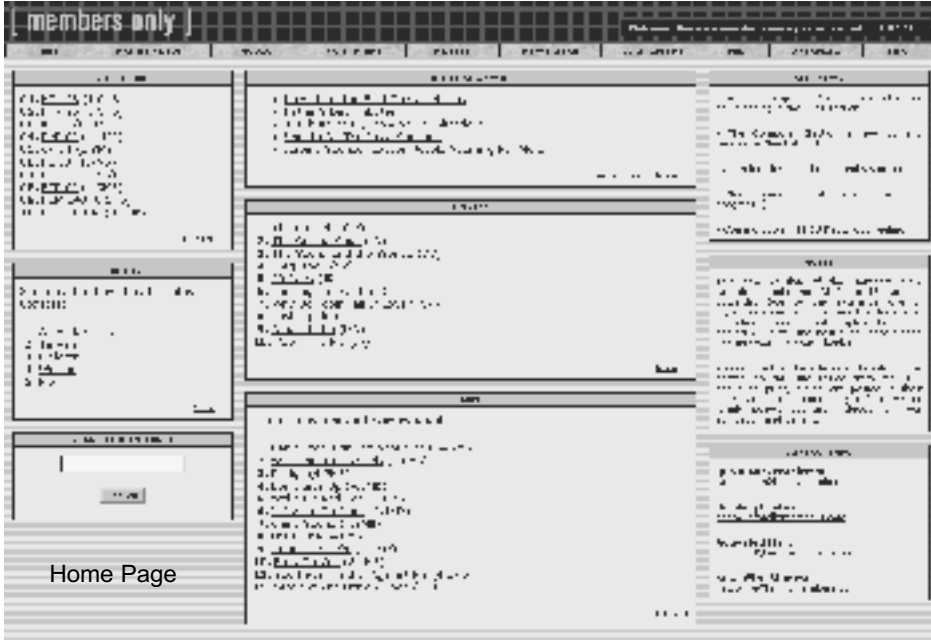


The Grapevine



“The way to gain faith is to practice the use of it.”



PRAY FOR OUR BRETHREN IN BONDS

By Mama and Peter

On June 28th, three brothers from a CM Home in Mexico were arrested on charges of forcing children to beg, and suspicion of child abuse. The local authorities had received reports that there were American children being made to beg, and when visiting the Home they made accusations of child abuse. Curiously enough, the original complaints were made by officers of the local American consulate. These same officers came to the Home acting like they were trying to help the American brethren, when in fact they were the ones requesting the investigation.

After about a week, the more serious charges of child abuse were dropped by the judge because they were unfounded and untrue. Thank the Lord! Victor (YA), of Mexican nationality, was released from jail at that time. However, the other two brethren, Simon and Joseph (of US nationality) are still in jail awaiting the outcome of the begging charges. The local Family has officially protested the actions of the American officials to the embassy and a complaint will be lodged at the State Department in Washington.

Please pray for the brethren's speedy release and vindication, as well as their strength, comfort and encouragement during the remainder of their time in bonds. They have been a tremendous witness to the more than 60 inmates in the jail with them and have won their respect. Please also pray for the children, some of whom have had to undergo medical examinations; that they won't have any negative repercussions from the experience. Please also pray for our lawyers and their anointing, and for the judge who will be hearing the case.

The Lord has said this incident was an attack of the Enemy and an attempt to stop the many victories that the Lord intends to win as a result of the upcoming *Conectate (Activated)* meetings next month and all the fruit that will be borne from them. He also said that many good things will come of this situation, things that will boost the Family's work in Mexico and around the world. Thank you for your fervent and effectual prayers, as they avail much. God bless you! We love you! ■

CAN YOU ACCESS THE NEW MEMBERS ONLY SITE?

By Gwyn, for the Web Team

We'd like to reiterate the fact that now that the new and improved Members Only site is online, there is no longer a universal password for the site, as per our notice in *Grapevine* #76.

This means that ONLY those who've already sent their CRO Office their Home number, the password of their choice (minimum 8 characters, no more than 15), their e-mail address and PGP key can presently access the site. If you'd like to be one of those with access to the site and the materials available therein but haven't yet sent in your information, please do so today! (Please note that you should send the above-requested information to your CRO Office and not directly to the Web Team. The Office will verify your information and once they've done so, they will then forward it to us.) Thank you!

We love you and look forward to hearing from you soon! We hope that you'll enjoy the new site and that it's a blessing to you.



Photo Page - Women

OUR FAMILY WEB SITES, June 2000

Some web highlights:

- ◆ 258 Validated Homes now on the MO site.
- ◆ The new Members Only Web site was finalized and launched this month! TTL for this major victory! There are sections that we're still working on and adding to, but the majority of it is there.
- ◆ Communicated with 258 MO site users and processed their logon info.
- ◆ Hosting, maintaining and fixing various kinks in the new MO site has occupied a fair amount of our time, not to mention back and forth communications with our users to ensure their access to the site and to help them with their problems.
- ◆ Sites updated 19 times last month.
- ◆ 200 + Pubs PDFs added to MO site. (We've been working on a new HomeARC database which we've also been able to use for the MO site.)
- ◆ Worked on e-mail security and new mail server set-up.

MO site feedback:

"Thank you for all your work and efforts to improve and make the MO site such a wonderful place to log on to."

"It has been inspiring to access the MOS and we have been able to download many things that have benefited us—both great and small."

"Dear WebMaster, GBY! The new Members Web site is so nice!"

"The new page looks great! Very clear and easy to use. Keep up the good work!"

"Just wanted to comment on the excellent look of the new site. It looks like you put a lot of effort into making it nice. ROCK ON! Excellent people—keep up the good work."

"Hello webmaster, Great new look! Continued terrific content (Can't go wrong)!"

"I like the new look of the site ... definitely rocks!!!!"

TeleTRF report: The TeleTRF program has now been used by the beta Homes in NACRO for the second month, and so far we haven't had any major problems. TTL! About 10 Homes used it for their May 25th TRF, and hopefully all 15 Homes that the TeleTRF was sent to used it for their June 25th TRF.

We are working very hard to try and get the Home Beta 2 of the TeleTRF completed by the end of this month so that it can be mailed out to the Homes for use on their Aug. 25th TRF. Once Home Beta 2 is complete, we then want to get the TeleTRF going, at least on a test basis, in at least one other CRO area. ■

Don't miss checking out the latest **Father's Day Tributes** on the **MO site**! Dads and husbands, there might be something there for you!

Mama jewels on . . . priorities

—TO A YOUNG STAFF MEMBER

Don't do anything that would cut out your Word time or time to hear from the Lord. It's very important, as you know, but we all need reminders. We all get very busy and can use that as an excuse to cheat on our Word time. But as we also know, really the busyness doesn't have anything to do with it, because no matter how busy we are or how much or how little we have to do, it's always a fight.

No matter what, we have to take our Word time. If we do, we'll be able to get through our big pile of work even better than if we didn't take that time. You know this, but I just thought I'd mention it again, because I know you are getting an awful lot to do and for all of us, that's the first thing we're tempted to skimp on. But that's the thing we have to guard the most jealously, and that's one place where we can be jealous and where it's good. ■

www.thefamily.org (GP site)			
Distinct Visits: 15,576	Daily Average: 519	Total Downloaded: 3.1 gigs	Page Views: 34,020
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Top 10 MP3 Downloads		Lit Downloads	
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25 Battle for the Earth		16 Poster Screensavers	
25 Bless the Lord			
19 Pet Shop		Other Downloads	
18 Heaven Is		198 Daily pics*	
16 Sea Wash Over Me			
16 State I'm In		Other Stats	
15 Show Me		69 Salvation page hits	
14 One Day at a Time		200 eCards sent page hits	
14 On Eagles Wings			

*The March/April/May archives were downloaded @ 51 times, totaling about 1,567 pix. After the main page, the "Daily Pics" directory had the highest amount of hits for the month!

www.familymembers.com* (MO site)			
Distinct Visits: 5,146	Daily Average: 343	Total Downloaded: 3.1 gigs	Page Views: 19,170
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345 Grapevine		4 Heaven's Library	
71 Free Zine		4 Blade	
55 LinkUP		3 Kidz Biz	
54 FSMs			
48 END			
47 FARs		Other Downloads	
44 Spanish CM/FM/GP Pubs		450 MP3s	
40 CLTP		116 News Articles	
25 Kidland		110 Book Summaries	
20 FED Pubs		31 Screen Savers (The CS collection and Poster collection)	
20 Reflections		16 Newsletters	
17 Prayer List		3 Movie lists (RTF)	
9 MLK			
9 Eve			

*These stats are from the newly updated member's site that has only been up for half the month.

www.activated.org (Activated site)			
Distinct Visits: 1,072	Daily Average: 35	Total Downloaded: 49 MB	Page Views: 2,176
Lit Downloads			
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www.auroraproduction.com (Aurora site)			
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10 From Jesus with Love		1 Prayer Power	
3 Feed My Lambs		1 Two Tests and a Wish	
3 Glimpses of Heaven		1 Trudge and Zippy	
3 Key Bible Verses		1 Praisin' U 1	
3 Future Foretold		1 Praisin' U 2	
2 Keys to Happier Living		1 Praisin' U 3	
1 Dare to be Different			
1 Overcoming Obstacles			

Becoming an answer mom

Tina, Zimbabwe

I'm a first-time mom but a hundredth-time teacher.—As is the case with many YAs and SGAs who spent a good portion of their lives with childcare groups such as the "Love Bugs," the "Lovelihoods," the "Brave Pioneers," the "Faithful Loyal and Mighty Endtime Soldiers," or the "World Conquerors" (until we realized the initials were WC).

