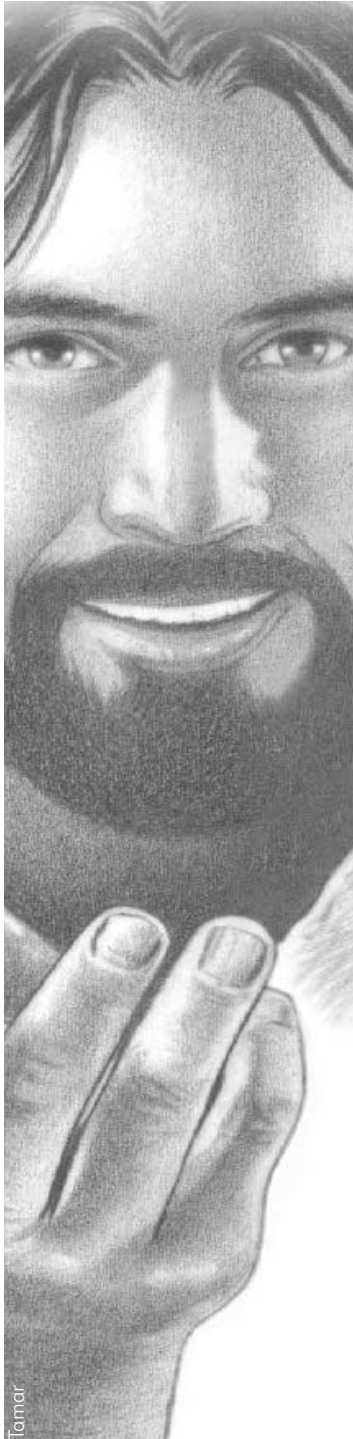


Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect. It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections.

## The Lord's Christmas Message to You



Dear Family,

I love you. Here's a message from our wonderful Husband that I want to share with you about the upcoming Christmas season.

The Lord explains yet another reason why He brought along the "Conviction vs. Compromise" GN series at this time—so that we would be ready to reap the tremendous Christmas harvest that He has waiting for us this year.

Let's not fail the Lord! Please take this message to heart, and let's all do our best this Christmas season to make it the most fruitful witnessing venture ever—by being radical, on-fire, wholehearted brides, and doing His bidding with all our hearts. Amen?

Love in our Husband,  
Mama

*(Jesus speaking:)* I have a great and mighty harvest to reach this Christmas. After the worldwide fast and prayer day, you will be strengthened in spirit and more able to win the world this year. In your previous weakened state, you would not have been able to be the witnesses that I needed you to be this year. This time is a purging before a great harvest. This Christmas witnessing season has the potential to be your very best. With the fervor and fire of My Spirit in your hearts, and with the white-hot Words of David that you hold true to, you will reap a great harvest.

As you throw off the vices and demons of the Evil One, as you strive to overcome, as you renew your dedication and conviction, you will be as shining beacons of light and hope to the world this Christmas. No longer will you be bound with self and entangled in the vines of disunity, deceit, and lethargy, but you will be once again My radical bride, My new Church, and the effects of your fire will be felt around the world. This Christmas witnessing season will be unlike any you've ever had before. Ask Me how. Ask Me to show you how it should be different in your life and Home. It will be different because you will be My new Church, cleansed and ready to do battle with the Enemy against the souls of men. But ask Me exactly what I would have you to do personally and in your Home. Ask Me what your role will be, what part I want you to play.

My heart is filled with joy as I see you, My brides, leaving behind the husks of the System and coming into the freedom of full discipleship and obedience. I see the great harvest that lies before you. I see all of the souls and disciples that I wish to gather into My arms. Now that you have been cleansed and strengthened, now that you have committed to being My called-out Church, My radical brides, My prophets of warning and mercy, no matter what the cost, I will use you as never before. The harvest you will reap this year will be tremendous. My Spirit will be in you and around you and with you as never before.

My Words have paved the way for this great harvest of souls this Christmas. Please don't fail Me. Be radical, be bold, be truthful, be revolutionary, be go-getters and stand true. Work hard for Me like never before, because there's a lot to be done before the sun sets. Great will be the harvest this year, 2001, and great will be the rewards for My obedient, revolutionary, and called-out children of David and Maria and Peter. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

**See important notice on page 2 of this Grapevine!**

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# GETTING OUT THE TOOLS IS IN LINE WITH THE "CONVICTION" SERIES!

Dear Family,

God bless you! We've been saddened to hear reports that in certain fields, some people seem to have gotten the idea from the "Conviction" series and the emphasis on *Activated* in the recent GNs that tool distribution is a thing of the past, or no longer as important. For example, we heard that some brethren in Brazil have been telling others that "the Family is moving away from selling tools" and "we in the Family are no longer tool salesmen." No doubt as a result of this, we also heard from the Brazil SC that orders of the Christmas CD cards by the Homes are less than half of what they were last Christmas, and that the SC staff have received questions from some Homes as to whether it's still okay to sell the tools in bulk to System distributors, or store to store, at stop lights, etc.

We are sorry that some have concluded from reading the "Conviction" GNs that the Lord is asking us to decrease our distribution of the wonderful tools that He has blessed us with. That is not the case! To the contrary, the Lord is asking us to increase our preaching of the Gospel—that's one of the main thrusts of the series. One of the primary methods that He has given us for doing so is tool distribution. Our tools—the CD cards, tapes, videos, posters, calendars, books, etc.—have been an instrumental part of our witness for many years, and they still should be! The Lord has also given us the *Activated* magazines and subscription pro-

gram whereby we can give those we meet a deeper witness, and He wants us to promote *Activated* with all we've got—but that shouldn't detract from our getting out the other tools as well, as people still need them for themselves and their children. This we ought to do—to push the *Activated* program—but not to leave the other undone, getting out our other tools to as many as possible and as quickly as possible. As we do both of these we are feeding the Word to the world.

Tool distribution is also a very effective method the Lord has provided for you to raise finances for your Homes. As time goes on, as the Lord said in the "Conviction" GNs, the Family will get more and more of their support through their *Activated* follow-up ministry, and therefore won't need to rely as much on tool distribution in order to provide your Home budgets. However, that shouldn't result in getting out less tools, but rather should increase distribution, as you inspire your new Active members to get out the tools as part of their witness, and you continue to do the same. The main reason for getting out the tools is not financial, but as part of our duty to witness to the world!

So we'd like to make it very clear that in the "Conviction" GNs the Lord is asking those of you who are supporting yourselves through means which are not a witness—such as System jobs—to make witnessing your means of support, and that includes both tool distribution and *Activated*/follow-up! So we hope that as a result of reading

those GNs you will be inspired to get out more tools, not less! Not only is tool distribution a good way to get you out the door where you can meet those who you can also present the *Activated* magazine to and give a deeper witness, but it's also a way of getting out the message to thousands who you can't personally reach with *Activated* or lead to the Lord yourself.

This includes not only your personal one-on-one distribution (DTD, STS, stoplights, stands, etc.), but also selling the tools in larger quantities to System companies who can get out a lot more and to people who you wouldn't personally be reaching. Use the tools to get out the message, and the Lord will bless you financially as well. And those of you who have flocks of Active members should be teaching them to get out both the tools and the *Activated* magazines as part of their witness! Are you?

We hope this helps to clarify the need for our continued major emphasis on tool distribution, and put these erroneous conclusions to rest. We love you and pray that this Christmas season's witnessing—with the power of the keys in your hands, and renewed dedication and conviction after the November 18 prayer and fast day—will result in more souls won, more *Activated* subscriptions, and more tools distributed than ever before! Thank you very much for all you're doing. We love you!

Love in our wonderful Word-giver,  
Mama and Peter

## POST-ITS

**Q:** What's the verse leaflet that came with the "Left Behind" ComicTrax for?

**A:** Anything you want! The original idea was that all you faithful personal witnesses could print and slip a copy of it into your handy little Bibles, so that when sheep want to talk about the matter more in depth, you have the verses there right at your fingertips, for an on-the-spot Bible class! You may also want to print and give out the verse leaflets along with the trax, or if that's too much work, at least have several on hand to give to sheep who are hungry. Bottom line: Pray and ask the Lord how you can best use the verse leaflet in your witness.—Love, your *Comictrax* team.

## 34,000 Bibles

**Mercy and Daniel in Mozambique** were able to help the Gideon's distribute 34,000 Bibles to different schools in Maputo. They also prayed with almost 13,000 students when distributing the Bibles class to class.

(From *WS stats man*;) The above stat broke our stats program! 34,000 Bibles at about 600 pages each adds up to 23.5 million pages. Normally that's not a problem for our program, but because there are only 14 Family adults in Mozambique, that averages out to 1.6 MILLION pages PER ADULT.—Our program could only handle one million pages per adult! Congratulations, Mozambique! (Our program has now been fixed.)

