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Special is the individual who will take
the time to encourage another.

News from the Cambodia pioneer team

By Tommy & Serena, Cambodia

He hath done great things for us! He helped us board the plane with 150 kg. overweight, free of charge. We got through customs without any questions asked. A friend let us stay in his hotel and eat in his restaurant for one week for free. The Lord led us to a cute little house in the center of town for a very reasonable price. We've now been in Phnom Penh for nearly a month, and things are going great!

We've been able to do quite a bit of witnessing in between all the business of getting set up. We've visited friends that we met during previous trips here. We had fervently prayed that the Lord would help us meet C. again, as we didn't have his address. His friend told us that he only studied in the morning and that he had gone back home. But he suddenly showed up on his motorcycle! When he saw us he jumped for joy and said, "I wasn't supposed to come here this afternoon, but something kept telling me to head back, so I came and here you are!"

Phnom Penh seems to be changing rapidly. Poverty and garbage are major problems, and we pray that things

will improve soon. Next week we will meet with the director of an orphanage to discuss how we can help. In the past we have helped them with clothing, educational materials, activities and organized a free eye operation in a Red Cross hospital for one of the orphans who was born with a crossed eye, which was successful.

The director of another orphanage asked us to teach English to his older orphans, which we'll be starting soon. Tommy teaches science and health for a couple of hours everyday in a local school, and Serena will start teaching Thai a couple days a week. Ezra (11) has been our main tract distributor, always faithful to give the message on paper to anyone we meet. Who knows how many have been saved through the 400 tracts Ezra has distributed since we've arrived!

We'll need to work on our one-year visa which will cost us \$600, and install a telephone line to our house (\$300). We hope to print a few thousand posters for distribution (\$100). If you feel led to help us toward any of these expenses it would be a real blessing. Send your gifts to ASCRO for the Cambodia pioneer team. Thank you so much! ●

SCENES

Behind

Mama's birthday

I'd like to thank each and every one of you who wrote me for my birthday or who sent cards, greetings, love, prophecies and prayers my way. I appreciated every one of your gifts and am so thankful to the Lord for the wonderful birthday He gave me—and for such precious mates and loves to share it with—all of you!

The Lord has continued to strengthen me and to keep me healthy, even healing my eyes in a greater way so that I'm able to use them a little bit more now without experiencing the intense soreness that I used to have. They're still sore, but I haven't had frequent headaches or the infections that I did in the past. This is a wonderful miracle and special blessing for me, due in large part to your faithful prayers for my healing. Thank you so much!

On my birthday, Peter and I joined our staff members for an afternoon meeting, which we dedicated to praising the Lord for all that He's done so far this year. We recounted the many blessings He's given us, and thanked Him for the abundance of pubs and materials that He's poured out, both CM/FM and GP material. The Lord has given us such an abundance of New Wine and other material for our feeding and enjoyment! Peter shared stats of how many pubs have been sent out this year, and gave an update on the *Activated!* progress, which, beginning in this *Grapevine* issue, you'll receive regular updates on. We then enjoyed a delicious homemade pizza dinner together, followed by homemade ice-cream and sweet fellowship.

I got a special surprise on my birthday as well—a little treasure basket containing some healthy snacks and goodies, along with the most precious birthday gift of all—a soft pouch filled with tapes, each one containing a message from the Lord or Dad, gotten especially for my birthday. The dear ones in my Home each took a little time throughout the week to hear from the Lord for me, above and beyond their usual willingness to be channels and to beseech the Lord for answers to my various questions and requests. What a treat!

Thank you, each of you dear ones worldwide, for your love and prayers and birthday wishes. Your prayers do mighty things, and I'm so thankful for them. I love you!

Love,
Mama

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China Desk notice

Dear Family,

Hi! We will be closing down the "tyofam@crisscross.com" address that a lot of people have been using to send messages to the China Homes. Here is the new one that you can use:

teddy@wonderserve.com

Thank you so much! We love you all! XXXX!

Love and prayers,
Heidi for the PACRO China Desk

Zine team photo request

We have articles lined up to slot in upcoming *Zines* from the following people, and we would like to ask if any of you would like to contribute a photo towards your article? If so, send it in today via e-mail to the *Grapevine*, marked "Photo to accompany *Zine* article," and your name, age and country. Thanks!

- * Bruny, Moldova
- * Aurora (19), Spain
- * Ruth Elan (19), Lithuania
- * Christy (20), Thailand
- * Isaac (17) Thailand
- * Mamta (SGA), India
- * Grace (20), Poland
- * Peter (of Jason and Christy), Thailand
- * Marisa (YA), Brazil
- * Gerson (SGA), Russia
- * Keiko (SGA), Russia
- * Daniela (SGA), Croatia
- * Shalisha (15), India
- * Esther (20) and Crystal (14), Mexico

PS: To those who have sent in articles and do not see your names listed here: Do not despair! These are just the articles that we have somewhat ready to roll, and which also lent themselves to having a photo printed alongside them. There are plenty of other articles going through the pipelines which are being and will be yet printed so please send a photo if you didn't already with your article and you'd like one included. We love you! Happy reading! ●

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Power and Protection wanna-be's

From WS: Those of us who cull through the "comments and suggestions" sections of your TRF (where you forward on your testimonies, comments and questions) are regularly thrilled to read accounts of the Lord's miraculous protection or other outstanding miracles done for you.

In some cases these are written up by you as a Family *Power and Protection* story, such as the ones you have seen in the recent CLTP mag. In other cases, the surrounding details are provided so that our writers can dramatize the account into an exciting tale to glorify the Lord. However, sometimes we've been disappointed to find very brief, two- or three-line references to very outstanding miracles of protection, deliverance, healing and more.

So our request is this: If something outstanding happens to you that you think could be turned into a *Power and Protection* account (or if you have had such an event happen to you in the near or far past which you have never written up in detail), please help us by either writing it up in dramatic form yourself, or sending as complete an account as possible. Then we can piece together these details for the edification and inspiration of all! Thanks so much!

persecution in China

BY M. AND V.

We heard a report of some Christians from a nearby city who got arrested while watching the movie "Jesus" with their local friends. It seems that the officials are cracking down on all religious groups and foreigners, since the group Fa lun Gong has been in the spotlight. It could be a good time for all of us to indigenize our work and see if those we are ministering to can meet together for prayer and Bible studies without us. Please pray that this won't in any way hinder our ministry or our sheep. Pray for our overall security and safety here, as we can't have the old boy "boo" us out of our service before it's the Lord's time.

help wanted

We are Indian David and Charity with seven kids, opening a new Home in New Delhi, India and we need *your* help to get started. Please send help via your TRF! WRLYVM and appreciate you!

The news and views from Family members published in the *Grapevine* are not intended to reflect WS policy. Suggested reading age for this publication is 14 years and up. Parents or shepherds may read with or allow portions to be read by younger ages, at their discretion.

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QnA's

DFO feeding material

Q: I have a few sheep on the line who are very hungry for deeper feeding material and have read through the *Treasures*, etc., and I've often been at a loss as to what to give them. It seems that there is a gap in feeding GP material that is available. If someone starts to tithe then it is not a problem, but the ones I am following up on are not ready or able for that. It would be a blessing to have more meat of the Word to strengthen them with. I have noticed that there are often sections in the recent GNs that would be very appropriate and sometimes exactly on a subject they have just asked me about. Is it OK to take excerpts of some of this CM/FM material? Or better yet, would it be possible for a new pub to be issued that would take excerpts of some of the later Letters?

—SARA (OF DAVID), UKRAINE

A: We're hoping to be able to provide you with more meaty feeding materials for your sheep in the near future. In the meantime, check out the monthly magazine *Winepress* (featured on the MO site, as well as all its back issues) which contains a number of GN excerpts edited for DFO. We hope this will help to fill the gap!

special offerings

Dear Family, below is the second of an ongoing list that we will be publishing monthly of those of you who send in Special Offerings to WS above your tithes. The following teams sent special gifts with their June TRFs.

We want to send you our sincere thanks, as these offerings have again helped us to continue our services and gifts at full steam. We're so thankful for your and the Lord's extra help, as we are for each member of the Family and their tithes to WS. We love you and need you.

