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### Good News from FAR Country

Get 'em sooner! The FARs for the following month are now being posted on the Members Only site on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month, or shortly thereafter. This way you can download the PDF files, make as many copies as you need, and get them to your friends and contacts by the first of the month they are dated. (Additional FAR Special Issues may be posted on or around the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, so check the site again then.) Also, the photos in the PDF files are in color, so this gives you the option of reproducing the FARs in color for your PR album, special friends or mailing list, if you like.

Be wise—advertise! Would you like to raise international support for your Home or CTP project? Include your GP e-mail or postal address at the end of your (long or short) testimonies designated "for possible publication in the FAR," and if your article gets used, we'll include your address in the printed and Web versions (for an example, see "Rebuilding Paradise—After the War in Sierra Leone"). This way potential donors will be able to contact you directly to work out the details for sending their support straight to you.

Photo op! A clear, meaningful photo is almost guaranteed to be used in a FAR—even if only accompanied by a caption-length testimony—and additional photos are sometimes included in the Web version. We especially need more photos for the "Christian" issues. Let's show the world more of those 100,000 people we lead to the

Lord every month, as well as more of the thousands of others whose lives are changed or bodies are healed as a result of the Family's witness! The printed FARs are black and white, but the GP and M.O. Web versions are in color, so color JPG files are best. Be sure to include a caption that tells who, what, when, where, why and how, as well as the *photographer's name*.



CQ: We'd like to use this photo, but the caption must have been lost in cyberspace. If you recognize this beautiful girl and know whom she's performing for and where, please let us know via the wspubs e-mail address or your next TRF.

Also, Catherine (Brazil), Crystal (India/Africa), Juan and Marie (El Salvador/India), Nat (Russia), Nikki (Philippines) and other star reporters we haven't heard from for a while, what are you and your Homes up to now? We'd love to hear more from you!

A HUGE thank-you to all of you who manage to make time in your busy lives to testify of the wonderful things our Husband does for you and through you! The FARs wouldn't be possible without you! You reflect beautifully on the Family, and you make us all proud to be a part!

### World news

#### PROVINCIAL FIRST LADY RECEIVES JESUS

Elimelech, Esteban and Maria Clara, South America: In our states the wives of the governors are called "first ladies," and since the present governor of our state is not married, his mother carries out the functions of first lady. When she was visiting the Children's Foundation—where we have collaborated with various activities—Maria Clara offered her our new videos. To Maria Clara's surprise, the governor's mother confided in her that she was ill with a tumor, that she was going to have to have an operation, and that she was also having an unbearable headache! Maria Clara said she would love to pray for her but that first she ought to receive Jesus in her heart. She prayed for Jesus to come into her heart on the spot and then Maria Clara prayed for the healing of the tumor.

The lady then began praising the Lord with all her heart, saying: "Lord, You're the owner of my life. Without You I can't even lift a finger. I'd be lost without You. You have me in this position because it's Your will." Maria then got a prophecy, which she shared with her: "The Lord is at your side, and as long as you seek Him with all your heart He'll be right there with you. He knows you live every day as if it were your last, but don't worry because He is in control of the situation."

When the first lady heard this she said that it was true about living every day as if it were her last, since she's had 24 operations and she could have a heart attack at any minute. After praying with Maria Clara she had a big change and was able to resolve many matters that required her attention, her headache went away, and she told Maria Clara to please come back and to not forget her.—She repeated that three times. Please pray for this woman, that the Lord can use her according to His will, and work greatly in her life.

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Activate your Christmas!

Don't forget that Christmas is a great time to sign people up to the *Activated* program! At Christmas you probably win more souls than any other time of the year, so please make sure that those souls will continue to get fed by either getting them to fill in an address card for three free *Activated* mailings, or better yet, inviting them to sign up on the spot for a year's worth of *Activated*.

It's your responsibility to not only win people to the Lord, but also give them the opportunity to continue to receive further spiritual nourishment, so please be faithful to invite people to sign up!

Take a stack of subscription cards with you whenever you go out witnessing, or caroling, or to do shows, etc., and offer them to everyone you meet, and for sure to those who get saved!

God bless you as you feed the sheep and roll the gold this Christmas! Stay *Activated*!

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### 3 WEEKS: 21 SHOWS, 4350 KIDS, 3830 SOULS

Mary, Johanna and Mercy, Ukraine: This month we packed everybody in the van with our puppet theater, and hit the road visiting children's summer camps in the beautiful forested areas of Ukraine, Slovanogorsk and the Azov Sea. Everybody is involved in the show.

We were received very warmly at the camps, and after our show the kids would crowd around to get autographs and talk with us. The authorities are quite open, especially since we come with the blessing of the area administration. They are very hospitable and we could always count on good food and a place to stay for the night. All together we performed 21 shows for 4,350 kids and won 3,830 souls in three weeks!

### ROCK FESTIVAL WITNESS

John, Ruby and Faithy, Hungary: A team of four nationals from the Studio and Orchard Homes spent the whole week at the annual pop festival. The festival was attended by 50,000 people daily. Our teams camped there and performed mini-concerts for 200-300 people at a time. The concert organizers this year did not allow any mass distribution of literature, but our teams spent many hours in deep personal witnessing to people who came to their tents.

### ALL-AFRICA GAMES 1999

Rachel (of Gideon), for the Johannesburg City Council: Our three Homes in Johannesburg got together to pray about whether the Lord wanted us to have a special outreach attack during the

All-African Games which were to be held from September 10-17 here in Johannesburg. The Lord indicated that He wanted us to win as many athletes to the Lord as possible, and also try to get people signed up for the *Activated!* program.

Soon 6,000 athletes from 54 African countries descended on Johannesburg! We have many teens in the area and we wanted them to be involved winning souls personally. Thanks to WS, who helped us to print 5,000 pieces of literature for Africa in English, Portuguese and French, and also to the *Activated!* program who delivered magazine #1 in good time. We printed T-shirts with *The Family* written in bright colors, and we were ready.

Although we did not know exactly how to go about it, we went by faith to the opening ceremony. The Lord did a miracle and the security guards gave us a spot at the entrance where all the athletes had to march through. The security at the games was incredibly tight, but the guards were calling out, "Only people with the pamphlets are allowed in here!" (Of course, that was us!) We managed to get out thousands of pieces of literature to the athletes; they were coming and grabbing them from us if we were not quick enough to keep up. As they had to wait around in the enclosure for their turn to join the opening ceremony procession, a number of them came back to talk to us, pray with us and find out more. They were so receptive and sweet—it was an absolute pleasure to witness to them.

During the next few days we tried hard to get into the athletes' village. We were invited to perform a church service for the female athletes, but we found no way to get through the security. So the Lord showed us to just go to the games every day and see what He would do. Well, every day we managed to pray with a few more

athletes. The teens were absolutely marvelous—they were so natural! It was wonderful to see them go up to these muscle men, boxers, weightlifters, 7-foot tall high jumpers, and ask them if they wanted to ask Jesus into their hearts. We won well over 120 souls—many of them athletes—and got some of them signed up for the *Activated!* program.

At the end of the games, as a reward for the teens for putting in all those extra hours (as we were still keeping up with our other outreach activities and CTP), the Lord supplied a camping trip to an animal reserve. Let us tell you: We have *fun* here in Africa!

### WEEK OF THE DEAF

By Willing, India: The 42nd International Week of the Deaf was held again this year from October 11-16. As part of the celebration we helped to organize the A.P. Deaf Expo '99. The Chairman of the Rehabilitation Council of India, along with the Secretary of Disability Welfare from the state government inaugurated the Expo. The Rehabilitation Council of India's Chairman announced that they will fund our training programs for the Deaf! Several important Government officials and Ministers also attended the event. One of the leading hotels in the city sponsored the press conference, which was attended by all major newspapers in the city. We got a lot of positive media coverage. This same hotel also donated dinner for eight people everyday during the week long event, and agreed to help us in the coming months with various events.

God bless our queen and very close friend, Christine, who organized the entire event for us again this year—without her help we wouldn't have made it! God bless all the Homes in the area who helped with the fundraising and provisioning for this event.

## special offerings

Dearest Family,

We love you, and want to thank you again for your faithful and needed tithes to World Services, as well as your special offerings above your tithes, all of which has helped to keep us rolling for another month. We are so appreciative of all that you are able to give to help the Word keep going out. Thank you for your gifts, and especially for your lives given to the Lord's service, which is precious beyond words.

Below is a list of those of you who gave special offerings above your tithes with your September TRFs. We are so thankful for these! We need them very much. They are helping to keep *Activated!* and many other projects going.

With love, thanks, and prayers,  
Your World Services Office

- IVAN/LIBBY, INDIA AREA
- DAVID/MIRACLE, INDIA AREA
- COTTAGE HOME, INDIA AREA
- DANIEL/SARA, INDIA AREA
- STEVEN/FAITH, INDONESIA
- PETER/TENDER, PHILIPPINES
- MICHAEL/MARY, EU
- DAVIDE/JOAN, EU (AUG)
- ANDREW/MIRACLE, EU
- FRANCESCO/SARA/MARCO, EU
- BEN EST, EU
- ZAC #2, EU
- MATTHEW SAVED/GINA, EU
- MARC/PANDITA, EU
- SIMON/JULIA #2, EU
- SOLOMON SHEPHERD, EU
- TIM/RACHEL, EU
- DAVIDE/JOAN/KRISTEN, EU
- JOSUE/MARY/PHILIP #3, EU
- GABRIEL/JOAN, EU
- MARTIN/ELLA, EU
- JOHN MOONEY, USA
- AMOR/CYNTHIA/CRYSTAL, NA
- SAMUEL/ROSITA, MEXICO
- JOY/PAULA/JONATHAN, MEXICO
- JONATHAN/LILY, USA
- ANDREW/ANNIE, USA
- USA HOME # 5003
- ANDREW/MERCY, CHINA
- CLAY/VICTORY, CHINA
- MICHAEL/CHRIS, CHINA
- LILY, CHINA
- TIM/HANNAH, TAIWAN
- EMANUEL/JOY, TAIWAN
- JAPAN HOME # 400 CHRISTMAS
- STEVEN/MERCY, JAPAN
- ANDY/JOY, CHINA
- CLAIRE, CHINA
- PETER/CRYSTAL, CHINA
- LUKE/HEIDI, CHINA
- DANIEL/ELIXIR, JAPAN
- ALF/CLAIRE, JAPAN
- DAVID/PANDITA, JAPAN
- TIM/COMFORT, KOREA
- STEVEN/TABITHA, JAPAN
- JANE/JOSH/BIRGITTA, SA
- TIAGO/PRISCILA/JER, SA
- LUCAS/JOHN/RUTHIE, SA
- FRANCISCO/JOANNA, SA
- PEDRO/MARIA, SA
- ABE/JOANNA, SA

### What's happening with *Reflections*

Dear Family,

GBY! ILY! Some of you have written asking for more *Reflections*, on various topics. By now you should have received a set of Christmas *Reflections*, or you will soon. Another set will be on its way to you this month, DV, on Creation and Giving/Unselfishness, plus an eight-page set to use during January and February. This Y2K set is on themes such God's peace, His help in trouble, protection, prayer, etc. We're sending you these pages in advance, so you can plan on using them for ministering to your friends and contacts during the Y2K period, and so you have time

for sending them to your mailing list if you feel led.

