

The more you recognize and express gratitude for the things you have, the more things you will have to express gratitude for.

## Update on New Electronic Library—By WS

Dear Family,

We love you! We are so appreciative of all that you do, and we thank the Lord for your faithfulness in your service to Him, our loving Husband. In mid 2002 we announced in the *Grapevine* that there would be a new electronic library coming your

way by the end of 2003 that would replace the HomeARC.

With the recent focus on the restructuring of the Family, and other factors, there has been delay in the work on the new electronic library. We will do our best to get it to you as soon as we possibly can. Please keep

this project and all those working on it in your prayers, as it is a very detailed, extensive project. Your key-powered prayers are needed to see this project through. Thank you.

Love and prayers in our Husband,  
WS

**“Anything you need, you can claim through the keys. There is nothing in Heaven that I would withhold from you, My Endtime children.”**

## 12 FOUNDATION STONES TEACHERS' TIP *By the International CGO board*

### Adapting the classes

Do you have a favorite anecdote (or Bible story, or verse) that you like to use when teaching to illustrate a certain point? If you don't find your favorites in the *12 Foundation Stones* classes, you're welcome to use them where and when you feel they fit best, along with any other additional materials or pubs that would complement the main points of the classes.

When we put the classes together, there was so much available material to choose from, we couldn't include it all! So, if you have stories, and especially if you have true-life testimonies, which would help liven up the classes, please use these, as the Lord leads you. You'll want to try to stick to the framework and outline of the class so that the students will get a good grasp of the

focus points, but beefing the classes up with personal testimonies or DFO pubs that are on the topic are welcome additions.

*[Note: More tips on using the classes can be found in the Introduction section of the 12 Foundation Stones Class Book and in the Teacher's Supplement—both available on the MO site and coming soon in print.]*

## GP e-mail responses GP e-mail responses GP e-mail responses GP e-mail responses

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Greetings to you in the matchless love of our Lord Jesus Christ. My name is Omeniho. I am from Nigeria, and am a 27-year-old student. Recently, a co-worker introduced this organization to me and I picked up interest immediately because the Bible says to “seek first the Kingdom of God first and its righteousness, and all these other things shall be added unto you.”

I am a Christian, from a Roman Catholic family. I enjoy reading your magazine, tracts, and letters. Yes, I can help in letting people know about this organization because the Bible says that we should go into all the

world and preach the Gospel. I have taken that as my own assignment too, because there is enough joy in doing the work of God in an authentic way and manner. Thank God for letting me know your organization, and I pray God also to give strength to your organization.

Do you have branch office here in Nigeria? If not, I encourage you to have one, and I will assist in enlightening people about this organization. Do you conduct seminars or conferences? I am interested in knowing more about this organization please.

Waiting to hear from you. Have a blessed day.

—Omeniho

I've heard a lot about your group through research and would very much like to join. You seem to follow the way of life that I do, but that everyone around me seems to shun. Maybe it seems dumb to say, but I just feel like everyone around me—my friends and my work-mates—don't view God and His teachings like I do, and it causes me sadness. I would like to be part of a network that sees the Lord as I do and with whom I can share my feelings without feeling judged. Please let me know where I can find people who are associated with your fellowship in the United States. Thank you very much. God bless you all.

—Tony

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# Product Give-Away Offer, March 2004

BY TEAM FOUNDATION

Thank you for your continued interest and support of our ministry to provide the best in educational materials to missionaries, homeschooling families, and to the needy

in 2003. We are looking to 2004 to be our best year ever in service to you!

In our continued efforts to provide an excellence of educational materials/supplies and Christian-based

products, we need to make room for the "new" by having a product clearance sale—till all items are gone! Item supply of the products following is limited and we will not be re-ordering.

**English/Spanish readers:** These books were published in the 1950s and used in public schools in the U.S. and are in very good condition. When first published, books like these had better moral standards contained in the text as compared to those used today. They are hardbacks. The English readers were used in government classes given to students in the U.S. They are appropriate for students that need to study U.S. history and government, only.

The Spanish readers are used primarily to teach Spanish as a second language, and are a three-year course.

**Ordering:** The costs given do not include shipping. Shipping is added and depends on the method of shipping you choose (such as UPS [only within the U.S./Canada], airmail, or surface mail) and depending on where we ship them. Please e-mail us at: [mail@teamfoundation.com](mailto:mail@teamfoundation.com) or [fpcteam@worldnet.att.net](mailto:fpcteam@worldnet.att.net), and include your address with your order, so we can give you a close approximation for the shipping cost. And please let us know what method you prefer to use for shipping. Thank you.

**Payment:** Orders are taken and filled on a cash-and-carry basis. We can accept payment by check, money order, credit card, and cash (via TRF). All orders will need to be paid in U.S. dollars.

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We need to receive your payment along with your order before it is final and shipped to you. Thank you for your understanding.

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Item (description)	Quantity (our stock)	Cost per item
<b>Feed My Lambs #8</b>	Approx. 1,500	Free (you only pay shipping) (Were \$1.00 each)
<b>Praisin' U booklets</b> (sets of 3) Book 1: "You're Tops!" Book 2: "How I Love Ya!" Book 3: "Inline Praise"	Approx. 15 of each book	25 cents for each book (Were \$1.00 each)
<b>Spanish Readers</b> No. 1 <i>Mis Primeros Pasos</i> No. 2 <i>Caminar y Aprender</i> No. 3 <i>Viajar y Aprender</i>	Approx. 4 of each	Were: \$5 each Now: 3 for \$10 (or \$3.50 each) (Retail \$9.95 each)
<b>English Readers</b> No. 1 Call of the Southwest No. 2 America: Ideals and Men No. 3 Trails to Texas	Only 1 of each	Were: \$5 each Now: 3 for \$10 (or \$3.50 each)
<b>Alphabet flash cards</b> (set of 80 cards)	Only 1	Were: \$3.50 each Now: \$2.00 (Retail \$5.95 each)
<b>Super Year Books</b> Grade 4 and Grade 5	Grade 4: 4 books Grade 5: 1 book	Were: \$15.00 each Now: \$12.50 each (Retail: \$35.00 each)
<b>Jumbo Black-line Workbooks</b> (ask for item list and details)	Grades 2,7,8, and Junior High	Now: \$5.00 each (Retail; \$15.95 each)

## "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR"

### RE: Prayer Tips" (GV #161)

**Cheerful, SEA:** An idea for prayer vigil is to make it an alphabetical order prayer that you can do while working on something else. For example, I sometimes ride my bicycle to go somewhere, and while out or even while still at our house before the trip, I start my prayer vigil by praying for different things in alphabetical order, such as "A" for Activated or all African Homes, "B" for babies and moms or Homes in the British Isles, "C" for children or Costa Rica, etc.

You can also pray for Homes in different countries, for people, or for spiritual gifts in alphabetical order. You can even pray while taking a shower or cooking, and even if you have to stop praying for a while it's easy to pick up where you left off. There are 26 letters in the alphabet, so if you spend one minute more or less on each letter, you'll easily get

your 30 minutes of intercessory prayer vigil. Happy prayer vigil!

### RE: "A Beautiful Life" (GV #162)

**Alisa, Thailand:** The story "A Beautiful Life" really inspired me, because Steve's age is so close to mine and yet he had to go through so much. It reminded me of how life is so short, and that we need to do our best every day because we never know what could happen. It also showed me that I should be thankful for the tests I face, because the things I go through are not even close to what Steve had to go through, and even then, he was still very positive about life.

**Marianne Kannika, Thailand:** I'm also thankful for the testimony "A Beautiful Life." It touched me to read about how Steve was so loving and trusting even though it must have been so hard for him. His sample was such a testimony to everyone there, and

I'm sure for everyone who read the testimony. I'm very thankful that it was published!

### RE: "I read MLKs at 52!" (GV #162)

**Sunny, Japan:** I'm an FGA, but just love to read the *MLKs* (and *Gen-Ups*, too)! Since they are fully illustrated, and many are also fully colored nowadays, they have such a huge impact on me sometimes! Since I'm rather simple-minded and also have poor imagination, these inspired illustrations and the simplicity brings out the important points of the GNs even more, and helps me to remember and visualize the things the Lord's showing us!

I pray that no one misses reading them! Many of them are great tools for follow-up, too. If your sheep are having a hard time reading and understanding "adult" Word, try *MLKs*! It might work wonders! Everybody likes comics!

# Buddha Light Association Sees the Light

By Abe and Mercy, Taiwan

While visiting a doctor we bumped into a Buddhist nun who we had met some time ago at a show we did at the large temple in downtown Kaohsiung that she is head of. As soon as she saw us she got all excited and invited us to perform over the Chinese New Year at the largest center for Buddhism in Southern Taiwan, and headquarters of the international Buddha Light Association. The occasion was a large flower show that is held there every year, and that attracts hundreds of thousands of people over the New Year holidays.

Needless to say we prayed about whether we should accept this invitation, and the Lord encouraged us to let His light shine, and that He had sheep everywhere. While we waited for our turn, some traditional Chinese dances were performed, which didn't excite people very much. Before the kids marched onto stage,

Mercy encouraged them to call on the keys, to smile big, and to ask the Lord to change the whole spirit of the place through their songs and dances. And the Lord did just that! The oppressive religious spirit was lifted and people started clapping and shouting, especially when the children sang some popular folk songs in Chinese and the local Taiwanese dialect. It touched their hearts to see foreign-looking children do that.

During the show we noticed one monk with a fancy digital camera taking tons of pictures. After the show he introduced himself to us as a reporter for the *Merit Times*, which is the largest Buddhist newspaper in Taiwan. A few days later this newspaper carried a nice picture of our children's show with the caption reading, "On the fifth day of the New Year, the Shi family from Austria came to perform Austrian and Taiwanese dances and



Abe and Mercy's children performing at the Buddhist Light Association, Taiwan

songs at Foguanshan. Mr. Shi and his family are part of The Family International Christian Fellowship." The circulation of this newspaper is about 300,000 in Taiwan, plus overseas editions in the USA and Australia.