With much love and thanks,
Your WS Office

PHILIPPINES HOME #01
DAVID/M., INDIA AREA
INDIA AREA HOME #31
ANDREW/JOANNA, EURCRO
MATTHEW SAVED/GINA, EURCRO
MICHAEL, EURCRO
CRYSTAL FAITHFUL, EURCRO
ABRAHAM, EURCRO
TIM LOVEBRIDGE, EURCRO
TRAUGOTT, EURCRO
JOSUE/MARY/PHILIP/PR, EURCRO
PAUL/RUTHIE/IVAN/VIR, EURCRO
JOB/RUTH/JAMES/JO, EURCRO
JOHN/JOY, EURCRO
BARZ/SARA/NINA, EURCRO
SMILE, EURCRO
PETER/PRAISE, EURCRO
EMMANUEL FEARLESS, EURCRO
MARTIN/MERCY/JONATHAN, EURCRO
JAMES LINK, ENGLAND
JOAO DAVID, EURCRO
STEPHEN/ANNA, TAIWAN
ISAMU, JAPAN
DOMINIQUE, JAPAN
DALIA, JAPAN
PETER/CRYSTAL, CHINA
JOHN/LILY, CHINA
NEW HORIZONS, JAPAN
TIM/PHOENIX, JAPAN
DAVID/PANDITA, JAPAN
HAPPY, JAPAN
FRANCIS/CLAIRE, TAIWAN
MICAH/TRUST, AUSTRALIA
ANDREW/MERCY, CHINA
IKE/MAGDALENA, CHINA
NAHUM, SACRO
JONATHAN/LUZ, SACRO
DANIEL/CHARITY, SACRO
EMANUEL/MARIA/SHE, SACRO
TIAGO/PRISCILA/JER, SACRO
PIERRE/BATHSHEBA AND HOME, SACRO
DANIEL DETERMINED, USA
JOHN BELOVED, USA
JOSEPH/ANGELA ARCHER, NACRO
SAMUEL/ROSITA, NACRO
MICHAEL/JENNY, NACRO
PAUL/RUTH/BOZRAH, NACRO
US HOME #2124
MEXICO HOME #8047
US HOME #1074
US HOME # 3054
US HOME # 5003 ●

babymania

My two new disciples

By Ella SGA, Holland

I used to be so busy, busy, busy with the Lord's work that I hardly heard the pitter-patter of little feet around me all day. In fact, so busy was I that I hardly remembered anything about my kids, except that I was to feed them three times a day.—Okay okay, that's slightly exaggerated, but nonetheless a pretty clear picture of my first two years of motherhood under intense field circumstances. Pretty bad.

To top it all off, my marriage was falling apart, I was nearing a nervous breakdown mentally, and about to give up spiritually. But hey, we've gotta plug on ... or do we? The Lord showed us to slow things down a bit, and I resolved to invest time teaching my two toddlers about the Lord.

My two-year-old did not know one verse, and had not had scholastics, even though I had been on childcare for years and had worked for seven months in Thailand with a fantastic YC group when I was a teen. I had done virtually nothing with my own kids,

because I thought, "It's no use anyway, unless I can do it consistently." So I just flopped those first years.

The good news is that since investing a little time initially in getting set up, improvising flashcards and persuading my husband to sit down at the computer to scan and make me things I needed, my daughter now knows all the "Feed My Lambs" for toddlers, is learning to read, and we are nearing 40 on the math dot program. I could have probably done this all along with a little initial investment and rescheduling of my priorities, as all together the intense schooling the two kiddies get only averages about 1 to 2 hours a day.—But it sure makes a difference!

I read in some childcare FSM article that if we aren't giving our kids the Word, we're really missing the mark, and that really stuck with me. I want to make Jesus very real and personal in their lives. I put the Word above scholastics, and emphasize it more to them, which makes it very fun for the kids. They ask me, "Please can we do

our verses, Mommy?" My little daughter knows how to take initiative and pray for things, which is so very, very cute and sweet. She'll pray when she gets hurt, when we go out, when she's grumpy, and she does it all on her own.

I just had to turn my head and look down at "What is that in thy hand?" I feel like since we've been here I've won two disciples—my own, who I had barely noticed before. It's taken a lot for me to switch gears and see their potential, but it sure has been worth it. Now *nothing* is more important than me linking up with my kids to make them disciples.

I'm a young mom and sure did kick against the pricks when these responsibilities were added to my life, but now that I see the payoff, it's made me want to do more and more every day. I find it extremely encouraging to read the Dito book. It helps me so much with ideas and questions about day-to-day struggles. Thanks for all those who are working at the FEDs, trying to make our load easier. Love you all, guys!

Dear Mama,

I wanted to jot you a little note to say hi and to let you know that things are going wonderfully for me. I'm actually at the point of eagerly anticipating my prayer of deliverance on Monday. Granted, I will probably get stage-fright just beforehand, but I look forward to it as my "day of liberation."

Already, I feel as if many of the weights and chains of my sins, weaknesses and past areas of unyieldedness have been lifted. I feel as if my spiritual eyes have been literally reopened. Jesus sure knew what He was doing in having me reread the past three years' worth of GNs. Reading some of these GNs is like reading them for the first time! I must not have read them, or barely skimmed them before. The only trouble is that I want to read so much, and the more I read, the more I want to read!—My appetite and hunger for the Word right now is enormous!

Then I have to sort of almost calm my spirit down, because I start feeling almost frantic inside in my quest of wanting to catch up on all I have lost or failed to really absorb over the last three years.

I'm amazed and so grateful for how the Lord seems to be making things so easy for me.—Like He's the one actually placing within my heart and spirit this great desire and vacuum and hunger for new spiritual growth. I don't really understand what I did exactly which enabled the Lord to do all this for me, but maybe it's connected to my desiring to yield, and then once I attempted the steps of yieldedness, He does the work within my spirit and heart.

I thought I was very happy before, but I'm just getting happier and happier! I feel so richly blessed in every way, and very undeserving of all that the Lord is lavishing upon me. So I'm a very happy girl!

—WS STAFF MEMBER

Mama jewels on . . . keeping the victory

—to a SGA staff member

I'm so proud of you for going to the Lord and for fighting. I'm glad that you're back on the up and up. A big part of keeping the victory is just

slamming the door on the Enemy and his negativity, when he tries to get you down in the "slough of despondency" as I think they called it in *Pilgrim's Progress*. You've got to do your part. Even the Lord's power isn't enough if we don't cooperate. We need to exercise some good old fashioned will-power—or won't power. He's given us a will and we've got to use it as much as we can. That alone isn't enough, but His power isn't enough either. It takes both.



tidbits—new laborers (CM/FM)

Aline (20, Brazilian) joined in Brazil.—May
Maria Paula (20, Colombian) and her sister **Cristina** (18, Colombian) joined in Colombia.—May
Barbara (16, Argentine) joined in Paraguay.—June
Heidi (21, Venezuelan) joined in Venezuela.—June
Mateo and Eliana, with their two children, **Rosana and Eder**, joined in Brazil.—June
Felipe and Silvana, with their two children, **Luana and Lucas**, joined in Brazil.—June
Juan Gabriel (17, Spanish) joined in Colombia.—June

Personals

Victoria and Maggie (of Andrew and Mercy) and **Jeremy and Esther** (of Martin and Nina). Vicky Faith (a.k.a. Meekness) wants to hear from them or anyone who may know where to find them. They lived together in Italy about '90-'93. E-mail: dunnj@cybercomm.net.

Rachel Mara in Perm, Russia and **Josh Bruni** last heard of in Canada—also any old friends—please contact Felicia (18) of Bozrah and Ruth, presently in Costa Rica. E-mail is, crocksn@sol.racsa.co.cr Snail-mail, apdo. 989-1100 Tibas, San Jose, Costa Rica

Faithy SGA (of John and Rose Mideast), Victory SGA in Thailand would like to contact you. Add: Victoria Francis, PO Box 149, Phuket Thailand, 83000.

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We're happy to announce that the *Activated!* program has been launched and is now underway! Much time and effort has been put into getting it this far and we are looking to the future with great anticipation, knowing that the millions of souls won by the Family now have a much greater opportunity than ever to be given the Words of David.

Of course there is still plenty of work ahead if this program is going to succeed. We'll continue to do our part to produce new magazines and publications, as well as to get them to our subscribers, but as you read in "The *Activated!* Program" (GN849), success ultimately rests on *your* active participation.

