Kristia.

Also the e-mail address for Family members to send their testimonies to for the Mexico Web site in GV #163 was incorrect. The correct e-mail address is envios@mx.lafamilia.org.

"letters to the editor"

I read *MLKs* at 52!

Mary Love, Taiwan: You may laugh that as an FGA I get little gems and jewels out of the *MLKs*, but I do. I read the *MLKs* with a little one in our Home, and I'm finding that they are great summaries and a review of the GNs. Reading them often inspires me to go back and study the GN again, because I'd forgotten something in a GN that is brought out in an *MLK*, or it's just what I needed for a battle I'm fighting that day.

The illustrations in the *MLKs* are often striking, and "speak a thousand words." They beautifully gel certain points so they easily stick in my mind. Some of the recent *MLKs* even include other subjects to study, and exactly where to find them for additional reading. You can find references for recent GNs, and what paragraphs can be read to the kids, so it can be applied to older children, too. (That is if you can convince them that reading an *MLK* isn't for young kids alone, ha!)

I also enjoy reading parts of the *Gen-Up* for the same reasons. Reading them also helps me stay apace with what things turn the OCs on these days. The same with the *Xns*, which I read from cover to cover. It's like looking at life from a new angle.

Help wanted

Dear Family,

My name is **Maria Paz**, and I have been serving the Lord in Argentina for almost 20 years. The Lord has showed me to make a change, and as you probably know, Argentina is experiencing a very hard economic situation, and it is especially hard to fundraise. I need US\$2,300 to get to my new field, along with my two JETTs. I'm a single mom, which makes it a little more difficult to raise funds.

I would like to you ask you, my dear Family, if you can help with whatever amount you could give. Thank you so much! Everything you give will be a tremendous blessing.

To get in touch you can write to me at francispz@yahoo.com.ar, or through the ABM to Home AR002. Thank you so much!

With much love in our loving Husband,
Maria Paz

Dear Family,

We are **Daniel and Vera**, a Polish-Ukrainian couple with five girls (ages 14 months, three, four, six, and seven), and another child on the way. At the beginning of this year the Lord showed us to get ready to move across the ocean to Brazil. He confirmed that in spite of the correction our prospective field was undergoing, it is indeed our next destination.

So if you're looking for a little variety in your Word time, for those in-between times during the day, try pulling out some of those "other pubs" from the new mailing envelope, and see life from the other side. God bless all you wonderful, faithful people who draw them down from Heaven for our young people—and even us older ones.

Re: "Excerpts on keys memorization," *GV* #153

FGA woman, Ukraine: I read the "Excerpts on keys memorization" in *Grapevine* #153, and I'm very thankful for all the tips that are there. God bless you, Mama, for always humbly confessing that you are a little simple, and for trying to make things easier for us.

Thank you for your suggestion about references. I believe that list that consists of the first word or two or three of each key will help me to memorize and especially to review key promises. I was writing down promises on paper to put around the house, and to be able to keep track of keys and to find them on the original sheets, I made this reference system. I numbered the rows (1–9) and named columns as "a," "b," and "c." So

The Lord also showed us to make a scouting trip to Rio, and He supplied needed funds, and opened the door in June for Daniel for a one-month visit to Rio. The Lord also indicated that He wants the baby to be born in Brazil. In order for that to happen we need to be ready to move by the end of February.

We are presently on our own in Poland, taking care of necessary paperwork, so we want to first of all ask you to pray for us, and claim the keys for miracles. If you feel a tug on your heart to help us see the promised miracles, please send any donations via the TRF to PO129, designated for Dan and Vera. The amount needed and prayed for is US\$5,000–6,000. Big thank you to all!

Dearest brethren,

GBY, IRLY! My name is **Andr é Montañ é**. I'm from Argentina, where I've spent my entire life of service to the Lord. Although I am very thankful for all of the wonderful time spent here, recently the Lord has been calling me to change fields. He has shown me and one of my sons, Martin (15), to move on to a new field—Mexico! We are very excited and are preparing to make the jump as soon as possible.

However, there is one small obstacle that stands in our way. Because of the economic crisis this country is facing, it is

a reference for example would be, "P.17: 5b." That would mean: page 17, fifth row, middle column.

I also appreciated your tip to use keys at every opportunity, and for practical suggestions in which situations we can use them more. It's very helpful! I like key promises very much, and I want to know them and use them as much as possible. Sometimes I choose one subject and just read all the promises on it. I feel truly energized with fresh power.

Re: "Rendezvous ... with Jesus!" *GV* #143

David (18), USA: I was going through several *Grapevines* and I found a very interesting article in *Grapevine* #143. It was very inspiring, uplifting and humorous written by someone named Richard (16) in Delhi, India. I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed reading your article, as did several others here. It's always so inspiring to read testimonies like that one, especially from young people in the Family. It's also much nicer to read them when they are so well written and witty. It was such a pleasure reading your article. Let's have more articles of that type!

a very difficult field for raising funds, and, if we are to make this move, we will be needing all of the help that we can get. So we wanted to send out this request and see if through it, we might touch some of your hearts to help us move to our new mission field. Although we need to raise quite a bit, we'd greatly appreciate any and all help you'd be willing to give us!

Please send any donations to the Argentine ABM for Andrés Montañés, or if you would like to get in contact with me personally, write me at chunqui@hotmail.com. We really love you all, and thank the Lord for being part of such a wonderful Family! Thanks in advance for all your help!

Much love,
Andrés Montañés and Martín

former friends —seeking contact

Manuel Romero in Mexico is looking for **Karla Elizabeth**. She's from Monterrey, Mexico, and was last heard of on her way to the Middle East. It's very important to Manuel that we get in touch with her. If anyone knows anything of her whereabouts, please contact familia@lafamilia.org. Thank you so much!

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