After that, we'll be shooting to send you *Reflections* pages each month, as long as we have material! By the way, if you come across touching, meaningful anecdotes or quotes that make spiritual principles easy to understand, please send them in for possible *Reflections* use. Thanks! And please pray for the preparation of the pages in the works, that they'll be what the Lord wants and help you in your ministry to your precious sheep. Thank you for all you do that makes such a big difference in their lives, and brings them closer to the Lord. I love you!

MUCH LOVE, CHLOE  
FOR THE REFLECTIONS TEAM

# babymania

## Pullin' Out the Ol' Guitar ...

By Jaz, WS

Dinner time. It wouldn't be long before another parent time was upon us. It's so easy to live hand-to-mouth when it comes to our kids, who are really our most priceless possessions. It's funny how so often any and all manner of work, business and other priorities seem to take precedence over those little lives who mean so much to us, and who we love so dearly. Knowing how they mean the world to me, I often find myself wishing I would spend more time proving it.

Such thoughts were running through my head earlier today as I thought about what we could do at parent time. Then a brilliant idea struck me, a bit like turning on an old rusty lamp that used to be really shiny but that we hadn't touched in quite a while. What about having a mini-inspiration during parent time? (Roxy held these with the kids on occasion, but as far as a just-our-little-family activity, it was uncharted territory.) Perfect! I whispered a couple words to Alec on our way to dinner. "What if we pull out the guitar and sing a few songs at parent time?" He was game.

Kimby was thrilled. "We're going to have inspiration!" She was already dancing with glee, and the meal wasn't even over. By the time Kimby and I made it upstairs, Alec had already pulled out the guitar. As Kimby and I took the dance floor, he led out with "David's Mighty Men." I must confess, for a song that was a major staple in teen inspirations, I haven't sung it—or thought of it—in a very long time. But it didn't take two seconds for the whole thrill to come flooding back to me. Maybe I was burned out on that particular song at one time in my life, but today I was seeing it

with entirely new eyes—two-year-old eyes.

"Come on," I called out to Kimby. "Crouch down on the carpet with me like this."

She shivered with delight as we huddled down on the floor during the initial "darkness shall cover the earth" portion, then slowly sat up and lifted our arms up in the air for the light dawning, and on it went. Once the first chorus struck we both jumped up and started leaping around the room, with Kimby's little voice squeaking "yes, we are" every time just as she was supposed to stop singing. It was vigorous; it was tiring; it was a blast!

As soon as that song was finished, I thought of another—a real oldie goldie that I'm sure I haven't thought of in ages: "Psalm 1" from the Aaron songbook. This is a perfect leaping-around-the-room song, and Kimby dissolved into fits of laughter at each e-e-e-e, a-a-a-a or o-o-o-o part. She was in heaven.

At that point I went blank; Alec to the rescue. He pulled out "Gospel Riders," and we dutifully continued our circular trek around and round the room. After Kimby and I had had our turns, I whipped the guitar out of his grasp. "Go on," I said. "Your turn." As he started galloping zealously after Kimby, I scrambled for the chords. If I haven't sung some of these songs in ages, it's been yet longer since I've played them on guitar. (My left-hand fingers are still aching slightly as I type this.) I stumbled through the first verse, but something magical happened when I hit the chorus: Right at that part where you go, "they are the mountain climbers," you switch from G to Em, and as I did, my fingers automatically filled in the little step chord that bridges the two.—Maybe not exactly like riding a bike, but it sure could come flooding back when it needed to. The magic of the experience thrilled me through and through.

After our impromptu inspiration was over (and I used the excuse of nursing Pixie as a

much-needed chance to catch my breath), Kimby draped the guitar over her lap and proceeded to twang the strings to a self-styled rendition of "Ding Dong Ding." She had caught the bug too.

I daresay that it won't be long before we have another one such parent time event. But the thing that stood out to me the most as I skipped, leaped and galloped behind my daughter was the delight on her face at hearing

some of these more old-time songs for the first time. These songs are our heritage—who is going to teach them to the next generation if we don't?—And you can get a good, heart-pumping workout thrown in for good measure. Now I'd say that's worth digging out the songbooks for! Thank God for the songs that made the Revolution.—And may they revolute all over again in the life of our own little fire-bombs!

### Some fun oldie-goldie dancing/action songs:

- ◆ David's Mighty Men
- ◆ Gospel Riders
- ◆ Shake Shake
- ◆ Achoo, I Love You
- ◆ When the Spirit of God Moves In Me
- ◆ Mountain Children
- ◆ Father David Has Many Sons
- ◆ Honk Honk Hallelujah
- ◆ Jesus' Love Is Very Wonderful
- ◆ Gospel Express
- ◆ Clap Your Hands, All Ye People

- ◆ Travellin' for Jesus (All things are clean that God has cleansed)
- ◆ Gypsy Caravan
- ◆ It's Not In Me
- ◆ I'm In the Lord's Army ("I may never march in the infantry...")
- ◆ Oh, In the Sky
- ◆ You've Gotta Be a Baby

[See also the Aaron songbook and the "Happy All the Time" songbook in Activity Book IV.]

## fidbits

### getting together ...

**Esther Romanian** and **Mark SGA** tied the knot on September 26 in Romania.

### new CM disciples ...

**Nilson** (28, Colombian) joined in Colombia.—September  
**Perla** (40, Venezuelan) with her daughter, **Jazzy**, joined in Venezuela.—September  
**James** (22, Venezuelan) joined in Venezuela.—September  
**Angela Lovelight** (18, Italian) joined in Italy.—September  
**Sara** (24, Romanian) joined in Romania.—September  
**Caleb** (Nigerian) joined in Nigeria.—September

## kidbits

**Carlos Andres**, born to **Angela** on April 21.—North America  
**Daniela Consuelo**, born to **Lizzy and Cristian** on July 21.—Chile  
**Arturo**, 6<sup>th</sup> child, born to **Manantial and Gabriel** on August 1.—Mexico  
**Melissa Paola**, born to **Maggie and Gabriel** on August 12.—Brazil  
**Laura Alison**, born to **Julia and Pedro** on August 31.—USA  
**Henry**, born to **Pearly and Dima** on August 31.—Venezuela  
**Rafael**, born to **Beatriz and Francisco** on September 1.—Bolivia  
**Cristian Javier**, born to **Julietta** on September 6.—Brazil  
**Patrick Michael**, 6<sup>th</sup> child, born to **Ruthie and David** on September 6.—Taiwan  
**Samuel Andres**, born to **Angela and Martin** on September 9.—Argentina  
**Aika**, 6<sup>th</sup> child, born to **Tabitha and Marco** on September 14.—Japan  
**Diogo**, born to **Clara and Santiago** on September 16.—Brazil  
**Kiara**, 3<sup>rd</sup> child, born to **Christie and Michael** on September 20.—China  
**Martin Benjamin**, 3<sup>rd</sup> child, born to **Ella and Martin** on October 2.—Holland  
**Cynthia Millennia**, 4<sup>th</sup> child, born to Sarah and Daniel Arrow on October 9.—Russia

# brotherhood

## MEXICO JETT CAMP '99

(Renee Quixote Madness Earth, YA:) We just finished holding a wonderful JETT camp from October 10-13 in Morelia! There were 42 JETTS and lots of wonderful adult help. The main subject for the camp was for everyone to "get on board." We expressed numerous times to our JETT team that they were reaching the age of decision and needed to begin asking themselves "Do I want to get on board for Jesus?" There were many hilarious skits and meaningful meetings all with this great point in mind. The JETTS were wonderful and spunky. I was in the kitchen quite a bit of the time, but the JETTS would run into the kitchen all the time and talk to us; they all seemed to really appreciate being able to come and have this fellowship with other kids their age.



"SHIP AHOY"! OUR 42 JETTS SET SAIL FOR THE ISLAND OF JANITZIO!

Many of the JETTS slept outside in tents. We were trying to have an adventurous time out in "the wild" (our back yard), but the rain storms came and before you know it we were all sleeping—still in our tents—but this time it was on the cement garage floor. Ha! It was more fun then being out in the cold.

The first day was an exciting journey to some

# crusading

## Pakistan – Quetta Road Trip for our OC/JETTS

Karachi Home: Sam and Samaria went with four OC and JETTS (Chris, David, Tim, Daniel) on a two-week trip by train (18 hours) to Quetta, a large provincial city on the frontier near Afghanistan. It was a road trip full of excitement and open doors, which the Lord had foretold in prophecy as we gathered to hear from Him before the trip began. He said He would lead the team to "new people in high positions" and "open new doors...which you should enter in." In the past teams had gone there mainly to get out the videos and tools. This time, we went prepared for anything.

We visited about five schools, and even though we only had an acoustic guitar, we found ourselves doing singing programs for whole schools, and they simply loved them! In turn they would then take videos and tapes.

Then, via someone we met DTD, we found ourselves with an appointment to meet with the

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# JETT CAMP '99



DAVID SGA & RUEBEN YA DOING A SKIT ABOUT STAYING CLOSE TO THE WORD AS OUR MANUAL OF HOW WE CAN "GET ON BOARD"!

indoor soccer fields where all the JETTS could really show us how much energy they had. Lots of jumpy exercise and running. As if that hadn't been enough excitement for one day, after an exciting Endtime class that afternoon we moved into a terrific night of charades. We never imagined there was so much theatrical talent in our bunch! And boy, the Godly competition sure helped too, along with the winners taking home some great "Mexican treats" as their prizes.

The second day we all traveled by bus to a nearby town called Patzcuaro. Patzcuaro is a happy little *pueblo* (town) here in Mexico which is known for its *pescados* (fish) lake, and a famous little island in the middle of the lake called Janitzio. The JETTS all "got on board" a boat (along with about 20 adults, SGAs and YAs) which took them to the little island. Some *mariachis* (traditional Mexican singers) jumped on the boat too, and sang some traditional Mexican songs which created quite the *fiesta* (party) spirit on deck. We all passed out a lot of Y2K tracts along the way. On the island there is a

huge statue of Morelos—one of the great revolutionaries here in Mexico. The JETTS along with their captains all climbed to the top of Morelos, and up inside of his hand, which gives you a great view of the whole island, water and *pueblo*. We had a special dinner waiting for all of them when they came home that night.

Praise God, He is still a God of blessings and there was lots of ice-cream provisioned that night which went directly into banana splits that everyone gratefully gobbled up! The last night we had a thrilling dance night with contests and games of every type.—Fun, excitement, and getting out of themselves! Thanks to all you JETTS out there who really know how to get down and boogie.

Most of all we all really want to "get on board" and do our best for Jesus because time is running out, and we pray that this camp rein-



"BREAKING OUT OF OUR RUTS" SKIT

forced this point in our dear JETTS' hearts. It also shows how God loves for us all to have fun when we are doing our best for Him and saying "yes" to Jesus. And a little message to all our JETTS out there—keep doing it back home, and don't lose the faith. I am so happy that I was a part of everyone "getting on board" this JETT Camp 1999.

simple people. The schools we visited were in great need of improvement, and we were able to note down some points that we could discuss with this man. In addition to visiting the schools, the kids were able to climb mountains and spend the night at a nice hotel in the area, complete with a delicious meal, all as this man's guests!

Before we returned home, the Chief Minister asked us to send him a letter listing different suggestions of how we could help the schools in his area. We drafted a letter proposing a series of teacher-training sessions that we could conduct, as well as the idea of bringing our entire singing/clown team (15+ people) to Quetta for a week or so in order to do shows in all the schools. He said he would be glad to pay for our airfare and hotel stay for these events, as well as to recompense us for our time involved. He said he would be taking the matter up with his administration, and would get back to us in the near future.

