

END TIME SUPPORTERS' NEWS!

"Put most of your investment in the Rock, Christ Jesus & God's Work, & that will never fail you! You'll have eternal dividends from investment in His Work that you will never lose but reap forever!"

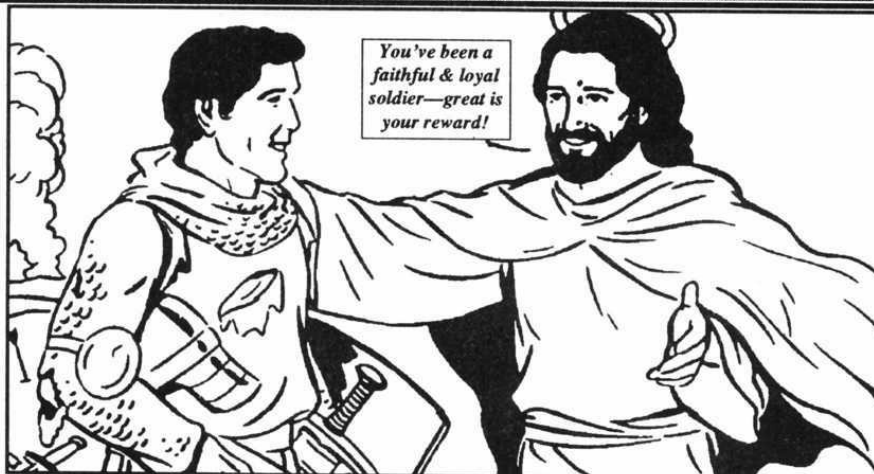
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Dear Family,

God bless & keep each one of you! We really love you & are very thankful for your continued love, support & pledges of loyalty & allegiance to the Folks, the Lord & our Family! We very much appreciate hearing from you via your TRFs & personal letters & it's been particularly inspiring to hear from our precious teens too, many of whom have taken time to share their hearts & burdens with us! Thank you all for taking your time to stay in touch with us & share the many lessons & victories you are gaining in your walks with the Lord. We truly value receiving these & we can see that you are growing & maturing & flowing with what the Lord is doing in your lives & it's really beautiful to see. God bless you for not giving up the fight nor forsaking your crowns! "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." (Ja. 1:12)

Thanks so much to those of you who have shared with us your battles & victories, tests & testimonies of all you have learned since becoming TRF Supporters—how the Lord has strengthened you & taught you to keep trusting & praising & fighting, & helped you to see the Lord's hand of Love & Guidance in your lives. It truly is wonderful to see the good fruit of your stand of faith & determination to keep fighting & trusting & holding on no matter what! PTL! We've received report after report in which you've shared what a blessing in disguise your new status has been—teaching you countless lessons which you feel you would not have otherwise learned—and proving that your fight of faith has really been worth it all for it has already paid off by giving you a closer connection with the Lord & a more thankful, humble outlook on life & your many blessings!—TTL for all this & Heaven too! We're really proud of you & thankful for you & count it a real privilege to have your continued support via your prayers, friendship & gifts.

We'd also like to once again extend our thanks & appreciation to all of those who have been standing up in defense of the Family, actively helping to refute the lies & attacks of different enemies & detractors. GBY! It has also been encouraging & comforting to receive many reactions from you, our precious TS Family, to the news we have sent you about these enemies' efforts to try & infiltrate our ranks. Many of you have written statements helping to repudiate the vicious lies made against the Family & we'd like to thank each of you for this. We



understand that others are currently in the process of writing such letters & statements & we want to in advance thank you as well. Thank the Lord for all He has done for each of us in the Family—in helping us to find Him, giving us a purpose & meaning in our lives, preparing us to be His witnesses in the Endtime, etc. etc.—We all have so much to be thankful for & so much we can do to help silence these different allegations & expose our enemies & stand up for what we believe by letting it be made known to all the wonderful things the Family is & has done for us. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." (Ps. 107:2) PTL!

As times wax worse & "the love of many waxes cold" (Mt. 24:12) it is becoming more & more evident that we are indeed living in the time of the End! As Dad wrote many years ago: "We are becoming the leading characters in God's grand finale on Earth—leaders of the Last Day Christians against the Antichrist!" (MOP28:11) Day by day as the de-Christianisation of modern society becomes more evident & the AC's tactics become more brazen, we are literally seeing this prophecy come to pass! TYJ!

We believe you are fully aware that the Family is presently undergoing persecution in several countries around the World. In some countries it has been the governmental agencies that have attacked us, barging into our Homes & looking for evidence of the "crimes" that our enemies have accused us of. But in each case, the different government agencies have later backed down, exonerating the Family of any guilt & admitting that we are innocent of any such outlandish charges. In other areas there have been waves of negative publicity, which often have been fomented by the "anti-cult movement" or ACM, but as more & more sincere & honest news-reporters have visited the Family Homes & met us, they too have been convinced that these ridiculous accusa-



tions are completely unfounded. Through all of this, increasing numbers of people have seen the persecution the Family is going through as outright religious persecution. Many have seen it as the "writing on the wall" that foretells the future for all true Christians, & as a result they are beginning to fight together with us against this—because they know it is only a matter of time before these same ungodly forces start attacking them.

These different attacks have caused a certain amount of hardship and grief for the Family, as no one likes to have their children taken away in pre-dawn police raids, not really knowing if they're ever going to see them again. Overall, though, our faith and conviction has been strengthened—especially as in case after case the Lord has vindicated His children. As Dad has told us, one of the purposes of persecution is to enable us to witness & that is what has happened, as more than ever we are finding a need to open our lives up to the public and making more of an effort to explain our beliefs and practices to others. Each of you have partaken of this too through some of the different Statements & Policy Papers which you have already received & others are still on their way to you. PTL!

More & more our enemies worldwide have joined forces to fight against all true Christians & try to do as much harm as they can. In several areas we have heard that some have been visited by Watchman or his emissaries & we're thankful for those who have reported this. Perhaps some of you have received or seen some of the various anti-Family propaganda mentioned in the LNF sent to you a while back called, "The Anti-Family Conspiracy Exposed". Again, we'd like to encourage you to have nothing to do with these different enemies & refuse to accept their poisonous literature should they try & offer it to you. Please continue to report on your TRFs any visits you may have received or heard about, or any knowledge or information you may have about our enemies & those who are working against us. Thank you for your help with this! We need you! You are part of us, & we need to stick together as in unity there is great strength!

Please remember, our dear TRF Support Family, to be not "ignorant of the Enemy's devices" (1Pt.5:8) but to be aware at all times of the dangerous times in which we are living. Make sure you have your spiritual guard up against attacks & intrusions of the Enemy. "Watch ye therefore, & pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass,

& to stand before the Son of Man." "But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up." (Lk.21:36) & (Mt.24:43) We beseech you, dear brethren, to keep a "watch", as you are part of our house & we don't want the house to be broken up (or broken into) in any location. We all have so much yet to do for the Lord & there are too many precious souls yet to be reached!

The Lord is tremendously using the Family to warn the World of the times we're living in & what they can personally do about it, how they can be ready & prepared for what's coming, how they can receive Jesus as their Saviour & be grounded in the Lord & His Word.—And how the Devil hates us because of this! Just as the Lord has raised up our Family to free people's hearts & minds & lead them into His Kingdom of Love & Light, the Devil has raised up his people to try to destroy us because we're posing such a big threat to his dirty kingdom of darkness. And though the times we're living in are very turbulent, we have so much to look forward to, & all the forces of Heaven are on our side! As Dad has told us:

"Beloved, the outlook for us in this World & our future here could hardly be darker!—But the uplook could hardly be brighter or more glorious!" "Just after the darkest hour in World History, we are going to have the brightest dawn & Jesus is going to come back again & rescue His Own, His children, His Church!" "We will rise in immortal victory over the forces of the Devil & the Antichrist, right before the eyes of our enemies, out of their reach forever as we rise to be with Jesus!" "I want to be ready to meet Him when He comes!—Ready to praise the Lord & welcome Him with joy & be happy that He is catching me out of this filthy old World up into His clean skies & Heavenly places!" (MOP:46-7:7,8,18,28) Hallelujah!