See MO site for account of **Rio Activated Retreat**, held from October 5-7!  
<<http://www.familymembers.com/newswire/article.php3?nwid=500>>

*in My arms...*

**Written by Ahlai, Mexico:** Please keep dear Amor and family of South Padre Island in your prayers as her daughter **Cynthia** (former member), went to be with the Lord. It seems she fell asleep at the wheel while coming home to South Padre from Houston. Amor asked for special prayer for the kids, who are taking it quite hard. Please pray also for Peter, Cynthia's father, who is a Family missionary in Guatemala.

(Editor: See photo of Cynthia on the MO site. [http://www.familymembers.com/artphotos/photo.php?id=0&pic\\_id=6256&oid=87&cat\\_id=87](http://www.familymembers.com/artphotos/photo.php?id=0&pic_id=6256&oid=87&cat_id=87))

(**Jesus:**) I have welcomed this one, My child, with open arms. I have brought her to My bosom so that she may come to know My love and to know Me in a tangible and visible way. I have wiped from her eyes the tears of sadness, and her troubled heart has been comforted and put at ease. I have rescued her so that she may come to know the security and safety of My arms.

This is her new beginning, the step from one grade to the next! I have brought her to Me at this time that the usefulness of her life may blossom to the full. And should you feel sad because of the loss, remember that it is up Here, in My arms, that all her dreams have come true. She has found what she was searching for. Her longings have been answered. (End of excerpts of message from Jesus.)



## Taiwan National Day painting project

By Michael, Taiwan

When typhoon Toraji came storming through Taiwan, it left a trail of floods and destruction. In one village in the Eastern side of Taiwan, a mountain stream turned into a raging river, demolishing houses, vehicles and anything that stood in its way. It devastated the village of Da Shing, Kwangfu in Hualien County, leaving over 20 dead with hundreds homeless.

The nearest Family Home in Ilan, the next county, had made three delivery trips to this village, bringing in clothes, baby cereal, cooking utensils, baby diapers, soap, toys, etc., some of which was collected by Family Homes in the capital city Taipei area. After this, Chinese/Hong Kong national Christina provisioned 400 gallons of paint which set up our National Day painting project (October 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>). Several of the Taipei Homes organized a team to go to this village and volunteer to help survivors paint up their houses, not only to bring back some normalcy into their lives, but to show how much the Lord loves these Taiwan people in their moments of desperation and despair.

The team consisted of five JETT/Junior teens: Victor, Sammy, Tony, Simon, and Bobby, and 19-year-old Mark Deaf with adults Johnny, Jason, Pietro, Andrew, Michael and Crystal with her two MC/OC boys, Isaac and Ray.

When our team arrived we weren't sure where we were going to stay but the Lord supplied a nice place in a newly built Delinquent Reform Home in the area, brand new with no inmates yet. It was run by a Chinese pastor, Frank, and his two helpers, Mr. Chen and Stephen, who welcomed us with

open arms and made our stay pleasant.

Our team went down to the abandoned school where most of the homeless people were staying, and put on an impromptu inspiration of songs to cheer them up. The next morning we were assigned houses by the local village church to help paint. It was here that we began to learn the full destruction of that night.

The river swept away everything in its path, including a police patrol car with the two officers inside. People told us how the floodwaters swirled through their houses, washing everything downstream. One single mother from the Ami mountain tribe with two kids had only a small pile of possessions left, her husband had died three years earlier. She had lost everything! Another old Ami lady, living alone, at 2:30 in the morning, in the dark, was up to her neck in floodwaters. She prayed, "*Jesama, Jesama*" (Jesus, Jesus)! The waters went down but soon returned. She continued calling out to the Lord. And she survived.

Our team managed to repaint five of the houses that were still livable. In one we had to first clear out several inches of mud left by the swirling waters. On the last day folks were beginning to know who we were and were very friendly. They were filled with hope, seeing us foreigners working to help them get their lives back together. The single Ami mother was almost in tears as we finished painting her house, and gave her several cans of milk powder and diapers we had in one of the vans. Every time her little boy saw us he would say, "Look Mummy, Jesus has come to see us!" How true!—We were being Jesus to them!

# happenings

## Not on our own anymore

**Catherine, Brazil:** Our Active members are starting to win lots of souls! When we decided to start a CTP project, we wanted to not only include the Active members, but actually be able to depend on them for the project to roll. One of our main goals is to teach them to witness, and they are getting hooked on soul-winning. They are also helping to collect donations of basic food baskets so that each week we have food to take with us to the project. There are several of our most faithful Active members that can't go with us physically, but they help in whatever way they can. Some collect donations, some buy food, and others help to print our fliers and spread the word about the CTP project. So a lot of the souls on our report this month will definitely be won by our Active members!



Ana (CM) and Adriana (Active member) with a needy family that we help

## You never know...

**Anisa (of Abner), Brasilia:** One Saturday Abner and I were CDing at a gas station when three young guys drove up, with their favorite hard rock CD blaring full blast. It was near impossible to communicate in the gas station. We concluded this car would be far from interested in our CD collection. Abner went up to one dude and he confirmed our thoughts—not interested. Then one of the other guys called me over and asked what CDs I was offering. I sorta haphazardly showed him my collection, not expect-

ing much. Then he goes, "Cool. I'll take this *Fear Not*."

*Are you for real?* I thought. We talked more and he received the Lord and was very sincere. As they were leaving they honked and waved, and you could hear the *Fear Not* CD softly playing in the background. "Man looketh on the outward appearance but God looketh on the heart."

Another cool happening that day was when Abner met this woman who works at the senate. She bought videos and CDs from him and is now a good friend and supporter who comes to our Bible classes. What a day!

## The hidden surprise

**Seth, Daniel and Spring, Indonesia:** Over seven months ago I met a friendly wheeler-dealer-type man. He started sharing with me about this new housing complex. I thought nothing of it at the time. We were already set up and didn't need a house anyway. Plus, the place he talked about was way too expensive.

The day came when we needed to move and prayed desperately for the Lord to provide a really good house in a better location. We got a check about contacting this man. Maybe he knew of other places that were cheaper than the ones he mentioned, we thought. But after contacting him he insisted we see these new houses again in this beautiful area. The houses he showed us were over twice our budget and very nice. They were nice dreams anyway. We were then amazed when he brought us to one of the same kind of houses we just saw, but was only half the price! We were baffled, it just didn't make sense!

We prayed about it, and met the owner who liked us and our work and even came down more on the rent and

agreed to our terms! Also, he is adding some special things to the house. The Lord answered our prayers in a surprising fashion! We are still amazed and very thankful the Lord is doing it all!

## Legacy of a friend and supporter

**Karachi Home, Pakistan:** For many years we had been ministering to Mr. T., the elderly Muslim owner of a freight forwarding company. He was an eager "hearer of the Word" and we would have meaningful meetings to read to him and also to pick up his pledge of US\$50 per month. He would also help us with any cargo that came into the country from outside. It is a real hassle here to get cargo out of the airport, e.g., books, tools, etc., as there are many hassles with customs and red tape. He would have his men go to the airport and take care of it for us, saving us a good deal of time and expense.

Then in a short period of time both he and his wife suddenly became ill. We kept them in our prayers, and visited them. And then they both graduated within a short time of each other.

We later visited his nephew, who took over the business. We were asking him if he would be so kind as to assist us with a shipment of books that had come in recently. He looked at us with a smile and told us that his uncle had specifically written in his will that he was to continue his monthly pledge to the Family, as well as to assist us in getting all cargo out of the airport at no charge for as long as he was in business!

## Saved by a loose wire

**Andrew and Miracle, Kosovo:** Things happen here in Kosovo on almost a daily basis that remind us that we are still living in a war-zone! One recent sobering experi-

ence taught us a good lesson on prayer. We were on our way to downtown Priština to check with the Yugoslav mission about visas, but had to make a stop at one of the KFOR military barracks first. Our car was working fine when we parked it, but just 10 minutes later, when we went to start it, it would not start. It was so strange! We knew it must somehow be the Lord, so we committed it to Him in prayer.

Miracle suggested we look under the hood to see if there were any loose wires. I thought to myself, *how could a wire get loose while the car's been sitting here parked?* Well, knowing how she has been right about such things in the past, I lifted the hood, and there it was—the main lead from the coil was hanging loose! It took one second to push it back on, and *vroom!* The car started instantly. We looked at each other like, "Okay, let's go now. We'll see what it was that the Lord had to use an angel to pull that wire to protect us from."

As we neared our destination, the traffic was all backed up. Ambulances were racing with sirens screaming! We parked to walk the last 150 meters to our destination and entered a building, noticing as we climbed the stairs that the parking lot was full of police, and restraining tape was blocking the entry. Upon entering the office we asked our friend if something had happened, and he said, "Yes, a bomb blast about 15 minutes ago. It shook the whole building!" Later we heard in the news that there had been a car bomb outside the building where visas for Yugoslavia are issued! One person had died.

