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Crossroads of the Globe!

FF REPORT TO DAD From Lee:

VIENNA IS SO EXCITING FOR FF'ING! The atmosphere is so nice here. Things are quiet & peaceful & people somehow seem to be more open for discussing deep things, maybe because so many are either coming or going from the Eastern Bloc; plus the UN agencies & OPEC, which are based here, bring people from the Third World. So it all goes into making this an elegant crossroads for people from all over the globe

THE MEN ARE SO APPRECIAT-IVE here, not just the Austrians, but the travellers too. Vienna is not known for its nightlife, so maybe these men have a hard time finding companions. Anyway, the prospects are thrilling & the girls in the Family here are so pretty & a'rarin' to go!

I RECEIVED ENOUGH CLOTHES FROM MY MOTHER & SISTER to outfit several FF'ers, so I've been helping the girls get fixed up. We found that maybe part of the reason why they had sometimes not met anyone was that they were not really dressing up, so the men probably didn't think they wanted to meet someone, as they weren't "advertising the merchandise"! Also, the girls often sat at tables instead of at the bar, & this also didn't advertise that they were available. They've still had good fruit, just need encouraging. I'm really happy to be here & have already had some really good evenings!

ONE WAS MY FIRST "ARAB-IAN NIGHT"! We even got into Arabian sleeping garments before going to bed, & the man, a sweet courtly Arab who is extremely polite, fed me almonds & dates in a most 'sheikish" manner. I thought I was in a moviel But he wasn't at all like the devouring sharks I have heard some Arabs can be. Rather, he was gentle & so receptive.

WE TALKED FOR HOURS & HOURS about Bible prophecy & he

was completely receptive about your & the Lord's predictions concerning the next 20 years or so & especially glad to hear about the coming Millennium. When I told him how Jesus would rule all the kings of the earth, he said, "Won't that be wonderful!"

THEN WHEN READING "OUR DECLARATION OF LOVE", he said, "I wish everyone in the world could read these words." It's such a blessing to have such a receptive fish! TYJ!

ANOTHER MAN I SHARED WITH IS AN INTERNATIONAL LAWYER, an American, who represents multinational firms to the different world governments. As he travels extensively in the Eastern Bloc & Russia, I asked if he thought it would be possible to go there, for instance to Hungary, & get work.

HE SAID THAT THEY ARE SO CONSERVATIVE it could be difficult to live without being closely observed & that a person's personal activities could be subject to blackmail! So he said, "Why don't you just live here & take short trips in?" -Exactly what you suggested!

I HAVE ANOTHER FISH ON THE LINE now, who covers the Eastern Bloc for his company. Each month he takes trips to differ-

ent countries & he may be able to take me with him on one-undercover!

ANOTHER INTERESTING & **ENCOURAGING EXPERIENCE** came when I went to a very exclusive coffeeship here to meet someone who, as it happened, didn't show up. To my embarrassment, I found that I had forgotten my money. Since this was such a highclass place, I was praying about what to do when the Lord gave me a check that there was a man sitting behind me who would pay the bill!

I LOOKED AROUND & THERE SAT AN OLDER, DIGNIFIED LOOKING MAN who smiled at me & then struck up a conversation. He was bored & lonely, but actually a famous man, a movie actor here for a premiere. He was busy with a celebration that night but invite 1. me for breakfast & the drive to the airport the next day, promising me to call upon his return to Vienna.

I TOLD HIM THAT I FELT THE LORD had something to do with our meeting & this impressed him very much! It seems this city is teeming with important, sheepy, lonely men! PTL!-He must be blessing because He knows we need this city & her acceptance of us to be able to reach further East from here. Please pray for us & all the souls here! Love, Lee. (GBYI) =

News From Mideast!

by Koroush & Liz

WHEN THE LITTLE FROG IN MO'S DREAM OF 1973 (see "The Frog" Letter No. 275) was attacked by the System (the American cat), it looked like the end! But it actually exposed the cat for "the rat" it really was & the frog itself remained unharmed, though "buried" for a time! Hallelujah!

THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE, following the advice therein:

"They (frogs) also hibernate underground in winter-like winter is almost like a time of trouble too, almost underground, when things get cold & wintry out, or trouble or persecution comes, we hibernate tool

We go underground!" (275:92.) WE ARRIVED HERE IN DEC EMBER with nearly everything for our soon-coming baby supplied in Germany thru' FF'ing, street & bar singing, litnessing & thru' parents & friends. Also, a friend from Jordan paid us to drive his Mercedes car all the way here & provided us with hotels, food etc. PTLI

OUR FIRST NIGHT HERE, THE

LORD LED US TO a journalist who became a good friend & helped us to find singing jobs right away & then helped us to move into a nice little apartment, all within our first two weeks!

ONE OF OUR FIRST SINGING ENGAGEMENTS WAS AT A REST-AURANT where we sang twice daily to receptive crowds of "city fathers"-& mothers-in a relaxed atmosphere. It was here that the Lord gave us all our support for the work & brought us into contact with some very influential people who are now our friends-the cream of the Arab crop! It's still our main fishing-hole & outreach/income.

WHILE SINGING IN THE RES-TAURANT, THE LORD LED US to a 26-year-old Arab girl from a very wealthy & famous family & who had been in Europe, played around a bit & kicked over the traces for a while but recently was pressured by her family to return home. She fell for me but for a while we didn't want to get sexually involved, as it can be touchy with Arab girls (see Letter No. 625), even though she really needed it.

FINALLY WE GAVE HER A SAMPLE & IT CHANGED HER LIFE! Afterwards, she thanked Liz & asked her if she also was a "disciple of God", though I'd only shared about how we pray, listen to God & share His love with others. The rest the Lord told her! We gave her a handwritten copy of "Our Declaration of Love" & are now working on mimeographing copies of some of the basic Letters to give to close friends.

ANOTHER COUPLE, MICHAEL & MARIA, arrived here five weeks ago. The Lord's given them a couple of sweet Saudi fish who are helping them find housing, jobs & visas & recently gave a generous donation for them to visit another city to see a girl catacomber & to check out possibilities of opening another Home there. We moved to a larger apartment & it's a real haven just autside the city. It's perfect for our needs of entertaining & FF'ing. PTLI

WITH LIZ ALMOST DUE TO HAVE THE BABY, we are alone here now & need the help of another sister with musical talents, especially singing, to continue our fruitful singing ministry. I sing like a frog with a man in his throathal So we pray that someone has the burden to come & help! If so, drop a line expressing burdens, talents & experience & photo to be forwarded to us. Address: CPO 220, Athens, Greece (with an inside envelope designated for Koroush & Liz in Mideast). Love.

your little frogs in Mideast!

P.S. WHAT A PROPHET WE HAVE!-"Did you know frogs can be buried for years & still come out alivel It doesn't matter what our enemies try, swallowing or burying, we'll still come out alive & kicking! Hallelujahl Even if they do kill us, we'll rise in the resurrection & jump for joy!-Hallelujah! Be a frog for Jesus!" (No. 275: 159,160.)(Amen!)

Infiltrating a Church!

PIONEERING A NEW METHOD!-TIPS & TESTIMONIES! From Rachel Daniel; Australia:

HERE IN OUR CITY, THE PEO-PLE HAVE BECOME PRETTY UN-RESPONSIVE to conventional Family methods, especially street litnessing. In our field, FF'ing & other methods of infiltrating the System are bearing much more fruit. Hallelujah! Use it!

AFTER JOINING THE FAMILY in mid-1978, my husband & I stayed members of a church, even tho we hardly ever went to church. We just lived & witnessed with the local Family & got involved in the Fam-

ily's music ministry.

INFILTRATING THIS CHURCH IS JUST ONE OF THE MANY TOOLS God has given us for soulwinning-until God shows us where to go next, to some riper harvest field. In the meantime, we are prepared to use any method that bears good fruit in our field.

FOR US, BEING UNDER-GROUND FAMILY MEMBERS IN A CHURCH does not mean compromising our convictions, or even going to church very often. It means getting in, on the attack, where they're least expecting us to be & using their God-damned system for God's purposes. Hallelujah!

RECENTLY THE CHURCH HAD A MEETING on its "music ministry". What a trial, sitting thru' their boring meeting, but it was well worth it! They had a dozen items on the agenda for discussion, under the heading of "music ministry". Last on the list was the item "Outreach" which was clearly an embarrassment They all seemed to wish to them. that the floor would swallow them.