Later the reporter monk sent us the photos he had taken by e-mail and had this to say: "Thank you for coming to the mountain to do such a beautiful show for us. You

brought the people faith and hope. These gifts are expressed in each of your songs and dances. You have given people faith, joy and hope for this coming year. What a light you have! We truly appreciate that light!"

## The Age-Old Questions

By an FGA woman, China

After reading the GN (ML #3474) on our enemies' attack on dear Tamar's artwork, I thought that you might be interested in hearing the reaction of someone who has only seen Family artwork three times in the last eight years. We get all our GNs online, and only receive the kids' illustrated pubs in PDF format. All the GNs are only text files. It's such a pity, but cuts down on the expense and time online.

I only got to see the beautiful GN covers on three different occasions when I traveled to Taiwan for brief visits. I remember just sitting in front of the lit library in the Family Home, fascinated, spending hours looking over GN covers and other artwork and having a blast! They are just so gorgeous!

At first when I read that our enemies were attacking GN artwork, I honestly had to laugh. It just seemed so silly to me; there's really no other word to use. It was as if they were attacking us over the

shade of Mama's lipstick, or something so trivial. I had a hard time taking it seriously at first, having viewed the illustrations as the "pretty wrapping paper" the pubs come in that we have to do without here. We just get it in a "plain brown paper bag," so to speak, so I couldn't grasp what the fuss was about.

After reading the GN and seeing the prophecy questions at the end, it sobered me up to see how seriously the Lord takes it, and that anything can stumble us if we choose to let it. It seems the latest fuss our enemies are making really has little to do with the pictures, but rather the age-old questions: Is prophecy true? Is the spirit world real? Is God still on the throne?

The bottom line of it all is, we have God's Word in the GNs. What a priceless privilege! With or without pictures, it is the voice of God. It's naive to think that the Enemy will not attack God's Word, so it should not be surprising that the GNs are bashed, criticized,

and maligned. Jesus promised it: "The disciple is not above his master." When pearls are cast before swine, they trample them beneath their feet.

If anyone doubts the existence of demons or the dark side of the spiritual world that God's Word exposes, and that those pictures illustrate, I suggest they go witnessing. Not just fundraising or passing a few tracts here or there, but the kind of deep, one-on-one witnessing where you go into the Enemy's territory and help to pry a soul out of Satan's mire, crying with them, feeling for them, and being touched by their desperation.

The old boy will show his face then, you can be sure of it, because he'll hate you for doing it. He fears it more than anything. The dark side of the spirit world is very real. Thank God for the light and power that we have through Jesus, who keeps his foot on Satan's neck, so we can be safe and do our job. Thank you, Tamar, for being willing to draw those spiritual realities.

## kidbits

**Alexandar Angelo**, born to **Celeste and Steven** on September 17.—Philippines

**Neil Dandrei**, 3<sup>rd</sup> child, born to **Naomi and Titus** on October 28.—Philippines

**Alina**, 1<sup>st</sup> child, born to **Myki and Jonatas** on November 13.—Brazil

**Porntida Nicole**, 4<sup>th</sup> child, born to **Thai Faith and Josh** on November 15.—Thailand

**Baby girl**, 3<sup>rd</sup> child, born to **Melissa and Matthew** on December 1.—Germany

**Laura Madeline Fisherman**, born to **Maria and Simon** on December 31.—Philippines

**Justin**, 2<sup>nd</sup> child, born to **Faye and DJ** on January 11.—Indonesia

**Francesco Willing**, 2<sup>nd</sup> child, born to **Abigail and Jude** on January 20.—Thailand

**Karishma Tenderheart**, born to **Victory Fighter and Richard** on January 23.—India

**Ellya**, 2<sup>nd</sup> child, born to **Mendy and Jere** on February 1.—Brazil

## tidbits

**New CM/FM disciples...**  
**Rose** (23), rejoined in January, in Australia

# Through Praise and the Keys

—Reactions from you to Feast 2004

## Diving into refreshing waters

By Maria (of Andy), Colombia

After reading the GN “New Year’s Challenge for 2004,” I knew things couldn’t continue the same in my life. The challenge was great and at the same time exciting and stirring.

I entered into the Feast quite battle weary, feeling discouraged with myself, rotten, and lacking in faith to overcome the weaknesses and sins that I knew I had to work on in order to enter into this new phase the Family is now entering. Even though I was looking forward with anticipation to the Feast days, I was also battling with thoughts that it was too late.

The first day of the Feast was great, especially taking action to use the weapon of praise. That day in the Home we all tried to verbally and publicly put into practice praising Him for *everything*. We were thrilled to see how circumstances—big and small—that would have usually negatively affected or annoyed us, through the weapon of praise lost their negative impact in our minds and hearts. Still, I noticed that I wasn’t entering into the spirit of the Feast as much as I wanted and needed to.

On the second day of the Feast, reading the first GN on “The Mysterious Keys” was like jumping from a diving board into deep and refreshing waters. Reading those profound messages triggered in me an immense desire to want more. From that moment on I just couldn’t stop reading the Word.

I took the suggested reading list and asked the Lord to show me which Letters were the ones I needed to read during the Feast days and thereafter. I took my special quotes and prophecies notebook, looked for a quiet corner and off I jumped, to delve into the Word. It felt as if time had stopped for me or like I was in some other dimension—I read, I wrote, I talked to the Lord. It was so wonderful!

As a result of those hours spent with Him and the Word, soon I started to notice some pretty obvious good results. I started to feel such peace and rest in my soul—a peace and freedom that chased away many preoccupations that I’d been harboring for weeks. The Word gave me the positive strength to face my worries and fears of whether I’d make it or not. I was doing the right thing: reading, studying and absorbing the Word, which gave me a greater desire to obey all the Word I read and to change. The rest, I knew, was in His loving hands.

Another good symptom I noticed right away was how easily my heart was accepting and recognizing sins and shortcomings I previously didn’t think I had a problem with. But the more I read the

Word, the longer my prayer list got too, ha!

Thank you, dear shepherds, for leading the way to higher discipleship and dedication no matter what the cost, and thank you for the Feast days that renewed, rejuvenated, and brought peace to my weary soul!

## With the keys and a praiseful attitude

By Margie (CO), Mexico

Thank you so much for preparing such a wonderful Feast for us this year. I was praying that this year’s message would reach down into our hearts, and be well received by all, especially our young people. It was a Spirit-filled time, and we had beautiful reactions and very moving prayers at the end!

Something very inspiring that has happened from reading these GNs is that it has enhanced our Bible reading. We had some good talks and comparisons to Bible passages. The keys are a new spiritual concept based on only one verse, but in the same way when Jesus came, He enlarged on some principles laid out in the Old Testaments. His presentation, what He emphasized, blew away some of the Jews. They had a hard time receiving the truth, while others received it by faith. The concepts of salvation by grace, communion, and then receiving the Holy Spirit were new in Jesus’ day.

Jesus gave His power to His disciples in different degrees, and according to the needs. There was the time He sent His seventy, two-by-two, and they had all the

power available from Heaven to perform all the miracles. But then Jesus also told them that when He would go away that He would give them the Holy Spirit, and of course, when the Holy Spirit fell, there was a tremendous outpouring of witnessing and miracles.

One point that was also brought out is how, when we first joined the Family, many people prayed to “Dear Father God” and such. When Dad published the Letter “The Name of Jesus” (ML #345, Vol.3), we learned a certain principle about how to get answers from God that wasn’t as clear before. The Lord had performed miracles according to our faith, but it helped us to focus on praying in the Name of Jesus. The keys messages do not deny the fact that we should pray in the Name of Jesus,



Our singing girls at a local Bullfight ring (L–R:) Emmi, Lisa, Carolina (of Ana), and Chelsey

but *how* we should pray in the Name of Jesus and the power of the keys—to show that He’s enhancing and adding to the power, upgrading our existing system of communication with Him.

For our prayer time on the last day, the Lord showed us to have everybody write their prayers and pray that prayer

for themselves in a united meeting, trying to apply the new prayer principles put forth in the Feast, saying more praise and fighting prayers, and using the keys. We had very beautiful prayers! What touched me particularly were the prayers of our teens and young people, their sincerity and desperation and the beautiful faith that the Lord is giving them.

Last year the Lord did wonderful miracles in our Home with our young people. They got interested in music, and we now have



Alvi with a young friend she found that day



Posing with Santa after a show in the hotel *Fiesta Americana* for employees and staff's Christmas dinner

quite a dynamic band and singing team of our young people with Jerry. The Lord has been able to use that tool to reach many people. Jesus provided the musi-

cal instruments, and our young people are making progress very rapidly. It's been exciting to see the doors the Lord is opening through the music ministry, in that we can do this ministry together as a family and with the young people of our Home. It's been very unifying and a fantastic boost of inspiration.

A CTP that we did on Kings' Day that one of our sheep got us to do got beautiful responses. We were able to feed, give toys, perform for 1,000 people, and lead several hundreds to the Lord, which resulted in two very good newspaper articles in a little town near Mexico City.

The mayor of the town was at first hesitant to let us perform and do this CTP, but then agreed to have us perform in a very poor section of the town. He was obviously not too sure about us, so he sent representatives, who got super turned on and said that if they had known that we were so well organized and that we had such a quality show, they would have made us perform in the city square so that the whole town could attend, since King's Day is the big event here in Mexico.

We have so much to be thankful for, and this Feast was certainly a boost. As we're marching on into this new year with the keys in hand and a more praiseful attitude, we're really excited by all the Lord is going to do to reach this field, which is so ripe and ready for Jesus and the words of David.

