

Prodigals Glad To Be Home!

Letters of appreciation to Dad & Maria from musicians & staff at "Música Con Vida"!

From Amminadab (Singer Sam):

Dear Dad, Maria & all,
I WANT TO THANK YOU, DAD, FOR YOUR FIRST ADVISORY TAPE TO MCV. Believe me it was a real "shot in the arm" for us all! As a matter of fact, Faithy & I were talking after the meeting & she was saying how it took that to give us the kind of meeting we had afterward. It was the first of its kind since I've been back.

ALTHOUGH I'VE HAD PERSONAL BREAKINGS & the Lord has really spoken to me about the sweetness of His Spirit etc., it was nothing like everyone, of one accord, getting prophecies, breaking all together. Faithy singing her sweet songs (she's so beautiful when she's used like that) & just a real sweet fellowship with the Lord in general.

THANK YOU, DAD, YOUR TAPES WERE THE KEY TO MELT OUR HEARTS & MINDS TOGETHER. Many victories were gotten that day. Also, the things you mentioned in your tapes were certainly well received by all. The schedules, the encouragement & the saving of the Lord's time with the "one-take" method. It might take us a little while to get used to it, but I know we can do it!

I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE MAG ARTICLE. Your comments on it really touched my heart & showed me a lot about how I must have hurt you. Please forgive me, & thank you for your faith & confidence in me in spite of my past. The little "plug" at the end has been a real blessing. Not only have I heard from many old friends, loved ones & just plain old fans (ha!), but enough support has come in to outfit my whole office with supplies & buy me a bottle of wine as well! Hal, thank you so much, Dad! You're



Sam sockin' it to 'em in song!

I don't deserve it, but you sure do make me feel at home!

I'VE BEEN HELPING FAITHY WITH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS, as we're a pretty good team in those "blob"-type situations, ha! Also, I still remember all those songs from when I was a little boy. I was raised in an Assembly of God church & started playing guitar in church when I was nine, so I remember a lot of them. I enjoy working with her too. The last DAF we had, there were over 100 people! That's getting up there! I'm sure you'll see videos, but we've got guitars, fiddles, banjos, mandolins, flutes, just about anything you can imagine!

OH BY THE WAY, I'M NOT LIVING IN A TENT ANYMORE!

We're down at the little house or bungalow, as Faithy calls it, & Fisher & Lydia are with us, along with newcomer Eman Artist! He's really happy to be here & says that he only came for two weeks, but I'll bet he stays for good. He's really inspired & ready to get to work, GB'M! I'VE BEEN THREATENING TO STOP THIS LETTER, & this time I'm really going to do it. I love & appreciate you all so much & thank God for your giving me a place in your house, Dad. I feel like a new person since being here & working for the Lord again! There's just no

in the Lord's work & in the Shepherd's fold! The letters I've been receiving are so touching, & I'm going to compile a few excerpts to show what they have been saying. So far I've received 50 letters in response to the Mag article & \$215 in support from them! Hallelujah! Thanks so much for your help in everything! GB'AKY & continue to give you health & happiness. Love, Amminadab. (Txs! WLY2!)

From Micah Teddy Bear:

Dear Dad & Maria,
IT'S NOW BEEN A LITTLE OVER A MONTH THAT WE HAVE BEEN HERE in "Ciudad de Amor" (Loveville II) & I guess our overall impression is one of unworthiness, but one could never be worthy of the Love of Jesus to start with, so if we begin on a Grace-basis with no worthiness, then all of His & your blessings are just continual reminders that we owe you everything & "we can't pay you back" with anything but love & loyalty.

WE'RE FAR FROM THE INSPIRING SAMPLE THAT MWM HAS SET for us of loving, Spirit-led cooperation & production, but "poco a poco" the Lord is melting us together (or sometimes banging our heads together!). In the studio it's been a real pleasure to work with

some of my old friends who have one thru 7 or 8 years of beautiful changes & become such sweet thoughtful people to work with.

IT'S BEEN A DREAM COME TRUE to be working with some of my all-time favorites like Zech Waxman & Shelly (with whom I was very much in love in London in '74), Jeroboam (my first job as colony shepherd was as co-shepherd with Jerry in the mountains of Venezuela in the basement of a monastery!). Sam of course is my old teacher & leader from Burlington to Caracas in the Gypsy Band. Rebecca & I know each other from a year of pioneering together in Marbella, Spain altho' somehow I



Micah Teddy Bear, happy to be back "home"!

never heard her sing! What a shameful thing to have to admit. But she was working in a different position—I mean, capacity—at the time as FF'er 24 hours a day! GBH! Anyway, the list goes on & on of people we have always enjoyed being with who all seemed to end up here.

