

# The Grapevine

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Nourish the mind like you would your body. The mind cannot survive on junk food.—Jim Rohn

## GETTING ACTIVATED!

Reports from *Activated!* Desks

**EURCRO *Activated!* Desk:** We have had a good month with 60 new subscriptions coming in from Europe and Africa. We got our monthly mailing off on October 26 and we sent off a total of 150 magazines. The subscriptions almost doubled from last month!

Many of the same Homes have sent in addresses again this month and a number of new Homes started getting involved. Leyland and Spring in South Africa are still the shiners with 22 paid subscriptions and 28 addresses for free magazines this month. God bless them!

We are very happy with the progress this month and pray that the coming month will be even more fruitful. We will be praying about how we can best promote the use of the *Activated!* materials during the pre-Christmas months. We believe that if we can get the *Activated!* products out on the shelves and accessible to the Homes, they will sell themselves! Everyone that we have showed the new books to has been very impressed and wanted to get involved in the *Activated!* program straight away. We've already given the CROs and some of the VSs sets of books to show on their visitation, which gives them something inspiring to share with the Homes as well as serves as an opportunity to give the Homes the vision.

**Brazil *Activated!* Desk:** In this last month we only received 23 subscriptions, and 86 requests for the first 3 mags. We realize it always takes time for a new push in the Family to really "take off," and we're going to be sending out an inspirational reminder to the Homes soon to try to help them really catch the vision for getting more subscriptions for *Contato* (*Activated* in Brazil). We have noticed that more Homes are beginning to participate in the *Contato* program, which gives us hope that soon we'll be receiving more subscriptions.

**India *Activated!* Desk:** The response from the Homes is picking up and we are getting more subscriptions. PTL! Our subscriptions from last month almost doubled, to 45 subscriptions. We now have 83 paid subscriptions to date.

We held an *Activated* ACM for our city. We covered such points as prayer for the *Activated!* program, "question and answer session," shiner Homes sharing testimonies on how they get out subscriptions as well as brainstorming ideas on how to get out more subscriptions. We also had a "show and tell" of the *Activated!* products we have on hand. We also plan to have the VSs do a similar ACM when they visit the various cities in order to give the Homes more of a vision for the program and create an awareness of all that is available.

(MORE ACTIVATED NEWS ON PAGE 13)

### Y2K checklist

Do you have the following survival items on hand?

- ✓ Water
- ✓ Food
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Gas stove, or other means to cook if city gas/ electricity shuts down
- ✓ Generator if needed; or at least light and heat supply
- ✓ Fire extinguisher(s)

Have you ...?

- ✓ Discussed contingency plans as a Home
- ✓ Held Home Councils about Y2K prep
- ✓ Set money aside for January/ February
- ✓ Prayed and asked the Lord for specific Y2K instructions for your Home

If not, you're not ready for Y2K ... and there are only 47 days to go (as of November 15<sup>th</sup>)! Get ready now!!!

## ADVANCE COPIES OF "CHINA'S HOUR" GN BEING SENT TO CHINA/ TAIWAN FAMILY

BY MAMA

The Lord has poured out some wonderful counsel and instruction about the vast field of China, which I'll be sharing with you in a new GN called "China's Hour" (GN 877)—coming soon!

This GN is one of the ones that you will receive in advance, in preparation for any possible mail slowdowns due to Y2K. But it is noted in the mailing that you are not to read it until February. However, the Lord said that we should allow the Homes in China and Taiwan to read it immediately, as they would greatly benefit from having this counsel and instruction from the Lord as soon as possible.

So if you in other fields hear via e-mail or through some avenue about the brethren in China or Taiwan having read this GN already, and your Home hasn't read it yet, don't worry. You'll be able to read it soon. In the meantime, please continue to keep our brothers and sisters in China and Taiwan in your prayers. They have a tremendous harvest to reap—one that is difficult and requires a great deal of patience, wisdom and love. Your prayers can do mighty things!

## PHOTO REQUESTS

BY WS

A big thanks to all of you who have been sending in such great articles and testimonies! We will have another FSM or two to head out to you soon, and we'd love to spice them up with some of your beautiful smiling faces. Any of those listed below, please send a scanned photo to the *Grapevine* e-mail address, designated for the FSM editors. Thanks! It can be a close-up of you, or a group shot of your family—or both. Thanks!



- \* Ruth (catacomber/new disciple), Russia
- \* Caleb, Nigeria
- \* Eric, Mexico
- \* Thai Marie Claire, Thailand
- \* Chinese Lily, Taiwan
- \* Job (22), USA
- \* Daniel (Francesco), Chile
- \* Samuel Malachi (formerly Dane), USA
- \* David Apostol (of Paloma), Russia
- \* Matthew (of Anna), India
- \* Lydia, India
- \* Wilfried, Holland
- \* Stephan and Fay, Eastern Europe

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# headlines

## SCHOOL OPENED FOR 200 CHILDREN

**John, Rose, Joyful, and Aaron, India:** On June 27 we opened a school for about 200 children in a small village in West Bengal. The children are excited and their parents are very thankful that their children will be receiving an education. We fixed up a rundown school building with the help of the local villagers, and we pretty much have free rein at the school.

## MEDICAL CAMPS FOR NEEDY KENYANS

**Lily, Kenya:** Since there is only one doctor per every 10,000 people in Kenya, we felt urged to respond to the desperate need for medical care in the slum villages. Last year in April we began to organize free medical camps, and last month we held our seventh.

All the medicine for the treatment of 600 children, mothers and elderly was donated by individuals and pharmaceutical companies. Nearly 100 different types of medicine were needed. Eight doctors, three nurses and five pharmacists volunteered their services for the day. We set up a first aid corner where people with open wounds received treatment and encouragement. This corner was handled by two of our young people, one of whom has taken a first aid course.

During the camp we prayed with over 200 people to receive Jesus. Each person who received a bag of medication also got a Bible verse in the local language, encouraging them to claim their healing in prayer. A large pharmaceutical company visited the camp to see how we organized it as they are also planning to pledge

medical services to the poor. We received TV coverage on the local news, which served as a call to other companies and groups to participate in filling this desperate need in order to help the thousands who live in slum villages around Nairobi.

## FLOODING IN KOREA

**Tim, Rachel, Korea:** Family members Tim, Rachel (18) and Johnny (15) joined other members of the Seoul International Rescue Corps and raced through the streets of Korea's capital, escorted by screaming sirens of a Red Cross vehicle, in response to a flood distress call north of the capital (Seoul) this past month at the height of the monsoon season.

The Korean daily newspaper, *Joong Ang Ilbo* wrote an article on this effort. Photos of Johnny and Tim with other rescuers were featured in the paper under the title "Koreans' pain is also our misfortune." It was a very positive article about the willingness of the foreign community to jump to the aid of the Korean flood victims.

## 4TH AID TRIP TO CENTRAL AMERICA

**Mark, Maria, John and Ruth, USA:** We just returned from our fourth aid trip to Central America! We were able to deliver 50 hospital beds to one of the hospitals that was hardest hit during the hurricane. We were on television and in the papers. We also had the opportunity of meeting some of the richest people of the country; they were very impressed with our work and we were invited back for Christmas—this time to paid shows with all accommodations taken care of! PTL! That's a wonderful help as up till now, all costs have been coming out of our own pockets. We believe these people can be a big help when we move down.

## INDIA'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Ruth Fighter, India:**

**Location:** Buffalo country!—A village 110 kilometers outside New Delhi.

**Date:** India's Independence Day.

**Occasion:** The Family has been invited to perform at a village school.

**The Miracle:** I'll start at the beginning! Six months ago we met a sweet lady who is the director of three village schools. These schools have been adopted by a leading educational institution in an attempt to give the children in these villages top quality education. This lady really likes our work and our videos, and has taken large quantities of our tools for these schools.

A couple of weeks ago she asked us to come and

perform at one of these schools on Independence Day. When we prayed about it the Lord told us that He would use this program in the "boondocks" to open mighty doors for us, so off we went!

The program, consisting of our Family songs as well as patriotic Indian songs and a drama, went really well, and guess who the chief guest was at the function?—The Secretary for Indian Education, the highest ranking government official in the entire country who is responsible for education in all of India's schools. Accompanying him were other high-ranking officials, and all liked the program. One asked us to get back in touch with him, and said, "I want to help your work and support your efforts. Get back to me soon and we'll see what we can do together!"

**Moral of the story:**

It pays to hear from the Lord, and be prepared for anything, anytime, anywhere!

## In My arms

**Japan:** Miguel (YA former member, of Gideon and Joan) went to be with the Lord on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. He had contracted a high fever, which lasted for a few days. He was taken to a large hospital, but shortly after arriving his heart stopped and he passed away. This disease (not contagious) is very rare, and there have only been three other people in Japan in the last ten years who have died of this.

Please continue to pray for Gideon and Joan, and their children, for their strength and encouragement during this time. If you would like to send a donation to Gideon and Joan and their children you can send in via the PACRO office.

Happy Birthday, Miguel! Happy Birthday, My son! Today is a day of rejoicing, a day of victory; the day that My beloved has come Home; the day of the birth of a new life! My son, My beloved, was dead and now he is alive again. Therefore, rejoice with Me for his new life, which he has just begun to live Here in Heaven.

JESUS SPEAKING

**Miguel VS:** We just heard from Gabriel (of Nina) in Germany, that Nina went into a coma after lung failure, and at 1:00 P.M. on October 17, she peacefully passed away.

This precious one is safe in My arms. I know that her loved ones have shed tears and that they feel the loss of her physical presence. But she is very much living in the spirit, and is now able to help you from this dimension in a greater way than before. Her body was tired from the strain of illness, and I chose to relieve her by taking her into My arms. So rejoice and do not weep, for she is very happy, and happier still to be able to continue to love and care for her loved ones from this Side, and to help and encourage many others.

JESUS SPEAKING

# babymania

## The Multiple Personality Stretch

BY JAZ, WS

Right around the time of Kimby's second birthday, she was abruptly catapulted into a very interesting—if short-lived—phase in her always-interesting life. (What is it that makes that little girl such a walking *babymania* column? I have no idea! She blows my mind sometimes!)

It all started one fine day when Kimby came marching into the room and announced—and I had no idea what significance this would hold for the days to come—“I'm not Kimby. I'm DAVE!” The Dave we are referring to is of shepherd-boy-slaying-the-giant fame, and apparently in her mind, that was very definitely that.

I must admit I wavered there for a minute as to the appropriate response. You know, she *is* a girl and all. But then I thought, “Oh, what's the big deal? A little make-

believe never hurt anyone.” So I just smiled and said, “Hi, Dave!”