## Heaven's Windows Opened Wide

### Commitments + dedication + asking = blessings

By *Andre French, Lebanon*

The month had been very bleak financially. We have been involved in many ministries, CTPs, legal matters, mailings to our sheep, Home improvements needed before winter, etc. Now, we probably don't yet have all our priorities right, but we feel a revival is springing forth in our midst as we are implementing the counsel from "Show Me the Money." All of us made some commitments to be more dedicated this past month. There was much activity, much commitment, but still not much money to show in the finance box, if you ask me!

I had thought to call Mr. Jay for help, but since he had helped quite substantially last month, I didn't feel it was right to do so. Then Francis, our live-out brother, called me and asked me to call Mr. Jay so as to get his needed medicine. (Mr. Jay imports medicine and pledged to help Francis to care for his diabetes.) I was compelled to call.

While we talked, Mr. Jay asked me how we were faring financially, which was kind of waving a red flag in front of a bull. I told him we needed \$2,400 to acquire our budget, to which he replied, "Come right away, I will give you this amount!" We are quite stunned by the Lord's love and care. We feel the Lord is encouraging our steps of obedience. We had all agreed earlier in the month to help WS substantially regardless of our income, and we found again that we cannot outgive Him!

### Ten times what we'd given

By *Sara, Germany*

When the Letters about tithing and offerings came out, the Lord spoke to us about

giving extra. We had been faithfully tithing and giving something to missions monthly, and basically thought we do "enough." We were convicted when we read about the need that WS often has, and decided to give above our usual gifts.

Shortly before Christmas we sent off our offering, and thought nothing more of it. Then two months later, a relative gave us a gift out of the blue. We were so surprised! But should we really be? The amount she gave was ten times what we had given to WS, enough to get a very needed van!

### He's faithful to His word!

By *Simon and Julia, Romania*

We have often wished and prayed that the Lord would raise up for us the kind of friends and supporters that some Homes have, who support them regularly, even their whole monthly budget. It's hard to raise funds here, and we have to tithe above the actual 10% of our income to have the minimum tithe. Nevertheless, while reading the recent GNs about tithing and offerings the Lord asked us to start giving offerings. That was a tall order for us and a big challenge. Reading the Word gave us the faith to do it and we started to give offerings, aside from the monthly tithe. Immediately after this, the Lord did the most amazing thing for us.

The Lord showed us to follow up on a sweet person we met not long ago (the "reach the rich"-type). During our meeting with him, the Lord was leading in the direction of being open and honest about our needs. The person is activated, receives news from us, reads the Word, and knows we pray for him. We felt the Lord was leading us to humbly present the truthful explanation, that for us to be able to

properly carry out our work for the Lord here, there is a need for us to have regular support to cover our monthly budget. After hearing the amount we needed, this friend said, "Okay, I will give you all of the amount that you need, and I will continue to give this amount to you for the next six months. ... As for later, we will see."

During these past six months our friend got the idea to encourage his friends to give funds to our work, too! Wow! Isn't the Lord wonderful and faithful to keep His Word? Our friend understands that we are missionaries, not just doing good CTPs, but knows that we want to share God's love with the people of this country and wants to help us do it!

### Support skyrocketed with Activated

By *Samuel Endtime Servant, Mexico*

After the Activated workshops here, we knew it was certainly time to activate all our friends and tool customers. We felt that we just needed to pay them all back in this way, by offering them faithful monthly feeding, as well as personal visits. Apart from subscribing over a dozen people, our finances seemed to have skyrocketed, and raising our monthly budget just didn't seem as hard. In fact, our tithe was higher than it's been normally. Our income over the last eight or nine months has pretty much been floating around the same amount, but this month, our income shot way above the normal, and we can only attribute that to more faithfulness concerning the promoting of Activated, as well as striving more to obey the counsel contained within the pillars in "Show me the Money." Lord help us to continue to trust, obey, and strive daily to live the vision.

# happenings

## **The running clown missionary**

**Aaron (of Iona), Taiwan:** One Saturday our whole Home joined a marathon race at the park near our house. When I had gone downtown to the office to sign up, the head organizer was there and after explaining our work he waived the entrance fee for us all. He also asked me if I would consider running the race as a clown. "Are you kidding?!" ... No he wasn't. After praying about it the Lord confirmed, and gave me another idea too.

I bought a light blue running shirt and went to ask one of our Bible study friends to help me with the Chinese characters. On the front above where the number is pinned on, I wrote in big letters with a whiteout pen. "Jesus is the light of the world," and on the back we wrote, "Trust in the Lord, and you can fly like the eagles."

Iona ran the 3.5 km race with all the kids, and I ran the 9 km race down and back up the mountain. We were quite a spectacle to behold, as there were no other foreign children, and definitely no other clowns running! So we were filmed by TV cameras, etc.

The Lord helped me to finish the 9 km race, involving about 600 people, in sixth place for my 30 to 40 age group, and twenty-sixth place over all (for all you fellow running freaks, my time was 36:57). Quite a surprise to me, considering my recent recovery from cancer and having had surgery four times in the last two years.

We stayed around to witness and pass out tracts to the many people who were waiting for the award ceremony, when I had to get up on stage with the other winners, still dressed as the "running clown missionary," to receive a trophy. All in all, we had a fun time and it was a great day of witnessing in a very different way!

## **More Success with "Mottos"**

**Dawn, Thailand:** I visited my sister, who is not a Christian and not so favorable towards me being in the Family. I try to feed her some milky lit from time to time, and she often responds well to it. This visit I gave her a "Mottos" calendar, and she seemed pretty nonchalant about it. I wasn't sure if she was going to read it at all. We read the quote for the day and she set it up on a shelf.

A couple of weeks later I returned to her house, and I was curious to see

if the pages were turned and if she had been reading it. I was happy to see that, yes, they were turned, but about 2 days behind the current day, so I turned them to the day. As soon as my sister walked into the room, she noticed that the calendar had been changed and said: "Who changed the calendar?! I didn't read the last two days yet!"

## **Lost in the laundry**

**Tim (SGA, of Beth), India:** About a year ago, while traveling on the road we stopped to provision some diesel at a gas station. The manager filled our tank, and we also got the phone number of the owner of the place which I wrote on a little slip of yellow paper and then stuck in my pocket and promptly forgot all about it. Those pants went in the laundry, and I didn't find that paper till a whole year later. When I did find it, I couldn't for the life of me remember who this person was. But I knew I should call him, and that the Lord had a special reason for helping me find the paper.

To make a long story short, I called the number, made an appointment, and this person is now supporting our Home with an average of US\$1,000 every few months. Not only does he support the Home, but he is also a real sheep and a close friend who enjoys giving to the Lord's work. It has taught me the importance of being in tune with the Lord even in the little things, hearing those checks and following through.

## **Sold saleslady**

**Crystal, South Africa:** Hilda was a contact we followed up on. When we phoned her about coming over for a visit, she was anxious to promote our tools. She immediately phoned her friends, who are all young mothers, inviting them to come buy our tools. Hilda was our best saleslady, as there is no greater proof of the product than a satisfied customer. We got many tools out, and Hilda will be taking further orders from her friends for us. Before we could thank her, she thanked us profusely, saying, "Thank you so much. Your videos and books are worth far more than the price."

## **Bringing encouragement**

**Andre French, Lebanon:** Two days ago, Tania visited us to ask our help to

organize her 10-year-old son's birthday party. I spent about five minutes with her, briefly explaining our work, then I had to leave, and Celeste continued to talk with her. During their time together, someone called from Tania's son's school. Apparently her son was having problems adapting to his new school, and after getting the call Tania started to cry. Celeste sweetly encouraged her. Before she left, Tania took a brochure of our tools. Less than half an hour later Tania called and said that she was very touched by our care for others. She also explained that she is one of the managers of the biggest audio-visual stores in the country, and wanted to help us to sell our tools! What a set-up!

We went to meet her secretary the next day. Tania and her secretary, Carine, said that they wanted to help us by buying our tools and then selling them at the same price they buy them from us, without commission. Tania had already put in an order for starters of 30 videos for each of the two titles that we have in French. Carine asked us to send them the list of all the videos that we have available, with the understanding that they would display them, not that they would buy them. I wrote Tania a thank-you note with a poem, and then Carine called and said that Tania was very touched by our note. They like the samples of our videos and wanted to buy 30 copies of each title we have available—a total of 480 videos!

## **It helped him quit drugs**

**Jonathon, USA:** I was passing out the tract, "What Some People Get High On," when I noticed two young girls walking together and decided to give them a tract. One of them really liked it.

"Oh, wow! I've seen this before!" she said.

"Really? What did you think of it?" I asked.

"I liked it a lot. I gave it to my boyfriend, and it helped him quit drugs!"

"That's amazing!"

"Yeah, it really changed his life. He even wrote a song about it. He has a band and plays at a local club around here."

"That's great!" I exclaimed. "I'm glad he got the message from the tract!"

"Me, too!" she replied.

This was very inspiring for me. It showed what can happen when people receive even a little bit of truth in

something as simple as a tract. It also showed me how hungry people are for the truth.

### **“You live what you believe!”**

**Christine, USA:** After a day of personal witnessing we invited a sweet girl named Leanna to our Home for dinner. She was 18 and had gotten thrown out of her home by her adoptive parents and had gotten into some trouble. Her parents were actually prosecuting her for breaking into her home to get her birth certificate so she could get her ID. She was very quiet and reserved and didn't say much, but she really responded to our Family music and love.

She continued to visit regularly and we would help her with counsel and food and whatever we could. She began to be more and more open, and had a very deep love for Jesus and was very hungry for the Word. She read *Treasures, God on God*, and whatever else we could give her.

