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# **General Report-India & Surrounding Countries**

—by Kenaz & Hodiah, Visiting Servants

## **INDIA**

**Background:** For the first several years of pioneering, we had between 10-25 people there in three or four main areas, doing a lot of witnessing to foreign hippies and Indian youth. We won a handful of good tough disciples from the “freaks” and also a few Indian drop-outs, but we were unable to hang on to these. We had good P.R. with the government and got unusual visa extensions quite easily, largely due to Samson’s faith to talk bureaucrats into doing the impossible!

After awhile, though, the government began cracking down on visa extensions, complaining to us about litnessing (“Revolutionary Women” and the Godahfi Letters blew the officials’ minds!), etc., though with the press and public we still had good P.R. But at this point, we started going more underground and rotating visa cases to surrounding countries. (This helped us pioneer Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.) For another two years or so, we operated like this,

winning a large number of travellers (many of whom are amongst our best FF’ers and Servants in the East and Mideast now), and also winning a handful of real solid native national live-in disciples, of whom we have about a dozen or so now, plus a few in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh. We also began to catch the vision for catacombers and had 50 or so till last summer.

Then “Time” came out and government harrassment was stepped up. (That old-bottle P.M. who drinks tee-tee must have had something to do with it—he is a fanatical Hindu.) We were forced to be even more underground, had to cut back litnessing even more and had to drop some of our “good works” of daycare schools for the poor, first-aid posts, etc., due to exposure. By this time, Nationalisation was the obvious vision, and due to Indian culture, catacombers was the obvious solution. Simon Peter’s radio show was also catching on like wild fire, and we were beginning to reap catacombers from all over India through the mail. We

put a national disciple, Aaron, in charge of the nationwide catacomb push and coordination, and he travelled with our AB (Canadian) with a vision to take over if we all got the boot.

**We have now gained about 150 catacombers in India, plus 13 in Sri Lanka and 50 in Bangladesh and 4-5 in Pakistan! And we know it's just the beginning of the harvest!**

**"Music With Meaning" Radio Show:** Since this is actually broadcast from outside India, the Indian government can't stop it, even if they want to. And we could turn over all the mail handling to nationals if we had to, so we see it as one of our aces in the hole. If they kick us out the door, we'll come in through the window!—Ha! Simon could even make tapes outside the country, if necessary, though we hope he can remain there to be with the mail operation.

**The mail response has been phenomenal, and they've just started a road team visiting program to all the areas where we have listeners that write in regularly, to really get them to be solid cc'ers. We expect in 1978 to see India probably become the country in the world with the greatest number of total members! The Maharishi is beginning to get warmed up (she was definitely "shy at first"! ) and should be bumping across the floor with you soon!**

**Multiple Approach:** One thing we've tried to do is keep our various ministries and outreaches somewhat independent of each other, so that if one or two things get shut down, at least a few others can keep going. For example, in one large Indian

city, we have a house open for travellers and a separate meeting place for catacombers, and a separate flat for FF'ing, with not too much traffic in between. If our traveller house gets busted, at least we are still FF'ing and can still meet catacombers, etc.

**Various outreaches: Travellers.** We still have kept up with reaching the travellers, as this has provided us with some good tough pioneers. It's also been a financial help, as forsake-alls have accounted for probably close to half of our overall income there! "Call of India" and "State of the World" both mention that reaching our own lost sheep would be part of our testimony and proof of our love, and it really has been, as Indians respect us for caring for these poor bedraggled off-scouring. Some of them, though, are college grads, experienced secretaries, artists and musicians, even lawyers and engineers, believe it or not! And a lot of pretty free and very sexy girls! TYJ!

**FF'ing:** We have been doing a fair amount in Delhi and Bombay mainly, and a little in Calcutta, Madras, Dacca (Bangladesh) and Colombo (Sri Lanka), but not nearly enough, and it's slowed down a lot since we left 9 months ago. (Our leadership there got a bit bogged down in administrative snarls and financial squeezes.) With "Does FF'ing Pay?" we feel certain there will be a real boom in this! We can't afford not to! We used to get a lot of support from rich holidaying Arabs in a certain city's 5-star hotels, just for a little loving fellowship and a few songs (before the "Arthur" series),

but we got away from this to avoid a "prostitution" label. God help us!

**You do have to be careful, but with wisdom I think we can really make it pay** and reach really big, big fish! We've got a few very good fish on the line in this city now that could really help us! One has given a big donation and free use of a flat. Some areas of India are extremely conservative, but with a "quality not quantity" vision, we could shoot for the select group of elite that exists almost everywhere! The "RNR" and FF Report should really push this along.