Dave was to become my fast friend for the next full week. Wherever Kimby would have been, Dave now was. And if we made the serious mistake—even in casual conversation between ourselves—to mention the dreaded K-word, Kimby would immediately launch out into a sizeable protest: “Oh! But I'm *Dave!*” Other times she would stride up to me in all her shepherd-boy glory and emphatically remind me: “Mommy, I'm Dave.” And she wouldn't cease in her self-proclamation until I had acknowledged her with anywhere from one to five responses of “Hi, Dave.”

I confess I got quite a kick out of this phase, and I figured it wouldn't last forever. It didn't. After about a week of this, the shepherd-boy lifestyle was

suddenly shattered when Kimby walked in and announced grandly: “I'm not Kimby. I'm the Drummer Boy.” Run that by me again? Yes, the drummer boy it was.

The mysterious change explained itself later on when I was talking with Roxy. As I told her of Kimby's apparent new phase, Roxy's eyes widened and she burst out laughing. “Oh my!” she said. Apparently Kimby had a current fetish with the “Little Drummer Boy” song from the new Christmas tape, and wanted to hear it over and over again. Suddenly seeing the potential for a Dave-weaning strategy, Roxy had commented to Kimby something to the effect of, “You know, the Drummer Boy is much nicer than Dave.”

To that, Kimby thought a moment, then confidently replied: “I'm the Drummer Boy.” Roxy

immediately realized what she'd done, and was like, “Oops!” But the Drummer Boy it was, and from then on, nothing we tried could even take her back to Dave. (Now why would you be thinking at this point that my daughter is a tomboy?—Ha!)

The Drummer Boy did not fare nearly as long as Dave had, and in only two or three days Kimby suddenly developed an acute identity crisis and became noisily allergic to any and all references to herself other than her name—including things like “sweet,” “cute,” “clown,” and of course “Dave” and “drummer boy.” It was always: “No! I'm *Kimby!*” So Kimby it is. Another phase for the history pages. I guess that's the nice thing about phases: You're in them, you enjoy them, and then they're gone. Then it's on to the next one. The joys of parenting!

### backtracking

In *Grapevine* #74, we announced that **Caleb Apocalypse** was born to Crystal and Samuel. Crystal and Samuel are his grandparents; however, he was actually born to **Crystal Love and Tiago**. Sorry!

### kidbits

**Elise Shannon Cervantes**, 4<sup>th</sup> child, born to **Angela and James** on August 30.—Ireland  
**Alan Troy**, 2<sup>nd</sup> child, born to **Christina and Marcus** on August 30.—India  
**Baby girl** (no name given), 2<sup>nd</sup> child, born to **Keiko and Gerson** on September 1.—Norway  
**Nicolas**, born to **Sara Smile and Jonathan Helper** on September 4.—Spain  
**Amanda Cherise**, 2<sup>nd</sup> child, born to **Hanna and Tom** on September 14.—Spain  
**Rylan Monttel**, 1<sup>st</sup> child, born to **Maria** on September 15.—Slovakia  
**Joel Philip**, 1<sup>st</sup> child, born to **Clara and Daniel** on September 16.—Germany  
**Tullia Catherine**, 10<sup>th</sup> child, born to **Maggie Flame and Michael Valiant** on September 29.—Belgium  
**Nick Brian**, 2<sup>nd</sup> child, born to **Sunshine and Neftali** on September 20.—Mexico  
**Kevin Anthony**, born to **Joanne and Aaron** on September 28.—Thailand  
**Vivian Amber**, born to **Crystal Light and Alex** on October 2.—Brazil

### When opening your door can help keep the doors of your country open...

BY THE EURCRO MEDIA DESK

Sometimes sincere academics and students want to meet Family members to talk and ask questions to gain information for their research papers, theses, book chapters, etc. These studies can be useful for us, as they prove that we are open, and it is better that we explain controversies ourselves rather than the information coming from an anti-cult source. Many of these academics, after they've met and known us personally, then go on to defend us and our rights to religious freedom. Helping these academics and giving them a chance to get to know us has been an important aspect of our Family's presentation to the public.

With our wonderful missionary Family on the move to new fields, in recent years quite a few of our media teams

here in Europe have moved on as well. At various times Family members have helped out when we sent a request for someone to be met. We are very thankful for this, and see the long-term good fruits already!

We hope that Family members, when hearing a request like this, will continue to try to find the time to pray and see if the Lord wants them to invest a little time and effort into helping out with these requests, which in the long run they are going to be benefiting from, as it is these type of academics who are like Gamaliel, and will have correct information and so be able to speak knowledgeably on our behalf in places we cannot go, and thus help to keep the doors of our ministries open in that country.

From WS: Thank you dear Family for your time and sacrifices in assisting these academics who study the Family and want to understand and help us. We are unique and need all the help we can get in explaining our beliefs and lifestyle to the world. God bless you!

### Have you finished your story?

BY THE HEAVEN'S LIBRARY TEAM

Dear spirit story receivers and contributors to *Heaven's Library*: We appreciate you and thank you for sending us the stories you've received. We couldn't do it without you.

We want to send out a plug for all those who have begun stories and have sent us the first one or two parts, to please send us more! It has been a while since we have heard from some of you!

Below is a list of stories that we have pending, which haven't yet been completed. If you are the spirit channel, please get in touch with us and let us know how it's going. Thanks so much! We love you!



**Mission For the Daring**  
**Karkata Tribe**  
**Endtime Courage**  
**The Tale of the Lone Wanderer**  
**What If?**  
**Endtime Mission**  
**The Story of Mohammed Ali—**  
**“The Desert Boy”**  
**Castra**

**Clues**  
**Story of Job**  
**Journey to Destiny**  
**The Pilgrimage**  
**The Days of Accountabilities**  
**The Magic Pen**  
**The Tale of Talbok**  
**Suspense story from Agatha Christie**  
**Wishing Well Stories**

## brotherhood

### JETT/junior camp in Budapest, Hungary

By Joy and Genai

We held a JETT/junior camp for the SEEC (South Eastern European Countries) area, from October 6-11. We ended up having 84 people in attendance, which included one parent or shepherd along with the young people from each



GIRLS DOING A DANCE ON TALENT NIGHT

Home. The Lord had made it very clear that during this time He wanted all of our JETTs/juniors attending, as well as the adults, to make a real commitment for Him and start again to become the real CM members that He is asking us all to be.

He said: "Don't be afraid to call them to arms, to call them back to the basics, to make this a true training camp where they can feel the spirit of dedication. None is too young to seek Me personally, to hear from Me for their lives and to make the commitment."

Although we had no idea about S2K when we originally began to plan for this camp, we definitely saw the Lord's hand in it as time went on. How to handle the implementation of the S2K with our JETTs and juniors was a big question in all the parents' minds, and it was a blessing to have a meeting with the parents and shepherds at this time when the Shakeup is just beginning.



ALL THE JUNIOR TEENS AND JETTS THAT ATTENDED THE CAMP

We had a list of six basic rules, which were posted in the rooms and read to all at the keynote. If these rules were broken, the kids would receive one warning; after that, they would miss fellowship time in the evening as a punishment. Having this clear standard from the start saved us so much time in having to correct and work out situations later. We only had to use the punishment a couple of times, as most everyone adhered to the rules.

We were very encouraged by how things went at this camp, and felt that progress was made. They have their trips, frustrations with their parents, or trials with boredom, yet they seemed to still be dedicated to the Lord and the Family, to witnessing and learning to use the new weapons. GBT! Even though it cost us a few extra gray hairs, it was worth it all! Our team consisted of: Phillip, Dawn, Steve, Joy, Genai, Rosa and Celia. And we can't forget to give a big hand to our kitchen personnel, who did a wonderful job!—Linda, Michelle and Mat. God bless them!

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## Activated testimonies, tips and feedback!

### A long-term vision

Rose Garden Home, India: When we were videoing on a road trip we met a precious Christian businessman. We felt lead to present the *Activated!* subscription first and he responded very positively and was thankful to subscribe. Then when we presented the videos, he also took one of them. We have learned that the Lord really blesses our efforts when we put *Activated!* first, as it is a long-term vision to feed that person, not just a short term donation vision.

### Sponsoring *Activated!* subscriptions

Leland, Spring, James and Charity, South Africa: We have some faithful Outside Witnesses in the poorer neighboring countries of Malawi and Zambia, as well as some in South Africa, who've been getting out lots of the Words of David and Maria, and we'd been burdened that they need more in-depth regular feeding. With the *Activated!* program, the Lord showed us to ask friends here in South Africa to sponsor subscriptions to the magazine for these Outside Witnesses. So far, our friends have sponsored subscriptions for 10 Outside Witnesses. We've encouraged these OWs to write the sponsors a letter of thanks.

### First *Activated!* convert

Paul, Christian, Eden and Liz, Romania: We wanted to share a testimony about our first *Activated!* subscription! One of the girls in our Home met a sweet girl who works as a secretary with a big company here in Bucharest. We ministered to her regularly during the past year, feeding her the Word and offering her different tapes. When we presented *Activated!* to her, she subscribed without hesitation. We gave her the first issue and when we visited her a little later she told us she had read the magazine and she could hardly wait to get the second one.

### Filling the need with *Activated!*

The EURCRO *Activated!* desk: We received the following reaction from a man in England, who has been a member of our mail ministry: "I have been contemplating starting my own newsletter, for over a year now, but have just been unable to find the time. I think the advent of *Activated!* has alleviated that need. *Activated!* contains what I would like to say to people and I'm quite confident, from what I know about the beliefs held by the Family, that future issues will continue to fulfill that requirement. I'm looking forward to hearing from you and receiving issue #2 of *Activated!*. Love, Richard"

**Peter:** God bless all of you who are helping us to feed the sheep. "If you love Me, feed My sheep." That's the Lord's call! Are you doing your part? Have you personally led anyone to the Lord lately? If so, did you offer them an *Activated* subscription or the three free mags? Folks, we can't fail the Lord in this and the only way we'll be able to faithfully feed these new converts is if you do your part, if you send in those subscriptions. Don't leave home without subscription cards! Use'm every day. Amen!

## legal and media

EURCRO, SEPTEMBER 1999

### Albania

(Francesco, Sara, Marco:) We met a woman from a TV station (TVA) with a viewing audience of 1-1.5 million. We had some *Countdown to 2000* tracts, so we offered her one. Minutes later, parts of it were read on TV.

