

A Visit With My Parents!

Ministering to parents using the Mags & Komix as well as a loving personal sample!

From Angie, Norwegian disciple, on W.S. Staff:

Dear Mo & Maria,
GBY! I LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH & am praying for you, especially now for your health & well-being.

I AM SO SO HAPPY TO BE HOME AGAIN after travelling to meet & visit with my parents in a large European city where they were having to transact some business. It was a nice trip, but there is an old Norwegian saying: "Away is nice but home is best!" -Which is certainly true in this case! -Home being where my work for the Lord & my Family is. I had a very safe & comfortable trip, TTL! -Except that I was a bit nervous, of course.

The only relief was to pray about the whole meeting, both in general & specifics, & praying for you & all the Family.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, MY PARENTS WERE VERY HAPPY TO SEE ME, as it's several years since I've seen both of them, & altho' it was late we talked for a while. They talked, mostly telling me news about the family & Norway & the general situation there.

THE OIL INDUSTRY IN NORWAY SEEMS TO BE REALLY BOOMING & the economy strong in spite of the Labor Party's heavy taxes on industry in general, forcing some of them into bankruptcy. But the Labor Party is not expected to be able to stay in office after the next election in Sept. '81. Had it not been for the oil, however, the country would definitely have been in at least as bad a shape as the other Scandinavian countries seem to be in, especially Sweden.

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE that Sweden is the country up there that has given the Family the heaviest & most per-

sistent persecution over the years. Komix Mags & tape & things I had brought along for them, & she was very happy for it.

SHE SKIMMED THRU' THE MAGS RIGHT AWAY. She thought the Calendar was beautiful & said she wanted to hang it in the kitchen so everyone could see it. The FC Mag I had thought maybe would be nice for my brother's little girl who is almost 2 years old, & when I suggested maybe she wasn't quite old enough for it yet, my mother excitedly said, "Oh, but they will save it for her!"

EVER SINCE WE STARTED TO PUBLISH LETTERS FOR THE GP & I or the International Office have sent them to her or they have gotten them on the street, she has saved them in a plastic ringbook, & since that time she has also kept a little stock of survival food. All three of them at different times expressed disappointment that they never see the Family on the streets in Oslo anymore.

SO THEY WERE VERY HAPPY ABOUT THE MAGS. Altho' my mother is very proud of her Mo Letter collection, I'm not so sure how much she has time to study them, as both she & my father work very hard with their business, & the last few years she has been sick & very weak with anemia, but now with these Mags it'll be much easier for them to get to read them. TTL!

SHE IS NOW MUCH BETTER, TTL, as they found out that she was anemic because her body cannot take up vitamin B from her food. So since they started to give her vitamin B by intermuscular shots once a month, there has been a miraculous change, TTL!

MY BROTHER, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS ANOTHER

CASE. He also collects any Mo Letters he can find, but for another reason. Like many people collect stamps or coins, he collects comicbooks. The following evening as I walked down the street with him.

HE TOLD ME THAT HE THOUGHT OUR ARTISTS WERE THE BEST he had yet come across. He was so excited about their art he could hardly find the words to explain how he felt. He mentioned a few that he liked in particular, but then said, "But they're all so good. There's none like them." But typically for him (he's an economist) he thought it was too bad they wouldn't do it for the system & earn a lot of money. I assured him that they would much rather do it for the Lord, & that His rewards were much greater, & that was the reason they were so good.

SINCE THE EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY THEY WERE A BIT CONCERNED if anything would happen to me. They said that if I died, well there wouldn't be anything to worry about & that I couldn't be better off. "But if you are lying some place suffering, no one would know how to inform us."

I TOLD THEM THAT IF A SITUATION LIKE THAT SHOULD ARISE that both the Family or others could get their address from my passport or driver's license. This comforted them. They emphasised, however, that they are not worried about me but trust that the Lord is taking care of me.

THEY EVEN HAVE SOME IDEA THAT I'M BEING LOOKED AFTER by their "master" because I had a dream about him a long time ago when I was in Amsterdam. I can't remember what it was about, but when I saw him some time later when they came to Amsterdam for some kind of seminar, I recog-

nised him from my dream & told my mother. This, I think, has been an encouragement to her, as he only "appears" to those he is "looking after", I understand. I wasn't exactly very excited about it myself. -I don't care to be looked after by him or anyone except Jesus & His angels!