**Finances and physical standard:** This has traditionally been a problem in India, and our brothers there live a far different life than elsewhere in the Family! There just aren't the same opportunities for support, as both litnessing and provisioning are very difficult, due to attitudes and laws against begging—something especially difficult for an Indian to understand a white person doing. They expect a Western social worker to give material blessing to India, not live off Indian charity. And the concept of sharing spiritually with them is difficult to get across to most, as they feel far more spiritually "enlightened" than any European, whom they consider spiritual midgets!

**But the kids have learned faith for miracles to survive**, more so than in Europe and our straight litnessing economy. We just need to learn more faith to not just survive, but to live well! FF'ing will really help here. Thank God for the Letter "Does FF'ing Pay?". I believe it will do more to help India in the long

run than all the foreign aid we've been given!

**Foreign aid**, though, has been a tremendous blessing and life saver and helped the brethren to make the progress in soul winning and catacombs that they have, as well as getting FF'ing off the ground, and even saving lives sometimes! God bless the generosity of our European Family! Some gave willingly, I believe, and not just because of taxes. But it doesn't bring the Homes nearly up to the ideal home standards of the Checklist, and I don't think a single Home will pass on the first round. God help us! We could all be cleaner, though, like you said! Lord increase our faith! We believe the vision you described in "Call of India" and believe the Lord has some real blessings coming for both the people of India and us in the days to come!

### **AFGHANISTAN**

Due to a super-tight and primitive Islamic society, we minister mainly to travellers and foreign diplomats. Penalty of proselytising is death.

### **NEPAL**

Similar to Afghanistan, but poorer and Hindu-Buddhist instead of Muslim. Penalty for proselytising is imprisonment—6 years.

### **BANGLADESH**

Though a 95% Islamic Republic, we've got an incredible 50 on-fire truly saved and witnessing catacombers—mainly college students and mostly converted Muslims! The catacombers even litness a little and have organised a popular band that does TV shows and college

concerts! They have had some FF'ing experience, but need to step it up and reach for the top more. There is one very good native national leader, formerly a pretty famous Bengali rock musician.

### **SRI LANKA**

Small team does some litnessing, a lot of school shows and catacomb work and beginning to FF more. They had no or almost no girls for quite awhile, but have a good team now. We've got three solid native national live-ins and 13 good catacombers.

*(Editor: If any individual Homes around the world would like to make donations to our pioneer works in these difficult and even dangerous fields, there is a relay*

*service available at the Service Center in Athens. Since sending cash in the mail to Third World countries is very risky (mail theft is common) and banking procedures often complicated (very few cheques or money orders are easily cashed as it sometimes takes months to clear), we'd like to suggest that cash in U.S. or major European currencies be mailed, with some designation of which field it's for, to: Grant Montgomery, c/o Connolly, P.O. Box 77, Athens, Greece. The Service Center can then see that it arrives safely at each respective field. GBY!)*

### **COMING NEXT ISSUE:**

**Report on the Mideast & Africa!**

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# **The Sad Case of Mother Eve & Stephen David!**

**—Reports by Kenaz & Hodiah, Hosanna & Rose, and others!**

Dearest Dad & Maria, 27 Feb. 78  
We wanted to share briefly about our experiences with Mom and Stephen since becoming involved with them when North Africa became part of our Ministry. I (Kenaz) had one previous encounter while on a "peace mission" with Hosanna in the Fall of 1976, but I was more or less an observer. Since I had no real authority, the action (should I say attack!) was more directed at Hosanna who was responsible for that area at the time.

But even then, I was shocked by the spiritual attitude of the team there, which was so blindly critical of anything connected with the

Chain and so blindly uncritical of anything on their own team. I will say, though, that on that trip I did feel that some of the problem was unwise and perhaps unloving cuts against Mom by members of the Chain in S. France.

Within their own operation, I never saw such personality worship and dictatorship as that of Mom and Stephen.—And such an oblivious attitude to even the political realities of the Mideast! Listening to them, you'd think Libya, Malta and Tunisia was the entire Muslim world, and their handful of be-draggled caravans and blobby pioneer teams were the only true pio-

neers on earth specially commissioned by God! Any attempts to explain facts to the contrary or our experiences in Third World and especially Muslim countries elsewhere fell on deaf ears, as their minds were made up.