In addition to these exciting open doors, the team got out over 65 videos, and met and ministered to a whole lot of people! PTL—a very exciting OC/JETT adventure!●

# happenings

## [Christian counselor]

Jenai and Crystal, Taiwan: Crystal was invited by the Campus Gospel Fellowship to attend a summer camp as a counselor to the senior teen/YA age group students attending. During this four-day, three-night period, which she attended along with Teri (13), the days would start off with devotions, Gospel meetings and then games. Crystal was responsible for a group of 10. We had a group powwow two times a day, and it was precious how the kids poured out their hearts about what they were going through. At first they were quite shy and timid, but by the last day, we felt we'd known each other for a long time and it was difficult to leave. We have their addresses and hope to follow up on these precious young people by mail.

## [The missing video cable]

Aaron, Dulci and Miriam, Spain: We were staying at a campground and one night we wanted to watch a video. We got the TV and video machine ready but we couldn't find the cable that connects the TV to the video. Everybody began looking for it, and we even said a prayer for the Lord to help us find it. But the cable was lost and nowhere to be found. Then we decided to pray again and ask the Lord to tell us in prophecy where it was. Somebody got "look in the tree." Lo and behold, there it was! It was so inspiring to hear from the Lord so clearly!

## [Dialing on prophecy]

Michael, Liberty, Tabitha and Naomi, Hungary: One time I had to make an urgent phone call, but I couldn't find the needed phone number anywhere. I called information, but they were unable to help me. I tried to remember the number, but only the first three digits came to mind. So I shot up a desperate prayer to the One Who knows everything, asking Him to tell me the rest of the numbers. Then I dialed, and *guess what?* The numbers I tried were exactly right. TTL for the gift of hearing from Him!

## [A forged bank card]

Dave, Ana and Samuel, Colombia: When we found out that someone had forged our bank card and was withdrawing money from our account, we immediately called the bank and asked them to block the card. They told us that they'd have to do a study and it could be a month or more before we would know if we could recover the money that had been stolen (about \$1,000).

When we prayed, the Lord gave us a heavy message saying that He had let this happen to show us how dangerous it is to keep money in the bank, because there could be a crisis at any moment. He said we should only keep small amounts there. Later, a single mother who lives with another single mother and several kids called us to ask for a loan. We prayed about it and in spite of the fact that she was asking for

the amount of money we had just lost in the bank, the Lord showed us to help her and just give it to her as a donation, and not ask for it back—that He would always bless it if we gave. The next day, the bank returned all the money we had lost!

## [Kindergarten show hits the mark]

Home in Rayong, Thailand (kids and relatives of the *Hand 'n' Hand* show troupe): One evening while Thai Josh was doing our weekly provisioning at the local market with our teen and kid team, a man approached him asking him what "The Family" was, as all the team had on Family T-shirts. They made an appointment to meet the next day at his kindergarten and Josh presented this man, the kindergarten owner, with our fantastic tools! He was very interested but apologetically said they didn't have a budget to buy any tools. Then he said, "We are having an activity tomorrow and the parents of the kids are all coming. Why not come and present the tools to the parents?" BINGO! We then suggested that our kids come along also and sing a few songs.

When our team arrived at the kindergarten, they had attached one of our quote posters on the gate. This man's mouth literally dropped open when he saw our kids, teens and adults pile out of our van all dressed to perform. He hadn't expected anything of this caliber! They quickly arranged a little area and the kids sang three songs in the local language, all from the tapes and videos! Well, the sample sold the sermons, and we sold 14 videos, 6 tapes and a few CDs! PTL!

Lesson: When people see our kids singing the songs from these tapes, they want them! It's like fresh bait! The kids even help us sell the tools, conversing freely in two languages—what parent doesn't want that for their kids? We've got the best! (What does that mean ... the best tools or the best kids? Well the answer is: BOTH! Ha!)

## [An "on the ball" day]

Thomas, England: While going DTD on a local housing estate, one man wanted a tape but had no cash, so I gave him a poster. The next person was not interested. I prayed to be more on the ball! The "on the ball" expression is commonly used here, and possibly originated from sporting commentaries. Just then, a girl lost her tennis ball in a house garden where I was knocking at the door. I briefly looked for the missing tennis ball, and then knocked on the door again. There was no reply.

As I left the house, I saw another girl helping the first one to find her missing tennis ball. I said to them, "The only way you are going to find the ball is by praying." The first girl barked at me, startled and disbelieving. However, the second girl on the scene believed and prayed the

salvation prayer with me. At the end of the prayer I added, "And please help me find the ball."

After I visited one or two more houses I heard the girl who got saved shouting, "I've found the ball! Jesus is magic!" I visited all the houses on one side of the street and came back along the other side of the street when I met the same girl again. She brought along four more young people who got saved, and then she prayed with two others herself.

## [Power of a tract]

Joseph O'Wow, USA: There is a Japanese lady here in Kodiak, Alaska, who sells roses. The other day I downloaded the Japanese version of *To You—With Love* and gave it to her. She gave me a free rose in return, and I thanked her, and left. Today I stopped by to thank her again for the rose, and she told me that when she had started reading the tract, she started crying after only reading the first few words! Jesus spoke directly to her heart through these words. I discovered that she was a traditional Japanese Buddhist who has been a Moonie for the past 20 years! After sharing and drawing pictures for her of Space City and Revelations 3:20, she prayed with me and asked Jesus into her heart. Now the Lord's got her—forever!

## [Crisis pulls a friend closer]

Augustine and Maggie, Saltillo, Mexico: R. is a long-time friend of the Family who has helped us with meals at a fast food restaurant where he is the manager. After 2½ years of faithfully helping us—while being somewhat smug and analytical in listening to our witness, sometimes almost out of politeness, yet always impressed with our work, our workers, and the testimonies of how the Lord continues to supply and open doors for us—one day he asked us to come to his restaurant, as he needed to talk to us urgently.

This time, his attitude was very different. He told us that a corporation was taking over the restaurant since the owner had decided to sell out. Now all the employees, himself included, were faced with the uncertainty of being out of a job. As he was telling us how he felt so bad for all the workers who on their next payday were going to receive notice of reemployment or be fired, with no prior knowledge, he started to cry.

This was our opportunity to tell him how much the Lord could help him, to show him why God had made our lives touch. He prayed to receive Jesus in his heart right then, in the busy atmosphere of the restaurant. After two weeks, we went to visit him and he was so happy to see us. He told us that after praying, he had a surge of boldness, and he presented the new owners a list of requirements they had to fulfill if they wanted him to stay! The result? He got a raise, all his requirements met, and most of all, *no fear!* He is so happy to keep helping us, but most of all, for the change Jesus brought into his life! ●

BY THE FAMILY IN TAIWAN

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At 1:37 A.M., Tuesday morning, the 21<sup>st</sup> of September, a killer quake hit in the center of Taiwan. With the death toll rising to over 2,000 people and many more injured and still buried under thousands of collapsed buildings, Family Homes only minutes away from some of the hardest-hit areas remained intact, and Family members unharmed, TYL!

Three of the four Homes in Taichung City, which was very close to the epicenter of the quake, are living in tents and mobile situations. Yet in this disorientated time and time of trouble, Family members have launched various projects of relief to the victims of Killer Quake 921.

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## How it happened

By the Campus Home (Francis, Aaron, Jewel, Andrew, Marie, Lydia, Isaac, Andy and all of the little ones)

**M**arie: I woke up as things first started to shake. It was a rocking at first, then stronger and jerking from side to side, then in a circular movement, then up and down, jerking back and forth. The electricity went out, and all we could hear was crashing all around us and glass smashing. It seemed to never end. We were 40km from the epicenter of the earthquake.

**J**ewel: My first thoughts were, “Wow, cool! An earthquake.” Then, “Oh boy, this is big!” Lastly, “Is this going to be the end?” I grabbed my kid and managed to get to the end of my bed as glasses, wine and many other things came crashing down on my pillows. I tried to get to my boys in the next room, but I couldn’t even stand up. I later found out that although everything from the shelves fell on their beds, they weren’t even touched.

**M**arie: I jumped down on my daughter’s bed and held her, praying desperately. When it was over, there was hardly a thing left standing. Everything in our room was on the floor, some things thrown across the room. Above where we were laying was a tall shelf full of books, toys, etc., and a glass coffeepot on top. By a miracle, not one thing fell off that shelf or even moved.

**J**ewel: We grabbed the kids as fast as we could to leave the house. I carried two of them down the stairs in the pitch dark with the sound of glass crushing beneath my bare feet. Andrew did the same with his kids. Not one cut. Then an after-shock hit. “Run—and fast!” said the dads. Climbing over the disaster that was once our living room, we made it outside safely, though not even all dressed.

**M**arie: Outside everyone was shouting to evacuate our housing complex. On the street was just as dangerous so we took refuge in a small clearing at one end of the complex, with about 60 other people. The aftershocks were coming every 2-5 minutes and some were almost as strong as the quake itself. Someone came running to tell us that one of the apartment buildings in our complex had fallen down. Rescue operations were

already underway.

Everyone was so scared and some were crying. We comforted them and prayed for them and even just held them. Everyone was so impressed with our kids, that they weren’t scared.

**J**ewel: By five in the morning we decided to move to a nearby field where everyone was gathering. The guys got our tents and all our valuables from the house. By 10 in the morning we were told that we couldn’t go back to our house until there was water and electricity, so as we were praying about where to stay another message came that all from our complex were welcome at an army base five minutes down the road. Off went the men to check it out. Then back to our house to get



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our fleebags and a few foodstuffs. At this time we didn't realize how many aftershocks there would be and how bad it really was. Now (14 days later), we are still experiencing aftershocks and loss of water and electricity, as they are rationed on the island.

Upon arriving at the base we were treated like VIPs and soldiers were assigned to our needs. We set up camp and were soon joined by 2,000 others. With all these people having nowhere to go and clowns (us!) sitting right with them, we had to offer our services.

Already we have done 14 shows at four different bases where the homeless are being housed. We are on TV almost every other day. It is a big open door and so neat how we are reaching the top in this country. We even got to meet the president and pass lit and a word of encouragement on to him.

**A**aron: At the base we began helping to set up the tent camps, because many of the soldiers and people coming in didn't know how to set up tents. Soon a large Buddhist volunteer group (a Taiwan version of Red Cross) appeared on the scene in full force and began organization and distribution of humanitarian aid. Since this group was so quick to respond to the need and better equipped to take care of the physical needs of the large influx of over 3,000 refugees, it became obvious that our role would be to minister to people's spiritual needs and comfort the weary.

While we were camped out, we had devotions with about 30 kids in the camp. Our kids shone as they sang their hearts out. In the afternoons we had coloring time and other things to keep the kids busy. The parents were so thankful, as the kids were bored out of their minds. We were on stage all the time. Even showering the kids turned into a witnessing experience.

One day the commander came running over and said, "Be at the meeting area by 10:30—a four star General is coming." On went our Family uniforms and off we went. At 11:30 we met the Minister of Health and his secretary. We talked with her for about ten minutes before we met the Minister and handed him a poster packet. Then the word came that President Lee was on his way. All the volunteer groups were out in full force with their tables and banners, and folks crowded around to meet him. As we waited in our spot, the top officer moved other folks aside and introduced him to us. As he went down the row to shake all our hands, we passed him some comfort tracts and posters. He asked, "What is this?" "It's a message of hope and comfort," we replied. "Thank you for helping my people and God bless you," answered the president. He is a Christian too.