In closing, we'd like to encourage each of you to keep going for God, to keep witnessing & winning souls for His Kingdom. PTL! We'd also like to share with you the following quote from Martin Luther who discovered that the more he was attacked the stronger his faith and convictions became. He said, "If I did not see that the Lord kept watch over the ship, I should have long since abandoned the helm. But I see Him!—Through the storm, strengthening the tackling, handling the yards, spreading the sails—aye more, commanding the very winds! Should I not be a coward if I abandoned my post? Let Him govern, let Him carry us forward, let Him hasten or delay, we will fear nothing!" We're so happy you're still with us & we'll rise together to meet Him in the air! We truly love each of you & are keeping your welfare, health, safety, protection & provision in our prayers!

Much love,

Your World Service Family

SUPPORTERS STAND UP FOR DAD & THE FAMILY!

Following are a couple of precious pledges of love & loyalty written by members of our TRF Support Family to Dad for his encouragement, with his comments in bold!

(PTL! 3/93) 29 September 1992

Dear sweet precious Grandpa,

I love you and appreciate you. I want to write something that is on my heart today. I hope this will be an encouragement to you. God bless you! You are such a help to us all & we need you so much! (TTL!)

I learned today that Watchman had gone back and was even working with Deb and that crowd. Well, I was a bit shocked but I thought of you, how you must at times get a bit discouraged when you see trusted people or those you've depended on greatly, desert and become active enemies, etc. Indeed, so many have gone back over the years. You've written about it, I know, how we all need to be on guard, that it could happen to anyone or at least we need to stay in prayer. (—Amen.)

I thought it might encourage you, though, to know that your friends far outnumber your enemies. There are many, so many who love you and know you're God's true prophet of the Endtime. So many who may no longer be in DO fellowship or even any kind of fellowship still love you and respect you and cherish your Words. They were just not able to "make the grade" of self-sacrifice or high standards, etc. There are some who were excommunicated years ago and still faithfully tithe, witness and litness our lit as best as they can, others who don't ever report or communicate, yet still treasure the old Letters they have and teach their children as best as they can and as best they know the Lord's ways. Still others—like me—who for different reasons were not faithful enough to "make it" at the RTC's and so have been allowed to remain as TRF Supporters. (Thank you so much for permitting us to keep some of our Books—I've never used them so much nor had such a vision that we might only have them for a short time). Then of course, there are also the millions of people we've witnessed to in words & sample. They will also always be your friends if not now, surely in Heaven forever. So

please don't feel bad if there are some setbacks or losses once in a while. It certainly isn't your fault. You've given us ample warning in the Letters about what might happen if we get our eyes off the Lord & our minds off His Word.



I gave up my wife & kids when I left the RTC so that they would make sure & stay in a DO Home & I'd gladly do it again, though I love them dearly. I know that's the best place they could be and I know it's the Lord's highest & best. "To where (whom) should we go" if it weren't for you & the Family which you had the faith to start and continue to lead.

Please know that there are many, multitudes, who love and need you! Not every "backslider" is of the same "ilk" as our enemies. You have inspired us not to give up! Where would we be without you? GBAKY! TYSVM! (GBY! TTL!)

P. M. (—Tx! WLY!) (Dad put a big red heart around Ur name.)

Here are some verses which the Lord led me to:

"Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at my hurt; let them be clothed with shame & dishonour that magnify themselves against me.

"Let them shout for joy & be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually "Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servant." (Psalm 35:26,27.)

"Already some of those who've been stirring up so much trouble in different countries have been made ashamed when their accusations have proved false."

"They just can't seem to get the point that David's cause is, and was the Lord's cause, so the Lord's bound to defend him."

"The wicked shall perish and the enemies of the Lord shall be as the fat of lambs: They shall consume: into smoke shall they consume away." (Psalm 37:20.)

"But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied." (Psalm 38:19.)

"He shall reward evil to mine enemies: Cut them off in thy truth." (Psalm 54:5.)



(PTL! 3/93)

December 17, 1992

Dearest Dad & Mama,

GBY! ILYSM! I want you to both know that you are often in my thoughts & prayers. Please remember that in spite of those who fall by the way and even turn against you, that there are many, many, many who love you, appreciate you & will follow Him through you forever. By God's grace I'm determined to be one of them in whatever capacity He sees fit to use me. Thank you both so much for all you've been willing to go through

to become what you are today. May the Lord's love continue to strengthen & encourage your hearts.

Love & Prayers Always, (—Tx! GBY!)

L. N. (WLY!) (Dad put a big red heart around your name.)

P.S. Lots of love & appreciation & wishes for a very Happy Jesus' Birthday to the Family there with you too! (—Tx!)

FAMILY REBUTTALS!

Following are some rebuttals written by members of our TRF Support Family in the U.S.A. in response to a negative article that appeared in the LA Times quite recently. GBY these brethren for going on the attack to stand up for the Family!

Dear Editor of the LA Times,

As a former member of the Family (Children of God) for nearly 19 years, I would like to offer my opinion as to your March 21st article on the Family.

When I met the Family in 1972 I was truly "down & out". I was a penniless, starving drug addict with a case of serum hepatitis from dirty needles. But rather than being an easy target for proselytizers I was hostile & philosophically anti-Christ. It took a very large measure of love and genuine concern on the part of the Family to love me in spite of my harsh, unloving nature. My subsequent conversion was not unlike that of Saul's on the road to Damascus to persecute Christians. One day I was anti Christ & the next I was in Christ!

But that was to be only the beginning of a wonderful & meaningful new life! As most everyone knows, drug addicts are driven by extreme lust & are totally self centered. The Family showed me that true love was found in the exact opposite! In a nutshell the Family exists to deny self & serve others. I soon realized that my purpose in life was to share the same love with others that had saved me.

Your inference that the Family's motivation behind their existence is for financial gain & selfish perverted lusts is ridiculous! Everything the Family teaches & lives is in direct opposition to selfishness and greed! The key to understanding the Family is found in 1Jn.3:16: "Hereby perceive we the love of God because he laid down his life for us & we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren". To use & abuse others is anti Christ & is anathema to the Family!

To read the words of Christ is one thing, to live them is quite another. It takes a whole lot of self-sacrificial love and not everyone can measure up to such a high standard of love. Most of us who leave the Family do so with the utmost respect & loyalty towards the Family. Clearly the failure is our own. But is it any surprise that all who leave are not favorable? What institution whether it be religious, educational or political has nothing but happy dismissals and

failures? Should the teacher be judged solely on the basis of those students who have failed and refuse to see where they have erred? How about the opinions of those who have passed? Or even those who have failed, like myself, but acknowledge their error?

Curiously the vast majority of these disgruntled ex-members still claim to hold to the basic tenets of Christianity which they learned in the Family. But yet in practice their religion is totally negative with no positive life changing message for anyone. There is no such thing as a negative gospel, for the word gospel means "good news". Those who opposed the preaching of the good news and yet offer no viable alternative are merely echoing the sins of their predecessors - the jealous self-righteous inquisitors from time immemorial.

In my 19 years in the Family I have know some of these disgruntled members and can state that a large portion of their testimonies are just plain lies, exaggerations & distortions. I suppose this makes them feel better, but certainly cannot serve as a fair basis on which to judge the Family!

When Jesus was questioned as to how to distinguish true prophets from false, he simple retorted: "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matthew 7:20). The fruits of the Family is literally millions of changed lives. What are the fruits of our accusers? Well let's look at it this way: Had I never met the Family when I did I would have died shortly thereafter. Had our antagonists been successful back then I would have had no Family to meet.

In this letter I haven't gone into a lot of specifics about the charges levelled against the Family. This is not because I wish to skirt the issues, but rather get to the motivation behind the accusation. With case after case being lost obviously there is not proof! Or are we to believe the words of former Atty Gen. of N.Y., Lefkowitz, who at one time claimed that the first amendment protected tax evasion, rape, polygamy, kidnapping & incest? Or what of the Argentine official stating they can't prosecute for small amounts of cocaine. Ridiculous! It's also ridiculous to claim that obtaining \$1,000 in donations from one supporter over the course of three years is somehow lucrative. I don't hear of too many big religions or Savings & Loans executives green with envy!