Yes, I've taught every age group, from babies to JETTs. So I feel that there is no excuse for me to do anything wrong with my now three-month-old baby, Lianna Kaycee. I mean, compared to our parents when they had us, we have everything we could want in the way of Word on the subject, experience with children, advice from friends who've gone on before (in the way of parenthood), not to mention the Internet, where most of us can look up information on anything from colic to hiccoughs. [Editor's note: While

the Internet is full with information, you can't bank on it being 100% accurate.]

Yet when one evening my darling pooch started up crying, quickly turning to full-blast hollering, I totally fritzed and started wailing too, berating myself for not knowing what was wrong with her. I felt that all good mothers, especially those with the aforementioned advantages, should always know not only the problem, but also the immediate solution.

Well, that is definitely not the case, as I'm sure those of you who are reading this—or probably everyone excluding my deluded self—already knows. When Lianna calmed down a bit, a benevolent veteran mom of two now-SGAs took her for me for a while. My boyfriend got the following prophecy for me, which I hope will be an encouragement to anyone else who was as misguided as I.

(Jesus speaking:) I allowed this for a reason, to remind you that you must stay desperate with Me, and that no matter how hard you try, you must still ask Me about what to do. You can never be perfect and you can never know everything—but I do. So always ask Me, "Should I lay her here?" "Should I change her



here or there?" It may seem difficult at first, but it is necessary for both your and your baby's health and well being.

For behold, even as I walked this Earth, I stepped in many places and situations where I didn't know what to do, and My Father had to teach Me to listen to Him. This [incident] was a lesson to do just that, and also not to take what you do and what I give you for granted. Thank Me every day for everything I give you, for this is where I live: in your praises. You are My children. She is My child;

did I not say that I will take care of My own? And so I will do that and more if you follow Me and obey Me closely. Heed My checks and obey My Spirit. You are the branches and I am the vine. You are My children, so I will do My best to do what is right and good for you. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

Yet another reminder to "Ask Me Everything." So now I no longer worry when I don't have all the answers—which is almost constantly. God knows all, right? I just gotta keep checking in with Him. ■

new laborers ...

Peter (20, Taiwanese) joined in May.—Taiwan
Jan Cisar (32, Czech) joined in the Czech Republic.
Gabriel (21, Portuguese) rejoined in Mozambique.
Gisela (27, Brazilian) joined in Brazil.—March

Tidbits

Which army are YOU in?

(Jesus:) I have two armies of young people. One army is undernourished. They play games to see how long they can go without food and water. They pack their backpacks with useless trinkets instead of weapons and nutrition bars. Their radios are gathering dust, and they often don't have good enough reception to pick up transmissions from HQ.

The other army tucks into their daily food rations with eagerness and gusto. They take pleasure in showing each other their newly learned fighting techniques. They spend hours tuning their personal radios, and they frequently use them to make sure they're in top working condition. These people work out as if there's a war tomorrow and this is their last day to pack in the training they need.

Which army are you in, soldier? If you fit the bill of a member of the first army, just remember, you can cross over to the second one—the elite, ready-to-fight army—at any time. All it takes is devouring My New Wine, contained within My *Blade* messages and the many other Words I send your way regularly in all those publications you love. There's a war coming, and who knows but that your aspect of the war will start tomorrow! Be on the cutting edge with the *Blade* of My Word today!

Our "Cub Scout" tryout

By SEEK, MEXICO

Between the Homes in our city, we have a number of MC and OC kids. All of them love anything to do with camping and we've taken some mountain climbing camping trips, and an overnight camping trip to a friend's farm. They all have survival kits and are very interested in classes that have to do with survival.

I found a few Cub Scout books at a thrift store in the U.S. and started reading them. I was quite impressed, as the first point of the Cub Scout Promise is: "Duty to God ... which means to put God first and do what you know God wants you to do." It goes on to teach duty to help other people, duty to your country (we told the kids our country is really Heaven, but we obey the laws of the country where we reside as well), and duty to obey the laws of the Pack, which teach obedience, health and hygiene, keeping promises, and always doing your best!

So we thought about starting a Cub Scout Troop with the MCs and OCs in our city, and while we were in the U.S. the Lord miraculously supplied 10 summer outfits and an updated Scout Book. When we got home and shared the idea with our grandchildren, son, and children in the other Home, they were very excited about the idea. So we started having meetings on Saturday.

They come with their uniforms clean and neat and hair combed. We explained what would be expected of

them as a scout, and they all took it very seriously, and seemed to like the discipline, and the idea that they were "scouts," which meant something really special to them, although they really didn't know exactly what at first. We talked about our den and how to keep it clean, the different promises they were expected to make and keep, and each week we asked how they did on the different points. They learned the Scout salute and handshake. We adopted the "Revolutionary Pledge" from the *Teen Training Handbook*, and we march and sing the "Battle Hymn" which is on the tape, *Going Forth to Conquer*. The first week the kids had the



Pledge memorized and could say it with a lot of enthusiasm, and the next week they worked on the song.

We took the tape recorder out and marched in the yard, as it was marked off for a volley ball court and they could easily follow the white string. We made a flag and talked about how to care for a flag. I was in a marching band in high school, so I found it fun to teach them a few simple maneuvers where they go in different directions. They were far from

perfect, but it was fun and they got a kick out of following instructions while they were marching.

We have made a full day of the Saturday, starting first with a witnessing excursion together. One week we went witnessing at the zoo. Then when we have the Scout meeting on Saturday afternoon, we ask what we did to "put God first," and we share witnessing testimonies.

The second week we



started having classes that we found in the advanced Boy Scout Book. SGA Renee has taken the Red Cross Course, so she went over the five knots they needed to learn to tie and explained

how they are used and a little about CPR and rescue in the process of teaching them how to use the knots. They also learned about rope care and are all going to have their own ropes to care for properly.

There are many different classes in the Cub Scout and Boy Scout handbooks which you can use. They vary from art, building projects, safety, exercise, and camping, hiking and science experiments. There are also many different projects and ideas that are very interesting for the kids.

There is a simple plan for working toward colorful badges, and I'm still investigating how to get these, but the steps to receive a badge seem to be quite simple, and something the kids will really enjoy doing. I'm in the pro-

cess of contacting a local Boy Scout Troop and also one in the U.S. to see what they can provide for us and how to obtain the badges and awards mentioned in the book.

I am still going through the book myself and don't fully understand the whole process in Cub Scouting. When I asked the Lord about it, I received to choose the good and eschew the evil, and so far have just chosen different parts that I thought would initially interest the children, and help us get started. I don't think it's necessary with this age group to be so "official," but maybe with older kids, they would like to. We are taking it week by week.

Another thing that encouraged me was picking up the *Pioneer Handbook* at a thrift store in the U.S. It's part of a church program called the Royal Rangers, and I remembered that when I was young our Baptist church had a similar program for my brothers called "Royal Ambassadors." In the acknowledgments of this book the author thanked the Southern Baptists for allowing the author to use some of the Royal Ambassador materials, and the American Red Cross, for some of the ideas, and also the Boy Scouts of America for the training and experience the author received from them.

These religious programs are much more Bible based and their programs are based around their religious beliefs. For example, part of the Royal Rangers Code is: "Spiritual ... he prays, reads the Bible and witnesses." So I know that we can do the same with our children. We can incorporate parts of different programs like using the "Pledge" and "Battle Hymn" from the *Teen Training Handbook* into this type of training. ■

happenings

[Remembering the forgotten men]

Prem and Ruth, India: When Sher Singh finally looked up, he had tears in his eyes. This was the first time in his life someone had told him he was special to God!

Sher Singh works at Tihar Jail, Asia's largest high security jail. He's been there for the last 33 years. The world has all but forgotten him.

