

gent. She fell in love with me, and the long, trying but very profitable process of FF'ing this type of female fish began.

Well, the biggest lesson has been patience and how in delicate situations like this one, in which my other duties prevented me from fully ministering to her, another brother can safely share the load. Fortunately, there was a Swedish brother there to feed her in all ways and whom the Lord used repeatedly to keep B. from running off.

Many gifts of love later, she and I had a spiritual confrontation, the likes of which I had never experienced! After a literally sleepless night of doubts and senseless discussions, the Lord knocked at her door for the last time, it seemed. As she lay on the messy unmade bed, tired and haggard, the Lord led me to stand in front of her and rebuke the satanic obstacles to her salvation and then, with a finger pointed at her, I simply called the bluff of all her doubts and challenged her to accept the message and salvation formula which for nine long months she had heard in so many forms from so many people, but continued to reject.

Broken and admittedly empty,

Bernardo and Eva

Chapter 2 of "FF History!"

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she implored me to get back in bed and pray with her, "now that I am void", she said. TYJ! Her tear-filled prayer was really shaking. There was no question of the Lord's boundless joy as a dearly loved sheep unconditionally accepted His guidance. It was tremendous!

The following night she received the Holy Spirit and was soon thereafter on her way back to her city where she has made a Home out of her house and has even begun FF'ing and being the fisherwoman for the other girls there. Her greatest aim right now is to lead her two daughters, 16 and 13, to the Lord and to be an influential and beacon-like Family of Love in that city! God bless her!—A real new-day, drop-in situation! She now calls in to report every day!

Well, I pray that this testimony of what I hope will be our trend of the future has inspired you! After all, it's been thanks only to the Lord and the Letters that the wisdom, patience and love for this very rewarding ministry has been given to us. The peace and fulfillment that result from saving a soul like her is simply overwhelming! Love and prayers, Carlos.

1. David and Maria let up on FFing for several months after Davidito was born and stayed home a lot to be with him and the family. They were doing practically no FF'ing at all until, as Dad said, "Maria was beginning to practically fade away."

2. David said, "If I don't get out I dry up! I have to keep fresh. I have to keep my hand in it just like

any other skill. It keeps me alive!" Soon the 'fishin' fever' had called them again to the witnessing field.

3. So in late February, '76, David and Maria began to go out dancing again at the local nightclubs, greeting and ministering to many of their old friends. Their very first night out they met Bernardo, a king-fish who really panned out, and Eva, his Swedish girlfriend and a little flirty fishy who's still on the line.

4. Dad had purposely chosen one of the smaller tables, since the clubs are usually crowded with tourists and large tables are open invitations for others to sit with you, others whom Dad with his extremely sensitive spirit might not always like to spend an entire evening with. So they were sitting at a little table when in walked this beautiful couple who immediately attracted Dad's attention (because the girl was a stunning, sexy, blonde bomb!)

5. This knock-out of a girl, without even pausing for a waiter, strode boldly up to his table and in a delightful Swedish accent asked, "Is this seat taken?"—And just plopped herself down, followed by her Spanish boyfriend. Well, Dad didn't mind at all, and he and Maria went right to work!

6. Dad was definitely drawn to Bernardo, as he was the more spiritual, but he left him up to Maria while he went to work on Eva. (In this particular situation the fisherman talked with the woman who accompanied the "fish". In some cases, our girls win the confidence of system women before the woman can eventually be "FF'ed".)

7. Eva really liked Dad and vice-

versa. She was quite bold and flirty and just loved Dad's attention. She really played up to him, wanting to dance & talk with him only & just about forgot all about poor Bernardo.

8. Eva said all she wanted in life was to be independent and have fun. She worked in social work in Sweden, and was now enjoying her third vacation in gorgeous Tenerife.

9. Bernardo was just an absolute gentleman about letting Dad take over Eva and pay so much attention to her. He didn't seem to be jealous at all that Eva fell for Dad, and they found out later that the reason was that Eva was such a flirt, she would oftentimes leave the club with some other man who was paying attention to her and just leave poor Bernardo stranded! But Bernardo put up with it because he really loved Eva and had, in fact, been helping her with her expenses during her vacations in the Islands for the last three years!

10. Bernardo in his mid-30's is the half-owner and manager of a typical Canarian restaurant that specialises in roast lamb and superior wines. He was an easy-going type of guy, friendly, gentlemanly and well-travelled—quite intellectual, speaking six languages including a gypsy dialect he had picked up in his travels.

11. Bernardo was very, very psychic. Dad said sometimes it was almost like he was reading your mind. It was with Bernardo and Eva that the pioneers of Flirty Fishing began to get back into angling again.