Sincerely,

A. A.



Dear L.A. Times Editor,

I recently read your article dated Sun. 3/23/93 titled "A True Conversion?" by Roy Rivenburg (Times Staff Writer). I can only give you my personal story of a "TRUE CONVERSION!!!" that continues to this day, thanks to Jesus Christ, my personal Savior & the "Children of God", or whatever you care to call them today. As Jesus said in Matthew 7:20, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" & a tree is known by its fruit, & any good farmer can tell you that a good tree brings lasting fruit and continues to produce year after year if properly cared for, & that's the story of the Family!

Considering our "roots" in the late 60's & early 70's & the hippie background that many of us came from, should help explain any radical teachings that so called "enticed" us into a so called "cult" run by a crazy "guru"! The Lord always believes in becoming one to winsome and certainly the church wasn't doing anything to help rescue the lost youth of yesterday & today. It was the Family that took me from a lonely existence in a lonely beach town in Northern

California and taught me about Jesus & His Word & gave me a reason to exist in a crazy, drug-filled World & that was to witness the love of Jesus & the truth of His Word to a lost World, just like I was. They grounded me in the Bible and the Word that keeps my feet on solid ground & will continue to keep me till Jesus returns & that is still their main purpose—spreading the Word!

We had certain "freedoms" we practiced which were abused sadly enough by certain individuals, but that doesn't stand for the whole group in general. The funny thing is that folks like Dan Welsh (Samson) or Joy Treadwell, who work so actively against the Family, were either some of the worst violators of these freedoms & trusts or were asked to leave because of their abuse. In Joy's case it was her own father & mother's lover that did more damage to the Family than anyone I know of to this day! They were part of that evil "chain" that Father David asked to leave because they were such an embarrassment to the group as a whole! In this case the pot is calling the kettle black!



Ask normal people from everyday walks of life to this day & age how that most of the time their lives were affected positively by the Family! This is still our fruit and why we are still being attacked to this day! Not the old practices which were forsaken years ago along with doctrines that are long outdated that our enemies continue to throw in our faces! "Yea, & all that will live Godly in Christ Jesus



Dear Sirs:

My family and I are former live-in members of the Family/Children of God. I read your article of March 21, entitled "A True Conversion." The article was sprinkled with so many half truths and untruths. You quoted disgruntled ex-members. I'd like equal time, please. I was 18 when I joined the group 22 years ago. During this time with the Family, through studying the Bible & Letters of David Berg, I learned how to have a close and personal walk with God, how to witness to others to help them into the Kingdom of God, and how to pass on the knowledge of Christ I have gained. I also learned how to work at a successful marriage and how to raise bright, happy children. I am thankful to God for allowing me to be a part of a wonderful, worldwide, witnessing Family.

We are no longer live-in members of the Family, but not because we don't believe in their cause or methods or that we take any exceptions to their teaching. After 17 years of full-time service in 5 different countries and now raising a family, I felt the need to slow down. The very dedicated lifestyle of the Family was hard for me to keep up with. I truly admire all Christians who have given up their personal lives in service to God and others. We feel the Family is the most missionary-minded and dedicated of any Christian works (outside of perhaps Mother Teresa).

In your article, you kept hammering away on the sex thing, as if that is the Family's whole doctrine: dropping words like sex and incest and child abuse, etc. These are not and have never been Family policy. Berg taught us that sex is 2 percent of marriage. We have many written pages of spiritual teaching. I doubt that sex is even 2 percent of the teaching. But you kept bringing it up. Your article was obviously biased against, and attempted to discredit a wonderful missionary group, who are trying their best to do good in this sad, old World.

In portions of the article, you mentioned different legal charges

shall suffer persecution"!

In conclusion I would like to say that this letter doesn't come from a full-time member living at present in a community; but from one who did three years ago & is thankful for the love & guidance and support that I received for 17 years while I did serve the Lord full-time! The good memories far outweigh the bad which comes from working with various personalities in any work situation & I can only say that the solution remains the same! Jesus is still the answer to man's problems & it only remains who will give it to the world & represent Christ in this modern World? I still choose the Family & continue to support them; not only in prayer but in monthly contributions to keep them alive & spreading the Truth of God's Love Jesus! I can only suggest to others to do the same & put their money where their convictions are & to continue to support a group whose only goal is to "Love God & their brethren as themselves"!

Sincerely,

A. D.

A faithful follower & thankful supporter

P.S. ... of which there are many more! "If you can't be a missionary, support one!"

that have been brought against the Family, then mentioned that in each case, the charges had all been dropped. The different officials that you quoted all said the same: there is no proof that the crimes the Family is being charged with are being committed. Why? Because we're good at covering up? No! Because the charges aren't true! I have never seen a child abused in any way. Our children are so precious to us—which makes these sick charges that much more absurd.

Unfortunately the Family is being falsely accused of the very things that the American system is truly guilty of. "Family values" in America is a joke. We live in a society plagued by divorce, single parent households, and delinquent, out of control children. Statistics on these matters are frightening.

Besides the Family's goal of reaching the World for Jesus, their next goal is to raise bright, happy children who truly love the Lord and desire to please Him. Their emotional, physical, and educational needs are cared for in a wonderful, faith-filled, extended family. They don't indulge in the garbage and violence on T.V. and in movies that is the daily diet of most unsupervised kids. Family parents actually know where their children are!

I'm not saying the Family is perfect and has a perfect record. In its 25 year history, probably thousands have come and gone in its membership. As in mainstream life, it takes all kinds, good and bad, and the Family also has had some rotten apples.

Jesus told us to judge a matter by the fruit that it bears: "A good tree cannot bear evil fruit, and a bad tree cannot bring forth good fruit." The "fruit" of the Family is good: lives saved and changed for the better. I and my husband and children are living proof, among thousands of others.

Sincerely,

M. S.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

❖ 1) UPDATED MOVIE GUIDE:

Many of you have asked for an updated movie guide list & we'd like to take a little time to explain some recent changes in the Family regarding video watching. One of the reasons we have not been able to send you any updated movie lists is because the Family as a whole has decided to tone down on our movie watching. To explain simply: As we are entering more & more into the Endtime & therefore a new phase of spiritual warfare, the Lord has shown us the need for all of us to do all we can to redeem the time & to get ready spiritually for what lies ahead—"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." (Eph.5:16)

In order to do so one of the things He has asked of us is to cut down on our movie watching. While you were in our DO Homes, many of you may remember that the "norm" for most adults was often anywhere between 2-4 hours of movie viewing per week. However recently the Lord has shown us that those hours can be much more well spent in fruitful time studying the Word, or witnessing, or pouring into our young people, rather than fellowshiping with the world through a movie which is not doing much to edify us spiritually.

That's not to say that we have stopped watching movies altogether, as there are still some good Christian movies, or movies with a real meaning & message to them which are feeding & enlightening, which we do view upon occasion. In fact, when we stood back & took a good look at our video viewing in the Family as a whole, we saw that we had actually strayed from the original movie guidelines Dad had shared with us in the Letters. Little by little we had compromised until very often we would watch movies with no meaning, simply for "relaxation". Well, in short we basically claimed the verse, "The times of this ignorance God winked at" (Acts. 17:30) & have gone on to having other more meaningful forms of relaxation as a Family, such as the Bible Quizzes & Games which you have also received!

Therefore compiling new movie guidelines has not been the priority of the day, but rather the publishing of materials such as the different Family Statements & Policy Papers & new follow-up tools like "Mountain Streams", as well as the continual stream of other regular publications. We hope this explanation will help you understand why we haven't had updated movie guides to send your way at present. Possibly at some time in the future this may happen & as long as you're faithfully reporting & tithing on time you can be sure you'll get your copy! Thanks for your understanding of this! WLY!

❖ 2) GOOD NEWS—MAILINGS NOW SENT OP2D!:

Recently several have asked if it would be possible to begin receiving additional copies of the pubs sent in your normal mailings so that you would have sufficient copies for your Home members. We thought this was a valid concern & we have therefore decided to begin to send you most of the material OP2D instead of OP4D. The WNDs will continue to be OP4D, but GNs, Hopes, Christian Digests, KIDZ, Endtime Supporters' News, etc. will be sent OP2D which in most cases would mean that each couple would be able to have their own

copy!