We thanked the Lord for His protection, and for keeping us on His timetable. If the Lord had not delayed us, we could have easily been near the scene of the blast. Thank God for His protection!

# WHAT ARE THE

# KEYS

—Your stories about the keys  
DOING FOR YOU?

## Keys, which literally unlock the gates...

BY DANIELLA, FRANCE

The power of the keys is real! A couple from Germany came all the way here to Southern France to get fed, especially since they had some problems in their relationship. While visiting them at the campground where they were staying, we gave them classes and spent time with them and with one of their neighbors, a Danish single mom with three little ones who had recently moved there to find a job. It was so interesting that we all forgot about time, and before we knew it, it was 1 o'clock in the morning! That meant that we could not leave the campground with our car, since the gate closed at midnight. What to do? There was no guard, but a device where you have to type in a number to open the gate. We tried several combinations, but to no avail.

"Lord," I said, "we have no blankets and mattresses to sleep on, and it would be unnecessary and costly to pay for a night. I don't believe

that it is Your will for us to stay here tonight. Please, by the power of the keys of Heaven, tell me the right number now." Right away, a number flashed through my mind. I went, tried it, and it worked!!!

While walking back, I prayed how I could best turn this into a testimony, and the Lord told me to give them a Daniel 2 class, with that leading verse, that there is a God in Heaven, who revealeth secrets! They really listened and were astounded, and asked me several times how it had happened. Thank You Lord for the power of the keys!

## Follow-up key found, through the keys

BY DANIELLA, FRANCE

When on a follow-up appointment with a British lady, she asked many questions. She had been raised in the Salvation Army, but was disappointed. When witnessing, I asked the Lord to give me the power of the keys to unlock her heart. He led me to tell her how sometimes the Enemy's people send

individuals into the churches to subvert them, to bring disunity, and to destroy the work of the Lord. I had read about this not long ago.

"Please excuse me," she said, "for asking so many questions. It's not that I don't believe you, but I really like your answers—your conviction and faith. I have never met anyone like you." Then, to her husband's surprise, she started crying. "I usually don't cry, but I believe the Lord sent you. It was when a certain man came to our Salvation Army congregation who sowed so much discord that many of us left. Now I see, that it was not the Lord's fault, but ours, for not having more faith and conviction. It is amazing that you told me this. This is really the key to my problem!"

She was happy to get the *Activated* books, and kept thanking me. I explained that it was the Lord who still loved her and wanted to win her back to Himself. The power of the keys really works!

I can really testify that there is a lot of new anointing since I

started applying the GNs about the keys! I even manage to fix electrical things that are broken in the home, by asking for the "key." The Lord is so faithful!

## Provisioned airline tickets

BY MARIE, YA, BRAZIL

The Lord supplied free airplane tickets for my friend and I to come back to Rio, from Bolivia. We decided to try out the power of the keys, and go provision two airplane tickets, although it seemed nearly impossible, it worked!! Isn't that cool?

## Bringing the dead back to life

BY PEDRO, CLARA AND KAREN, BRAZIL

In Porto Alegre (city in the south of Brazil), there was an accident which occurred in front of our Home, involving a bus and a motorcycle. The man that was on the motorcycle was on the ground, dead. Two people confirmed that he had no pulse or heartbeat.

We placed our hands over his body (we didn't touch him

with our hands), and asked the Lord for his spirit to return to his body, according to the power of the keys given to us. Seconds later, the body began to move. We continued to claim the power of the keys, and his body began moving again and he began breathing deeply for a few seconds, then he began to breathe normally.

It was a miracle, just like the GN "What Our Future Holds" taught us. This really inspired all the young people of the Home and strengthened our faith to believe that nothing is impossible. That very morning we had read portions of the prophecies on "The Era of Miracles," and that same afternoon we got the mailings with the CLTP "The Power to Heal." And it was in the evening when the accident happened right in front of our house. It was a confirmation from the Lord that now is the time when many miracles will happen.

*(Editor: Write us with your KEY stories! What has the Lord done for you lately, through the power of the keys?)*

# MEXICO KIDS CAMP



BY SEEK, MORELIA, MEXICO

This was our second camp which we are hosting every three months for kids ages 9-13. The goal is to “keep it small,” and we had 23 students attend, 19 of which were boys. Seven Homes were represented. The kids attending got involved, participated, and learned a lot. They were not concerned about peer pressure, as all their peers were just as turned on as they were. They wholeheartedly got into each class and activity, and there was a high level of enthusiasm and inspiration, which we attribute to a number of things that we want to share with you.

## CAMP PREPARATION

- One parent from each Home was invited to attend. We've found this helps the parents to get new ideas they can incorporate at home. Also, the parents have interesting points to add to the classes.
- We contacted our local donors and they donated a little more than usual that week, which made it simple to have plenty of food and delicious meals.
- Each student was given a folder with his/her name on it when he/she first arrived. It was full of the pubs and class sheets for use during classes or activity times.
- A printer donated the printing of large Endtime posters, work sheets, and pubs for the students' folders.
- The tables were prearranged with assigned seating. We chose the seating arrangements to avoid some pitfalls we noted at our first camp.
- The whole city (three Homes) worked together so well. Everyone dedicated his or her time to help the camp in some way. The kids slept in tents and had breakfast at the Home of Dan and Joy, Victoria, Jim, Annie, and Stevie. Joy, Seek, and Jason taught classes. We had classes, meals, and activities at our Home. From the third Home, Jason was one of the teachers, and Renee worked all day with Jessica, Klaire, and Jenna in the kitchen preparing lunch and dinner and yummy snacks. God bless Cedar who was with her younger children so others in her Home could participate. Manantial provisioned, and Servant, Nehemiah, and Jim did pickups. The Homes in the area also helped to cover the expenses of the camp, and used much of their time for one week toward preparations and hosting the camp.



## DISCIPLINE

- We emphasized discipline and organization and had six kids per table with a table monitor.
- We used a fun new method of rewards and discipline called “strike outs” and “home runs.” It was simple and affective. If you got your name on the board three times as an individual, your team lost one “home run.” For answering questions and participating, your table got a point and three points equaled a “home run.” At the end of camp, the table with the most “home runs” got a prize, which was ice cream.
- Also, with discipline, we laid down a few rules like listening when someone was talking, staying in their seats, and listening to instructions until he or she was finished. We didn't let these things slide, and overall the cooperation of the kids was very good. This was something that we talked and prayed about ahead of time. We were then prepared to explain our camp policies at the first meeting.



## CLASSES

- We had united prayer and prayed for the power of the keys of the Kingdom for this camp.
- We had 1½-hour classes in the morning with a one-hour break. The kids went outside and played games before the next class.
- Every class was filled with activities, games, projects, and fun new ways of testing. Jason made his classes very funny. The kids didn't get bored.
- We used the "Endtime Power" pubs to get ideas. To start the camp we had a class on "How to Interpret Prophecy" and each child had a copy of the pub to follow along with. We also covered Daniel 2 and 7 in one class, and they each had a worksheet to fill in as we went along. One class was Matthew 24 and we incorporated a Sword Drill to find additional verses. The last day we had two classes, the first one was "The Real Victors of the Tribulation," where we talked about the Trumpets, Wars of the Antichrist, and our job during this time. It helped the kids to hear about all the other things that were happening during this time, to see that it was not only a time of persecution of Christians. The last class was "Call on the Keys." We used illustrations and skits to get the points across.
- The kids were given an assignment along with each Camp Invitation to memorize the "16 Points of the Endtime." Throughout the camp a representative from each table was given an opportunity to stand up front and quote them. If they could do it perfectly, they would gain a "home run" for their table. On the first try everyone messed up at some point, but by the end of the camp, a representative from each table was able to say it backwards.
- The kids had a 45-question quiz after the camp covering what they learned in each class. They took this very seriously and received a certificate stating they had completed the "Endtime Course."
- Parents paid a minimal fee of about \$10 for one student and no more than \$20 per family.

## ACTIVITIES

- A local owner donated the use of a speed-soccer court for two hours each afternoon.
- One afternoon we hosted a fun Endtime table project. The kids worked for over an hour and didn't want to stop. Each table was covered with white paper. One kid from each table laid down on the table and the team drew around him or her. (Sort of like the image in Daniel 2 they had just studied.) Then with the shape of his/her body on the paper they made a mural of Endtime events like tattoos on the body. They got so into this project! The next morning one representative from each table explained the designs in his or her mural.
- We had video night and watched an older movie, *The Wind and the Lion* with popcorn and punch.
- We started our classes with inspirations—with Jason on guitar and Stevie on keyboard.



