

Report From Hong Kong!

Work accomplished by Ho! Response to Mag 35! Problems with local Escort Ministry!

From Ruthie:
Dearest Dad, Maria & Peter,
GBY ALL! ILY MORE EVERY DAY! Work accomplished: (2-week period) 1. Finished Chap. 3&4 of Ho's "Our Family History". 2. Almost completed another 3-hr. video of the Chinese LIT-PIC & some of the Chinese disciples & their vision for the work here, & a 40-min. interview with a sister who came for a week of fellowship from Peking with the full story of their witness there never before told in full! Plus an interview with Armando whose testimony was in Mag. 35. 3. Ho & Mike picked up & went over all the corrections for ML Vol. 7 & returned them to the printer. Printing starts Tuesday, March 17!

REACTION TO MAG 35 & THE HO SERIES: Absolutely terrific!! We are so thankful this has come out & were especially thankful for all of Dad's sweet & encouraging notes to our letters as well as the warnings! The Family here have all been so encouraging to us, loving & forgiving. PTL!

WE ARE ALREADY SEEING THE GOOD FRUIT OF PRINTING THE HO SERIES FOR ALL. Whatever Dad does, he does in love, like the Lord, & we understand now that Scripture about nothing hidden that shall not be revealed, not as a punishment but so all can learn & be helped.

ESTHER HAS SEEMED TO RECEIVE THE MAG VERY WELL. She said on the third morning she didn't think she could go on anymore, but got up & decided to go on the attack, & she & Joey recorded seven of their songs for MWM! -And she's been ok since, PTL! She even reports little Maria getting a real breaking & victory this week, which is the first time for her since Ho's return.

ES'ING & WITNESSING:
Some problems have arisen in the Escort Ministry here, since the arrival of 4 girls from the Philippines who are here to ES & raise money for their poor field & Homes in the Philippines.

THEY HAVE BEEN VERY LAX ON SECURITY with both the Fish & the agencies, talking too freely about the Family even on first date & with System girls from the agency, greeting each other in the Family way when out on dates together etc.

THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN LITNESSERS SENT FROM THE PHILIPPINES to raise funds here. These litnessers & ESers were not willing to counsel at first with local Homes in the midst of these past warnings of persecution, but to the local Homes it seemed they were just here to rape the field with no obligation to the consequences of those who were investing their lives here!

SO ROSE & I CALLED A MEETING OF ALL THE ES GIRLS IN TOWN to discuss security & went over a lot of lessons we had learned from two years of successful & discreet ESing & having a lot of good fruit in Fish & souls.

TTL, THE POINTS ON SECURITY WERE VERY WELL RECEIVED by the visiting girls, & when we explained the reasons & lessons behind them, they were really thankful. However, we did not get into the issue of their coming to earn money, as it is a bit of a touchy situation.

PERSONALLY, I DON'T MIND THEM COMING TO WITNESS, LITNESS & ES as long as they're willing to counsel & respect the security of the work here, which is quite different from the Philippines. But myself & others here are upset that these visitors seem to have a real work

& money spirit about it, just like a system job.

THE ES'ERS SOMETIMES GO OUT 4 OR 5 TIMES A NIGHT & earn quite large sums of money, which seems to be the main topic of conversation instead of doing it like Dad said in "Going Underground" where he suggests the girl meeting, talking, eating out or dancing & really getting to know someone, & going to bed if they want to.

THE AGENCY THAT MANY OF THE GIRLS ARE INVOLVED WITH IS VERY GREEDY & ungodly & has them all signed up in a terrible & binding contract where they're not allowed to refuse any job, plus fines & rules.

IT'S VERY DISTRESSING TO SEE what began as a really terrific sample & witness sort of degenerate into a money-making scheme with an ungodly boss. And it might have further consequences on the Work here as a whole in the future.

ON THE GOOD SIDE, OF COURSE, THERE ARE MANY NEW PEOPLE BEING REACHED & witnessed to & we've heard of some good fruit, as there are always new & sheepy people to reach. But generally, some of the girls here who've had a fruitful ministry in this area for 2 years feel that it's important to really follow the spirit of what Dad was writing about in ESing.

BUT, TOO, SOME OF THE LOCAL GIRLS HAVE NOW GONE TO THIS NEW AGENCY & go out on several jobs a night. It seems to be their men & husbands who do a lot of the pushing in this area of going out & earning a lot. Something's just not right here. Like you said in "Little Dog Dream": 'Are you just playing games & gathering names (or money?) or making a catch onto which you can latch?' Any advice? Love, Ruthie.

Our Family History School Days! Standing Up For Jesus!

Chapter 2 by Hosea David

1. **FIRST, FOREMOST & ABOVE ALL, DAD & MOM RAISED US WITH THE VISION OF SERVING JESUS FULL-TIME.** Our earliest memories were singing & witnessing for Jesus, & Dad & Mom showed us by their example to live our lives this way. When we started getting old enough to go to school, the first schools that I can remember us being sent to were Christian schools. The first one was the Christian school where Dad was also teaching & driving the school bus, which he talks about in his Letter.