NOTE: Please note that our teens are now not considered adults until the age of 16, rather than the previous age of 12. Therefore when your child turns 12, please do not automatically consider them a "single" on the TRF. They should not now be considered "singles" until they are 16! This will be important from now on especially, as it could affect the number of mailings your Home is sent. Thank you for your attention to this.

❖ 3) SUPERWORK BOOK ADDRESS CHANGE:

In a previous edition of the ETSN (Endtime Supporters' News) we published an address where you could order SWBs. We've since learned that they have changed their address to the following:

ESP Publishers, Inc.
7163 123rd Circle N.
Largo, Florida 34643
U.S.A.

❖ 4) MEATY WORD IN THE WORKS!:

We've had a burden for some time to be able to send you some of the latest feeding Letters of counsel & guidance from our Shepherds, & DV, this project will soon be in the works. We realise that you have missed hearing from Dad & Mama, & there has been some very good & down-to-earth instructional type Letters by Mama, as well as Dad, which we feel would be a real blessing & strength to you. Therefore we'd like to begin sending you more pubs along this line & would appreciate your prayers for this project to come to fruition! Thank you so much!

❖ 5) MAIL CORRESPONDENCE:

Many of you have asked how to get in touch with your teens or some other member of your Family who is in a DO Home: You could send any correspondence you have for them via your RO & they will forward this on for you. Likewise, we'd like to request that if you have any mail for members of the Family whom you believe are DO, rather than sending these to your local NASs or GASs or former DO Home, please send them via your RO. We appreciate your help & cooperation on this point

❖ 6) PERSONAL REPLIES:

Once again we'd like to thank you all for your many reports & personal letters. Although you may not always receive a personal answer, please know that each one of these are appreciated, read & prayed over. The ROs do try to answer your mail whenever they can but we hope you understand that with the amount of mail they process each month it's not always possible to write a personal reply to every report and/or letter they receive. Thank you for your understanding of this! Please keep your dear RO staff in your prayers as they labour to serve you! Thanks! WLY!

LESSONS, REACTIONS & NEWS FROM YOU!

"You Never Lose By Giving!"

From M. & K.

Last month, after sending off our TRF along with some extra donations for our EE missionaries, we had to go on a longer trip for Christmas visits. We had purposely wanted to reach a certain amount of funds extra to send to the EE. To reach it we had to give all that we had & did not have anything left for the trip & for gas etc. It felt inspiring, not only because that donation was off to them, but also because we decided it was the Lord that we would go on our trip by faith & that the Lord would supply as we were going!—In fact, He did it so abundantly that everybody we witnessed to when we left, helped us with a large donation. Someone offered us a tasty meal. The rest of the month the Lord supplied so abundantly that this month we were able to send almost double the amount of last month's donation to the EE missionaries!

From P. & J.

We've found it very tough to continue paying a full tithe every month, with so many expenses & bills to pay. As a basic "working" family we have a very tight budget. We have been tempted at times to simply contribute the stipulated minimum instead, but each time we come to the conclusion that "you can't out-give God", despite how impossible it may seem. We have been amazed to see each month, how the Lord has supplied things for us literally out of the blue which we would never think we could afford to buy for ourselves. Last month, it was a beautiful set of wardrobes & dressing table with a chest of drawers, clean, modern & in mint condition & a large capacity microwave, perfect for our large family. This month, a lovely fridge. As we look around us, we are amazed at what the Lord has provided for us through people, for free, without us even asking. We realise how bountifully the Lord supplied for us, not by saving money, but by giving it away, via tithing & also to missionaries.

Miraculous Protection!

From D. & J.

While out walking, J. suddenly had a vision that the car that was approaching her was going to hit her on the legs & knock her down. So she stepped back a few metres, & sure enough, when the car reached her, the apparently drunken driver, drove right onto the sidewalk, the same spot where she just had been standing! TTL for His wonderful protection!

Learning to Communicate

From M. & R.

We had been having some problems along the lines of lack of unity & communication. We realised that we were allowing things to stay in our hearts & were then becoming overly critical & difficult to work with. Thank the Lord for His Love & Guidance, as He showed us to spend more time praying together, so we now take a 1/2 hour devotions together first thing in the morning, before we wake the children. This has proved to be a real blessing. It's also been a big lesson, for R. especially, to be open & honest about things that bother her, even if they seem unimportant, as it's better to be honest & ask for prayer, than to try to cover it up & pretend that everything's okay. We feel very convicted that we allowed our disunity to continue for days & have prayed against any ill effects on the children, as we're sure they felt it too. Lord help us & thank the Lord for His Love & Mercy.

PUBS REACTIONS

"ANTI-FAMILY CONSPIRACY EXPOSED" LNF

From J. & D.B.

The LNF about Watchman really stirred us to seek the Lord with our whole hearts & to desire to be wholly yielded to Him & hold nothing back from Him! It can happen to any of us, we all desperately need Jesus! Firstly, we'd like to say how very thankful we are to be counted among the ranks of TSers! This place in His Kingdom is cherished by us, & it's a rare blessing to be able to still be a help to you through our support & prayers. We belittle this place in no way! After reading the LNF about Watchman & other former members our hearts were struck with fear & wonder, as it's the Lord's mercy that He hasn't allowed us to harden our hearts & turn betrayers. It also makes us so very desperate, seeking Him daily to help our hearts stay fixed on Him & yielded to His Will in our lives. So many former "heavy weights" in the Family have now fallen & become enemies. It just makes us really want to pray more, be more yielded & do more to be just as close to Jesus as we can!

From J. & F.

It was a real shock for us to read how easily we can get fooled by the enemies. We took it very seriously & it sobered us up. We pow-wow'd it right away & prayed about it & how we can tighten our security & be more prayerful with outside contacts.

Prayer for the Martyrs:

From M. & P.

It made us more desperate to pray more for the DO brethren in Japan, Australia & Argentina, as well as pray more faithfully for Grandpa that the Lord helps him to go through all these trials of seeing the brethren suffer persecution from our bitter enemies. It made us pray harder against the enemies of the Family so that the Lord will stop them.

From P. & L.

I have to confess that being more "entangled in the affairs of this life" has badly affected our prayer life. On reading through this Letter together, L. & I were so convicted over our lack of prayer. Hearing Grandpa's heartache over our precious brethren in these countries where the Enemy is attacking so hard, really broke our hearts & renewed the conviction in our lives to be stronger prayer warriors, to spend more time in prayer for our Family & missionaries & especially for Dad.

Christian Digests —Psychological Seduction:

From S. & M.

We were very impressed with the Christian Digest on Psychological Seduction which left us shocked into reality of how perverse this World is & how the Enemy has distorted the facts making a brain-washing of people. It had made us believe that this psychology is good, even Christians! It was a revelation to see how the forces of evil are winning people in this subtle way.

From S.

From being out in the System so much & frequently neglecting my time in the Word, many of these poisonous ideas on psychology started to infiltrate my mind! I started to even justify my bad habits & tried not to feel guilty about them (without much success, TG). But I did not at all realize how I was subtly being deceived & seduced! At the university where I spend some hours teaching daily,

this attitude is prevalent & when I start to suggest that it is wrong, I get reactions! Either they wake up & agree or think I am an old fashioned religious nut! Mad, sad or glad! Anyway, it woke me up & I am trying to wake up others!

"Coming Persecution"

From J. & T.

This mag was very convicting. In my head I would think that a big persecution "would never hit here", but Dad has told us about this so long ago, that it is being stubborn to not follow the instructions for now, but to stay desperate with the Lord in order to know what He wants us to do when the time comes. It really broke our hearts to read about how the communists have such interest in the children & the importance of winning them to the Lord today!

From E. & E.

We also read a Letter on persecution & the Lord showed us that we need to be prepared because the days ahead will be getting difficult. The Lord is always faithful to warn us, but a lot of times we are not really listening to the checks from the Lord. Another very important point from the Letter we read is the importance of memorization as one day we are not going to have our Word with us, only what we have in our hearts to help us keep on fighting. We need to teach as much as we can to our children because they need to have a good feeding of the Word, so that they can stand firm in the Word.

Endtime Supporters' News

From M. & P.