At the time of writing this article only a few Homes have received the GN and the news of the *Activated!* program, so we don't have much to report yet. But the response from those who have gotten the message has been very encouraging! Trust, who is helping coordinate the North American *Activated!* desk, sent us the following comment:

"We were so excited yesterday when we got our first call from a Home that had received the Activated! GN. David (of Claire) from Houston called to order 200 Activated! magazines to use with his mailing list. He said he is thrilled about the Activated! program and that he's been waiting for something like this for 20 years!"

Prior to the Homes receiving the GN, Trust also wrote:

"We did a little presentation at the Family Camp here in LA, and we ended the talk with a "show and tell" of the new Activated! materials. You would have been so inspired to see the thrilled reaction from everyone there! Folks were practically jumping out of their seats to see the mags and books. Afterwards I heard many people saying that it is a tremendous answer to prayer. I really believe the Lord is going to use the Activated! program not only to reach and feed the sheep around the world, but also to encourage the Family in their personal witnessing and follow-up. I believe we're going to have a real witnessing explosion!"

Similarly, we received the following comment from Clay and Victory in China:

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"I just finished reading the GN about the new program and I think it's really fantastic! It's exactly what we need.

Thank you so much for doing all the praying and organizing and stepping out by faith and everything else that has gone into this project . . . We easily have 100 names in this category right off the bat, maybe 200 very potential addresses."

We believe that you too will find the *Activated!* program to be a thrilling and effective tool for feeding God's sheep. So order your magazines and subscription cards today, and have a part in getting the world *Activated!*

New Tools!

We hope you liked the flyer that was sent out with the *Activated!* GN, showing some of the new books that have been produced for this program, and we pray that these new books, tapes

Homes, they will order a stock from *Activated!* to sell to the Homes.

Some more exciting news is that there will continue to be more beautiful new tools coming your way. For example, we have just sent to press a brand new GP calendar entitled *Mottos for Success*. *Mottos for Success* is a professional color desktop calendar, with a cardboard stand and spiral binding, that provides a thought-provoking quote for every day of the year! Rather than include the day of the week or year, it has been designed so that it can be used again and again, year after year. We believe you'll find this to be a hot item, which you can offer those you meet not only for their own feeding and inspiration, but as a great gift for them to give to others. In particular, you might want to approach businesses to purchase these in quantity for gifts to their employees at Christmas or otherwise.

Also coming your way are some beautifully illustrated and colored children's materials available for distribution to the GP. For the first time, we're producing these as hardback books! These storybooks include three brand new titles: *Trudge and Zippy*, *Farmyard Heroes* and *Tug of War!* Unlike *Christmas to Remember* (which is also being re-

printed as a hardback), these new children's books have large, full-color illustrations on *every* page. The text is bigger too—easier for children to read with their parents. We think you'll love them!—And so will those you offer them to!

You have (or will soon have) access to these and many more beautiful tools for widespread distribution. You'll be getting a notice from your local *Activated!* desk and/or SC as soon as they're available. So send your orders to your SC or *Activated!* desk, and feel free to order abundantly—we believe they'll be a hit!

In this new column, we'll try to keep you updated with the progress of *Activated!*, as well as to share comments and tips from you, advance notice of new products, etc. If you have anything you'd like to contribute to this column in the way of testimonies, reactions, tips, etc., we'd love to hear from you! Thank you for helping to make this program possible! God bless and keep you witnessing! ●

Y2K prep

THOUGHTS ON GENERATORS

FROM ALF, JAPAN

The recent Y2K issues have become the catalyst for our spiritual and physical preparation for the End. We got together as a Home to discuss survival preparation and discussed our priorities in purchasing survival items. We talked about getting a generator, but there seemed to be more cons than pros for us. This won't apply to every situation, but our pros and cons are listed below, which might help your Home in purchasing a generator.

Pros:

- Good to have a generator in a situation where you will have to live without electricity for a long period of time—like farms or remote areas.
- You can use electrical appliances such as lights, video players, tape recorders, computers, etc. which require a good amount of wattage.

Cons:

- As generators usually run on gasoline, it's rather dangerous to store gasoline in large quantities.
- You might need a mechanic to repair any breakdowns.
- Expensive, heavy and loud.
- In a real emergency situation you can get by with flashlights, candles and kerosene lanterns, which are much cheaper than a generator.
- You can use a car inverter instead of a gasoline generator if you desperately need electricity for an electrical appliance. A car inverter can produce 3-500 watts of electricity by hooking it up to the car battery. You might find it safer and lighter than using a generator. If you have a diesel vehicle, you might be able to store some extra diesel fuel in barrels (within the amount the law permits!).
- You might be surprised how well you can get by without using much electricity. At the same time, it's very important to have a substitute such as wood, kerosene heaters, portable gas stove and plenty of gas bottles for heat and cooking. Keep in mind what season you'll be in when Y2K hits.

We've been trying to buy canned foods little by little such as canned fish, tomatoes, 100% juice, etc., when we see them on sale. We also purchased sleeping bags and tents for all the members of the Home, in case an emergency move is needed. We bought these for reasonable prices at bazaars (flea markets). We recommend that someone in each Home who is interested in checking into flea markets (if available in your country) try to find survival prep items. And if you want to find good stuff at flea markets or bazaars, go as early in the day as you can! ●

happenings

[30 tons of bricks]

Gideon, Uzbekistan: School 130 (for mentally handicapped children) was in desperate need of repairs. They especially needed bricks: 10,000 bricks! We asked the director of a brick factory to help us with this project and he assured us that it was impossible for any company to donate such a huge amount of bricks for free. He practically laughed in our faces.

We prayed desperately, and the next company we approached immediately agreed to give them to us. When we went to pick the bricks up, we were shocked to hear that they weighed 30 tons and that we'd need two extra long trucks to carry them. When we finally arrived at School 130, the director almost fell over to see his dream of repairing his school come true. Having been a staunch communist all his life, it was wonderful to hear him praise God for this miracle.

[Seven gardeners]

Dawn (of David), Thailand: We live in a fairly new housing complex, which has a little park and playground. This park was originally maintained by the administration of the estate, with a gardener diligently working there every day. However, when Thailand suffered the economic crisis, the gardener had to be laid off and the park was slowly deteriorating, with no one regularly caring for it. Our house is right next to it and it is the only place we have for the children to play, as we have no yard. One evening at Home Council we decided that we would have to take it upon ourselves to clean up the park. It seemed that someone had started to cut the grass already, which saved us the job of having to borrow a lawn mower and do that ourselves. However, we did decide that we would do our best to clean up any dog messes and trash in order to make it an inspiring place for our children, as much as we could with our limited time and personnel.

The very next day, first thing in the morning, believe it or not, there were about seven gardeners in the park working hard. They were cutting the grass with a power lawn mower, putting in new grass on the bare patches, planting a few new trees, re-landscaping it to look better, etc. We were amazed, and found out that a couple of our wealthy neighbors, who like to use the park for their morning exercise and also enjoy watching the children play there, had contributed the money needed to do all this! By the end of one day it was all done and looked beautiful again!

[Milano's HG sample]

David, Lovely and Marco, Italy: On June 13 we organized a Holy Ghost sample in one of Milano's biggest parks—full of young people! This is our normal witnessing spot on the weekends, where we go personal witnessing. We were about 15 Family members (adult and teens) and we sang and danced as well as did a lot of personal witnessing. It was a real success and we met quite a few sheep, with a number of people praying to

receive the Lord. We got out lots of tracts and meaty posters.

[The mysterious donations]

Andrew (of Miracle), Bosnia: Two years ago while on a visit to the States, a neighbor lady who worked in the local grocery store brought some baby clothes to my mother for me to take back for our CTP in Bosnia. I met her and we talked a bit. I left her with a brochure about our work.

A few months later we began getting letters from a young man who we'd never met. We began to minister to him through the mail, and even though we mentioned our need for support, he never seemed to react. Then mysterious deposits began to show up in our bank account. My mom did a trace, and found out that they were from this young man, and that he was the grocery lady's son. Upon thanking him for his gifts, and asking why he hadn't told us about them and wanted to remain anonymous, he replied with the following: *"Ever since I first learned of your efforts in Bosnia, I made a commitment to regularly support you, financially and prayerfully, as part of my tithing service to God. I feel confident that you appreciate the donations, so no thank-you is needed. If you feel the need to say thanks, give thanks to God, not me. For it is God who gives me the opportunity and desire to serve Him through you. Please pray that He will give me the guidance and wisdom that I need."*

Thank the Lord for such a wonderful sheep, and for such miraculous ways to supply all our needs!

