

Everybody can be great ... because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

## Announcing the Release of TeleTRF 2005

By WS

As you read in *Grapevine* #183, the final TeleTRF 2005 release will be available on the MO site for download between early to mid-June, in time to use for your June TRF! God bless the TeleTRF team who have been working double time to get it to you. It has many important updates, a notable one being that you will be able to report Missionary members (MMs) who are reporting and tithing to your Home, as well as your Active members (AMs), and they can all begin receiving their own mailings. PTL!

We encourage all FD/MM Homes to download the program as soon as it's available, and we would like as many Homes as possible to use it for your June reporting. If you have AMs and attached MMs, you will only be able to report them and get mailings for them by using the updated TeleTRF 2005. August also marks the launch of the *Link* magazine. (See *GVs* #183 and 184 for details on *Link*.) Only through TeleTRF 2005 can you sign up your Active members for this new mag, and your attached MMs for their full mailings, including this mag and other pubs!

The TeleTRF is a 6.5-megabyte download. All FD Homes have recently

had to download the Home Review program, which was larger than the TeleTRF, so we hope that this should not be a problem for most.

If there are MM or FD Homes who are for some reason unable to download the TeleTRF—either due to slow Internet connections, or other problems—we have a couple of suggestions:

- We would first recommend that you look into whether a neighboring Home with the needed Internet connection can give a copy of the program to you once they have downloaded it.

- If you or a neighboring Home are not able to download the program, please immediately write your regional desk (RD), letting them know so they can either send you a CD or help you in some way acquire the program.

If you think you will have a problem acquiring the program, please let your RD know as soon as possible after reading this notice. It's important that you do not wait until the last minute, as otherwise it may be too late for the

RD to help you before the June 25<sup>th</sup> reporting date.

FM Homes are also encouraged to download this new version and begin using it for your June TRF, especially if you would like to report your AMs. However, if you are unable to do so by that time, you can continue using the older version of the TeleTRF until such a time as you are able to upgrade.

In the coming months, each FD/MM/FM Home will receive a TeleTRF 2005 CD. Since these will need to be duped and mailed to you, they probably will not reach you before August. Please install and begin using TeleTRF 2005 once you receive this CD if you were not able to download and install it earlier. If you can download and install TeleTRF 2005 it will not be necessary to install it again when you receive the CD, but you will have the CD on hand in case you need to re-install it in the future.

Thank you so much for your help and doing all you can to begin using TeleTRF 2005 by June 25<sup>th</sup>. We pray it will be a blessing to you!

Love,  
Your WS Family

### Address for Africa Children's Mag

The magazine name and address included in "Q&A: *Kidz Biz Alternatives?*" in *GV* #183 for the children's mag in Africa was incorrect. The correct e-mail address and mag name is as follows:

#### Africa

Contact e-mail:

iloveafrica2005@yahoo.co.uk

Mag name: *I Love Africa!*

Please send your content there instead of to the address listed in *GV* #183. Thank you so much. WLY!

### kidbits

**Isabella**, born to **Rebeca and Abner** on February 21.—Brazil

**Amber Kaylyn**, 3<sup>rd</sup> child, born to **Ariane and Sam** (SGAs) on March 22.—Thailand

**Brooke Ariella**, 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter, born to **Liz and Mike** (SGAs) on March 25.—Italy

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## Q&A: *Early Bird Reader* Series Available?

By the WS pubs department

**Q:** We thought we had read somewhere that this series would be automatically sent to any family with children ages six and under, so we did not order it from our PC. However, in the Year-end GNs, Peter mentions that we do need to order them via a notice on the MO site, but we searched for the notice and could not find it. We have several younger children who we would like to use the readers with, but we are not quite sure if we need to do something to order them, or if they will be automatically sent to the families with small children. Would you please let us know? Thank you.—*Mercy (of John), Italy*

**A:** In September 2004, an announcement was posted on the MO site about the *Early Bird Reader* series, which stated that the GP version of the *EBR* series was ready for ordering for distribution. There are *two* sets of the *Early Bird Readers*—a 12-booklet version, which is aimed at the general public and a 16-booklet set aimed at a Family audience. (The first 12 booklets of the Family set are the same as the GP version, and the four additional booklets are a Family-oriented continuation of the first 12 booklets.) The *Early Bird Reader* set that is featured in the Aurora catalogue is the GP version of 12 booklets. The 16-booklet Family version presently isn't ready for ordering; we are sorry we weren't clear in the announcement with regards to the Family version.

Our original hope was that the Family version of the *Early Bird Readers* would be ready for ordering by the beginning of 2005. However, due to several printing delays, the *Early Bird Reader* sets will only be sent to the Homes later this year. The GP version, however, has been available since the end of 2004 for GP distribution.

We're giving *one free* 16-booklet *Early Bird Readers* package to every FD/MM/FM family with children 6 and under. The *EBR* package consists of 16 color booklets, a teachers' guide, flashcards for all 16 books, four certificates (one for each four books the child completes), and bookmarks, and it all comes in a handy carry box. The free *EBR* set to each family with children six and under will be sent to the Homes along with the books in the second book shipment, which should reach the Homes in the latter half of this year.

There will be a limited amount of extra Family sets that will be available for others to order (teachers, board members, expecting parents, etc.), but those will only be available once all the Homes have received the *EBR* sets/second book printing. When these additional sets are available we'll put a notice in the *Grapevine* and on the MO site explaining how you can order them.

Thank you so much for keeping this project in your prayers; we depend on your prayers! We love you and hope to have these teaching aids to you soon.

## Anything Wonderful Can Happen —If You Don't Give Up!

By Jo, Mexico

Our Home in Cuernavaca put together a small singing team. We are not professional, and often, the times we have gone singing have been during difficult times for our Home, with sickness, people away on trips, etc. But in the midst of everything, the Lord helped us have our biggest witness, even when we felt somewhat limited, and like we were up against too many obstacles.

We have been ministering to A., who is the manager of a middle-class restaurant in the city. He's very interested in the New Age movement, but eventually he did get saved, which was a victory. He is attracted to the Spirit, and he has often offered to help us. During one holiday week, he invited us to sing at his restaurant for the duration of the holiday. While there, A. announced that he had invited two guests who work for one of the best-known national TV stations in Mexico. He had already arranged an interview for us, as well as the filming of our show the very next day!

We didn't have much time to prepare, as A. had arranged everything and then announced it to us. He explained that he did this so we could get exposure and support for our work. We prayed about it, and the Lord gave the go-ahead. We called the media Home and asked them to keep us in prayer, or to even come along to assist while there.

We called a photographer friend, whom we had met restau-

rant singing, to ask if he could take photos of our interview. He is a famous photographer, and had enjoyed the Family songs we had sung for him. The week before, he had been on a TV interview, during which he had talked about how he had met us, the Family, and how touched he had been by our message of God's love. He was very happy to come and take the photos of us. We met up with the media team (Ben, Joy, Pablo, and Sammy) to counsel and have prayer together, and they also came to the restaurant with us.

The TV stations filmed three of our songs, and then the interviewer sat with Ben and Jo, to ask them different questions about our work. The interview lasted for around 30 minutes. We gave him a selection of photos and our latest newsletter. The interviewer was sweet, and said he could help us extend our CTPs to other places he knew of. Apparently, this TV station had sent their best interviewer and cameramen for this occasion.

The interviewer then wanted to talk with one person from our singing team, so Cecy (SGA) was interviewed for about five minutes. She answered questions about our motivation for singing, and gave a good witness.

After that, we talked a bit with the interviewer and cameraman, as he took photos of each of us, and then a couple of group shots. It was very inspiring. There were previews several days before, and a week later, it was aired. That day, we received four phone calls from people who were interested in helping with our work. This was so encouraging for us! We'd done our best, then the Lord came through for us and did what we couldn't do. He surprised us with this gift of encouragement!