### Nigeria

(Sharif, Josh, Phoebe:) We did one TV interview (20 million) and one radio interview (40 million).

### Reunion Islands

(Isaac, Meekness:) Recently someone was imposing his evolutionary theories and ungodly beliefs on the newspaper's editorial page. Isaac answered his article, and added a lot of reference and documentation from the Letters on Creation. It was titled "To Charlie's friend" and was published (circulation 90,000). It was a long article and a good witness.

### Romania

(Tino, Mary, Shane, Niki:) Tino was able to give a witness of the Lord's love and what we are doing in Craiova on a local TV station, TERRASAT (audience 20,000). The show has been aired twice.

### Romania

(Gideon, Shellena, David:) We held a program at the City Hall for 40 of the poorest families in the city. Sacks of donated clothes and toys were given to each family. We included a *Future Foretold* book in each of the sacks as well as other miscellaneous lit. We did a puppet and clown show for them (400 people) and gave away provisioned snacks. All in attendance got saved. Four newspapers printed articles about the event (circulation 1 million).

### Slovenia

(Cris, Joy, Jeremy:) There was an article in a local newspaper on Miriam Padilla, with pictures of Dad and Jeremy Spencer.

### Bosnia

(Enoch, Chris, Lance, Angela:) KISS TV did a short report on our show at local kindergarten on the evening news (audience 700,000).

# FOOD AND HOPE FOR MEXICO'S FLOOD VICTIMS

By C. A. Cedillo, for Project HELP



men and motor boats to take us and our supplies to the *Serrito de Tlacotepec*.

The boats were small so we had to make several trips to get all the supplies to the Serrito. On the thirty-minute ride we saw treetops sticking out of the water and found that the deepest part was where the highway was, 18 meters under us. At the Serrito's edge the villagers, soldiers and Family members quickly formed a line and passed the provisions from the boats to the top of the crest. Mothers with children and bags in hand surrounded us, eagerly waiting for us to hand out the food. When all were organized in a line, we passed out the bananas, vegetables, beans and rice, and two of our teens sang "Peace in the Midst of the Storm." Jesus Navarro, the coordinator of the village, rolled up his sleeves and helped us distribute the goods. The faces of gratitude and joy made the tiredness we'd felt melt away.

When all the families were together, Ben asked if they would like to join him in prayer and all present said the prayer of salvation.

Later that day we realized that the army boat units had left and would not be coming back as it was late afternoon when the winds and waves made boat travel impossible. We were only clad in T-shirts and we wondered how we'd manage staying at this deserted island during the cold night. But to our relief, only one hour had passed when two marine rafts showed up and came to our rescue.

The village people pleaded for us to come back and spend a few days with them. Officials in the area said it would be about eight months before the water drains, so we do plan on continuing our help to this disaster area. We need your help too! Please send your donations to:

C.A. Cedillo  
Project HELP—M06  
C/O Family Care Foundation  
P.O. Box 6070  
Orange CA 92863-6070, USA



## HELP WANTED

**H**i, this is Amor Leal (SGA). I've been in India for the past eight months, which have been truly challenging and inspiring! About two months ago, the Lord worked it out at the last minute and I got my visa extended. Now the Lord's calling me to Africa, and I have a burden to go to South Africa, Mozambique, or wherever the Lord opens up a Home for me.

I have only a few months to raise my funds before my visa expires. Since I don't have regular home support, I'm counting on miracles to raise my fare. If you would like to be one of those Heaven-sent miracles and help me with a love gift, big or small, as everything counts, I would be eternally grateful. Please send your gifts to me via the TRF to Amor Leal (IA-10 Calcutta, India). Thanks so much!

**W**e are Daniel and Sara, national FGA couple and senior teen Stephen, in the North East of India reaching out to the precious hill tribes of seven states. We desperately need your support and prayers to help us do more follow-up and less fundraising activities. Please can you send your support (and address, so we can thank you) via your TRF to Daniel and Sara, IA12.

**H**ave you ever thought about helping someone on the field but did not know whom or how? If this has ever happened to you, please read on! Russia needs your HELP! As you know, conditions on the Russian field are tightening up, but we have a lot of Homes here and the harvest is plenteous! For security reasons, the Lord is leading us in the direction of all of our Homes getting their New Wine on CDs. This means they'll need to have good printers to print out the New Wine. We'd like to ask all those who would like to help to please send your contributions via TRF designated for "Printers for Russia"! Thank you all very much!—Love and prayers, your Russian Family.

# S2K reactions

I am so looking forward to the changes that this Shakeup 2000 GN will bring. I know the Lord is going to do miracles and bring us back to the Gideon's band that He wants us to be. I'm honored to be a part and to receive the Lord's oath to us shepherds. I feel unworthy of such honor that the Lord is bestowing upon us. Lord help me to daily be desperate before His face, forsaking all and hearing from Him!

One of the main lessons the Lord has been laying on my heart is how I need to hear from Him in prophecy daily. The Lord has been telling me for the last few years that I need to make prophecy more of a daily habit, but I have not made it a part of my daily life as I should have. LHM! With the Lord's help, I have made a commitment to spend time loving and hearing from Him in prophecy every day. The Lord told me even if I have to wake up early every day, so be it, but my time hearing from Him is so vital that I need to do it daily without fail. By God's grace, from this day forward I will make that the most important part of my day.

Lord help me to be a humble and loving shepherd, totally dependent on the Lord and yielded to Him.

—SGA VS, NORTH AMERICA

The S2K Letters are so encouraging, even though four of my oldest kids are heading to FM status. Despite the deep personal heartbreak this causes to my wife and myself, I am 100% thankful that the Lord has given the Family this message at this time.

—FGA MAN, ASCRO

Through the unofficial grapevine I had heard a number of comments that these GNs would be like ones in the past and simply pass by. I've taken time to explain to folks in my Home and others that the Shakeup is serious and that the Lord means business. It seemed that while the Shakeup did shake people up, I wasn't so sure how deeply people were applying it in their lives and seeing where they needed to make needed changes.

In the week I've been back in my Home I started noticing little compromises, and shared with everyone how not living the Shakeup is often manifested in the little things. No one in the Home is obviously out of it and openly promoting ungodly attitudes, but it's the habits and attitudes that need to change. They could seem like little things each on their own, such as trying out System chat rooms, watching TV, someone playing System music openly while working, going to the movies to watch an un-rated movie though being warned it would probably be junk, reading novels without Home approval, teens playing soccer with the kids and railing at them for their mistakes and being sarcastic, etc.

It can be easy, I think, to sign the contract and feel that now everything is okay and you get busy with life, serving the Lord, and forget the deeper implication of what the Shakeup means. To counter that, we started reading key portions of the Shakeup GNs at devotions, and are pow-wowing how they apply on an individual level and Home level. It surprised me that people were still doing these things, but I think some didn't even realize or notice what they were doing, as these habits and old mindsets are quite deeply entrenched.

It says in the Shakeup GN that we can no longer go by our old reactions and ways of seeing or judging situations. Although it might seem small, every little compromise and wrong decision on the part of each individual ends up working to create a weak, dry, lukewarm Home. It was good to discuss the Shakeup together and go over these points, and people were receptive and want to do better.

The Shakeup is much more than simply stopping certain worldly attitudes, but rather regaining our revolutionary fervor and getting back to the basics of total dedication and commitment. What I felt a little in the Home was a spirit of, "Yes, I agree with the Shakeup and it's very needed for the Family and I've signed the contract." But I didn't feel a real desperation on the part of folks to seriously examine every part of their lives and service for the Lord, as individuals and as a Home. They had gotten back on with business as usual.

In devotions I shared with the Home the section "Parable of the sick sheep," where it lists three different categories: those who are "doing well," those who are "very sick spiritually" and those who are "somewhere in between." (See GN #857:70.) I feel there are still a good number of people in that "in between" category. They're not obviously sick,

they're sweet, they love the Lord, they read the Word, they compromise with some worldliness, though less than before, they work in the Home—but they are not on-fire, totally committed and revolutionary in spirit. They believe they are CM disciples and by our old standard they are, but with the Shakeup it seems the Lord is expecting much more of us now.

In our Home discussion we came to the conclusion that these three categories are the same as the ones the Lord speaks of in Revelations 3: hot, cold and lukewarm. It's not enough just to be lukewarm, to just keep the basic rules. The purpose of the Shakeup is to get us back to being "hot" disciples. I explained that if you want to be lukewarm, you're better suited to the FM category, because as the Shakeup GN says: "The CM Family should be as the avant-garde, the most dedicated, the ones who follow closely no matter what." (ML 3257 par. 181)

—CRO

The S2K GN was so right on. I've been pretty slack these days. I've been indulging in a lot of worldly and ungodly influences, and not having the required amount of Word time. System music, novels, movies and night-life have been normal activities of mine recently, and there's been a lot less Word and prayer time for me. When I'd have some free time, the first thing I'd think of doing would be to read a novel, watch a movie, or go out for a beer. I barely gave it a second thought, so this GN really gave me a good waking Shakeup!

I think the prophecy that most spoke to me was "A Coming Cleansing" (GN 857:31), as everything the Lord said was so appropriate, and described my situation of "walking with one foot in both worlds" and "letting the Enemy of my soul pollute my mind with his lies, half-truths, and corruption." LHM! (GN 857:37,38)

The Lord was very sweet to give His encouragement in the prophecy at the very end ("How Can You Do It?...") par.251), where He tells us that we can make it with His help. I know that I'm

# and changes

S2K used to doing things in the arm of  
S2K the flesh and not giving much  
S2K glory to the Lord, as well as being  
S2K critical of others. This GN really  
S2K drove the point home and got me  
S2K realizing how much more yielded I  
S2K needed to be and how much I  
S2K need the Lord and His help!

S2K The Letter entitled “Jesus Is  
S2K Calling You Back to the Beginning”  
S2K (GN 857) was so appropriate too! I  
S2K was getting many checks about my  
S2K Word time and personal time with  
S2K Jesus, but I was just pushing them  
S2K aside. But this last week I’ve had  
S2K these strong “tuggings” and still  
S2K small voice convicting me, and I  
S2K remember thinking, *Why can’t I  
S2K become a child again, regain that  
S2K innocence, simplicity and love?*  
S2K When I read that prophecy I was  
S2K in my room and I couldn’t help but  
S2K cry!

S2K I remember at communion  
S2K when I was young I’d start crying  
S2K when we’d sing the songs, “We Are  
S2K His Family” and “A Sacrifice of  
S2K Love.” The Lord mentions crying  
S2K out and weeping during songs in  
S2K paragraph 14 of the prophecy. I’ve  
S2K always been an emotional person  
S2K but recently I’ve sort of hardened  
S2K my heart. LHM!