The other week she called us with some very pointed questions. She calls her mom once a week and had told her that she had been coming over to our Home. Her mom told her that we are a “cult” and “demonic,” etc. Patrick spent quite a bit of time on the phone with Leanna, and then we didn't see her for a week. Then one day she came over and told us: “Well, when my mom told me what she thought of you, I decided that I would look at everything I could and make my own judgment. So I went to the library and looked up everything I could find about you. I found your site and lots of others.”

She questioned us about a lot of things. She asked if she could see a copy of the Charter. Then she told us, “My mom goes to church and sings songs like ‘I Surrender All to Jesus,’ but she doesn't. None of them do. But you do. You live what you believe. That is why I keep coming back.” She went through the Charter and asked different questions, and we all sat around and explained to her how we see things and operate—everything from “selah trash” to teaching children and working out finances. She is hungry to know everything about us, and it all makes sense to her.

It inspired us to see how important our sample is, as it speaks louder than all that she could hear. She took some tools to start distributing and another *Treasures*.

### **Still passing on the truth**

**Olivia, Japan:** My former member daughter recently visited our Home. She brought her boyfriend Dee with her

to spend a few days with us. God bless her, she has gotten him saved and has been faithful to witness to him and tell him about her life in the Family, our radical beliefs such as the Law of Love, communal living, prophecy, etc.

The outstanding thing is that before she met him, he had already been witnessed to by Steven in Tokyo. He told us later that he was so fascinated by all that Steven shared with him that he and his friend ended up standing in the streets of downtown Tokyo for more than an hour listening to all Steven had to say.

When my daughter and her boyfriend visited us, we took the opportunity to give him another Word class. He was very open and even as he sat having his breakfast, he started up a conversation with our JETT boy regarding the Endtime and Bible prophecy, at which our JETT cracked open the Bible to verses debunking the “pre-Tribulation rapture” spiel.

One important thing that the Lord led us to do before my daughter and her boyfriend visited was to have a Home meeting to pray and claim the keys that the Lord would prepare their hearts, and also, to ask Him if there was anything we needed to be prepared or be careful about. We also shared these points with the kids. We know that the Lord's specific counsel and anointing is what made this visit so fun and fruitful. Since returning home, Dee has begun reading the *Treasures* and has signed up for *Activated!*

### **Groundwork for sharing the radical stuff**

**Christina, Taiwan:** When sheep ask about our group, besides showing them our PR brochure, *FAR*, etc, I've learned to go ahead to slip in one or two lines explaining that we are not part of any large denomination, as Jesus wasn't. His main message was to love God and others and He didn't work within the regular church organization. I explain that because Jesus advocates love for all, our views are quite liberal and forgiving, and that because of this, many conservative churches don't like us and some people even speak lies about us. But we don't care—we want to keep helping people, no matter what background they are from.

I find that this lays the groundwork for me to explain more about our radical doctrines to them in the future. It also helps them to make a decision as to whether they'd like to continue to associate with us or seek other churches to fellowship with. Most sheep that I've shared this line with have no problem

receiving it. In fact, they like us better, and like Jesus' liberal and forgiving love.

### **A new way of provisioning**

**Michael, Romania:** Now, when we provision, instead of presenting our work with the emphasis on our CTP/humanitarian ministries, we present ourselves in the most simple and to the point way: “We are the Family (which is a church/free Christians/fellowship of believers),” and we go immediately on the attack talking about Jesus and our evangelistic ministries. We witness to them about the many lives helped and changed from alcoholism, drugs, violence, etc., by our giving them the Gospel.

We have seen that comparatively, people respect us and our work even more this way. This helps us to get to the point quicker in witnessing to them about the Lord, being able to use the Word more and on the spot and see potential for future follow-up—all because we approach them as 100% missionaries for Jesus, and not as “humanitarian/social worker missionaries.” It is, by far, way more powerful in the spirit! It works!

### **“It doesn't matter —it's good stuff!”**

**Christine, USA:** *God on God* is a great conversation starter and helps to get people asking questions about the Bible and exposes people to our more radical beliefs right off. We gave it to one girl, and she called to ask questions which led us to be able to witness more deeply to her. She has since been coming over regularly and is really spiritually hungry. She told us that when she had first started reading this she had asked herself, “Wait a minute, is this supposed to be real or what?” And the answer came to her, “It doesn't matter, it's good stuff!”

### **Pastor becomes member**

**Faith, Holland:** A pastor who has known us for about 20 years now, and who has been using Family material to preach his sermons, has been really begging us to join. We have been giving him classes weekly—giving him the meat, and he loves it!

We have made him a live-out member of our Home. We don't know exactly how many members his church has, but he has about six pastors under him, and he wants all his flock to join the Family. We are taking it slow and will keep giving him the Word and seeing how far they can go.

## *in My arms...*

On Tuesday, January 12, 2004 dear **Nathan** (of Sarai) went home to be with Jesus. He had been diagnosed with cancer. His Homegoing was at home with his family, and he was witnessing till the end to the nurses that were there to take care of him. It was a heavy testimony to all.

### MESSAGE FROM JESUS

(Jesus:) Dear Nathan has fought a good fight, he has run the race, and he has now received the crown of glory that I have placed upon his head. He has laid up for himself treasures here in Heaven and is now able to partake of all the rewards I have held in store for him these many years. He lived a long life of fruitful service to Me, and he has now met Me face to face and has gloried in My presence, and we have had some wonderful times of fellowship and communion together.

So don't weep for this one, or feel sorry for him or for all that he went through, for he left his earthly life for the splendors of Heaven in a blaze of glory and triumph. He was true to Me to the end, in spite of the fact that his earthly flesh was fading. The love in his heart for Me was great, and his desire to spread that love to others was what compelled him, and now he is in a position to be an even greater blessing to his loved ones and the sheep who love Me, than he was there on earth.

Use Nathan's passing as a testimony to others, a testimony of My grace and comfort and help in times of trouble. Use it as a witness to win others to Me. Do not hide the lessons and battles and times of testing from others, but use them as stepping stones to testify of how all things have worked together for good, and of all the miracles I did for you each step of the way. Take what would look like a defeat to others, especially to those who don't intimately know Me, and turn it into a glorious victory. *(End of excerpts of message.)*

## *in My arms...*

(Written by Bright, Thailand:) **Mikey** (16), our sweet beloved son who had epilepsy, autism, and was severely mentally handicapped passed on peacefully to his heavenly reward on the evening of Saturday, February 7, 2004. We were honored to care for him for 16 years and 10 months. For his entire life, Mikey was clothed in a humble and weak frame to where most of his needs had to be cared for by others, but his strong spirit was filled with the Lord's love, peace, and humility up until his very last breath with us. We love him so much and miss him, but at the same time we are rejoicing with him that he's now safe in the arms of our loving and caring Husband. He's now strong and healthy and able to enjoy life and much more in his heavenly home at last.

We want to thank all of our wonderful Family all over the world for laboring and supporting us in prayers through all these years of his affliction, especially in the last eight when he was bedridden. Our words would fall short to express our heart-felt gratitude for every one of you who had helped caring for him at any time of his life. Thank you from the bottom of my heart also for all of the love notes, words of encouragement, concerned phone calls, messages from afar, and the best part—all the prophecies from our beloved Husband and Mikey himself expressing his thankfulness for our love and care for him.

It was so sweet of everyone to go out of your way and take your precious time to send us all that. We appreciate and treasure every word from you. And to those who helped care for him, we realized it was tough at times, yet you took care of him even though that meant giving up your personal desires, your time, and sacrificing a lot. Even though we can't thank everyone in person, please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers. And we pray that Jesus would reward you in very special ways. We miss each and every one of you! We love you so much!

### MESSAGE FROM MIKEY

(Mikey:) Hi Mom. I love you. I've always loved you, and I've always known that you loved me. Even though I couldn't tell you that I loved you, and I know you sometimes wondered if I understood, I always knew that you loved me. I could feel it and sense it in your presence, even if I couldn't communicate that to you. I want to thank you for taking such good care of me. You were the best mom I could have had, and I will always be your son and love you very much.

Jesus gave me the red carpet treatment when I arrived. He was the first one I saw, when I passed away. I saw His face first, and it made me so happy. He was there to greet me, and I've also already met Dad and Uncle Abe and many others. Don't worry about me. I'm going to be fine, and I'm going to learn and study hard, so that I can come back to help you. Even while I'm studying, I'll always be there for you, and you can connect with me at any time. You will feel me with you at different times, and even when you can't feel me, you can still know I'm there. The Lord said I can help you, to show you how much I love you.

Thank you for loving me, Mom. That's the main thing I want to tell you. I know and understand that there were times when it wasn't easy for you to keep going, but you did, and the Lord keeps telling me how proud He is of you, and of course, that makes me really happy too, because I've got a great mom. Please don't worry about anything. Everything will be fine, because Jesus is Here, and He loves you even more than I do, and I love you a lot, a lot, a lot! Okay, I'm going to close here. I love you. Bye. *(End of message.)*

## *in My arms...*



# mama's mailbox

Dear Maria and Peter,

I've never wanted to write a letter to you—I always thought there'd be a better time when I needed to more. But I just had to tell you how thankful I am to have you to count on to give God's Words. Following the Lord has made all my friends beautiful in spirit. My best friend left the Family, but he still loves the Lord and he's a real encouragement. I believe it's a result of the Lord and your faithfulness that he's this way.

Thank you for speaking the raw truth. These pending changes are

what I've been wanting for years. I love you guys. I'm not big on words, but here's lots of love and gratitude for all of you in WS who've been doing all your small and big things for us—everything that goes into the printed Word, the art, the stories for the kids, and whatnot. Very inspired!

Thanks to everyone for praying for us, for receiving all the prophecies we're blessed with, for the pubs, for all you little people who take care of the Home's work to let others work on the Words. (I'm one of those little home people myself, and I love it!)