Soon after we did our first show at the army base, I (Aaron) got in contact with some friends who are involved in the local entertainment business; these guys are agents who

## Literature and pubs:

Presently Hannah and I (Tim) have been working with Marcus and Christina on needed lit. The Lord has done miracles to raise up people to help us with free printing, so far up to about 30,000 pieces of Somebody Loves You have been done. Some other titles like Quotes on Comfort, Living Waters on "Why sin and suffering?" are being readied for printing.



handled some of our professional clown shows before the earthquake. They immediately volunteered their help and free services. This turned out to be a godsend, as they helped us with a professional MC and brought Chinese girls who could help organize large-scale fun games for children.

Within two days, we put together a dynamic show, including the Taichung Family Band and dancers who organized games for the kids, and clowns from all over the island came to help us put on the show. Nearly 1,500 people attended this show. During the preparation for some of these shows, we were given free rein in the army camp, and occasionally a lower ranking officer was assigned to myself or others organizing the event, so we had the authority to get what we needed. We were also introduced to nearby army bases, where we also performed. At each show, we were able to deliver a good salvation message, and most of the people in the crowds prayed with us.

Next step was a trip to Puli, a hard-hit part of the country. On the way there we got a call from a reporter for one of the main TV channels here in Taiwan; when he found out where we were, he jumped in his van with his crew and filmed a special on us that night. We had channels arguing over who was going to get the exclusive live coverage rights on our story first! All of the reports were very favorable. Also, while at the camp, the commander arranged for an interview of us with a TV crew from HK for a special program that was aired throughout all of Asia and the Chinese communities in Europe and the States (audience: one billion).

After eight days camping out, we were back to our house and started to pick up the pieces. Thank the Lord for all He did for us and the many victories won out of seeming defeat!



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## Logs from the teams visiting the very epicenter ...

ChiChi town was at the center of the 921 earthquake. Although seriously damaged, it was not as heavily damaged as towns five kilometers away. Chungliiao town, for example, was devastated. The main street was reduced to ruins, with many dead.

These testimonies are taken from the verbal reports of the teams that went out daily giving out tracts, posters, and *Glimpses of Heaven* books to those affected by the biggest quake ever to hit Taiwan. Special recognition needs to go to two of our Taiwan nationals, Chinese Maggie and Crystal, who left their Homes and families to go minister to their people in their hour of need. Also catacombers Lily and Viola, Angel and Jason and Steven, who went to the front lines and gave love, encouragement and comfort to those devastated by these tragic events.

In Chungliiao, amongst the collapsed buildings, we met a doctor who had been sent there to help deal with traumatized people. He was very happy to see what we were doing for the survivors.

A camera crew told us they had been sent to find people doing what we were doing—encouraging people in the aftermath. They said they noticed that everyone began smiling again after talking with us. The government media department is making a documentary of all the different folks that are helping at this time, and our work was filmed. We also gave several other interviews during this time.

In Chushan (a very heavily-hit area) we met up with a Catholic Maryknoll Father, who offered us access to all the supplies stockpiled in the church. Later on the streets we met people who had no tents, or extended families of 20 to 30 who had one tent for all of them. We were able to go back to the Catholic Church to get them more tents.

In some places, the road had risen as much as 10 feet from its original place! One gas station had the road up to the ceiling of its overhead canopy.

After the second quake, Maggie and Gioia helped in the ChiChi hospital clinic, helping register patients coming in and helping the doctor check simple procedures like blood

pressure, etc. The clinic had been overwhelmed. Because of the electricity shut down, many of the patients that were hooked up to life support have died.

In one village of 50 families, 90% lost their homes. In some places, the smell of the dead was overwhelming. We found the entire population of one village of 30-40 families, including two newborns, living and sleeping in a rice field. We gave them all we had in the van. They were so appreciative!

We found one old couple living on the street in a tent. The grandma (age 77) said their house was completely crushed. She had been on the second floor during the quake. She got to her knees and prayed while others were panicking everywhere around her. She survived.

In a village of mountain people, we were led into a house where there was a baby. They needed formula for the baby. We prayed for the mother and later came back to her with the formula.

In the "tent city" of 3,000 people, we came across an old couple who had escaped from a mountain village. They had been rescued by aborigines but had to swing across a mountain river Tarzan-style, on a rope. The old woman said she was so scared to do that as it was dark and below in the river, she could see some people had drowned. They were now living in a small tent, covered with plastic bags to keep out the rain.

One lady told us her house had collapsed partially in the first quake. Because they had nowhere else to go, they went back into the house to live. During the second quake she got out by inches before the house collapsed. This lady is a Christian and told us how she prayed and quoted Psalm 91 the whole time.

Tensions are starting to rise as reality begins to set in. One night we had to prevent a suicide as a middle-aged lady wanted to jump off a bridge. She had despaired with her husband turning to the bottle amongst all the destruction around them.

It is estimated that in the mountain villages around Puli, the Aborigine peoples alone need 8,000 kilos of rice and 2,000 sleeping bags.

People are working together and sharing what they have with one another. It is really bringing out the best in most people. It is very touching how responsive people are.

The teams from the ChiChi camp were able to pray with around 140 survivors to receive Jesus.

## Appeal for support

On behalf of the Homes and teamworks in Taiwan, if anyone would like to donate to the "Taiwan Earthquake Fund" at this time it would be a tremendous help. Folks can also donate through the East Taiwan Family Mission (98-P03) through the Family Care Foundation, as we are working closely with the home folks in the heavily-hit areas.

We will be doing as much as we can for the poor people of Taiwan, as we all on the island unite in the effort to bring comfort and encouragement to the Taiwanese people at this time. Any help to us will be used to help get local Family members back on their feet and finance this witnessing and relief efforts. We love you! Please keep praying for us as tremors and shakes keep coming throughout the day and night.

—MICHAEL, WHITEWAVES HOME, TAIWAN, FOR ALL INVOLVED IN THE WITNESSING AND RELIEF WORK OF THE TAIWAN EARTHQUAKE

### Editor's note:

Please keep the Family in Taiwan in your prayers, as a second earthquake (October 22) and numerous aftershocks have since followed.



**(prophecy clip)** "A huge battle is going on for Taiwan; it's not just in the Family, but it is the forces of Heaven against the forces of Hell, because Satan desires to have Taiwan, but it is not My will. Satan is bringing out his heavy guns because he knows how important this island is right now to My work. He does not want the Family to get a foothold here."

**(prophecy clip)** "Sometimes I [the Lord] have to remind people who is the Boss, because they forget about Me and rely on their own strength. . . . This earthquake is like My huge plow that prepares the soil and makes it open and receptive for My message. Strengthen their spirits while they are receptive, because as time passes and the wounds heal, they will again return to their false gods and you might have missed this chance."

Photos courtesy of Taiwan Homes



# S2K ... you can make it!

"All of this is available to you, yours for the asking. All you have to do is believe, accept and receive. So if you're convinced in your heart that it's My will for you to be a Charter member, then fight for it! Sign that contract with gusto, with enthusiasm, even with pride in your calling, and let's begin the process of renewal of your heart, mind and spirit. Just because you're spiritually weak right now, just because you've compromised and slipped in many of your convictions, just because you don't feel worthy of such an honor, don't let that stop you. I will forgive the failures of the past and will wipe the slate clean as you forsake whatever in your life is not of Me. Yes, you'll have to change, to be cleansed, to be renewed in spirit through obedience and yieldedness, but it can be done. I will not fail to do My part if you will do yours!"

(The Shake Up 2000, GN #857, par. 263)

**Note to Mama from staff member:** Mama, this is such a good prophecy. It reminds me of when I made my decision to join the Family. I had been struggling for three years, and I felt I didn't have what it took to make it. I was 25 years old at the time. I had been working since I was 18 and taking college courses at night. Then at age 22, I received a full scholarship for four years of nursing school, at which time I got saved. Then I dropped out of full-time college, got married to a former Family member, and continued to work full-time. I received the Letters regularly and was able to meet some of the Family who would come through my town on road trips. Their dedication was so convicting, but I felt I didn't measure up and wouldn't be able to make it, although in my heart I wanted to.

Well, the Lord fed the Letters to me faithfully either via mail or from sporadic visits of road teams for the next three years. He also gave me dreams of the Endtime—some of which were pretty frightening! Finally, the day of decision came. I remember I went upstairs to my bedroom, fell to my knees and cried out to the Lord, asking Him what to do. I wanted to join the Family, but I really felt I didn't have what it took. Thank the Lord for His mercy! I don't know if it was a spirit trip or vision, but as I lay praying on my knees, all of sudden, I felt enveloped with the most incredible love and sense of peace I have ever experienced. I was in an empty room, and as I opened my eyes and I saw the feet of Jesus on the cross. Then His voice said to me, "I loved you so much that I *died* for you. All I am asking is for you to serve Me."

I can't explain it, but at that moment, everything became clear. I received the faith I needed, and it all seemed so very simple to me. It was like, "Oh, that's not so bad. I can do that." Then His voice came again and He said, "Lovest thou Me? Feed My sheep." He said it three times, and I committed My life to Him then and there. It is one decision I am most thankful I made. I can only give Him the credit. He did it! He gave me the faith. I just said yes. I believe He even gave me the strength to say yes.

Maybe some of our young folks feel that way. Maybe in their hearts they want to commit, but they feel they aren't able. If they really *want* to, I know the Lord will give them the faith they need, just like He did for me, and they will be so thankful. I was the weakest of the weak, and I still am! The Lord put it so beautifully in the Bible when He said, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for My strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9a.)

## Mama jewels on ... deciding to yield

Prepare your heart to yield to whatever He has to say to you. It's so much easier when you just decide, "We'll just take it. We'll be good soldiers and take it." Sometimes the things that the Lord brings along in our lives, He also uses as tests to see how we're going to take things.

One time He told me about my eyes, "This is a test for you to see if you're going to trust Me." Now, He just didn't bring it *only* as a test, of course, He allowed my eye condition for a

number of other reasons, but He said it was *also* a test for me. Somehow that made it a lot easier for me. I thought, "Well, I don't want to fail this test, Lord, so of course I'm going to yield to it!"

So if that helps you any, think about that.

Just determine in your hearts to yield to whatever the Lord has for you without trying to justify yourself, which is a tendency we all have. Just take what the Lord gives you and grow thereby. As you do, you'll be strengthened and you'll be able to be a blessing and help to others; you'll be able to comfort others with the comfort that you're comforted with.

## Dear Mama,

I've been raising a lot of funds for our work in Africa throughout the years and we've always had special miracles associated with the work in Africa from the very beginning. I've been in Europe for the last few weeks and the Lord supplied a place to stay at a friend's house in Vienna. I was coming here to do my every-year-and-a-half bit of fundraising for different equipment needs, but this time I had time and a house all to myself.

Usually I'm hoofing it trying to squeeze money out of the air, but I needed a break. I didn't realize how busy I'd been in Africa in the last few months. So instead of rushing around trying to raise money, I just spent the time with our Lover—reading and praying and spending time listening to Him, loving Him. I felt that if I just spent time with my Husband, He'd take care of giving me any gift He wanted me to have. And though all my senses said, "Worry, try, do!", I didn't. I just waited at His feet.

I spent my time loving Him and did the minimal amount of contacting people or anything to do with supply lines. Then the last day I was there the Lord supplied it all. He miraculously supplied over \$3,500, which was exactly the amount I needed!

I know it sounds funny that this would surprise me, as the Lord has always answered my prayers. But this one was so effortless, and seemed like a reward for spending time loving Jesus.