S2K After reading the GN I had a  
S2K little bit of time before dinner so I  
S2K picked up a *From Jesus With Love*  
S2K and started reading. It was so  
S2K sweet and I had a moment to  
S2K remake my connection with Him.  
S2K The Lord also showed me to read  
S2K “The Road to Commitment,” (ML  
S2K #3064) which has been a big help  
S2K and encouragement as there’s  
S2K some pretty basic instructions on  
S2K how to recommit to the Lord!

—16-YEAR-OLD FEMALE, EUROPE

can’t express in words how  
wonderful it was to receive the  
S2K GN, and the beautiful result-  
S2K ant changes it’s brought about in  
S2K everyone’s lives here. It’s like being  
S2K in a new Home even though it’s  
S2K the same people, and the same  
S2K situation. It’s making a big differ-  
S2K ence! It’s like being set free from  
S2K the chains of lukewarmness and  
S2K compromise, and seeing clearly  
S2K again, judging things by the  
S2K standard of the Word and the  
S2K Charter, and not putting up with  
S2K anything that doesn’t come up to  
S2K that.

—FGA WOMAN, BRAZIL

**S**ince reading the S2K GNs, I have  
taken a lot of time to examine my  
heart. I believe it will take time for  
many of us as shepherds to get  
our vision back in very clear focus  
as to what the standard really is,  
since the little compromises  
happened over a length of time. It  
probably will be a step-by-step  
process in some cases. I have  
asked the Lord to totally re-wire  
the way I see things from the  
Word, so that I am clearly seeing  
things His way.

I wanted to write about a  
problem that I believe is seriously  
affecting the Family in the States,  
and probably in other richer areas  
of the world. I have seen it a lot  
here since the Charter but since it  
is not as blatant as cursing, over-  
drinking, etc., I think it is a  
compromise that is overlooked.  
Still, it is chipping away at the  
overall spiritual condition of the  
Family. It’s the question of Acts  
2:44-45 and “private” ownership.  
It’s doubtful that it happens as  
much on the mission field,  
because people are forced to  
share out of sheer necessity.

I understand and have experi-  
enced firsthand that often in  
combos or large Homes, what was  
“everyone’s property” was  
sometimes “no one’s responsibil-  
ity,” and people aren’t always as  
diligent with communal property  
as with their personal things.  
However, since the Charter, I have  
seen that used as an excuse for a  
lot of selfishness to come into the  
Homes, to where people have  
their own cars, their own finances,  
the kids have their own toys, etc.  
There’s nothing wrong with  
someone having something so  
they are responsible for its care,  
but I would suggest that an  
important part of stewardship is  
overlooked—that of sharing what  
the Lord has so graciously given  
you to use.

It seems that we need to  
faithfully shepherd on both  
counts: upholding the Charter  
rules on stewardship and making  
sure that if something is damaged  
by someone they take responsibil-  
ity for it, but not neglect the other  
side of the coin either—that of  
helping shepherd those who have  
personal items but slip into  
becoming selfish with them and  
putting them before the Lord and  
His work.

In one Home I was in, there were  
several cars. A single-family Home who  
had several children was in the city and  
asked another Home to borrow a car for  
one day while theirs was in the shop being  
fixed. This man does not have a reputa-  
tion for being unfaithful with vehicles, so  
when they called and asked to borrow  
one, it seemed the Home should be able  
to help. But most people’s first reaction  
was that there wasn’t a car to share since  
they were “personal vehicles.” LHU!

I wholeheartedly agree with steward-  
ship, but we need to be careful that we are  
not slipping into a System way of looking at  
our “things,” lest the Lord take them away  
to teach us a lesson. If we look at the Word,  
the parable that comes to mind is of the  
rich man who gave each of his servant  
talents and the ones who invested (shared)  
are the ones who were blessed, whereas  
the one who hid his talent was the one who  
lost out in the end. We may be able to save  
our car from a few extra miles being put on  
it or from a scratch, or we can keep a  
couple of our children’s Lego pieces from  
being lost, but will we have gained the  
Lord’s blessing? Nowhere in the Word do I  
see the Lord’s definition of stewardship as  
selfish private ownership—to the contrary,  
it seems that in the long run, the Lord more  
abundantly gives to those who faithfully  
care for what He gives them, and also  
share. It takes a lot of faith to share.

I wonder what all this “private” prop-  
erty is doing in the minds of our children  
who are learning to hold on to their own  
stuff in the name of stewardship. How will  
it affect them in the future when they are  
making decisions about what in their lives  
to give to the Lord?—All?—Or only what  
they think won’t hurt?

I have heard it said over and over in  
various Homes, differences between the  
“Home’s money” and “my money,” the  
“Home’s car” and “my car,” etc., even “my  
time” and the “Home’s time (schedule).” It  
affects the way people look at W&R or  
“after dinner” hours, and Lord help you if  
you have to ask them for a sacrifice! It is  
very easy to slip into because it is part of  
our selfish nature.

I think we need a change in mindset. If we  
are one of His disciples, it all belongs to the  
Lord—we are simply the steward of it. I am  
not suggesting a free-for-all so that people  
who diligently care for vehicles or are saving  
their funds for the field get taken advantage  
of, but just that we check what our motives  
are and make sure that we are putting Him  
and His Family first. If the Lord even expects  
us to share our mates and lovers (with lots of  
love, unselfishness and care), how much  
more should we be willing to share the  
physical items He gives us to use?

—VS, NACRO  
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# happenings

## [From little seeds]

Gideon, Rachel, Emily and Jasper, South Africa: Every week we take food to 40 elderly people at a squatter's camp who have little or no income. The food is made up into parcels by one of the residents named Sophie. Sophie is an unemployed teacher with nine children of her own to feed, but she believes that if she does what the Lord wants her to do, He will take care of her.

Sophie mentioned to us that they were starting an allotment of land for the elderly people, to help them grow their own food. This immediately caught our imagination; we thought this was a wonderful idea to not only help to feed them, but to give them something worthwhile to do with their time. We got on the phone and the Lord immediately supplied over 200 packets of vegetable and fruit seeds for the project.

We were then praying about what to do with the seeds, as we know little or nothing about planting. We had heard of a charity that trains volunteers in trench gardening, so that people who only have room for a garden the size of a door can grow all their food for a family for the whole year. However, with the pressing needs of all our other projects we didn't get around to contacting them.

We set off by faith with some of the teens with spades and the seeds to the old tent at the squatter's camp where the elderly people were having a meeting. We went in and said, "Have you been praying for seeds?" You should have heard the response! The old people let out their Zulu-ululated calls and clapped. Then we proceeded to have a thanksgiving service for the seeds, with beautiful Zulu hymns. We gave out posters and then we went outside to plant.

Amongst the people there, the Lord had already engineered that there was a man trained by the very charity we had wanted to get in touch with! He began to show everyone, including us, how to plant the seeds. His name is Agrippa, and he was thrilled with the seeds. He says that as he is unemployed, he wants to use his training to help others. Since we know a lot of the community leaders, we spoke with them about this project and they agreed to give Agrippa a small piece of land, and they will back us in this new project.

The following week, Sophie told us that she had a dream of transforming a plot of land into "green pastures," and teaching a group of women how to grow their own food. She enthusiastically took us to see the land. It was a small piece of wasteland covered in rubbish, surrounded by tin shacks. However, we could see the enthusiasm in her face, so we stood and prayed with her over the land and claimed it for the Lord. We are provisioning a high fence, fertilizer and more seeds. We know the Lord will see Sophie's vision of green pastures in the middle of the squatter's camp come true.

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## [Influence of our videos]

Sam and Abby, Pakistan: Sam and I were invited to a very exclusive party conducted by a group of companies that produce and direct television programs. We were able to meet many interesting people, from actors to directors. The highlight of the evening was when we had dinner with a young man who produces a weekly show on cricket. We were in a beautiful setting with an artificial waterfall and beautifully designed restaurant. Halfway through the meal our friend started pouring out his heart to us about the real beauties of life and the different things and places that touch his heart in a meaningful way.

In a thoughtful moment, he recalled a time as a young teen when his father received some missionaries into his home who were collecting donations for their work. After his father gave a donation, the missionaries gave him a video and audiocassette as a token of their appreciation. He then went on to describe the video, and when he saw the big smiles on our faces he asked, "Have you seen this video, too!? It's called *Twenty Minutes to Go*."

We then told him that we are from the same missionary group who produces and distributes these videos, and that we have a lot more for him to watch. His mouth dropped open! He then recounted the specific points in the video that he had memorized, that brought him to tears because they were so heart-touching. He received this video close to 12 years earlier as a teen and it had such an impact on his life that he considers it one of the greatest influences during his formative years.

## [Turning the OCs on]

Prem and Ruth, Simon, Sharon and Asaph, India: The Lord laid it on our hearts to organize regular Bible studies and fun activities for all the OCs in the nearby cities, and these have been going very well, TTL!

Our first activity was a Daniel 2 study. The three teen boys from a nearby Home helped us act this out. We transformed our entire basement into "King Nebuchadnezzar's court," and while the OCs read out portions of Daniel 2 from their Bibles, the teens acted out the whole dream and the interpretation. Asaph painted a 10-foot high Daniel 2 image which we hung on the wall. At a dramatic point in the narration when Daniel (YA Merlin) was about to tell the King (teen Chris) his dream, he unveiled the image and said, "This is what you dreamed about!" Teen Josh and Asaph dressed up as the "wise" men who tried in vain to figure out the king's dream. It was so much fun!

We used Microsoft PowerPoint which comes with every Windows package, to make a Daniel 2 slide show that we showed along

with the class. The OCs really enjoyed it and we are praying that these classes and activities will spark their interest in Endtime prophecy.

## [Day and night difference]

*Casa de Corazones* Home, Guatemala: One of our catacombers invited us to go with him and some other friends to paint a school library in one of Guatemala's extremely poor neighborhoods. When we first got there it was in pretty bad condition—the walls were in bad shape, the roof was full of holes, and all the tiles were super dirty.

We had been working in the dark since there was no electricity, when finally a man from the neighborhood gave us electricity because he really appreciated the work we were doing for their community. We dedicated hours to cleaning the books, dusting and cleaning shelves, patching the holes in the roof, painting the walls, sweeping and mopping, putting in wires, bulbs and switches for electricity, and the list goes on!