**On the next trip, Hodiah and I first went to Tunisia (June 1977),** and visited with Joseph Swiss and our team (there were about 20 people), and we felt really united with all the folks there. They warmly welcomed us (though we were still unofficial visitors doing a trip for Hosanna, who was tied up in Italy at the time) and thirsted for counsel on pioneering. They were really feeling and seeing the need to apply "Don't Drop Out—Drop In" and "The Age of Pisces" to their situation and to drop the "Les Enfants de Dieu" tag, which was already causing a lot of official anxiety. We can honestly say that the entire team there was heartily agreed that Joseph had helped the work tremendously and that they did not want Mother, Stephen or their agents to return to the field, and the result, chaos, dangerous tactics, etc., which they knew endangered all the patient hard work they'd done. In fact, most there felt that Mom and Steve's "pioneering" was something they constantly had to overcome (bad PR with certain hotels they'd played at, suspicion of officials, etc.) that made their job of getting really into society there more difficult.

**Joseph had been unanimously confirmed as leader there.**—He was called a Bishop, but in reality was a Regional Shepherd of Tunisia.

He was appointed by Silas and Hosanna and did some closing down of so-called border bases in S. Europe at their requests, which got Mom hopping mad at the time.—This was before our arrival.

**Then Joseph, Hodiah and I all visited Mom in Malta** and were treated like babes, kept waiting for days to get to see and share with Mom and Steve, who were busy rebuking Joseph (who took it with amazing calm; he just wanted to have nothing to do with Malta, Libya or Mom's crew anymore, but still he kept a patient and loving attitude). When finally it came time to share with them about our experiences in the Muslim world, Stephen turned on the tape recorder and lectured us on the glories of Mo'ammarr for three hours! It was quite frustrating! The one point we kept insisting upon, though, was the right of the Tunisian work to self-determination and that neither Mom or Steve, nor anyone, could phone up and dictate to them or send in unwanted personnel to their field. Our standing with Mom sank quite a bit on this trip, I believe.

**Later that summer, four folks (Damien, Menorah, Hannah and Boaz) arrived uninvited in Tunisia** with instructions from Mom and Steve to do a Holy Ghost sample and distribute lit at the Carthage Festival where our band was scheduled to do a performance. Joseph Swiss and his whole team were unanimous in the opinion that such a tactic could result in official harrassment and maybe expulsion just when the band was gaining recognition and a good cover. (Since

then, they have become national stars and got the message out through music many times, including first prize at a pop festival for a new song "Change the World"!).

**So, when they voiced these concerns to Damien and company, they phoned Mom who sent back a message** insisting that every disciple in Tunisia (then scattered in four Homes in two cities) gather for prayer and prophecy regarding tactics at the festival and also rebuked the Tunisian leadership for "lack of faith" and so on. So Joseph and Taberah called for counsel, and we just said it would be great to have prayer if all there wanted it, but not to allow dictation through prophecy and not to feel obligated to call a special meeting just because Mom and Stephen said they should!

**We also sent a message to Mom and Stephen stating our feelings that the Tunisian family were the ones who should agree on tactics** that affected their lives and ministry, and if their people wanted to distribute they should totally disassociate themselves from the band and team there to avoid blowing their whole cover as professional musicians. Later I was accused of dictating to Tunisia and not permitting desperate prayer, which I believe the whole Tunisian family will say is absolutely false.

**After that, we tried to enroll their help in Arab translations, but got no cooperation,** despite our supplying them with their special lit requests at a pretty high expense. Then in November, I visited Malta and that day immigrations had visited and asked them all to come to

the station the next day, when they were asked to leave. The reason was a 10:36 case brought on by their sending an underaged runaway Maltese catacomber to Naples, Italy, which totally infuriated their family and officials. (The girl eventually returned to her family.) They also were getting harrassed for litnessing, had lost a full set of FF Letters at Immigrations, etc. I tried to share that, personally, I felt the persecution could have been avoided if they'd followed Dad's counsel on underage disciples and tried to put the "Pisces" Letter into better effect there. Well, I was treated like a systemite for my views. (They are all so revolutionary.)

**Then, when Timothy suggested we cut Malta's budget (Editor: This was actually an order from Dad!),** I shared with them the reasons why (not mentioning Timothy, but just explaining about becoming indigenous, to make funds available for new pioneering, put less strains on our brothers in Europe and because that's what Dad said in his Letters!), and they accused me of not caring about Godahfi and seemed to think if Tenerife should be supported so should they, etc. etc. We replied once again with a detailed breakdown of all fields that had succeeded in becoming indigenous. So far, no reply has come. That's basically it. I could get into all the gory details and horror stories I heard from the sheep in Tunisia, but I think this sums up our personal experiences with them. Love, Kenaz & Hodiah.

**P.S. from Hosanna & Rose:** We wanted to mention briefly several other incidents concerning Mother

and Stephen, which have occurred in S. Europe over the past couple of years:

**(1) First of all was when Stephen held a sackcloth vigil in the Rome Disco,** supposedly against the disco and the music there, during which time he also slapped Rodent (the AB) in the face. He had been there just days before with Rachel and Emanuele but never mentioned anything against the situation at the time.