—VS, EUROPE

## Dear Mama,

I wanted to mention how very, very thankful I am for the latest counsel. I feel like something has clicked this past month, to where I just can't go very long without stopping to ask questions. Like the Lord said, "Listening to the whispers is good, but stopping to ask questions is better."

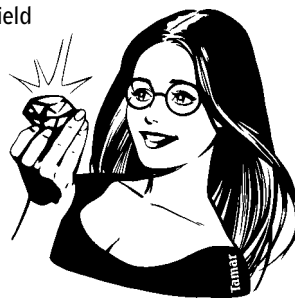
In one week so many little things happened—little accidents with the kids, a couple of minor car accidents, etc.—so even though I'd been praying all along I felt I just had to stop and have time with the Lord. I said, "Okay, Lord! I can't do another thing without hearing what You have to say! Let's have a meeting! I have a whole list of things to ask You about!" And that's what I did—I just went down the list, point by point. If an answer He gave wasn't quite clear, I asked Him to please clarify it right then and there, and it was wonderful!

I know this is so basic, but I hadn't felt like this in a long time.—Not only the desperation to have the Lord's counsel on things before taking another step, but also the freedom and faith to know that whatever we ask He'll answer gladly. I think what "clicked" has to do with the excellent counsel in the "Cast Your Cares On Him" GN (#844, ML3242). It shed a lot of light on my personal situation, and it felt so good to have the Lord walk us through these lessons.

One last thing, because of our little accidents I read the ML "The Sheepdogs" (ML1439). In there, I found this beautiful quote from Dad about you, which I'll close with. Dad said, "Maria's like the Lord, she never fails! GBH!—And she'll never fail you either! She's your faithful Shepherdess, always concerned about her sheep—you! GBY! ILY!—And I know she'll take good care of you when I'm gone! PTL! TYJ!" You certainly have! Thank God for you! XXX! My love, loyalty and prayers are with you!

—SGA CRO, SOUTH AMERICA

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# entertainment



## Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up

### SECRETS AND LIES (1997)

Brenda Blethyn, Timothy Spall  
British drama/character study about a group of common people, and how the secrets of their pasts have influenced their lives today. good lessons on honesty and trust.

### TRUE CRIME (1999)

Clint Eastwood, James Woods  
Drama about a fading journalist who is assigned to cover the upcoming execution of a murderer, and at that late date begins to suspect that the man might be innocent.

## Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

### BOWFINGER (1999)

Steve Martin, Eddie Murphy, Heather Graham  
Comedy/satire spoofing the Hollywood movie industry, about a producer named Bowfinger who is so desperate to get his film made that he will go to any lengths to do so.

## Non-Recommended Movies

**THE GENERAL'S DAUGHTER** (1999; John Travolta, Madeleine Stowe, James Woods)

**THE HAUNTING**, (1999; Lili Taylor, Liam Neeson, Catherine Zeta-Jones)

## Secrets and Lies

*(Dad speaking:)* Poor, sad people! There really are a lot of down and out people in the world who feel so hopeless, useless, lost and miserable. This movie gives realistic insight into some of their lives. It puts you right in there with them—in their homes, their bedrooms, kitchens and bathrooms—and you can feel their pain, their need, their frustrations.

It's not necessarily a movie that everyone is going to really dig; it's not super happy or upbeat. It does have sweet as well as comical moments, though, and on the overall brings out a good message of love and truth. I hope it shines a little light in the hearts of some of those "ordinary people" out there in the world, to give them hope that they too can find at least a measure of love and freedom. And I hope that it helps you in the Family to realize how privileged you are, and how much you have to give, praise the Lord! *(End of message from Dad.)*

## True Crime

*(Dad speaking:)* This is an interesting movie. It won't be to everyone's liking, because not only does it have a bit of a slower feel and pace to it, but it's also bogged down with a

fair bit of this poor man's unpleasant lifestyles. Lord help the poor people in the world! They're so miserable, so messed up! Thank the Lord for the Lord; thank the Lord for the Family! Seeing movies about these pitiful types of people should really give you the burden and the vision to get out there and reach them.

But there's another message in there too. It's wonderful how this man was able to get such a good message about the Lord. This is a direct testimony to the power of the name of Jesus, and—without saying too much or giving away the plot of the movie—I think that you'll find many parallels in there to how the Lord even has a plan for the wayward and the ungodly, and how they can be turned to help and do His will, and be helped by it themselves at the same time. *(End of message from Dad.)*

## Bowfinger

*(Dad speaking:)* This is a spoof on Hollywood done by an insider, one of their own kind, who should know what the real inside scoop is. It has its funny parts, but it also seeks to send a message about the frivolity, the vanity, the sham, the manipulative and the dog-eat-dog world it really is. It pokes fun in a humorous way at your stereotypical Hollywood type people, as well as Scientology and other "trips" that they get into, because they are spiritually starved and seek the truth, only they seek it in the wrong places. This movie shows what's wrong with Hollywood, but it doesn't show the real truth and answer to their problems, which is Jesus. Because they do not have the truth, nothing can change and life continues as it is, heading towards destruction. Pray for these unhappy, dissatisfied and unfulfilled people, that they can know and learn the truth! *(End of message from Dad.)*

Y2K Y2K

# Y2K PREP

We had a meeting and decided to put ourselves on the spot financially and designate some of our normal budget for Y2K purchases—then trust the Lord for our normal budget expenses. So far, we've been able to buy two extra sacks of milk, and provision 50 kilos of rice. Micah and Charity's relatives gave us another 100 kilos of rice, as they have a rice mill. A friend who's buying a new generator said he'd give us his old one, which is still very good. We finally have the start of a buffer as well, so we're thankful for this progress and hope we can continue building on it. DV we're going to buy/provision some needed water containers next.

—MICAH, THAILAND

We asked the Lord what He wanted us to get for our physical preparation. He also

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showed us the importance of preparing our friends and preaching the Endtime message. We knew we had to do what He required; as we obeyed, He's opened doors for us to get canned food and other food items. Through another friend we've gotten household goods and also two beds, five mattresses, a fan, a cabinet, a fridge, plus a donation! How the Lord wants to outgive us! Another contact gave 120 kilos of rice and noodles.

—MAGGIE AND DAVID, MALAYSIA

The Lord showed us to call all the Santiago Homes and invite them to get together with us to pray about how to prepare for Y2K. The Lord gave us all some precious prophecies, saying that if we worked together in unity He would supply all our physical needs, and help us to be ready spiritually as well. Different Homes are contributing what they can—some have milk contacts and they're seeing about discount prices for large quantities, others can get brown sugar, others water and other foodstuffs, etc. We've had two meetings so far and are making steady progress. We know it's just the Lord Who is blessing it!

—STEVEN AND GRACE, CHILE

This month we were able to make solid progress with our physical Y2K preparations.

After a little investigating and shopping around, we purchased a generator at a very good discount. We also got a water tank (approx. 1,000 liters) and are working on the base to set it up. Another project is the construction of a small tool shed to free some space near the pantry for the storage of survival food.

—JOSE, GLORIA AND CHARITY, CHILE

An area meeting to pray and counsel specifically about the Y2K GN helped to bring more unity between our Homes, to help each other and work together for these goals.

I have a supermarket contact that gives all kinds of supplies, and it has been a help to share this between the Homes for Y2K prep. We also agreed that we could share the extras from our provisioning for this purpose. In our Home we made a list of priorities needed for Y2K, and we made copies for the Homes in the area so it would help them get started according to each individual situation. The Lord is blessing the unity and giving, sharing our abundance with one another!

Besides sharing with the Homes here in São Paulo, we've also been able to send some of these food supplies to other Homes in needy fields—the more we give, the more He gives. It's like the miracle of the two loaves of bread and the fish.

—MERCY PROVISIONER, BRAZIL

## [Shoplifters beware]

Home in South Africa: We want to tell you a sad story about something which happened here in Africa, so that others may learn and beware. Two teen girls who were supposed to be witnessing went into a shop, and tried to walk out wearing some of the shop's garments. Not only was this wrong, it was also very stupid and the security guards stopped them immediately.

First lesson: Don't do it. Second lesson: If you are caught, don't be cocky or talk back. One of the girls appeared very cocky to the female security guard, so instead of just warning them she decided to call the police. Third lesson: If you are underage you had better make sure you have your guardianship papers with the Home teamwork. We didn't have the guardianship papers for one of the girls, as they were still at her previous Home. Fourth lesson: If you are a foreigner, you can expect to be deported or at least have no way of extending your visa in that country. Fifth lesson: Once you have a criminal record, you may find it difficult to obtain a visa in *any* country in the world. If these girls had been over 18, they could have expected a two-year sentence in an African jail, where most of the inmates have AIDS. You could bring the work in the area and the Family in general into disrepute.

The police came and arrested them, took them to the police station locked in the back of the police van, and kept them in a cell until they were charged. Then we were allowed to bail them out. The next day we had to go to court with all the above threats hanging over our heads and their passports taken away. Thank God, the authorities accepted that we were the legal guardians, and a social worker took pity on them. It looks as though there may be a happy ending to this story if the girls behave and attend a course to teach them the error of their ways. The social worker managed to have the case delayed while they attend the course. There is a possibility that the charges may be withdrawn by their next court date.

Apart from a miracle of God, this could have ended with the girls in prison, deported and a criminal record hindering their missionary endeavors forever. These are generally good girls, but it just goes to show what a momentary slip or an unguarded moment can do to wreck your life and put the whole work at risk. Sixth lesson: Don't do it! ●

## [CLE high school diplomas]

Andrew, Mercy and Aaron, Italy: Our daughter recently left the Family, as she wanted to pursue higher education in university. She had completed the academic program with CLE and therefore was accredited a High School Diploma. Upon requesting admission in the university, she was asked to show her High School credits. Since she studied with a foreign school, the credits and Diploma had to be verified with the Italian Embassy in the U.S. The CLE supplied us with all the documentation, which we sent off to the Embassy. We just received the package back from the Embassy confirming the legality of the documents we submitted, as well as the High School curriculum, etc., which included the *Good Thots, Memory Book* and other Family-based materials. Our daughter then went to the university and submitted these documents, and they were accepted without any problems. We thought to send in this testimony as at times the "legality" of our home schooling is questioned—but it is very much legal.

## [A \$65 "free" drink]

Tim Newlove, Spain: In times past I used to do a lot of night singing and would drive home late at night afterwards. One time, somebody offered me a drink. As I had a bit of a sore throat, I decided to take a grog, which is made of rum. Then I drove back home at 4 o'clock in the morning, very tired, on the foggy Portuguese mountain roads. Well, I made it home safe and sound that night, thank You, Jesus.

During the next few days, we were moving and I needed to get cardboard boxes. I found a few on the side of the road, but when I parked, I hit the mirror of a truck. My side window went to pieces, and it cost me \$65 to fix it, plus two days without my vehicle. My insurance didn't cover this risk. I was mad that I had spent so much for a few cardboard boxes!

I decided to pray about why it had happened, and the Lord reminded me of the "free drink" I had taken the other night. He soberly told me that the consequences could have been much, much worse, due to the conditions and my state. It was just after I had a falling out with a brother about car security (Sorry, Gabriel!). I'm habitually very concerned about car

security, but I was myself very lax on heeding the adage: If you drink, don't drive!

## [Helping kids cope]

Anonymous, EE: There is one area that I would really like to see the Family change in. My kids (7-11) have gone through a lot forsaking their two older sisters who left the Family recently. This forsaking was very hard for them, as my YA and SGA who left are natural "mommies," and my kids were very close to them.