From the time that we showed up to the time we finished this project, it was a day and night difference! After the work was done, many

commented on how happy and fulfilled they felt to have been doing something to help others. We also donated many provisioned books to them—encyclopedias, atlases, history books, art reference, social study material, etc.

## [Training programs for prison officials]

Simon Simple, India: The Lord opened an incredible door for us in our work with the government. The prison officials of Asia's largest high security jail where we have been doing CTP work for the last six years asked us to conduct a series of Stress Management Workshops for 300 prison officials. Out of the 200 NGOs and groups who work at the jail, The Family was one of the four groups chosen to conduct these workshops. So every week we have been doing a four-hour



workshop with 30 prison officials on subjects like Time Management, Faith in God, Attitude Adjustment and Good Human Relations. To make a long story short, the prison staff attending these workshops loves them!

One of the attendees told us after a workshop, "I feel as if the poison has drained out of my mind, and my heart feels like a great burden has been lifted off it." Another said, "I have been working at this jail since 1971. I have never attended a program like this. Thank you so much." Yet another said, "You have taught us things today that will really help us in life."

These prison officials have a tough job having to face prison inmates day in and day out, and with their long working hours, they really are a stressed lot. Normally our programs at the jail are not too religious. However, this time we felt led to talk a lot about God, prayer and the things of the spirit and they soaked it up!

At the end of each workshop, we have been giving all the attendees a little gift, a 32-page booklet we printed recently in Hindi based on material taken from the *Reflections*. It's been a great avenue to get the Word out!

### [Zapped computer]

Andrew Burnfree, Hungary: Our computer was zapped at the onset of a violent thunderstorm, causing our recently-bought Pentium II motherboard, as well as the power-supply box, to be destroyed. We usually had a policy of turning off and unplugging our computer, but this time we were caught off guard. It caused a major disruption for our Home to get the motherboard replaced and the computer up and running again! It was a real lesson for me on obeying the Lord's checks, as I had a check to see if the computer was still on just a few minutes before it happened. Unfortunately I was too involved in what I was doing to follow through!

### [Open the door for the neighbors]

Sarah I., Ivy Home, Thailand: We live in a very nice neighborhood in Bangkok. When we moved here there were not very many small children in our area, but since being here for three years, a lot more families now have smaller children. Often they walk around in the area and stop and look at our house. A few times we heard comments from the children saying that they wanted to come and look at the happy house, because there were so many children here and it always had a lot of fun things happening.

One day someone was talking to some of the neighbors at the gate and the mother said, "Why don't your children come out on the street like ours?" When we heard this comment we began to wonder about it. Of course we don't want our children on the street, but we figured maybe we needed to explain ourselves more to our neighbors.

We heard from the Lord about it, and He inspired us to have a birthday party. The Lord said whichever child was next to have a birthday, to use that as an excuse to invite the neighbors with children to come over to our house.

In the prophecy the Lord was very specific in what to do. He named the couples that should go and invite the neighbors, that we should make it like an open house, have the party in the garden and show them around our house and our home schooling situation. The Lord even showed us what games to play with the children.

We followed exactly what the Lord said in prophecy, and it was a tremendous success. The little girl whose birthday it was, Suzy, was turning three. We got balloons and decorated outside and got provisioned drinks and snacks. Over 20 people came!

One Indian neighbor said, "This is the first time we've been invited to somebody else's house in this neighborhood, and I've lived here for eight years." He was very turned on and happy to come.

Many people remarked at how surprised they were that we home schooled our children, and said that now they could understand us more. We showed them our local activity video, and we were able to explain about our work here in Thailand. It was very much an opening of our doors to our neighbors. Many of them were touched, and we want to do it again sometime soon.

### [Babes' Ranch for JETTs]

Mark, SACRO: I was encouraged to hear of a three-month Babes' Ranch that a Home in one city is holding specifically for their JETTs and junior teens, though YAs are also attending. The Lord had shown them before the Shakeup to do this, and they've reorganized their Home and schedule to use every morning until 11:00 for special classes with the young people. I was talking with the teacher (a former Babes' Ranch teacher from the early days), and he told me how shocked he was to see how green the JETTs and juniors were.

The Lord showed him he had to start the course with a class on "Who is Jesus," as there were so many basic things they just didn't know. He then proceeded to go through salvation, the Holy Spirit, and is now discussing the spirit world and spiritual deliverance. The majority of the young people in this Home were not doing well at the time of my last visit, so I was happy to see that the Home had gone on the attack and were not waiting for the CROs or VSs to solve their problems for them.

Since then, the Lord has blessed them with a new van, a pool and all kinds of other things! It definitely shows how the Lord blesses taking the step of faith to stop other activities and pour into our next generation of disciples. This teacher said they realized that these kids were not going to just become disciples on their own, and that it was their responsibility to transmit to them the treasure chest of truth the Lord has bequeathed to us.

## Cameroon news brief

BY JUAN, MAGGIE AND FAMILY (SEPTEMBER 1999)

The highlight of the month is that all 40 children at the orphanage where we minister have been enrolled in good schools, besides the preschoolers that are taken care of at the center itself. It was quite a test of patience and endurance to get all the details worked out, but the Lord did it! We also found sponsorship for a computer, and food and clothes for the orphanage through some friends of ours.

The Lord also did a great miracle for us this month. The water system of the whole city suffered a breakdown that left some areas without water for a month. Happily, we live in an area that was the last to be cut off. Nevertheless, we were without water for about 10 days. Your prayers did mighty things and the water has been restored in what has been considered record time. During the cut, Jesus was faithful to send the needed rain, which provided the water we used for these days.



# Sao Paulo follow-up meetings

15 MINUTE PRESENTATIONS BY THE ATTENDEES

As was reported in *Grapevine* #74, in September, Peter held a one-week follow-up meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil. To kick off the meetings, each of the attendees gave a 15-minute presentation about the follow-up in their Home or local area. This helped everyone to get acquainted and set the stage for the ensuing discussions, giving everyone a well-rounded picture of the various types of follow-up the Family is involved in. We're planning to print these presentations throughout coming *Grapevine* issues for you also, Lord willing—beginning with this issue. Hope you enjoy them!

## By Trust, USA

I work at the *Activated!* desk in the States. Follow-up is not something that we do in a face-to-face way; we talk to people on the phone and we answer e-mail. We have an 800 number (toll-free) in the States where people can call in. We've had this number for several years and lots of people call us because the number is on the posters.

With the 800 ministry, we've felt a big need for follow-up. Lots of sheepy people call in from Nebraska, Iowa or some faraway place where there are no Homes. We need to feed these sheep and we haven't been. We'll send them something one time, but it hasn't been consistent. So we were really excited when the *Activated!* program started, and we are now even more so.

I'll give you a little idea of how *Activated!* has impacted our area, just from what we've seen so far. When the Family Homes saw the new books and *Activated!* materials, everyone was flipped. It was like, "Wow! Finally—some really good GP tools!" It's not that our other tools aren't good—but the posters are 15-16 years old. They're still as good as they ever were, but it's nice to have all that new material. The responses from the Family have been, "This is a dream come true and we're so excited!" "We want to be the shiner Home!"

The GN reached the Homes in the States just three weeks ago. Right away we started getting calls from the Homes, ordering magazines, etc. We've probably sent out 1,600 magazines to Homes to start with their outreach. We got a call from one of our shiner Homes saying that since they got the GN, they've been taking the subscription cards out. Each person that goes out witnessing every day gets about two subscriptions! That's pretty exciting.

Our subscription cards are designed so that people can send them in like a postcard. They have a place for a stamp, and in the first two weeks since the GN hit the Homes, we've gotten 44 subscription cards in the mail. And we just sent out our first *Activated!* mailing.

Over the last year, we knew that the *Activated!* mailing was coming, because we helped a bit with some of the material. When we'd get a call on the 800 number or e-mail from someone who was very interested, we kept track of those people. We'd send them material but we kept their name in a special list. We have about 90 such addresses, and since they're hot leads, we've sent the first

magazine to those 90 people.

One of these hot leads lives quite close to us. He called us the day after we mailed it out and said, "I want to subscribe! My card is in the mail!" We just sent that mailing out about 4-5 days ago, so we haven't gotten the full impact of our first mailing, but we're expecting to get a lot of subscriptions from it.

Aside from answering the 800 number for several years, part of that has become a ministry to former members. I think we have more former members in the States than anywhere else. I heard one time that there are 40,000 people who've been in the Family who no longer are.—A very, very small percentage of those people are antagonistic. Almost everyone we meet who's been in the Family is positive.

Former members are people out in the System, and they have problems just like everyone else—they have System jobs, families, debts, problems with alcoholism, etc. But they've been in the Family, they are children of David, and they know that we have what they need and they scream for it.

They'd say, "Look, when I was in the Family, almost all the MO Letters we got out on the street! We got out 'Green Paper Pig' and the 'German Cake Dream' and 'Strange Truths.' We used to distribute those on the street to people, so why can't I read MO Letters?"

So the *Winepress* was born (available for downloading from the MO site). It is custom-made for people who have been in the Family at some point, or who are close live-outs. We put out one every month and have been publishing it for two years. We have 170 people now on our *Winepress* mailing list. Many of them tithe and give, and they pretty much support our *Activated!* Home. We've learned a lot from the *Winepress* folks, because they are hungry and they let us know what they need. They write precious reactions to the Word, letters to Mama, too, and they appreciate prophecy.

About a year ago, WS asked us if we could take the GP-ized Letters that are used in the *Winepress* and make them into a series, just the Letters themselves, for follow-up tools. There are about 40 ML titles that are DFO now, and they are already in Spanish on the Spanish Web site.

We've also had some of our *Winepress* folks get so excited about the Word and the *Winepress* that they share it with their sheep.

We have some people who have never been in the Family who have been sending us gifts, wanting the *Winepress*.

One young couple who have never been in the Family have been getting the *Winepress* from someone in Hawaii, and they ordered a bunch of Family tools. They ordered some of Dad's Garden of Eden videos, FTT tapes and Loving Jesus tapes, which we make available. They said that *Open for Love* was the most beautiful, intimate devotional tape they've ever heard. They said, "It's so sensual. We listen to it all the time!" This young man said, "I know that the prophet David really knew the truth, and anyone who doesn't get on board with Family beliefs is missing the boat!"

We also answer e-mail for the Family Web site, and that really shows the need for follow-up to be organized. Sometimes you feel like the spirit helpers in "Engineering in the Spirit World," where you try to engineer something and someone misses it.