### photo captions

- 1: Jason's classes were really funny.
- 2: Seek giving the class on "How to Interpret Bible Prophecy."
- 3: The kids themselves did impromptu skits to go along with different classes.
- 4: This was the adult skit. Jason doesn't want to get off at the "Tribulation Stop" because he's just been goofing off and isn't prepared.
- 5: A fun evening project was making a mural of Endtime events like tattoos on an outline of the body of one person at his or her table.
- 6 & 7: Each afternoon and between classes we had lots of activities. Our camp of 23 kids was mostly boys, so this type of activity was more suitable. We played soccer, pile-on, tug-of-war, building pyramids, and touch football.
- 8: Everyone received an Endtime Certificate after passing a 45-question test. They all passed!
- 9: Here's the kitchen and provisioning team—(L to R:) Victoria, Klaire, Manantial, Renee, Margarita, Jessica, and Jenna.

# ROBBERIES IN AFRICA

## —And the Lord's counsel

By the RadioActive Home, Uganda

**W**e wanted to let you know about an armed robbery that took place on Thursday, August 16, so you can keep us in your prayers.

Tina woke up with her lights on and two guys, one with a gun and one with a machete, both Ugandans, in her room telling her to get up, and asking how many people were in the house. They had her open the different doors and they led everyone (Happy, Kathleen, Tina, and Julie) to one room. Sunshine had had her baby the other day and was resting at the other Home. They also didn't find Ben and Sims.

After gathering us all together in Happy's room, they tied Happy up. Little Kaycee (of Ben and Tina, who was still next door in Tina's room), Kingdom, and Shirley (who were in the room we were all held in) slept through the whole thing by a miracle.

Happy had \$1,000 in his room. The robbers weren't pleased with that at all and wanted Ugandan shillings. They said we must have much more money. They started talking about their cause against Americans, and how they were helping their people too.

We tried telling them that was all the money we had in the house, and that anything else we had was in the bank. They didn't believe us and got only more upset. There is a mindset here that anyone foreign is rich, no matter what, so they couldn't believe that \$1,000 was all we had on us. We tried explaining to them that we were volunteer missionaries, and didn't have lots of money, but that only made them believe that we had outside funding, and therefore must have money. When they couldn't find anything more, they snapped. They threatened to harm Happy with the machete, or rape us girls if we didn't give him more. Then one of the robbers raised the gun to Happy's head. We all started praying out loud, and that seemed to stop them where they were.

Just then Rory (2½) woke up and they allowed Julie to care for him and get him some water, but

he was unaware of what was happening, TTL! They calmed down, but kept asking us where the other boy was that lived here, which made us realize that they must have been around a while watching us. We told him that he lives out in the servant's quarters, which is on the other side of the property, but they showed little interest in going there, and were sort of relieved that there was only one man in the house to worry about. Actually, there was another male sleeping in another room, which they never searched, and we led them to believe no one lived there. It could possibly have made matters worse, as they would have felt more threatened, and possibly turned even more violent.

They asked to see Julie's jewelry that she was wearing and she told them the little story of each piece. Like "this ring was a gift from my friend in India when I did missionary work there, and this anklet was from Senegal; I worked with the street kids there with my family, etc." After they thoroughly searched Happy's room and found Sunshine's baby bonus, they took his camera, mobile phone, video camera, radio, Dictaphone and CD player.

The girls went one by one with one of the two robbers to search our rooms. Kathleen got the worst of it with all her flee funds stolen (about \$2,000) and her Ugandan shillings (about \$100). They also took a watch and all of her valuable jewelry. They also took her binoculars, tape recorder/radio, Dictaphone, perfume and even a dress! They did, however, miss taking her passport, computer and digital camera, which was a blessing.

Tina had her watch stolen and an empty backpack. She gave them some of the medicine her grandparents gave her for Kaycee (but that Ben had done research on and found had some bad side effects). TTL that it wasn't more! Money-wise Tina only had 2,000 Ugandan shillings stolen (about \$1), though she gave him some children's medicine for his kids which thankfully calmed him down

after the lack of money! They even looked in the bag where Julie had her flee funds, but they didn't find it which was a total miracle. However, they stole 200,000 Ugandan shillings (about \$150) and \$200 from Julie.

Afterwards they gave us a speech on how nice they had been to us by not hurting or killing us, for which we clearly thanked them. Then, after making us promise not to sound the alarm they told everyone go to their beds, which we did, and thank the Lord, they left after taking the VCR. By that time we'd calmed them down enough to where they trusted us and actually untied Happy before they left. And they didn't lock us in our rooms, which we thought they might do. They did try to lock Tina's room, but the lock doesn't work from the outside so they gave up.

We got together the next morning (we found out they had cut a hole and climbed through our roof) and heard from the Lord about it. Many of our friends told us of similar robberies happening to them, though we see how we actually got off easily, clearly just the Lord's protection.

We now have a night guard. We're getting more locks and looking into further security measures. Thanks for praying for us. We know that's why we're here to tell of it. Also, after telling everyone about the robbery and reporting it to the police, they told us that it must have been an inside job, probably from the workers who helped fix up the house that we were moving into. It was apparent that somebody knew the whole inside of the house as they knew how to get out and in. Also, at that time, we only had a fence around our property, a lovable pet-type dog, and no guard. We were living in false security because in our former house, we had a very secure brick wall. So now we have two full-time guards, we're having a wall built and have four dogs on the property. This incident also happened early Friday morning after what should have been our monthly Prayer Day, which we had postponed for various reasons.



## Important counsel from the Lord

By Mama

**W**hen we asked the Lord about this robbery and why it happened, He gave the following message. I'd like to share it with all of you not only because this incident was very serious, but because there is a lesson for each Family member in this situation. The dear Home involved has been praying and seeking the Lord, and is learning their lessons. I pray that each of you will also take this counsel to heart also, so that we can avail ourselves of the Lord's full protection.

(Jesus speaking:) There are different facets behind this robbery that should be taken into account, especially considering the seriousness of it, the intensity of the time and the physical dangers involved. If it had been more minor, and of the nature of what could be expected in a country like Uganda, it would be different. But this robbery was severe, at great risk to life and limb to those involved. These are the situations I wish to protect My Family from to avoid an untimely end to their lives or their ministries and witness.

There are physical ramifications, and physical reasons for this robbery. There are also spiritual ramifications and spiritual reasons for it happening. Again, the severity of the incident must be considered and understood in order to know how the door was opened, which made the incident possible. As I have always tried to teach you, the best way to maintain a safe and secure Home and environment is to:

- 1) Foresee the evil and depart from it.
- 2) Know I am a strong tower within which you can take refuge and be safe.
- 3) In the center of My will is the strongest part of the aura of My protection and care.

In a field as chaotic and dangerous as many of the African countries, as godless and heathen and overtaken by the influences of the Enemy as they

are, there will naturally be everyday dangers. That's something to be reckoned with, something to have the faith for and to be fully aware of before even going to such a field. Going to a place such as Africa with a false sense of security, without knowingly, clearly, and fully assessing the situation, the risks and the reality of it, is foolishness. That's where being in the center of My will and moving with My Spirit at the right time and to the right place is so important. This is where prayerfully knowing My will is so important.

It's easy to say "these things happen," while feeling "it won't happen to me." It can and it will, as you've seen in this and other situations like it. If your guards are not up in the spirit, if you are not doing all you can physically and spiritually to guard yourself from the evil, to remove yourself from the possibility of the evil befalling you, such incidents will happen. The Enemy will enter in through the door you have opened through your lack of vigilance.

You'll always need to be on guard for robberies and theft and violence in poorer countries such as these. It's part of life there. However, when the theft or the situation gets to the point of possible severe bodily harm, it's an indication that you are out from under My protective aura. In the center of My will I can protect you. Though there is always the threat and danger of robbery or harm, it's the simple who pass on and are judged for not heeding My voice, by not staying closer to Me and listening more clearly to the checks I give, or the daily counsel I would give to help foresee the evil and avoid it. There was a breach in spirit in this Home that gave opportunity for this to happen. It's not necessarily that the robbery attempt would not have happened altogether, but the breach in the Home's collective spirit allowed the violence of the Enemy to enter in and wreak havoc. If not for My mercy, it could have been worse.

If in this Home there had been closer attention to heeding My voice, to listening to Me each and every day, to getting My instructions and counsel, espe-

cially when living in a field so rampant with crime and dangers and violence, I would have forewarned them of the possibility. I would have told them ahead of time, and they could have done more to avoid the danger of near death they encountered that night. If they had known ahead by being in tune with My Spirit, even if only the ramparts of My Spirit had been stronger through their united channel with Me, even if only they had been more on guard and aware and awake, they could have taken more spiritual and physical precautions.

It's not that evil and danger will not come; it will. But if there is a spirit of on-guard watchfulness and awareness, most of the evils and dangers will pass on by, and those that don't will be greatly subdued and will happen for a specific purpose and with a plan. You will have the faith to face them in the power of My Spirit, rather than in fear and dread.

