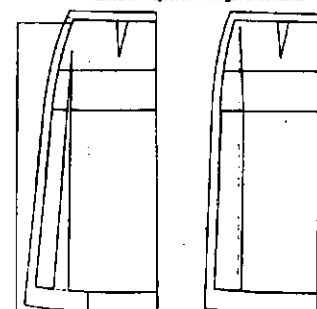


## Skirt alterations

Skirt patterns often have to be altered to increase or reduce fullness at the hipline. Minor adjustments can be made by simply altering waist darts and side seams. When altering the skirt measurements at the waistline, all darts should be increased or reduced by the same amount. Adjust skirt length at hemline.



**How to increase width**  
Both front and back skirts must be altered. Draw a straight line close to the side seam, extending from the bottom of the hem to the waistline. Cut along the line and place tissue paper underneath. Spread the pattern pieces apart by a quarter of total increase needed, and pin the tissue in place carefully. Trim off surplus and draw in extra width at the hem to retain the original skirt shape.

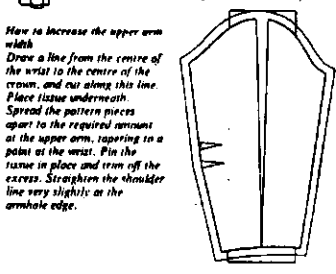
**How to reduce width**  
Again, the alteration must be made to both front and back. Draw a straight line close to the side seam, extending from the bottom of the hem to the waistline. Cut along this line. Overlap the pieces at the hipline by a quarter of the total reduction needed, and pin in place. If a small bulge appears in the paper pattern at hip level, slash horizontally at hip level and overlap the pieces so that the pattern lies flat.

## Points to remember

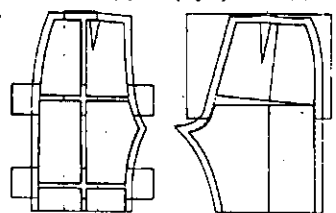
1. Always work with uncreased pattern pieces. Press them if necessary to smooth out the folds.
2. Remember that on some patterns, the reduction or increase will only be quarter or half of the total amount needed, depending on the position of the alteration and whether the pattern is cut out single or double.
3. Remember to transfer all marks onto the new pattern.

## Sleeve and trouser alterations

Widen a sleeve by slashing lengthwise and inserting a piece of tissue. Narrow the sleeve by slashing lengthwise and overlapping the pattern. The sleeve crown is then redrawn and the armhole on the bodice adjusted accordingly. Adjust the sleeve length in the same way.



**How to increase the upper arm width**  
Draw a line from the centre of the wrist to the centre of the crown, and cut along this line. Place tissue underneath. Spread the pattern pieces apart to the required amount at the upper arm, tapering to a point at the wrist. Pin the tissue in place and trim off the excess. Straighten the shoulder line very slightly at the armhole edge.



**How to increase width and length**  
Cut from the waistline in bottom of trouser leg. Place tissue underneath and spread pattern pieces. To increase length, slash horizontally at the desired point. Insert tissue, pin and redraw.

**How to enlarge the seat of the trousers**  
Draw a straight line from the centre back across to side seam. Cut almost to end of line. Place tissue underneath. Spread pattern pieces at the centre back. Pin, redraw, centre back seam.

Dear Dad & Maria, GBY! (LY)

Here's the cover for "Afflicted Parents!" for your approval! It's a sad weeping mom looking down at her sick babe in her arms, as you requested. I added in the background on the far right two kids playing outside to create a contrast in the picture. I hope it will be OK. It was a real blessing to illustrate this lesson as all your letters always are to me, and I wanted to tell you what I felt about the letter itself as I think it's really an inspired and needed letter for the rest of the family to benefit from, PTL!!!!

I myself come from a family of "afflicted parents!" as one of the children had polio at the age of 2 years old approximately. I think it was in 1955 or 56 just before they found the anti-polio vaccine or before they started giving them to the population. So my brother which was 2 years younger than me, and which came right after me in the age order, had his two legs and right arm touched by the polio. But the rest of his body was normal. Later as a teenager he was able to walk by himself which was quite a victory. He certainly acknowledged his limitations due to his physical handicap but yet he seemed joyful, cheerful and with a very outgoing personality, a Leo.

As we were children it never bothered us to have him in our midst and in fact it made us all the more concerned & always mindful of him and his needs, so we tried our best at giving him a hand in time of need.