By the *END* team

In *END* 72, page 6, at the bottom of the article about the flu, there's an error in the message from Dad—not because Dad got it wrong, but because the channel did. It says, "As the Lord said a long time ago, it's not what comes *out* of a man that defiles him but what goes *in*—dirty fingers, junk food, and even stress and strain, which often leads to a lower resistance. Keep clean, calm, prayerful, praiseful, and claim the keys, and that'll go a long way toward keeping you healthy!"

As several of you have pointed out, the Lord actually said the reverse in Matthew 15:11: "Not that which goeth *into* the mouth defileth a man, but that which cometh *out* of the mouth, this defileth a man."

We, the *END* staff, are very sorry about this mistake, and sincerely apologize for it. When we prayed about it, the Lord said it wasn't that the mes-

sage was wrong. The point was right, but because the channel was going too fast and got mixed up in the wording of that little lesson, it was an "influenced" prophecy. (See ML #3304:24–39, GN 905.) We goofed, and the staff of the *END* feel very bad about it.

As for the message itself, the counsel is sound. To remain healthy, remember to keep dirty fingers out of your mouth. If you keep clean, calm, prayerful, praiseful, and claim the keys, you can also claim better health, and that's an important point to keep in mind, even if it took this little mistake to emphasize it more strongly.

The Lord also said He allowed it because the *END* is a pub that, as we build our Activated Church, will become more and more used to feed the meat of the Word on current issues to our friends and sheep. Until now, the *END* has been gone over by just a few people—sometimes only a couple when

things were very busy—because we just haven't had the personnel to devote more time to it. But now, because there will likely be increased readership of the *END* and it will become more of a witnessing tool, the Lord wants us to give it more focus, add more people to the proofreading and checking process, and more prayer and confirmation to the messages therein. So we will be doing so, and we pray the *END* will continue to be a blessing to you, and to the sheep you share portions of it with.

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By the *WS* pubs department

It was brought to our attention that there was a spelling error in *Xn* #49 on page 11. We apologize for this error. Each pub goes through a lengthy process, which normally ensures that errors are corrected before they are sent out, but sometimes a few may slip through. Please do keep our efforts in your prayers. We love you!

## Timid Teens Now Teaching Others!

By *Levi* (17), *Brazil*

I used to always be the guy who stayed in the back and just smiled and said hi when out witnessing, but recently, with the new vision of pushing *Activated*, I've been going out more with other teens. At first, we were really shy and didn't know what to say, or how to explain the *Activated* mags, and we would get all mixed up. But since the Lord can use even the little people, He began to put the right words in our mouths.

One day, Arturo (17) and I were out, and we didn't know where to go, so we just stopped and asked the Lord for directions. We got on the first bus that came by and jumped off at the sight of some stores. We started to witness, but after a while, got sort of discouraged. We stopped and prayed again, and the Lord led us to a gym, so we went over and asked to talk to the owner. Even though our presentation wasn't that good, she was attracted to the mag and what we were doing. She said that the churches weren't for her and that she was looking for something different. She was touched when we prayed with her, and subscribed to *Activated*!

A few weeks later, I called her to see how she was doing. She said that she had already read the first three mags and had enjoyed them. She was also giving them to her friends. She asked us to come and spend some time with her and her daughter to talk

more about the Bible. Since neither of us had ever given a Bible study, nor did we know if the daughter was a sheep or not, we were pretty nervous! We went ahead by faith and the Lord did it! He showed us to read the first mag, which is a basic explanation of Who Jesus is, so we did, and it was just what she needed! The daughter got saved and said that she wants to visit us more. For us, this was a super victory, and demonstrated that the Lord can use anybody, if we'll just let the Holy Spirit lead. It's only Jesus!

## Acknowledging Pays

By *Marina*, *Japan*

Due to my health condition, I am unable to go out much, thus I try to be faithful with e-mail communications and do a lot of follow-up and coordination for provisioning pick-ups. Sometime last year we were contacted by Mr. B., a systems engineer for a Tokyo-based IT outsourcing firm. Whenever one of his clients was closing or moving an office and wanted to dispose of the unused hardware, Mr. B would offer the good quality equipment to us.

The first time we received an offer from Mr. B., I was able to right away arrange a pick-up for a needy project, including sending a thank-you letter and acknowledgement of the items received. Soon after, I provided documentation on how the equipment was being used. Mr. B seemed to be pleased with such efficiency and continued to con-

tact us whenever there was hardware available, which has been a blessing to our Homes, as well as CTP projects.

Recently one of Mr. B's clients was so impressed with our sample and newsletters that he donated a brand-new coffee table set with matching couches, chairs, and tables, and a counter and carpet for our living room/kitchen area—a perfect answer to prayer!

Lastly, Mr. B. (whom I've never personally met) wrote me the following note:

Hi Marina,

Thanks for the good words. People in Japan in general are very sensitive when it comes to helping others, but once they understand what you are doing and are assured that their help goes to the intended purposes, they are ready to help.

Thank you for the information regarding the project in Mongolia where some of Kemper's equipment was used. I think this kind of feedback will be very useful to donors, as it will show them how their help is being used and that it is greatly appreciated and will make them more willing to participate again in the future.

I would like to know more about you and your activities and meet with you if the opportunity arises.

Until then I remain truly yours,  
B.

# happenings

## The wooden bed

**John, Middle East:** We followed up on a sweet man whom we had met several years ago. He remembered us and was happy to help with wood to build a bed for one of our couples, Marco and Theophany. So off we went to choose the wood, but when confronted with all the different types of woods, designs, colors, etc., we were perplexed as to what to choose. We decided it would be best to have Marco come to the place himself and choose the wood. Before leaving, we witnessed to some of the workers, and then left them with the *Someone Cares* tape.

We continued on with our outreach and follow-up, when we received a surprising phone call. "Is my friend going to donate wood for you to build a bed?" the caller inquired. Puzzled, I replied with a yes. "Then I want to make the bed for you." He went on to explain how he had seen the *Someone Cares* tape on a desk at work and found out that they were donating wood for someone's bed. Apparently, this man had received one of our tapes a year and a half ago, and listens to it every day in his car. "Every time I hear of a disaster or of some serious problem, I listen to your tape and it keeps me," he said. "I want to make this bed for you!"

## Just six subs?

**Peter Heart, Thailand:** Over three years ago, King Peter suggested ("Heading Into 2002," ML #3382) that each person try to get out at least six subscriptions in one year. I wasn't sure how to go about it, since the *Activated* mag isn't in the local language. However, when I prayed about it, the Lord showed me that I had relatives and friends abroad whom I write, and whom I could try to get activated.

I remembered that a few years ago, my mother and stepdad had visited from the

States. They were very favorable and at the end of their visit gave us a considerable donation. We decided to subscribe them to *Activated* as a gift of our appreciation for their help. Now, after almost three years of reading *Activated* they are sold on them. So much so that when I recently wrote them, requesting their help to sponsor subscriptions for the poor who couldn't afford them, they sent us US\$100 for subscription sponsorship to give the desk of our choice!

Now, three years later, counting the amount of subscriptions that will get subsidized through their gifts, it amounts to about 30 subscriptions—well over six per year! Who says it can't be done?

## Bigger team, bigger faith

**Rachel, Philippines:** When we were only a small team I never had a problem with asking our friends for financial assistance, but when the Lord showed us to move in with another family, I knew my faith would be stretched. Now I would need to ask contacts and friends for triple the amount I had been used to. But the neat thing is that they have all gladly agreed to our requests, and have even suggested to other companies to help as well.