Thanks, Peter, for being straight to the point and so clear in what you say. Thanks, Maria, for having faith in us. We ain't gonna let you or the Lord down! Really, you don't know how grateful I am for these changes. For so long I've wanted the full passion of God. I've seen it in a few good men, and I envy it so. Now it feels like I could actually reach out and touch it. ... Maybe everyone can really get down to the roots, the joy and passion of the Lord.

Love,  
A 16-year-old

## Visit from the Great Physician

By Stephen (of Angela), Croatia

Our Home was having a witnessing attack day, and as it was carnival time, we were all dressed up as clowns, some getting out *Activated* mags at a stand, and the rest of us passing out a tract we had prepared for the occasion, using the *Reflections* on the Magic Mask. A few of us had roller blades, and I joined in.

Everything was going fine, till I was on the way back to the van. I was carrying a table, and skating up a slight hill, to be honest quite proud of myself and my skating ability, when suddenly I felt something go "click" in my left foot and realized I was in trouble. I had a slight injury there a few years ago, where it seems one of the bones in my foot popped out of joint for a few seconds, and this has bothered me from time to time when I twist my foot the wrong way, but never as bad as that day.

I managed to drive home, and went immediately to lie down and rest my foot. I knew that this time it wasn't such a light thing that was going to go back into place so quickly, and obviously the Lord was trying to get through to me about something.

We prayed, claimed the keys and I left it at that as I rested and took Word time. I didn't think it was so bad, and thought it should be okay after a good night's sleep. The next day was a half W&R, so I went over the "Mysterious Keys" GNs again, and spent some time praying about why it happened. It still really hurt, and felt out of place, but I had calm and peace and knew the Lord was in control, though from time to time I started to get worried.

Some time ago, I had asked the Lord for the gift of healing, as I sincerely wanted to be a blessing to others who needed help, particularly during the Tribulation, but I always felt like I would just get lifted up in pride if I had that gift. I had been around a lot of "healing evangelists" before joining the Family, and felt the temptation was just too much for me. The Lord had promised me that if I sincerely wanted the gift, He would give it to me, as it is available for all of us, but said that He would give it in His time.

When I asked the Lord why this had happened to me, He pointed out that it was to help me to learn lessons of humility and praising Him no matter what. He said that He had healed me, but not to expect an instant healing, as that was not His purpose. Rather, when I had learned the lesson He was trying to teach me, He would heal me. He told me specifically not to worry and that it wasn't serious enough to warrant a visit to a doctor. He also said to take it easy for that day, and do what I could do—be a faithful prayer warrior for others.

The strangest thing happened in the middle of that night. I was having a bit of a hard time sleeping as it was still

quite painful, and once I woke up in excruciating pain when I moved my foot the wrong way. Later, I was having a funny dream where we were supposed to perform on a stage, but it was full of furniture and junk and we had to clear it away as the waiting crowd looked on. Then suddenly the scene changed and I saw my foot—no leg—just my foot and darkness all around. I watched as my foot was suddenly jerked to the right and then suddenly to the left, as a doctor will do when he is setting a bone. Again, I woke up screaming out with the pain, but realizing my foot had gone back into place. Then I was crying with joy! I really felt Jesus' presence, and was reminded of the quote from the song, "The great Physician now is near, the sympathizing Jesus!" I knew I was healed!

It was so heavy, so supernatural. Here is an excerpt from the prophecy I got: "Yes, I did it, you're healed! Happy, aren't you? Now are you totally convinced about the keys, or your gift of healing? However, I did it in a way that only I could get the glory. It served its purpose and I've done the trick—you learned the lesson I was trying to teach you (at least you stopped long enough to ask), I proved to you that the keys work and that you have the gift—it's there for the asking, but I also did it in such a way that you would not get lifted up, by visiting you in the night seasons. Happy now?"

I have no doubts that the keys really work! It also caused me to be more vigilant when I have my prayer vigils, especially for those who are sick, have had accidents, or long-term illnesses, as I felt a touch of what others are going through.

# forum

## Downsides to “Family capitalism”

**Male, Africa:** A lot of things changed since the Charter, a lot for the good, but quite a few new bad traits came out, which we didn’t suffer from so much before as things were more regulated and treated quicker by more shepherding in our former structures. I thought we could compare it to the fall of communism, ha! In a way we were like a communistic society before the Charter, where things were more enforced through strong shepherding, but since the fall of that “wall,” people have more freedom, but also the negative traits of capitalism set in—more selfishness, less fear to disobey, etc.

One thing that I’m struggling with is how to help people see more clearly the negative consequences their actions have in their own lives. I’m aware that that’s exactly what Mama and Peter are trying to accomplish in all the beautiful new GNs. It works, but it’s amazing to me to see how difficult it seems for some people to let more of this counsel into their lives, mainly because we don’t have that direct shepherding [from people] which we had before, where people couldn’t just read the New Wine and live it according to their own will and “application.” If they were off, they were told sooner or later and in no uncertain terms.

After all these years of reading the Word and learning from different samples, I realize that I still don’t know how to tell others about things that I think should change in their behavior. I think one reason is that people are

so sensitive, that I don’t know how to bring it up. After some time I feel like I’m failing these precious brethren, but I don’t know how to help them as when I try to bring something up, they don’t want to hear anything contrary to the way they operate.

I think we miss out on a lot of blessings and progress because of a lack of honest and open communication and receptivity. The attitude of “who are you to tell me what to do?—And if you do, I know plenty to tell you back!” seems to be prevalent. I’ve lived with some people that were basically impossible to talk to and everything had to be their way or they would “throw a fit” or be highly offended. This made me and others in the Home stop bringing things up to them and eventually leaving the Home. Sometimes those people end up on their own or going FM, not being able to live with others. Most of the time it’s not so bad, but you feel like you would like to get more across, but can’t, because you realize there is just too much opposition and too little vacuum.

## Caring for our absent children

**A woman, Earth:** We are blessed with a unique and wonderful understanding of caring for and being involved in one another’s children’s care, as we raise and nurture them in Christian graces and service for the Lord. What may be quite obvious to some, but not to others, is the point of communication with our absent children. In this case I am referring to any whom we know we should be communicating

with and involved in their lives to some degree. As our children get a little older it often becomes important for the children to know from whence they come, and perhaps get in touch with their “flesh” parent.

As real fathers and mothers it is of importance that the children grow up feeling loved. It is not solely your bodily presence that makes them feel this. I will always remember an instance many years ago when a father of a young teen, who had since remarried, regularly wrote his son. It wonderfully settled the boy, and it was a hand of love reaching out over oceans for this boy, especially seeing that his mother had not remarried.

We are often having pushes and reminders to spend quality time with the children who live with us. With those children who don’t, we need to still play an important role in their lives. Without a doubt we have some of the most loving dads and moms, uncles and aunties around, who open their Homes and arms to all our dear children. But the fact remains that to rely on others to do *our* part in that child’s life is something that we will be answerable to the Lord for, and even that child someday.

What works for each child is different, but no doubt the very basics of regular letters, phone calls, photos, and remembering birthdays and Christmases with a card and possibly a gift, can be a simple formula for the most part. We all have busy lives, but what we are building month by month and year by year with our children

cannot be regained easily. How loved and needed the children feel is what counts.

This is not just a Family problem, but something that happens to many in society, but knowing that the Lord requires us to do the best that we can, it would help us to consider this aspect in the care of our children, and whether we are doing all that we can for those who are not living with us. Praying for them is of great importance, as it is with all our children, and *is* most effective in helping them as they mature, grow, and learn.

Having the attitude of being soldiers and fighters in forsaking all and being apart is not the main focus for our kids. Even though this is perhaps a part of their lives, we can surely make it a lot easier and put some “skin” on our love and care for them to enable the Lord’s love and grace to be more real to them. Some of us take better care of and communicate more with our sheep than we do with our absent children, but they need our love. It need not be time consuming, just regular and meaningful.

Our kids are going to grow up and reflect on their childhoods, and what are the things that they will look back on? What will they say of their childhoods and who will be on the list of those who made a difference in their lives? Let’s connect and sign in today. Let’s help fill our children’s love cup, build their faith, and be there in some way, to catch them when they fall, as they experience love in action.

# activated news

## Activated, a way of life

By Joyful Free, India

It took going to four different shops before we got the right ink cartridge for our printer. Did we stop after we got it? No, siree. The manager there wanted to take a picture of Gaby with his new camera, so I encouraged Gaby to offer him *Activated*. He subscribed readily, and also prayed with us. After learning a bit more about our work, he also offered a computer for our deaf center we are trying to set up. It sure pays to put *Activated* first.

Then I thought of our egg contact who is also activated, our printer contact, spice contact, our former landlady and so on, and realized how they all got activated in the course of our business, shopping, etc. Before, I wouldn't go out of the door without tracts, but now I don't go out of the door without tracts and *Activated* mags. I've also been realizing that the "Mottos" are a must as well. My kids—who are my most faithful partners, GBT—sigh sometimes knowing they will have to carry one of the bags, and tell me, "Oh, mom, we are just going to see so and so", or "I thought we were going shopping?" but lo and behold, someone on the way does need an *Activated* or "Mottos" or tract.

Make *Activated* a way of life if it is not already and the blessings, happiness, and more will come popping out all over the place.

## They come back for more

By Kristina, South Africa

We didn't get our *Activated* mags last month, but it was a Romans 8:28

as we were able to push the posters and other tools instead.

We sell most of the mags at a petrol station, which has a very large turnover of cars every day. Through that last month we saw a lot of people who said they would come there especially to get the mags each month. They of course were disappointed that they weren't available, but most willingly took some of our other tools to help our work here.

One man came to the table with his last bit of change counted out and ready for an *Activated* mag, and when he saw that we didn't have them, asked us exactly when we would have them again, so he could be sure to get it. Someone else wanted to know if we would be having two mags next time, as he got two last time and didn't want to miss a month! The mags did finally arrive and we have gotten out our two-month's supply in less than a month.