We get so many requests, "Where is your church? Where can I go to your classes?" If the person is near a Home, we're at first base. Then you contact the Family Home. You send them an e-mail or you call them. Then you get another e-mail back from the sheep saying, "I still haven't heard from them yet." So you write the Family Home again. Then you call the person. It's hard sometimes to get the Homes to get in touch with people because in some cases the Home is leery. They don't know who this guy is; we don't know who he is either, he just wrote us an e-mail. But when they do connect, often we meet very precious sheep.

A 27-year-old doctor recently contacted us from England. He called us and asked, "Do you take doctors in the Family?" I said, "Yes, we sure do!" He has some property, and when he finishes his two years of residency in England, he wants to join and open a Home. He read the whole Web site, every MO Letter, everything on it! He calls us every day from England and talks to us. He wants to join the Family, and Abi's Home just got in touch with him.

## By Abi, EURCRO Media Desk

The EE mail ministry began when EE opened up in 1990 and postering teams started going out and getting out the lit. Back then when we got our first mail responses in, it was like, "What do we do with these people that are writing in?"

The Lord led us to develop a mail ministry course, which was based on the *Daily Foods* and supplemented with other existing lit. These people were coming to know the Lord through our lit, and they didn't have much Christian background after years of communism. Because of all the prophecies about EE, we always knew that our time was limited,

that it wouldn't stay open forever. We knew we needed to teach these people to have faith for themselves, and to witness, because the day would come when we wouldn't be able to freely witness in their countries. That was the vision from the beginning—to train a national church through the mail ministry. The course began with salvation, much like the *Activated!* mags, reading the Bible, faith, prayer and witnessing.

It has been very fruitful! From that mail ministry, 70,000 people have written in. Not all of those people are still on our mailing list, because some people drop out along the way, but some people have received 50 or 60 mailings over the last 8 or 9 years.

The mail ministry was always meant to go hand-in-hand with follow-up, so we would send these addresses to the Homes and encourage them to follow-up on the sheep in their area. When there were a lot of sheep in one city, they would be invited to a seminar. We often held three-day seminars, not living in, but daily coming to the seminar location. Even though somebody has gotten a lot of lit and you think they've really gotten to know the Lord, when somebody visits them and talks to them personally, you realize that there is a lot they *don't* understand or they didn't quite get. The mail is the Word on paper, but they also need personal visitation to fully grow.

We would give classes on the Bible and the Word, making sure they understood salvation, prayer, Jesus, and again, witnessing—we emphasized witnessing strongly. Because of that, we've developed hundreds and hundreds of outside witnesses, people that have never met the Family or only met the Family once when they got a piece of lit! Because they've been receiving the Word faithfully over the years, they've grown in faith and are good witnesses; they are the ones that get out a lot of the lit in EE.

GB the mail ministry Home; they exist to feed the sheep. The people there wake up in the morning and translate lit or answer letters; that's what they do every day. No matter what happened, the sheep get their monthly mailings. They didn't always get much personal attention, because there were so many people writing in. It was a bit like being an NPC for your sheep. We couldn't give them all personal attention; for that we needed the Homes' involvement.

To this day we still get testimonies of how a road team will go say somewhere in Kazakhstan and they'll visit a person who has been on the mail ministry for years. They find that the person has a box with all of the lit

that we've ever sent them. They re-read it and they re-read it and they share it with the people in their village. These people then help our teams do whatever they need to do, or they help them establish a work in their local area.

The vision was to create a national church. It wasn't primarily for people who would drop out, but there have been some disciples. The brother who manages the Russian mail ministry was a mail ministry sheep from Lithuania. The sister who handles the Bulgarian mail ministry person was also won through the mail ministry.

We made a 35-part mail ministry course, and we just continued expanding it. In Russia and EE, we have difficulty with the languages; everything has to be translated. God bless the team that has been translating! We have a pretty good selection of lit, but it's a continuous fight to keep up with the needs of the sheep, because they always want more. We have a second course that we're working on now, which we call the CLT course—Christian Leadership Training.

This is for the people who have finished the initial 35-part course, plus a lot of extra mailings, and they want to keep going. The vision is to train them to be Endtime witnesses where they are; to receive the gifts of the spirit, have the new weapons, use the gift of prophecy. Many of these people are leaders in their own right, pastors of churches who use our lit for their sermons, people who start movements in prisons, etc. A lot of these people have never met the Family; they've just received the lit from other people.

Like Trust explained, we at the Media Desk handle the e-mail for Europe. Often, by the time people have read through the Family Web site, they're writing to us and asking, "How do I join? Where can I visit?" We're trying to coordinate visits with the Homes, but again, you feel that you need something more to get the Homes behind it. The Homes that have actually followed up on sheep from e-mail responses write back saying, "Wow, this guy is a real sheep!" But it takes them stepping out by faith to take the time to follow-up.

We also have a *Winepress* former member group in Europe too, of about 50. They help to support our ministry. People that haven't met the Family for 20 years get a hold of our address and are very hungry for the Word. They ask, "What are the Lord and Dad saying about the Endtime? What about the war here? What does Dad have to say about that?" They're hungry for the Word and prophecy.

## Mama jewels on . . . disappointments and sacrifices

—TO A STAFF MEMBER

That must have been a disappointment, but the Lord knows and He rewards us when we have to give up things and when we sacrifice. If we can just keep things in the proper perspective, realizing that these sacrifices that we make on Earth are so minute compared with the wonderful, wonderful things the Lord has in store for us. The sacrifices we make now are really stacking up rewards for us later on. We don't do it for that, of course, but the Lord sees the love that we have, and that we are *willing* to make the sacrifices for Him and His work and for others, and He really does bless us for that. So, whenever you do have to make a sacrifice, look at it that way. You're passing a test when you sacrifice as cheerfully as you can.

The little sacrifices we make are going to be multiplied in His blessings over and over and over, way out of proportion to the things we have to sacrifice here. Each time we have to make a sacrifice, or each time we have a disappointment, we have to remind ourselves of that and pray desperately to sacrifice and give cheerfully. The Lord knows that it's difficult for us and that it's human nature to be disappointed, so He really does reward us and commend us highly for those things that we sacrifice for Him.

Along with those sacrifices, He gives us so many wonderful blessings and wonderful surprises and treats! So when you stack those all up against the little things that we have to sacrifice, those sacrifices are really minute.



Check out an upcoming *linkUP* on the topic of Heaven!—New tidbits and fascinating details about our Home to be! For a sneak preview, here's what Mama said about it:

"This is really good! It shows that you can learn and grow so much in Heaven, in any area in which you're interested. Our dear folks who feel boxed in and like they're not able to learn the things that they want to learn should be very encouraged to hear these things about Heaven. You can become adept in anything you like in Heaven, even if you weren't particularly talented for it here on Earth. This should help our people to be more content with their lives *now*, knowing that when they get to Heaven all their dreams are going to be realized; the things that they were unable to have or to do here, they can have There—and much more than they had even imagined was possible!"

# entertainment



## Movies for Senior Teens and Up

**EARTHLY POSSESSIONS** (1999)  
Susan Sarandon, Stephen Dorff

Drama/character study about a small-town preacher's wife who is taken hostage by a bank robber.

## Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

**OTHER SISTER, THE** (1999)  
Juliette Lewis, Diane Keaton, Giovanni Ribisi

Character study/love story about a young woman with a slight mental impairment who returns home after years of special education at a private boarding school. There she is faced with a whole new set of challenges. Beware of a pro-lesbian slant.

## Movies Rated for MCs and Up

**SHILOH** (1997)  
Blake Heron, Scott Wilson, Rod Steiger

A little beagle runs away from his mean, abusive master, and is befriended by a little boy who desperately wants to care for and keep him. Good lessons on obedience, taking responsibility, and sacrificing for love. Be sure to read the prophecy from Dad first, so you will be able to address some issues which need to be explained to the children who watch this movie.

## Non-Recommended Movies

**JUDAS KISS** (Simon Baker-Denny, Gil Bellows; 1998)

**FIGHT CLUB** (Brad Pitt, Edward Norton, Helena Bonham Carter; 1999)

## Earthly Possessions

*(Jesus speaking:)* This movie shows the power of My love. My love is not shown in this movie in the way that many would expect, but that is what gives this movie its message. An important part of My love is having faith in the one that I have given you to love.—Faith to see this one's true heart, the things that are locked deep inside waiting to be set free; faith to see what even the person themselves can't see, and then the willingness to act and to put that faith into motion; helping the one you love to be set free little by little, step by step. It's not a conscious thing, something that you do, but it is the power that I give to you when I give you love for another. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

## Other Sister, The

*(Dad speaking:)* This is a real sweet movie of how love conquers all. There's so many out there who don't ever find such love. And that's why we're there to give them the truest love ever—Jesus! So don't be afraid to reach out and touch these lonely, poor people, the cast-offs of society. It's rare to find someone who loves them as they are, so they go around their whole life carrying burdens that none of us have to carry. But Jesus loves them, so we as His channels should reach out and show them that Someone does love them and Someone does care.

The movie may not be a real blockbuster, not to everyone's liking, but it a sweet story of down-to-earth love. You see a lot of movies with "perfect" men and women having passionate, perfect relationships, and you know it's not always that way. This movie shows

another side and kind of love. The course of true love never runs smooth, but the bumps and difficulties and challenges are what strengthen it. *(End of message from Dad.)*

## Shiloh

*(Dad speaking:)* This is quite a good movie. There's a lot of good in there—a lot of deep lessons and principles, and even good examples, particularly the interaction between the kids and the parents. It's refreshing to see a movie that promotes this type of old-fashioned values—where parents and kids communicate, where the parents are in charge and expect a high standard of behavior. Praise the Lord!

You'll need to be on guard when watching it with your team, though, because for all the good in there, there's also a few places where the Enemy slips his foot in. Notice how the bad man throws in a little reference to the Bible. It would be important to point out to the kids how this man is wresting the Scripture, and in fact, the Bible says no such thing! It's important not to let these little things slide by, because they're seeds that plant themselves in the kids' hearts, and they can either grow to be a good tree, where they learn something and get a message from what they hear and see, or else it can be a little seed of the Enemy, trying to sow division and disbelief in the Word.

You should also address the part where the man is talking about how his father would beat him. That's a bad, horrible example of the way to treat anybody, and it would be important that impressionable children are prepared for this and don't feel afraid or disquieted by the casual mention of it. So be on guard, be prayerful. Go into it with your eyes and hearts open and pointed Heavenward, and there's a lot of good that can be gleaned from it. *(End of message)*

## passport tip

### USA dual nationality law

Here's something I learned about American citizens with dual nationalities. I have a British passport, and though I heard that it might be possible for me to still retain my American citizenship, I never bothered to renew my US passport.