## Forget the flowers

**Mariana, Senegal:** We have known Mr. Jay for over five years, since first coming to Senegal. He is the manager of a large casino chain and has been helping with regular support. Over the years, he's progressed spiritually through our visits and the *Activated* mags. About six months ago, this dear man was diagnosed with lung cancer and was immediately sent to France for treatment. During that period of time, Luke continued to send him *Reflections* and other reading material, including one prophecy which was to prepare him for his

departing from this earth. We never heard from him during that time; nevertheless, we continued to keep him in our prayers.

In January, he passed on, and we were told by some friends that during the funeral his wife conveyed a message from him: "He didn't want anyone spending money towards flowers for the funeral. Instead, give your donations to Family Care in Senegal." A real encouragement to us, that "His Word never returns void," and was obviously being received!

## Outreach exhilarated

**Theresa, South Africa:** The past months have been quite inspiring in terms of outreach. We have many new sheep on the line and potential new disciples! With the board criteria and the bar being set higher, it's very exciting to see what the Lord has in store for us as we make witnessing a priority.

While witnessing we've received a lot more comments of, "Hey, I've seen this magazine before!" which is thrilling as then you know you're doing your job. I believe the Lord is making it easier for us, as I noticed lately that some of our outreach spots that used to be tough are now more fruitful than before.

Memorizing the key promises is a huge boost to our outreach, because no matter what you're going through, the key promises say it can be done. Quoting the key promises always does something amazing inside of you; you know the Lord's going to do something miraculous that day. Maybe it's not always financial, but perhaps it's the souls you won or the woman in tears whom you had the opportunity to pray for. Whatever it was, you go home feeling a lot happier, knowing you gave someone the best gift ever—Jesus.

## Discreet setup

**Lilac, Marie, Paul, and Rachel, Guinea:** A Swiss lady who prayed with Paul to re-

ceive Jesus and subscribed to the *Activé* mag said that she purposely left *Activé* mags lying around for her teen daughters, who eventually read them. Then her daughters, who had turned away from the faith, got interested in the Word, and are now Christians!

## Airing the message

**Miracle Pillar, Europe:** Our two sheep who produce books on Creation and who helped us get out our Christmas tools recently put the *Countdown to Armageddon* video on one of the local TV stations! It was so heavy to see it being aired with overdubbing in the language of the land, knowing that this very meaty message was being seen by many people in this country.

## When the meat comes first

**Rose Schaf, Holland:** The Lord had been convicting me about compromising the more radical message for financial gain and hiding behind our CTP work when out shop-to-shop. We generally give out a lot of Endtime posters on the street, while personal witnessing to many. In that type of witnessing, it is very easy to be radical, but personally the temptation to compromise comes when provisioning or fundraising. Recently, the Lord showed me to always put the Endtime message first, even when going shop-to-shop. Many Dutch are adamant atheists, so this is a challenge. It was quite a change at first, but I have to say that I am totally sold on it now!

Now when going into a shop, we tell them we have something very interesting to read, and we explain in a few sentences about the Endtime poster. Then if they are receptive, we offer the other tools and ask for financial help. When I first started doing this, the average income on a shop-to-shop day dropped quite significantly. But the Lord encouraged me to not give up,

and we prayed about ways to best present the Endtime message to those we meet.

I am totally sold on this method, and am having so much more fun going shop-to-shop. Before, fundraising was more of a necessity, and I mainly looked forward to the days when we could go personal witnessing on the street. But now it doesn't really matter any more what kind of witnessing I am doing. I am just enjoying myself all the time, and the income from going shop-to-shop has even gone up to what it was before.

I am so thankful that the Lord helped me to have this change in my approach. We are finding that many Dutch who were soured on religion are actually turned on by the Endtime message, and are willing to listen to what we have to say.

### **The poster influence The Detroit Home, USA:**

After witnessing in some of the same places year after year, some of the shop owners have started to show interest in our work. One man who owns a shoe repair store at a shopping center we go to, not only gives us monthly donations, but also hangs our posters on the walls of his shop. He says that he receives a lot of comments and questions about them, and because of this, he has become more interested in our beliefs. We have since been witnessing more in depth to him and he is very interested in receiving more Word.

### **House on a hill**

#### **Jenny Child (of Jack), USA:**

The house the Lord provided for us has a large enclosed yard, but we were concerned about one house that looked right down into it, as we have a lot of people in the house. While going on a walk in our neighborhood, Joan and I met a woman walking her dog. We struck up a conversation with her, and it turned out she lived

in the house looking down into our yard.

She was so excited when she realized who we were as she explained that she and her husband watch our kids play in the yard, and think it's the best thing they've seen in a long time. Her husband calls them "real kids," as he feels there are so few children these days who like to go outside and play. She kept commenting on how the children play so well together and are good samples.

We were able to witness to her more, and explained about our homeschooling and the shows our children do at retirement homes, etc. She invited us over, so we brought our kids to do their show for her and her handicapped son. She loved it and has become a good friend. We truly are a "city set on a hill"!

### **Holiday growth**

**Lily, Asia:** Our Active member's 12-year-old son, W., has made a lot of progress during the school holidays, as Chris (SGA) has been giving him Word classes almost daily at times. It made a big difference for W. to have classes with a young person whom he can look up to. It helps the Word to come alive and be more meaningful in his life.

At the beginning of the holidays, he had an accident and fractured his wrist. When he and his mom asked the Lord why this happened, Jesus told them it was because He wanted him to spend more time in the Word, instead of playing basketball. Now at the end of his holidays, our Active member is thrilled at the progress her son is making for Jesus. She said that now, instead of going on to university, he wants to leave school once he's finished high school to preach the Gospel. His mother is so excited as she had been praying that he would not become polluted by the System influence in school, but would instead join the Family.

### **Tsunami fruit**

#### **Christina Vernier, Taiwan:**

During the Chinese New Year we visited a few of our supporters, and they were all very impressed by our Family's efficiency in the tsunami relief work. It turns out Taiwan's relief aid was banned from entering the affected area due to politics. Their Buddhist workers were only allowed to help with the relief work five weeks after the disaster, whereas our Family had been there since day one! After reading the testimonies from the *FAR*, our friends are thankful they are supporting our work, as they feel that through helping us, they are a part of our help to others.

Questions of why the Lord allowed it naturally surfaced. We shared with them tracts that we'd printed for the area on this topic, as well as the poster "Signs of the Times."

When a couple of them read the verse "and there shall be earthquakes, famines, and pestilences in diverse places" from the poster they exclaimed, "Oh, my! The Bible did foretell that these things will be happening!" Then they proceeded to read the rest of the poster right there to find out what was going to happen next, and how they should prepare. It's been a very fruitful time for follow-up with our sheep and friends.

### **Products worth promoting**

**Peter Fighter, Mexico:** We've been visiting the Christian bookstores in our city and selling our products wholesale to them. This has proven to be a great way to get out the tools in large numbers. Each store prefers different materials, but every tool we have available ends up being sold in some of them.

I'm grateful for the variety of products we have. I know it's the Lord's job for us to get them all out to the world, as they're all so valuable, and just what the people need. I could never see myself as

a worldly salesman just out to make money or even selling other Christian products, which don't seem like much when compared to ours. But with our stuff I can do this and be happy doing it—because I know it's a worthwhile job!

### **Witnessing is never lost Samuele and Sabrina, Italy:**

Some time ago, we met an old man who told us that he didn't believe in God and that he was a Communist. But after a few years of faithfully witnessing to him, he had a remarkable change, and now believes and even witnesses to others. Following up on him, even when it seemed like it was bearing little fruit, was definitely the reason for his change.