He gets up at 5:00 every morning and unlocks the inmates' cells. His is to make sure there are no disciplinary problems in the ward he is assigned to take care of. He spends his day keeping a watchful eye on the 200 inmates under his supervision. It's not an easy job, considering he has to do it all over again tomorrow. And the day after. And the day after. His job is considered one of the five most stressful jobs in the world.

The sensationalist media oftentimes considers him and his colleagues heartless and calloused. The Lord, however, considers him a lonely human being desperately in need of acceptance, dignity, and understanding.—Something that he has finally received today! Thank the Lord!

Sher Singh, along with 25 other wardens, is attending a series of workshops on "Stress Management" that the Prison Administration has asked us to conduct for all 400 of the staff working at Tihar Jail. Each workshop is 3 hours long and covers topics such as: Good Human Relations, Time Management, and Faith in God. The workshop has funny skits, thought-provoking anecdotes from the *Good Thots* and lots of group activities. At the end of the workshop, we give them a beautiful 30-page booklet full of Hindi *Reflections* and *Good Thots* stories which they receive with deep gratitude and folded hands.

The Prison Administration has been so inspired about these workshops that they have asked us to conduct them for 30 of the highest ranking police officials in the prison as well. To us, it has been an amazing testimony of the power of the Words of David and the Spirit of God.

[Inmates flip over FJWL]

David, James and Praise, South Africa: At Christmas time the inmates at Medium C at Leeucop Prison, where we've ministered twice a week for the past year, wrote us a letter expressing their thanks. Here is an excerpt from it:

"...Ever since your ministry began,

many souls were won for our Lord and the church has shown remarkable spiritual growth. We are so blessed to have men and women of your caliber that minister under such conditions. Your caring and warmth have not only brought joy and happiness unto the body but have created a spirit of closeness. Your commitment has enhanced the rehabilitation process and caused many a soul to come into the Kingdom."

We want to thank all of you in WS who work on all the pubs, and ultimately of course, Mama and Peter, for being such faithful shepherds, feeding us and making our ministries possible. We donated about ten GP *From Jesus with Love* books to our main guys at the prison, and they have grown remarkably since then.

[Link to the Maldives]

James (of Joanie), India: Ever heard of the Maldives? It's a group of exotic islands off the coast of India and Sri Lanka, of which the capital is an island called Mali. I had a chance to stop over there on my way somewhere else. My plane arrived at 1 P.M. but wouldn't leave till 11 P.M. that night. My travel agent didn't know if I could leave the airport, but after bringing it before the Lord, He told me to prepare to go out of the airport in the Maldives, so I did and of course the Lord was right! My plane didn't land in the capital but on another little island. From there I caught a boat to the capital, not really knowing what to expect.

Maldives is a very strict Muslim Republic. The embarkation form, which I had to fill out upon arrival, states that no idols or literature contrary to Islam are allowed in the country.

I inquired about churches as I thought I'd go and visit a priest for more information on this curious place, but to my surprise I found that there aren't any churches or Christian schools here—they're not allowed.

So I took a walk around town (which doesn't take too long), admiring the natural beauty of the place. There are so many shades of blue in the ocean and you can see tropical fish from the shore.

While asking for directions I met Bill, an Indian Christian who works in Mali. I went back to his office and he told me all about this fascinating place. I told him that I'd hoped to meet a priest or visit a Christian school while here but that the Lord had led me to him instead.

God's perfect timing.

Bill explained that there are more than a hundred believers who meet secretly for prayer meetings, because some foreign missionaries were deported only a year or so ago. I left him with what lit I had including posters and our Web and mailing address and we now have e-mail contact.

Bill is now our man in Mali and eager to receive any feeding material we might have for him. After spending almost all my time with Bill I had to catch a boat back to the airport before it got too late. But I thought it was quite neat how the Lord engineered this inroad in to this new place and country.

[A check during missionary lunch]

Stefan, Islamabad, Pakistan: Peter and I were having our usual "missionary lunch" consisting of curd [yogurt] and fresh mangoes. We were sitting in our van under the shade of a big tree in this beautiful residential part of the capital. Stefan noticed that one of the houses was used as an office, something that they do a lot here. He had a check to go and get the card of the director and found it was a Japanese construction firm. A beautiful friendship develop with Mr. U., who took some videos and, later, generously sponsored \$600 for a training course in a village.

[Sign language interpreter's course]

Willing, India: Happy (Delhi Deaf Home) and I, Willing (Hyderabad Deaf Home) were asked by the Ministry of Welfare to be part of a select committee to formulate India's first Sign Language Interpreter's Course. Happy was nominated as the Chairman of this committee. We have also been asked to be the Master Trainers to train interpreters from all over India.

The Lord led us to form a Council of Indian Interpreters for the Deaf, to conduct training programs and establish standards in the field of Sign Language interpreting. We will be affiliated with the Rehabilitation Council of India and advise them on interpreter issues. Details of this and other projects will soon be posted on our websites www.deafreach.org and www.deafindia.org. Check them for latest updates on our projects and happenings in the deaf work here in India!■

a workaholic

“ I can't say that it was an overnight change, but little by little over the years I could see the Lord helping me get over my handicap of being a workaholic and being so accomplishment oriented. ”

CHANGES *his* WAYS

I grew up with a strong work ethic. From an early age my life was very accomplishment oriented. My first job began when I was 10 years old, lasting until I was 17. At first the income from my job was to help my parents (Catholics with 6 children) make ends meet. However, by the time I was 12, I was saving the money for myself and bought all my own clothes, personal needs, school needs, etc. From a young age, I learned the value of time and money, and I was used to working hard. Working hard didn't bother me; as a matter of fact, I enjoyed it. As a teen I thought I could do almost anything if I set my mind to it. As a young man, I guess it gave me a certain feeling of independence and manliness to be able to accomplish something by myself.

When I came to the Family at the age of 19, I was so thrilled with serving Jesus. I wanted to give it all I had and therefore worked long, long hours. As the years went by, I don't know how else to explain it, but I became what some might call an extreme workaholic. I could work for hours and hours and hours without really stopping. There was always a lot of work to do in the Family, and I enjoyed staying busy. Unfortunately, I often put others through trials because I expected them to work, work, work, like I was doing. Or even if I didn't say anything to them about it, some felt bad if they couldn't keep up with me.

As you can imagine, with all this work I didn't really take as much time in the Word as I should have and there were many times when much of the work was done in my own strength. Of course I loved the Lord very much, would pray, hear from the Lord and read the Word. However, I never really thought about having a close intimate relationship with Jesus.

One thing that suffered greatly due to my workaholic habits was my relationship with my wife and personal family. Kanah, since we married in 1972, was always a very loving, patient and understanding wife. However, I wasn't fulfilling my responsibilities of a husband and loving her as I should. She wanted to feel secure in my love, but I was so busy, busy, busy with multitudes of other work that spending time with my wife was usually one of the last things that I had on my to do list. It wasn't a priority of mine to spend time talking with her or listening to her. Unfortunately, we usually only made love when "I" wanted it and on my part there was a lack of consideration for her sexual needs, not to mention just giving her the affection and attention she desired. It took years for Jesus to get it through my thick head that my way of doing things was wrong. I'd do things that would put my dear wife through trials: I'd often stay up late working or talking and then come to bed exhausted and too tired to listen to how her day went, nor hardly even kiss her goodnight, much less have sex. Or I would go out of my way to help someone else by spending a great deal of time counseling them because they really needed a listening ear, but I didn't see that my own mate needed my love and attention. It was a sad situation and it put a strain on our relationship for years.

I don't remember exactly when things started to change in my relationship with Jesus and with my wife. Looking back, I see it took years of patient corrections from them both to get me to change. I do recall a few things that the Lord did to get through to me about my wayward attitude both towards Him and those close to me. I remember once, many years ago when we lived in a large

By Ado, USA



teen Home, on a special holiday I was coming home late and was eagerly looking forward to having the special meal that was prepared for everyone. We didn't have an abundance of food in that pioneer situation and things were pretty scarce, but this particular meal had a good portion of meat and all the delicious trimmings. On the long drive home I was thinking about eating. I could hardly wait. But when I got home, my saved plate was nowhere to be found. Apparently one of the teens that was cleaning up found it and ate it.

For some reason, I was really bothered by this and went outside and walked around the yard pouring out my heart to the Lord about how I worked so hard and was looking forward to this delicious meal. I went on about how unloving it was for someone to eat my food and how I didn't feel loved, etc. Boy, was I out of it! But when I stopped my poor me's I could sweetly hear the Lord's voice chiding me: "I understand how you feel unloved because you didn't get what had been reserved for you," He began. "Perhaps this will help you to understand how unloved I feel when I don't get the personal time with you that you have promised to reserve for Me. I love you and want to spend time with you, but so often you find something else to do. Then I feel hurt. You have often promised to spend more time with Me, but you often break your promise and go off doing something else." Oh, those words stung! It convicted me so much that I broke down and cried, admitting how wrong I had been and that I was so sorry. I was just beginning to see how much I had hurt Jesus, and it broke my heart.