12. During their frequent dates for dancing at the club or dining at Bernardo's restaurant, Dad and

Maria were always looking for that "angle", that opening of the Spirit that would give them the opportunity to land their new friends into the Lord's creel. But they had hardly gotten acquainted when Eva said she needed to return to Sweden to work because her funds were running low.

13. It looked like their quarry was going to slip away, so Dad offered Eva a room at his house with him and his staff, which she readily accepted. This brought Bernardo closer too, because he would come to the house to see Eva and have dinner with the family.

14. The whole time Maria was really loving him up. It was strictly platonic though (that is to say, no sex). Maria didn't want any sparks to fly between her and Eva which might break the line at that time.

15. However, they soon found out that although Eva was playing around with other men and making herself as available as possible, it was almost like she really hated men! She would murmur all the time about how the men only wanted to use her, but at the same time she was doing the very same thing to them. She was so selfish that although Bernardo had generously helped pay her way and had even let her stay in his house and sleep in the very same bedroom, she'd never made love with him!!

16. David, Maria and the staff had become very close to Eva during her stay in their home. They shared some heart-tugging discussions together, and she mellowed down to a soft breaking point several times but soon hardened again against the

Lord's call to her heart.

17. Her very communist girlfriend became very worried and almost hysterical when she read in Eva's letters how happy she was living with a small little Family of Love headed by the most wonderful "father" she'd ever met!

18. The antagonistic roommate rushed three urgent telegrams to Eva, demanding that she call home immediately. We were all gathered in the living room watching a good movie on TV when Eva began to roar with laughter while on the telephone with her roommate in Sweden. When she hung up, she said to Dad, "She's crazy! Do you know what she thinks? She actually thinks I am living in a 'Guds Barn' community with that old man 'Moses'!" Then she asked Dad seriously, point-blank to his face:

19. "Are you Moses?" We all held our breath! Never before had anyone pointedly asked that question! Dad smiled, cool and calm, "Why? Do I look like him?" Ha! Eva laughed and laughed about it for days!

20. But after two weeks of living at Dad's house, where she had to somewhat abide with the rules of the house, her independence was becoming a little chafed, so she decided to move out. Shortly after this she decided to return to Sweden. When she came by the house to say good-bye, she was still being somewhat the "sassy lassy" and by now pretty rebellious to God.

21. Eva had had an abortion against her mother's wishes only six months before coming to Tenerife, and God used this experience to very seriously convict her empty heart and soul. And now during her three months'

stay on the Island she had conceived again by some Spanish boy she hardly knew and had decided once again to kill the child!

22. She told Dad about it one night at the club, after we hadn't even seen her for over a week, and he said, "Don't kill this one, Eva, or God will hold you responsible!" But she rejected the Word and went off with a new boyfriend—and within hours later went to the bathroom sick and had a miscarriage!

23. Dad was absolutely fed up with her rebelliousness after they had shown her so much love and patience. He had counselled her many times about appreciating Bernardo and what the Lord was doing for her, so when she came by that night to say good-bye, he decided he was going to deliver his soul and deal with her as the father she never had!

He was so mad he was pounding his cane on the floor!

24. Apparently she knew she needed it. Eva first argued a bit, then listened hard to Dad's strong rebuke. Right after it was over, when everybody, including Dad, thought she would stomp out in a fury, she stood and said,

25. "I never in my whole life have ever loved anyone like I love you!"—and she broke down and wept and wept in his arms! This was the real breaking point in her life, and though she didn't ask the Lord into her heart right then, the seed was planted in ground that had finally yielded to the plow of the Holy Spirit. She is still on the line, writing letters to and visiting the Family in Tenerife, and the Lord may yet bring her into the Kingdom! Hallelujah! —(To be continued!)

LETTERS OF APOLOGY!

From Zebediah in Portugal:

Dearest Family,

I wanted to write and apologise to you for the many mistakes I've made and because I have hurt so many people here, as well as in other places where I have been a leader. May God and you forgive me for the damage I have done in people's lives, and for being so cold and insensitive to the needs of others, and for being too proud to speak up and say that I didn't really have the faith for the responsibility that was entrusted to me.

Leah and I were the AB's in Portugal for the last 15 months and both of us had different positions of responsibility for the three preceding years in Northern Europe.

I can honestly say that during that time I never really was a loving shepherd to the brethren, but rather a cold dictator who didn't meet their needs and didn't have a close, loving, heart-to-heart relationship with them.

I am so thankful for the new Letters, and I am so happy now that I can be a follower and learn how to really love people. So if my apology can help to make amends and get rid of bad feelings with anyone I've hurt, that is why I want to do it. Love, Zebediah.