

sel, neither the kids or the leaders have the faith it will be ok, because they don't normally operate this way. It is like too much reliance on the chain of cooperation, whereas in an FF situation, it is between you, the Lord and the fish, and it is according to your personal faith, often.

I love Germany very much and thank the Lord I could go there and learn so much. I love the brethren there so deeply and miss them and pray for them. Thank you for asking me to write something on it; I hope it helps. I love you so much. Seven kisses and seven hugs from a little girl who loves you very much, Lee.

Some more details on the overall situation in Germany: from Sabina—

The thing that is so very different here is that everybody is so much more open & free & lives the FF Letters. I cannot say that the brothers and sisters in Germany don't live the Letters, I think the difference is that they are more afraid of doing something wrong so that they rather don't do anything or only very little. They are afraid of having wild fire that they don't have so much fire at all. I know that my leaders did everything to follow the Letters and live them.

One thing that hindered us from really getting into FF'ing more is, I think, that the same people stayed too long in one place and we did not have so much change in personnel. Especially the Letters which describe the freedom that God is giving us now as we obey him broke everybody's bottle and were hard to swallow.

One night Faithy was visiting (when Hosea was visiting too) and she gave us a talk on FF'ing and all the things that were happening in South America and how God had opened the doors to the country through FF'ing. That really gave everybody the vision and helped us to have more faith. As I already mentioned, it was the girls who were more turned on about going out and meeting people, who were always pushing for going out, etc. The importance is to really see the need for FF'ing to be able to go on witnessing and spreading the Gospel for the work of God for His sake and our own sake, to be able to survive in the coming times. I think everybody really wants to go out but finds it hard to just have the faith in trying it and just doing it.

When the FF Letters came out, we started to go out a little bit, but never did much heavy fishing. It was really a bomb and with every Letter our bottles broke into pieces.

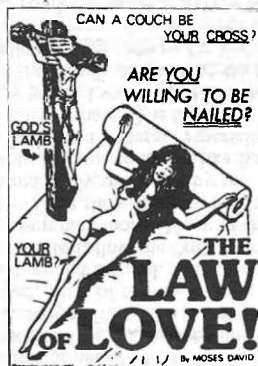
The girls were really on fire, more than the boys I think, starting to lose kilos, saving money for dresses and better clothes, etc. We did much more litnessing than FF'ing, especially in the last months, because of the lit push, our rebuttals to the articles. Altogether I went out maybe ten times.

After making love with a fish in April '77, I got an affliction (in German called trichonemaden) which lasted for about five months altogether. I took some suppositories which had a bad effect on me so that I got sick. Whenever I would talk to Habakkuk, he was always

speaking faith and encouraging me and lifting me up. He really has a lot of mercy and love for us.

I love you so much and hope this report explains the work in Hamburg a little bit, the situations at that time. God bless you so much, Sabina.

P.S. Here everything is very different than in Germany. People are following the Letters very closely here. There I never did help out any brother who was in need. I don't know of anybody who does it.



SCANDINAVIA

Dearest Dad and Maria,

God bless you, I love you so much! The areas I used to be in before coming to Tenerife were Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Spiritual Atmosphere: I really liked the atmosphere in the colonies in Denmark, especially—a good, open atmosphere, a real family atmosphere. In Copenhagen we used to have (I don't know if we have right now) a Poorboy Club called

Abraham that really drew a lot of kids and was well known in the city and a lot of kids got saved there. We have some real good musicians there—Ahimelech Pioneer, Gabriel Swedish, Frankie and Eleazar! (A little PR!)

In Denmark our school is a real fantastic testimony. The children there are doing very well and it's such good PR for the Family. They used to go to sing at hospitals, schools, old folks' homes, etc., and also last summer to a big music festival in a town called Roskilde, where the Family and the children's performance for the young kids got on TV three times, also for Swedish TV.

Leadership: I'd say the leadership in Denmark is good in a lot of areas. In Norway, a lot of things have changed, I think, since I was there—new leadership, etc., whom I don't know personally. But by reading stats and testimonies I have the impression that things are a lot better now than before. Before, a lot of areas were neglected.

We were really pushing the litnessing, but not with very good lit (often the same lit for half a year and things like that). And things like pioneering new areas, going to schools, hospitals, etc. were really neglected, also following up on new converts. But I hope things are better now.