It was around that time that I desperately sought the Lord, because I also wanted to know what I should do to improve my relationship with Kanah as well as with Him. What did He want me to do? Well, I was surprised when He told me that my relationship with Him and her were linked together. He told me that Kanah was a gauge of my love for Him and His love for me. Her sweet, patient, and kind love for me was really Jesus loving me through her. That was easy to understand and I thought it was so special of Jesus to give me a physical manifestation of His love for me.

Then He explained that my outward show of love and affection towards Kanah would be the

manifestation of how I was loving Him. If I was neglecting her, by not spending enough time communicating with her, or not having intimate sex with her, then I was also neglecting my loving relationship with Him. And if I took time to have regular intimate fellowship with my dear wife, it was a physical manifestation that I was taking time to intimately fellowship with Him. Somehow this physical illustration helped keep me more on track in my walk with Jesus.

This illustration drastically changed my way of doing things. I can't say that it was an overnight change, but little by little over the years I could see the Lord helping me get over my handicap of being a workaholic and being so accomplishment oriented. My love relationship with Kanah steadily improved. We had more intimate, fun and enjoyable sex, deeper communications and loving interactions (which continues to this day). And just like Jesus told me, my loving relationship with Him improved dramatically as well.

When the Loving Jesus revelation came out, it was a confirmation for me of the need to have a close intimate relationship with Jesus. I can't say that I understood the whole Loving Jesus Revelation immediately, but there was no doubt that I knew that the basic idea was that Jesus wanted and needed our love. I am so thankful that Loving Jesus has been emphasized, because it has been a strength and help in both my personal life as well as my walk with Jesus. It has also been a tremendous benefit in my loving relationship

with my wife and others too. I find that talking about my love for the Lord openly with others draws us closer to each other and to Him.

The Loving Jesus songs have also been such a help. I couldn't begin to tell you how much they have helped me personally in my relationship with Jesus. Sometimes I just don't know what to say to Jesus, my words seem so jumbled or confusing, but as I sing along with the songs, I feel I'm singing to Jesus. My mind often tends to wander onto business, and I do a lot of thinking, planning and working things out in my mind. Having such an active mind, which is hard to turn off at times, often gets in the way of my communication with Jesus, so I find that having these songs playing when I drive, and where I work or sleep, helps to keep my thoughts on Jesus. Then there are the *To Jesus with Love* and *From Jesus with Love* books that have also been tremendously inspirational. They have helped me to both hear from and talk to Jesus in such an intimate way that I don't think I could have done on my own.

As I look over the years of my time in the Family since joining in 1971, I marvel at the patience, understanding, longsuffering and unconditional love that Jesus has had for me. He's put up with so much in my own life and now I feel mightily blessed beyond measure. I know that it is nothing that I deserve nor can I feel I earned it. It's something that I could not have accomplished on my own. The only thing that I did was say, "Yes, Jesus, I want to change!" Jesus did the rest. ■

help wanted

Hello, my name is DJ. I'm 17 and I've been living in China for more than two years now with my parents G. and K. I really love China! I'm on fire about this field. I believe it's going to explode one day and has got tons of potential! I'm trying to do my part here while I'm young.

I have been learning Chinese over the last two years on my own (I have a lot of Chinese friends), so my spoken Chinese is pretty good—I can witness, etc. I really have a burden to improve my Chinese even more, like learning to read and write more and study the language in-depth. The Lord has opened up a door for me to study at a university here. I am in the middle of my first semester (I saved the money for it myself by teaching English for 6 months). I'd like to study at least one more semester but I need your help to do it! I teach English on the side, but it's not enough for living expenses and saving for next semester.

If the Lord lays it on your heart I'd sure appreciate your help. I need US\$750 total. Whatever you can help towards that would be a big blessing. You can send donations via the TRF to CN608 designated for DJ P. (of G. and K.). I'd love to send you newsletters, pictures, testimonies, etc., of what the Lord is doing here!

brotherhood

Area childcare meeting

By the Chile VS team

We held an area childcare meeting for parents and teachers, focusing on our younger kids. We prayed and heard from the Lord together, and the Lord stressed the importance of being united and not being too busy to take the time needed to love and care for our little ones.

We had a display of assorted Family materials that have come out over the last few years, such as games and flannelgraphs, along with Christian material and books that have been announced that the Family can order, internationally and nationally. The Lord gave us the idea of forming a committee, made up of parents and teachers, to generate ideas and to see how we can work toward having more of the Family videos and material that the Lord has given us available in our Homes for our children. ■

kidbits

- ◆ **Stephen Michael**, 4th child, born to **Leila and Sam** on January 20.—Brazil
- ◆ **Andrew Obed Horizonte**, born to **Sara and Joel** on April 23.—Honduras
- ◆ **Alex Martin**, born to **Jessica and Pablo** on April 14.—Brazil
- ◆ **Romina Micaela**, born to **Bendy and Esteban** on April 23.—Brazil
- ◆ **Kenny Belen**, born to **Praise and Jordan** on April 27.—Guatemala
- ◆ **Joao Gabriel**, born to **Gisela** on May 1.—Brazil
- ◆ **Jason**, born to **Amy and Jonathan** on May 3.—Brazil
- ◆ **Natalia Maria**, born to **Daniel and Lily** on May 10.—Brazil
- ◆ **Emma**, 3rd child, born to **Eden and Jonathan** on May 25.—USA
- ◆ **Casey Paul**, born to **Milah, Daniel and Sarah Arrow** on May 30.—Russia
- ◆ **Natalia Faye**, 3rd child, born to **Cheery and Nathaniel** on June 17.—India
- ◆ **Toby Shane**, born to **Rejoice and John** on June 17.—Thailand
- ◆ **Banti**, 6th child, born to **Meekness and Philip** on June 28.—Namibia, Africa

For all those who ...

- are a stepparent or part of a “blended family”
- have wondered when your young child needs to go for his first dental checkup
- have wondered if you should apply dental sealants to your children’s teeth
- have needed a clear how-to guideline on making baby food

There are answers for you! Find all the above in **Kidland #11**—and so much more too! Articles for teachers, much more on the care of children’s teeth, and testimonies and lessons on giving kids the desire to witness. Don’t miss out!

Legni media

Family member is “religious expert” on national TV

By Rachel Scott, South Africa

We met Vernon, producer of *Reality Check*—an upbeat Christian youth program for SABC while out ballooning. He was turned on by our work in the local squatter camp and invited us to watch the recording of one of his programs. He then asked me to be on his list of religious experts for future broadcasts. We stayed in touch by email and we explained more about The Family and our history.

A couple of weeks later I was invited to appear on the program to answer questions put forth by a studio audience of teenagers. Before we started, the director prayed with everyone that the Lord would help us produce an inspiring show.

The program’s theme was “a Christian’s responsibility in society.” The young people asked searching questions on how to find God’s will, should they sometimes go against their parents’ wishes if they seem to contradict God’s will, why as a Christian do we still meet difficulties in life, etc. We covered the subject of destiny and how we affect our personal destiny by the decisions we make. Even one of the presenters who appeared very full of himself started to ask deeply felt questions about his life. He is from a Hindu family and when he got saved, gave up his job as a radio DJ and is now finding life as a Christian very hard.

One girl was asking me so many questions that the director had to ask her not to ask any more. Afterwards she came up to me and said that the question she had been trying to pose over and over was about sex (ha!). I had to smile because that is all I usually get asked about! The make-up lady spoke to me after we finished filming, saying that what I had said had touched her

heart. She poured out all her problems to me and asked me to pray for her and her husband. The director came and spoke to me after watching some of the filming and said that we had given him some really good material and that it looked as though I had done TV before! Ha!

Although the whole program took three hours to record, it was so relaxing compared to the normal confrontational situations we often get hit with. Please pray that we can feature on more programs of this nature.

INFORM seminar on NRMs and the Internet

By Gideon Scott, South Africa

While visiting London recently from South Africa, I was invited to attend a seminar on NRMs and the Internet. Pearl and I prayed about it and the Lord showed us it was one of His open doors. It was a great opportunity to follow up on many of our media contacts in the UK. The speakers focused on recruitment, proselytizing and the war of words between the NRMs, ex-members and ACMs, etc.

