

THE PRODIGAL SON RETURNS!

Hallelujah!—MIGUEL'S REPLY
TO DAD'S PERSONAL
LETTER TO HIM!
(See "The Prodigal Son" No. 641.)

Dear Dad and Maria,

19-12-77

God bless you in Jesus' precious Name. I thank you so much for the wonderful love God has put in your heart. I really love you, Daddy, because the examples of your love are just beautiful and full of God's Love and mercy. This is why your love is so irresistible. I thank God so much for your discernment, love, mercy and the wisdom you have always showed me. It's such a big blessing for me to know that there is a whole Family in the world that loves me. Thank you Lord! Thank You Jesus!

Through that love God has put in your heart, you have just changed my life all over again and I am very thankful and happy at the same time.

Thank You Jesus for having given me the grace and another opportunity to serve You full-time. After I read your letter, there was no doubt in my mind but to come back to this precious Family of Love! You can't imagine how much your letter helped me to see what the Lord wants from me. I thank you so much, Daddy, for taking the time to write to me, because that letter changed my life all over again! Thank You Jesus!

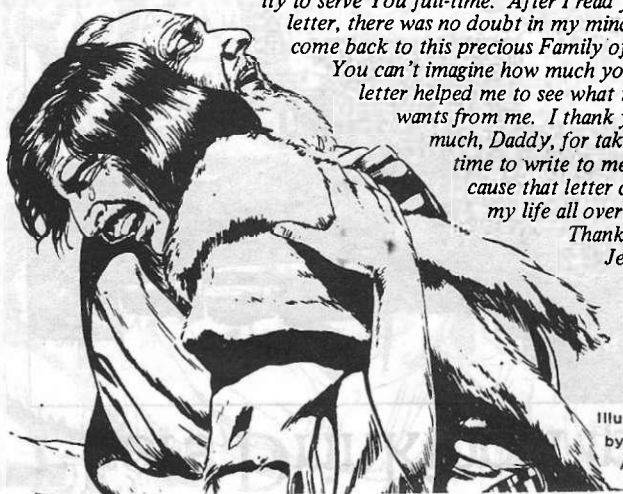


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your hard work, love and personal sacrifices you put into making Spanish Publications the best in the world!

From travelling the colonies here in the South and speaking with all of the kids I can honestly say that much of the progress that has been made here in the last two months has been a direct result of the new and inspired literature the colonies have been receiving. The new lit with its vastly improved quality has given the kids new faith and inspiration to get out God's "Wonder Working Words". Because of its quality, the kids have received double or more the price per piece received, causing a much needed increase of finances for all. Because of this, all the colonies and disciples have been able to raise the standard so that almost every colony in the South is now able to look for better and much needed housing, and all the disciples' personal needs can be met. This has especially been a blessing to the families with children. In short, we are now able to move forward faster than ever before, and what looked like mountains yesterday are little more than hills today! Hallelujah!

Several of the kids had some good suggestions and ideas I thought worthwhile to share with you for your consideration.

1. One was that you continue to send out literature for the colonies on a regular basis, such as the beginning or end of the month. However, some of the colonies report that they have enough to keep them busy for a while, so perhaps we could regulate the flow a little better. One

way of doing this would be:

2. With each shipment of lit send a questionnaire to be filled out and returned by the local colony council with their comments and suggestions including a possible choice of suggested lit to be printed for the next time and stating how much they would like to receive.

3. A new NNN at least every quarter as suggested in "NNN Attack". The latest one we are getting out now is great! Truly one of the best we have ever distributed anywhere! The cover is a real eye catcher for both men and women. Perhaps we could take a tip from "Interviu" and other popular mags and keep a pretty girl or girls on the cover and save the family shots for the inside.

4. Send the packages of lit to the colonies in smaller boxes. The large ones almost always break open when even slightly dropped or during the shipping, resulting in lost lit. They are also too heavy in the large boxes, and in some colonies they have to carry them up 4 to 5 flights of stairs. We have had some people really hurt their backs as a result and many taxis refuse to take them because they are too big.