### **Worth waiting for Natalia and Gabe (10, of Maggie), Taiwan:**

One Sunday afternoon while witnessing along the riverside, we met a very special 75-year-old man and his wife. They received our tools with enthusiasm, and the man commented that he had been waiting his whole life to hear about Jesus, but up until now, no one had ever told him. He was so happy that we'd taken the time to stop and tell him about Jesus. Both he and his wife prayed on the spot and received the Lord happily!

He also said that he also wants his children, grandchildren, and relatives to know the Lord. He asked for an *Activated* book, as well as some tracts and wanted to order more after he read what he had! That afternoon we won 31 souls in total.

### **You never lose by giving**

**Yana, Senegal:** We wanted to testify of the Lord's blessings! Last month, we decided to give 2,000 Swiss Francs in gifts to Mama and Peter, and the field of India. Only three weeks later, one of our sponsors gave a donation of 3,000 SF! He sure is faithful to repay us—with interest!

➤ **“New Spirit World Power!” (ML #3522, GN 1113)**

**Male, Europe:** While out witnessing we called on the keys and specifically asked for San-bahd-mahl to activate his power over the sheep we were witnessing to that day. Practically every sheep we met couldn't resist getting an *Activated* magazine, and helping us with a donation. It was so easy to get them saved, thanks to the keys and the new spirit helpers and angelic forces.

After seeing these surprising results, we then prayed for my ten-year-old son, who had been suffering from a physical/spiritual disease where he was having difficulty eating and drinking, for almost three months. After praying for him and calling on Almathor to destroy any stronghold from the demon Drought, my son was completely healed! He now eats and drinks normally, thanks to His powerful spirit helpers!

**Honey (of Gabe), Japan:** The Lord did a miracle and healed my hip and back, after I'd been in a lot of pain for quite some time. I provisioned a chiropractor, and after the adjustments, I felt a lot better. However, shortly after that, I was again in so much pain that I couldn't move. It really felt like a spiritual attack. After reading “New Spirit World Power” about Irrazzmon, I asked the brethren here to lay hands on me, and we rebuked him and asked for Elixor to help. I was almost instantaneously healed and the pain went away! It sure is wonderful to have the names of those that are fighting us to pray specifically against them, and likewise call on the help of those who fight them.

**Rosa, India:** Just before this GN, I'd got a very strong restrictive chest cough that would come on suddenly without warning. It would cause me to double over with coughing fits, to where I couldn't breathe and would gasp for breath. When read-

ing that Almathor's presence is enough to send Sphinx screaming, something clicked, and I realized that this cough was a devilish attack of Sphinx. We immediately stopped to pray and specifically rebuke this attack, calling on Almathor and the keys, and you guessed it—I haven't had another coughing fit since! Thank You, Jesus!

**Lily, Asia:** We've been going on the attack in prayer, especially against sicknesses, since reading this GN. First, we had united key-powered prayer for me, and the Lord raised me up instantaneously from a very weakening three-day tummy bug. Baby Sarah also had a tummy bug, so we laid hands on her in expectant faith for an instant miracle which did take place, as she had a nap right after the prayer and woke up perfectly fine. That was followed by a healing meeting over Vicky against the tumor on her jaw which miraculously shrank noticeably before our eyes.

Finally, one of our Activated readers couldn't come for her class one evening as she was sick, so we had united prayer for her immediate healing, and when we saw her the next time, she told us that it had been at the same time as we'd prayed that she'd started to get better, and she'd been strong enough to go witnessing the next day. Praise the Lord!

**Vida Portuguesa, Brazil:** Like Mama, I also have difficulty memorizing numbers, and it's been getting more difficult. I also had a tough time trying to memorize all the spirit helpers' names and what they do. Now, after reading the counsel in this GN, I'm making a list of spirit helpers to have on hand, so that it will be easier to call on them.

On the day that I was halfway through reading the GN, before I had gotten to the part about the new spirit helpers, I went out witnessing, but had to come back home because I had a real strong back pain. Since I could do nothing else,

I rested and took some time to continue reading the GN. I read about the imp (Irrazzmon) who attacks nerves, and then it was easy to remember that Elixor helps to heal.

I liked reading about Almathor. I really need her tranquility and flowing waters. And we all need Change, of course. We want to be always changing and growing so that we can be better disciples.

➤ **“Wartime!” (ML #3521, GN 1112)**

**Lynn Clear, USA:** My 14-year-old son plays competitive soccer. His team is in the state championship semi-finals, and what he goes through is very much like the concept given in “Wartime.” In order to get to the level his team is at, each of the players has had to work very hard, overcome serious setbacks and problems, keep on going when others from the team quit, and follow the coach's guidance, even when others complained and aired serious doubts about him.

After losing multiple matches during the season, after teammates stormed off and quit the team, after the coach said things that were hard to take, there were times when my son felt like giving up, too. But now, the sacrifices, the training, the hours of extreme fatigue, the days of having to put aside other momentary pleasures for the good of the team are bearing fruit.

The fact that his team is doing so well also has drawing power, so that when the new season begins, other top-quality players will be attracted to their team, and come to strengthen and improve the team even more.

All of this is akin to the present tightening of the Family. In order for us to attract quality members to our Homes, we also need to persevere despite the struggles, the setbacks, and the limitations, because all of it will make us a better team.

**Vessel Potter, Mexico:** This GN shows me how to deal

better with those situations I am faced with each day, and the little sacrifices I am called on to make, from the time I step out of my bed—or even before that, when I am faced with the decision to get up early and get some extra Word time or to let my tired body rest a bit more.

Letting my spirit helpers remind me that I'm in a war helps me to make more right choices, and look at things from a different perspective, that I am an officer in the Lord's army, and as such, am subject to His commands. Thank you, Peter, for your encouragement that is helping us make it that one extra step, to go that extra mile, to win that one more soul, to fight that one more battle, to let Him help us win that one more victory.

**Rosie, Romania:** I really enjoyed this GN! What a tremendous parallel. That verse comes to mind, “If this work be of God nothing can stand against it.” It is sad that we were so blinded by compromise that we almost lost our place in history, but it is wonderful that the Lord is helping us to turn things around. It's exciting, and at the same time sobering. It is convicting that no matter what category of discipleship we are in at present, the Lord wants us to grow spiritually and get strong for the battle.

**Thaddeus English, Iceland:** This Letter was a real comfort, encouragement, and vision booster. Although it was a sober message, it fit our situation so well! We felt that we'd been only barely crawling over each hurdle. So this Letter came as a big encouragement—knowing we're just going through it because of battles in the spirit working themselves through to the physical world.

While it may not have been the “preferred” method of strengthening for us older folks, mountain climbing is sure to get you fit! It's bringing us back to life and back to the basics. Since the steepest part of the mountain is usu-

ally near the top, we've got every incentive to keep going. Maybe we'll be flying over the hurdles on the way down, after we've reached the summit and have a view of the next peak!

➤ **"Advancing Anyway"**  
(ML #3531, GN 1121)

**Naomi Meekness,**

**Moldova:** To tell the truth, the thought of persecution used to send shivers down my spine almost every time I'd think of it. I'd pray against fear, but sometimes I couldn't help but wonder how I would make it in such a situation. I especially battled with the thought of being on my own, as I know that could be pretty tough. However, after reading the last prophecy from this GN, where the Lord encourages us about what is ahead, my fears diminished tremendously. To know that in times of darkness I will be able to actually see the ones who help me in the spirit brings comfort to my heart and a sense of expectation.

I am now actually *waiting* for those dark times to come, so that I will have this beautiful spiritual experience! I know I still have to fight in prayer and read the Word on the topic, but now there is something about it that I am actually looking forward to seeing. Thank You, Lord, for encouraging us!