It is always a big blessing to hear from you through these Endtime News's & it is such an encouragement to help us keep on fighting our everyday battles. We are thankful for all the changes that are going to take place concerning the DFs & other lit that we are allowed to distribute. May God help us to be wise in doing so. Reading the testimonies & lessons from TRF Supporter brethren, we are inspired to see that the Lord always has a solution whatever the problem & situation if we really trust Him & pray for an answer, & what seem like a "defeat" for us is often a big "victory" for the Lord & only He knows what is best in everyone's situation!

From B. & M.

I really was inspired by the encouragement from the Family & Dad about the TSers' giving! Sometimes I feel like we're not doing very much & I wonder whether just the financial support we send in is significant. These comments & quotes were very encouraging! It was also convicting to pray more for Dad & the Family. The lessons were very convicting & inspiring, too. I know I learned many valuable lessons since becoming a TRF Supporter & I need to write them down as an encouragement to others.

From S. & P.

Thanks for taking the time to publish this as it's very refreshing & encouraging to hear from others. We could really relate to the lessons shared by other TSers, also the verses & quotes were very comforting & encouraging & strengthening, thanks!

From A. & C.

We're so thankful for the testimonies from the ETSN! We are not alone in our breakings & remakings! I was really convicted to see how many brethren had high hopes of rejoining a DO Home, but realized that the important thing is to accept where the Lord has them. I see too that it is futile to try to force the Lord's hand or rush Him to give us our desires, it's a waste of time & energy that would

be better spent on learning the lessons the Lord has us in this position to learn. It's so encouraging to see that other TSers are learning & going through many similar & even identical trials & tests as my own!

From A.B.

The ETSN was very inspiring! At times I get hit by the Enemy that the rest of the Family doesn't care or love me. But when I get Pubs like that it gives me faith that you still pray & think about me.

WS ADVISORY #4—About Teens Rejoining!

From M., W. & M.

This really hit home! The teens can rejoin! What news! Everyone was excited! Of course we would give our children completely up to the Lord! That's what they were given to us for, to raise them up to serve the Lord! What more could a parent want than their children serving in the Family. The reaction of the JETTs & Teens was that of excitement & thankfulness!

From P. M.

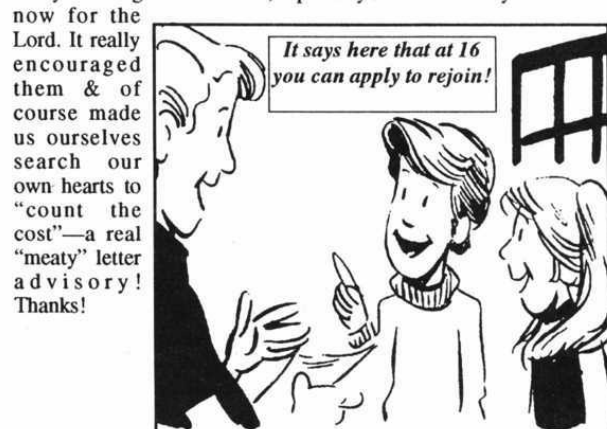
You can imagine that we were all thrilled to tears to hear the wonderful news of the latest advisory reassuring them & us that they can rejoin when they come of age. We had a united session in our Home, at which we read the appropriate paragraphs to our two JETTs & one young teen. Their reactions were miraculous! I've never had such a reaction to any Word class or pow-wow or video. These children simply got on-fire & really praised the Lord as well as did some real soul-searching on their own. It was wonderful!

Since that time there has also been a real change, a revolution of spirit in the actions of these kids.—Being cheerful & helpful, positive & obedient, it was just marvelous. Here are some excerpts from their OHRs: "It makes me feel willing to do anything for Jesus. I'm so thankful that I can be in the Family & I thank the Lord that He is really helping me to witness, because most of those teens really need the Lord. I would really like to go to a DO Home but I think the Lord made me so young that He could teach me many things that I don't know or things that I need to learn before then." (P., 12)

"I'm so happy that we have a chance to go to a DO Home. What stuck out to me was that I should be more on the ball & go out witnessing & that it should come from me. If I want to go to a DO Home, I should learn to be more obedient here, because if I'm not going to obey here, I wouldn't obey there. The most important thing that I have to learn is to put the Lord & His Word first. I should really have a love for the Lord because He is the only One that will keep us faithful to the end." (U., 13)

From J. & E.

This was a real mind-blower & gave each of them something really sobering to think about, especially about what they need to do now for the Lord. It really encouraged them & of course made us ourselves search our own hearts to "count the cost"—a real "meaty" letter advisory!



TEEN CORNER!



From J. (14)

GBY! It was a real answer to my prayers when I received the advisory about the possibility for teens to rejoin as fulltime DO members. I prayed every night asking the Lord when it would be possible to rejoin a DO Home.—And PTL, He answered! It's a real challenge & a big decision to make. But I've already made up my mind to want to serve the Lord 110% and put myself in the Lord's hands & do what He wants me to do. I know it would hurt for a while to have to leave my parents, brother & sisters, but as it says in the Bible, the Lord will give me 100 times more & would bless me for forsaking everything. Right now I'm 14 & I still have two more years to wait to be able to rejoin, so in the meantime I'm preparing myself & using this time to spend time with my parents & brother & sisters & appreciating them much more. I have school at home with my mother & help with the schooling of my younger brothers & sisters. We go out witnessing almost every Saturday even though at first it was quite hard for me to go out witnessing & forsake my freetime. But then it became fun & also because I began reading all I could about witnessing & got a real urge to win all the possible souls I could to the Lord.

From C. (14)

I'd really like to join the Family at the cost of forsaking my home, parents, brothers & sisters & all the rest because it is my heart's desire & my aspiration & goal in life to follow Jesus 110% & give my life completely to Him. It's been on my heart day & night & I've been praying desperately for another chance to come back. Even though I'm only 14 I want to attack my problems & NWOs right away so when I will be 16 I'll be able to rejoin. I want to serve the Lord in the situation I'm in right now by ministering faithfully to others & winning souls, by taking care of my younger brothers & sisters & loving them, & by doing what He wants me to do.

From D. (15)

I'm turning 16 soon & would love to join the Family again because I really love it & hope to be back there soon. Right now I have to go to school but the Lord has worked it out for us to go to a

Christian school, but I still think there's nothing better than our Family Homes. Because of school we only go on outreach on the weekends. I try to stand up for what is right at school because they are very mixed up (& also very lukewarm & wish-washy.) At Christmas time we went singing at old-folks' homes, children's homes, churches & refugee camps & it was lots of fun. I really love you & appreciate what you are doing for TS teens like me. I'm praying for you!

From S. (15)

The main & most precious lesson that I have learned is how important my walk with the Lord is. In a DO Home I took my walk with the Lord as something that would just keep me out of trouble & keep me in check. But especially now in this situation of being a TSer, I have learned that my walk with the Lord & my connection with the Word is my only Salvation of staying dropped out & remaining a true 100% disciple in my heart, with the same revolutionary Spirit the rest of the Family has! PTL! Another thing that I have been able to learn, that I don't think I would have had the opportunity to learn if I was in a DO Home, is a real fighting spirit, not to say that I don't need a fighting spirit when being a DO disciple, but I find it extra hard to behave like a DO disciple & keep the same standard while being on TS status, because I personally feel the Devil has been attacking me a lot more than when I was a fulltime disciple. So I have learned to fight more & keep my eyes on the Lord more, then I'm bound to be inspired, challenged & happy!

One thing I have learned to appreciate much more is the Family, that's for sure! I know the Lord had to take me out of fulltime fellowship with the Family to make me realise what a great privilege it is to be part of the Family. Without a shadow of a doubt the highest desire that I have for when I reach legal age is to come back to a DO Home & to be a fulltime disciple again!

From J. B. (16)

When I read the advisory I got really excited & I'm willing to forsake all my brothers & sisters, mom & dear friends to go on to DO membership & I'm willing to obey all the rules & devote the rest of my life to Jesus & the DO Family.

I'm living with my parents & Auntie P. We are having a lot of Word classes with Auntie P. & I am memorising a lot. Last Christmas we went out caroling to some of our contacts & to witness to them. I'm learning to play the flute. We also did a show at an old age home & it was very nice & the people were receptive. Right now my ministries are cooking & handyman. The reasons I want to become a DO member is because I want to be in the center of God's Will as it's the best place to be & it's also the closest to Grandpa & Maria & I want to be there with 100% people & learn all I can. I'm really praying you will allow me to join & that I will get an answer soon!