5. Consider ordering some products from Wild Wind in bulk for distribution here. Many kids have asked about the "God's Only Law Is Love" button. Personally, I think that unless we could get some stamped in Spanish that they might be a white elephant.

(DAD: Order from the Pacific KQC in Spanish.)

6. Order some German, English, French language NNNs from other

Before I opened your letter, I opened another letter which was from the little children—Mik, Joseph, Didi and Maeve. They wrote a little Christmas card just telling me how much they loved me, that just broke my heart, and then I opened yours, and that was the ending of my long battle which resulted with a big victory for me. Thank God!

I love you, Daddy, and I will join the Family next month in Madrid, because I have a contract at the University as an English teacher and I just resigned it. So now I have to wait until the middle of January because I have to give them at least twenty-five days in order for them to find another one. Thank You Lord! I am so happy and free from the bondage I was tied to.

Everybody here has really helped me so much. Yesterday morning I went litnessing with Giorgio and what a victory the Lord gave me! Thank You Lord! The Lord is really breaking me and I am very glad about it. I am also working with the catacombs in Santa Cruz and I really love it. I have talked to some of the old catacombers and some of them are coming back to serve the Lord once more.

So, Dad, as you can see, everything is so heavy for me, it is just beautiful and full of God's Spirit. Thank You Lord!

Wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you so much for your beautiful present (the Spanish Quotebook). I really loved it and I am putting it to work! God bless you!

Love, Miguel.



Publications Suggestions

by GIBEA FIRSTFRUIT

WITH COMMENTS BY DAD!

Dec. 6, 1977
Sevilla, Spain

Dear Carlos & Brethren in Pubs,
God bless you and keep you close to Him! First and foremost I want to say on behalf of all the brothers and sisters in Southern Spain, thank you! Thanks so much for

pub centers for the many, many tourists that are in Spain all year round. The little English "Lost Horizon Found" and the German "Sightseers" don't really make it.

7. Perhaps most important is giving the kids a choice in the Letters to be printed. Virtually every colony I have visited has asked, "When are we going to get out a political MO Letter?" This is how it has been explained to me by people who have been in Spain for years: For years we were underground, distributing only milky lit. Then with the explosion in Tenerife and the Family of Love most of our lit has been explaining our way of life and religious beliefs. These Letters are great! They are God's answers to a love-starved nation, and the results have been fantastic!

However, it seems that now the big thing in Spain is politics. It is hard to find young people who aren't involved with it in some way or another, mostly leaning to the Left. It seems many young people have the impression that we are rightist. I believe they get this impression from some of our former lit, such as "202 Lies" (with its "Viva Espana!") and "Real Mothers" with its apparent Catholic slant and our former close associations with them when we were first getting started.

I can honestly say that most of our lit is now reaching middle-aged adults or kids in their mid-twenties, and only about 20-30% to the 18-22-year-olds. This younger age group has always been the core of our recruiting of new disciples. We're just not reaching as many of

them, and as a result, we haven't gotten very many new full-time disciples! At least I believe this could be one factor for our low number of gains.

There is a lot of talk about the age of majority being lowered to 18 very soon, if that happens, and it appears it will, the next election will most likely swing further to the Left. I believe the time to start influencing the youth of Spain as to our views on the world should begin now! (DAD: A good letter with some good ideas! God bless him for his love and concern for the youth. But on this point I have this to say: In the first place, the old guard is still in power, still on the throne in Spain, and anything too radical is apt to offend them and get you on the wrong foot with the powers that be. At the risk of losing friends on the bottom, we're gaining friends on the top right now who in this ticklish situation are going to be a lot more help than a bunch of little radicals going around the streets chanting revolution.)

Many of our kids, sad to say, still have got an old bottle mentality as far as disciples are concerned. They don't realise that these powerful people we're winning at the top are also disciples, but who are not going to drop out, that they're disciples in powerful places, that the disciples we're now winning are much like the rich Joseph of Arimathaea and powerful Gamaliel and influential Nicodemus, secret disciples who can't drop out but can sure drop in. Some of our kids are still back in the Youth Revolution of the 60's that fell flat on its face. We're the