➤ **"World Currents!  
No.102—The Asian  
Tsunami"** (ML #3528, GN  
1122)

**Julian, Japan:** In GN 956, "More on the Keys, Part 5," par.21 says: "Also during this time, due to the increased Satanic activity, the Earth will render up her foulest stench, and volcanoes and earthquakes will terrorize this world as never before. 'Earthquakes in diverse places' will be fulfilled in yet a greater way before your very eyes. Places that have been peaceful and have not felt the power of this Earth's forces for ages will suddenly be confused and thrown into chaos."—Sounds like the tsunami to me.

## For Want of a Phone...

By Simon, Kenya

We planned to follow up on one of our friends who is a monthly supporter. We prayed, claiming the keys specifically that we would be open to whatever the Lord had for us that day. Our schedule was pretty full, as we had some other people to meet after this one man.

We then met our friend who was sweet and responsive, gave his monthly pledge, and confirmed that, yes, he is reading the *Activated* mags. Then he tells us, "You know, I have a friend who just moved to Kenya, and I think that he may be interested in supporting you as well." He got on the phone and made an appointment for us to meet this man later that morning. Well, we did have things that we wanted to do, but since we had prayed that morning to be open, it seemed that the Lord was taking us at our word.

So we went to see this fellow, who was an interesting guy. He had been stationed in another country before, and his company had recently moved him to Kenya. We started talking, getting to know him, and showed him our presentation video, along with our PR brochure.

He then asks, "Do you know this group that works in the country that I just came from?" He was talking about the Family, which we of course do know! "Of course!" we exclaimed, and proceeded to tell him more about the Family. We showed him *Activated* and explained that he could subscribe to it, and he replied that he had received some of these mags from the Family in his former country.

After talking to him for a while, he finally said, "I want to give you monthly support! And I want to subscribe to *Activated* as well!" His monthly pledge ended up being almost three times as much as was the supporter's who introduced him to us. Wow! "And," he went on, "I also have a co-worker who I think might want to subscribe to *Activated* too." This was turning into a *really* good outreach day. We were mind-blown by the miracles the Lord had up his sleeve! Sure enough, after talking with his co-worker, she too subscribed right on the spot.

The interesting thing about this testimony is that the supporter who'd originally introduced us to this fellow runs a cell phone company. I'd only met him because my phone had broken down one day. After he'd offered to fix the phone for free, he also agreed to support us monthly! Looking back on the story, it seems like the "for want of a nail" poem, except for the positive outcome! Now I can truly say, "Thank God my phone broke that day!"

## What We Possess

By Jonathon, Australia

When out witnessing, a man in his 40s came up to me and said, "Do you think God has cursed my life?" His name was Ian and he'd received a tract earlier that day. For the next two hours, I listened to him pour out his heartcries and answered his many questions. I could definitely identify with his story, as it was similar to my own testimony before joining the Family.

His knowledge of the Endtime events was very good, but as he talked, it became very apparent that the Enemy was heavily attacking him precisely because of his amazing understanding and belief in these soon-coming events. He was already saved, but was clearly being buffeted by doubts and worries and questions that he couldn't find the answers to. He had deep bitterness and anger in his heart because of past events and relationships.

After listening to him, I pointed out how it looked like the Enemy was using his bitterness and anger to gain a foothold in his life. He admitted it was true and asked for prayer and deliverance. What a changed man he was afterwards! The heavy, cloudy, seriously troubled countenance transformed into a lighter, happy, smiling face full of hope.

"God sent you to me!" Ian exclaimed. "I've asked so many church people these questions, and they've always said I'll have to work it out with God myself. You're the first person to give me any answers and to not be frightened off by my questioning." I told him I loved deep questions as it showed a sincere heart desperate for answers.

When thinking about our meeting and praying for him afterwards, what stood out to me the most was that it was a confirmation that the Enemy's attacks are getting stronger, and many of the Lord's sheep aren't going to find the answers anywhere else except in David's and Jesus' Words for today. Now that we have the keys, all the new weapons, and the names of the hinderers, as well as our heavenly helpers, we've been given so much more insight and power than we've ever had before.

It's exciting to see the Letters confirmed in such ways. It's easy to become familiar with the truths we know, and we can tend to not value or realize how powerful they are until seeing an outside situation like this one. Here was someone with a deep love for our Lord and an amazing knowledge of Endtime events, essentially trying to fight the same battle by himself, but not possessing the new weapons to fight with nor the insight or understanding from all the counsel we've had these many years. It was like he was fighting a losing battle until the Lord, through us and the keys, gave him relieve.

# activated news

## Chance encounters, lasting fruit

By the Chile Activated desk

Eduardo met one of our girls one and a half years ago in a pub in Buenos Aires. She was having a heavy discussion with a local when Eduardo overheard the conversation and got interested. The other guy eventually left and Eduardo stayed talking to this Family girl, who prayed with him to receive salvation and told him about the Family.

A year and a half later, Eduardo was in a cybercafé looking at the URLs the previous browser had gone to, when he came across [www.thefamily.org](http://www.thefamily.org), and he recalled the girl mentioning she was from the Family. He became fascinated by our way of life and wrote in. After exchanging a few e-mails, we invited him for a visit.

It turns out he is a well-known musician here and a precious, hungry sheep. We witnessed to him for a couple of hours and he started coming to our classes! After that he went to his brother's place and spent the whole night checking out our Internet site, reading everything he could get ahold of. He is a very hungry sheep and potential disciple, and believes that because of our honesty we are the true Christians in the world.

## A family heirloom

By Francis, South Africa

As we were going shop to shop, one man looked at our *Sweet Dreams Tonight* CD. He passed it to the lady working behind the counter, and asked if she recognized the songs and if they were any good. We were silently praying for the Lord to work when the lady told him that yes, the songs were good. She then explained that years back when her daughter was little they had had the tapes *Magic of Love* and *Sweet Dreams Tonight*.

She said, "They listened to it so much that they wore out the tape." So a friend of theirs fixed it up and burned it to CD. And now her grandchild also listens to it. She told us how much joy it had brought them, and that just the previous week their family had sat around singing along with the CD. They were hoping that it would last for their great grandchildren too.

## What everybody needs is Activated

By Celeste, Kenya

One of our weekly vegetable contacts is a Muslim couple, and they have been very supportive of our work. They are the main

bosses, but have put in charge this one sweet Kenyan (Christian) man. Every time I go by, I make sure to give him the latest *Activated* mag, and we talk about the last one he read.

We've been going to this place every week for over a year now and so this friend has quite the stash of *Activated* mags. But this particular week something different happened. While talking to our friend, one of the Muslim managers came up to me and asked for a magazine as well. I explained to him that it's a Christian publication, just so that he wouldn't be offended when he read it. He smiled knowingly and said to my surprise, "I need those too!"

Wow, I thought. *He must have picked up one of the many that our friend had and got touched by it too!*

These *Activated* mags are great, and even though they are definitely very Christian, a lot of people from other religions are receptive to them as well, because they're easy to understand and have the answers that they are searching for—so a big thanks to the *Activated* team!

## Further than that

By Praise, South Africa

Mrs. Elle regularly receives *Activated* mags from us. She loves *Activated*, and the last time we saw her, she told us how much she'd liked the story of the framed photograph of the son being auctioned. She'd photocopied the story and sent it to a man in prison whom she has been corresponding with and witnessing to. Soon the other prisoners saw it and requested photocopies as well—now they all have their own copy. How far it goes!

## "Now, I'll be activated!"

By Viki, Kenya

One sunny day, Simon and I went to a doctor's office for a blood test. I had been having a few odd things happening in my body, and a doctor had said that it might be a symptom of diabetes. All went well, and it turned out that I didn't have diabetes.