Last year was the first time I returned to the States after 23 years. I traveled on my British passport with no problems. This year I was stopped at the airport and wasn't allowed to leave to the States on my UK passport. It's because there's a law that American citizens who hold dual nationalities *must* travel on their US passport. Traveling to or within all other countries is no problem, just for going to the States.

According to the embassy, it was an over-

sight that I was allowed to travel last year on the UK passport. I was issued my new American passport in an hour (after not having one for 20 years!) and am clear to go now. Perhaps other Family members may be faced with needing to visit the States, and if they've taken on another nationality over the years, they should be aware of this law, otherwise their travel plans may be disrupted like mine were.

—JOY (OF PAUL), ENGLAND



## Bible Quiz program

**Peter, Songkha Home, Thailand:** I made a computer BibleQuiz (Win 95) based on some of the questions in the *Quizorama* booklets. I put it up on the Internet for downloading for free (Freeware). It has a section under the Help Menu, where I included a short salvation message and prayer. In the first two months, there have been over 800 downloads (@3200 Mb). It is on the ZDNet software Library section: Home/Religion. The direct URL (web address) to download is: <http://www.hotfiles.com/?000YDY>

## [To the dear FGAs]

YA with an opinion: I just wanted to mention ... well, how do I put this? I love our dear old-timer FGAs a lot, and really appreciate all that they have done for the work of the Family. I've lived with and worked with a variety of styles and personalities of them, and have gotten along great with most of them. But there's one thing that I feel needs to change. Sometimes the FGA mother of one of the people in our Home visits, and she seems to take over practically every decision, choice, etc. I don't know if she realizes it, but it tends to get really bothersome and discouraging. I don't know if I've presented this correctly or not, but often that's how we young people feel. Maybe if this older woman would be a little more considerate of others' opinions, then things would work out okay. I think consideration is the name of the game! I really love all of you FGAs out there—we couldn't do it without you!

## [The "May I?" game]

Anthony, Talitha, Sam and Angela, South Africa: The Lord is bringing out many NWOs in our Home that He wants us to work on. We are learning to come to Him more, as things come up that are beyond our control. Jesus is speaking to us very sweetly but very definitely about not continuing on as usual.

We had a few near catastrophes that drove us to the Lord and when we came to Him, He told us that He wants us to come *all* the time, for *everything*. Lord help us, we were still making so many decisions based on what seemed the best thing to do, in our own carnal reasoning, that we couldn't help but run into trouble.

He told us to play the "May I?" game. (The leader tells someone to take some steps and if they take them without asking "May I?" they're out, but if they ask, then they can take the steps and the first one to the finish line is the winner.) Before we do anything we ask the Lord "May I?" It's been so inspiring to see Him work for us, as well as a lot of fun.

## [Saving Home Council time]

Simon, Merryheart, Paul and Tamara, Hungary: We've found a useful means of saving lots of time in Home Councils deciding on minor home policies. We regularly post a notice in the Home entitled "Cut the Red Tape." On it are written suggestions to be voted on, and below is a list of all the Home's voting members, and beside each name a "yes" and a "no". The Home member reads the suggestion(s) and can vote by simply circling the "Y" or "N." As soon as the suggestion has a majority vote one way or the other, it is then implemented by the Home.

We had this idea installed because we found our Home Councils were getting bogged down with many little, but nonetheless

important matters about which everyone had his/her shade of opinion, so we didn't have sufficient time to give the more major issues the attention needed.

**E** Be sure to confirm with the Lord if this is **D** a good idea for your Home, and which **I** points it would be okay to vote on in this **T** manner. Some topics are important to **O** counsel about in a united meeting to hear **R** all sides of the issue.

## [Open forum for JETTs]

Home in Japan: I started having simple open forums with the two JETT girls in our Home once a week—talking about the week and sharing lessons, etc. When I first asked them if they could write a reaction to "Dad's Challenge to Change," they didn't really want to, but they did it anyway, and it went great. They both shared the things that they wanted to change in themselves, and we talked about the things we could change in the Home, such as being more faithful with praise times, making it more of a priority to take Word time, taking turns giving the younger kids Word time, etc. I found that these girls have a lot on their mind, a lot of ideas, and they really want more responsibility. Sometimes we expect too little from them.

## [A key to young people]

Marianne Nicole, Lithuania: Thinking back to my JETT and junior teen years, I remember that one of the things that I missed the most from the "combo days" was the daily fellowship with others my age, and a shepherd whom you knew gave their all to you! They were always there for us, just us, without having the concerns of the "other kids in my family," etc.

They did their best to plan fun activities, and we never experienced times when we were bored or had nothing to do. I think feelings of boredom and feeling that there isn't really anyone there exclusively for you gives some of the teens feelings of insecurity and boredom, which leads to them getting into things they have no business getting into.

I know that since the Charter, the Homes have dwindled in population, and in many Homes there are only one or two teens. The lack of strict supervision, due to the parents simply being too busy, has given them the feeling that they can do as they like and not suffer the consequences.

I realize that it would probably be difficult to start opening Homes for teens to be around others their own age, as well as have shepherds who have experience working with teens. I know those kind of people do exist, and maybe there are others with burdens for teens. I really got close to some of my shepherds, and would never have made it through my JETT years without them, especially since I was one of those "problem JETTs." God bless those who took time to help us through!

## [Computers and toothbrushes]

Barz, Portugal: I would never think of letting somebody else use my toothbrush and then use it again myself! Why?! Because it's a personal item of hygiene, and each person uses only their own. "What does that have to do with computers?" you might ask. Not much in the sense that computers are not a personal item of hygiene where if used by somebody that is sick then that sickness can be transmitted to whomever else uses it after.

But it can get me pretty sick when somebody uses my computer and messes it up. I then have to format the disk, reinstall everything, lose precious data, etc. I've seen all this happen in situations where nobody had bad intentions. It's just that a sophisticated machine like a computer needs quite a bit of care to keep it running OK and serving its purpose well.

The ideal is to have one person assigned to the machine. One person that is wise (and I don't mean a whiz) enough to not try to fix things without really knowing what he's doing. You know? "Nothing short of right...."

E-mail is often our lifeline, or so we think. When everybody has access to the e-mail program, things can sometimes get messy. Important messages may never be read by the intended recipients, they may be deleted by mistake; all kinds of situations can occur.

By now you're probably thinking; "This guy is out of it! Where's his sense of sharing and the One Wife vision?" Well, I don't think this is a question of sharing and One Wife, but more a question of survival. Even if you are well meaning in sharing and all, you'll never let anybody drive the Home's car that doesn't have experience or a driver's license, will you?

But what if there were some rules for computer use and who could use the computer? My opinion is that the first rule would be that nobody using the machine should try to fix or "improve" it without counseling and getting the approval of the person in charge of the computer. I don't mean that we only let the ones who already have knowledge use the computer. Rather we should strive to teach *everyone* how to use it properly.

In our Home, we have a laptop, which is used for Home business, e-mail messages and personal typing, layout or art projects. We also have a desktop that the kids use for their school and other projects. The laptop is kept clean of any flaws in order to service the Home well—and it has been doing so. The other one is left more for the kids' experimentation and learning. But nevertheless, we still try to teach them the golden rule; never try to fix or "improve" it without first counseling and getting the approval of the person in charge.

It pays, when you can, to have two computers instead of one. But, of course, nothing will beat speed of thought! TYJ!

# Making it to the field.....

## Our miracle move!

By Dove and children, Sophie (12), Benjamin (9), Florence (7) and Jamie (5)

We are writing this from beautiful, sunny Ivory Coast! Our story starts about five years ago when it was suggested that I go FM with my six children. This was quite a shock for me, but I knew I had many lessons to learn, and accepted the challenge offered me. It wasn't an easy road, but through it all, the Lord has always been with me and has never left nor forsaken me.

I ended up in Holland, living on social welfare, having to put my children in System school. Yet the Lord gave me peace; I had to claim His protection and leave it all in His hands. I stayed in the Word, reading everything I was allowed to take with me. I read most of the MO volumes from cover to cover. I kept the kids in the Word, and we went witnessing every Saturday. One of my older children got to go live in a CM Home with his dad, and I was very happy for him. God bless all my other older kids! They were a super encouragement to me during this time. They are all CM members and never made me feel like I was no longer a "real" Family member. (This was before all the changes were made concerning FM members.)

To make a long story short, I had lots of people passing through my Home, mostly CM members. Finally, one team ended up staying with me for quite some time. Living with them really inspired me, and they encouraged me. This gave me the faith to ask for CM membership again. It was a big step for me, because I was alone with five kids. I was also facing having to get a job, since the new law in Holland was that as soon as your youngest child turns five, you have to find a job [as they want to get you off welfare]. The Lord allowed this "pressure" to get me desperate to find out what He wanted me to do.

In the meantime, the Lord had done a miracle financially and my old uncle (my godfather) who had always been rather stingy and didn't like me joining the Family, all of a sudden started giving each of my children (12 in total!) a large donation. Since five of them lived with me, I found myself with a large amount of money. When I asked the Lord what to do with it, He told us to use it to get to the mission field! I wanted to go as a CM member, so now we were praying and waiting to hear from the CRO office. I'll never forget the day "the envelope" was in the mailbox! I was allowed to start my six-month transition period!

The next miracle was that my son Richard and his Russian wife, Joanne, came to Holland to take care of some paper-

work, and joined my Home. Patrick also joined our Home to raise funds to go to Africa, so there were the voting members I needed! TYJ!

I started writing Homes in Africa to see what the possibilities for a single mom with now four kids would be (one more of my sons joined his father's Home!). God bless all the people that encouraged me! After a few tries I got an invitation from Steven and Rose's Home in Ivory Coast, and here we are! We've been here for six weeks now and it's been everything we had hoped and prayed for—and more!

Another point worth mentioning is that Patrick, who was raising funds in my Home, also got an invitation from this Home, but he didn't have any funds yet. The Lord laid it on my heart to offer to pay his way with our money; that same week, my old uncle that had given me that money before gave the same amount again! "You never lose by giving!" We were able to buy a laptop and we still had lots of landing funds left. It was the Lord's setup that Patrick was able to travel with us, as it was quite an adventurous journey and I was so thankful that I didn't have to go alone with my four children.

No matter how dark it seems at times in our life, the Lord never forsakes us, and He always gives us something better than what He has taken away! He has given me so much and I am very thankful that I kept hanging on. Being on this exciting and thrilling field is a dream come true! Witnessing is so fulfilling! Even when you just go out with tracts, people come up to you and beg for one. These are the sweetest, most precious and broken people I have ever met.