## Development of an Activated vision

By Paul Farmer, Peru

I have had this mental block about getting out *Activated* subscriptions ever since the *Activated* program was introduced in the Letters. I have given out *Activated* mags to people for donations and given them to contacts, but have failed to get yearly subscriptions.

Coming back to Peru (from the U.S.), I felt that I needed to obey the Lord all the way and do what Jesus wanted. I began to read over all the Letters that had to do with *Activated*, and claim the power of the keys daily. The Lord never fails, and as "Activate the

## Classes and Counseling

By Mary (of Ezra), Japan

Shortly before last Christmas, an English teacher friend of mine invited me to give a speech at one of her English classes. (She is sold on our missionary work, and this is the second time she has asked me to speak at one of her classes.) The group of ladies in this particular class were very receptive. They have been studying English for a few years; therefore were able to communicate fairly well. I gave my testimony of how I joined the Family, the countries I have been to, and described the kind of missionary activities I have been involved in and am presently participating in. They were in awe.

During the question-and-answer session, they asked me about my personal life, my hobbies, etc. I told them that I like meeting new people, and enjoy counseling young people; and that my desire for the coming year is to be able to reach out to more people—mothers in particular—to be more involved in counseling work.

At the end of the question-and-answer period, I explained about Jesus being my good friend, and that it is through Him that I am able to have the strength to continue my line of work. By the time I finished introducing the salvation prayer, they repeated it after me without the slightest hesitation. I ended my time there by introducing the *Activated* course, and left them each a *Get Activated* booklet. The response was overwhelming!

One of the students later contacted me, and asked me to give her counseling sessions. She has had some personal problems, and in talking to me more, found that she really needed God in her life. She has agreed to come once a week to get help—in the form of a Bible study. On her second "session" she remarked that she could feel a change in her thinking through the words we read. What a sheep! Thank the Lord for His golden opportunities. I am excited about exploring the possibilities of this type of witnessing further. It even goes along with the counsel in the series of Letters that Dad gave the field of Japan in the late 1980s. Lord help me to do my part!

World, Part 8" (ML #3460, GN1045) says, you have to *live* it.

The Lord opened my eyes to the people around me and their needs. I saw that the *Activated* vision was a personal witnessing vision. I have been so used to witnessing in a mass way of sowing the seed but never taking care of the sheep. So the first step for me was to start caring for the sheep that were outside my door. What better way

to care for them than to give them *Activated*?

The first month that I made the change I got out one subscription, but I would bring the mag to their door each month. That was okay, but still I needed to take it further and get paid for yearly subscriptions. As always, the Lord never fails, and in this month I got three full paid yearly subscriptions, plus my one from last month. Now I know it's possible!

# Pray!



**Healing key:** When you are in need of a miracle of healing, calling on the keys will bring you the assistance and renewed health that you need.

## Testimonies of Answered Prayer

**Patti, Brazil:** Everything went super well with my operation, although they had to remove my uterus and both ovaries, as the problem in the ovaries was spreading to the intestines. Thank the Lord for the power of the keys of the Kingdom.

The owner and main anesthesiologist came running out to say goodbye to me when I was leaving, and all the nurses gathered together to say goodbye, too. They told me that no matter what, they are there to help us (the Family) in any way that they can! The Lord answered every prayer in a marvelous way! Thanks for your prayers and thoughts. I love you all so very much!

**Katrina (of Andrew), Czech Republic:** Little Tedis (2) who was born with clubfeet is now walking. Praise the Lord!

**Caren, China:** The predicted new SARS epidemic petered out, for no known explanation (of course we know the reason)! We are convinced it is a direct answer to prayer. All power to Jesus, the Master of the keys! According to the World Health Organization, this particular new strain of SARS was predicted to be even more contagious than the last. Eighty people who had contact with the victims were also put into quarantine, and *none* of them contracted SARS. That is an amazing fact, as last year the sickness spread like wildfire. Up to 100 new cases were being reported each day last year as victims infected others before realizing they had the disease. So stopping SARS in its tracks is indeed a wonderful and miraculous answer to prayer!

## Asia

**Faye (19):** Herniated disk in her back, against pain in her back and the shooting pains in her legs.

**Gideon Fighter:** Recently diagnosed with psoriasis. While it's not widespread on my body and is under control, I want to ask for prayer against discouragement at knowing I have a chronic condition. Please claim the keys against despair and that I won't even think about it, as I pray for all of you with long-term afflictions, and that the gentle hands of our great Physician and Husband will heal me speedily.

**Peter Heart:** I would like to ask for prayer for healing of extreme fatigue that sets in whenever I have a strenuous workload. It seems that whenever I do a bit more than what would be considered a normal day's work, the next day I get hit with extreme fatigue so that I'm totally drained of energy, and the only way to get back to normal is if I stay in bed and rest. I've had several tests done to try to find out what could be the cause, but so far the tests have shown no signs of any kind of problem with my health.

Please pray for anointing for the doctors, and that the Lord will lead me to the right ones that the Lord can use to give a proper diagnosis and what is causing this problem, if there is something physically wrong. And/or that the Lord would be able to get through to me about what the root cause is spiritually and what I need to do to get delivered from this.

**Ruth:** I've been diagnosed with a fibroid in my uterus, and have been advised to have surgery to remove the uterus. The Lord showed me not to take the medical route for now, and that He is using this affliction to deepen me spiritually, and that He still wants my service and the Enemy was attacking me for going over the top in some areas of my life. Please pray that I can learn whatever He wants me to, and that I can be a disciple and grow spiritually. Also for wisdom in any medical decisions.

**Susan (11, of Arthur and Meekness):** Susan has a small lump between her throat and chin. One doctor diagnosed it as a cyst, while another said it was her thyroid gland which didn't move down to its proper place. The last few months this lump has moved down a little bit. We want to ask for your prayers that if it is a cyst, it will go away. If it is the problem with her gland, that it will move to its place without needing an operation or medication.

## Europe and Africa

**Bogdan (11 mos.):** Suffering from a very high fever (sometimes over 40°C). The doctors originally couldn't find anything wrong, but after a blood check-up, the doctors detected some kind of serious infection, and suggested we admit Bogdan into the hospital. We would like to ask you to pray for the miracle, as we know that with the Lord's power and the keys nothing is impossible. Please pray that the fever would go away and he would be well again, for his strength to be restored, for strength and faith for his parents.

## North America

**Kitty:** Breast cancer. Over the past two years I've had surgery twice to remove the cancer, but recently the Lord told me to stop going to the doctors, who were instilling fear in me. The Lord confirmed that He wanted me to fight for my healing. I am asking my brothers and sisters to please uphold me in prayer to be completely healed from breast cancer, and to make the needed changes in my life.

**Maya (of Tim) and Valorie (3, of Tim and Maya):** When Valorie was born we found out that she has cystic fibrosis (a genetic disease). Valorie spent her first year in and out of the hospital with life-threatening conditions, but thank the Lord hasn't been hospitalized since then. Both Tim and I are carriers of the cystic fibrosis gene, which we've been told means we have a one in four chance of having another child with cystic fibrosis.

I am newly pregnant with our fourth child. Two different channels received that it's not beyond a miracle of the keys to produce a healthy child, even if they might already have the disease. The Lord did tell us to get out our prayer request, and start having as many as possible of our Family and loved ones pray for the needed miracle. Our specific prayer requests are that the baby will be completely healthy and not have cystic fibrosis; if he/she already has it, that he/she will be healed from it in the womb and will be born problem free; for a full-term, healthy pregnancy; for strength for mother and baby and for no defects; and for continued good health and steady growth of Valorie.

## Pacific

**Braydn (7, of Cesco and Crissy):** Bacterial meningitis. Braydn is pres-

ently at the hospital, where he is being treated with antibiotics. He is still conscious and hasn't had a seizure, which is a good thing. Please pray against the severe pains in his head. For the antibiotics to work in killing the bacteria; against brain damage and any side effects whatsoever. For quick recovery, and anointing for the doctors and nurses who care for him. For the protection of the other kids, as bacterial meningitis is contagious.

**Jonathan:** Has shingles and his immune system is doing poorly; for his strength and healing of the shingles. (Jonathan recently had a kidney transplant and a sickness like shingles at this time can be quite dangerous.)

**Nick:** Diagnosed with a heart condition; that it can be remedied through exercise and diet and prayer as opposed to ongoing medication.

## South America

**Bernardo** (7, of Julia): A rusty nail went into his leg right under the knee. We took him to the hospital, where they dressed it and gave him medication, but the inflammation is still spreading. Please desperately pray that the inflammation will not become an infection and that the Lord in His mercy will heal him in the power of the keys.

**Beth** (of Paul): Ulcer or gastritis problem with the virus H. pylori. Beth had another attack, and she went to the doctor who gave her some medication to suppress the acid and suggested for her to go to an emergency hospital. Please pray the medication works. Please pray for immediate miraculous healing through the power of the keys.

**Homes in Venezuela:** We need the fervent prayers of our worldwide family to uphold Venezuela in your intercessory prayers. The possibility of a civil war is very real now, with lots of protest and riots in the country. A tear gas canister fell in one Home's yard in Caracas. So please pray for the safety and provision of all the Family and friends here in Venezuela. Please claim the Keys of peace for this country.

**Nehemias** (of Keren): Nehemias recently suffered a heart attack; he had an operation the day of the attack, and has been recovering well in spite of the doctors' initial prognosis. Please pray for his continued recuperation and strength, as well as supply of the funds needed to cover the bill for his operation.