PLEASE LET ME INCLUDE A SHORT CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE: Faithy & Juan, if I can try to add one more voice to their accolades, have been the most patient, loving, understanding, Spirit-led shepherds we have ever had the honour to have been in contact with in the Lord's Service. Juan is such a blessing to everyone as

a sample of a "good leader who is a good follower". It amazes me sometimes the way he walks into a situation & sees it for what it is & gives a solution that was the only solution, but so simple that nobody saw it!—Or he sees things in the studio that had been the original inspiration of a song but had become lost in the confusion of ideas, things he'd not known about but matter-of-factly came out with, bringing us back to "square one". He's a tremendous blessing & cornerstone to the work here. His sample teaches us again to just do as Dad & Maria have said & it will work out. GBH!

AND FAITHY IS NOTHING SHORT OF OUR QUEEN OF MUSIC! Viva La Reina! We love her so much. She's really like having you here—so concerned for each of our welfare & happiness as well as productivity & wielding your words when & where needed (which is not infrequent with this "Dirty Dozen") to keep us on the track to victory for the Lord's music!

DAD & MARIA, WE'RE SO APPRECIATIVE to have this coveted spot in your house, we pray we'll be a help somehow. We love you very much, Micah.

P.S. FAITHY ASKED IF WE COULD WRITE OUR IMPRES-



Micah, Joanna & one of their children, being videoed at Laredoville.

suggestions involving doing the music, vocals etc. in one take—"live". Personally, I think it's the ideal situation, as you say, for really capturing the spontaneity of the Spirit & the real magic of the concert-type performance.

INCIDENTALLY, I JUST HEARD ON BBC before we left England a documentary on "The History of Multi-Track Recording" the very last installment of which ended with the "latest innovation" in studio recording—live recording of entire orchestra, singer & all, not even onto tape but directly onto the master acetate disc! So, I'd say what you gave from the Lord is not "old fashioned" at all!—Maybe a little ahead of its time!

THE ONLY PREREQUISITE OF COURSE is the musicians, back-up vocalists & lead vocals need ample time to rehearse sufficiently to make a smooth delivery of any intricate passages & know their parts well. As I say, I think it's going to be great for the Show, the public & us to concentrate on doing it "one time from the top"!—With feeling! I love you,—Micah. (AMEN!)

From Jerry Crusader:

Dear Dad & Maria,

AS ALWAYS, YOUR WORDS CAME TO US AS REFRESHING WATER for our thirsty soul. We do all want to please you so, as unto the Lord, & know this is the best way. The "one-take revolution" sounds like a real good thing, & I really think we can do it. It's really just a matter of adapting our studio & acousticing ourselves to it. That's the way it used to be done in the old days (for me, at least!) & before the Devil really took over the music business as he has now. I tried it on one song & it came out fine. It really only requires practice & adaptation of our equipment & studio. Thank you, as well, for the "pocket money"—we needed it! WLY for

I'll write more later! Love in Jesus, Jerry Crusader. (TTL!)

From Joanna:

Dear Dad & Maria,

I CAN'T BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW THANKFUL I AM for the privilege of being here. I feel fulfilled at last. It's such a difference to know that Micah's talents are being used of the Lord & that myself & the children are still very much a part of it, so unlike how it used to be when the families were just a burden. As Juan was telling me, that's why the Lord couldn't bless it before, because we didn't have the sample in our personal lives to back up the sermon. Thank you so much for showing us the way the Lord wanted it done.

IT WAS SO BEAUTIFUL TO HEAR YOUR VOICE ON TAPE & to see your concern over every detail & how faithful the Lord is to show you exactly what we needed to know. Making a workable schedule has been one of the major topics of discussion here, along with "should our children go to school", "how long should we wait after eating to swim" etc. PTL, you answered all those things & more. I love you both & want to take this chance to renew my pledge

of allegiance to the King & Queen. May the Lord help us to never let you down again! Love, Joanna. (GBY! WLY!)