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So now is the time to assess these things. After experiencing the results of laxity, assess both what could have been done and what now needs to be done to avoid future recurrences. A wise Home is one that is known for their witness and frugality, and their openness will make a statement of such to their neighborhood. A wise Home is known for their sample, testimony, and for their giving, regardless of the roof over their heads and the housing I provided. The sample, the testimony, and the witness speak the loudest, and will help all to know that though they are a city set on a hill, there is little wealth to be gained or stolen. The active life of aware and awake Christian endeavors are your best preventative measures against a potential calamity such as this.

The physically wealthy in lands such as this have the ability to guard their wealth. While

many of My missionaries live in nice Homes which I provide for them to be happy, healthy and comfortable in, they have not the wherewithal to maintain the security of the well-to-do life-style, and thus can be a sitting target. It's one thing to be persecuted for righteousness' sake, and another to invite robbery or danger through the pretense of wealth and possessions. Ask yourselves "Why did these rob-

There are situations I allow in order to reach the robber or the thief who cannot be reached by any other means, or whom I am trying to give a chance to receive My salvation. And in this case again, witnessing always works, witnessing always wins. Witnessing is always the best solution, which also helped in this case. However, in this case it was not a case of the thieves being inwardly searching. In this case they were simply dangerous and driven.

There is another facet of this robbery that should be brought to light, and that is the need for My Family *everywhere* to pray for the missionaries on the field, and especially for those in dangerous fields such as Africa, China, Indonesia, Russia and other places. There is much lurking danger in these places that can happen upon My missionaries if My people don't pray for them *daily*, for their safety, their security, their provision, their care, their health. A rash of robberies and situations endangering My missionaries means not only that different facets of the work in that field need to be raised to a higher level of prayerful awareness and alertness, but this also exposes a laxity in the prayer vigilance of My people outside of that field. What happens to one, affects all. The hurt of one is to the hurt of all. A lack

of prayer or being in the spirit in one affects the other.

How many of My people outside of Africa are beseeching Me daily in prayer for the safety and security of their friends and family working in these dangerous fields? How many are doing their part in prayer, even though they are not physically on the field themselves? How many are sensitive to the checks that I give them to pray for those in need at that very time, at that very instant, even though many thousands of miles away? How many pray intercessory prayers for My missionaries working on the field? How many, through prayer, are sending their help and the help of spirit guides and helpers for those on these dangerous mission fields? How many who are not on the mission field themselves are there in spirit through their intercessory prayers, bonding in heart and spirit with their comrades on the field to be a help to them in their time of need?

Situations like this, especially those of great danger, potential death, or serious physical harm are not only the result and responsibility of those directly involved, but as well, the responsibility of My Family elsewhere. All are one and each directly affects the other and is responsible for them. (*End of message from Jesus.*)

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bers have the impression that there was much wealth to be gained from breaking and entering? What gave them that impression and made them feel that way?" If it comes down to it, only desperate prayer at the time, as this Home saw, can ultimately keep you safe from harm's way, but preventative prayer and preventative desperation and preventative measures can also keep it from getting to that point.

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## **A second accident, and lessons**

*By Happy, RadioActive Home, Uganda*

**S**hortly after the above-mentioned robbery, I was out in town by myself and had an accident. I'd like to share some of the lessons I learned through it.

Firstly, I learned to stick to the basic rules of going out two by

two, as I was out alone when this happened. It was a miracle that someone came along who recognized me and was able to take me to a local international clinic that happened to be very close by. It was a miracle that nothing was stolen out of the bag that I had with me.

Apparently, I tripped over a piece of barbed wire that was ankle high, cordoning off an area in the middle of the road. I only found this out a couple of days later, when we were able to get ahold of the person who found me.

I'm actually very prayerful and cautious when I'm out in town, and sometimes people think I'm overly cautious about only crossing the road when it's absolutely safe. It was about 5:00 in the evening and there was a lot

of rush hour traffic. Because I was watching the traffic so intently, I wasn't looking where I was going with my feet, and I tripped over the wire and banged my head on something. I woke up two hours later in the hospital, not knowing what had happened. I had to have nine stitches. Thank the Lord there was no serious damage. I went home after 24 hours, and the wound has healed without much of a scar.

If I had been out with a partner, I still may have tripped over and knocked myself out, but at least there would have been a Family person to help in the situation. The other mistake was that I hadn't used the new weapons before going out. I hadn't confirmed with the Lord that I should go out or that I even *needed* to go out.

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Since then we've tightened up our two-by-two rule. Because we don't have so many Home members, it's much easier on the Home to take care of small business by yourself. But we've now made it a strict rule to go out two by two, and if anybody has to go out alone for any reason he has to get it okayed by a couple of teamworkers. Actually, this rule was already in place, but we'd grown slack with it.

Having these two very serious incidents, first the robbery and then tripping over the wire—both of which could have easily cost me my life—has made me wonder what the Lord is trying to speak to me about. In the recent

Word, the Lord has warned us that He is going to allow some pretty heavy tests to come into each of our lives to cause us to lay hold on the new weapons and learn to rise above. It has certainly had that effect on me.

It has made me realize that, as the Lord has told us, not only has *our* power increased but the *Enemy's* power has also increased—no doubt because of the potential of our ministry here, we are prime targets. Unless we fight with all the new weapons now at our disposal, we really can be overcome. These incidents have helped sober me up and made me a lot more desperate, and have also caused me to

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check my heart to see if there are any ways that I've been displeasing the Lord. I realize since the robbery that not to try to take care of things that are weaknesses in our spiritual walls of defense can be a matter of life and death.

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### By Lisa, CO

I wanted to also pass on the following TRF comment we received from Paul, Mary and Jan in the Ivory Coast. It has an interesting comment about witnessing, although they don't go into detail about it. I wanted to underline this, because the Lord mentioned it in the prophecy, and also because this is what we have also found to be the best protection everywhere we go.

We witness all the time, telling people how we live by faith and are not like the average white person they'll find around. Of course, we also try to show them that we are here for them in our actions and in what we are doing for their people. Having our pictures and PR album with us everywhere we go is a real help, as we never know when something might come up.

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### By Paul, Ivory Coast

**W**e had an unfortunate incident take place 10 days ago when Mary and I were in a poorer part of town. We were on our way to purchase airplane tickets for a fundraising trip to Germany, for Oktoberfest, and ongoing tickets to a family reunion with the older and younger children in Atlanta.

We stopped to visit a friend, and because we were talking to him about our CTP work, I stepped out to get a photo album in the car. When I unlocked the driver's door—which unlocked all doors—a man opened the rider's door and pointed a gun at me, insisting that I sit down in the vehicle. He also sat down. He insisted that I drive the vehicle, and about 500 meters up the street insisted that I park, at which time two other men climbed in the back, one with a knife and the other with a gun. They took all of the money that I was carrying (which was quite a bit), and while I didn't want to resist, I witnessed to them, showed them the photo album, and one of them recognized me from having been on the TV show (“The Life of Love”) which showed the previous week. So he knew I was a mission-

ary. This man insisted that they not take the car, only the money, which was in my bag.

It was a victory that we didn't have to lose the car and that no one got hurt in the incident, but nonetheless, it was a setback that we had to lose the money saved for our whole family to go to the family reunion in Atlanta, along with some extra funds that were intended to be changed in local currency to keep the rest of the Home while the fundraisers were in Germany.

The Lord spoke to us and told us that He didn't [allow them to] take the funds to “destroy us” or to stop our work, but rather to bring us into more witnessing and perhaps a different way of witnessing. He promised that He would not let us down; to the contrary, He promised to keep supplying and upholding us, regardless of this financial setback.

Aside from lessons on safety and security that we've learned, we are also realizing that Côte d'Ivoire is far from being the safer African country that it used to be. More and more it seems that it's going the way of most poor and destitute African countries where

people will do nearly anything to get money or whatever else they want. This incident has changed our future and caused us to re-evaluate our work, our ministry, our vision, our Home make up, etc.

We're still praying and hearing from the Lord about it. So far, what He's given us has been uplifting and encouraging and we keep looking to Him for all that He has in store for us.

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# what you think about...

## Conviction vs.

## Compromise

*(Editor's note: Mama submitted these reactions to this Grapevine section, but has deleted the authors' names for the sake of confidentiality.)*

### **Female, 24, USA**

Thank you so much for pouring out the "Conviction vs. Compromise" series. We needed them so much. At times it has been a discouragement for myself and others I know to see the state of some of the Family. We have even worried about our sheep seeing a very bad sample. This is very sad but true.

When I joined the Family four years ago, I didn't join a Home that was doing super great. The FGA couple there were wonderful and I could see the beautiful Spirit of David shining through their eyes. On the other hand, their five oldest children were on their way out. A few of them were actually very mean and consistently making fun of me. I had a bit of a difficult time but the Word got me. I read everything I could at the time and all I could think was, "This is where I belong. This is it. It's what I've always been looking for." I was hooked on the Word, everything Dad said.