FEEDING HIS SHEEP!

LOVE WORKS A MIRACLE!

From Z. & G. & family:

We went to a local school here to talk to the Principal & ask if the kids could put on a show in their school. The Principle was very hard & he refused saying he didn't believe in what we're doing for the Lord. Someone else from the faculty put us on their activity schedule hoping that the Principal would change his mind about us, but he erased our names from the schedule because he said that while he was in charge of that school, "no religious people would bother" their kids! Then two days before the show the Principal got involved in a serious car accident & he had to be hospitalized for over a week, so when the day of the show came the vice Principal was in charge! So she called us & told us we could go ahead & put on our show!

As we were preparing for the show, the kids started coughing & coughing until they got very weak to sing & dance. We all prayed & asked the Lord what to do. After praying the kids said, "Mommy & Daddy, first, the Principal wouldn't let us put on the show in their school. But the Lord took him away, so that we could put on the show. And now, the old Devil is also trying to get us kids sick, so that we cannot put on the show! How about if we just put on the show anyway, so that the Devil won't get his way!" We thought that the kids were right, so we started to get ready & went to school. The vice Principal came to the parking lot where we were getting everything ready. She heard the kids coughing so much & she said, "The old Devil never gives up, he's still trying to stop you kids from preaching God's Love! Well, don't worry kids, God's on your side & he has the Power that no one can stand against!" So the kids went ahead & started singing & dancing & performed for two whole hours, instead of only 1 1/2, as planned before. And the whole time the kids never coughed once, not even after the show! The old Devil finally gave up!

When the Principal came back to work, all he heard from everybody was that the "Sunshine Singers" & the "Heavenly Clown" were great & everyone had so much fun at our show! The Principal said that while he was in the hospital he had a dream that he looked at himself in the mirror & saw a big, giant, black, ugly demon in the mirror, & that demon was stopping the Angels who wanted to visit their school. But there was Someone that was with the Angels that was so big & so strong, who caused the car accident the Principal was in, so that he wouldn't be around when the Angels visited the school! And when he woke up from his sleep, he knew right away that the Man with the Angels was God, because he couldn't see His face. And the demon was him!

Since then, he has changed a lot towards the people who work at the school, & especially towards the children. He is more loving now



than ever! And according to him, our kids are all Angels! He came & apologized to each one of us, especially to the kids. He bought four bikes, worth \$150 each, for our four older kids, & for the two little ones he bought an electric car for each one of them, worth \$200 each! So to top it off our kids got their Christmas presents for this year! TYJ! It was all His doing!

"DROP IN" FRUIT!

From M. & R.

M.'s been working fulltime & has reported a number of victories at his job. He does basically the same thing as he did on the field—provisioning & Public Relations. In the first few weeks, he was able to provision well in excess of \$50,000 worth of services & goods for an auction to be held in support of a specialised hospital unit. The event itself promises to be a big success & is going to be carried live on television & radio. TYL! There are many local & international celebrities involved, as well as top government leaders. M. has already been able to meet some of these & many other top people in this country. M. will receive 10% of all income over a certain amount for the entire campaign, not just the auction sale, which would be a real blessing, as we've been praying for ways to be able to help the Family more. He's also free to witness at his job, which is a real blessing!

INVITE A FOREIGN STUDENT!

From M. & R.

We had a Japanese exchange student stay with us for two weeks. It was a blessing to have her. We all had to stay on our toes to be a good sample to her. We are planning on having more foreign students come. The income received for this helps to pay our rent. It's also a wonderful chance for the children to witness!

LESSON LEARNED!

From S.

I learned an important lesson regarding a very close friend who had helped us with a washing machine, a dryer & a video player over the last 2-3 years. He was in charge of a large electrical shop here. It was always hard for me to witness to him even though he knew that we had been missionaries & believe in Jesus & I tried to be as direct as possible in my witness to him. He had a lot of problems with his wife. I talked to him about the Lord but never got to pray for him as he was always so busy in his shop & he was unable to visit us. The last time I saw him was five days before Christmas Day when he showed me pictures of his children. Next we heard that he'd had an accident & was killed on Christmas Day with one of his three children. We really prayed for him & we know the Lord is taking good care of him. I got a little under condemnation about not having prayed with him before, so right away I visited some other friends & delivered my soul to them. I did what I could & Jesus will do the rest. With the Lord's help I'm really going on the attack to witness to my old System friends who live in the neighborhood.

REACTION FROM A RELATIVE!

From D.

I received the following letter from aunt who is almost 80 years old now & who faithfully helps support us: "Dear... you have changed into a different person—you are a mommy of five, a wife

& child of God in a Christian community that is heavily persecuted in many countries. You sent me reading material with the title "Religious Persecution" some time ago. How can outsiders judge all this? I admire your strong faith & readiness to live & fight for the COG. It's not an easy battle to live in a world that hardly visits the churches anymore. It must be the religious inheritance you have in your blood from your father (a pastor) that gives you the strength to persevere. From your Statement I can only recognise Biblical values & anyone who claims he is a believer cannot deny this. Most people nowadays lack the Word & the rough battle of life hinders them from reading it. Sickness & suffering only get people to take a Bible & recognise that only there they can get the strength to survive. I only have the best thoughts towards you."

CHURCH IN THE HOME!

From J. & H.

We had our second "Church in the Home" meeting this month. Three more ladies came, &, as the first time, everyone got really turned on by the class. They specifically asked to have Endtime classes & we gave them a Daniel 2 class. Next month even more people are planning on coming! It's really amazing to see how the Lord has raised these people up in answer to prayer as this is something we've had a burden to do for some time.



CAMPING CRUSADES!

From J. & F.

We had been wanting to take the kids camping for over two years now & were determined to do it this holiday. Having given heavily to some different projects despite our empty purse, we knew the Lord would have to do it. He never fails & some friends of ours asked us to visit them, offering to pay our petrol costs. We took it as the Lord & embarked on our road trip holiday, trusting the Lord to supply our places to stay.

In a remote area the Lord sent along the park ranger who gave us directions. We noticed he had a very scarred face-obviously showing some real hard times in his life. The children prayed with him & he humbly received the Lord & was very thankful for our tract. TYJ!

Every night the Lord supplied beautiful campsites beside rivers & the ocean — all for free. After two days of beach camping, we found a beautiful hilltop campsite on a deserted property, complete with mango & palm trees & a glorious view. However, the children wanted to provision a campground. The Lord showed us "according to their faith be it unto them." But honestly, I had no desire or burden to battle through with the provisioning. Lord help me! So, we tossed the ball in their court, "OK, J." (who was most vocal about it), "you want to go there, you'll have to pray for it & help on the provisioning

team". He agreed & prayed the most desperate, heartfelt prayer he's ever prayed in his eight years of life! Off we went & our first encounter was a flatlander manager who was anything but encouraging. Although feeling terrible, I tried to stay cheerful for J.'s sake, as I knew the Lord couldn't fail the desperate prayer of one of His little ones. We tried two more places & the third, a very sweet older man welcomed us with open arms. We were surprised to learn the next day that he was a former industrial chemist from one of the capital's "better" suburbs, who left it all behind to run this riverside caravan park in the tranquility of God's creation. He struck us as a very gentle man, often spending his spare time cheering the very elderly permanent guests in the park. Before leaving the children sang for his family & all eight members prayed to receive Jesus! Thank you Lord!

"SIGHTSEERS OR SEER -SIGHTERS?"

From J. & A.

At some tourist locations we met some very sheepy young travellers from various countries & other parts of the country. It's been astounding to see how hungry they are for the Lord, & we've been hit left & right with questions from them on the Endtime, sex, life after death, etc. The most outstanding experience happened when we decided to pioneer the "backpackers" hotels (cheap accommodations for young travellers) in this very expensive "Las Vegas" type resort town. We were invited in to the room of a group of eight young travellers & immediately began witnessing with a "rapture" type Poster as the focal point. "Unbelievable!" said one girl. Across the room "unbelievable!" echoed another. "We've been up all night talking about this very thing. I told my girlfriend, 'God can send a sign.' And here in a backpackers hotel, of all places, you walk in & start telling us about God!" One girl had already received the Lord & her curious friend prayed with one of our OCs to do the same. We broke up to individually minister, & K., the girl who prayed, began telling her friend, whilst talking with our OC, "I feel like I'm talking with a 20- year-old!" TYL! It made us so thankful for the Word & the training our children have received! Thank you dear Dad & Mama & dear Family!