Although we had not been asked to make a presentation, halfway through the afternoon Eileen Barker asked me to speak on the Family and the Internet. Fortunately, we were able to contact a local Home and obtain all the facts and figures published in the recent GN. We explained how we have an international Web site and that many Homes have individual sites about their local work. We also told the attendees that it was mostly our second generation adults who design and maintain the sites to a very professional standard. I also explained how the Internet provides us with a platform to present ourselves and our beliefs without being filtered through the vested interests of the international media. ■

Lukthoong album launched

By Silas, Thailand

On June 15, 2000, the press conference to launch Jonas' *lukthoong* album was held in the grand hall at the Thai Cultural Center. The Family and organizers of this evening invited 1,500 close contacts, friends, supporters, CTP friends, and top people to this event—completely filling the hall. Camera crews from all TV stations in the country and reporters from the main newspapers were also present.

Here are excerpts of an article that came out a few days later in the Thai paper, the *Daily News*:

A foreigner with a Thai heart, Jonas Anderson is a young Swedish man who fell in love with the charm of Thailand, the smiles, the hospitality and the kindness of the Thai people. He's very fond of Thai lukthoong songs. Today he is launching his album called Phom Chuea Jonas (My Name Is Jonas), which is a part of Weti Thai's project to promote Thai culture via lukthoong.

It was a phenomenon to see a lukthoong singer have so many fans to cheer him, including honorable guests, the media, lukthoong singers, promoters and children, who crowded to give support to Jonas. Jonas performed "Issan Baan Hao", "Salawan Ramwong", "Khon Suay Jai Daam", and "Ramwong Klang Toong". There are also international young dancers from the USA, Australia, Philippines and India who are Jonas' friends. They danced as gracefully as the Thai dancers, adding a very colorful display to this album.

A touching scene was when Jonas knelt down to offer ma-lai flowers, paying respect to the music teachers who helped to mold and polish this new diamond to adorn the circle of Thai lukthoong.

Closing with a word from his heart, Jonas said, "I would like to ask all Thai people to accept me as one of your brothers. I would like to be one of the citizens of His Majesty the King. I will continue my volunteer work in The Family, to support different projects to help Thai society."

Jonas and the singing team have continued to appear on numerous TV

programs, sometimes even two or three times a day. There have also been 4-5 newspaper or magazine articles coming out daily about Jonas and The Family's work in Thailand, not to mention it being a hot topic of discussion on Thai radio.

At the moment, the singing team is on a three-day concert tour in Issan (Northern Thailand and "home of *lukthoong*"). Yesterday they went on a CTP outing, visited various record shops in an effort to promote the album, signed autographs, were interviewed by an FM radio station, and performed in the evening for a crowd of 20,000. They will perform again tonight and tomorrow evening for crowds of 10-20,000 people.

CTP ministries

By the Chile VS team

Due to heavy rains and floods, many poor people here have lost their homes. The Lord miraculously supplied a bulk of perishable and non-perishable food through provisioning, with which we have been able to help feed over 1,000 people. Family members have been able to pass out posters, and comfort and pray with the homeless. Please keep the situation here in your prayers—especially for all the poor people that have lost their homes.

Steven and Grace, and Parmenas and Paz's Homes have been able to bring down a container from the States with humanitarian aid as well as medicine, and have helped a few hundred

families with these supplies. There are also a couple other Homes that for some time have been spearheading a work in the south of Chile with the Mapuches (Indian tribes). These are very dear people who live in poor conditions and have been very receptive to the message. ■



Jonas recording his *lukthoong* album



Pandita perfecting a Thai "wrist-twist" (Thai dance step) with the help of a Thai



Davida (8) performing a traditional Thai dance

Just the usual day for a secretary ...

BY SOME EURCRO SECRETARIES

What's the typical picture that pops in your mind when thinking of a "secretary"? For me it's usually a girl with her hair in a bun, wearing glasses. Probably dressed in a short skirt and suit coat, trying to juggle clipboards, folders, documents and that cup of coffee for her boss, while she balances/wobbles on her high heels. Well, maybe not always that stressed out, but somewhere along those lines. Sound familiar?!

Yes, the days of clipboards and papers flying here and there are basically gone thanks to computers, but alas, we now have a new challenge to juggle!—Messages and files! Now, instead of trying to remember which stack of mail that one letter is in, it's a matter of trying to remember which folder you put that message from "Stacy" in.

No, wait! That's the *easy* part! The real juggle is when you get this "TIMELY message to John in Europe from Mom" and, hmmm, now we're talking real head scratching. (This is one of those times when Home numbers suddenly become so very useful.)

Or maybe you open a message only to find that it contains so many spelling mistakes that you ask yourself if maybe you should learn a new lan-

guage just to be able to decipher what was written.

We could go on and on with short examples of all those "extra special cases" that when we secretaries sit around and chat we realize we could basically compile a book. Let's see, we could call it "Another EURCRO Office case History" to replace the "Another Luvvetts case History".—Now wouldn't that be fun?!

Here are some of the things that would be in it:

"Dear ones,
We are back on line. Here's our e-mail..."

Us: Well, dear "We", It's so exciting to have you back on line! Just one thing: Who is "we"?

"Dear ones, did you receive our TRF and tithe we sent last month?"

Us: We received lots of TRFs and tithes, TTL. We're not sure though if we received yours, simply because we don't know who you are. And how did you say you sent us your tithe?

So what is the point of this very condensed case history? Well, if you want us to know who your letters and messages come from and you want an

answer, then please remember to put your Home number on it. Of course, if you prefer to remain anonymous, not adding your Home number is the *perfect* way to do it.

All we can say is that we're so thankful for the extra dose of patience, understanding and most of all a good sense of humor the Lord seems to endow us with.—To be able to laugh at all the many blunders we find along the way. (It's incredible what the simple stroke of just ONE key would do though—F7—in remodeling a message when it comes to spelling.)

In the end, we all make mistakes! Don't we?! Though I think deep down in the hearts (and sometimes even on the list of prayer requests for the New Year) of some of those dedicated secretaries you'll find the wish for less time spent on those minor details. It's the little people who make the kingdom stand, and so are those little acts of "making it easier for others to be good."

Moral of the story? PRESS F7!! And if you put a letter in the post or e-mail, please be sure to add as much information as possible, such as your name and age, Home number, etc. Thank you!■

The need for people to work together

—EXCERPTS FROM A REPORT TO MAMA AND PETER, FROM A CRO IN NORTH AMERICA

This is a "trends" topic, related to the problem of people/Homes digressing to more and more independence, getting smaller and smaller to where its just a single family unit, or a couple people who are having a hard time meeting the requirements for minimum Home size. From what I see here in the States and Mexico, Homes that stick together or where people are willing to *work together* to get a job done, are much more fruitful.

I know that part of the fruit that we were expecting to see the Charter bear in the Family was people working with others that they *want* to work with, instead of being coerced or feeling obligated to work with people they don't get along with, with the resulting problems always falling on the shepherds in the area. I think people have learned a lot about making changes to become more the type of person that others want to live and work with.

But I do also feel that the Family needs to get challenged a little more to bear one another's burdens,

to forebear one another, to be a little more tolerant of the idiosyncrasies or quirks of others, to let love cover a few more sins, to be more of a blessing themselves to others, in the interest of accomplishing what the Lord wants us to accomplish.

I see it so much here in North America where we have little teams looking for someone to work with, but not thinking, "Hey, who can I be a blessing to and where can I accomplish more for the Lord?" I think there's a lot of room for people to be encouraged and challenged in growing more in their relationships with others, working with others, shticking more with others, or at the very least, realizing that their fruitfulness and what they are able to accomplish for the Lord in this life may be severely hindered because of their inability or unwillingness to make things work.

It seems like at this time in the Family, at least from my perspective, there is too little willingness to join together as a team, agree to *work together* for at least a year or more, and live and *work together* to get the job done, whatever it is that you're called to do. I see so many people who are hindered because they "can't" work with others, and it's very sad.

SPONSORING

Activated

for African sheep

BY THE ACTIVATED EUROPE DESK

Dear Family,

WLY and are thankful to be feeding the sheep with you. We wanted to let you know that we have had a tremendous response from the Family to our request for sponsors for African sheep who can not afford to subscribe to the *Activated* magazine. So far we have received sponsorship for nearly 150 people! A big thank you to the following Homes:

Activated

"Space Camp" - Japan
Byron and Michelle - US
VE211 - Venezuela
Jeremy and John - Japan
Will and Cherish - Chile
Will and Peace - US
Hap and Crystal - Australia
Miguel, Joan and Clara - Peru
Ruth, Naomi and Jean - FP481
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JA010 - Japan
Fal - China
Aaron and Fran - Taiwan
TH11 - Thailand
Po192 - Poland
DE388 - Denmark
CT002 - Croatia
R0007 - Romania
Mark and Marianne - Slovakia
Eli and Renee - US

Here's an inspiring letter from some sheep who are receiving sponsored *Activated* magazines in Sierra Leone:

We greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We came to know about this faithful group when Mr. Scott, Rima, Andy and Hepsy came to Sierra Leone as missionaries. They used to teach us the Bible, which brought great joy and more faith in our lives because the Bible says "Faith cometh by hearing the word of God".