From Zech & Shelly:

Dear Dad & Maria,

YOUR TAPES TO US WERE SO ENCOURAGING. It always amazes me how you think of every little thing. When I first heard about the "one-take revolution" I really loved it & agree with everything you said about how the system does recording, especially after having recorded in the system before. It was also amazing to remember that radio used to be live years ago & you had to do it right & inspired on one take.

ALSO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR COUNSEL on the children's schooling. It came at the perfect time as school here starts this week & next. One of the most wonderful things that has happened since being here is the incredible change in my children. When we arrived they were so full of the system. Being in the States it's so hard to protect them. Even when you discourage it. Like all the junk food & super-heroes etc. It seems to seep in thru the windows as it's just everywhere. Plus, even tho' we as parents witnessed a little & took

our children singing occasionally, when we basically lived like everyone else our children knew, it was hard for them to see any difference, so little sample behind the sermon. GHU!

YOU MENTIONED ON A TAPE TO MWM that you had many ideas which we would like to try & put into effect asap. We have started working on "Daniel in Music" for children already. We also have a number of "Mo-Tunes" that we originally wanted to be for children & not necessarily for MWM. As it turns out, Simon has been able to use a number of them on the Show. Do you have any suggestions what to do with the rest that are very good but not necessarily GP? We had originally thought to release a whole tape of "Mo-Tunes" like the Family Care tapes for the Family. Any direction or suggestions would be such a blessing. We love you so, —Zech & Shelly (Amen! ROLL!)

From Chronicles & Patience:

Dearest Dad & Maria,

IT'S BEEN SUCH AN EMOTIONAL EXPERIENCE COMING HERE. Actually, ever since we got your sweet message we have been flowing fountains. Upon arriving here we were greeted with so much love it was a real shock! We had had so little fellowship for so long, & all of a sudden there were smiling faces around every corner with sweet "I love you's". I haven't experienced such spiritual highs since I first joined at TSC. It was really like "joining" all over again. PGI I'm sooo thankful!

I WAS A BIT SURPRISED because I expected to land amongst a bunch of "out-of-it" prodigals or whatever, but each & every one was really "pressing in", & the effort to go all the way with you & the Lord & the Family was so honourable. I felt like a babe again & those here only a week were my older brothers & those here 2 & 3 months were elders. Hal



Shelly & Zech Waxman have lots of "Mo-Tunes" they've composed for children!

I'VE SPENT THESE FIRST THREE WEEKS entering in wherever I'm needed, reading the Word & listening to your beautiful tapes. I was so impressed by your tape about "Little People" behind the scenes. It really moved me to hear you weep for the smallest one, to be so considerate of those around you in the least ways. It's so important! Hearing the tapes has helped me to grasp more deeply how the Letters are given. Even the reprovals & corrections are so full of love & delivered with so much compassion. Thank you for allowing us to partake of them!

THE LATEST CAMP EVENT WHICH WE'RE ALL SHARING & PRAISING & TALKING ABOUT is your beautiful letter to us along with the gifts of all the retroactive donations to MCV. They were shared equally & everyone was so happy & thankful. PERSONALLY, I FELT LIKE THE LABOURER WHO CAME AT THE LAST HOUR but was still given the same as those who came in the first hour! GBY! Three of the larger families here got together & bought some little singing outfits for our children. They all look so cute. We told them they were from Grandpa

& they were also so thankful! WELL, I GUESS THAT'S ALL FOR NOW. I love you both so much! Thank you so much for calling me home. Your love has made me want to love so much more. Love, Chron & family.

P.S. FROM PATIENCE: Since your gracious, loving, merciful permission to come to PR, God has done miracles in our lives. Day after day while still in Texas God answered specific prayers & did wondrous miracles to the point of it being awesome & frightening. PG! I couldn't begin to explain, but your "God's Little Miracles" was about the size of it. TYJ!

SINCE WE GOT HERE WE'VE BEEN LIVING IN A HUMBLE LITTLE POP-UP for which we are grateful. I hope to invite you in, via video, if we'll all fit, ha! We cook breakfast in it but usually eat lunch & dinner in the communal kitchen. TYJ. It sleeps us comfortably & keeps us dry.

DAD, THANK YOU FOR PAYING THE RENT & the utilities. It is so kind & thoughtful of you & totally merciful. Wow! Great is the Love of David! xxx

FAITHY IS SO BEAUTIFUL she shines, her face shines, her



Gentleness & Jerry Crusader & children—Francesco, Sharon, Sammy & Angelique.