



Dearest Dad and Maria, July 23, 1974

1. I LOVE YOU SO MUCH and love you more and more every day! Thank you for your love and prayers. From the bottom of my heart I want you to know how much I appreciate your love and concern. I need you so much, and every word is like precious gold to me! Sorry for not writing sooner. I really felt bad about every day that went by without writing--I really was convicted.

2. AS YOU SAID, THE BABY (ARTHUR) HAS BEEN KEEPING ME BUSY, but things are working out, thank the Lord! I will most gladly write twice a week, as it will be more detailed and I won't forget anything. Since my last letter Arthur has made some tremendous progress, although this past week has been one of somewhat difficult transformation from the old into the new. After 12 years with a one-track mind on his job and nothing else, he is getting adjusted to a whole new way of life

and of thinking and acting.

3. I KNOW IT MUST NOT BE EASY FOR HIM and I am trying to help him as much as possible. He really loves Josh too, and Josh has been able to really encourage and help him a lot. Arthur told me he wants to be like Josh because he is so full of the Spirit and he can love so freely and give to others. He really wants to be like that too.

4. WELL, SINCE MY LAST REPORT A LOT HAS HAPPENED, but I will try to go back and recall the important things. The day I last wrote was the day he had to go back and tell his boss he had changed his mind again. After his boss cursed him out and told him off and didn't even say goodbye, Arthur really saw what a rat he really was after Arthur's giving his life so faithfully all those years without much in return.

5. SO ANYWAY THAT SAME NIGHT WE WENT TO THE COLONY and had a dinner with Jeth, Josh, JD, Elisabeth, Tema, and Joy. It seems when Jeth and Arthur get together they always talk about diets and food. Arthur's testimony of losing 100 lbs. in four years has really encouraged Jeth to lose, so they have that common ground to talk about. It's really funny! Arthur kids Jeth and they both poke fun at each other about weight.

6. AFTER THE DINNER JETH, JOSH, ARTHUR AND I GOT TOGETHER TO DISCUSS ARTHUR'S JOB, Arthur had taken all of your suggestions in your letter and took each individually and described what it would take to do it and the estimate of the price and how easily he thought it would sell. So we all agreed that the yokes would be the first priority for Arthur to work on. Jeth said he could have his own workshop at the Colony and that he could buy the tools he needed to do his work.

7. HE WAS REALLY ENCOURAGED BY

THIS. Arthur seems to be willing to admit his weaknesses and does say when he has troubles and what over, so it is really easy to help him get the victory. I had told Jeth and Josh about his wavering and indecisions and that he almost went back to his job.

8. SO JOSH REALLY SOCKED IT TO HIM and really told him what he had to watch out for and put it to him straight. Arthur really appreciated it and everything Josh said hit home. Arthur didn't know I had told Josh everything, so he was amazed how Josh had summed up all his problems. It was a very good night and really helped Arthur.

9. THEN THE LAST TWO DAYS AT WORK, and finally Saturday came and it was all over! Saturday he came over after work and we took Sharon to the Colony. Gab had gone to Paris with Miguel for a week, so we only had Sharon. Then I think it was Sunday when Josh left for Paris because they really needed him to help Faithy in that whole situation.

10. MONDAY WAS ARTHUR'S FIRST DAY AT HIS NEW JOB AT THE COLONY. He worked on a mock-up of a yoke, an enlarged wooden yoke with the shape all the others would be made after. He did a beautiful job out of wood and Jeth liked it so much he wants to use it for show. It's a beauty! The first day at work he got to meet and talk with a lot of the boys, and he was encouraged that they so readily took to him and he really felt liked. He really likes Jezreel the carpenter, because they both understand and appreciate each others' talents and they are able to communicate on the same level. Also Arthur really likes Laban, and Laban comes and talks with him about his ideas too, because Laban used to work with his hands and made yokes at a Colony. So Laban drew up the actual shape that Arthur made in wood. So they are close, and Arthur really appreciates Laban's creativeness as well as his

dry humour.

11. AFTER HIS FIRST DAY AT WORK ARTHUR WAS REALLY IN HIGH SPIRITS and he wrote you a letter--have you gotten it? It was really good! As you said he needs to be kept very busy and he wants to be busy, he wants to work. He wants to accomplish something. He is used to being so busy all the time, he is learning to slow down a little now. Jeth has given him the go ahead and the freedom to create and produce.