As we were leaving, we remembered to give the sweet lady doctor an *Activated* magazine. She was very interested and asked what it was about. We explained a bit about the mag and told her that there's a subscription card, if she's interested, by which she will receive one copy every month for a year, and three additional first issues for free.

She right away agreed and pulled out the money to pay for her yearly subscription. As soon as she paid she said, "Now, I'll be activated!" Simon and I looked at each other like, "How did you know the terminology?" It was inspiring to see the way she reacted. She was so excited, almost as if she'd just gotten a raise or something. She wants to keep in touch, and we will be following up on her. *Activated* rules!

## The mag that works

By Hannah, Dominican Republic

A friend, who is a bank manager, loves *Activated*, and is also receiving Endtime classes. He and his wife are very excited about them. He is a very charismatic person, and is looked up to by his friends, relatives, and staff. He is so turned on to the Word that he is now giving copies of *Activated* to his friends. He is developing his own flock that he teaches and counsels. People who wouldn't necessarily listen to us are being reached by him.

Another man we meet each day at the market eagerly awaits each issue of *Activated*. He says on the days he receives *Activated*, his two daughters fight over who gets to read it first the moment he comes home, ha!

## Where would we be without Activated?

By Sofie, Belgium

I walked into the lavatory at a McDonald's and found the cleaning woman reading an *Activated* and a *FJWL*. Both were so used, they were almost falling apart. We talked, and I gave her another *Activated*. She said, "Without these books, I'd be dead."

## Our daughter subscribes

By a Home in Chile

After living in the System for a couple of years and having cut off all ties with the Family and the Word, recently one of our teen daughters visited our Home and before she left she decided to subscribe to *Activated*. It's a great victory to have her on the line receiving the Word again, trusting in prayer, and calling us often to ask us to hear from the Lord about things.

## New flyers work

By Simon Willing, India

We include our phone number on the new *Activated* flyers we hand out and



people have been calling in and getting activated over the phone. One person said, “I saw the mag at my friend’s place and it is fantastic! I would like to subscribe right away, please come today.” Another person said, “I saw the flyer and I am very interested in the mag. Please send your person to me today!”

For some time we had slowed down on our subscription output so the flyers have come in as a lifesaver and answer to our need. Thank you, dear Mama and Peter, for this idea, and dear Lord for the revelation!

## They activate others

By Michael Willing, India

Mr. A. at a software company got activated and was so turned on that he took seven flyers right there and said he would like to get his friends activated too. Five days later he called us saying he got five people to subscribe and had two more coming through in a couple of days. This is an inspiring way to get more activated effortlessly—by distributing these flyers to everyone we meet! This revelation works if we believe and obey instantly whatever counsel the Lord gives.

## Runaway success

By Prem and Ruth, India

The *Keys to Parenting* five-book set is a runaway success! Parents and teachers love them. We ordered 10 sets and they got snapped up in no time. We have received terrific reactions to them. The packaging is attractive, and the contents are, as one parent said, “Like gold!”

One of our friends actually reads the *Parenteening* book together every day with his teenage daughter. They both love it! As one of our friends told us, “Parenting is one profession we receive no training for. We just live and learn. Thank God for books like these which have so much wisdom.”

God bless those who put these books together. We are excited about distributing them.

## You never know...

By David and Charity, India

One of our contacts is a well-to-do car dealer in our city and has been taking the *Mottos for Success* from us. We went to see him one day and were desperately praying that he would take two boxes from us. To our surprise, he told us that he would like to take 500 *Mottos for Success* calendars from us!

When we first got to his office, we found that he was not in. He called us and told us to meet with his elder brother instead; informing us that he was a little

busy. We had met the elder brother only once and he had seemed rather taciturn, and had declined to take the calendars quite brusquely. Needless to say, we were not anxious to meet him, but went to see him anyway and presented him with our offer. This older brother turned out to be incredibly sweet and receptive and was anxious to get out the *Mottos* to “spread the message of Jesus” even though he is not a Christian! He also placed a new order with us to take 200 *Mottos for Success* and 300 during Diwali and Christmas! He is also interested in our other tools.

## Put Activated first

By Andrew, Hosanna, MaryAnn, Rajan, and Steven, India

Last month we were already one week into the month and we had gotten only about four *Activated* subscriptions. The previous two months we had met our budget but “just made it.” Most of our monthly budget is usually raised by getting out the tools. We also knew that we had fallen very short of our normal goal of 50 *Activated* subscriptions a month in the last two months. We had only reached 72 *Activated* subscriptions in the last two months and we had to reach the balance of 78 this month. We had decided to do this alongside our tool outreach, but our shepherds, Ho and MaryAnn, felt that we may have to take a step of faith and fast our second week of tools out and only give out *Activated* mags. It wasn’t easy, but our entire outreach team put their all on the altar, and the childcare department backed us with super prayer.

That one week we got 55 new *Activated* subscriptions! Next week our three teams all went on the road and we got out 91 videos, all by His miracle working power of the keys. That month we got out 91 *Activated* subscriptions and 119 videos with one more day to go. It did boost our faith. It was a lesson to put *Activated* first, and then He will do the miraculous supplying!

## Getting outside subscribing help

By John E. (SGA), India

About six months ago we met Rama, who was working on a computer literacy project for those living in rural areas. This man is a Hindu who had received the Lord and wanted to know how he could help us. At the time we gave him the vision of helping us distribute the *Get Activated* books, and he used to order about 20 books a month from us. We lost touch with him for a couple of months and then one day he wrote to us via e-mail explaining how he’d like to renew contact with us.

So the Lord laid it on our hearts to give him the Activated vision of getting different folks that he knows activated. Since he’s in touch with people from the lower income bracket we proposed that he could offer subscriptions at a subsidized rate and we’d find sponsors to cover the balance. So after praying about it, he decided that it was the Lord’s will for him. He started going to different places with the *Activated* magazines which he’d put in a place and pray for people to notice it. Well, it worked, and folks started subscribing! He’s testified repeatedly that once he started to promote *Activated*, the Lord has done amazing miracles for him in every area of his life, including financially. And his project is getting a lot of support and making progress as well.

At present he has converted one wing of his office into promoting *Activated* in three states here in the south. And he is starting to get a network of people in these various states who are helping to subscribe others. Shortly after beginning this push, Rama and his team got 59 new *Activated* subscribers in a space of two months.

## grapes of thankfulness

We would like to thank the **AR001 Home in Buenos Aires** for so kindly and generously housing us during the week we had to work on our papers. Thank you for the warmth and encouragement you all bestowed on us; for driving us to town (**José and Andres**), for feeding us and lending us your bed (**Flor**), and for the great Argentine *asado* (**José**). Thanks, **Hannah**, for helping us with those translations. It was a trip to remember, and we are so very grateful and appreciative. God bless and keep you.

—Love, Francis and Joanna

We wanted to send a big thank-you to all of you who helped with donations for the tsunami relief work here in Sri Lanka. Thank you dear **Saffi, Dee and Selena, Ben, Ruth, and Vessel**, the **Rijeka Home, Stephen and Heaven, Christopher Doorkeeper**, and the **Fairways Home**. God bless you all! We pray He will reward every one of you 100-fold for your love gifts and sacrifice. Many were helped because of you.

—Love, Lydia, Sri Lanka

## Neglecting No One

By Paul Obey, Nigeria

We've spent much more time with our Nigerian sheep than with the foreigners. In the past, our approach to the white people has been more oriented to fundraising and promoting our CTP. When our focus changed to more outreach, we tended to concentrate on the seemingly most receptive, meaning the nationals. However, the Lord began putting it on our hearts that our Western friends deserve the Word as much as the nationals.