Stephen and his group of 20 or so refused to leave the premises at the request of the local disco colony members and leadership. That afternoon the club had to be delayed in opening for two hours while the catacombers, who had brought their friends and people they were witnessing to, had to wait outside. Later that night, Angelo and the musicians led 300 kids in prayer to receive Jesus!

**(2) There have been several incidences where Stephen and/or Daniel and Menorah visited colonies all over France and Italy** deliberately trying to stir up dissension between colony members and on one occasion got so fired up and violent that he threw one of the brothers, Jacob Hopper, up against the wall in front of the regional meeting. It was often strongly advocated by Mother and Stephen for people to just desert their posts to join them. For example, John Z was a District Shepherd in S. France and just up and deserted his flock without notifying anyone in order to find a replacement for him.

**(3) Last Fall while visiting Italy, Mother and Stephen took Mene**

**away from Vessel and Shula,** even though they were cooperating in letting Mene spend time with Mom. As yet, they still have refused to return Mene to her parents, even though they received a message from Rachel specifically stating that Dad said Shula should be allowed to keep her daughter Mene with her. Naturally, this has caused Vessel and Shula a lot of worry and agony.

**(4) Mother and Stephen, as well as many of the people they are responsible for, have a bad habit of expecting others to pay their bills** for them. On several occasions, their colonies have run up large bills at trailer camps, house rents, etc., which the local AB had to end up paying, as these things were done in the name of COG. They often failed to pay their lit bills, even though their special "border base colonies" were only requested to pay 10% to the AB (actual cost of printing and paper only!), so it had nothing to do with the 35%. They got their lit on credit, but when a default in payment occurred, Mom or Steve would seek goodwill to get them restored, which we'd do at their request, and finally switched over to COD delivery! Even during Mom and Stephen's stay in Florence, they ran up a large phone bill in the flat we gave them free to stay at and then left it for us to pay. The flat was also left a complete mess, physically.

**(5) While they obviously have the spiritual insight often times to detect problems, their means of going about to correct them leaves a lot to be desired** in positive results, more often than not causing real dissension if anyone steps up to question. Mean-

while, at one point, their "region" of N. Africa had grown to 108 people, only 20 of whom were in Malta or Tunisia and the rest floating around Europe somewhere (while they spent all their time encouraging everyone to leave Europe!). Meanwhile, these 108 people were winning only a few souls per month in total and not meeting the 1000 per person lit distribution. So in terms of productivity, they were certainly not much of a sample.

Anyway, the majority of these incidents are long over with and not present problems, but we wanted to take this opportunity to add it to Kenaz and Hodia's report. Also listed are a few comments gleaned off the questionnaires in reference to Mom's team:

**Zaccheus Star** (teacher of Ho & Esther's children): "Incident with Stephen David at Rome '76—the disunity and confrontation was obviously against the MO Letters."

**Joseph Swiss, Tunisia:** "Mother Eve and Stephen many times wanted people to be loyal to them and their doctrines to a point of being contrary to the Letters, specifically in their counsel about marriage, or

reports, or witnessing."

**Rebekah Willow, London:** "In my opinion, Stephen David has acted contrary to 'The Law of Love' in using his 'title' as a top leader or member of the RF to practically force his beliefs and liberties on others, as well as taking from others to feed his own desires."

**Daniel Pilot, Tunisia:** "Mother Eve has, before the 'RNR' Letter, openly to babes and other Family members, denounced the Chain of Cooperation and top leaders such as Rodent and has encouraged people to drop out of the Chain to work with her. I personally think she did this to help the Family and really stuck her neck out, but it caused real division within the Family."

**Heidi Miracle, Norway:** "On Mom's team there were some cruel situations occurring, done out of selfishness and lack of love for the team. I've never seen such. I don't think Mom knew about it all.

Love and prayers,  
Hosanna & Rose.

(**MO:** "It's about time we got on their sad case! If exposure doesn't do it, maybe it'll have to be expulsion!—Sad Dad, 11/3/78.)

## **TIPS FOR TRANSLATING THE "FAMILY NEWS"!**

Although the "Family News" is not required to be translated and reprinted, it would be a tremendous help to the nationals at this time.—We have heard pleas from different fields about the need for some kind of translating of the FN.

In translating, there would be no need to make a "duplicate issue" in the exact format as the English copy. We suggest just a quick

"running translation" article-by-article, typed the simplest way possible, perhaps all the way across the page, and then printed, xeroxed or mimeographed—whatever is quickest, cheapest and most expedient.

**No photos, letrasetting or fancy layout needed!**—Just the pertinent information in the language of your land, to be sure that all understand!

Love, The Editors.