

from the Montessori methods and terminology as much as possible because it is simply not even true that we follow the Montessori method in our Family! I dare say that hardly a handful of people in our Family really teach it or qualify to do so. Nor do I even think that it is entirely in accordance with the MO Letters and Bible teaching that we have learned from our shepherd David.

It's almost like a false doctrine floating around that we use or believe or practice or teach the Montessori method in our Family—it's simply not true. And in order to get that fear out of people that they are not "keeping up with the Montessori method", it would be best not to even refer to it. Ideally speaking, the best thing to do would be to replace it with our own adaptation and compilation of what other good teaching ideas we can come up with and use in accordance with the spiritual teachings of the MO Letters.

However, I do like the little counting rods and 1 cm. cubes (the two little wooden boxes with the little sticks) very much and that is why I suggest that Demetrius share these teaching material plans in classes so that local carpenters or people on the field can obtain them for themselves.

I teach 3-year-old Davidito school, but I have never used any kind of Montessori method or even principle in my teachings. I don't know anything about how things are "supposed" to be done, praise the Lord! I just follow whatever he likes to do and he makes tremen-

dous progress, in the three R's and three G's, etc. I feel like I am the perfect-type guinea pig for all your new materials because I can try them on my own children here and let you know how they work. So far, so good, so praise the Lord! Keep up the good work!

So if you all can come up with ideas on how to use the Montessori materials or teaching ideas for our families, great! We can compile the ideas or choose the good out of several methods and suggest it to the Family. MO and Maria are certainly all for the idea of obtaining what materials you can in your own field without having to order from long distances or carry about cumbersome expensive materials that are neither practical nor even useful in most situations.

I am thrilled with the idea and am backing you one hundred percent that our teaching programmes and materials need to stand up for inspection to friends and contacts, Third World people and closed countries, etc. And I definitely believe they can be a source of income for the future! You have proven to me it can be done with the "Language With a Purpose" programme which is absolutely tremendous and already in for final approval.—You'll hear the results on that as soon as possible. This is a vision I've had all along, and I've finally seen it come to pass, thanks to the Lord and your hard work.

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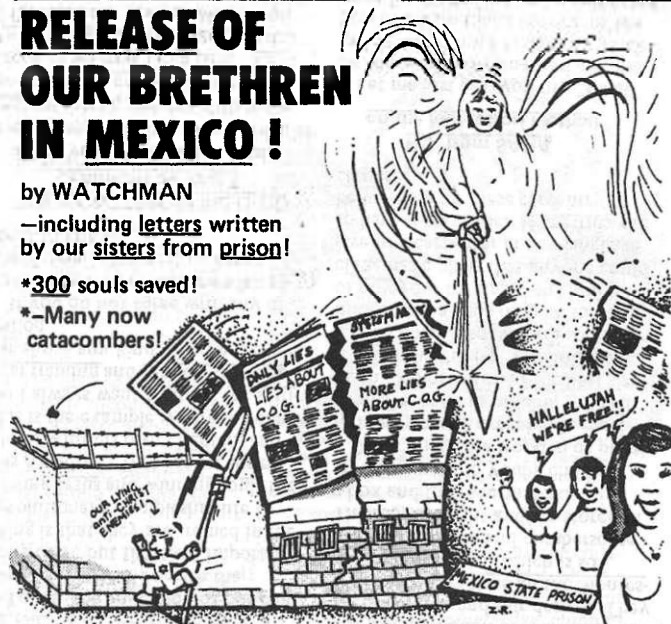
FULL STORY OF THE MONTH'S IMPRISONMENT & MIRACULOUS RELEASE OF OUR BRETHREN IN MEXICO!

by WATCHMAN

—including letters written by our sisters from prison!

*300 souls saved!

*—Many now catacombers!



INTRODUCTION

(Last September, two negative magazine articles came out about the Family in Mexico. Both were taken directly from

slandorous articles from Europe, one being a reprint of the German "Stern" article. Then thanks to some good P.R. work and the FF'ing of an immigration official whose heart was changed by love and reading "Change the World", things seemed to cool off. But suddenly, with no apparent warning, on January 19th, the police raided five of our Homes in Mexico City, Merida and Chihuahua and arrested about 30 brethren—both Mexican nationals and foreigners—including seven children who were shortly released into the custody of a friend of the Family.—from a report by Shaul.)