The Lord has blessed us with over 40 souls & it's been inspiring how the Lord is helping us to fulfil the Endtime Supporter vision to find more clandestine methods of witnessing. It sure is fruitful! We've also been able to minister to the couple who invited us, & although we don't feel led to try to bring them in any further, it has been encouraging to see how their years as fulltimers have influenced them so much & how they are faithful to teach their child, witness & keep the standard as much as they are able. They have also been very sweet & giving & paid for repairs on our vehicle as well as most of our petrol & food expenses for our whole team whilst we were with them. TYJ! It's also been a learning experience for our teen son, S., 15. Our friend's 16-year-old nephew was staying next door while we were with them & during the last three months developed mental problems through taking drugs. Although he's now crazy his mom says that he's better behaved than he was when sane, as he was extremely rebellious, but now very sweet in spite of his mental affliction. S. became quite concerned for the boy who is very lonely, (no former friends will associate with him now) & it's brought out a compassionate side to S. to want to encourage the boy. He's also seeing a real life example of the dangers of drugs & teen rebellion. Thank you Lord!

THE GOOD FRUIT OF BECOMING TRF SUPPORTERS.....

From B.

"I've found the Truth in Dad & the Family & I'm not going to forsake it for husks!"

I have so much to be thankful for! These past 15 months have been a real desperate, soul-searching time for me. The Lord's really changing my life & that's why I wanted to share this experience with you today. In my life I had put a lot of emphasis on my own life & selfish gain and what I wanted to obtain, so it's really like a new life & a new dedication that I have found since being a TRF Supporter. This time is very special & I really want to value it and give it my whole heart. I now know and realise why the Lord had to take me away from DO to TS status simply because there I would learn total dependence on the Word. There's nothing but Jesus to look to, nothing but the Word to derive my strength from & I can really testify when you come to that point, when all the props & crutches are pulled away, that Jesus is enough! That's why I joined the Family, because people ministered the Word of God to me & I knew it was the Truth & wanted to give my life to it. But by & by I learned how to do things & knew how to operate but the very sad part was that I was operating without the power of the Word. But by the grace of God, He's given me back the hunger & that desire to know that Jesus is enough.

I've had to learn my lessons the hard way. I know I would have never learned them any other way. So I'm grateful for this wonderful opportunity to be able to be part of David's Army as a TSer. It's teaching me lessons that I'd never thought I needed to work on. I'm learning to pray more, claim more, & hold on like never before. It's teaching me to fight, to stand up for the One Who's worth fighting for, & really forsake my old ways & start looking ahead. In a way it's really a blessing to know that God is concerned about me in that He's given me this wonderful opportunity to be broken & remade & remoulded to what He wants me to be. The whole purpose is to stay close to Jesus & never let go.

As Dad says, "You either get bitter or better!" I really don't have time to get bitter with so much to do & yet so little time. What I'm learning to do is just keep looking ahead & pray that the Lord gives me the Heavenly vision to keep going for God! No matter what happens, how hard it gets or what obstacles there are to overcome. Jesus said He'll never give us burdens more than we are able to bear, & the Lord never fails in any of His precious Promises. TYJ! It's so true that "God's way up is down" & there's no other place to look but up. All I want to do right now is to go to the other extreme of prayerfulness, honesty, rededication, commitment, communication & be faithful unto death & just let Him guide.

The bottom line is, "How much of Jesus am I willing to take?" It really costs to follow the Lord but then again, it really costs more not to follow Him. Like the Word says, "I want all of Jesus & am going through with it no matter what it costs." I've found the truth in Dad & the Family & I'm not going to forsake this for ashes & husks. These are pretty exciting times & we certainly have an exciting God, so there's no reason not to be excited in what the Lord's given me. All I need to be is faithful in what He's given me & take it moment by moment, trusting that He ever intercedes for me.

From J.S.

"Only Love & Jesus Really Fulfill!"

My son, S. (18) & I had been discussing recently about the victories we'd gained since being TSers. After being able to experience certain things (like various sports) that weren't always possible in the confinements of a normal Home situation, we learnt that there is really nothing to it, the temptation of those things is now gone & we are coming back to the basics & finding that only by serving the Lord comes true happiness.

S. shared that in previous situations he & his peers were so much into building their muscles (body building) & things that weren't so important became big in their minds & a temptation, & he shared that how now that he's had the freedom to do those things it's lost its importance. Now he doesn't place so much emphasis on his looks & his body, etc. The children & I went through the same thing after a lot of toys & playtimes, they all realise it leaves them empty & only Love and Jesus really fulfills! Also staying home & not mingling with the World is more satisfying for them now & they are turned off about what's going on out there. It seems we made a full circle & have now come back to the Beginning & the Basics.

S. has changed so much lately. After going through a lot of different experiences he seems to be very solid, now standing on the Rock with strong convictions. He's matured a lot & when helping around the house & especially with the children, he really puts his heart into it now & enjoys it. He's become a real blessing!

From J.

"It's the beginning of a new life!"

Reading the Endtime Supporters' News has made me realise that I am not the only one going through the things I'm going through. It has been a real encouragement & comfort to me. The lessons shared by the brethren are the very same ones I could share about myself. Many times the verse, "Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you." (1Pt.4:12)

I too went through a year-and-a-half of extreme condemnation, discouragement, despair & feeling like a total failure! But one morning I woke up, and for no reason at all, I started to feel happy & delivered from all these burdens! The Lord gave me the grace to see things in a different way. Not that suddenly everything was a bed of roses, but I definitely felt I was on my way up. I started accepting things as they were, as sent from the Lord, & that what was happening in my life was part of His wonderful plan for me. The Lord started to show me to look on the positive & dwell on what I had, even if to me it did not look like much, instead of what I'd lost. I still had my wife & my children, my life & most of all, I still had Him, the Lord, & that if I would trust Him & let Him guide me, it could be the beginning of a beautiful new life, a new resurrection in Him! If I would let Him lead me, guide me & empower me. His voice was all I had to hang on to in those days of despair, & what kept me going, along with Dad's words.

Since then the Lord has shown me many things about myself, & why He had to let me "fail", as well as different lessons which He wants me to learn—mostly along the lines of humility, loving Him & others more & putting Him above His work. In the past His work was always taking first place in my life, but now I have to learn to love Him more & give Him first place. It's all coming very slowly, as I learn to listen and follow His still small voice, but I definitely feel that He is taking me someplace & that He has His hand on my life! Now I have to trust Him for the future, & really it is not a bad place to be! The Lord has also been so good to us materially, providing our every need, as well as opening new ways of witnessing, enabling us to meet new sheep we would never have been able



to witness to before who are real members of the System. I feel that this is the beginning of a beautiful new life for me where I'll humbly let Him guide me instead of me running ahead of Him, telling Him what I want Him to do with my life! TYJ!

From F.

"I love the Family more than I've done before!"

Thank you for the "Endtime Supporters' News"! It's such a tremendous blessing! There were so many testimonies that really hit home. It's really quite sobering to be placed on TS status & frankly it was very difficult in the beginning, although now I can really see the Lord in it. I fought it quite a bit in my heart at first, it was quite confusing & almost similar to a culture shock, having to leave a DO Home & become a TSer. Now I see that the years I spent in the Family I was just going through the motions & not at all wholehearted. I never really got anywhere. I used to wonder what the Lord would have to use to get through to me—maybe a serious accident or something. I'm so thankful for the Family & I count it a real blessing to still be part of this wonderful Family. I know that, "The Lord never takes anything away without giving us something better!" & "All things work together for good to them that love the Lord." I took so many things for granted, I wish I had cherished them more & all the wonderful moments in a DO Home. The Lord is helping me to appreciate what He's given me & what I still have. I have a wonderful Family I can still be part of & communicate with. I love the Family more than I have done before, my heart really reaches out to you! When receiving new mailings it's like a breath of fresh air. I really love & need you so much! Thank you for all your love & for letting me be part of this wonderful Family!