## Pioneering Zambia

By Jonas, Lisa and six kids

We arrived in Africa in March, and landed in an already established Home in Zimbabwe. We were very thankful for this, as we were able to get to know the African field a bit and learn from the veterans. We have always enjoyed pioneering, but this time we appreciated starting in this more stable situation.

After a few weeks, Jonas and Johnny (14) went down to South Africa. We had sent a large shipment from Sweden, with personal belongings as well as clothes and shoes for CTP, and it needed to be cleared. We were also trying to find a vehicle for our family (four days before leaving Sweden, we had received a large donation towards getting a car). Everything went very well with customs, but as far as getting a vehicle we found the prices a bit high for us. However, Gideon and Rachel in Johannesburg offered to help us buy a very nice vehicle at cost price, GBT!

Through a series of events, we felt the Lord tugging on us to once again go pioneering and establish a Home. In much prayer and hearing from the Lord, He gave very specific instructions (all which have been fulfilled!) and showed us to go to Lusaka, Zambia. Brazilian Emmanuel, newly arrived in Africa, offered to go with us on this scouting trip to help with the kids. God bless him, he has never been in childcare before! So off we went.

We had received an address of a guesthouse given to us by a Family couple who had been in Lusaka before, and this was the only address we had. It turned out the Bishop of a church congregation lived there with his wife. We explained that we were looking for a guesthouse to spend the night in, and that we were missionaries hoping to establish a work. He said there was no guesthouse, but that he had three extra rooms that we could use!

We ended up spending our entire stay there, and the Bishop prayed with us every morning and night that we would find "God's house"! The very next day, we realized we had actually gone to the wrong address, and when relating this to the bishop, he said: "It was God!" He and his family, as well as their servants, were extremely hospitable. They fed us three times a day, did our laundry and even took care of the baby, setting us free to house hunt!

We came to Lusaka during the preparations for the peace talks; the bishop himself had just returned from a prayer meeting with the President and other Cabinet Ministers when we arrived. The bishop is originally from Angola, which gave Emmanuel a great opportunity to minister to him in Portuguese. We gave him a *Word Basics*, which he faithfully studies and he is so hungry for the Words of David!

We needed a miracle and a big house, as we were expecting another large family to join us. While sitting in the business center of a hotel, a man approached Lisa and asked if we were looking for a house. He said he had a few that he would like to show us! We went with him and found the house the Lord had prepared for us! The landlord came down from another city, and even he said, "God kept it for you," as it had been vacant for six months. It has six bedrooms, plus an additional house, and is centrally located and within walking distance of the main university. He cut the rent in half, changed the contract they way we asked him to, put in a brand new kitchen, required no deposit, and only took half-a-month's rent to start with! The house is located on a large property with seven different kinds of fruit trees and a vegetable garden. One of our closest neighbors is the Chief Police Inspector of all Zambia, so our security is very good!

We've found Zambia to be a very open,

receptive field, with sweet people. As you have read, the president has declared it a Christian country, so many people already are Christians, but they need the Words of David and are especially receptive to the Endtime message. There are large Indian and Muslim populations.

One day, we were sharing scriptures from Revelations with some young men when we had to suddenly leave for an appointment. When we returned awhile later, they were still sitting there waiting to hear more! The posters go out like hotcakes. This country is very missionary minded and you immediately gain respect when you tell people that you are a missionary family who has come there to establish a work.

Zambia is a poor country, and has over 600,000 street children. We look forward to starting some fruitful CTP ministries, and one of our supporters in Sweden has promised that if we find a worthy cause he will ask his Rotary Club members to support it.

All we can say is "glory to God," because He definitely is the One opening and closing the doors, as He so many times told us through prophecy that He would do. We are so thankful to have heeded the call—to be able to reach this very sweet people now that it's Africa's hour!

## The call to Zimbabwe

By Emanuel Quixote

In March I was in Brazil, praying about going to Africa, and "Zimbabwe" came to me. At the time I had hardly heard that name before. Nobody in my Home was even sure if there was a Family Home there or knew anything about that country. However, since I had heard it so clearly, I was sure that there must be a Home there for me. I started doing research and within a few weeks, I got in contact with the Home

there and received clearance to come over.

It was truly a miracle of God how the doors opened. In just 20 days, God supplied the tickets and all the funds necessary. David, a dear friend who works with shipping insurance, knew a ship owner that has one ship that runs a line between Brazil and Africa, and spoke to him on my behalf. He consented to let me travel on it—a real miracle!

Another friend, Marcel, the first time he attended one of our Bible classes and heard me speak of my desire to go to Africa, and that I had already received the tickets from Brazil to Luanda, Angola, immediately told me he could get a ticket from Luanda to Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe. Many others of you helped too, I know many with great sacrifice, giving because God spoke to your hearts! Thank you so, so much!

I left the port of Santos for Africa on May 26, totally by faith and holding on to the promises of God! The ship's captain was a kind man, welcoming me on board, and to my small room, complete with a bed, table, fridge and good lighting. It was like Heaven on earth, spending my time in desperate prayer, filling my heart with His Word and strengthening myself for what was to come.

I thought at first that my presence on the ship would go unnoticed, but of course I began to speak of Jesus and that personal love He has for each of us, that time is short and that we must be desperate to maintain a living relationship with Him. I ended up organizing a Bible class, and 15 crew members got saved.

The night before my departure from the ship, the captain called me to the dining hall, and when he opened the door, the crew and officers were gathered around with a table filled with pastries and cake! There was music playing, and a sign that said, "To Emanuel, the officers and crew wish you

*adieu* and good luck on your mission of teaching the Word of God, bringing to all humanity faith, truth, love and confidence in our Lord Jesus Christ!" At seeing such a demonstration of tender love and thankfulness, I couldn't help but weep. Then the crew and officers gave me an envelope with a donation that they said was a love gift!

I learned, upon arrival in Luanda-Angola, that the country is in the middle of a civil war. The people that deal with shipping matters helped me by taking me into town, as the plane I was to take had already departed that day and there would only be another one four days hence. The only contact I had in town had moved one month earlier and the hotels were prohibitively expensive, but God did another miracle—I had to pay only for one half day.

Food is scarce and mineral water is the only safe kind to drink. The city was filthy; a part of town had been without electricity for a month. The only electricity was in those buildings and businesses that had their own generators. Architecturally-speaking the city is quite pretty, but unfortunately has been terribly damaged by the war. Please remember Angola in your prayers! Despite all this, the people are so receptive to the Lord and thirsty for His Word. I found my friend, who was like an angel; he took me to meet his family, who, despite all they'd gone through, were so warm-hearted. I then flew to South Africa, arriving the next day at my destination: Harare, capital of Zimbabwe.

I am working in a Home with five adults and six children. None of these speak Portuguese, and I speak little English, so our communication is all in English, which is in itself a miracle! The people are very hungry for God's Word and very receptive to His Spirit. The brethren here are building a small print shop to publish and spread the Words of David in greater quantities.

## crusading

## Pakistan

By Charity (of Asaph), Islamabad Home: We just returned from a fruitful road trip of eight days to five different villages in the nearby mountains. The Lord supplied the free use of a van for our travel up and down plus free accommodation of two rooms plus three tents! We stayed in the tents each night in the garden of the lodge, even in the midst of monsoon rains, and the Lord kept us mostly dry!

We were two adults plus four JETT/junior teen boys. Our vision was to go bungalow-to-bungalow with our tools, plus personal witness. Many people, mostly upper-class families here in this Muslim country, either rent or own beautiful mountain chalets, and escape the hot plains for the cool mountain weather and

beautiful scenery this area has to offer. We even bumped into some of the very top industrialists and influentials of the whole country. We also had an escapade with some of the local monkey colony, who took off with some of our clothes and returned them later to the roof of the lodge ripped up! Oh my!

Each day the Lord did miracles as we walked for miles up and down muddy mountain roads and tracks, visiting bungalows and the sheep. One day we invited a teenage boy of a very influential family near the tribal area of the country to come for a hike with us; when we arrived at the appointed place, it was instead his mother who was waiting for us, ready to scale the local peak. She was our guide as well as a very receptive soul. Recently the locals had burned down this family's beautiful house plus

their two four-wheel drive vehicles, and their family had narrowly escaped with their lives. It was basically a tribal fight and she had become quite broken since we had last met a couple of years before. A few days later, I was able to drop off some *Reflections*, plus some Christian *Mountain Streams* that she'd specifically requested (even though she's a Muslim).

We also visited a town where there are a few renowned boarding schools. We were able to give out videos and cassettes there plus three schools are interested in our teacher-training seminar programs, so there may be quite a of follow-up from our trip! We got out 20 videos and 25 tapes, plus thousands of *Reflections* to a local Church retreat meeting. There were quite a few souls won also, and lots of personal witnessing with the kids!



1. FELIZ NAVIDAD
2. BURRITO SABENERO
3. LE LO LAI LO
4. TAMBORILERO
5. HA NACIDO UN NIÑO
6. QUE LINDO
7. TEREMOTO
8. GOOD GOLLY
9. JOHNNY B. GOODE
10. UN DIA ESPECIAL
11. PAZ
12. SHOW ME
13. SILVER LINING
14. VIVA MEXICO
15. REPRISE JAM

## CD order: DC Band—En Vivo En Mexico!

Hi, everyone! Lots of love from the DC Home! The band just cut a new CD entitled *The DC Band—En Vivo En Mexico*. It's a live recording of the tour we did in Mexico at Christmas.

Most of the songs are in Spanish, or are a mix of Spanish and English. The last song on the album is "Viva Mexico," a new song that Vas wrote especially for Mexico. The Mexicans loved it! We think you'll get a kick out of it too. There's a "Reprise Jam" instrumental at the very end of the CD. There are some Spanish Christmas songs performed live in DC rock style. These were big hits with the Mexicans and we hope they are with you too. There is "Drummer Boy" sung in Spanish and live recordings of a couple of *Eagle Bleeds* songs done a little differently than on the original album.

All in all it's a pretty cool album—a little rough, but very much alive! It's available on both CD and cassette tape, though the cassette is a little shorter than the CD; it has three less songs.

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I'm looking for **Yohannes** (son of Glory and Jeremias). You used to live in Porto Alegre and I heard you moved to Sao Paulo. Paloma wants to get in touch with you. E-mail: [bentoje@zaz.com.br](mailto:bentoje@zaz.com.br).

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