As he went into his teenage years he became a very generous person, always wanting to help others and was usually showing lots of love and understanding for others. Also it seemed like the Lord counter-balanced his handicap by gifting him with a brilliant mind and his grades in schools were excellent as I recall.

As for my parents, they were very broken by the affliction and it certainly had a humbling effect on them. I can still remember one of my cousins telling me how he would exchange his mother for mine as she was so much more loving. I've also always felt like his infirmity served the purpose of helping others being just plain thankful for the good health and body they had.

So many times I cried desperately for his healing and recovery. I started reading books about different saints and was so fascinated by the Gospels, particularly by Jesus's miracles healing the lame and sick. I started to think how marvelous it would be to have that power to heal yet my faith seemed so little.

I certainly felt it was not normal for anybody to have a deformed body but I couldn't understand yet why the Lord had allowed it to happen. I had a lot of compassion for him and sometimes I felt like touching him and praying for him and for his healing together but I thought it was impossible to perform a miracle unless he himself was desperately seeking it and had the faith for it too.

I'm just remembering now as I'm writing this to you how as a young boy I promised the Lord to serve Him and become a priest if He would heal him, well I still have hope for him and continue to expect it even if it's only in the Millennium. But as a child I wanted so bad to see a miracle and I didn't understand why Jesus was taking so long to answer my prayers. And now, TIL, I'm getting the answer through this letter "Afflicted Parents!" and see how He was dealing with my parents through it.

I guess it was more important in the eyes of the Lord to deal with my parents and try to get them to repent from whatever sin they had been guilty of at that time, rather than answering my prayers and letting the guilty party get away with it. The Lord was probably expecting them to take the stand of faith and ask with a clean and repentant heart which they haven't done yet, instead of me.

Anyway, PTL! All things work together for good to them that love the Lord, and I'm thankful it got me desperate and made me seek Him in a way I wouldn't have done otherwise. I'm so thankful for your wisdom and love in this letter and for telling us the truth about "afflicted parents".

BT of love & prayers  
Jill Seale

## A Farewell To Her Native Land

MANY SOULS WON DURING VISIT TO ISLAND HOMELAND!

From Vincent & Chantal; Duo:pe:

**GLIMPSE FROM CORSIKA!** This little island in the Mediterranean is truly an "island of beauty", as it is often called. This is Chantal's homeland, & we always had a burden to share God's love with its Godless.

**ONE MONTH AFTER WE MOVED INTO OUR NEW MOBILE HOME,** a van turned into a camper, the Lord told us to say farewell to Northern Europe where we had been for two years, so we went by faith to reserve boat tickets to Corsica; however, we had no money. The next day we visited a friend, a young single mother, who gave us an envelope with enough money for the boat tickets for us & the camper. What a miracle! It was totally unexpected from her, and when we thanked her she said: "I had saved these funds to send to missionaries, but now that I have met you I decided to support your work!" Where God guides, He always provides! PTL!

**THIS WAS THE FIRST STEP IN A JOURNEY OF TRULY ANSWERED PRAYER.** Whenever we specifically asked the Lord for something He answered shortly afterward. When we got on the island we didn't know where to start. So, the Lord let us meet the people in charge of the "Renaissance" (the Renaissance) or culture of the island. And the Words of David and the music of the Spirit were the true Renaissance! They introduced us as "a family of joy" to the manager of a large campground in the mountains who called us his "guests" & let us sing for everyone & present a little show for the children & teenagers.

**MARIA (6 1/2) & ANNE-CLAIRE**



Chantal, Anne-Claire (2 1/2), Vincent & Marie (6 1/2).

known songs. PG! And we finished the evening singing together. The next Sunday we went to fellowship with him & his family & ended up staying there four days. It was like Heaven on Earth as we shared all things with his family--the Word, lessons learned, the duties, the care of the children & the witnessing.

**THIS LOVE SHARED WITH OUR FAMILY PUSHED US ON TO ANOTHER MOUNTAIN,** and when we called the orphanages, homes & institutions, their doors opened wide. They received us with such warmth, & many, many souls were saved. The children performed & sang boldly. They sang in French, English & even in Corsican!