In the Homes I have lived in, I've seen that there are very few who have reached out to my kids and gotten close to them. This would help my kids to bear this forsake all so much better. My kids do understand this forsake—all in theory, but it still hurts.

They have read so much about how the Lord always makes up for the losses we have to experience. Of course, they have their Mom and Dad and their older brothers, but it would be great if they had an SGA woman to be close to. I understand that some SGAs have become burnt out on childcare. But it just seems that, now, when a lot of the former combo rules have been lifted, sacrifice and love for the kids has also gone out the window somewhat. Could that be true?

## [Life in the "real world"]

G. (18), South America: I rejoined the Family about five months ago, after having been gone for one year. I was born into and grew up in the Family. As I became a teen, I wanted to be independent and tended to think that no one understood me; I wanted to be able to do what I wanted and have no rules or regulations set down for me. I had heard many stories of people who had been in the System, either from my parents or others who had joined, having lived part or all of their youth out there. I took them as just that: stories. I didn't let them teach me or sink in.

Shortly after I turned sixteen I decided to leave the Family and move to the States, all the while telling myself I needed to try it out, and anyway, "no one understood me back home, they didn't care, and I couldn't trust them," or so I thought. After being gone for about a month, I enrolled in a school and started at the beginning of the school year. It was a decent school, in a decent neighborhood, and I soon found myself surrounded by a group of so-called

friends. In spite of the movies I had seen, I never really believed that High School could be like that, but believe me—it can. It's all a big game that you have to play if you want to survive; it's a total struggle that you have to face every day.

I had left the Family with the thought of doing whatever I wanted and not having to follow any set rules. Little did I know, I was working into a System where you are just one more little piece that completes the world in which they live. I soon found myself not wanting to get up in the morning, crying under the fake smile I had to put on for my "friends," whom later on used me and even stole money or my things.

Later on in the year, I started to visit a Home, and they became my main source of inspiration. I was always looking forward to going there. The one and only true friend that I found while being in the States was a teen girl who lived in that Family Home. I never wanted to leave the Home. During my vacations in the course of my school year, I traveled around to different states and went to many places, which might seem just great. But in spite of my attempts to tell myself that I was happy, doing great and "satisfied with my life," I couldn't drown out the loneliness and emptiness I felt. Towards the end of the year I got real sick, and that gave me a lot of time to ponder what was happening with me, and what I wanted to do with my life. I struggled between two thoughts: one, that I would appear to be a failure to all those who knew me, that I wasn't able to make it in the "real world"; and two: I wanted to go back to the Family.

I then received a call from my dad and later on from my mom. They had no idea of the decision that I was about to make, but they showed so much love and trust in me. From that moment on, I decided to go back to the Family. I realized there was really nothing better. I wanted to be to others what my parents and Family friends had been to me; I wanted to give love and inspiration as they had. I was dying inside and I wanted to live again. I wanted to be able to really smile and be happy.

I know many of you think I'm so convinced of this 'cause I went through it, and yes, you're probably right. But I do wish I could have just listened to those who were telling me and trying to help me, instead of having to go out and face it by myself.

# Reactions to the NEW WINE!



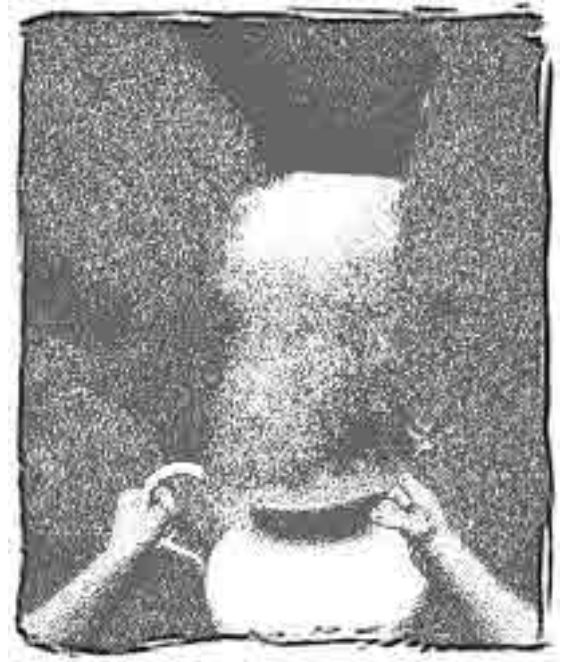
## “Hold on to the Reins” (GN 841)

We were very thankful for the “Hold on to the Reins” GN. We see how our kids easily get into murmuring when things don’t go their way. We had a class on “counting our blessings” and later one of our boys (11) was crying; when asked why, he answered: “I was complaining so much because I didn’t know I didn’t have anything to complain about!” We were very encouraged by the kids’ reactions.

—HOME IN UKRAINE

I’ve noticed is the subtlety with which it enters the Home if we’re unyielded, unprayerful, not on guard or in tune. It can also come in full-force through the Internet, as I found out recently. When searching for some new picture for my desktop, I accessed a site whose description had looked potential, only to be deluged with about 20 porn sites! I’ve noticed more time being spent on computer games, reading novels, listening to the radio and fellowshipping—to the detriment of our witnessing. We’re looking forward to getting back on the road.

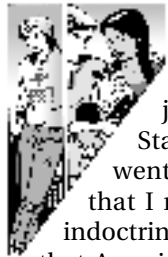
—THADDEUS, ICELAND



I am very thankful for the cautionary advice given about Africa in the series, as apart from South Africa which is a pretty luxurious field in many ways, the rest of Africa is somewhere you have to have a definite call to, as the people are very different and think very differently than in other places.

We wholeheartedly agree that what the people here need is the Words of David in huge amounts. The tremendous thing about Zimbabwe is that because there was a pretty good efficient colonial government here until just under 20 years ago, the people of Zimbabwe, on the whole, are probably the most educated in black Africa. That could quite possibly include South Africa, as the blacks there rejected any education given during the apartheid years. The people here are also very open to the Gospel and, apart from the 7<sup>th</sup> Day Adventists, are not steeped in too many church doctrines, which is nice. We have always had the vision to pump the country full of literature, as there is such a huge vacuum. Most of the townspeople speak and read English, and you can get straight to in-depth teaching as the people don’t need convincing that there is a God or Jesus.

—ANDREW, ZIMBABWE



## “Citizens of the Kingdom!” (GN 835)

I was raised in and joined the Family in the States. Soon after joining I went to Europe; it was there that I realized that I had been indoctrinated as a child to believe that America was the only civilized country in the world! Just look at an American world map: the rest of the world is split up on opposite sides of the paper just so that America can be right in the middle of the map! When I left the States I was amazed to find out that Europe and Asia were connected!

Poorer nations usually look up to white westerners. When I lived in India, this was an advantage for me as there was an instant respect for me as a person. I used this as an inroad to give them the Gospel—to use it, not abuse it! But I found it more advantageous to dress like an Indian woman as my features could also pass for Indian. Then only when I opened my mouth did they know I was foreign. They would be so touched that I tried to become one, and even more respectful towards me.

—JOY, ENGLAND



## “Reaching Africa the Right Way!” (GN 824)

I was born in Zimbabwe, grew up and joined the Family here at the end of 1989—a white African, although

I carry a British passport, thanks to my grandfather. Since I joined, apart from a year in Europe, I have been serving the Lord in Africa. It is exciting to hear that now is Africa’s hour. In many ways that is what I have felt. In fact part of what motivated me to come back to Zimbabwe just over three years ago from South Africa is that I have always had a feeling that this could very well be one of the Endtime refuges.

In the Letters on Africa, the section on “Are You Africa’s Missionary” (GN 824) made me quake a bit. In many ways I don’t feel that I measure up to all those requirements, as we are still learning a lot about using and implementing the new weapons and staying close to the Lord, turning every thought into a prayer, etc. Having said that, however, I do feel that this is the field the Lord has called me to, and like one of the requirements stated, I feel it’s “until death do us part.” We have had our moments of discouragement and trials with the field and the sheep, but in the end the Lord has called us to be here, so where are we going to go? I can’t think of any other place.

## “Worldly?—Or Free?” (GN 836)

It was convicting to read this warning about the dangers of worldliness and the ways in which it encroaches on our lives. One of the things



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## Mama’s Memos #9 [Accidents involving Family young people] (GN 845)



This GN was truly sobering. In my first four years in the Family I was involved in four serious accidents, or in part caused them:

In Siberia I was hit by a car speeding at 60 km/hr while I was caught in the middle of the street at a red traffic light. Only my metal framed backpack with 20-25 kg of posters saved me.

In Armenia I was the one who opened the door when the police troopers raided our Home.

In Moldova I was negligent in my duties as a guide while on a witnessing trip and thus we went off the prayed-about-plan and were attacked and shot at by local robbers.

Half a year later I brought in a pot with hot tea water for breakfast. We were all in one small crowded room. I left the pot on the little camping table. Five minutes later the table collapsed. The water spilled on a 12-year-old girl leaving her scarred for life with third degree burns.

In all these accidents I could say that I shared only a part of the blame, as there were other circumstances or people that were also involved. But the burden of consequences was still extremely heavy. What I experienced inside was great turmoil, guilt and condemnation. I've been guilty of my loved ones' suffering and whatever part I had in those accidents, I did have it.

In every case there were strong warnings and checks. Each time I got checks for myself or got checks to warn other people that something wasn't right. Some of them were very trivial. One example: I had a strong feeling not to take the little camping table on the trip, and later on not to set it up. Still, I brushed it off after others thought that it was okay.

After the girl was burned, I couldn't get over the remorse. I saw her almost die, and her poor mother in great agony at what happened. I am very thankful that they did forgive me. It took Heavenly love to do that. My shepherds then had me read Word on accidents, for which I'm very thankful. I read all the *Life with Grandpa's*, which before I'd considered to be "kids' stuff." I took things very seriously, because I couldn't think of living with myself if I were to cause another accident. I read all the *Cat Book* references and all the MO Letter index topics on accidents, security and safety that I could find.

Thank the Lord in the four years that followed I didn't have any major accidents, or didn't cause any. I'm so thankful for that! In a way I became almost too cautious in this area, in some people's opinion.

Now, with all the latest Word on heeding checks, on asking the Lord before going somewhere or doing something, there are no more excuses. If something small happens, I take it

as a check and usually try to ask the Lord why it happened, before He has to deal with me with thunderbolts and lightning.

Recently the Lord gave both me and my wife dreams about accidents with our small children. This really shook us up, and made us take it as a warning that we have to straighten our relationship with Him and each other. It made us have desperate prayer for the kids and agree on some extra measures of protection. We try to pray continually for them, and hope that by obeying the checks the Lord will prevent the evil from happening. Thank the Lord He's kept them safe and our dreams didn't come true.

However, many times when I do have checks about security, or safety, especially while visiting other Homes and seeing with the outsiders' eyes the weak points in their security, I'm often met with the attitude of: "Oh, don't bother, nothing's ever happened to us. The Lord will protect us. Don't worry about it."

Some examples of poor security and safety are:

✓ Homes that live in houses with large properties and don't have guard

dogs. [*Editor's note: As each situation is different, you should pray and confirm in prophecy about having a dog.*]

✓ Small kids come into the kitchen after they become familiar with the "red" line. (You can make a small simple "kiddie gate" to the kitchen or buy one.)

✓ Gates left unlocked during the day cuz people think that they live in a "safe" neighborhoods or it's just an inconvenience to close the gate every time they run in and out.