It was rather unfortunate that their mission was not for a long time in Sierra Leone. Their teaching was so good, which blessed us a lot. Before they left, we were told we should continue the work.

Presently we are on fire for Jesus. They left us with a membership of eight devoted and committed members. As we are writing you this letter, we are now 25 in number—all giant soldiers for Christ. We are determined not to let

anything take us back to the things of this world. The Bible says, "Any one that endureth to the end shall be saved."

In addition to this we have realized that everything in this world is vanity. The Bible says "Heaven and Earth shall pass away but the word of God will not pass away." The Bible continues to say, "What shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul." Never mind that we suffer great persecution from friends and people who have hardened their hearts not to receive Christ, but we know the reward for us in Matthew 5:11-12.

We may conclude that, before we came to know Jesus as our Savior we used to do things that did not glorify God, so because of all this our friends capitalized on these areas, but the scripture says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ he is a new creature, old things are passed away behold all things are become new," and presently we are new creatures in Christ Jesus.

Our paramount aim is to win dying souls into the Kingdom of God and make sure they stay in the faith and bear fruit, according to John 15:16.

Finally the letter you wrote and the *Activated* magazine brought more joy into our life; it reminded us that you were still thinking of us. We just wanted to tell you that we are representing THE FAMILY groups in Sierra Leone. Our main aim is to reach every part of our country. Our group is growing so rapidly that we

have established various centers. The eastern part of Free town meets at Victoria Park, the other groups in the center of Free town meet at SLBS (Sierra Leone Broadcasting Service), and the group in the western part meet just 100 yards from the National stadium.

Our prayer request is that we want a national office in Sierra Leone. We want prayers for absolute peace in all parts of our country. We want prayers for favor in the sight of God and to be committed in the things of God. Unity and Love in our group.

We want lots of people to know about this Family group, so we are asking you for a continuous flow of communication. Please send us materials or *Activated* magazines that will help us to teach the people. We will appreciate it very much. And will be very much obliged.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Yours faithfully,
Matthew (Secretary)
Abdula (President)

PS from *Activated* desk: See details in *Grapevine* #84 if you're interested in sponsoring an *Activated* subscription. It's just \$13.00 for a whole year of feeding! Please send your gifts via your TRF, clearly marked to **EAD African Sheep Fund** and we will send you the address of the sheep you are sponsoring so you can pray for them and communicate personally if you like. ■

in My arms

Precious Ana (of Juan, in the States) passed on to her reward around 6:00 P.M. on June 30. In early '99 she was diagnosed with colon/liver cancer. Our Husband must have had a wonderful reunion with her and she moved on to her reward and another grade to grow and learn more of His divine love and Spirit. She passed on with a wonderful smile on her face and such a peaceful spirit. She is free of the pain of this world, and her immediate family is doing very well. Please pray for Juan and the children during this time.

Jesus: Come into My arms and let Me soothe the pain away, for the promise of eternal life is real, and the glories that await you are exquisite and immense, as your beloved is just now finding out. ... As [Ana] grows in spirit and the techniques of communicating in the spirit, you will hear her voice speaking to you. She is your personal link to Heaven and has gone to help prepare a place for you.

Brazil's 5th national retreat

By Pedro, Brazil

Place: State of São Paulo, Brazil.

Date: June 22–25, 2000

Event: Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in great measure

Attendees: About 360 people. (About 320 of them are active, on-fire, and in love with Jesus, Dad and The Family as live-out members of the work in Brazil!)

It was an explosion! The Lord, as He promised us in prophecy, poured out His Spirit upon us all in great measure and we had a wonderful time loving Jesus together in praise, song and prophecy. The theme of this retreat was “*Novo Dia de Amor*” (New Day of Love) which was also a good foundation for introducing the “New Era of Action.”

We want to give Jesus all the glory for guiding us in the preparations for this event. We had six slots for classes, and the Lord gave us six themes to cover. The organization committee testified that even though it was a lot of work to prepare, the Lord made it easier than ever through leading us in prophecy. Following are the highlights and outstanding testimonies:



Welcome

Everyone arrived on Thursday, June 22. We gave everyone time to settle, relax and enjoy the place. In the evening we got together for some announcements. We asked ourselves: “Should we sing a few songs just to gather everyone together?” We thought the “big” inspiration was going to be the *next* morning because everyone would be tired from traveling. Forget it! These guys were ready for it. Maybe they *were* tired, but not after the first few chords as we started singing “*Aleluya, te amamos Jesus!*” We could hardly stop singing.

FIRST DAY, A.M.

The Lord told us that He wanted to use music to bring down His Spirit. We slotted about an hour for singing; before we knew it, the hour was gone. Fernando (author of “*Eu vou Seguir*,” “Now I Have Found My Place,” “*É só Acreditar*” and other such hits) came up on stage to sing and let me tell you, he was jumping up and down—and so was the whole room, shouting the popular “*todo bem!*” of that great song! It was a memo-



rable experience.—And only the beginning!

The Family—Our History, Who We Are

After that powerful inspiration which included many of the songs that made the Revolution in Brazil, Faithy (formerly Tabita) talked about our origins and history and gave her testimony, including a *Power Point Presentation* projected on the wall, showing pictures of her and Tiago in Amsterdam when they first joined, the Family in those days, etc. Fantastic! When she shared that Peter Amsterdam had been the one to pray with Tiago, everyone started clapping away and shouting “*Aleluya!*” She showed a video clip of the Family in the early days at which time Ezekiel sung “Cry of Revolution.” It was electric! The spirit of revolution fell in the room, which was exactly what we had prayed for. She also showed a couple pictures of “*Meninos de Deus*” singing in the Maracanã soccer stadium (in its time the Maracanã was the largest soccer stadium in the world). The room exploded in clapping and praise again!

Jere continued with an excellent rundown on our history and who we are, our work around the world, then focusing on Brazil. He showed lots of pictures.

As Jere explained the “Church of Philadelphia,” “Key of David” and other such Letters, pictures of Dad were shown on the wall and, as you can imagine, that had an impact! Mind you that a number of people present were new sheep brought either by

CM/FMers or by the live-outs themselves. We really wanted to honor Dad during this event and prayed for his spirit to be present in the room and touch us all—that spirit wild and free, that spirit of love for the lost and others that made the Revolution.

Then Faithy came back to touch on the Law of Love, and Jere wrapped up with “Our Mission”—going into all the world to preach to Gospel to every creature, including a quick explanation of the *Activated* ministry, which we took advantage to promote.

Special prophecy for Brazil live-out disciples

Mama’s Home sent a special message from Dad for the Brazil live-outs. When praying about it, the Lord told us that we were to read it to the “old timers” only. So we held a special session before lunch this first day with our long term solid live-outs. I gave a little intro expressing Dad’s, Mama and Peter’s love for them, how much we need them, that we consider them Family members, disciples, because these guys are true brothers. Ezekiel then read the message. There was not a dry eye in the room! It so touched them that Dad would speak to them directly, making them feel so special. They are so appreciative of the Words of David and the Family.

FIRST DAY, P.M.

Spiritual Growth/New Weapons—Call To Arms

In the afternoon we had two terrific classes—the first on spiritual growth by

Tommy, to give everyone the vision that our mission is to teach others to teach others—discipleship! To teach others we need to grow spiritually and be more obedient and submissive, have a better connection with the Lord and His Words, fellowship with others, be open to instruction, learn to have quiet time with the Lord in our busy schedules, commit ourselves, etc.

Following that, Juan shared about the new weapons. Everyone was challenged to hear from the Lord right then, and the Lord gave beautiful Words through these dear ones. Many new people were very bold to share what the Lord gave them.

Juan and I were thanking the Lord after the meeting and this precious young woman that's about to join in the south came running to us, with a beautiful smile on her face. She had a piece of paper in her hand and asked, "Can I share this with you?" She read us a beautiful prophecy the Lord had given her. Honestly, it sounded like something out of a GN, including such things as the Lord saying to her, "I want to make love with you" and deep things like that. The class had touched gently on Loving Jesus as one of the new weapons, but the Lord didn't pull His punches.

The first night was dedicated to people sharing their talents through songs and fun, meaningful skits and some testimonies.

SECOND DAY, A.M.

Getting in Touch with Jesus

Brazilian Davi and Juan shared an interesting compilation of Bible passages on having a close connection with the Lord. Then they shared portions from Dad and Mama's Letters on the subject. Once again, we put the Lord's counsel into practice by singing Loving Jesus songs and the Lord

took us on a spirit trip in which we all *touched* Him! Everyone made little circles (about 20 of them) so they could put their arms around each other to love another as we all loved Jesus in song and praise.