**LAST BUT NOT LEAST,** we prayed for a quiet & safe place outside of town to be based. And the Lord led us to a convent of missionary Franciscan sisters who had an institution for old people & some nice property where we could park. We got to sing twice for them & finally pray with them too. When we finally left, they were crying & thanking the Lord for this time together. The Lord had been so good & faithful & never failed to answer our desperate prayers! Hallelujah! WLY! (GB)

**WERE THERE ANY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS IN CORSIKA?** We really prayed & fasted for a way to have fellowship. And again the Lord was faithful to answer. That same night, the Lord was faithful to answer, & as I was out singing in some restaurants I saw a musician singing some well-

## Giving All To Set Men Free!

FAITHFUL FF-ERS LAY DOWN THEIR LIVES TO SHOW MEN MORE LOVE THAN THEY'VE EVER KNOWN!

THE PEACE OF FINDING ETERNAL SALVATION!

From Maggie; S.E. Asia:



**I WANT TO SPEND IN THIS TESTIMONY OF A LIFE.** I was a heroin addict & salvaged from the System's daily grind.

**I MET S. WHILE DOING COURT WORK.** He had been separated from his wife for 5 years, although not legally. His children were teenagers, & rather than have an unhappy home for all, he chose to live in another country from which he could help them financially & see them on holidays.

**WHEN WE MET, HE COULDN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT & HAD A VERY BAD COUGH FROM SMOKING.** On the first night, we shared sexually, & afterward I asked him if he was going to Heaven. He said a little surprised, "I hope so!" I quoted John 3:16 to him, & he prayed immediately, so happy to find eternal salvation, instead of his wife's worse religion where he was a real sinner. That night he slept like a baby! **AFTER A SHORT TIME,** I told him how the Holy Spirit could help him stop smoking. We prayed for the Holy Spirit to help him be a witness & stop smoking. Since then, he has not

smoked, & it's been 8 months now, & he gives all the credit to Jesus whenever his friends ask what happened.

**HE CAME TO SPEND A FEW DAYS WITH US,** Carlos & the kids & myself, & by the time he left he hugged Carlos & said, "I know you & Jesus love me more than any friend ever."

**WHILE HE WAS WITH US,** we had a communion & prayer for him, as he had a high fever. The next morning he was healed. He said previously when he had something similar it took 2 weeks in the hospital to heal.

**HIS LETTERS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL:** "Communication with you is like blood transfusions to a dying man!" We taped songs we sang for him before he left, & he wrote, "I listen to your tape every night before going to bed, & indeed that gives me peace of mind."

**AND WHEN A BAD ARTICLE CAME OUT,** he sent us a clipping & wrote, "Please remember this, my love for you, Carlos & the children is more than ever before!" He has changed from a lonely, waiting-to-die man to an alive, giving, loving man! Truly a regeneration of the Holy Spirit! (Hall)

"FF-ING IS OUR BEST MINISTRY!"

From Joanna; S.E. Asia:

**WHEN WE CAME TO THIS FIELD TWO YEARS AGO,** the brethren told us that most of the homes are supported thru FFing. Then I thought, "Oh no, what other way is there?" as I never considered myself becoming an FFer. Ha!

**NOW FF-ING IS OUR BEST MINISTRY HERE** as far as support in concerned, & it has

borne some precious & lasting fruit. TIL! Several precious & big fish from the Hidesant & others & many local ones have gotten saved, some of them coming along really well.

**THE GREATEST VICTORY LATELY THOUGH WAS A GOVERNMENT MINISTER** who is one of the 3 top men of the country, very close to the President. I met him at a party arranged by A., a fish turned TRFer, for a group of fish. Strangely, that evening it happened that my fish couldn't come, & I didn't understand it until later when A. called me up & said that this important man, whom I had talked to that evening & had a real witness on, wanted to arrange to meet me. PTL! He never fails!

**THIS OFFICIAL HAD BEEN FFED BEFORE HE BECAME A MINISTER,** but he hadn't seen the sister for 2 years. She had been faithfully writing him, & he had gotten saved. But only now, after 2 1/2 years, did he "bite" again, & the witness & sample already given have borne fruit in him.

**HE LOVES OUR MESSAGE OF SHARING LOVE,** & our openness, & he wants to know a lot. He is a very kind, loving & very intelligent & God-fearing man & has a real love for his country & his people & feels it is his responsibility to help & help us in our work. GBN!

**BECAUSE HE IS SO INFLUENTIAL** & close to the President, he is an important person to stand up for the family, like he has already been doing in the past. It takes lots of love & prayer to minister to him. Please pray for him, as I believe he is very precious & important to the Lord, & a great help to us. GB A., who is the open door to meet