[After 13 years]

Rejoice, Happy and Nina, Brazil: We received a single mom with three kids in our Home, and the prayer request of the nine-year-old girl for the new year was to have a daddy—and after six months the Lord has answered! We had a beautiful wedding and celebration, attended by 50 Family members. Susy Sunshine and Marc Mountain are very happy with their new family, after both of them had been single for about 13 years! Singles, there is still hope! Keep praying!

[Love thy neighbor]

Hilltop Home, Turkey: We live in a closed compound with 40-50 other families and are pretty much known to everyone here, and we minister more closely to about 10 of our immediate neighbors. It's been a wonderful opportunity as we live an hour and a half away from the center of town, and yet we always have people who drop by or who we visit, our kids play with their kids, etc. This necessitates our keeping our armor on and being the sample that He wants us to be to be able to reflect His love here in Muslim Turkey.

At this point we're actually schooling two of the neighborhood children. One is more long-term and we've had him over daily for the past two years, from 9:00 in the morning till dinner or after dinner. There is also another five-year-old

girl who has been coming over part-time daily to be home schooled by us and to learn English. The donations from these two families basically cover our entire rent.

Recently one of the parents of our more long-term student was introduced to our two Albanian live-out disciples, and while explaining to him what a live-out member of the Family is, he commented, "Oh, you mean like my son!" thinking his son was a live-out member! Recently we heard testimonies of this four-year-old boy talking long distance on the phone to his uncle, saying, "Do you know Jesus?" and also asking some of his other friends if they knew Jesus, etc. This opened the door for us to communicate about our way of life, how it's not just a philosophy for us, but it's something we try to live daily—loving and worshipping the Lord.

[Our single moms Home]

Mercy Provisioner, Brazil: I live in Sao Paulo and have been provisioning in the area for quite some time. About a year and a half ago, the Lord opened the door for me to pioneer a Home. My vision was to continue helping the 15 area Homes with provisioning. However, the Lord added another factor into my plan—besides doing provisioning, it's a single moms Home. What a surprise!

It was not at all in my plans to have a single moms Home. Nevertheless the Lord did it to show that it was Him and not me, and that He's not limited to men, as He takes the weak things of the world to confound the mighty.

It has been a miracle how the Lord has sustained us for almost two years with our population being four or five single moms and our kids. The Lord has supplied all our needs so miraculously. We have a nice setup in a good location and are able to pay all our bills on time. We teach our kids at home, where the Lord supplied a nice classroom setup, and even a computer for their schoolwork! We witness regularly, and teach a couple of private classes each week to executives as another means of support, and are still able to help other Homes with some provisioning. TTL!

The Lord has encouraged our faith so much through our miracle Home, as in the past we single moms felt like "second class," incapable of pioneering and keeping a nicely set up Home for very long. It's a testimony to others of His love for us single moms, as some brethren in the area wondered if our Home would make it! Some even told us that when they came to visit, they were expecting a poor standard Home, full of wild, undisciplined children running around, and they were impressed to find the opposite! Their comments instead are that our Home is cozy, clean and tidy, and our children regularly having school and being well behaved.

All glory to Him, our wonderful Husband! As He told us in prophecy, He takes care of His Own. This doesn't mean that everything is hunky dory; we've faced lots of testing and trials, as many times we felt quite alone in the battle, and nobody to rely on except Jesus! But He's done it! ●

YOUNG PEOPLE KING PETER

CASUAL QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSIONS, COMPILED FROM PETER'S VISIT TO SOUTH AMERICA

I don't see the Law of Love working so well amongst young people. Maybe it's because we're not used to it and different people perceive it differently. There may be a guy that needs sex, but he won't accept that he needs it. You have to play this little game, like: "I don't need it. He doesn't need it." When you get older you can accept your needs and others' needs more easily. It's easier for a guy to approach a woman and ask her for a date; it's harder for a woman to say to a guy, "Let's have a date." I don't know if it's because of culture or what, but it's just hard. So what can we do to make it work better?

You hit on something about youth. When you're young you often have more pride, and that makes it more difficult to be humble and accept your own needs and the needs of others, and likewise, to meet those needs. That's partially due to inexperience; eventually you grow out of that a little bit.

Another part of the problem besides pride is that people talk a little too much about it with each other. Then it becomes gossip. "So-and-so asked so-and-so for a date; that means she's really needy."

You may look at the adults and say, "It's easy for them. It's not such a big deal for them to say they need a date," but it's hard for them too. It's hard for me because it's humbling, but it does get easier as you get older to admit to yourself and to others that you have needs.

You've just got to desperately pray and ask the Lord to help you to truly live the Law of Love, to not talk about it amongst yourselves, and to realize that if someone musters up the faith to ask you for a date, that that's not easy to do. You shouldn't put them down or talk with others about it.

It's not just because we're young, because when you FGAs were young, that's when it all started, and you were able to live it. I'm 20 and my mom was 20 when she started FFing, sharing and living the Law of Love, so I think something has actually changed.

You're right. There is a difference between when we were 20 and our present 20-year-olds. I was about 25 when FFing started, and most people in my Home were in their early 20s. Dad wrote the FF Letters and explained the principle behind it. He gave us the Word about it and we had faith and believed what the Lord said, but it wasn't easy. We weren't even having sex within the Home when FFing came out. None of the guys and girls within the Home were having sex together, and all of a sudden the women started having sex with outsiders. Some of them had never had sex before and it was a big deal. But the Word said that it was what the Lord wanted, so we had faith to just go ahead and do it.

One of the main differences to me is that we FGAs didn't grow up in the Family. We weren't familiar with each other and with the Word. So when the Word said to do it, we had the faith to just do it, even though sometimes it was hard. Whereas with some of you

younger ones it seems more difficult for you just to accept and do what the Lord says.

You've grown up with the Word your whole lives and therefore tend to be more familiar with it. But when it really comes down to it, it's simple faith. It takes faith to read the Law of Love series and to say, "Okay, that's what I'm going to do," in spite of what everybody else does. Somebody has to start the ball rolling. Somebody has to make the decision to go ahead with it, no matter what everybody else is or isn't doing. You have to determine, "I'm going to go ahead by faith." And once you make that commitment and start the ball rolling amongst yourselves, living the Law of Love and being mature about it will catch on.

It's not just about living the Law of Love, but also using prophecy and practicing Loving Jesus. For our parents, when something came out in a Letter, they would do it just because Dad said it, whether they understood it or not. They didn't have this thing where they would question it up and down—that attitude practically wasn't heard of. But nowadays, we young people question the Word a lot more. If we had a "let's do it even if we don't understand it" attitude, I think things would be a lot simpler.

It would definitely be simpler, I agree. And there are times when, in my opinion, it's better to accept something just by faith and do it even if you *don't* understand. In my life I've found it's worth it, because in the end the Lord blesses you for it.

On the other hand, I'm not against questioning or looking at something *if* you're looking at it and questioning in the right spirit.—If when you question, you have the right attitude.

If you read something and you feel like, "Gee, I don't quite get this or understand it," you have two choices. You can either say, "I don't understand it; it must not be right. This is wrong." Or, "I don't understand this. I'm going to try and find out about it so *I will* understand it." If you have that attitude, it doesn't matter if you have questions; if you start to search the Word and hear from the Lord about it to increase your faith, then you will get an understanding and your faith will increase; then you will be able to partake of whatever it is the Lord is saying.

Loving Jesus is not easy for everyone

to swallow; I know that. It went down sideways for a lot of people. That's understandable, and the Lord gave place for that when He gave the revelation. For those who could take it by faith even though they didn't understand it and moved forward with it and tried it, my hat is off to them, because that's not easy to do. Those who have done that have progressed.

Others felt like, "I'll accept the fact that it's there, but I'm not going to partake of it. I don't quite understand it." But God bless those people, a lot of them stuck. When the Loving Jesus revelation first came out, I know some people in WS who had really big battles over it. But they took it by faith and they didn't reject it. They were like, "Wow, this is really big! It really rattles me and shakes me up, but I'm going to give it some time." Those people, over the years, have grown to love it, because even though they didn't get it right away, they had faith to hold on, go slow and give it time.