New Era of Action

After a break, Davi gave a quick rundown on the last three decades and the spiritual changes we've experienced as a Family, which led us to today—the New Era of Action! This was "animated" by a video clip with appropriate images. Ezekiel and Davi continued with an impromptu skit to bring across the importance of believing the Lord's promises by faith, whether you feel inspired or not.

SECOND DAY, P.M.

New day of love—consecration ceremony

Tommy wrapped up by bringing out the importance of love in all of this. Inspiring excerpts from Mama's "Intro to the Love Charter" were read. Afterwards we had a simple, touching consecration ceremony. We quoted the Revolutionary's Pledge, and then CM/FMers were first anointed with oil and then they anointed the live-outs (in circles of about 15 each) as we sang "Saint Francis' Prayer" and "With You," symbolic of the Lord's anointing for the days ahead.

Prophecy by São Paulo live outs/Party

Three live-outs from São Paulo had asked if they could do something as a



tribute for the Family shepherds. They asked if all CM/FMers could stand up, and proceeded to read a very precious prophecy the Lord had given them. They then asked Joanie to sing "The Impossible Dream."

Later that evening we warmed up with some fun rock and roll numbers the band played for everyone, followed by gypsy songs that got everyone dancing wild and free.

LAST DAY

Workshops

As usual, the last half-day was dedicated to workshops on topics of interest such as Discipleship Training, Inner Healing and De-



liverance Through United Prayer, *Contato (Activated)*, and Forming and Organizing Bible Study Groups. After lunch, most everyone departed.

Contato participation: It was a blessing to have Mat and Leila from the Brazil *Contato* Desk. They had a nice stand with a super display of tools. They were able to explain more about the ministry to different ones and promote it.

Special forsake-all testimony

After the Consecration Ceremony, Faithy and I sat together for dinner and she told me a testimony. During the time of anointing with oil, Faithy felt led to go to the live-out circle she shepherds. The Lord called her attention to M., a faithful live-out who at that moment was on her knees. The Lord told Faithy, "I'm calling M. to forsake all." M. (a pediatrician married to an executive, with kids, living a pretty good middle high class life) was having a vision at that very moment of her, her husband and kids in a Family Home. Afterwards she came straight to

Faithy and said, "The Lord told me you had something to tell me!" Amazed, Faithy proceeded to tell her what the Lord had told her and they both hugged and cried for joy for such a clear manifestation of the Spirit. This is just one of many wonderful testimonies of the effect the event had on all of our lives.

Conclusion

Quite a number of live-outs were not able to attend for various reasons. The Lord has helped our dear Family in Brazil to build a pretty strong live-out church. Most of these dear Family live-out members are active, on-fire disciples and some of them are disciple winners. All I can say is: The Family is alive and kicking!!!—And the "Era of Action" is here! Hallelujah!■

forum

[Time with your kids]

Daniel, Carolina and Susana, Portugal:

We have heard different brethren, who have left the field to go to their countries of birth with their families to live on their own, say that they do so to be able to give more personal attention to their children.

But from what we've seen it doesn't always work out that way. They've had to get System jobs and in several cases the father and the mother were away all day and had to send the children to System school, because generally in these countries home schooling isn't allowed.

To the contrary, the ones that are still on the field as CM, it seems the Lord has blessed, giving them the desired time with their children. Now by living in smaller Homes we have a lot more time with our kids. The Lord always blesses when we give Him our best and put Him first.

[It's all in black and white]

Michelle (SGA), India: When I attended a recent childcare meeting in our area, I had been on childcare for about nine months, and I didn't really feel it was my calling in life. I had a lot of unyieldedness in my life, but mainly I was working in the arm of the flesh. I wasn't going to the Word for the answers to my problems.

I went to the meetings with this huge burden on my back, almost fed up with my ministry. When viewing a video on JETT and teen shepherding, I was surprised that they weren't using any new prophecies or anything; it was just all the GNs being put into practice. That knocked me for a loop, because I was convinced that nothing worked. Yet it was all in the Word; the answers are all there. That convicted and humbled me.

Since coming back from the meetings I've been desperate, and have been getting prophecies every day on how to stay humble, yielded and put the input into practice. With the junior teens especially I've found that the Word and using the new weapons has been a real help. Since I'm very close to their age group, instructing them has been difficult. I usually come across trying to be an adult and that didn't sit well with them.

I never really prayed about it before, but now I'm praying about it step by step and asking the Lord exactly what words I should say and how I should

present things. The fruits have been so different and it's made life so much easier for me. The difficult part is in stopping and hearing from the Lord but after that it's smooth sailing. He really blesses the obedience.

ideas & tips

Hot pockets

On the bulletin boards at restaurants, supermarkets, laundry mats, etc., put up a "FREE! TAKE ONE" pocket/envelope with brightly colored flyers. Use for whatever your push is: Books, mags, tapes, videos, etc.

—PEACE, USA

[Don't have small kids?]

Gabriel and Rejoice, Italy: We don't have any small children in our Home, and it's a blessing to have our grandchild come over for a visit. We thought of an idea of helping our daughter, Ahavila, by making flash cards for Kayley. It's inspiring to see our 16-year-old daughter, Melissa, making word cards for her little niece. It gives us a vision to provision things for Kayley's educational needs as we know that it is a bit difficult for a new mommy to do things like that. An idea for any Homes who don't have small children could be to take time to provision and share children's materials with other Homes who have lots of kids. I'm sure the parents would appreciate it greatly.

[Part of your work]

Aaron Actor, Africa: Here in Africa there are so many aspects of the work that constantly require our time and energy to sort out, so to spend needed time with the Lord is always a difficulty and is perplexing to schedule. We often leave it for quiet time or night time, which are times when we are often tired because of our other work. It can often be hard to focus during that time and you often don't get the most out of it. Since we are married to Jesus, it's like we're just waiting till the late evening or our spare moments to be with Him—which in any close relationship is not enough.

In praying about it, the Lord led me to make my Word and prayer time a part of my work. Our Home has morning devotions for half an hour with the kids. We then get the kids organized in their school rooms, and go to our particular

ministries. That half hour of Word is a blessing, but all the feeding you need for the day can't come from that time. So I've started to take an hour or two of Word, prayer and prophecy time at the start of my work day. Then I'm not tired at that time, and I'm not just trying to fit it in or slip it in.

Most field Homes think it's impossible to take that kind of prime time with the Lord, as they have so much to do. I realize that not every person can do this, but I realized that one key for me—whether I'm a teacher, outreach or Home teamwork member—is that taking a segment of my work time and being disciplined enough to dedicate it to the Lord is a key to success. Of course, if I was with kids I would have to do it a little differently, but in cooperation with my Home teamwork, one of the Home's members could relieve me for one or two hours each day so I could get solid time in the Word and hearing from the Lord.

I'm seeing so much changing as a result of it, and my faith is increasing as a result. Things that I got discouraged about before, or things that I would automatically do in my own strength, I now have the faith and conviction that the Lord is so capable of doing Himself. It's affecting me altogether positively. I'm sold on it! So much more gets accomplished and since it's the Lord doing it, it's solid accomplishment.

Once you have solid time in the Word and personal time with Him, it sets you apart from the cares of this life and places you in the bedchamber where you can be making love throughout the day, and that's such a fun and exciting way and fulfilling way to be serving Him! ■

Adjust the zoom magnification in Outlook and Word

Ever get tired of trying to read e-mail in Outlook that's in a tiny font? Or in Word?

If you have a Wheel Mouse (a mouse with a little wheel in between the two buttons), just hold down the Control key on your keyboard, then move the wheel—the zoom magnification automatically enlarges or shrinks the text! (This works in Word and Outlook 2000—not sure if it works in earlier versions.)

tip of the day

Movies Rated for Senior Teens

10 THINGS I HATE ABOUT YOU (1999)
Julia Stiles, Heath Ledger, Joseph Gordon-Levitt

Romantic comedy set in a suburban high school, loosely based on Shakespeare's *Taming of the Shrew*.

Movies Rated for Junior Teens

U-571 (2000)

Matthew McConaughey, Jon Bon Jovi, Bill Paxton

World War II drama/suspense movie about Americans who disguise themselves and board a German submarine in order to capture their message coding machine. Based on actual historical events.

FOR LOVE OF THE GAME (1999)

Kevin Costner; Kelly Preston

A legendary baseball pitcher nearing the end of his career has one last chance to prove who he is, what he is capable of, and win the heart of the woman he has loved for the past four years. Good lessons on being humble enough to admit your need for another person's love and affection.