2. **THEY TRIED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO SEND US TO BIBLE-TEACHING CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS** where we would have the good influences of Christian teachers. Tho' these schools were usually run by churches of different groups such as the 7th Day Adventists, Lutherans & independent Christians, at least they would be teaching us the Bible, songs about Jesus etc.

3. **BUT EVEN THESE SCHOOLS HAD THEIR WORLDLY SYSTEM INFLUENCES.** One of my first memories in a Christian school where I was attending the first grade was my having a controversy with the teacher over Santa Claus. I stood up in class & said there was no such thing as Santa Claus & we didn't believe in Santa Claus. The teacher took me out of the room & gave me a very stern lecture telling me that I should not destroy the other children's belief in Santa Claus. But we had already been taught the truth about this & many other things before going to school. We were prepared for the different teachings which the school taught us which were contrary to the truth that Dad had taught us before going to school.

4. **DAD ALWAYS MADE SURE SCHOOL NEVER HAD THE PRIORITY IN OUR TIME OR HEARTS & MINDS OVER SERVING THE LORD,** having Bible studies & memorising the Word. He made sure that the school influence was always being properly counter-balanced by Bible study & training at home. On weekends & holidays when we were not in school he would teach us in lengthy Bible studies sometimes lasting all day.

5. **SUNDAY MORNING WE WOULD SOMETIMES GO TO CHURCHES TO SING OR TESTIFY** or to distribute literature outside the churches, but then on Sunday afternoons in our home we would usually have a fellowship meeting with Dad climaxing it with a Bible study on soul winning, the Book of Acts, Bible prophecy & other subjects which would be attended by friends & people we had been witnessing to or who had read an ad which was in the newspaper inviting them to attend our Sunday fellowships in our home.

6. **THESE MEETINGS WOULD OFTEN LAST ALL SUNDAY AFTERNOON & SOMETIMES TILL LATE SUNDAY NIGHT.** When this happened Dad would let us stay home from school on Mondays to rest up & possibly



School photo of Ho, about age 10.

finish our homework which we had been too busy to finish because of witnessing or singing on the weekends. He would write us a note excusing us for having missed school or not having completed our homework. We were constantly reminded of the importance of putting Bible study & the Lord's work before school.

7. **ANOTHER THING THAT HELPED US FROM GETTING TOO DEEPLY INFLUENCED BY SYSTEM SCHOOLS** was that we were constantly changing from one school to another, from Christian schools to public schools & back to Christian schools again. When we were travelling we sometimes attended as many as nine schools in one year, being a month in one place & a month in another.

When Mother was telling one of our teachers one time that she was taking us out of their school as we were moving again the teacher said, "It's a shame that he has to leave as he was just beginning to fit in & become one of the other children."

8. **MOTHER THOUGHT IT WAS A GOOD THING THAT WE WERE MOVING BECAUSE THEY DID NOT WANT US TO FIT IN TOO MUCH** & become too much like one of the crowd of system children. They wanted us to go to school & to learn what we needed to learn, & they encouraged us & taught us how to be a witness in school so that we were constantly on the attack rather than being on the defensive.

9. **WHEN DAD WOULD TRAVEL BY HIMSELF HE'D OFTEN TAKE ONE OF US OUT OF SCHOOL TO TRAVEL WITH HIM.** This was a very special privilege which all of us children greatly looked forward to because we had the opportunity to be with Dad alone. He really used this time to get close to us personally & to share with us & teach us many things individually.

10. **HE DID NOT WORRY ABOUT OUR MISSING SCHOOL** as he taught us that it was also very educational for us to travel & see places & learn in this way, & that serving the Lord was more important. Because we were often attending private Christian schools, the Folks would explain to the teachers that we needed to be gone for a month & would ask the teachers to write out our assignments. We would take along our schoolbooks to work on as we travelled & then turn in our assignments when we returned. God always blessed us putting Him & His work first in this way, & we all made very high marks in school. Having Dad to teach us & help us with our schoolwork at home privately or travelling, we learned more than we would

have by just attending school all the time.

11. **DURING THE SUMMER & ON LONG HOLIDAYS WE WOULD OFTEN TRAVEL AS A FAMILY** singing in churches & witnessing along the road in trailer parks, campgrounds, national parks etc., & that helped us always to keep the vision that our most important job was serving the Lord & winning souls.

12. **WHEN WE WERE IN SCHOOL DAD TOOK A REAL INTEREST IN WHAT WE WERE BEING TAUGHT** & he would stand up with us against things that were wrong like the teaching of evolution. Aaron brought home his biology textbook that was all about evolution. Dad read thru' the whole textbook in one night & got so mad that the theory of evolution was being taught under the guise of biology as fact & as a principle of science, with no mention of God or creation.