THAT EVENING I SAT UP LATE TALKING WITH MY FATHER, & he told me about the business & the house & different experiences he had had. He is firmly convinced that "our Lord" has a hand in everything that happens to them, & they owe Him the glory for all their blessings, & if they go thru' a hard time they believe it is some lesson they have to learn or a reward for some mistake or fault of their own.

IN SPITE OF THIS NEW RELIGION THEY HAVE GOTTEN INTO, it or its "master" have not been able to take the place of the Lord (or "our Lord" as my father calls Him) in their lives, at least not in my father's. And I am thinking that maybe that is why life is so good to them, as they say, because they give the Lord the glory for their accomplishments.

IN RECENT YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN PREOCCUPIED WITH "SETTING THEIR HOUSE IN ORDER" before "going away". They want to divide everything fairly & justly so that there will be no problems when they're gone. I think that in a way they are looking forward to dying, at least it seems so from the way they talk about it, that they will have finished their job here & go on to greater assignments.

WHEN SOMEONE CLOSE TO MY FATHER HAS DIED, it seems like he has always had some experience with them afterwards, either seeing them or feeling their presence in some way, from which he gathers that they now must be his helpers.

WHILE THERE I GOT TO SPEND SOME TIME ALONE WITH MY BROTHER. I don't think he has quite forgiven me for getting saved & joining the Family & leaving the close family circle & has always laughed at me when I have tried to witness to him. He did this time too, but he seemed a bit more flexible.

SO I AM HAPPY FOR THE KOMIX MAGS I gave him which I am sure he will read. It is not that he doesn't agree, he just can't admit that I am right about this when I used to agree with him on his views. I think he thought that what the Family believes on many subjects makes a lot of sense.

SO I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SEND HIM MORE CHILD-CARE MATERIAL, even if I just translate & write some things in my letters to them. I did this in a recent letter to my parents. I translated some paragraphs out of a few Letters & used it to illustrate some points I wanted to make, & my father said it was the most interesting letter I had written them, especially the excerpts from the Letters, TTL! The train ride back went really well too, TYJ, with no problems. I love you very much & am always praying for you. Lots & lots of love always, Angie.

(Hallelujah! TTL! GBY! Deut. 5:16 & Eph. 6:2-3. God will bless you for it! -And them too! Visit them today! Tomorrow may be too late! Send'm pix! -D.)

The Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones:	And Jesus said...Go thy way; and as thou hast believed so be it done unto thee. --Mt.8:13.
For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have showed toward His Name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. --Heb.6:10.	Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God. --2Cor.3:5.
I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the Lord, which call thee by thy name, am the God of Israel. --Isa.45:3.	If thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday. --Isa.58:10.
But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret:	Blessed is he that considereth the poor: The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. --Ps.41:1.
And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands for My Name's sake,	I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit. --Isa.57:15.
Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,	Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will show to you today. --Ex.14:13.
If a man love Me, he will keep My Words: And My Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make Our abode with him. --John 14:23.	Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. --James 4:7.
The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever: Forsake not the works of Thine Own hands. --Ps.138:8.	I send an Angel before thee to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. --Ex.23:20.
Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. --Mt.18:4.	Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith. --Pro.15:16.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. --Ps.37:3	And thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. --Isa.58:11.
Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul. --Ps.54:4.	What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee. --Ps.56:3.
It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy Name, O most High. --Ps.92:1.	Declare His glory among the heathen, His wonders among all people. --Ps.96:3.
Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. --Ps.100:2.	And thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly. --Mt.6:3,4.
I have more understanding than all my teachers: For Thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Thy precepts. --Ps.119:99,100.	Shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. --Mt.19:29.
Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: For it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve. --Mt.4:10.	I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. --Phil.3:13,14.
And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. --Mt.24:14.	Blessed are they that hear the Word of God, and keep it. --Luke 11:28.
Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me. --Mt.25:40.	He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: And he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. --Luke 16:10.
And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise. --Luke 6:31.	For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. --Luke 19:10.