# GRAPES OF THANKFULNESS

I would like to send all my love and thankfulness to **the brethren in Houston and El Paso**. Last year when my husband, Peter Judah, passed away in El Paso, Texas, everybody from both areas pulled together to love and help us. We especially thank **Charity and Joshua** (in Houston) for caring for our four boys, and **Simon and Phoebe** in El Paso for receiving my family, and helping with Peter Judah's relatives and a zillion details. Both Homes helped to counsel and comfort our teens and young people, and break the news to some.

I also want to thank **Ira** (of Esther), my knight in shining armor, for helping me to walk through this dark valley. For being my brain and condensing all our stuff into a U-haul trailer, driving from Houston to El Paso and back again. For comforting me in my worst moments, organizing the funeral, and still working on the weekends to provide for his Home! I never felt lonely or forsaken.

I can't number all the big and small favors in what was my darkest hour in 22 years of service to the Lord. Thank you, sweet Family; I couldn't have coped without you.

—LOVINGLY, PANDITA, USA

A big, juicy grape of thankfulness to **David** (of Nina)! I should've sent this a long time back, but I guess it's better late than never! I will ever be thankful to you and Jesus that I have such a dedicated brother who helped me a lot in my times of need! I want to let you know that you, David, Nina, and your kid are on my prayer list! God bless you.

—RACHEL, RUSSIA

A big thank-you to **James and Angela, Elkanah and Tamar, Titus and Becky,** and **Chris and Celeste**, each in a different part of this planet, for going the extra mile to make sure I was aware and knew about Oliver's (my son) accident in Mexico, and letting me know the details of his progress and the others during those difficult hours in which we didn't know all the details of the situation. Thank the Lord He delivered them, and that they all were released from the hospital.

These precious Family members took the time to make the long distance call to let us know! It makes me proud of our Family one more time. Also Chris and Celeste, in Tampico, took in my son and the others involved in the accident after they came out of the hospital. God bless you all!

—VERY THANKFUL, EVA (OLIVER'S MOTHER), SPAIN

We would like to send a great big heartfelt thank-you to **Gideon and Lamb, Elisabeth, and Jonathan and Esther**. Thank you so much for your love and encouragement and help during our visit to Norway. The clothes and suitcases, counsel and prayers were a real Godsend and strength to us during our time there. A very big hug and kiss to all of you and your precious families!

—ANGEL, JOHN, AND KIDS, BRAZIL

I don't know how to get in touch with so many precious loved ones, so I thought to use this avenue to express my thankfulness to some of these precious "middle-aged" brethren that once touched my life. I want to send them my gratitude,

appreciation and admiration forever. I believe that some have changed names, aren't mated to the same people, or have gone to their heavenly reward; still, my memories of you are fond as when I first met you. From Spain (where I first joined) till Colombia (where I'm presently living), thank you, precious brethren:

**Ben and Ruth and Gabriel and Luna** (catacombers' shepherds during my beginning days); my fellow catacomber friends **Pilar, Carmen, Fe, Carmen, Agueda, Mar, Luz, and Victor; Joseph and Christina; French Manuel; Mercy; Spanish Beatriz; Maria Antonia; Mari Carmen; Jose and Celia; English Joyce; José María; Spanish translators Jorge and Ana; Miguel and Ester; Canadian Daniel; Zichri and Hepsy; Chilean Ana; French Joy; Phineas; Italian Rossi; Ruthie (of Baruc); Jordan and Maria; Juan CO; German Zach and Sara; Spanish Pedro and Gloria; Boaz and Dorcas; Giobbe and Stella; Nehemiah and Vigna; Peter and Hannah; German Michael and Victory; Charity (of Samuel); Paul Papers; Byron and Marie; Abel and Marie Claire; Dawn; Dutch Susanne; Martin and Ana; Stefan and Joy; David and Joan; Zach and Paloma; Jay and Sara; Jim and Lily; Mark and Tabitha; New Zealanders Michael and Ruth; James and Mercy; Juan Francisco and Maggie; Susanna (of Chris); Lynn; Peruvian James; Elias and Eva; Elias (Luis); Andreas (of Chris); Mark CO, etc., etc. I love you all!**

—MARIA (OF ANDY, FORMERLY MAGDALENA AND MIGUEL), COLOMBIA

# entertainment

Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

## **PASSION OF THE CHRIST, THE (2004)**

James Caviezel, Monica Bellucci, Maia Morgenstern

Intense drama detailing the 12 hours of Jesus' life, from the Garden of Gethsemane to His crucifixion. The movie is powerful, realistic, and quite Scripturally accurate, but may be too graphic for some to watch. (The majority of the two hours, while very meaningful, is very violent and painful.)

(Jesus:) *The Passion of the Christ*, while disturbing, will help you be touched by the immensity of My sacrifice for you. Never before has the torture and extreme suffering that I experienced been so graphically portrayed, and it's bound to have an effect on virtually anyone who sees it.

So many of My children take communion without truly understanding what it means. Every time you break bread, I want you to remember that My body was indeed crushed and broken for you. When you drink the wine, I want you to remember the full extent of what it cost Me to shed My blood for you. For I knew that I would have to suffer these things, and that it would be nearly unbearable physically. But My love for you was great—much greater even than the pain.

This movie is not for everyone. It should not be shown to anyone JETT age or younger, without it first being previewed by their parents or the responsible adults. Also, if you're someone who is easily affected by violence and gore, and if you already have a deep understanding and appreciation for the great sacrifice I made for you, the movie may disturb you more than it's worth. It's important that you ask Me if this movie is for you.

If I confirm that you should watch it, do not go into it expecting to be inspired. The message as a whole will feed you spiritually and sober your spirit. However, you will most likely *not* go away with images of My smiling face, but rather, images of My love and mercy, depicted on My blood-drenched, pain-ridden face. *The Passion of the Christ* is about understanding just how far I was willing to go because of My love for you.

(Jesus:) This isn't a "feel good" movie. It was meant to be an experience—a virtual journey of sights and sounds that would burn themselves into your mem-

## **New Tract Available: "My Passion"**

By the WS GP department

As the new movie *The Passion of the Christ* (by Mel Gibson) is a pretty hot topic in the news these days, it could be a great opportunity for us to use the attention that Jesus is already getting to get out more of the message to many. You'll find a new tract on the MO site entitled "My Passion"—a message from Jesus about His love and salvation—which could be a great witnessing tool to distribute at theaters, or anywhere; to people who have seen the movie, or to people who haven't.

You can find the tract "My Passion" on the MO site under Pubs > Tracts. We pray it's a blessing to you!

ory so indelibly that you'd never be able to forget them. The extreme violence in the movie was designed to take you to the edge, almost to the point where you can't take it any more. That was the intent and what the producers were hoping for.

You might not necessarily be touched or moved by this the way you'd expect. It's not "inspiring," and you're not going to come away feeling emotionally, or even spiritually "high." For most, the graphic violence will be too much, too overwhelming for that. But afterward, when meditating and praying about it, you'll probably find that you were affected in even a much deeper way than what you had expected, a more important and *lasting* way.

There are, of course, lots of other parts, other chapters of My life that you're familiar with, which could have been depicted as well. I'm your Friend, your Shepherd, your Lover and Husband, your Miracle Worker, and the One Who rose from the dead. And it would be nice if other movies would be made about My life, depicting these other sides of Me in just as powerful and graphic terms. But the fact is, if I hadn't been willing to go through those horrendous twelve hours of torture and crucifixion, none of the rest would really mean anything anyway. It would have been nice and sweet and comforting and made people *feel* good, but it wouldn't have been enough. It wouldn't have really mattered or made a difference. In order to truly put skin on it all, I had to go through the torture and horror of the cross.

There could have been a different emphasis in this movie. It could have been less graphic, less torturous. But this is the movie I wanted for this time, for this generation, and I gifted and anointed these men to make it. Of course it's not perfect. No production or witnessing tool is or will be. But this is the movie I knew would generate the kind of controversy that would get the at-

tention I wanted to get. Most people today, especially the younger generation, have to have something harsh, violent, horrible, and graphic in order to get their attention.

It's true that his conservative Catholic background strongly influenced Mel Gibson in his decision to emphasize the cross and the suffering to such an extent. It's not the whole story by any means—just one brief chapter of My life, twelve short hours. But just because it didn't tell the *whole* story, or dwell on something more inspiring, doesn't mean that it didn't accomplish what I meant for it to accomplish or cover the material that it *needed* to cover.

Your religion in the Family is a happy one, and you tend to concentrate more on the freedoms and blessings I've given you, than you do about things like suffering and sin and death on the cross. But if you choose to watch this, if you're *able* to, it will be good for you. If you ask Me to help you see beyond the suffering, beyond the hardships I endured and understand the great love that saw Me through it, you'll partake of that love and leave uplifted.

If I show you to watch it, and if you call upon Me to be with you as you do, I will help you to be touched by the good and will protect your spirit from being negatively affected. It might hurt momentarily, but the pain will pass, and you will be left with a stronger and much more knowledgeable understanding of how blessed you truly are to be My brides, and what wonderful love we will be able to share together for all eternity.

[Note: For further details of what to expect as far as the level and intensity of gore, you may be interested in the movie reviews at the following links: <http://www.suntimes.com/output/ebert1/cst-frm-passion24.html> and [http://www.screenit.com/movies/2004/the\\_passion\\_of\\_the\\_christ.html](http://www.screenit.com/movies/2004/the_passion_of_the_christ.html).]

### **GIRL WITH A PEARL EARRING (2003)**

Colin Firth, Scarlett Johansson

Drama based on a novel speculating what happened behind the scenes of a famous painting by the Dutch artist Johannes Vermeer.

(Jesus:) This movie is interesting if you are interested in art, or in the way people lived in the mid-1600s in Holland. It's historical fiction. It has some interesting things about art and the acting is well done. It gives a glimpse into life in those times and the difference in the classes. It gives insight into the hand-to-mouth existence that some of these artists lived, how the patronage system worked and the lengths that the artists had to go to in order to realize their dreams. It also shows how life was difficult in those days for the poor and those who had to seek employment as maids and housekeepers, and they worked from morning until night with no thanks and little pay. There is much in the movie that is informative about that time period—down to the details of how they did laundry, how they cooked and prepared meals, how artists ground and mixed colors, etc.

