

only thing good that came out of that Revolution, good and lasting. After all the Letters on FF'ing, unless they do FF'ing they don't appreciate or know anything about the friends we're winning now because they don't see them on the stats. Our kids tend to think our live-in disciples are the only important ones, but they have no idea of the influential men we're winning now—presidents and premiers who are influencing the course of history—unless they have been directly involved in FF'ing and seeing the fruit.)

8. Finally, the colonies thought that having posters of the cover of the MO Letter we are pushing that particular month (it seems there is usually one particular each month) could be sent out with each shipment of literature, such as 100-150 posters, or more, done on cheap newsprint of "Richman Poorman" accompanying the Letter, to arouse the interest of the people in the streets. Posters are a relatively new thing here in Spain, and everyone stops to read the newest. "The people seek a new thing." It would also help them to realise that we have new publications regularly, as some seem to think it is always the same one.

(DAD: You can provision space on the sides of people's buildings or rent it for a small fee. Just be sure you don't put them up in illegal or unauthorised places. It's a simple thing to make posters. You just blow up and make a plate for the size of the press that is going to print them, as big as they can afford to make it, right off the same neg of

the cover.)

Well, I didn't realise this was going to be so long, but that about covers it all. Again, we all want to say thank you, we love you all so much, and keep you in our prayers.

Love in Jesus,
because of David,
Gibea Firstfruit.

COMMENTS FROM CARLOS

The fruit of the new lit is really impressive! Not only has it strengthened the faith of many—as we saw in the letter we received from Sevilla, but it has brought hundreds to our doors here in Madrid—honestly, sincerely and hungrily looking for the Love which is so clearly communicated in the Letters.—Professionals, military officers, sales executives, in short, the best-rewarded pawns of the System knocking on our doors—almost knocking down our doors—in hopes of getting a sample of the message!

Shortly after sharing with this team here, I received the copy of "Prodigal Son", whose content as in many other Letters, transcends the title and saves an important truth from being overlooked, in this case the pivotal position of litnessing, the essential, central backbone aspect of simply letting others have the key, the tool, the Words, which brought us to our liberating service to the Lord, to His liberating Spirit!

WANTED!—Litnessers and good FF'ers for Portugal! Previous knowledge of Portuguese not necessary, as many there speak English. Please contact: Jose Mendez, Apdo 36, Cascais, Portugal. Attn: Jay.

RED HOT REPORTS!

An openly frank and honest look into the colonies of Southern France, Germany and Scandinavia!—From disciples now FF'ing in Tenerife!—Written at Dad's request!

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SOUTHERN FRANCE

Dear Dad and Maria,

God bless you so much and keep you well always. We both came from Southern France where we lived for one year and three months, before coming directly to Tenerife on June 19, 1977. We spent three years in Northern France before that, mainly in Publications and P.R. and various leadership positions until we moved to oversee Southern France as Bishops, and then in the last months, as AB's. In the first six months in southern France, we mainly stayed in Marseille, but then, as our overseers moved to Italy, we began to spend all of our time on the road, traveling from colony to colony, and in the last four or five months, before coming here, we started an FF'ing colony in Nice-Monte Carlo. We were Bishops under James and Charity, and then AB's under Hosanna and Rose.

To come here (to Tenerife) was quite a shock for us, first and most of all, because we felt so unworthy of the calling and were so impressed about coming to the very house of the King. Also, it was a real change from the work we used to do before, and also in the spiritual atmosphere and the general practice of the

Letters. We found here, people that actually put the Letters into practice—all of the Letters—and it was like the accomplishment of everyone's dream in the colonies, which is to actually touch this freedom that we can feel in the Letters.

One thing we can say about our former area, is that the leadership over us was really trying to follow the Letters, and live them, but nothing equals the sample we have seen here; so God has had to break quite a few images and misconceptions in our heads and hearts and teach us some real lessons since we came here, and we're still learning! We would say that the two greatest differences are in the spiritual atmosphere and of course in the way FF'ing is put into practice.

Spiritual Atmosphere: Being ourselves in a position of leadership and trying to follow the Letters the best we knew how, we were really surprised in coming to Tenerife by the much more relaxed and free spirit, operating by love, a greater freedom in the individual choice, but at the same time a greater unity through more counselling, because people were taught by a sample to follow the truth of the Letters.