I know that no one is perfect (including myself, and I'm learning that more and more every day), but at some points, certain fellowships, visiting a few Homes, etc., I was very disappointed. I do believe the Word, every MO Letter, every GN, and it is alive! It is just so good to hear you go over all of the different points in this series, and to know and be sure that the Word is what the Family is built upon, and we are solid. I am thankful to have so many brothers and sisters around me who truly love the Lord and embrace each new move of the Spirit. Your and the Lord's counsel is so good. We definitely have a lot to pray about and work on now!

### **Male, 25, Africa**

I've been in the Family for almost three years. Thanks for the Letters on "Conviction vs. Compromise" because

they have really helped me. I had lots of trials thinking it would be better to go to university, and I had doubts about the Word. Since I read the new Letters, I've felt strong in the Words of David, also in prophecy. I believe that it really works because I've tried it, and it works!

I want to stand with you and the Family in these Last Days. I see a big difference between the Family and the other churches, also since I joined I have felt a big transformation in my life. All my family are Muslims, and since I am the first Christian, it is a big change in my life. Please pray for me to keep in the same standard as the Family. It's a big change and the Enemy is not happy with it.

### **Male, FGA, Madagascar**

TYSM for making us a Gideon's band of the End, pure in Spirit and on fire for our dear Husband, our brethren and the souls, without any distractions or hindrances. I can hardly express the joy and liberation that I'm feeling right now inside of me. This series is making me become a much better Family person and disciple than never before.

Please, keep socking to us in the Spirit, as it's so wonderful and life changing! I love you, admire you and respect you more than ever.

### **Male, 19, South America**

WOW and very HEAVY to say the least ... it's total ecstasy to read this kind of stuff in the New Wine! PTL! We're finally gonna be a small band again of crazed revolutionaries completely dropped out of this sick world. TTL it's happening! I've prayed for this day for some time and I can't describe how happy, thrilled, and excited I am.

The best thing about this is that I thought I was so dropped out and everything. After reading the GNs I was like "Man, Lord help me!" I can't get enough of these sock-it-to-me Letters. They are too good. We're so blessed to have Mama leading this Endtime attack. What a queen! She

really inspires loyalty. You just want to follow her right into the thick of the battle even if it means death. God save the queen!

### **FGA couple, Pakistan**

One problem in our Home was as we are only four adults and 12 children we weren't having regular united devotions, as someone is needed on each CC group for morning devotions. Except for the evenings it was hard for us to all gather round the Word on a regular basis. With these new mailings, the Lord showed us a way to get together in the morning by getting up a little earlier and adjusting our schedule. This worked well and now we are following that schedule which has led to much more inspiration and unity in our Home.

After reading one of the new mags on "Conviction vs. Compromise" we had united prayer with the junior teens on up. The Lord told us that we needed to forsake our pride and the different things that were holding us back. Someone had a vision of angels hovering above us with a basket full of golden keys. Then someone prayed against a problem they were having in their lives, and the channel who'd had the vision saw them being handed a bunch of the golden keys. Then someone else prayed and they also received the gift of the keys and so on, until everyone had prayed for some personal victory, after which each received the gift of the golden keys. It was spontaneous and beautiful!

### **SGA VS, USA**

I wanted to write and thank you so much for the "Conviction vs. Compromise" GN series. I know that in my personal life this back-to-the-basics revolution was desperately needed.

Also from a shepherding standpoint, it was a complete answer to prayer! Being a shepherd here in the U.S., we so often hear of situations that are barely eking out the Charter minimum, while mainly devoting their lives to their own agenda and

not really doing anything for the Lord. When bringing these things up to those involved, most have had a very self-righteous attitude, and feel justified in what they are doing, since they are “technically” keeping all their Charter requirements! I’m very thankful for the way that you, the Lord, and Dad put it so clear. The sad thing is that it’s been in the Word all along, Lord help us!

### Male, Europe

The thing that triggered this letter from me is when you mentioned that many people were complaining that you mainly discipline the Family and don’t encourage us. To me, this is anything but the truth and is going too far. You’ve always been a wonderful sample of love, encouragement, mercy and you are the “real Jesus” to us! And for you to let us have it in this series on “Conviction vs. Compromise” must mean that things have gone too far and something needed to be done.

It gives us a sense of security that you and Peter are driving this movement as you follow Jesus, and we couldn’t ask for better shepherds. You have it and you’ve proved this time and time again. Your words are as a lighthouse and His Spirit contained therein is as a soft wind that blows upon our sails as we sojourn here on our “pilgrimage.” Be encouraged and know that we love you and need you and support you with our prayers.

### SGA mother, Brazil

I am OVERJOYED at the Lord’s love and yours which is manifested through the correction in these Letters. The main feeling I get when reading these GNs is a great sense of security—not the evil kind that comes by being settled down, but the kind that comes when you realize that Mommy and Daddy have grabbed hold of the reins of the Family and do crack the whip when the kids get out of hand.

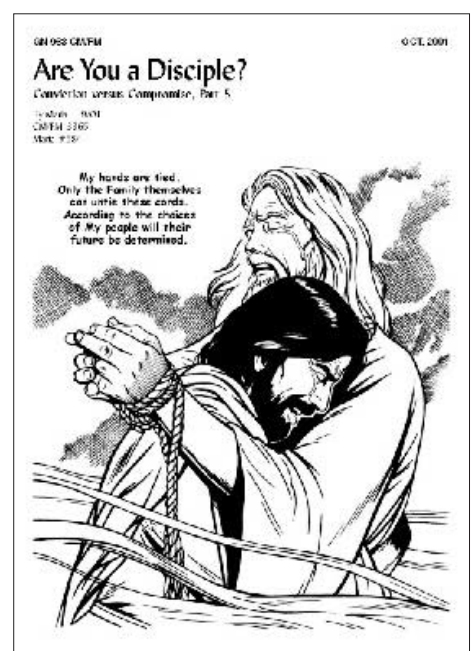
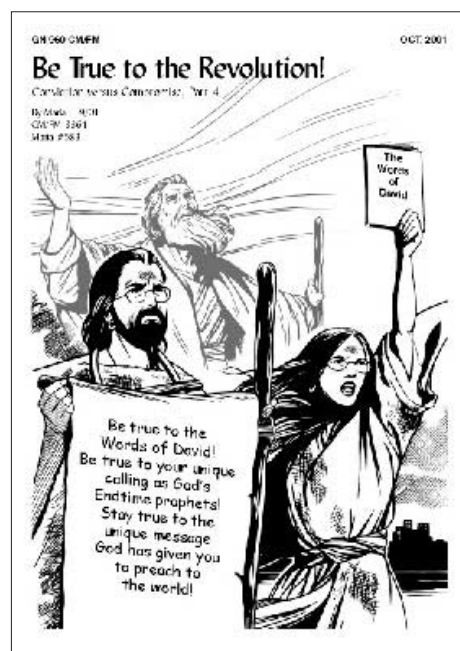
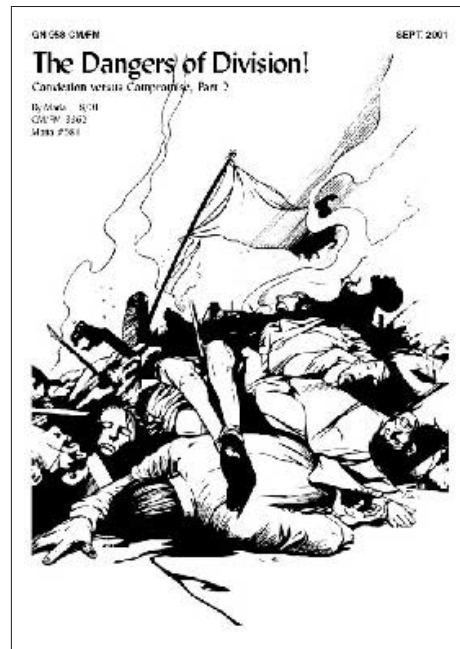
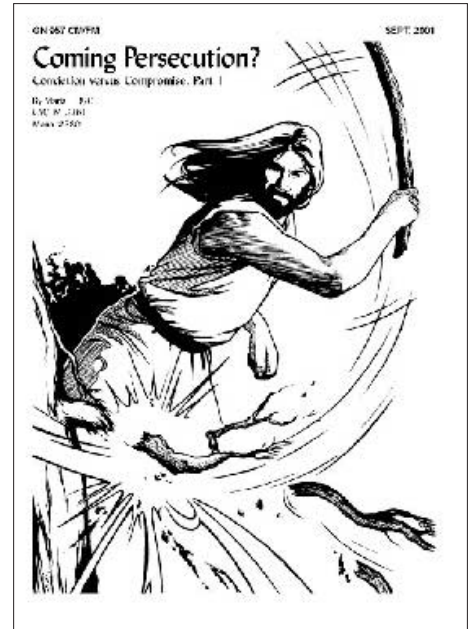
I know that I am one of the ones that writes you often about the problems I see in the Family (from my perspective, of course) and it makes me feel so secure to see that I really don’t need to worry so much or take it on myself to judge and see if anything will be done about rotten situations, but I can trust that the Lord and you, my shepherds, will do something about it at the time appointed, and in the right spirit.