Recently, we visited one of our British friends who is the managing director of an oil services company. We had witnessed to him in the past and he'd been supporting us regularly. However, he wasn't a believer, so we'd put him on the back burner for a few months, concentrating more on the follow-up of hungry sheep, activating, and book distribution.

Upon meeting him again, he was happy to see us. We seized the opportunity to let him know that we had decided to get more involved with missionary work and were faz-ing out some of our CTP-related ministries, explaining that there would always be physical needs to satisfy, especially here in Africa, but that the spiritual needs couldn't be neglected and were, in fact, the priority.

We explained that it was important for Africans to have the right understanding of Christianity, that its basis is love, giving, and unselfishness. We then suggested that maybe he could help sponsor *Activated* magazines for his employees, and in so doing give them a chance to change in a positive way. He readily agreed to do it every month, and was touched by our talk. Not only that, but the next day when we brought the 40 magazines, he paid for them and added a larger donation than what he'd ever given in the past.

It was a lesson for us on giving everyone a chance to get a big blessing, not just by helping financially, but through helping us spread the Word of God far and wide. We are also emboldened to reach out to more of our other nonbeliever friends and find ways to witness to them further and include them in our ministry.

## forum

### Tithing comparisons

**Michael, Taiwan:** Is anyone still "choking" about paying their tithe? I just made a little trip as a guest speaker to a church in the mountains in the Philippines. These poor folks have to pay 30% tithe to the Head Office in the capital, and another 20% for their equivalent of the FAF. And what do they get for this? Almost nothing!

Even if there is some shepherding seminar for instance, they still have to pay again to attend that. And their director? Oh, he lives in the States, and has retired and handed down the leadership to his son, much to the hurt of the local leaders who have been supporting the church work for years. A member recently had hospital expenses totaling US\$1,000. They were offered \$60 of assistance from their "FAF." And they say *we* are "trapped in a cult"?

### The mission field is where God's finger points

**French Ike, Reunion:** It seems that some people are so very concerned about their missionary careers and accomplishments that it affects their decisions about being in certain places

that might still need them as witnesses, even in more materialistic countries.

I've heard some say, "We need to get to the mission field, where the conditions are more like they should be for *real* missionaries." I thought this had been addressed in the Word, as the Lord and Dad have always said that "the mission field" is not just about poor, third-world countries, but it's anywhere the Lord wants us to be, as long as we're there for the right motives and we fulfill the Lord's calling to reach the lost.

It seems that some people are scared to witness to those who are a bit more complicated to reach, those who are more intellectual or sophisticated, for instance. We shouldn't have a complex about living in a richer country or in nicer housing, and at least, while it's certainly true that we don't all have the same calling, none of us should voice comments that belittle or despise places where the Lord wants to have His people, by declaring that those are not the "mission field." I personally admire the brethren who have the guts to stay in places like the U.S., and who manage to have a solid and fruitful work going there, in spite of the tough spiritual and moral atmosphere that is prevalent there.

## — "letters to the editors" — — — — —

**RE: Raisa Buvitt in "You Have to Win," Xn #48**

**Naomi Meekness, Moldova:** As I was reading "You Have to Win," it said at one point that fighting means surcease from the battle, relief and deliverance, and it puzzled me. I couldn't quite figure it out: how come fighting means surcease from the battle?

Then I understood that waiting for the battle to go away doesn't do much, but the more I fight, the closer I am to the victory. The rest of the quote was encouraging also, as Jesus said that this deliverance may not be instantaneous or permanent, but it will be long enough to continue to make progress in His will. That helped, as I was reassured that the Lord is not expecting us to get over it on the spot and permanently. He knows that there will be the ups and downs and the highs and lows. Thank you for a nice illustration of this message from the Lord; it helped bring home the message for me!

**RE: Heat (TCD #34)**

**Ester, USA:** *Heat* is so fantastic! I

play it over and over. My girls listen to music all the time, so I am so happy that the Family keeps putting out more and more of the best music in the world. Thanks to all the songwriters, musicians, and production staff. Not only is the music's message so powerful, but our musicians are good role models for our JETs and teens. I saw the Wordstock interviews with some of them, and I thank the Lord for such sold-out Family members!

**RE: "Rejoined" FSMs #413 and #415 Daniella (of Emanuel), France:**

Beautiful testimonies! I cried and cried. It made me pray for the ones who are out of the Family, because I could understand what they go through. It gives me hope and faith for the ones who have left.

**Ruth, Asia:** I was so impressed with these testimonies. I'm used to hearing testimonies from FGAs who have left and then rejoined, but to hear about our young people's experiences was very inspiring.

# Pray!



**Healing key:** The keys of healing give not only My healing elixir, but they also send My angels of healing to your side. Claim this key to receive the complete gift of My healing power.

## WS

**Terry** (of Paul Theophilus): She urgently needs a miracle of healing for her kidneys and for her various blood components and levels to return to normal. Thanks for continuing to claim the power of the keys for her health.

**Paul Theophilus** (of Terry): Experienced a small stroke deep inside part of his brain. Please pray for full recovery for him, free from any long-term negative effects resulting from the stroke, and that he'll be restored to full health.

## Pacific

**Marina:** A recent consultation with two doctors—one of them a breast cancer specialist—revealed that metastasis of the cancer to the lungs caused one liter of water to accumulate in my chest (resulting in breathing and speaking difficulties, coughing and occasional pain). The cancer has also spread to the liver, and skin metastasis caused tumors in various other places. The breast cancer specialist explained that I'm now at stage four of breast cancer, and that there is no medical cure. The only support he could give is possibly to prescribe a hormone therapy to reduce the symptoms and prolong my life a little bit, and pain killers, if necessary.

Please pray for Jesus' perfect peace and grace for me and my loved ones to accept whatever is His plan; for the Lord to remove the water from my lung, as it's uncomfortable and makes me feel very weak and tired. Also if you could pray against pain; for better appetite and weight gain; for my immune system to be fortified; and for the miracle of complete healing from cancer. Many thanks with all my heart!

## South America

**Alegria:** Vertebra pinching her sciatic nerve; against pains in her hip and right leg.

**Danny** (of Irene): Bleeding ulcer; for full recovery, good counsel from the doctors. Against any further bleeding, to regain his strength.

**Norma:** Gallstones to dissolve, so she won't need an operation.

**Sonia:** Hypothyroidism, causing fatigue, weakness, insomnia, intolerance to cold, loss of concentration and memory, anxiety, depression; for the thyroid gland to function properly.

## Have VCD, Will Travel

By Erika (14, of Abe and Mercy), Taiwan

"Well," the old man mumbled, "my children are grown up, so I'm not so sure."

"Don't worry," I said with a smile, "we have lots of CDs for adults and young people. This one's in Chinese and..."

"I hardly ever listen to music," he continued, casually going through the assortment of CDs we were presenting to him. After a while, he picked up *Upper Road*.

"Is this a video? I need to be able to watch this."

"The only videos we have are these children's VCDs." He turned his attention to the VCDs and picked up *A Smiling Face*.

"Can I preview this?"

I agreed and he took the VCD to a brand-new minivan parked just outside his workshop. He opened the car door and gestured to its polished interior, which held a complete VCD/DVD setup and two adjustable screens, one for the front row and one for the back. "I often take my grandkids for vacations or outings and when I do, I put something on for them to watch, otherwise they scream and are rowdy. A video is the only thing that makes them behave and guarantees me peaceful driving."