The colonies where we were are

not unhappy, but they greatly lack in faith to claim their liberty, which results in many cases in some spiritual bondage. The kids do want to follow the Letters—we did, and our leadership did too, but there exists throughout the chain of cooperation a general lack of faith, which freezes the application of the freedom of the Letters. For example,

Brothers and sisters in need of sex are not being helped out, or if so, rarely, because of a fear of wild-fire. We had been FF'ing for a few months before coming here, but did not know that the husband and wife, to avoid FF blues, could be helped out and sad to say, on the other hand, there were brothers and sisters in great need right there living with us.

Living Conditions: The living conditions here are superior to the average colony in southern France. But we would say, though, that it is not so much in higher standards that is lacking, but rather in a homey atmosphere. We feel that there was much possibility of nicer decorations if people only knew how and what to do with the things that they already have. Instead, people would just accept to live in an army barracks type of housing, and sad to say, each and every one of the colonies looked very much the same.

With the "FF'ing Revolution", the standard had been rising a lot, especially in the colonies that were starting to do some FF'ing. We ourselves pioneered an FF'ing colony in Nice-Monte Carlo and got an apartment right in the center of town which we turned into a real beautiful place just through provisioning and litnessing. God really

did miracle after miracle, and this gave us the faith to uplift the standards of all the colonies in our area. We had been to Poggiosecco and Rome and we returned so enthusiastic about the sample we saw there! And so, we attacked in that area, claiming God's promises, and saw how everywhere God was ready to supply the needs. We encouraged more provisioning in the colonies and tried to uplift the standard of faith as well. But there again, since the emphasis is not on FF'ing in most of the colonies, people don't have the vision of having their house be a very nice sample.

Lit Distribution: When we left, the main emphasis was still the lit distribution, though slowly, more and more, we started to get into FF'ing. The lit quota was 2,400 pieces a month for a full-time litnesser, 1,800 for a mother, and 1,500 for traveling shepherds. There was still quite a bit of pressure on the productivity of the colony. In other words, the emphasis is more on the "stats" instead of building something or influencing people's lives. Sad to say, this distortion would often times come from the overseers who want their area to look the best and therefore whip the horse into winning the race.

It seemed to us that the colonies were becoming a dead and futureless end if the goal was only to "get out the lit", and therefore we would say that a lot of the shepherds' troubles and married couple's problems came from this lack of a deeper vision which covers all the areas of our witness. For example—

We were very impressed by how

much time we invest in only one person's life here, with so much hope and faith that it would change or at least influence his life. We often times felt that in the colonies we still witness till the person is led to the Lord, and boom, it's all over unless he joins the Family. But hopefully, this attitude should be in the process of changing, especially with the new Letters such as "The Church of Love" and "Open the Door for the Children", which emphasise Christian fellowship.

Leadership: We felt a great difference when we moved from Northern France to Southern France in the leadership method. Northern France still had the influence of the "image leader" with one person having most of the say and doing most of the work. But when we got to Southern France, we felt more the influence of Rachel and people who had been working close to her. The spirit was much freer and the overseers were simple, faithful little people. We worked under Shem and Shelah in Southern France, and then James and Charity, and before we left, with Hosanna and Rose, and we learned some beautiful lessons of faith, love for the sheep, and humility from them. All of them encouraged us to follow the Letters, to start FF'ing, and also to inspire the colonies to do the same. They were very concerned about the way we visit colonies when we travel, that the kids were happy, and that all their needs were met.

But still the Chain of Cooperation has a lot of weight and the kids remain quite "title-minded". God had to break this image of leadership

when we got here and we found in much greater freedom and unity in the anointing of the shepherds. We also noticed in coming here that the center of life is not so much the administration but much more the witnessing. Rachel, in spite of all her administrative responsibility, was always talking about her fish, and the needs of the sheep. Still, in a lot of places, the witnessing for the leaders goes after the administration. We were very surprised to hear how you, Dad and Maria, used to go every day to Cafe de Paris, and also at night sharing with all these men in Capricios, on whom you had such an impact.

Following the Letters: Most of the people in our area really wanted to get into FF'ing, especially the girls!! Our overseers were inspiring us about starting FF'ing and we had been invited to Poggiosecco in Italy to see how they operated. We ourselves should have helped out more men than we did in our beginnings. We started very slow, maybe too slow, as we expected the fish to already be in the boat before we gave him a bite! Plus, we were very afraid of hurting each other, the



ONE WIFE

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