✓ No contingency plans or awareness of who does what, who takes which items and goes where in case of fires, civil unrest, persecution or natural disasters.

✓ No fleebags ready.

That's why I was very happy that Mama brought out this point and that the issue has come to the light again. I hope that we will wake up and seek the Lord as to what can be done in our Home/field situations and in our daily decisions, and just refuse to decide anything in our own mind and strength, be it a bike ride or a pot of hot water in the kitchen.

—DJ (25, RUSSIAN, OF DAVIDA SMILE), UKRAINE

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## ideas & tips

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### Loving Jesus night

We had been trying to improve in the areas of praise and loving Jesus as a Home for some time, but all we could think of were the life-long ideas that we'd used ever since the beginning of time. So we asked the Lord what to do and He showed us to have Saturday be a loving Jesus night. We all take turns to lead the activity, which has proven to be a fun and inspiring time for all. Most of the planning and ideas are received in prophecy, and this really helps those of us that aren't "idea-people," because He never runs out of them!

—AARON, JOY AND ANGIE, BRAZIL

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### Reactions to the *Activated* Program

"We are all very excited about the new *Activated* program. We are a big Home that sends out lots of postering teams daily and it is virtually impossible for us to follow up on all of the sheep we meet! We are very thankful for this new vision and are already getting people signed up! One of our teens has already gotten quite a few subscriptions by asking everyone she witnesses to if they are interested. Other teams offer it to the more sheepee people and they seem to be receptive! About half of the people have paid on the spot. The others choose to be billed and one person is excited to receive the three free issues.

"At first we weren't sure how people would react, but we've had a lot of success and it has been really encouraging! Thanks for all of your help on getting the program set up!"

—TIM, REJOICE AND DOVE, USA

"We were so excited to be able to help out with this new *Activated* program. It was a real answer to prayer to keep up with people so they can be fed consistently and without fail! So we launched out into it, first deciding that we would try to "activate" the friends and sheep we already have. We wondered how it would affect our financial support as many of our friends help us with gifts. So we launched out by faith, trusting that the Lord would bless it anyway as we put this first, and hasn't He always fulfilled His promises?

"So, there we were with one of our faithful friends who is such a blessing to the work here. He was the first we presented the idea of *Activated* to, and he quickly and cheerfully subscribed on the spot, TTL! Afterwards by faith we still mentioned to him about our own personal needs and if he would consider helping with these also. We explained to him that the *Activated* program was only for his benefit. Once again he opened his checkbook and made out a check for us. It turned out that he gave us a donation that was almost double than he normally does! PTL! The Lord really blessed it as we put the sheep first—that was a real boost of our faith!"

—CASTLE HOME, INDIA

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## MO site security changes

Dear Family,

We love you and keep you always in our daily prayers. We are beginning to make some changes on the MO site in order to make it more useful, fruitful and truly YOUR Web place. In order to do this however, we need to make our site more secure. We are presently working on this, but we need to ask for a little help from each of you. We're changing the way that you log onto the Web site, and for those of you who want to continue to log on and take advantage of the many things (and more to come) there, we'd like to ask that you send to your CRO Office your Home number and password of your choice (minimum 8 characters, no more than 15 please), and your e-mail address. This would be an e-mail address that the Web team could use to contact your Home if there's any problems, this would also be the only e-mail that the Web team would answer password related questions from.

Once you have sent this information to your CRO office, give it a week or so and then when logging on to the MO site, use your Home# as the logon name, and your password to get in. If this fails, go ahead and use the general logon and password that is in the *Grapevine*, but keep trying your new one. Thanks for your help and co-operation on this. We love you and hope to see you soon online.

Love,  
Your Web team

➔ There are a lot of "goodies" already on this site so if you haven't checked it out recently, or at all, we encourage you to do so and to fully utilize it.

## New Additions to the Members Only site!

**FED section:** This is comprised of materials from the worldwide FED departments, such as Baby Quotes, Baby's Basic Words, Feed My Lambs (in color), Praise Cards etc., that can now be downloaded from the site. It also includes a listing of the materials that you can order from the various FED departments. Be sure to check it out! The FEDs will be keeping us updated regularly on any new materials they have that we can offer to you in this way, so this is just the beginning! There's more to come soon, God willing.

**Art Overflow section:** This contains copies of a lot of the latest art (in high resolution) that has come out in recent pubs, such as *LinkUp* covers, GN covers, Heaven's Library book covers etc., as well as some extras. This is just for starters; the idea for this section is for it to be a place where all Family artists can share their "works of art" with the rest of the Family. We can't guarantee that *every* contribution will be posted, but if you have any art that you'd like to be added to this section please send it in via:  
photos@familymembers.com

(Note: The size of the scans should be 1024x768, and the resolution should not be more than 300dpi. Thanks.) We look forward to hearing from you!

## help wanted

We are a little and **humble family of six** (presently in northern Spain). Two years ago, **Daniel** was a single man who took the challenge to marry **Eladia**, and father her children. Now, the Lord is calling them to the vast continent of Africa. Please send gifts through EURCRO.

We are **Cephas and Ela with four children** (fifth on the way). We have received clearance and are hoping to soon be on our way to Africa, but are in desperate need of finances. The Lord told us that He wants us to be like Etta and make

our preparations for the move, and that He will miraculously supply (see "*The promises of God are streams that never run Dry*"—By *Virginia Brandt Berg*). We have a car (worth \$1,000) and have \$400 towards our move, but our total need is \$4,500 for travel and landing funds. If the Lord speaks to any of you personally or as a Home to help us make it to the mission field, we wanted to ask if you could send \$10 (or more if you're able) through your TRF to Cephas and Ela (PO 132), or if you have any friends who would like to help it is possible through FCF to *For a Brighter Tomorrow*—98 E-10. Presently we are in a Home in Poland where all members are getting ready to go to the mission fields, so it makes it quite a challenge to get all that we need.

## ASCRO Web Stats – August 1999

Last month we had almost 70,000 visits in total, with over 70 gigabytes downloaded. Most of that is due to the fact that people downloaded over 10,000 MP3s from the *Heart to Heart* site.

People have also been asking Endtime questions much more frequently as various events happen around the world, which seems to be making more and more folks search. We answered over 120 such questions last month.

Site	Distinct Visits	MB Downloaded
<i>Countdown to Armageddon</i>	32,289	8,782
<i>Heart to Heart</i> /Jeremy Spencer	19,198	57,126
<i>The Family</i> – Thailand	19,588	6,857

## ASCRO e-mail responses

- This is very important work that you folks are doing, and I must say that I am dutifully impressed. People need to wake up, to take stock of the situation, and to start preparing themselves for the inevitable. If you have a mailing list or something that you could hook a brother up with, I would be much obliged.
- I found the Gospel!!! I'm so happy that you had it! Keep spreading the Word!
- Thank you for telling everybody what's going to happen. 'Cause some of them don't even believe this.
- A friend that I have been witnessing to for the last year or so found your site from a search, so we have been reading the pages and watching the videos this week.
- When is the estimated year and date that the end of the world is supposed to take place? Will all of us witness the last moments of life?
- Hi! I am a 19-year-old Swedish boy and I just have to ask you this: Are the Jews waiting for the AC? I mean, they are expecting someone else than Jesus, or am I wrong? I hope Jesus will be back soon! But in my heart, He already is!
- I would like to compliment you on your excellent Web site and the material it contains. I liked the *Lion, Dragon and the Beast* songs and I'd like to ask you where I could get a copy.
- I am a 15-year-old Christian. This past year I have been seriously doubting my faith and wondering whether Christianity is the one true religion. I have been researching different religions and trying to find the flaws and errors in each; I have been able to find none in Christianity. I would like to compliment you on your informative Web site; the Endtime is an area of Christianity that particularly interests me. I now know the signs to look for and what to expect, what to avoid, and how to avoid it.

Hi, dear ones in our precious Family! We love you and pray for you always. We are **Gloria P.** (22) and **Victoria**, Russian nationals. The Lord put the burden in our hearts to go to China; our hearts and minds are already there but our flesh is still here in Russia and we desperately need your help. If you could help us financially or if you have any possibility to invite us to your country to fundraise, it will be a big help for us. We are desperate and we believe that Lord will supply all our needs by His riches. GBY! Please contact us through the Russian ABM (RU 037).

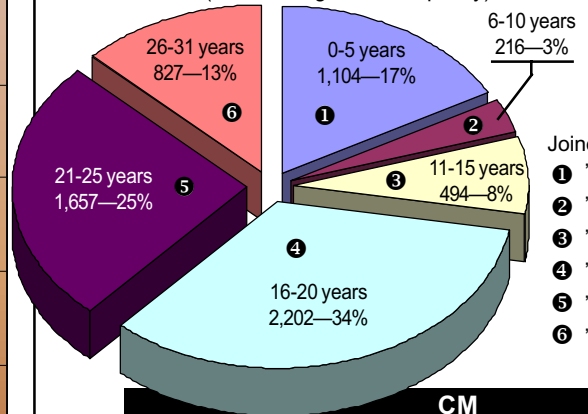
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# Family Statistics

Compiled from stats taken from the September 1999 TRFs.

## Time in the Family

(CM/FM—age 16 and up only)

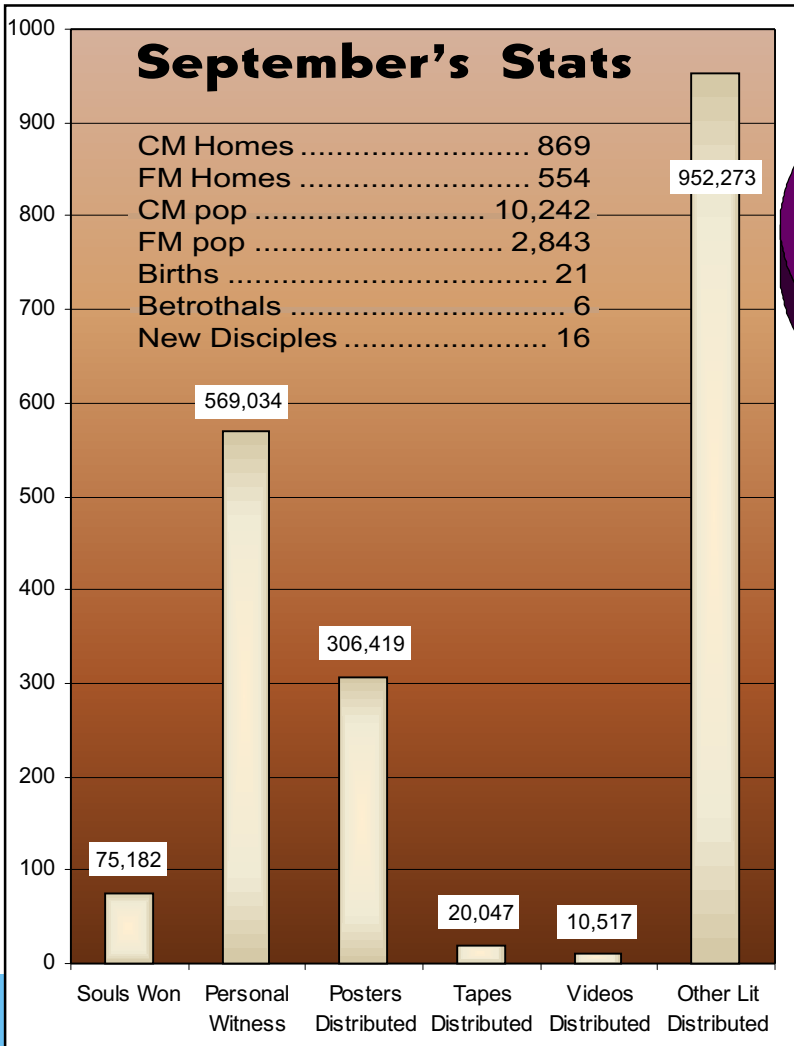


Joined From

- ① '94-'99
- ② '89-'93
- ③ '84-'88
- ④ '79-'83
- ⑤ '74-'78
- ⑥ '68-'73

## Ages in the Family

	CM	FM
Ages 0 to 4	1,444	242
Ages 5 to 8	1,289	342
Ages 9 to 11	1,037	347
Ages 12 to 13	683	249
Ages 14 to 15	710	242
Ages 16 to 17	607	202
Ages 18 to 20	833	216
Ages 21 to 24	641	68
Ages 25 to 29	406	63
Ages 30 to 34	245	76
Ages 35 to 39	456	161
Ages 40 to 44	852	263
Ages 45 to 49	771	275
Ages 50 to 54	230	81
Ages over 55	38	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,242</b>	<b>2,843</b>