SO WE NOBLY CAME TO THEIR RESCUE-HA! We briefly explained what outreach methods (apart from FF'ing) we'd been using over the last few months, without ever

mentioning those dreaded "cultish" names! I told them that their services & technically perfect organ music had little value from an outreach perspective.

I REALLY SOCKED IT TO 'EM! But they couldn't deny that we had the Spirit & God's love for lost souls. So they virtually handed over 'music outreach" Kingdom to us. The verse I got was what Jesus told the Jews: "The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, & given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." (Mt. 21:43.)

THEY WERE SO RELIEVED that someone could handle the word "outreach" without sharing their embarrassment & guilty consciences that they gladly handed over that whole ministry to us! They even said we could use church resources & finances!

OUR FAMILY SONGBOOK IS COVERED with pretty pink paper our attempt to "be wise as serpents & harmless as doves". Why stumble people before you even have a fighting chance to win them? In mail ministry work I frequently send people (even my own Jewish relatives) MO quotes appropriate to their situation, written in my own handwriting. Sending some people actual MO Letters would blow them away. With the method I use, the people love my letters, receive the message eagerly & sometimes send me donations in their replies.

BEING UNIVERSITY GRAD-UATES gives us a good cover. My husband's free architectural services to the church has made him a respected, indispensable member. All they see is that we're on-fire, Spiritfilled Christians.

SO WHAT ARE THE FRUITS SO FAR? I sometimes get invited to speak (using material from the Bible & MO Letters) after the Minister has given the evening sermon. We get to use church resources & finances for "Outreach"—the music ministry. We may be able to get them to print an up-to-date Family song collection for local use.

WE LET THE JESUS PEOPLE ORGANISE THEIR COFFEE HOUSES, because we haven't got the manpower or resources within the local Family to do this. Then we show up & play some carefully selected but powerful songs of the Spirit. This way we are reaching new souls who are usually hardened to Family street litnessing.

ALSO WE HOPE TO WIN SOME ON-FIRE NEW DISCIPLES into the Family. Thru' infiltrating the church, we've met a handful of Christians who are fed up with the hypocrisy of the church but who do not know where else to go. These peo-

ple are distinctly different from the Jesus People & Pentecostals who enjoy going to church. These people are keen to witness & to live communally as the early Christians did. By the time they find out who we really are, I think they'll love us too much to be prejudiced against us.

IF THE OLD METHODS DON'T BEAR GOOD FRUIT in terms of getting souls saved & winning new disciples, then we'll just have to go to other places & use other methods to bring the sheep in. FF'ing, going door-to-door & even infiltrating the churches are three of the methods that we have been using lately in our city. Try sending underground disciples to infiltrate the System's sleepy churches! Like FF'ing, it's winning souls by attacking the system below the belt! If it works, praise God!

(Amen!) Love, Rachel Daniel.

Art as Witness!

Name & location withheld for security!)

A BROTHER HAD HIS FIRST EXHIBITION of 23 black & white drawings at the Municipal Art Gallery. Posters which he designed were printed up & distributed all over the city to announce the exhibition, which lasted two weeks. This is opening doors for a new outreaching pioneer effort in the field of Contemporary Art.

FOUR DRAWINGS WERE SOLD, a new exhibition planned & many, many friends, contacts & potential fish were some of the fruit, as well as helping to establish a cover for this difficult field. Many brethren were involved during the last 1½ years to achieve the initial vision to pioneer this innovative new way of witnessing, with their inspiration, encouragement etc. GB'M! PTLI

One Night of Love Changed his Life Forever!

From Rejoice; U.S.A. (enroute to South America):

BELOW IS A LETTER I RE-CEIVED FROM P., whom I met in Puerto Rico last summer. I only saw him one evening before he had to return to the U.S. When I first started talking to him, he emphatically stated that he didn't believe in Jesus & didn't want to hear anything about it. Nevertheless, he couldn't help but be affected by my faith & what I shared from the Bible & how we live etc. Later in the evening I asked him to take me home (we were on a "blind date" with his friend, a fish of another sister), as he just wasn't receiving anything said.

HE BEGGED ME OVER & OVER TO GO TO HIS ROOM with him, but I told him I would go only if he wanted me & Jesus, not just me. Finally, moved by my conviction, he said, "Yes, I want whatever it is that makes you so happy, so convincing, even if it's really Jesus."