I’m really “patriotic” about the Family, in that I want it to be the

BEST. After all, I’m giving my life for this cause so I want my cause to be worthwhile. I don’t want the embarrassment of having been involved in something that is a failure. I want the Family to be a success, whatever it takes!

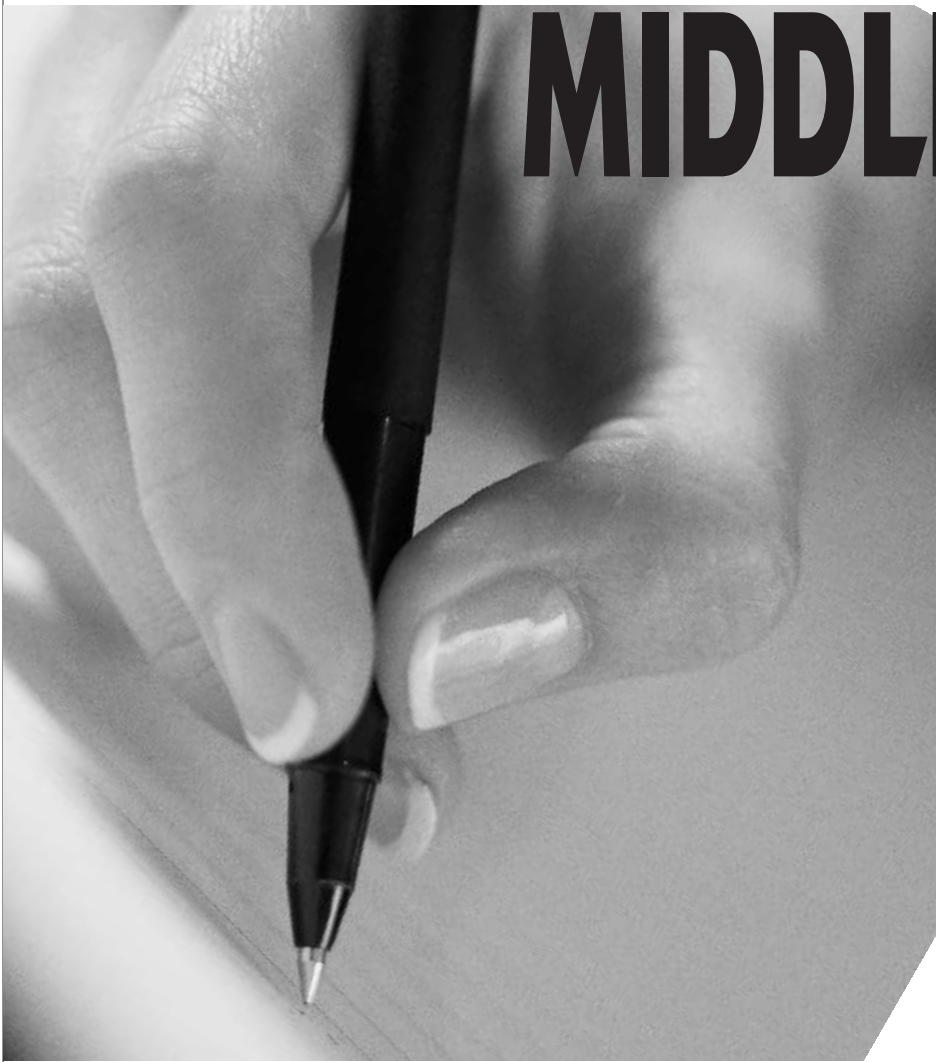
In one of my letters to you I mentioned that I really missed Dad’s ROARS!!! It feels real good to see this godly anger “ROAR” from you, Mama, who is usually such a docile mother and protective lioness. But now we see that you will also “ROAR” at the Enemy and wayward kids when we deserve it! I LOVE YOU!

I’m so thankful to be part of this Gideon’s band of the End! By the grace of God, I’m here till this ship sinks—but I know it won’t!



# letter to the Family in the

# MIDDLE EAST...



Omar is a marketing director for a leading telecommunications company. He and his family are of Christian-Palestinian origin, and he and his brother, a well-known journalist, both have precious American wives whom they met during their university years in the United States. We met Omar quite a number of years ago when he was marketing director for another company. Over the past few years he and his wife, Laura, have been coming closer in spirit to both the Lord and the Family. Omar is very intelligent, and is a charismatic personality. For years he has poured his heart and soul into making the international companies he's worked for a success, but he now finds himself spiritually drained and empty after working so hard with so little in return for his effort from the materialistic world around him.

Omar has been the emcee for our Appreciation Summer Program for all our friends and contacts for the past two years. This year he also presented a 10-minute multi-media photo presentation, which he had put together from a collection of photos he'd asked us to bring to his office.

He also insisted on nominating us for an International Humanitarian Award, which we worked on together for almost two weeks. The presentation he put together was done very professionally. It included a profile on the Family's local work, a 1,000-word essay written by Omar himself, outlines of our activities, samples of recommendation and thank-you letters we've received over the years from different organizations, companies and other important people, newspaper articles, and 180 color photo pages. This professional archive of the history of our work in our area is now ours to keep, and we will be able to use and adapt it for other presentations as well.

Working on this project together provided a tremendous opportunity to witness more in depth to Omar and Laura, and to share the Word with them on many subjects. As a result they have become much closer in spirit. Laura and their one-year-old daughter, Julia, now come over twice weekly and our relationship continues to grow.

In the following letter, Omar shares his heart openly with us about the impact that the Lord and the Family have had on him personally and on his family.

## From Omar\*

(\*ALIASES USED, FOR ALL NAMES.)

8th October, 2001

Dear Family friends,

I have wanted to send you a letter for some time now to try and express a few thoughts. I feel it necessary to highlight our relationship and to inform you of how my family and I feel about you and your work here and in the area.

Since your arrival in this country, your dedication, perseverance, and good deeds have continuously puzzled me. Behind all this great work has to be a great incentive and reward. For a person like me, who was born and continues to live in a society built on materialistic values and ideologies, it is hard to understand incentives such as spiritual gratification or a love of God.

My curiosity finally got the best of me and "in good faith" I allowed my family and myself to get closer to you, thus becoming more vulnerable to getting more involved in your journey and objectives. This has clearly offered me the peace of mind that I thought only my wife and daughter had the power to offer me.

Naturally my wife and daughter are my life. But to have you in our lives has added more value, optimism, faith, inspiration, happiness, experience, and truly the best of influence one can have in this world of selfishness, materialism, and evil.

Over the years we have distanced ourselves from people who preach God's Words and we decided to pursue our journey by simply believing in God and inquiring about Him and His teachings as we walked through

life. With you being around, and with your very smart and leveled approach, you were able to transfer some very interesting religious values, which one feels comfortable to read and to inquire about. We deem such a democratic approach very healthy and very safe for us.

We appreciate this approach because with such a sensitive subject, we feel that we need to continuously address this issue, yet we would never want it to cause any stress in our happiness and in our day-to-day livelihood.

By knowing you more and by getting to know each and every single one of you better, we noticed that all of you try hard to keep thinking positively, and your faith makes you even more trustworthy than ever before. This to us is the beginning of a lifelong friendship that we can together build to last, to where we can depend on each other to meet our targets and objectives from many aspects.

The children of the Family are a source of inspiration for us and especially for our little daughter, Julia, (1½ years old). My wife has asked you whether it would be possible for them to come once or twice a week so Julia can listen to your wonderful teachings, and for her to get more exposed to your way of life and to your educational themes and methods. This alone is the best proof of our trust in you. We thank you for allowing Julia this great opportunity that will only add more qualities and values to her future endeavors in life.

We, together, recently embarked on a very promising venture: an international humanitarian award for 2001. My incentive was not the money; it was the cause. For me, I felt obliged, yet honored to have been trusted in the preparation of such a sensitive and important project. Many of your secrets were revealed to me and you put many cards on the table for me to work with in order to portray a healthy image of your name, one that will add value to your work and transmit it to those who care.

During the preparation of this project, I got to work closely with you. I got to monitor your train of thought. I was impressed and I was extremely satisfied with what I saw throughout this period. I have no doubt of your sincerity, your friendship and your motives. I believe that you are who you say you are, and I appreciate your modesty in the making of your daily activities.

I want every one of you to know that I can relate to your sacrifices, problems, stresses, and concerns. It is not easy to share a bedroom with three or five people. It is not easy not to have the full privacy of one's own home, nor is it easy to feel that you cannot always

enjoy the pleasures life has to offer, from entertainment to food, etc. It is not easy to take a taxi or to drive many times back and forth to transfer you to an event, neither is it easy to compare your lives with those people living around you. I realize that what makes all the above so easy for you is first and foremost your strong belief in GOD and His miracles.