At some point in your life of faith in the Family, you'll come across something or things will happen to you that you don't understand, where you'll be really tempted to throw the towel in and say, "This is crap! I can't take it anymore. This is so weird." The key in that situation is to give it a little time. Often when something first comes out it's a real jolt, but in time more Word comes out to explain it further or your faith increases or the Lord just helps to pull you through.

Is the Lord expecting more from the first generation when it comes to practicing the sexual side of the Law of Love than He does from the senior teens on up?

Maybe initially, because the first generation generally has more experience. Most of the adults who have been in the Family for a long time have had some experience in sharing and living the Law of Love. However, a lot of them have kind of cooled off over the years. Because they have that experience of having lived it before, He expects them to share and to be samples of the Law of Love, but He expects that of you too. He does understand that it's a bit new and some of you are shy and you don't have the same experience that the adults do. So it's okay if you go slow. But in the long run, He does expect the young people to get on board with it the same as the adults, because the principles behind it are the same—loving your brothers and sisters, helping to supply whatever needs there are, living the One Wife vision, helping each other—whatever help is needed, including supplying the sexual needs of your fellow Family members.

When the Loving Jesus revelation came out, how did you take it?

Well, I received most of the first prophecies about it, and it was like "Woah!" It was surprising, but that's what the Lord said. It didn't bother me, but more than anything, I was concerned about how everyone else was going to take it.

When you get prophecies, especially something like that which is a new revelation, you give what the Lord gives you, but it's a pretty big deal. My next biggest battle was that I knew that Mama and I had to give this message to the whole Family and I didn't know how they were going to take it.

Loving Jesus was a pretty big revelation. Dad had talked about it to some extent; he had alluded to it and made reference to it, but it wasn't that clear. So my big concern was about the Family. But it's not like a big wave of people went out the door over the Loving Jesus revelation. There have been a number of people who have left, and that revelation played some part in their decision to leave. At the same time, I think some people used that as an *excuse* to leave, when really in their heart they had been headed out of the Family for some time.

With the Law of Love and more sharing going on, if people share and a child results, often the woman stays single with the child. Should there be some sort of Family rule that requires you to send monthly child support if you don't stay to care for your child past the 20 months minimum responsibility?

That's one that we have discussed and prayed about for a number of years. Many people have asked that question. The bottom line is that it's virtually impossible to implement. I'll give you an example.

Let's say you made love with someone and they got pregnant. You leave South America and go to Russia, where it's very difficult to raise financial support. If there were a mandated amount of funds you had to give as child support, you might not be able to do it, because coming up with hard currency in Russia is extremely difficult if not impossible. So what happens to you if you can't send the monthly support? Do you get excommunicated? What is the punishment and how does the CRO in South America figure out what to do about the guy who lives in Russia? Do we set up a new WS Unit just to monitor child support payments? Or

do we ask the CROs to do the job? What if the amount the person sends, once it's exchanged from the currency sent into the currency received doesn't match the specified amount? Does the sender get penalized, etc. etc. As you can see, logistically it's very complex.

Instead, as we prayed about the Law of Love and received the Lord's counsel which is included in the GN series, we made the stipulation that if you do get someone pregnant, that you are held to the minimum responsibility of 20 months, until the child is one year old. That rule was made in the hopes that during that time that you have to stay there with the girl, you will realize your responsibility. Maybe you won't get together and you're not in love, but you partake of the birth experience and you help to raise the child for a year.

From there, even if you do go someplace else, we hope that you will feel responsible enough to help the mother of your child in some way—not because WS or the law is saying "thou shalt do it," but because your own heart wants to do it, which is the better way. The Lord wants us to do those things out of love and responsibility, not out of fear because you're afraid you're going to be punished.

With the new emphasis on the Law of Love, I wondered if everyone in the Family should take an AIDS test? It's not that I don't trust people, but you never know who's done what, and there might be a breach in that area.

We've thought about it. The only solution to that is: Please don't share with outsiders! That would solve the problem completely.

In theory having everyone in the Family take an AIDS test is a good idea. We could say, "On May 1, everybody in the Family go take an AIDS test and we'll find out what the situation is." Then we could all promise that from that date on nobody's going to have sex with outsiders and we wouldn't have to worry about it. But that's not very realistic.

When you get down to the logistics of it, it gets more complicated. If you live in North America, you can just hop down to your local free clinic and get an AIDS test. No problem.

If you're a foreign missionary in Pakistan, there on a missionary visa, and you go in to take an AIDS test, they might not let you stay in the country. They'd wonder, "What in the world are you worried about in a Muslim country?" and it would raise suspicion.

In other places AIDS tests cost a couple hundred dollars, and in some

places you might *get* AIDS trying to get your AIDS test!

As I said, in theory it sounds like a good idea, but when you try to think through the application you see it's not feasible. What I would say is: Don't share with outsiders! And if you have shared with outsiders, fess up!

"Oh, man! But if I fess up I'm going to get partially excomm'd!" So what? A few months without watching videos or drinking alcohol or having sex isn't going to kill you, but passing AIDS on to somebody *is* going to kill somebody!

Has the Family thought of any welfare program for single parents or other needy Family members?

We have discussed and prayed about a lot of different possibilities for our dear single parents. I wish we could give a gift every month to every single parent; I think it would be a super thing to do. The problem is that we just don't have the money. If the base of the Family gets bigger in the future, like we're working towards with the *Activated!* program, and if there is more income or if some of the things like TV broadcasting actually blossom, we may someday have that kind of money. Unfortunately, we don't now.

The means to take care of the single parents presently exists—it's just that everybody has to be involved. If you have single parents in your Home or area, it's really your responsibility to help take care of them. The Charter stipulates that single parents should be given special consideration. At present, there isn't much that WS can physically do to help financially. As the Lord has said, each of us are responsible to see the needs of others and help to meet them, especially the needs of our single parents who carry heavy loads. Are you doing your part? Is there something more your Home could do for the single parents in your Home or area? Talk about it. Pray about it. Do what you can to be part of the solution!

What's your opinion about the conflict in Kosovo, Yugoslavia?

I'm sure there's wrong on both sides. But I think Milosevic is a real demon. In one sense I'm glad to see him getting it, but on the other hand, the Kosovars aren't innocent either. When it comes to politics, everybody's guilty. Their problem goes back 600 years, so it's pretty complex.

It's important to take the time to pray about these things, because sometimes your personal opinion can be way off, especially when your only source of information is the news. CNN is the voice of America, really, and they give you the American line, which isn't usually the way the Lord sees things. (See GN 839, World Currents 95, *Crisis in Kosovo*)

A while ago, when it started, Dad was upset because nobody did anything about the Serbs attacking the Bosnians. Grandpa says in the Letter: "I think the Lord showed me what it was about. Because the ACs are behind the Serbs and they supported them, nobody stopped them." But my question is, why would they want to all of a sudden switch and attack the Serbs?

The whole basis of politics is determined by what is in each country's best interest—all countries are only concerned about their best interest. One country can be for a situation, but later down the line they can change and be against it.

Governments and politics are extremely selfish. It's like that verse, "From whence come wars and fightings among you?" It comes from their lusts, their greed. It's very sad. It shows you how much the world needs Jesus and how much we need to get the message out while we can.

Does it still hold true how Dad always told us that the Family should stay away from political things, not take sides, etc.?

Generally, I would say yes. It's better not to take sides in the country that you're in, because within a country there are always one, two, three or even four sides, and if you align yourself with one side, you automatically make enemies with the others. We aren't here to make enemies;

we're here to preach the Gospel.

All political parties have good and bad points. For the most part they are interested in getting elected, having power and keeping their jobs. There is no all-good political party, unless, of course, the Family got elected! Ha! People are people, and while there may be politicians who have good ideas and try to do good things, if they're not doing the Lord's thing, it's hard to back them and say, "Let's all go for him because he's a really good guy." You don't know if he's a good guy deep down. And since we're here to preach the Gospel, it's better to stay away from political activities and opinions.

You can have a political opinion within the Family, but it's best not to go preaching your opinion to outsiders, because you can get labeled and make enemies that way. And if you get labeled with a guy who turns out to be a real rat, then you'll be considered a rat too. So it's better to stay above it all. We preach something spiritual. We have the truth. We have a message that no politician has and not many preachers have, and that's our ministry.