The VCD came on, and after a few seconds he gave us a satisfied nod. "This will do just fine for them. Now do you understand why I needed a video?" He hurried back into the store, handed us the money and thanked us for coming. With his purchase complete, we headed out of the shop. I turned back for one last glance at the shimmering car and smiled to myself. *Hmm, maybe we need a new sales approach: Buy our VCDs, and travel in peace!*

## A Trade for Gain—And Loss!

By Trust, USA

I got very convicted about my physical state, with the pounds slowly creeping up on me during the last few years. Then I received a "Grand Prize" offering—a year-attendance to a local gym. Of course, as with most freebies, there is always a price, this one came with an additional \$30 monthly fee, which I didn't have.

However, I knew the Lord wanted me there for a reason, which soon became apparent as the young instructor who walked me through the introduction received Jesus. She suggested I come back and provision the rest of the cost from the owner. As we live in a small community outside the metro area, I felt that rather than ask if she could donate, to instead see if we could do a trade-out of some sort. It worked out ideally, as the owner asked me to do a story time for the members' children for a half-hour on their busiest morning, and in return I could come in anytime I wanted. Well, with the ideal tools we have for feeding children, what could be better?

Their childcare staff is so thankful for the break it gives them, too! Now my pounds are melting away, and taking proper care of the Lord's temple of my body has tremendously boosted my inspiration level and can-do attitude!

## Time for New Methods

By Maria, Argentina

During mid-January, our busking team went on a faith trip to the coast. We had been there before, but this trip proved completely different from any previous ones. Whenever you start getting comfortable, the Lord has to pull the rug from under your feet, and that's

what this trip was all about. When we set off, we did depend on the Lord to do the miracles, but we were overly confident, thinking that it would be easy, just like other times.

We had a number of restaurants lined up for our shows. But by the second day all of them fell through, except for one. This meant we had to make new contacts, something none of us had done before. The Lord did a big miracle and opened the door to one of the biggest restaurants in the city. Tool distribution was quite low, so the Lord encouraged us to pioneer other cities along the coast. Some doors opened, but generally it was going slow.

This unexpected turn of events forced us to get desperate with the Lord and fight in the spirit for the miracles we needed. We realized it's not enough to just get stirred up once and fight a little here and there. It's clear that the Devil is waging war against us, and if we don't sock it to him with our weapons and get seriously dependant on Jesus, miracles aren't going to happen for us. This was obviously one of the lessons the Lord was trying to teach us.

In financial terms, the trip wasn't successful, but in other ways, it was a tremendous success. You see, the Lord used this apparent "failure" to teach us new lessons on dependence, trust, teamworking, overriding personality conflicts, unity, being open to new situations, being ready to do whatever the Lord asks of us, communication, and much more. In these ways, it was a successful faith trip!

The Lord definitely uses every single situation for His glory. Now we are back in our city ready to do a better job. We are incapable in ourselves, but His strength is perfected in our weakness.

## The Family's Effective Efforts

By Jesse Youngblood, USA

When we heard of the tsunami tragedy, we felt that we had to do something to help relieve the suffering of the victims. We had no money for this, and didn't know where to start. After praying, the Lord led us to get in contact with FCF to see who was doing what on the disaster relief front. We were put in contact with the Family in India.

We communicated with the Family in India to see if they needed our help. Our research revealed that these very sincere and dedicated missionaries in southern India were already up to their ears in involvement in the tragedy. They invited us to do what we could. The next step was to raise the funds. We got on the phone and called every giver that we knew whom we thought might be interested in helping towards this. Our efforts were soon rewarded with a fairly large amount of tsunami donations from our friends.

The Indian consulate granted me a ten-year visa, and off I went, bound for the Cuddalore coast to join the brethren there, bringing a substantial donation to aid their efforts. Upon arrival, I was amazed at all the Family was already doing. They had projects with sponsors for rebuilding villages, schools, replacing fishing boats, nets, and motors. They were conducting Emotional Healing Programs in each village along the coast. The tragedy urged all the Homes in India to get involved, and brought tremendous unity in the area.

The Lord is blessing even further as it seems that the more the Family does, the more sponsors show up offering their help. I thoroughly enjoyed my four-week trip there.

## The DRC Needs More Activated Mags

By the former DRC team

Even though we've closed our Home in the Congo (DRC), we have a few sheep there who would be happy to distribute more *Activated* mags for us. Alain, graduate of the *12 Foundation Stones* course, and Active member, wrote us recently: "I want to tell you that I sold all the *Activé* mags that you left me. Some people are asking about them, and I can begin now to sell for the Family. Most of the people who find out about them are asking how to buy them."

We continue to stay in touch with our sheep there and feed them by e-mail. We let them ask 100 Congolese francs (about \$0.30) for each *Activated* mag. This way people appreciate them more, and our

distributors are able to earn a little bit of money. Life is hard in the Congo, and jobs are not available for most people.

We wanted to thank everybody who sent in some support for *Activated* subscriptions for the DRC in response to our last article in the *Grapevine* a few months ago. We wanted to put in another plug and ask you to *please not stop* sending sponsorships for free subscriptions and/or mags. Since the postal services are so unreliable in the DRC (the main post office was on a six-month-long strike when we were there last), we are looking for other ways to ship in a larger amount of *Activated* mags, which our sheep there could then distribute. Please send any contributions to the

South African PC for "Congo *Activated* mags." Thanks a lot!

The need in the DRC is huge, and with the situation getting more volatile (as you might have heard from the latest international news), people need the Words of David even more than ever, and they want them! At the same time we wanted to ask if you could please keep the sheep and the situation there in your prayers! One of the reasons we had to leave the DRC was because this year a lot of trouble is predicted and is already happening, particularly surrounding the election campaign. Please join us in prayers for the powers that be, that they will use wisdom, and for the Lord to do a supernatural miracle and bring peaceful elections, and a new peaceful government.

## activated responses

It is with great joy that I announce that I am now regularly receiving the *Activated* mag, and it does me much good. I also read it to many of my fellow students here at the University of Kinshasa, for they are in desperate need of the true Gospel.

For me *Activated* is ever applicable to my present situation. Every time I read it I find something new in which to grow spiritually. May our great God grant you His infinite grace and may you always be a channel of blessings for the world.

—A subscriber in the DRC

It was with great joy that I found one of your posters ("Why Worry? You Are in His Hands"). I have to confess that the first time I didn't pay much attention to it. But after having read it, I realized that I may need it more and more.

In fact, I would be delighted to receive more posters to distribute to everyone I meet during my marketing visits, and whom I often talk with about my dear Jesus. I would like to receive testimonies and classes to strengthen our community, especially our evangelizing team, and

also for my personal feeding.

May the peace of God, that passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Jesus,

—Esther, Cameroon

The thought of "life as a refugee" used to scare me, after having heard stories from my parents when they were refugees in Burundi during the rebel war of 1964. I wondered how I would find food for my family, and how would I pay the rent. But now I realize that this fear was caused by my ignorance of the love of God, especially because I was not used to reading the Bible at the time. I thank you for the way you have helped me understand His love. And thanks to the miraculous way He has been supplying my food and rent, I am no longer afraid. May God bless you!

—Byaombe, Congolese refugee in Kenya

I wish to take part in your work. I am a student in economy at the University of Kinshasa. I have been reading your teaching through the Internet since 2003.

In the beginning, it was difficult for me to read more than one page, but now it's easier, because I save your messages on disk and read it at home on my father's computer.

This year I hope to be able to continue receiving your messages because I cannot even measure the benefits your teachings are giving me. And if I can do anything in my power to take part in your work, I will not hesitate. Thank you again.

—Patrick, DRC

Two days back a friend gave me a copy of your magazine to read. When I read it I really felt it was God speaking to me.

—Reena, India

In my less than two years of reading *Activated*, I found out I received so many more things in this 16-page magazine when compared to perhaps a million or so pages of textbooks, reference books, and other magazines that I have read since grade one! Every day, miracles are happening to me!

—Pat, Philippines

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