It is a deep and somewhat ponderous film, and you really need to get into it some in order to get something out of it. It's a character study and brings out the very human traits of a desire for love and acceptance, as well as jealousy, insecurity, and the sad results of a lack of good communication. The people in the movie weren't particularly wise, but neither were they malicious or evil. They were just human, and didn't have My love and My light to guide them. In their own way, they were all trying to do the best they could.

Sometimes it takes seeing a movie like this which contrasts so starkly with your life, to help you realize how blessed you really are. It shows how impossible it is to do the right thing without My love and wisdom and insight and strength and unselfishness. Some would find it interesting or would gain good lessons or principles from it. Others would be discouraged or saddened by it, or it could add weight to their battles of insecurity or jealousy or their fears. Ask Me if this movie is one you should watch.

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Movies Rated for OCs and Up

### **MIRACLE (2004)**

Kurt Russell, Patricia Clarkson

*Miracle* tells the true story of Herb Brooks, the player-turned-coach who led the "underdog" 1980 U.S. Olympic hockey team to victory over the seemingly invincible Russian squad.

(Jesus:) This is a true story of a man who believed in doing the impossible. But his victory didn't come without a lot of hard work, stick-to-itiveness, and bucking the tide. To accomplish what this man had the vision for, he had to break out of the norm, in spite of opposition.

The rewards that he was working towards were earthly; nevertheless, seeing the movie should inspire My children that their labors are not in vain. Even though they don't see a lot of rewards, they should know that their determination to be My disciples, to make personal sacrifices for the sake of their Home and My Family, does not go unnoticed. There are good lessons in this movie, both for "players" (or disciples) and also for "coaches" (shepherds).

It was a miracle to get all those boys together, united, working in teamwork, giving their all. It shows the importance of teamwork, unity, forsaking all, perse-

verance, putting your *all* into what you believe in, taking it seriously and really going for it with all you've got. That's what you need to do in the Family! Of course, there's a lot of U.S. hype and patriotism thrown in there, but take that with a grain of salt.

This is a movie with lots of good lessons and incentive for people to be the best they can be. The teamworking lessons are extremely valuable for My children. In the world, teamworking is a good trait, but in My Family it is a *vital* trait. A house divided cannot stand, so in order for My children to move forward they must be united and work as a team. Even now, as your Coach, I am preparing you to withstand in the evil day. I am helping you to be conditioned and prepared, so that when the time comes you will not be found lacking.

How badly do you want to achieve your goals? How badly do you want to be a champion? What are you willing to go through to become one?

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**Gabe, WS:** On March 17, 1972, Herb Brooks wrote me a letter, asking me to come to his college for education and to play on his hockey team. In April 1972, I flew to the University of Minnesota to meet with Herb Brooks. I seriously considered his offer. But then on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 1972, I decided to join the Family, and to invest my time and energy toward spiritual benefits rather than pursue a career in hockey and a college education. (There were also other colleges that offered me fully paid scholarships, including the University of Wisconsin, University of Denver, Notre Dame, Colorado College, Michigan Tech, Yale, Harvard, and others.)

## **GP e-mail responses GP e-mail responses**

I have done extensive research into your group, and I am very impressed. Lately my family and I have found ourselves stuck going through the motions of day-to-day life. We have "important" careers and the material "fulfillment" that supposedly accompanies them. However, something is missing in our lives. We are in need of something deeper and more meaningful. Please send me information regarding the closest community in my area so that we can contact some of your wonderful people. We would be willing to travel to meet with some members, if necessary.

—Mike

After reading your Web site carefully and reading literature about the Children of God, the Family, I would like to know your ministries in Belgium, because I cannot find them on your Web site or any other place. The words of David Berg changed my life—what my initial Roman Christian belief failed to do. As a 22-year-old it took me till now to find the words of truth. Thanks to David Berg.

—Nicolas

Thank you for your answers to my questions. I found the information to be absolutely fascinating. When you get a chance, please let me know when the signing of the seven-year covenant will be and who will sign it. Will the three-and-a-half-year period start after the seven years? Also is there some idea as to who the Antichrist is, and is he alive now? I read my Bible every day, and I am surprised to read the prophecies in Isaiah and Jeremiah coming to pass in this day and age. Thank you so much for responding to my questions.

—Diana

Hello. My name is Andres. I live in the Dominican Republic. I want you to know that God has given me one more chance to live. You see, I was a drug addict, and through the help of the Family's inspiration I have God in my life now. I think it's my turn to give back, and I'm willing to give all my possessions and join the path of the Son of God with the Family. I want to be your brother forever. Where can I reach the Family so that I can join them?

—Andres

Movies Rated for MCs and Up

**MIRACLE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA, THE (1952)**

Gilbert Roland, Susan Whitney

Dramatization based on a true story of three Portuguese shepherd children who saw visions of Mary in 1917.

(Jesus:) This movie is a testimony of how I can take the seemingly weak and foolish things of this earth to confound the wise. Poor shepherd children were given this vision from Heaven, which caused so many to believe.

There's a very good message in this movie about holding on to your faith despite the obstacles or the tribulations, and standing strong. This is something that would really encourage kids in the Family—to see what it was like for these three kids to be persecuted. Even though they were scared, they still kept their trust in Me, and weren't afraid of the man who was trying to do them harm, and their simple believing faith won in the end.

This movie will give you a lot to discuss. It should be previewed ahead of time, so you can use it to get some good dialogue going with your children and to address something that is often difficult to discuss. The movie is rather old-fashioned, and therefore the acting is overly dramatic. But on the overall, it's a good portrayal of history, the times

that this event occurred in, and it can give your older children not just a good little history class, but also a class on what to do when facing persecution.

This movie shows that those who fight you are often those of the established religions, your own family, friends, and eventually the rulers of the land. But, My dear little ones, never fear. For if you will remain faithful to Me, great will be your reward and I will be with you always.

Though we don't promote the rituals of the Catholic Church or worship of the Virgin Mary, it can be explained to the kids how I worked according to the faith and belief of the people of this village. This aspect of the movie can also be used to help the children understand more about the beliefs of those who belong to the Catholic faith.

This movie can be shown to MCs as long as the movie is explained to them, as otherwise it would go over their heads. But since it's so wholesome it would be fine for their age group to watch. And the best way to view it is to not just stop at watching the movie, but make it an object lesson and supplement it with My Word.

OTHER MOVIES

[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 preview and pray about it.]

**50 FIRST DATES (2004)**

Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore

(Dad:) This is an entertaining romantic comedy for the most part, but it's sad that they had to throw in the crass or ungodly elements—like the homosexual aspect, one of the men making frequent derogatory digs at his wife, and a few gross scenes or lines sprinkled throughout. It's not that it's altogether bad or unwatchable, but the few not-so-great and not-so-inspiring elements have turned what might have been a very sweet and innocent and fun and enjoyable movie into something a little impure.

No movie is altogether "pure"—but this could have been a pretty pure and innocent movie if it weren't for some of the uncalled for and unwanted aspects of it. If you do see it, you'd definitely want to be forewarned that there is some unhealthy and ungodly humor in it, and it may not be to your liking or very good for your spirit because of this. If you're prepared to choose the good and eschew the evil, then it is also a sweet movie about love, and could be viewable as a one-time thing.

**HELP WANTED**

Greetings to all of you, my dear Family! My name is **Gloria** (Russian). One and a half years ago my dad passed away, and my mum often feels very lonely, and is going through some difficult battles physically and spiritually. She is going through a rough time in her life, and I would like to go and visit her, but don't have the funds to do this. When I prayed about this situation, the Lord told me to write and ask for help. You have been very sweet and helpful before, and once again I would like to ask you, my dear Family, for your help.

I need about 600 euros! Please, if you have anything you can help with, I will appreciate it a lot. Thank you very much for your prayers and your help! Please send your donation to RU 037 for Gloria.

Much love and thanks, Gloria

Dear Family, God bless all of you out there! I'm **Melody** (of Luke and Catherine), happily serving Jesus in the Middle East where my family and I have been for a very long time. Our Home is involved in a lot of ministries, such as LitPic work, producing the *Motivated* mags, and a host of other ministries.

Recently, the Lord opened the door for me to visit a more open country in our area where I can experience firsthand witnessing for three months this summer. Due to the political situation in the region, our Home has been facing some financial difficulties with our fundraising. I prayed and the Lord showed me to put out this ad to appeal to you, my dear Family, to ask if the Lord might lay a burden on your heart to support this trip, as we don't have other avenues. I need US\$450, and am claiming the keys of supply for this next step.

You could send your contributions through the TRF to Melody, ALP Home, Middle East, ASCRO. I love you.

Love, Melody

**Kirsty** plays well, Her music sounds like the bells. The whole Home is swell, 'Cuz with the "band" she jells.

It's the piano, that's her thing; But now she's without, and must bring. So help her swing, With her latest thing.

Send cash today, Don't delay! The Lord will repay, As you send it her way.

"Send cash to me; I'm in the ME. Living in the ALP, With CO Emmy"

—Kisses, Kirsty

**Personals**

We were talking about old times the other day and wondered where you are, **Romans and Ezekiel Farmer** (Chicago, 1973). We'd love to hear from you! Please write to us at: whiteriver@safe-mail.net. Love, Topaz, Philemon (Phil), and Shiloh

Hi, **everyone**, this is just a short note to let you know that we're as of now, officially online. The address you should write to from now on is this one: juanjoana@virgilio.it. Our yahoo address is no longer valid. Please make sure to send your PGP key (named, so we know who it's from). We love you all. Love, Joana and Juan

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