It's one thing to be living in South America and giving an opinion on something happening elsewhere in the world, but if you're asked to comment on the political situation in the country you are living in, that is a little closer to home; you don't always know what the other person thinks and you should be very prayerful in your answer.

The politics of the world are evil. Men and governments are corrupt; even pretty good men can still be somewhat corrupt because they are part of a corrupt system. So it's better for us to stay above it and serve the Lord. Because we know one thing—the Lord isn't corrupt! ●

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- Chiara Yasmin, born to Fe and Filippo on February 25.—Bolivia
- Martin Cristian, born to Claire and Pedro on March 1.—Brazil
- Emily Luevano, born to Meekness and Miguel on March 12.—Brazil
- Gabriel, born to Raquel and Fabio on March 26.—Brazil
- Nicolas Ethan, born to Belen and Martin on April 16.—Ecuador
- Karla Andrea, 2nd child, born to Clara and Simon on May 22.—Australia
- Evgeniy, born to Russian Dove and Mark on May 24.—Russia
- Larissa Clementia, 2nd child, born to Davida and Daniel Jeremiah on May 26.—Ukraine
- Jamie Brian, 5th child, born to Laura and Joshua on May 31.—Taiwan
- Carolina Christina, born to Lamb and Gideon on June 1.—Norway
- Ana Belen, 6th child, born to Dulci and Aaron on June 4.—Spain
- Michael, 4th child, born to Crystal and Gabriel on June 6.—Poland
- Amanda Victoria, 2nd child, born to Vicky and Chris on June 8.—Hungary
- Alondra Elvira, born to Dulce and Esteban on June 12.—Chile
- Dora Quixote, 4th child, born to Flower and Gabe on June 13.—Hungary
- Alain, born to Sara and Jay P. on June 14.—Chile
- Samantha, 1st child, born to Maria and Santi on June 14.—New Zealand
- Michael Moses, 2nd child, born to Claudia and Joel on June 22.—Hungary
- Elisabeth Mae, born to Christina and Dan in July.—Ukraine
- Florence Maria, born to Bulgarian Joan and Ukrainian Tim in July.—Ukraine
- Allen, born to Katya and Ben on July 7.—Russia
- Ian Sasha, 1st child, born to Kate on July 18.—Venezuela
- Anna Sylvia, born to Liberty Trusting and Michael on July 22.—Hungary

Humanitarian aid trips to Central America

BY MICHAEL AND JOY, JUAN AND ANA, RUTH, JOHN B. AND TEAM, USA

We didn't know what to expect once we committed to going to Nicaragua on our second trip into Central America to minister to the survivors of Hurricane Mitch. On one of the radio shows that Ruth had done with John B. trying to get support, one caller from Managua, Nicaragua, had begged us to do something for his country. He was very persistent, calling several times until we began to take him seriously and got together to pray about going there during the course of our second trip. The Lord indicated that it was indeed His will, and that He would open doors there.

The first morning of our stay there, we were taken by one of the city councilmen of Tipitapa, a town near Managua that was hardest hit during Hurricane Mitch, along with other volunteer workers, to the main street. It was now a river flowing down between the houses. We watched the children diving off of what used to be their gates and fences only four months ago. We performed for the children in this town and our clowns cheered them up and gave out the witness.

This councilman invited us to a pro-party (political) meeting, which we wanted to be cautious about. Through prayer and prophecy the Lord surprised us with encouragement to go and to do the Dr. Chainbuster skit—with hatred, selfishness, and other ailments being removed from the heart. The response was terrific! During this five-day trip we got very close to these city fathers, who opened their homes to us. When it came time to leave, we had a tearful goodbye with this man and his friends, and they presented us with plaques that said, "For your valiant contribution of rescuing the happiness of the children of Tipitapa affected by Hurricane Mitch. Thank you for giving us the tenderness of your heart."

We went to the Hospital Mascotas and distributed half of the medical supplies that we brought. We went from room to room and sang to some of the sickest children. One three-year-old who was recuperating from tuberculosis cried every time the clowns left, so they had to do three curtain calls for her! The director of the hospital was so happy with the supplies that we brought—many of which were donated by Jasper's contact in Tampa.

We visited Casitas Kennedy where we had been last trip and saw some of the sweet abandoned kids who just soaked up the Lord's love. We visited some of our friends and went to work to try to arrange a meeting with the First Lady of Honduras. The Lord had laid on our hearts to learn the song, "What Have You Done With Your Life?" to sing for her, as we had heard

that everyone there loves her for her heart for the poor and needy.

The person who schedules her appointments told us that we could tentatively have a meeting at 6:00 P.M. but it would have to be confirmed. We never got the confirmation, but felt that the Lord wanted us to go by faith, so away we went. Upon arrival, they opened their doors to us and gave us a warm welcome! After singing the song to her, she was visibly moved, saying, "Wow, that song really says it all, doesn't it?" We were so happy to have shared this special moment with her, and we saw the importance of following His leadings in even such a "small thing" as choosing the right song to minister to someone.

It was a blessing also to have Paul and teen Melody from Guatemala help us with this trip, as well, dear co-workers on this precious field.

After three wonderful days it was time to move on to San Pedro Sula where we had "mistakenly" had our return tickets booked from. We were to fly out the next day, but felt badly that we had not had the time to minister in the shelters there yet. As we drove to the airport we thought of the verse, "He that hath pity on the poor, lendeth to the Lord, and that which he hath spent, He will repay." We had spent quite a bit on tickets for this trip, but felt the Lord was encouraging us that He would indeed repay.

As we arrived at the airport, we found out that the flight had been overbooked and we were offered the choice of vouchers of \$300 each and a rebooked flight or a hotel stay for two days and then another flight. We felt the Lord told us to "take the money and run," ha! So we booked another flight and got ready to board when we found out this flight had also been overbooked and they were offering \$200 vouchers to rebook. We didn't want to do this again as we needed to get home, but we prayed and jokingly said, "Why don't you offer \$300 and we might consider it."

Well, they quickly took us up on it, after they realized no one else was going to change their ticket. The Lord surely did repay, as now we have the tickets for our next trip! And the two-day stay enabled us to do a show at the shelter there, visit and minister to kings and contacts and fall in love once again with another needy city that waits for the Words of David.

Our third trip: The first six days of our trip were spent in El Salvador. We had been invited by a team of doctors who work with UniSal, which stands for "unity for Salvador." Their projects include distributing medicines to people

who live on the islands off the coast of San Salvador (the capital city), as well as water treatment projects and orientation of the natives there, as since the Hurricane many of their wells are contaminated and need treatment.

We did several shows on the islands for the children there and spent the whole day listening to, singing to, having fun with and getting to know these precious people. We performed at an old folks' home run by the Little Sisters of Charity (Mother Teresa's order).

When eight provisioned wheelchairs arrived, we were able to pass each one out to a needy child. One precious moment was when one of our clowns prayed for Mariana, who we had been told never moved on her own and never smiled. When Smiley prayed for her healing she turned her head, looked straight into his face and smiled! May the Lord bring her to a complete healing in His time! One wheelchair was sent to a little boy on one of the islands. Another we delivered to a little town in the mountains to

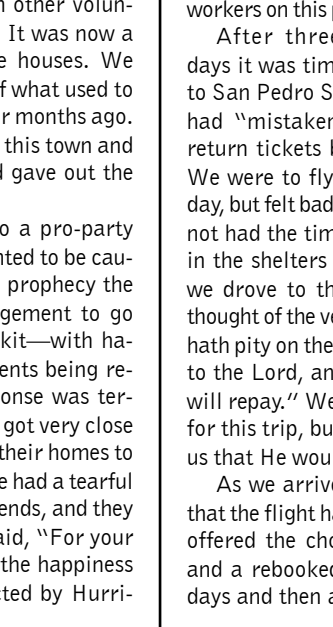
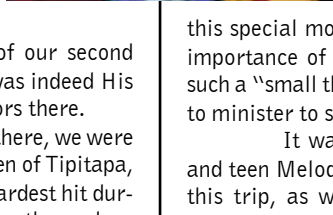
a little boy named Sebastian (9) who was unable to go to school as there was no one to move him about in the classroom. Now with the wheelchair he will be able to go to school.

