

of her background. But the Lord began to work in her heart and she was really changing, more loving and peaceful. Recently I got a letter from my parents saying how happy they were with my visit and thanking me for the love and joy I left behind me with them.

My brother, who'd been in a mental hospital for five years, visited the Family in that area with me (at my mother's suggestion!). He was very closed and cynical until we sang the song "Pet Shop" for him. He said it was the first time he ever met people who understand what loneliness is and who were so happy and seemed to have the answer.

He also received the Lord with me, hardly able to believe Jesus could love him. He just wrote, saying he's visiting the Home there and is now

open and listening! TYJ! It's also a faith-building testimony to my parents, to see the change in him since being with us, the Family!

Besides my family, the Lord set up some meetings with influential people with the help of my parents. The assistant to the city manager got saved, as well as a childhood Jewish friend, and many people got the witness! I just talked to my mother and she's coming to visit for a few weeks! PTL!

Most of all, the visit really inspired me about the importance of good contact with and prayer for parents and family and how the Lord can really use them to help the Work—and how through us the Lord can bring happiness and love into their empty lives! Hallelujah! —Jeshanah Gypsychild; Sao Paulo, Brasil.

Important Notice On EXCOMMUNICATIONS!

Dad and Maria have asked us to share their concern about recent excommunication incidents in the Family. We've noticed quite a few cases of people being "voted out" of the Family for reasons other than non-payment of bills and it's being called "excommunication". In such problem cases, perhaps the offender could be given prior warning and also the V.S. notified so that another more suitable Home could be found, if possible. Above all, "Help us to be more loving, more forgiving, more patient, more kind to each other, in Jesus' name we ask for Thy glory." ("I Was Sick" No. 698: 72 by Father David).

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM MO & MARIA ABOUT DEBORAH & JETHRO

We regret to inform you that Jethro & Deborah have completely backslidden and left the Family and are therefore receiving no further help nor correspondence from the Family. They took without permission about \$20,000 of Family money when they went, so don't feel too sorry for them. However, their oldest daughter, my granddaughter, little Joy, 16, desperately wishes to rejoin the Family, so we would appreciate any help you could possibly give her to do so. She has a legal right to visit her relatives. We would be happy to reimburse you for her fare. Please contact her Aunt Faith through Ado. 20148, San Martin 102, Caracas, Venezuela.

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THE FRUIT of LOVE!

ECUADOR:

(Joseph and I met Pepe, a 78-year-old Latin American when he came to visit our Home after receiving a piece of lit on the street. He lives alone and is busy with his job of paperwork for big importing companies. He worked for 30 years with a leading newspaper here, as well as in political circles. Since being FF'ed, he has become like part of the Family, is continually witnessing to his friends about us and is helping a great deal financially. He is also our catacomb disciple and loves Dad and the Letters. The following is a sweet love letter he wrote to Dad.)

Dear David,

31 July 78

This photo shows me and Siloam to you in a lovely close pose inspired by JESUS CHRIST'S DIVINE LOVE, tangible in all that is life.



Pepe & Siloam

In the noble hearts of this brotherly group appears my name as one of its most appreciative components, perhaps—I presume—for I always try to cooperate the most helpful towards the achievements of the charitable and Christian aims featuring the sentiments of the sacred mission we all endeavour to discharge with profound faith and sound dedication in support of our orphan children here whose heart overflows love through its four cardinal sides. May God always protect you with His sublime blessings and divine might. Yours respectfully, Pepe

(Long Live Love!—Real Love Never Fails!)

Childcare Questions and Answers!

Questions from Dave & Carmen; Spain's V.S.'s
Suggested Solutions by Sara Davidito

Dear Sara,

GBY! We wanted to mention a few childcare problems that have come up. Often when we are in a Home with children and we are doing the Checklist or having a meeting, the parents let the kids run around making all kinds of noise and distractions.

I remember how often Dad insisted on letting Davidito in the room, even during important talks, giving the verse about "suffer the little children to come unto me". He said that Jesus must have had lots of little kids around Him when He spoke, etc.

But when Davidito would get too loud, he'd remind him that if he was going to play there, he'd have to be quiet. And usually he did! If not, he was escorted out of the room!

Another important lesson is how Dad teaches kids not to scream unless they are hurt or in danger. Some Homes let the kids run around and scream! So, Davidito was often told he must not interrupt meetings or he would have to go out.

Sara's Reply on Children in Meetings: Remember how in our Home

when having a meeting, one adult is with the children in the room to play very quietly with them so the adult can also hear what is being discussed or read.

We've found it very helpful to keep the kids happy playing with puzzles, colouring, magnets, cars, having a little snack at the back of the room or an adjoining room, while one adult sits with them to answer their questions, take them potty and keep them quiet.

The children definitely must learn to respect the Word and prayer time, Family meetings, etc. But at the same time, it must be taught to them in a fair way. As long as they have something to do quietly, they'll usually sit or play contentedly for about an hour's time.

Meeting time is one of the most helpful times for a person who does not normally watch the kids to volunteer to play quietly with them so the tired mummies and helpers can sit peacefully and hear the devotion or meeting. This way, the children become accustomed to everyone in the Home, and they usually love a new "playmate", especially one who will really make

ideas!

Most parents and helpers would be so grateful for a helpful volunteer during a time such as Family meetings or meals, just to be able to join in on adult fellowship and still be close enough to help with the kids if needed.

If the children are not quiet or well-behaved during meetings, again, a helper or volunteer or parent could take them into another room and there really get involved with play or activities. Then others can share with him later about what was discussed in the meeting. This works fine in our Home.—We all take turns voluntarily in watching the kids during meetings.

D.&C.: We have found that most parents know very little about discipline! Thank God for "The Potato"! It really gives the heart of David about discipline. Most parents we have seen are on the other side of the spectrum of Deborah's teaching, in that they treat their kids like "sacred cows", disciplining them for hardly anything and not even exhorting in serious tones when necessary!

Sara on Discipline: It could be that parents feel a little unsure about what to do when their V.S.'s come to the Home. Maybe they feel incompetent and a little embarrassed because they're just not sure what to do in disciplining children in front of others.

I daresay that many parents even feel they are normally too strict or impatient when correcting the kids. Yet in front of other adults, they may do nothing about the very same

This, of course, confuses the child, because of a lack of consistency. The child can then "test" parents with mischievous behaviour when they know the parents are stilled about how to handle them.

The best thing I can see for parents to do is strive for a close, fair relationship with the child and always be consistent about what behaviour rules they've set. The child must be taught what is right and wrong. When he is naughty or disobedient, in spite of warnings, the parents must follow through with punishment.—And not fear the opinions of others, but ask the Lord what's best to do for the child at that moment.

D.&C.: One parent was allowing his son to play the pinball machines in a local bar. We were wondering what Dad thought about such activities and other "liberties" for the older kids, around the age of 12 or so. It seems awfully worldly to me!

Sara: Dad says it's a bad atmosphere, for one thing, and wasteful for another! It seems the parents could find them something better to do than that! Of course, kids usually have to try everything once or twice. Then usually the novelty wears off and they find it doesn't satisfy them for long. But anybody that continually wants to play the pinball machines better watch out!—They may become addicted to gambling!

D.&C.: One parent wanted to know what you thought about spanking an 11-year-old for wetting the bed. He said the boy felt a little inferior to other children and maybe this caused him to do it. The father said they had tried many