13. **DAD BEGAN A CAMPAIGN OR CRUSADE AGAINST THE TEACHING OF THIS TEXTBOOK** in the school. First he went to the teacher to demand that Aaron be permitted to drop out of this class as he was requesting to do because he did not want to waste his time studying only the theory of evolution in what was supposed to be a biology class. When the teacher refused Dad's demand to excuse Aaron from the class, he then went to the Principal & then on to the School Board, not only to get Aaron out of the class but to get the textbook out of the schools & out of the whole school system in Florida which was the State where we lived.

14. **IT BECAME A BIG FIGHT BETWEEN THE WHOLE SCHOOL SYSTEM & DAD** who tried to get other Christians & pastors to stand up with him against the teaching of evolution in the school system. The persecution that arose finally led to us all leaving school & being driv-

en out of our home, & we went on the road to travel & preach the Gospel again!

15. **DAD INVESTIGATED THE SOURCE OF THIS EVOLUTIONARY TEXTBOOK ALL THE WAY TO WASHINGTON** where he initiated an investigation into the government-funded science foundation which sponsored the book. The resulting investigation found many things wrong with the way this foundation had been using the money from the government & caused this money to be cut off. And we hit the road again with the Gospel!

16. **WHEN THE YOUNGEST OF US WERE IN THE 7TH & 8TH GRADES, WE BEGAN TAKING SCHOOL BY CORRESPONDENCE** from a school in Chicago, a part of the University of Chicago, called the American School. The school sent us our textbooks & we did our studies on the road as we travelled. They also sent us a little school I.D. card which we used to show to people who inquired about our school attendance. This correspondence school helped set us free from having to go to system schools after that time. We were free to travel & witness for Jesus.

17. **DURING THE TIME WE WERE ATTENDING SCHOOL THE FOLKS WOULD SOMETIMES LET US TRAVEL** to visit other Christians whom we knew & who were witnessing, & we learned many lessons of faith travelling on road teams with them. We were also able to be an inspiration & a challenge to them with our bold witnessing & our memorising scriptures. These experiences helped us to grow up & learn to take our responsibility as being witnesses for Jesus ourselves, & helped prepare us for our future ministry of teaching others to witness & win souls in a life of service dedicated to Jesus!

"New life, love & strength as I obey!"

Esther tells of the "peaceable fruits" brought by the Lord's loving chastisements!



Esther & children sing for the hundreds who visited their campsite one Sunday! Twelve souls were led to the Lord & 700 pieces of lit distributed! Photo by Daddy Ho.

From Esther: 6 Apr. '81
Dearest Dad & Maria,
ILY! THANK YOU BOTH AGAIN SO MUCH FOR YOUR LOVE & EFFORTS to help me & correct me. The Lord is faithfully trying to continue the work, & I'm really praying He'll help me to be yielded & open to help & correction. I want to let you know I love you & have really prayed for the strength to obey & change & walk in a new way of life & thinking.

EVERYTHING IS CHANGED SO MUCH FOR ME, & I'm really happy & healthy & sooo thankful for your loving hand of the rod. I needed it so much & still need it, & I pray I won't fail to obey you. I want to serve you in real love & faithfulness, & bit by bit I have seen the Lord help me to accomplish more of your vision for us. It has been very encouraging & inspiring & I can feel the Lord's new life & love & strength flowing in with the steps I make to obey you.

I WANT TO LET YOU KNOW HOW VERY MUCH I FELT YOUR LOVE WHEN I READ

YOUR FORGIVENESS in the Mag containing our series. Your few words had so much power & love & encouragement to me; they were like the healing elixir. Over & over your beautiful songs of encouragement & love have kept me thru' the trials, & the Lord never fails to lead me & speak to me thru' the Letters & the precious Daily Mights.

HIS HAND HAS TRULY BEEN HEAVY ON ME DAY & NIGHT, but He's helped me to see problems & needs & answers I've never seen before, & He's become so much a precious husband & lover & helper & answering so many prayers. I want you to know I'm sure I could never thank you enough, or thank the Lord enough for letting me have someone like you to rebuke & reveal & correct & help me into a new life thru' a breaking like this.

I'M STILL IN THE TUNNEL BUT THE LIGHT SHINES SO BRIGHTLY AT THE END, & even the tunnel itself seems comforting & friendly! I really believe in you & have really prayed to

be able to take in & receive & be changed thru' your Letters & instructions. It was a blessing to see my rebukes in print, such a relief in a way, to be crucified of my pride before the Family & I've really seen how much the Family here still loves me in spite of myself by their continued love & fellowship & encouragement & even corrections.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GIVING BIRTH TO SUCH A BEAUTIFUL SPIRITUAL REALITY of love & forgiveness. Our Family must be the most beautiful thing on Earth, & I'm so much in need of it & of both love & forgiveness. None of it would be available without your love & faith & faithfulness & obedience, & I really owe everything to you.

"NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAISE" & SEEING YOUR DIRECTION TO US IN PRINT really helped me to have faith to stretch out a bit more & begin working 3-5 hours a day on recording with a brother here. We have some technical details to work out still, but it has been very inspiring & en-