We went out with dear Juan Flores who, along with his small family and some neigh-

bors, makes a weekly meal for 250 street people and delivers it to them. We went along to help pass out the food and to share love and music with these poor young and old folks who are discarded by society, just waiting for the "touch of the Master's Hand." It was an honor to share His love with each of them and lead quite a few of them to Him in prayer.

We moved on to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where we sang on the radio, TV and in the Central Park for an exhibition on ecology. We did some follow-up Bible classes and visitation, and met more people who want to help us to reach this field once we are established here. We spent our last three days in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, and sang for kids in an orphanage, at bus stations, and at a Physical Rehabilitation Center for children.

There you have a "brief" synopsis of our last two exciting trips to Central America. Now you know why these trips mean so much to us! Is the Lord calling you? Pray for us, as we continue to follow the Lord and move our families to Honduras to open a base there.



PIC CAPTIONS

1. Gi vi ng food bags to fami l i es affected by hurri cane i n Ni caragua
2. Si ngi ng for the Fi rst Lady of Honduras, Mary de Fl ores.
3. . . . Sweet cri ppl ed boy gets an extra measure of l ove from our 2 cl owns and dear Dawni e

entertainment



Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up

NEGOTIATOR, THE (1998)

Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Spacey

Action-drama about a police hostage negotiator who suddenly finds himself implicated in a retirement fund scam and consequently fired from the police force.

THIN RED LINE, THE (1998)

Sean Penn, Jim Caviezel, Nick Nolte

Drama/character study about soldiers in the Pacific during WW2. Heartbreaking with some traumatic war scenes.

Movies Rated for JETTs and Up

JOAN OF ARC (1999)

Leelee Sobieski, Peter O'Toole, Olympia Dukakis

Three-hour mini-series following the life of Joan of Arc, from her preteen years until the time of her death.

WIND AND THE LION, THE (1975)

Sean Connery, Candice Bergen

Historical adventure set in Morocco in the early 1900s, about an American woman and her two children who are abducted by Berbers.



The Negotiator

(Dad speaking:) This is a real "Hollywood" movie in that it keeps your interest and there is a lot of excitement, but as far as real values go, it is a bit shallow and unrealistic. It's not a good example of how to handle things—but then again, what's a guy to do when he doesn't have the Lord and can't count on Him to vindicate him and get him out of a pickle? It can be a rather thought-provoking movie, giving an insight into a part of life out there that you might not consider otherwise. *(End of message from Dad.)*

The Thin Red Line

(Jesus speaking:) This movie is especially good for those that do not know Me, for it serves to wake people up and makes them start thinking and asking. When they are hungry and desirous of answers, when they are open and in need, My Spirit is able to get in and work in their hearts and give them My answers. "For if you seek you shall find."

This movie gives a true-to-life portrayal of the horrors of war. It gives a realistic portrayal of the selfishness of many of the warmongering generals and those in command who cared nothing for those under them, but rather

only for themselves and their personal gain. It also shows someone who had real love and concern for those under his command and had the guts to speak out. I know and see all things and I will reward each according to his heart and his actions.

After watching this movie I ask that you say a prayer for those in wars—pray for their souls. This movie should break your heart and stir you up to pray for them, that they may come to know Me. Pray also for the souls of those that have fallen in battle. Follow the example of My servant David and pray that their spirits may be set free to come into My arms, that I may wipe away their tears and that they may abide forever in My glorious light. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

Joan of Arc

(Dad speaking:) Praise the Lord, what a wonderful movie! What a powerful message! God bless those who put this together, it's really going to be a strength and encouragement to many. This is the type of feeding viewing that you can really just sit back and relax and enjoy. You don't have to worry about the System influences, the bad language, the garbage that the Enemy throws in, you can just be fed. It's wholesome entertainment, praise the Lord!—And it's a lot of fun as well. It shows that God's heroes are men and women with clay feet, but praise the Lord, we just do our best and He does the rest. Praise His name. Don't you love Him? I sure do! And I love you, too! Try to see this one, it's tremendous. *(End of message from Dad.)*

Kosovo Koncert with special guests—the Paris Band!

BY THE OASIS HOME, CENTRAL BOSNIA

When Jesus said, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few," He must have been thinking of Bosnia! TTL for the help He sent us this month!—Ready, Clara, Cesco, Eli and Simon joined us temporarily. We had been booking shows and wow—did the young people here ever appreciate their music! The highlight of their visit was the Kosovo Koncert. Come run through the day with us!

It's a beautiful, hot summer afternoon, and the humanitarian aid has been packed into our van. We've decided to make the three-hour drive during the heat of the day, so it will be cooler during the concert, which is scheduled to begin around 6 P.M. All 15 of us are ready to begin the trek through the roadwork, potholes, makeshift bridges, narrow mountain roads, and a stretch of Bosnian Serb territory, in order to reach our destination: the gigantic tent city, where 1,500 refugees are anxiously

awaiting our arrival! The gorgeous green Bosnian countryside will hopefully keep everyone's minds off the heat! Oops, don't forget to pick up two Catholic nuns who wanted to come with us and give out diapers and baby formula to the newborn babies in the camp. Hope they know what they're getting into!

As we pull into the gates, the children run happily to greet us. They call us the "circus," as the memory of our clown show is obviously still fresh in their minds. Our vans park up against the administration building, so as to form the sides of the "stage" of rough-cut gravel. Restraint ropes are set up to try to limit the number of people who want to try and "help" with the set-up! During this time, we go tent to tent, visiting our friends, giving out the aid we had brought, and praying for those in need.

As the music starts, all the young people get hooked! Lots of souls are won, and tons of lit goes out. As a grand finale, we conduct a Lotto to give out the limited num-

ber of the football jerseys which the kids had "ordered" on our last visit when we gave out footballs. Everyone enjoyed the anticipation, and 50 children went away happy winners!

Now, what can we do for our neighborhood? How about a concert in our yard? We had started a few days beforehand by laying out nice-looking invitations. Then we visited our friends, and asked a couple of our neighbors if they would like to donate drinks or fruit. The hot, sunny weather decided to end on the day appointed, and instead it was very windy, with storm clouds forming on the nearby hills. One friend told us that without a doubt it was going to rain. What to do? We desperately prayed, as we couldn't set up the equipment if it was going to rain. All we could do was proceed as if possessing.

We had wooden planks for benches, a long table to receive the yummy treats the neighbors would be bringing, cups, napkins and

plenty of drinks. The rain stayed away in answer to our prayers, and we were ready! Then the worst happened! Our landlord came walking toward our house with a look on his face darker than the storm clouds still lingering overhead! At least a hundred people watched as he told us we were destroying his yard and had not asked his permission, so we could not proceed! Apparently he had not understood from the invitation how "big" this event was going to be. The Lord had specifically shown us that it was His will to do this concert in our garden, so we were not to be deterred. We prayed again and apologized profusely. The Lord then touched his heart, and with a smile he told us to go ahead!

It was fantastic, and everyone had so much fun! The kids danced their hearts out, and the young people, who lingered outside the fence, really enjoyed the music. We made so many friends, and even the newspaper came to do an article about it.●

[Taking help for granted]

FGA woman, Asia: Mama's Memo #8 covers poor manners when visiting other Family Homes. I agree with it 100% and would like to add that we ought to be aware of similar manners in our own Homes.

For example, many of us take for granted that we should get help from others. Yes, we are supposed to help each other and should be able to rely on our brothers and sisters. But if we show gratitude and appreciation, people will be more than happy to help, even bend over backwards if necessary.

In our Home, our young people carry a big load (CC, cooking, laundry, etc) and they've stuck. Nursery is not an easy job but these young people do it day in, day out. The kids are with them for most of the day except for Family day, dinner and parent time. Unfortunately, we (including me!) expect them—junior and senior teens—to be parents, but they're not. Some people get upset if the young person who is on CC doesn't come on time, and actually scolds them. I think we have it backwards. Instead of our attitude being, "Thank you for taking care of my children," it's, "Why weren't you here on time? Don't you know we're having W&R?"

True, our young people do need the training to be punctual, and to do the job right, but our young people should be more appreciated by those they help. This way we, parents with teenagers who help the Home, feel fulfilled that *our* "children" are being used and are happy in their ministries!