12. STARTING SOMETHING FROM SCRATCH IS HARD and laying the foundation of his shop and all is something really new. He has to use his head and think more and create more, whereas he used to be in a rut where everything was there and just so-and-so and he just did his job mechanically and without having to really think it out, so it is a real challenge for him. He was on the phone making contacts for getting the yokes produced. He was thrilled to find some good prospects. Praise God!!

13. WELL, THE SAME DAY WE WENT SHOPPING we also had the Wednesday night meeting. Jeth called the whole district together to give the kids a vision for helping out at the disco, because last Saturday we had 460 visitors and only about 50 of the Family, which was really bad and we couldn't handle all of the visitors and really reach them. We had to remedy the situation fast, so that was the main reason for the meeting. We hadn't had a district meeting for quite a long while, so it was really good.

14. AFTER JETH'S TALK, HE INTRODUCED ARTHUR to everyone and had him come up in front and explain a little about the yokes he is working on and he showed his wooden sample. The kids all reacted with excitement and we asked for a show of hands on which shape was preferred. Everyone responded enthusiastically. When Arthur had a chance to explain molds it was a

little difficult and he was trying to get them to understand, so Jeth helped him out a little and put it in easier terms.

15. IT WAS REALLY GOOD FOR HIM TO SHARE, although I had hoped he would have been asked to share a little about how he felt about the Family and living for Jesus, as it would have helped him too and given him more conviction. But Jeth just asked him to explain about how a mold works. But everyone got to know who he is and that was great.

16. THEN ARTHUR MET STEPHEN. I had told him about Stephen, so he was curious to meet him. Stephen really loved him up and sang to him and shared with him. Arthur was so pleased! Then after the meeting Arthur met Mom too, and we all sat in the kitchen and had a bite to eat. Esther and Imrah were there too. Mom really likes Arthur, she told me afterwards. Mom got to share with the kids, and Stephen too--it was really good! Stephen made everyone laugh with episodes from Paris, and Mom encouraged the kids to follow up on the sheep God was bringing us, backing up Jeth's talk.

17. SO THEN THE NEXT DAY, THURSDAY, Arthur was supposed to go make a contact, but he was told to go with Joseph, but he (Joseph) was too busy at the time and therefore Arthur wasn't able to meet this man and it was like a setback to him. He wasn't happy about it! Arthur says he doesn't really care for Joseph anyway and didn't think he would go over well talking to the contacts he made.

18. SO AFTER THIS DISAPPOINTMENT, Jeth invited us to go see the "Sound of Music" and then go out for dinner. So it was a good opportunity for Arthur to get off his chest what was bothering him. At the movie it was a real uplift and very touching. Jeth took Joy and we enjoyed it very much. Arthur cried during the movie a few times--he is easily moved. He said, "I hate this kind of movies--

look what they do to me!" He was kidding of course because he really did like it.

19. THEN AFTERWARDS JETH TOOK US TO A REALLY NICE PLACE, really fancy. He told Arthur we were celebrating his joining the Family. It was quite a spread! I've never eaten at a place like that. Arthur was having a good time the whole evening. He can really be a clown sometimes and keeps everybody laughing. After dinner we picked up Sharon and went home.

20. SINCE LAST SATURDAY ARTHUR HAS BEEN SLEEPING AT THE HOUSE WITH ME. We sleep downstairs, as the couch is longer for him. So Gab came back in time for the weekend, and Saturday Arthur worked with Gab in the backyard pulling weeds and all. Then we went to the disco that night after we took the kids back. Arthur wanted to get out there and meet people on his own, so he did. He had a great night and spoke to a lot of visitors and danced with Joy and Elizabeth most of the night. He was really happy.

21. ONE OF THE HARDEST THINGS HE KNOWS HE NEEDS TO LEARN IS HOW TO SHARE WITH OTHERS. He really wants to learn. Then Sunday he was really concerned about all of his things at his flat and was wanting to get them all sorted out, so we spent the day "forsaking all" and working out all of these things. He was glad and relieved to get them out of his mind. While we were at the flat he found a note left by his sister who never comes by, and the note said to call home because his parents were worried about him.