From J. & S.

"The Lord pulled me aside to give me the rewiring I need without leaning on others!"

The "Endtime Supporters' Newsletter" was really inspiring & the lessons were especially convicting. In looking back over the almost 1 1/2 years that I have been a TRF Supporter, I'm really thankful for all that the Lord has done in my life. I can see also many reasons why I have needed to be in this situation. The Lord has pulled me aside to help me get the rewiring I need without leaning on or looking to others. At first I felt burdened to get some quick victories in order to possibly regain my status. I've had to realize though that, regardless of where I am or what my "status" is, that the Lord wants me to be faithful to Him & the Word even though it may be easier with closer shepherding. This reminds me a lot of the period of time after the RNR when many of us found ourselves on our own with little or no oversight. I feel that the Lord is giving me this time to really help me examine my heart & my motives to see if I'm going to serve Him out here & really train the children to do the same, even though no one is looking over my shoulder to encourage or correct me. I had to realize that even though I have very earnestly wanted to be back in a DO Home, that I should live my life with the same dedication & commitment no matter where I am & that this is the main thing the Lord is trying to teach me. In other words, if I moved to a DO Home, would I live & act the same way? This has been a very sobering realization because I realize now that I've had a tendency to lean more on others to help keep me in line & did things sometimes to "stay out of trouble" or for show. I remember that at the time of the RNR I let down my guard in a lot of areas & got quite independent in many ways. Being in a somewhat similar situation now with mainly the Letters being the leaders & no direct oversight, I & others have the choice of either drifting or really giving our all to the Lord.

I personally feel that I lost some of the victories & lessons that I've learned in the past few years. At this point I really want to fight to not only regain these past victories, but to go on for the Lord in whatever He has for me. I know that one of the main keys is really

immersing myself & others around me in the Word.

From J.

"I want to be the best TRF Supporter that I can be!"

The other day I had a vision of two boats, one being TSers & the other the DO Family. Both boats were heading for the same direction, but of course the DO Family was up ahead going faster at 100 mph, & the other boat was going 50 mph. So I feel we'll get there sooner or later, probably later than the inner circle, because we're not going as fast. If we could, we would still be in the inner circle. God in His Mercy saw that we couldn't make the grade, so He let us become TSers, which I'm so thankful for. As proud as we are (I am) we have a hard time accepting God's mercy & therefore have not been very merciful on ourselves, so we became hard on each other & unloving. God has given us a TS role to "play", & trying to play another role that we weren't meant to play (because we didn't have what it took to play it) is really just murmuring against God. So I want to be the best TRF Supporter that I can be! I have not given up, but I have found another way to fight, & like Grandpa said about soldiers being battle weary, I want to continue to fight the good fight of faith & also lay hold on Eternal Life. So come what may, live or die, sink or swim, through every test I'll trust in Him! Because that is what Grandpa taught me to do!

From M.

"It's only a 'Bend in the Road'!"

One thing we are all learning about being TSers is that it can be taken as an excuse to "relax", to be more indulgent with ourselves, more lenient on the Family rules, or it can be taken as a real challenge to fight more than ever before, to not put up with our NWOs & lacks of conviction. It can be a tough battle sometimes, especially when being on our own, it's a bit like trying to win the Olympics without a coach, although we do have a coach—Jesus! As long we keep our antennas up & our minds on the Word, we stay on the straight & narrow.

Sometimes we've been tempted to feel like, "What's the use?", & we lose the vision a little & start drifting, but each time the Lord gives us a gentle kick in the pants, one of us would get convicted & push the "alarm signal" & call the others back in line. It's such a comfort to see that the Lord isn't finished with us, that being TSers isn't the end of the road, but only a bend in the road, that He is continuing to train us through His Spirit & His Word. TYJ! I'm learning to be content in this situation, but not satisfied, because I know there is still a lot to improve in my personal sample & the standard of our little home. I know that disobediences to the Word that I allowed in



my life for many years caused my house to crumble under the fiery trials & tests, because there wasn't any real foundation, only fragile shifty self-works. Now I'm learning, by His grace, to be a doer of the Word, & because I want to keep strengthening this new found relationship with the Lord, I'm learning to receive His Word with simple faith, & obey because "Daddy says so & He knows best!" I want to add a special thank you to Dad & Mama who continue to be our Shepherds in spite of our many failings. I also want to thank them for the big blessing of letting us keep most of the books; we cherish His Word more than ever before!

From J.

"It's become a personal thing between me & the Lord!"

I'm finally acknowledging many of my long-standing faults & that being in this position (of a TSer) has started to bring about some really good fruit in my life. PTL! Now I really want to change with no motivation of some reward of changed status in the future! For me now it's become a personal thing between me & the Lord. One thing about rocking along for so many years in the Family is that discipleship had lost its real meaning to me. My service as a Family member had become one of habit, sort of like a System job or belonging to a church or a club. That's in the process of changing & I'm happy about that. These past months I've had time to reflect on the lessons, my failings & the reason behind our reclassification, & I know the Lord isn't finished with me. I also know that being a TRF Supporter doesn't mean I'm discharged from this army. The Lord requires me to progress & resist my NWOs (*) for my children's sake, my wife's sake & for my own. It is still all so new to us, this way of life. But if we can somehow continue to grow in faith & conviction & the Word, even though we're so much surrounded by the World, then I know by His grace we will become strong, full-statured disciples & real fighters for the Lord!

[Editor's Note: * For those of you who are not familiar with the term "NWO" it stands for "Need Work On" referring to areas in our lives which we need to grow in & gain victories in.]

From P.

"It has helped me to understand the 'One Wife' vision!"

Being separated from my mate has drawn me much closer to the Lord & especially His Word & I have really been digging in the Word, keeping up with memorising & reviewing etc. & I feel the Word much more alive now & go to it a lot when something comes up. It has really saved my life! Also, not being able to be in a "secure" relationship I've gotten more desperate to learn to get along with

others, as I realise a lot depends on that & now I try to use more wisdom, patience & tact. Not having my talented husband around to lean on, has been forcing me to exercise my own gifts more. I sometimes felt he was better at everything than me, but now I am alone I've had to step out & develop some latent talents which has been inspiring. For example I started to play guitar again & am learning to cut hair as well as being a shepherdess, all of which were usually the things he did. I was asked to help lead the fellowship at the other Home we visited, which is something I had never done without my mate who was always very good at this. TTL He did it, although I was quite nervous.

I feel it has also really helped me to finally understand the "One Wife" vision & let go of my own private family & learn to love other children as much & pour into them as I would my own. I see how bad that selfish private family unit is that I tried to build, as well as my jealousy over my mate, & I'm so thankful that the Lord has set me free from those bondages.

SUGGESTIONS FROM YOU!

Some of you have suggested the idea of placing "Want Ads" in the ETSN, like "help needed", "mate wanted" etc. While we'd like to help you in this, we feel that due to the security aspect it would be better if those sort of petitions were made via your local ROs. You'll notice that we are only printing initials for the author of the testimonies & articles, rather than full names, & the reason for this is to protect your security. In the event of this ETSN falling into the wrong hands, our enemies could very well make a note of your names & try to find your whereabouts, thus endangering your security as well as possibly trying to infiltrate the TRF Supporter ranks! So we're sorry, but hope you understand why we can't have "Want Ads" in the ETSN!

A family of TSers who are both working wrote: "Are any of the other TSers running into the same situations where their children are having to go to public schools & being influenced by all the peer pressure & temptations & finding it hard to stand against them? It would be encouraging to hear how other TRF parents are dealing with this in the ETSN. The ones who are being faced with this are our Teens who are 14 & 15 right now."

[Editor's Note: Do you have any testimonies along these lines which you could share for the benefit of all? If so, please send them in with your next TRF! Thank you so much!]



**Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus going on before!
Christ, the royal Master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle, See His banner go!
At the sign of triumph Satan's host doth flee;
On, then, Christian soldiers, On to Victory!
Hell's foundations quiver. At the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices, Loud your anthems raise!
Like a mighty army moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading where the Saints have trod;
We are not divided, all one body we,
One in hope & doctrine, one in charity.
Onward, then ye people, Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song;
Glory, laud, and honour, Unto Christ the King:
This through countless ages, Men and angels sing.**