& shared with a now totally changed & shared with a now totally changed & receptive man, made love with him, read MO Letters to him & prayed with him to receive Jesus! It was one of the most dramatic conversions I've ever seen! Praise God! He had repeatedly insisted! was externely convincing, persuasive, dyna-

mic etc. & balked & outright argued against my statements that it was only <u>Jesus</u> & <u>His</u> Love & power, saying, "It's you, not Jesus!"

BUT BECAUSE OF HIS NEED
FOR ME & MY LOVE, he finally broke, completely changed & received Jesus & God's Word in the Letters!

—Proving once again for sure how needful & effective FF'ing is! Thank God for it & Dad! Love, Rejoice.
(Below is part of P,'s letter:)

Dear Rejoice,

could it be just one week since Puerto Rico, since you, since tranquility? It is so easy to be propelled back into the old routine, the views, the feelings. But something has changed, definitely changed, & I thank God for it. My feelings of love—being loved, loving others, projecting love to others—had turned a week which should have been a depressing, unnerving trauma into a time of peace, of strength & happiness, of sharing.

WHILE I WAS IN PUERTO RICO, MY GRANDMOTHER DIED. My mother & three of my brothers descended upon our household...for the traditional & long & meaningless burial ceremony, a dismal scene verging on hypocrisy. But somehow I didn't mind. I felt at peace. I thought of you & felt warmth. I looked into J.'s (my wife) eyes &

felt love & sharing. I felt closeness with my brothers.

WHEN THE FUNERAL WAS OVER & THINGS CALMED DOWN.

J. noticed how at peace I seemed.

She said my eyes were so gentle. I told her of having met a couple in San Juan, of the love they effused, of the intriguing peace & tranquillity about them. I told her how I was struck by your beliefs, of how you treasured love—love for others & love of God—above all else, of how you passed that love to others. I told her how I was taken by this, of how I felt love & peace since then.

I SPOKE OF THE PARABLE YOU READ TO ME, of Christ showing love & forgiveness to prostitutes & adulterers, of Christ being more concerned about love between mankind than rigid rules defining its limits.

J. WAS INTRIGUED BY THE CHANGE IN ME. She was happy that I was happy & loved the gentle, deep affection between us. I told her that I wanted to know more. I wished to learn what made this couple so happy, so real. She showed interest. I said I would contact the group locally. I didn't mention anything of the intimacy between us, but I felt then & feel more so now, that she will accept that in time, when she feels fulfilled in love.

OTHER, FOR THE CHILDREN, became overpowering. It engulfed us & we were at peace. We knew that no matter what happens, our love will see us thru'. In fact, love was all that mattered. We had never felt that calm, that close, that strong.

I LOVED BEING WITH YOU, RE-JOICE. I love your smile, the feeling of being loved by you, of loving you, I love the tenderness, the care, the happiness. I think of you often & my whole life shifts perspective. I love your unquestioning love, your giving, your radiance, your faith. I miss you, yet I'm with you constantI WANT TO ALWAYS BE TOUCH-ED, to be engulfed. I want to find you—& what you have. I pray I will keep your love & happiness, & not slide back into cold existence, the preoccupation with the things I used to consider important. I wish this for J. & for myself. I miss you. I want to be with you again, to love you. I want to meet your family, to draw strength. Love, P.

P.S. Could you send literature relating to the family's views on sexual relationships?

Rejoice: Please keep P. & his family in your prayers! (Amen!)

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Love Someone Today!



"WE MUST BE DOING THE RIGHT THING, Lord, or we wouldn't be so persecuted by the Devil's system! Thank You for that Scripture You gave us about FF'ing, Lord. You said as clear as I ever heard Thy Voice:

"NO GREATER LOVE HATH ANY MAN THAN THIS, that a man lay down his life for his friends"! (In. 15:13.)

"WE THANK THEE FOR THE REASSURANCES You've given us regarding FF'ing several times lately, Lord, when we got discouraged: We got those BEAUTIFUL TESTI-MONIES of souls won, suicides stopped, lives sayed, men who've been reached & converted & changed who could never in this world have been reached any other way!" (From No. 765:60-63 by Father David.) (Hallelujahl)

(Ed.: Send that beautiful FF testimony in today, for the encouragement of <u>all!</u> Address: <u>Maria Campos</u>, <u>Apdo. 46131</u>, <u>Madrid, Spain-</u>With <u>Attn: FN</u> in lower left corner.)

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