22. SO HE CALLED HOME and both his dad and his mother were asking him to come home and talk to them because they were worried about him. So he promised to come next weekend. I will go with him this time. He told them he was bringing some of the kids, so I think I might take Gab and Sharon as they will be good PR too.

23. THEN MONDAY AT THE EXECUTIVE MEETING ARTHUR WAS INVITED IN to explain about the other models he made and to get the opinions of everyone there. It was good and we decided to make a more delicate size than was shown. I forgot to tell you but at the last executive meeting, I was 15 minutes late, and later Sally told me that before I came Jeth told the whole Executive Council that Arthur was a fruit of yours and that he personally knew you, or something to that effect.

24. ANYWAY I THOUGHT THAT WAS PRETTY BAD SECURITY because Joseph was there and I just wouldn't have ever mentioned that especially with him there. And then later in the week Joseph was counselling Arthur and told him that he "had to put God first and that he couldn't even love Becky or anybody first." I didn't like his noseyness and Arthur thought it was strange too. Arthur told me, "Joseph isn't good for me."--And I believe it too! He told me other things that they discussed. Then, too, JD came to me and said, "I have a letter for MO I want to give you." I was shocked he'd say that to me, so I just said to give it to Salathiel. It was too familiar, and I didn't like it but didn't know exactly what to say, and so I am going to tell Jeth about it too.

25. SO ANYWAY, TODAY IS TUESDAY: ARTHUR HAS A SCHEDULE and he works just like the Colony schedule. He leaves here about 11:00 and works from 12 to 7:30. We listen to the Bible every morning and read a Letter. He is doing a lot better and says he can feel a change taking place. He spoke in tongues with me this morning too!

ILY Dad and Maria! July 23, 1974

26. WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT ARTHUR in your letter of June 22 is really heavy--that it's been about nine months! Wow! Yes, the entrance exams are the hardest! I think the times

when he was all alone over in his flat just before he quit was the worst thing for him too, because he needed our strength continually.

27. IT WAS EVEN MORE HUMBLING FOR HIM TO GO BACK AND QUIT HIS JOB THE SECOND TIME. That hurt even worse and humbled him a lot. After saying all of those horrible things to me he asked me to forgive him over and over again. He said he didn't know what came over him. He really wanted forgiveness.

28. I THANK GOD FOR ALL YOUR LETTERS which really did give me the faith to help him. He told me afterwards that he was really happy I came over to his flat when we had that bad conversation on the phone. He then said that he was planning on getting in his car and coming over to see me because he just couldn't let me go like that.

29. HE IS REALLY A BIG BABY a lot of the time but he has made some encouraging progress, thank God. I love you so much, Dad! I love you and everything about you, your words, your ways, everything! I'm in love with you, I believe in you, and everything you say. But Arthur wouldn't have made it if you hadn't written that letter the way you did--it was really the Lord! I don't mind helping Arthur out for the time being and realise that like you said, "Que sera, sera".

30. HE IS A BIG RESPONSIBILITY, I realise that, so I don't want to let the Lord down by neglecting him. I want to see him make it, and he will by God's grace. The only thing that would hurt me is if you would ever think I love someone more than you. I've never loved anybody like I love you. I can understand why Maria gets jealous over you. I would too and I do many times, so you are very precious to me and I treasure your love so much and I hope you never think otherwise.

31. ARTHUR HAS MOVED his stuff to the house, and for the time being I was going to let him use a

closet in Ho's room. I talked to Josh about getting another room for Arthur downtown in a new building they are squatting. Arthur does spend most of his time downtown and just comes back at night, and then part of the weekend we have the kids.

32. HE HAS BEEN DOING REALLY GOOD. The brothers pray with him and encourage him to read the Letters. He really seeks out those who can spiritually feed him. After meeting Jeth's Executive Council he says he can see how they don't have that zeal and inspiration like Josh, and he says he doesn't want to be like them, but rather like Josh. He told me last night that he is going to be like Josh and be able to give and inspire others.

33. HE REALLY FEELS GOD WORKING AND CHANGING HIM and he talks about how exciting it is to carry on conversations with the kids and think and create. He has been so used to being stifled, his ideas and all, and now they are being appreciated. Jeth even told Elkanah that he ought to get Arthur up on the stage and do an act, as he can speak so many funny English dialects. He gets you in stitches he is so funny, when he does it.

