

once every three months to have a grand Area Fellowship. Even if they have to come from quite a distance it should not be too prohibitive if the meeting is held only once every three months for those Homes which are widely scattered & would have to, some of them, come hundreds of miles to have that fellowship.

10. I would suggest then at such a Fellowship Meeting, first of all the Executive Committee meet together. Executive means that they are an Action Committee who executes things & gets things done, & does things. It implies action.

11. And if you want to use a simpler word instead of executive, which is a little System-sounding & big & maybe not clearly understood even by the children, you could call it an Action Committee. In other words, they're not just supposed to be a bunch of dumb heads sitting around like bumps on a log wondering what to say & wondering what to do & they have nothing to say & no ideas & no action.

12. There should be at least one delegate from each Home who would attend this area-wide Action Committee Meeting & that would discuss problems & plans & various actions & witnessing projects, litnessing projects, printing projects for the Area, pioneering projects & helping-the-needy projects etc.

13. But the principal thing would be the General Area Fellowship Meeting for all Family members including the children, which could occur on this once-a-month or once-a-quarter first Sunday of the month or quarter, at which all could attend, everybody who could possibly get free & come—including couples, singles, helpers, children, whatever—with a good musical program, praise-the-Lord program, testimonies etc., & with a final real earnest prayer service for various needs & the problems & the Family around the World.

14. Then at some time during the day, whatever seems to be convenient, perhaps while the women are preparing the meal or during a recess of the general crowd, perhaps these Area Delegates could get together.

15. There should be at least one person selected by each Home to represent them in the Executive Action Committee meeting of the area, & therefore in the privacy of committee without all the distraction of all the other people & children, be

able to quietly discuss the various needs & problems, projects, plans, pioneering, printing & all of those things together with special prayer.

16. I think the cooperation of the Homes in each area that way will be a great boon & a great blessing & a great step forward, a great impetus to our local areas, some of which have lost heart & nearly lost faith & have just sort of gone into the doldrums, stagnated, & are seemingly almost as sheep without a shepherd with no particular direction or drive or leadership or objectives,

17. Just every man going to his own tent & every man doing as he sees right in his own eyes with virtually no organisation, no leadership, no cooperation, no fellowship, no general discussion of problems & projects, no consensus & agreement & voting for the area on what to do about this or that or the other. It's pitiful!

18. In unity there is strength, & this was one of the strengths of our early pioneering days, our cooperative Colonies in which we had a number of families living together & working together in one Home, one Colony. Some of them were too big, they were blobs & we had to break them up to try to get them scattered & go into all the World & preach the Gospel unto every creature, but sometimes a certain amount of blobism is necessary for cooperation & united action, & unity & strength in the power of the Spirit, in a get-together fellowship.

19. You'll notice on the Day of Pentecost there were quite a few people! It was quite a blob in that Upper Room, 120 men there, not counting all the women & the children!—Acts 1:13-15.

20. But they stayed there as Jesus had commanded them to: "But tarry ye at Jerusalem until ye be endued with power from on high", until ye be filled with the Holy Ghost.—Lk.24:49. He said, "And then ye shall be witnesses unto Me".—Not only in Judea & Samaria & in all the surrounding territory, but to all the World!—Acts 1:4,5,8.

21. And as a result of that one big area-wide fellowship meeting of all the disciples, they had a tremendous praise & prayer meeting & were terrificly in unity of mind & heart—one mind, one spirit, one soul & virtually one body! You can imagine how close they must have all had to sleep together on the floor,