[Halfway house]

Home in USA: We have had to open a type of halfway house for three of the underaged boys in our Home. One has decided to try out the System and go to public school. The other two have just come to join us but are not Family material. Thank the Lord, He provided a nice

house through a friend for a very reasonable price which is just 10 minutes away for them. Their fathers are able to take turns staying with the boys to give them some supervision, while still remaining with the CM Family.

[Final harvest for the USA?]

Job, USA: My name is Job and I'm a new disciple. I've been CM for about one year. Thank the Lord He's kept me this long! The Lord has been giving our Home (SFBWAVE San Francisco Home) and the Portland OR Home more NEW DISCIPLES!! PTL! We just went to the National Rainbow Gatherings and the Lord won a new disciple.

While there we read an article that said the Rainbow Gatherings were originally a Christian thing and that they had been started in the Age of Aquarius but had no prophet. In the past Gatherings we've been to we were called by the Rainbow Elders' "light of the Gathering" and they said the Family most fully represents the Rainbow ideals. We've been giving MO classes and everybody was flipped! PTL! The final harvest for the States, maybe?

[Network schemes]

Abe Deliverance, USA: During the early '90s we received a phone call from a brother in a Home in Hawaii! He went on to give us a networking scheme that he had sold other brethren in town on, but with good intentions that God would bless us and we could help the field. However, many went in debt to their relatives from anywhere from \$200 to \$2,000 and although like the woman in the Bible that put in all of her money was not hurt by giving in the long run, it was a bitter lesson for many.

All pyramid schemes tend to prey on relatives and friends who are pretty trusting, and easy to approach and abuse if not

prayerful. I compare it to "provisioning" from brethren in the Home, as opposed to getting it from the world, which has an overabundance of cash usually available for some kind of investment or rainy day. I suggest that if brethren—CM or FM—want to try networking, that they confine their efforts to people outside the Family, to whom in addition to presenting the network, they can also minister and give Jesus! But network schemes within the Family can be a large time-waster not only for the brethren involved, but can also take precious time away from their children, even more so than a full-time worldly job! As anyone that was ever self-employed can testify, it can take more than 40 hours a week to run your own business.

These get-rich-quick schemes are dangerous and deceiving, especially in the Endtime when the Devil walks about seeking whom he may devour, by either getting you to devour your own time or the precious time of those around you. "According to your faith be it unto you," but for God's sake and the sake of those around you, don't cause a weaker brother to stumble into a financially dangerous situation, due to a get-rich-scheme like networking.—Only to pad the pockets of the 2% of the folks who started this ingenious operation in the first place for one motivation only, no matter what Godly precepts they try to base it on. Look at their fruits and their so-called successful lifestyles. Someone had to pay for it, and the only question is WHO? Don't let it be you!

P.S. I'm sure there are positive testimonies of those who prayerfully entered into a network with their eyes open where it has borne good fruit. This is for the more gullible folks like myself without a lot of wisdom concerning the ways of the world. I suggest folks really pray about it after hearing both sides of the story. The company we had our last encounter with was Amway under the name Quickstart. ●

Letters to the editor

Re: Low letters (*Grapevine* #61, page 11)

Dear National at Heart: Unfortunately your plight was all too true. Coming from a westernized country myself I was disappointed by the way some Field Homes viewed other countries, considering themselves the true "Family" and suggesting that the vast majority of personnel in westernized fields are a bunch of lazy dudes that hold no regard for Family policies, do nothing but hang out in malls, up to their armpits in cash, listening to Axel Rose and MC Hammer all day. To say that this is untrue is a severe understatement.

Many brethren have fruitful ministries that they have invested years of work into and can't abandon. Many would like to leave their home countries but sacrificially stay back to work in media or legal teams, office situations or fundraising for others on difficult fields. Granted, every field has its problems, but so do we and generalizing each other negatively isn't going to help.

Basically I'm repeating Thumper's golden rule here: "If you can't say something nice" And if you really are concerned, why not pray for them more? It'll go a lot further than criticism.

—YA MALE, ASCRO

Re: Married for 23 years

Mercy (of Byron), Lithuania: After reading the GN on "Loving Interaction", we downloaded the book review "Men are from Mars and Women are from Venus" from the Members Only site. The combination of these two pubs was life-changing for us. Byron and I have been married for 23 years and felt our communication was very good and that we didn't have any secrets from each other. But through reading these pubs we found out how many things we didn't know about each other, and it was so sweet and uniting to talk about these. Most were little things that may not have seemed to be so important, but once we discovered them they added depth to our relationship and multiplied our love for each other many times over. ●

Family Statistics

2nd Quarter 1999

Compiled from stats taken from the June 1999 TRFs

What We're Doing

CM/FM	April	May	June	Total	Monthly Avg.	Per Adult Avg.
Souls Won	93,609	81,513	80,292	255,414	85,138	13
Personal Witness	544,420	591,334	561,196	1,696,950	565,650	89
Total Witness	62,272,830	34,363,179	97,571,420	194,207,429	64,735,810	10,142
Posters Dist.	370,798	401,514	315,710	1,088,022	362,674	57
Tapes Dist.	26,244	25,999	22,348	74,591	24,864	4
Videos Dist.	9,461	10,776	9,585	29,822	9,941	1½
Other Lit Dist.	971,340	1,013,508	938,341	2,923,189	974,396	153
Total Pieces Dist.	1,377,843	1,451,797	1,285,984	4,115,624	1,371,875	215
Total Pages Dist.	9,843,923	11,023,703	9,845,062	30,712,688	10,237,563	1,604

Who We Are

Age	Amount	% of CM
0 to 1 YR	244	2.4
1 YR	309	3
2 YRS	309	3
3 YRS	311	3
4 YRS	289	2.8
5 YRS	314	3.1
6 YRS	339	3.3
7 YRS	300	2.9
8 YRS	364	3.6
9 YRS	351	3.5
10 YRS	337	3.3
11 YRS	339	3.3
12 YRS	370	3.6
13 YRS	321	3.1
14 YRS	366	3.6
15 YRS	333	3.3
16 YRS	299	2.9
17 YRS	306	3
18 YRS	287	2.8
19 YRS	258	2.6
20 YRS	277	2.7
21-29 YRS	1,010	9.9
30-39 YRS	725	7.1
40-49 YRS	1,614	15.8
OVER 50	247	2.4

Charter Members

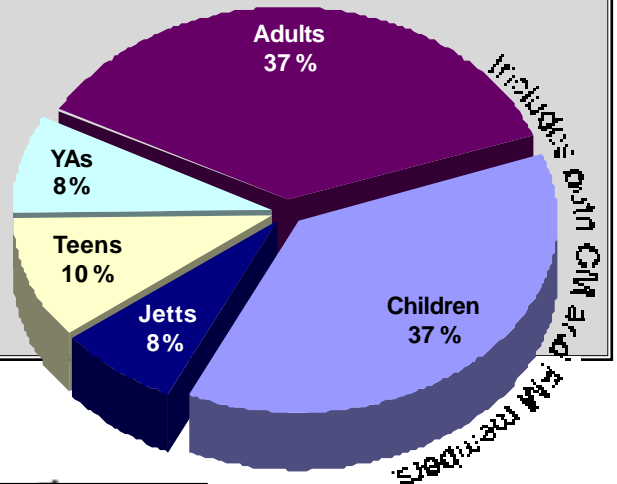
Age	Amount	% of FM
0 to 1 YR	25	0.9
1 YR	39	1.4
2 YRS	46	1.7
3 YRS	56	2
4 YRS	56	2
5 YRS	63	2.3
6 YRS	83	3
7 YRS	85	3.1
8 YRS	104	3.8
9 YRS	110	4
10 YRS	106	3.9
11 YRS	118	4.3
12 YRS	121	4.4
13 YRS	125	4.5
14 YRS	120	4.4
15 YRS	133	4.8
16 YRS	81	2.9
17 YRS	104	3.8
18 YRS	82	3
19 YRS	66	2.4
20 YRS	57	2.1
21-29 YRS	116	4.2
30-39 YRS	225	8.2
40-49 YRS	541	19.7
OVER 50	88	3.2

Fellow Members

Homes/Population Stats

CM Homes	840
FM Homes	532
Average CM Home Size	12
Average FM Home Size	5
CM pop	10,219
FM pop	2,750
Births	23
Betrothals	9
New Disciples	33

Age Groups Pie Graph



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