PTL! Prior to the raid, almost everyone here in Mexico, all the leaders especially, were going through some big trials and were were really "out of it" due to the super-blob here and our own lack of obedience, especially to the FF Letters. Finally, the very day of the raid, Katrina, Zerah (the former AB) and I had a rare meeting together and began to really pour out our hearts to each other about the lack of obedience to the Letters, abuse of finances, etc. and discussed some form of action. Well, the action came quicker than we had anticipated!—

We had been out doing errands when the raid occurred, and when we called in we were shocked to learn that the PM office as well as two other Homes in Mexico City had been raided and the members, including children, arrested! We immediately prayed together for the Lord's wisdom and guidance

and booked into a hotel room where we began to make phone calls to get a better picture of things and help counsel those who were still free. The next day, we went to an apartment of a friend, where we set up a temporary base of operations.

By then, we were beginning to realise the gravity of our brethren's situation. The day after the raid, the papers were coming out with front-page headlines and photos about their arrests and the serious criminal charges which were being brought against them. (From a report by Deborah: It seems they were filing charges on the basis of "corruption of minors" due to some of the FF Letters. In Mexico, this is a criminal charge punishable by up to twelve years in prison. One newspaper had a photo of four of the girls arrested in Mexico City. All the girls were smiling and praising the Lord—extremely pretty and a tremendous testimony!)

From a few friends and contacts, we were able to find out that the raids were the result of an order from the highest government officials, as a result of a smear campaign of harassment conducted by a group of our enemies whom we dubbed as "the 40 committee", a group of some of the richest and most influential Mexicans, many of whom are Jewish. They were the ones who were behind the bad publicity against us last fall.

A friend of ours, a fish who had been FF'ed, introduced us to a lawyer who agreed to take over our defense. We felt he was God's man for the job right away, as he was a

real fighter. Every other lawyer told us that it would take at least six months and a lot of money to get our brethren out, and some said it would take a year! There was a lot of negative publicity and political pressure involved, so it was a more serious situation than many people realised. Although according to Mexican law, the minimum legal process is three months under the most favourable conditions, the Lord got them out in only 35 days!—Exactly the time our lawyer originally predicted the case would take, PTL!

Katrina and I started spending all day every day with "Toasty", as we affectionately nicknamed our lawyer, to inspire him and help him on the case. He really grew to love us and the Family and we ended up witnessing to his whole family and friends. We felt it especially important for us to spend so much time with him, as we had no money to pay him and he was taking money out of his own pocket to pay bribes to officials (the common practice in the Mexican judicial procedure!) and spending almost all his time on our case, PTL!

This is a real testimony, as he is one of the best defense lawyers in Mexico with a staff of four other lawyers working under him. So, for him to spend all his personal time on our case without even being paid for so long is a real miracle! He has now turned into a real king who has pardoned our debt to him and is still working on helping us out of our house contracts, witnessing to all his friends about us, playing our music for them, and

even wants to help us get relegalised in Mexico! TYJ!

The whole time the brethren were in prison, Katrina and I were able to get in to see them and were able to buy and send them their needs, thanks to the financial assistance of friends and our Family in the rest of Latin America!

The day they were finally supposed to get out, the brethren in prison still didn't know the news until they were brought up to the judge's office. You can imagine their joy and relief—some even broke down and wept—and it was a real time of rejoicing.

Even then, though, the Enemy was fighting it tooth and nail, as our bitter enemy the Chief of Police found out about the judge's decision and started raising all kinds of hell to repeal it, touching off a political battle royal involving all sorts of government agencies and even the American Embassy. The whole ordeal kept us praying all day, until at last at 9:30 that night the judge received a phone call from the Gobernacion saying officially that an agreement had been reached and we were to be released! Whew! Hallelujah! The Mexican nationals were immediately set at liberty, while the foreigners were turned over to Immigrations and were deported by bus to the U.S. border at 3 a.m.

At this point, however, there were still brethren in jail in Chihuahua and Merida, so our work was not finished. Then we received word that the brethren in Chihuahua were to be released the following day, also! But from Merida there was