## September's Stats

CM Homes ..... 869  
 FM Homes ..... 554  
 CM pop ..... 10,242  
 FM pop ..... 2,843  
 Births ..... 21  
 Betrothals ..... 6  
 New Disciples ..... 16

## Nationalities\*

**USA and Canada**  
 CM/FM Nationals ..... 4,409  
 \*\*System Population ... 293m  
 \*\*\*Ratio F/S ..... 1 to 66,000

**Western Europe**  
 CM/FM Nationals ..... 3,008  
 System Population ..... 387m  
 Ratio F/S ..... 1 to 129,000

**Eastern Europe & the CIS**  
 CM/FM Nationals ..... 549  
 System Population ..... 419m  
 Ratio F/S ..... 1 to 763,000

**The Far East**  
 CM/FM Nationals ..... 828  
 System Population ..... 1,488m  
 Ratio F/S ..... 1 to 1,797,000

**Mexico & Central America**  
 CM/FM Nationals ..... 643  
 System Population ..... 134m  
 Ratio F/S ..... 1 to 208,000

**Africa**  
 CM/FM Nationals ..... 60  
 System Population ..... 816m  
 Ratio F/S ..... 1 to 13,600,000

**Indian Area & the Mideast**  
 CM/FM Nationals ..... 253  
 System Population ... 1,586m  
 Ratio F/S ..... 1 to 6,269,000

**Southeast Asia**  
 CM/FM Nationals ..... 314  
 System Population ..... 508m  
 Ratio F/S ..... 1 to 1,618,000

**South America**  
 CM/FM Nationals ..... 2,424  
 System Population ..... 335m  
 Ratio F/S ..... 1 to 138,000

**World**  
 CM/FM Family ..... 13,085  
 System Population ..... 6bi  
 Ratio F/S ..... 1 to 458,000

**Oceania**  
 CM/FM Nationals ..... 597  
 System Population ..... 33m  
 Ratio F/S ..... 1 to 55,000

\*This Map doesn't show where the Family is, but rather its nationalities.  
 \*\*System Population figures are based on 1998 estimates (*World Book '99*)  
 \*\*\*Ratio F/S equals One Family member per X System Population

**The CM/FM Family is currently made up of 91 passport nationalities.—That's about half the nations of the world!**

# Shine On

—September '99

TEAMWORK	Per Adult	Total
<b>SOUL SHINERS FOR SEPTEMBER '99</b>		
Samuel/Rosita, Mexico	3,750	7,500
David/Maria Rosa, Brazil	840	1,680
Josue/Maria /Salomon/Belen, Mexico	605	4,836
Daniel/Sarah, India	600	1,800
Tim Willing/Maria Willing/Magdalena, Mexico	550	2,751
Juan/Joy/Michael, USA	450	2,700
Madras Deaf Home, India	443	1,772
Reuel/Perla, USA	397	1,190
Andrew/Miracle/Crystal, Bosnia/Herzegovina	347	1,390
Jimmy/Teresa, Japan	340	680

POSTER SHINERS FOR SEPTEMBER '99		
Peter S./Crystal S./Mary M., USA	3,427	13,707
Tommy/Serena, Cambodia	1,910	3,820
Samuel/Rosita, Mexico	1,500	3,000
Steven/Mercy, Japan	1,400	2,800
Steven/Daniella, USA	1,375	5,500
Barz/Sara, Portugal	1,220	6,101
Michael Christian/Maria Christian, Japan	1,122	4,490
Francis M. /Joanna Rose/Christopher, USA	1,066	9,595
Philip/Meekness/Josh, Namibia	980	1,960
Timothy F./Rejoice E./Dove, USA	943	9,425

TAPE SHINERS FOR SEPTEMBER '99		
David/Madalen/Paula, Brazil	152	608
Samuel/Clara, Spain	108	216
Juan/Rosa, Spain	82	164
Esperanza/Vicky/Marysol, Chile	74	446
Jose/Ester, Colombia	66	133
Samuel/Sara, Mexico	66	262
Sam/Maria, Brazil	64	129
Esteban/Amor, Mexico	63	250
Marie, Philippines	61	61
Ezequiel/Maria, Mexico	61	121

VIDEO SHINERS FOR SEPTEMBER '99		
Ben/Meekness, Botswana	100	200
Abner/Esther/Claire/Sharmeni, South Africa	64	192
Andrew/Lena, Swaziland	62	250
Philip/Meekness/Josh, Namibia	44	89
Juan F./Ester/Susana, Brazil	37	223
Estrella/Juan/Lily, Colombia	35	176
Jesse/Maria Clara, Brazil	35	70
Gabriel/Jemima/Elizabeth, Brazil	32	160
Joseph/Rosa, Chile	31	124
Marcos/Abby, Brazil	29	59

## NOW THAT'S FUNNY!

A young woman who was several months pregnant boarded a bus. When she noticed a young man smiling at her, she began feeling humiliated on the account of her condition. She changed her seat and he seemed more amused. She moved again and on her fourth move he burst out laughing. She had him arrested.

When the case came before the court, the young man was asked why he acted in such a manner. His reply was, "When the lady boarded the bus I couldn't help but notice she was pregnant."

"She sat under an advertisement which read, 'Coming soon—the Gold Dust Twins.' Then she moved under one that read, 'Sloan's Liniments remove swelling.' I was even more amused when she sat under a shaving advertisement which read, 'William's Stick did the trick.' Then I could not control myself any longer when on the fourth move she sat under an advertisement which read, 'Dunlop Rubber would have prevented this accident.'"

The case was dismissed. (*This is from an actual trial in the UK.*)

## UNIVERSAL RX

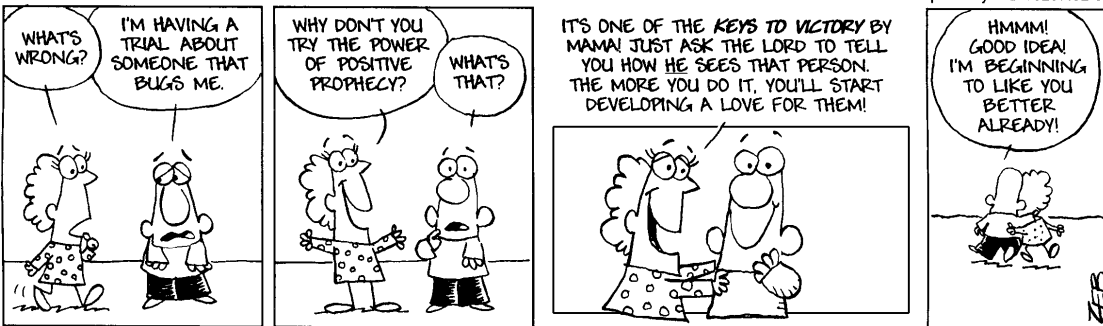
No moving parts, no batteries,  
No monthly payments and no fees;  
Inflation proof, non-taxable,  
In fact, it's quite relaxable.  
It can't be stolen, won't pollute;  
One size fits all, do not dilute.  
It uses little energy,  
But yields results enormously.  
Relieves your tension and your stress,  
Invigorates your happiness;  
Combats depression, makes you beam,  
And elevates your self-esteem!  
Your circulation it corrects  
Without unpleasant side effects.  
It is, I think, the perfect drug:  
May I prescribe, my friends . . . the hug!  
(And, of course, fully returnable!)

—BY HENRY MATTHEW WARD  
FROM CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE SOUL

## moving missionaries

Faith, India: Coming to India has been a real salvation for the children, after having been in the West for 1½ years. Not having a TV, video player and computer games in the Home has been a blessing in disguise, since they have more time to spend with the adults as well as each other. They are all happier than before, especially some who used to be bored. We've been here just over a week but are making an effort to take them out for outings as well as witnessing, follow-up, youth meetings and fellowship with teens and adults in the nearby Homes. After having been without much fellowship in the last year or so, they are more fulfilled now and are adjusting very well to the new field.

## PECULIAR PEOPLE



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## Personals

**Vera (Ukrainian)** and **Daniel (Polish)**, Angie (Russian) of Jonathan (SGA) would like to contact you. As well as **Masha (Ukrainian) Virginia (Russian)** and **Vicky (Russian)**. Add: 51 Barnard Crescent, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 9PW, England.

Lucy is looking for **Priya C.** Last I heard, you left to Africa in September. Please write me as soon as possible. Also **Amy (of Tom and Rosa)**, we lived together in Durango, Mexico 9 or 10 yrs ago, you were living in Michigan? E-mail: [freedom@mailbox.giga.com](mailto:freedom@mailbox.giga.com).

**Dave (of Arthur and Becky)**, I heard that you are now in India? I (Alana) lost touch with you, and wouldn't mind hearing from you. E-mail: [metallic\\_rage@hotmail.com](mailto:metallic_rage@hotmail.com). Hope to hear from you soon.

**Nina** (of Jane, last heard of in Chile and last seen in Peru), please contact Susan (15, of David and Bethel). Haven't heard from you in a long, long time and would like to get in touch with you. E-mail: [elfarodb@ceibo.entelnet.bo](mailto:elfarodb@ceibo.entelnet.bo).

Felicia (of Phil and Marie) is looking for **Tally** (of Kitty, formerly Fiona, and Andres). I knew you in Omsk, Russia. Please contact me at: [Fayzy83@aol.com](mailto:Fayzy83@aol.com).

**Natalie (TX), Josiah (Ufa)** and **Abby Newman**, I'd like to contact ya'll again. My e-mail (in case you've forgotten it) is: [aaronshondo@hotmail.com](mailto:aaronshondo@hotmail.com).

**FWERB!!!** Hey, wanna get in touch with you... where are you? If you get this please write me. E-mail: [metallic\\_rage@hotmail.com](mailto:metallic_rage@hotmail.com) ok? I'd flip! Wingapou!

**Joseph Flowers** (Raymond), we would like to hear back from you (or from anyone who would know of his whereabouts). Please contact Tommy and Serena, in Cambodia at e-mail: [tommyserena@hotmail.com](mailto:tommyserena@hotmail.com) or via snail mail at: P.O. Box 2182 Phnom Penh 3, Cambodia.

**Claire and Maris**, where are you? Lived with you at the BSC in 97. Write Piper soon at e-mail: [deejay@plug-in.com.br](mailto:deejay@plug-in.com.br).