34. ARTHUR HAS A LOT OF DRIVE, determination and willingness to do his job. He has been introduced to everyone as being "something", so he wants to prove what he's worth. Today when he let go he prayed in tongues with me for the first time, and he really got high in the spirit! He could hardly believe it! He asks me to correct him and tell him when he is wrong. He says he loves me because I can top him with words, a real match for him.--I love you dearly, Bec.

Dearest Dad and Maria, July 30, 1974

God bless you! I love you very much! It was so good to hear you on the phone, you sounded really good!

35. ARTHUR IS HELPING to get the new place in order. Josh wants to

keep him busy and stay around the new kids, so it has been good for him and he loves it! He is coming along great!

36. THURSDAY AFTER WORK at the office, Josh, Arthur, and I went to the Colony as they were having a special dinner party for Josh with the children. Josh had given them a little money for a few extras so it was really nice. Josh also had invited the two new disciples, the two Sues, and Esther was there and Apollos. It was the best time in a long while for us all.

37. THE KIDS WERE ALL SO EXCITED, and at dinner we sat at different little tables with matching tablecloths and dishes. It was like a little restaurant and the children had a ball! They all love Josh so much--he really has a way with kids! Then after dinner they put a little show on for us and sang and danced. Gab sang a solo, "Climb that Mountain!" It was really good. Gab calls Josh "Daddy" and always asks for him--it's really cute! So we ended by having the children pray for us, and then Josh prayed for them. It was so inspiring for everyone!

38. FRIDAY WAS THE DISCO, and I had both kids at home. Arthur had volunteered to be on security at the discos--he always wants to help out. So they bought all the boys on security a special jacket so they would stand out. Arthur got one too. We had been having difficulty with certain young kids that always ended up fighting, so they just didn't let them in.

39. ARTHUR STOOD OUTSIDE and just his size was enough to discourage trouble, but he told me he took a lot of lip, especially from one girl who yelled at him for about half an hour. He really took it well, and he even jokes with the kids with a cockney accent and they have a good laugh as well.

40. HE TOLD ME that earlier that day when he had dinner, he sat down

with Jaala and Elkanah. They were at one table, so Elkanah led in the prayer for the food. He wasn't serious about it at all, Arthur told me, and he ended the prayer by saying "Rub-a-dub-dub, thank God for this grub!" I don't think Arthur liked it at all, and so he then said a prayer and really thanked God for the food. I know it must have made Elkanah feel about two inches high! Praise God! Thank God for sincere babes like Arthur!

41. ARTHUR IS MAKING PROGRESS. Every morning we read the Bible together or hear a tape. We have a good prayer and a MO Letter. He takes the bus downtown and we use the car on the weekends. He is getting humbled and it hurts, but he gets the victory! PTL! I love you so much!--Yours forever, Bec.

Dearest Dad and Maria, Aug. 4, 1974

Praise God! I love you! Friday I went downtown again with Arthur and the kids, and later had a nice dinner at the Colony where Arthur had been playing with the children.

43. ARTHUR WAS A REALLY BIG HELP, as he knew I had important things to work out and he was more than happy to help me. He really appreciated being able to eat with us and it was good for him to talk with Ho. He could hardly believe how old Ho was--or that is, how young!

44. IT HAS BEEN A VERY BUSY WEEK with late nights getting home. Arthur is getting used to it. He can hardly believe that he sleeps 8 hours a night when he used to sleep only 5½ to 6! It just blows his mind to see how his life has changed! The days just fly by so fast, I don't know where the time goes!

45. I HAVE TO BE REALLY CAREFUL ABOUT HOW I TREAT ARTHUR because he notices everything and if I'm not all smiles or if I don't talk a lot he's always wondering why, where is my mind, what am I thinking? He is so funny sometimes! But he usually tries to understand and says he is

getting to know me.

46. WELL, AFTER A LATE NIGHT ON FRIDAY (we had both gone to the disco), bright and early Saturday morning he wakes me up to tell me he is going to go to his parents' and take this Austrian girl who was going to stay with his parents for three weeks. The Austrian was staying with Anna Maria and he was to take her to his parents'.