HAREM (1986)

Nancy Travis, Omar Sharif

An adventurous British woman goes off to Syria with her father and fiancée, only to be kidnapped and sold into the harem of the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire. (Not to be confused with the 1985 movie by the same name, starring Natassja Kinski.)

reviews

10 Things I Hate About You

(Dad:) Thank the Lord that love always wins in the end!—This sweet, simple movie carries that sweet message. They did a pretty good job of modernizing Shakespeare's play, though they could have done without some of the foolishness.

U-571

(Dad:) This is a typical war movie in some ways—the typical propaganda by those who write the history books who have won the war, but there are some deeper lessons of “So you want to be a leader?” The

really hard part of being a leader is taking the responsibility for your decisions and actions. They had it a bit mixed up in the movie where the non-commissioned officer says, “You can't afford to let the men see you being indecisive. You need to keep going even if you aren't sure, you need to put up a good front.” Well in the Lord's army, officers can't afford not to let the troops see that they don't know and that the answer to whatever problems or questions that they have is looking to the Lord in every possible way.

If the children of men are willing to lay down their lives for such temporal and worldly goals, how much more should the Lord's children be willing to give their

lives to reach the lost for goals and rewards that will endure forever.

For Love of the Game

(Dad:) This is a very sweet story. There are a lot of good lessons to be found in it—lessons on persevering, the support of others, and how love always finds a way. Everyone faces difficult times in his or her life, times when you're faced with a big decision, one that will affect the rest of your life. The nice thing about this movie is that the main character takes the time to reassess parts of his life to help him find out where he should be headed. He recounts the good and the bad, the nice things he's

done and his hurtful actions, and it points him to a new direction in his life.

Though this movie is based around baseball, it's really the other things about the movie—his failing love life, the ups and downs he had—that make this movie what it is.

Harem

(Dad:) The girls will all love this one, of course.—And the guys will enjoy it too. It's one of those good old-fashioned classic stories of adventure and romance. There are some good lessons in there too about becoming one, about conviction and devotion to a cause, and how one person can influence many around them.

TIP POWERFUL AND CONSISTENT WRITING

Thank you for writing your wonderful, moving, and faith-building testimonies for all the Family to read. About to write up another one? Here's a tip:

Use Aliases in Your Testimony

If you don't want to spell out your name, or the names of your sheep and contacts for security reasons, how about making up an alias? It's more interesting to read a sentence that says “Jack, an important businessman in this sensitive field...” rather than “J., an important businessman in this sensitive field. ...” It can be fun to make up aliases. Please note, however, if your testimony is using aliases, for the sake of the general readership.

Use Active Voice Instead of Passive Voice

If you want to learn only one technique to improve your writing substantially, you should learn to *avoid using the passive voice*. By using the passive voice you can say only that an event or action took place somewhere in the world, without neces-

“Whether you are writing a doctoral dissertation or a love letter, your goal is to convey information to, or to convince, your reader; clarity will get your point across.” Lyn Dupre, *Bugs in Writing*

sarily admitting what or who the people involved were. ... Naming the people involved in the *active voice* will give your writing more life.

Examples:

- Active: Amie met this man recently.
 Passive: This man was met recently.
 Active: Gabe drove the car.
 Passive: The car was driven.
 Active: Jim and Faith won 50 souls that day.

Passive: Fifty souls were won that day.

Spell out numbers under ten

When you're writing numbers, if it's a number below ten, spell it out. If it's a number over ten, type out the numerals.*

Example:

We won three souls to the Lord while we were feeding 35 ducks at the park.

*Note: This is not a “rule,” but editors are advised that whatever they decide, to be consistent. So we're helping you make our job easier. :-)

“When you have a smooth, intimate relationship with written language, you have at hand a tool of enormous power: You can communicate with and convince your fellow humans.” Lyn Dupre, *Bugs in Writing*

help wanted

Sarajevo is a fruitful field and there's so much to do! We really need help though, particularly with a couple of vehicles:

- ◆ a small or medium-sized car for Stefan and Fay, our faithful nationals, who have a fruitful ministry going but could do much more with a vehicle.
- ◆ a van or larger station-wagon-type of car for the Sarajevo team

Any available vehicles or special donations toward getting these will be greatly appreciated! WLY! Love, Enoch and Peace (BI001) for the work in Sarajevo. Contact us at e-mail: Mike.ray@bih.net.ba.



We are a small team based in Gaborone, Botswana (Sam, Crystal, Meekness and Ben). We are in desperate need of a van—Hi Ace, a Town Ace or a 4-wheel drive, preferably a Japanese vehicle. This would be used for pickups, provisioning, visa trips and road trips—all in all to reach Africa. Would you like to support and help us reach this vast continent with the words of David by donating one or sending us support towards getting one? If you can't come to Africa, will you at least help us reach the Africans? We need you. Contact us at e-mail: botfam@botsnet.bw. Or call: (+267 580115). Snail mail: Private Bag br336, Broadhurst, Gaborone, Rep. of Botswana – Africa.

former members seeking contact

Irish Olivia (married to "Paul Newman") is looking for **Zena** (of Kanti, mother of Amber and Topaz) and **Irish Maria** (mother of Jesse and Samuel). Where are you? Please contact me at the following email: connemarun@hotmail.com. Hope to hear from you soon!

Joshua White Horse (CA6911) would like to get in touch with Alain and Morningstar (Yugoslavian). I met them 18 years ago in France (in Lyon) when they were teaming up with Alain and Rose. Also, I would appreciate getting back in touch with **Irene Zak** (Marie, with Joseph—formerly Jacob Hopper). I can be reached at: chevalblanc@sympatico.ca

Paolo Branca would like to hear news from **Mary (Ruth) Sparkle Fish**? Her legal name is Ann D. from Dallas. She can reach me at: iuypb@tin.it.

Could you help me find one of our Family members? His name is **Joseph**. In 1997 he left Kazakhstan to Khabarovsk. Unfortunately, that is all I know. Maybe he could contact me (Alima) by email: alimaban@usa.net.

For answers you've always wanted about miscarriages—why, how, and what to do—don't miss **Eve #9**. Also included: A complete starter's guide that'll get you up and rolling on the road to fitness; more helpful home remedies; and a familiar friend on your spice shelf that just might be the answer to those cramps, flu aches or indigestion you've been having.

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personals

Charity Newheart would like to contact **Alfred Almost an Angel** for needed paperwork ASAP. My e-mail is: newheart35@yahoo.com.

Hey **Chris**, I miss hearing from you!!!! Please write to me at: fes@bgl.vsnl.net.in. Waiting to hear from you.—Vico

Gloria (Russian, originally from Khabarovsk) looking forward to hear from Luba (Russian, originally also from Khabarovsk). Please contact me. Address: RU037 for Gloria.

Hi **Victor**, I saw your picture in the *Free Zine* and wanted to know if you would like to get in touch. I lived with you 8 or 9 years ago in Switzerland. My mum's name used to be Mary Willing. E-mail: extrmile@africaonline.com.gh. Love from Maria.

Dear **Zech, Hannah and Anna**, Harvest Gold would love to communicate with you again! E-mail: rodina@internet.sk.

Magdalena and Deborah (Mexicans) are looking for: **Esther YA** (of Lirio), **JB** (YA, of Abi). We were living together in Cuernavaca when we joined in 1995. Also looking for **Joshua** (of Sweetie and Joseph, Yucatecos), **Manantial** (Guatemala), **Steven and Katrina**, and **Ben and Ruth**. We would like to get in touch with you ASAP. E-mail: baiaphon@sintec.ro.

Stev (of Simon and Maryheart), where are you? I'd like to get in touch with you again. Write me soon at baiaphon@sintec.ro.—Sam.

I'd like to get back in touch with **Maryangela** (Hungarian). I met you while visiting my big bro in Hungary. Write me SOON! E-mail is baiaphon@sintec.ro.—Sam.

Joy (of Jared) who joined in Hawaii in 1972 with Shalom and Love. I would like to contact you. I'm in Japan. E-mail: h-field@ma.newweb.ne.jp. Love, Michael (you knew me as Jether in Hawaii).

Claire (12, of Gareth and Caroline, South Africa) is looking for **Marie SGA** (last heard of in Belgium or Turkey). You used to live in Johannesburg before moving on. Please contact me at e-mail: tfvsi@infotech.co.za.

Seiko/aka Risha (of Zac and Flame, last heard of in Sri Lanka). Amy hopes you'll write her again. E-mail: livingwt@plum.ocn.ne.jp.

Dear **Tim SGA** (Australian), please write Francesca (Romanian). It is very important, and I have no idea where to find you. (Contact me via Russian ABM for Uzbekistan Home.)

English Mimi, (of Ken and Sharon, last seen in Hungary '97) please get in touch with Sharon from the Rock Home in Hungary. E-mail: familycare@intnet.gq.