In Denmark we used to go out and sing a lot, to bars, restaurants, schools, parks, etc., which I think is very good. Music is such a heavy media and a good way to reach people's hearts. We also used to give out many Letters and get donations that way.

Following the Letters: My shepherd's name from Denmark was Ab-

ner Scottish—married to Tabitha (in Copenhagen and Odense). He's very strong, loves you so much. He was one of the first ones that really showed a burden to go out to the clubs and he used to take us out at night sometimes before I ever heard of any other colonies up there doing it.

The thing is, things have been awful "strict" concerning sex, as good as looked on as not accepted in the colonies even between the Family. It's true! In fact, when someone "got caught", they usually got a "talk" about it. That's the thing that's most different from Tenerife, and the Letter "One Wife" never used to be practised like that in any colony I've been to. But I've helped some brothers out all by faith sometimes, and I guess others might have done the same. But we never talked about it. So you can imagine how some brothers must feel after three or four years unmarried! Also, in one colony, when the heavy FF Letters started to come, the leader said that this was not meant for our situation, only for the countries that are in a "selah" situation and closed to litnessing. That was in Aarhus, Denmark. This leader was my shepherd for about three months. He's really faithful, though, on things like Bible study and the Word and shepherding.

The last colony I was in was Malmo, Sweden, with shepherds Daniel and Sherah—a translating colony, and I took care of their little daughter. I really liked this colony, we really got to know each other well. Daniel is a real soldier, he loves to get things moving and changing.

In Sweden we've had so much bad publicity, you know, and it's really a hard field for litnessing. But I think FF'ing is the key to the Swedish people. This colony was one of the four pioneer colonies in FF'ing up there. Food, clothing, etc. is very good. We used to provision a lot of food and the Lord always supplied our every need. So that's no different from here. The litnessing quotas in most colonies are, I think, somewhere between 100-200 pieces of lit per day, usually 100-150, and about 4-6 hours a day. Wintertime can be pretty tough up there in the snow and cold, so we must pray for the brethren up there!

That sure is different from Tenerife—the climate! What a blessing to be here! I pray this is gonna be a help to you. Lots, lots of love to you from all my heart. I love you, God bless you! —Heidi



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'STARVING for LOVE!'

A DESPERATE PLEA FOR LOVE!

—DO YOU NEED IT? —CAN YOU GIVE IT?

Dearest MO, Rachel and all,

God bless you and thank you so much for the recent advisory which enables us to feel free to write to you about things. Dad said that it's also for our comments, reactions and suggestions, so I just want to use this space to pour out my heart. I know that you understand how I feel, because of the following MO quotes, for which I am very thankful:

"I guess the Lord has just given me a special sympathy and love and compassion for the underdogs, the people everybody else can't stand and want to get rid of. Because I was an underdog for a good many years, and I know how it feels to feel unloved and alone and that nobody cares. If I hadn't had the Lord I'd have probably gone crazy or jumped off a cliff or something."

"The Lord let me go through those years of loneliness and underdoggedness to let me know how it feels, so I could have a great love and compassion for the unlovely and the beasts, the guys who with just a little touch of love could just really be made to blossom!" ("Mothers of God" 572:113,114.)

Thank you so much for these precious words, as they really encourage my heart. I know your Letter "But If Not", and I refuse to give up, but I really do appreciate your ear and even a little prayer that the Lord will soon supply my needs.

If He doesn't, I'll still keep going, but I believe He wants to. My name is Jeremiah, I'm 28 years old and single and joined the Family five years ago (I'm American).

God bless you and thanks so much.

Lots of love and prayers, Jeremiah Meek; Luxembourg. P.S. Most of what I'm trying to say here is that I need sex and a woman's love so badly that it just drives me crazy and really affects my spiritual condition. Can't people be helped along these lines as is written in "The Law of Love"? I need it desperately!—"Starving" is the word.

"This is the difference between lust and love: Lust is merely to gratify your own greedy selfish appetite, like eating a meal. You may need it, but if you're stealing it from someone else and taking the food out of their mouth to stuff your own, this is selfish lust, not love! But if you are taking the food out of your own mouth and giving your own meal to satisfy and feed another who is hungry and starving for love and needs it desperately and might not survive without it, then this is real love."

"Greater love hath no man than this: that a man lay down his life for his friends." "Therefore we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." Are you willing to lay down your life—or even your wife—for a starving brother or a sister?" "Law of Love" 17,18.—