47. WELL, I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE IT, IT WAS SO SUDDEN! So I knew I had to go with him, and of course he wasn't planning on taking me, because I had the kids and all, and he thought it would just blow his parents' minds too much because they didn't know I had kids. Well, I asked him if he was ashamed of me. He said no, and anyway, after a long talk, he was dy-
ing to take me.

48. I TOLD HIM I'D BETTER MEET HIS PARENTS NOW, or pretty soon I'd be sticking out in front and they'd really have something to wonder about, if that's what he was worried about. He agreed. So I frantically (there was hardly any time!) got the kids bathed and dressed and we were soon out the door. We first went to Anna Maria's house to pick up the girl. We did call both his parents and Anna before we left so they all knew we were coming.

49. SO ANYWAY, ANNA MARIA IS SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON. She never asks questions and she always sticks up for Arthur and she really loves me, too. She immediately fell in love with the kids. Frank had gone out and bought the kids both a toy, which was really sweet of them. She was kidding Arthur and saying how well he fit the part. ^

50. LATER ARTHUR TOLD ME that while he was in the kitchen Anna Maria told him that if he ever needed a place to stay or live, with me and the kids, that she would open her house and we could live with them. Frank had agreed to it too. They said we could use

their house for two weeks while they were on vacation.

51. HER AUSTRIAN NIECE was visiting and she looks like a real sheep, only 15. The other girl, Arni, is 17 and from an Austrian farm. They told us they had been translating the Bible, Acts and Romans, from German into English. They are both sheeepy. Well, we left and an hour later were in Arthur's home town. Arthur introduced me to his parents and they seemed nice. I had already met his younger brother and his sister Eileen who is a "Christian".

52. THE KIDS WERE THE BEST THING that could have happened and everyone loved them! They played out in the big back yard and were fascinated with the fish in the fish pond and a snow white bunny. They were really impressed with the kids' manners. The parents never asked one question and hardly talked at all, which, Arthur explained to me later, is the way they always are.

53. HE SAID JUST THE SEEING AND MEETING WAS ENOUGH, and he said they both liked me a lot. He said his dad told him when they were alone that he hoped Arthur was going to get married soon. So they were happy, thank God! His parents are not very close, have no grandchildren, and aren't real happy. So it was a good day, Praise God! More to come. I love you both so very much!--Love, Bec.

Dear David and Maria, Aug. 12, 1974
Praise God!

54. WELL, LAST TUESDAY JOSH, MARTHA, IMRAH, AND I DECIDED TO SPEND A DAY TOGETHER. We had been wanting to do it for quite a long time and we all just decided to make time. So Tuesday we all drove out to a little village for a day of fellowship and reading Letters. It was really inspiring for us all! We played ball and rowed boats at a nearby park and then ate dinner at the village inn. It was a gorgeous day and a quiet and peaceful

rest from all the action downtown.

55. WHEN WE GOT BACK TO TOWN ARTHUR WAS QUITE UPSET with me. I hadn't told him what I was doing that day because I thought it would only worry him more. I just told him I would meet him downtown. Well, as soon as we were alone on the way to the bus stop he started giving me the third degree in questions!

56. WHERE WAS I ALL DAY? WHAT WAS I DOING? He said he had called everywhere trying to get ahold of me but couldn't. He didn't know where I was or what I was up to. I just stopped him in the street and looked at him and told him sternly not to talk to me like that. He really sat back on his heels and didn't say much. The first thing I told him was I had spent the day fellowshipping with Josh, Martha and Imrah because we needed to spend the time together.

57. WHEN HE GETS IN THAT JEALOUS STATE HE IS JUST ON THE BOTTOM! I just told him the truth and we stayed up and talked for hours and he finally got a victory. Because he tells me everything and he says I know everything about him, he sometimes expects me to tell him everything too. He wants to know everything, all the details, and because he doesn't, it bothers him. After a long talk he began to get a clearer picture and to admit his problems and realize what they were caused from.

58. SO PRAISE GOD, AFTER THIS TRIAL WE HAVE HAD A LOT BETTER COMMUNICATIONS between each other. He says he now understands me a lot better and knows what to expect from me and what not to expect from me. He says he is learning how important love is.

59. THEN ON WEDNESDAY after the meeting Arthur took me home. The first thing he asked me was if I had eaten dinner. I hesitated for a moment trying to think of what time I had eaten because it was late afternoon when I had a snack