But I feel it is very important for you to know that it is also not easy to live a life that has no meaning or value. Most people who live in our world today were forced to give up their values, their belief in God, their love for humanity, their belonging to family, their traditions and much more, because this is supposedly the way to materialistic success. Unfortunately, people do not realize these facts until they try and taste the misery, the emptiness, and the stresses of everyday life without God, love, and belonging.

So for those of you who were born within the Family, and for those of you who doubt whether life outside the Family can be better, I tell you: Do not count on it. Count your current blessings and be thankful to God for what you have. The inner satisfaction derived from what you do, can never be measured by a new Mercedes, or a new laptop computer. When we die, we take our souls with us, and the rest, including our cherished bodies, stays behind.

The mouthwatering issues in life that we see are nothing but tools that were invented to create a market. Marketing makes everything look good because you make money and everybody wants you to spend that money in his or her stores. That's why they make everything look appealing to you and then it becomes your need, although, if you think about it you don't really need it to survive. Then, why worry about it? Why lust for it and why feel that you have to have it?

Reunions are so much fun because they bring people together. The Family is one big happy reunion of life, joy, wealth of spirit and peace of mind. This reunion is the best protection against evil.

You guys have a lot to be thankful for. You have God and each other to thank every day, every hour, minute and second. Others might have lots of money, but none of them can feel what you feel every day, hour, minute and second.

My continuous worry about you is the world around you. You live within a bubble that is so fragile and that has been and will most probably be penetrated by those who do not know you, trust you, or who are merely jealous of you. Every good thing in life has to have a bad thing to suffocate it. This is the balance, just as surely as Gabriel and Lucifer exist. Your faith is your armor and protection against

this evil, and this to me is the best proof of your success for the past many years.

You have been able to succeed and produce great results due to your good nature and well doing. Your success in its most modest nature represents your ability to do so much good without having the millions that other charity groups and organizations have. Think a little more deeply with me on this. "Success" is a very big word that is misinterpreted in many ways. It is also measured differently from one person to another. Your success is that you don't have what others have to give them individual satisfaction in materialistic values. Your satisfaction, loyalty, and love are your success that enables you to do more good by the day. This success is in my opinion the best form of success that exists in life because you know and I know that it cannot be influenced by either evil or selfishness.

My family and I know where we stand and we also know where you stand. We know that we still do not have what it takes to become like you, but we know that we can walk with you to continue giving, thus, gaining more of the satisfaction we always feel when we do things with you and for you. We are actually doing these things to gain that satisfaction, so we are being generously paid for assisting you in your journey. That's why I always tell you that it is us who should thank you, not the other way around.

I could continue to ramble on and I think I could write a book trying to reach a satisfactory message that would cover all my thoughts and feelings. I don't think that would be possible. All I know is that I would like to explore more of my feelings. I am glad to find people of your caliber who are willing to listen. I know that I want to continue what we have started together but I still don't know how, when, and where. I know that we want you to trust us as much as we trust you and I know that this journey will take as long as it will have to in order for it to prosper for you and for us more and more for the long life to come.

I also know that you guys are great and I hope that you always feel that. You need to appreciate yourselves as much as we appreciate you. You need to strive for the happiness that we feel when we are around you. We need you not to ever worry about what is to come because it will always be in God's plan for you, for us, and for all mankind.

We truly, deeply love you. We thank you for being here. We wish you more happiness, excellent health, and the best of life to come.

Omar and family

# brotherhood



## Italian National Fellowship, October 2001

BY ANDREAS AND KITTY, VSS

The Lord did lots of miracles as we held our first National Italian Fellowship since the Charter. All the Homes in Italy but two were able to come, and everyone from each Home but one attended. Three Homes from nearby Switzerland also came, one Home traveling overnight and arriving very early in the morning.—Leave it to the Swiss to be there before time to be on time!

We originally were expecting about 100 people, but when we told everyone that our dear CO, Naomi, would be there and also Peter (of Rose) from the *Activated* desk in England to give an *Activated* seminar, numbers went up. The place we had

rented had 108 beds and we ended up with 140 people, but with a little squeezing everyone fitted nicely. The place was situated almost right on the beach on the northeast coast of Italy. We prayed for good weather and we got it!

It was a three-day fellowship with inspiration, an *Activated* seminar of two meetings, devotional study of the new “Conviction vs. Compromise” series, a Loving Jesus night, prayer and prophecy time, and of course a fun-packed dance and games night organized by our young folks.

Everything was very impromptu. God bless all those that jumped into help with the kitchen, cooking, inspiration, children’s groups, and JETTs

and teens, plus all the clean-up in between and after. The Lord raised up fantastic teams for these jobs and we could not have prepared and planned things so well ourselves, so all glory to Him.

The Lord not only organized the fellowship but He also orchestrated the timing so well as the “Conviction vs. Compromise” series began coming out and unity was a topic we wanted to address to the field, especially as we all want to push *Activated* and get it into Italian and that involves a lot on the Home front.

Overall it was a big step towards unifying the field here, and everyone was happy to get much needed fellowship and input, TYL!



## 10 years out ... now back in!

Dear Mama Maria,

Hi, my name is Mark Elder, the one who was going into the Navy SEALs about six years ago. I had written a letter to the Peru Teen Home where I left the Family from, and you had written me a response that I received while I was in the Navy. I’m sorry it’s taken so long to write you back, but I guess it’s better late than never.

A lot has happened in my life since then. I went down a pretty dark path, but I’m happy to be writing you after 10 years out of the Family, I am now in a CM Home, as a new babe in the Lord! I don’t know, I just thought with all the young people that have left the Family, that it would be encouraging to you to know that

I made it back after 10 long years, which is literally a miracle of God’s grace. And if the Lord could work the miracle in my life I know He can work it in others’ lives as well.

I just wanted to say thank you for your concern in writing me that letter years ago. And although at that time it didn’t have much effect in my life (because of my hard heart), here I am back in the Family serving the Lord once again, thanks to yours and many others’ prayers.

I have a great sadness in my heart when I think about all the people that have left the Family or that are thinking about it, as I know firsthand what a sad and lonely world awaits them. It makes me cry thinking about it, as I have so many loved ones out there,

and there’s nothing I can do for them but pray. But if prayer brought me back, I know it can bring them back to the Lord too!

Anyway, that’s too sad a subject for me right now. I just wanted to say I love you, and thanks for staying faithful through all that’s gone on in the Family. I know it’s probably been hard to see so many go. I will simply end by saying, that for me, the Family with all its mistakes and shortcomings is still simply the best place to serve the Lord! I’m thankful to you and the Lord that there is still a Family to come back to!

Lots of love,  
Mark



# help wanted

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There's an incredible family  
Who lives down in Bangalore.  
These folks give all for Jesus daily,  
And have a troupe of kids galore.

The number 12, to be exact;  
No exaggerations, that's a fact.  
Yes, they are quite a crew!  
But, why then this poem to you?

Some of their secret admirers  
Have together become conspirators,  
To send out this plea for a car,  
So that these folks can travel far.

They live from town quite far away,  
And it's a struggle for them each day  
To find a way to get around,  
Bringing 12+2 all into town.

So if you feel a tug on your heart,  
Please don't fail to do your part.  
Even if only the widow's mite,  
It'll bring to our brethren sheer  
delight.

Three thousand \$ seems quite a sum,  
But a little from a few someone's  
Will be the answer to a prayer,  
To show **Paul and Lily** that we care.

(Please send any contributions to  
**Paul and Lily at IA51** via your TRF, or  
send a note to the Indian ABM to find  
out how you can help.)

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Hi, I'm **John M.** I'm seventeen and  
I've been in Cambodia for almost two  
years now. I'm presently working on  
raising funds to go to India. Since  
we're kind of short on personnel  
(being only three voting members  
and one child) I don't really have an  
outreach partner which does make  
fundraising a little bit difficult, need-  
less to say. I teach English part time,  
which does help a little, but I've still  
got a long ways to go. So if anyone  
could help with donations, or an out-  
reach partner (ha!), I would be most  
appreciative. Please send your dona-  
tions, designated to KA01 through  
ASCRO. TXSM!

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Hi my name is **Dave.** I'm turning  
16 in three months. I lived in China  
for four years and now, and I'm now  
in Brazil for three months. My visa  
ends in three months, but I don't  
have any money and it's a third world  
county, and because I don't speak the  
language it makes it even harder to  
fundraise. So I would like to ask you if  
you could please help me out. I'm in

a hard situation. I need \$1500 in three  
months. Please pray about sending  
me a donation. I would really appreci-  
ate if you can help me out. Thanks so  
much for reading this letter.

Name of Bank: CITIBANK BERHAD  
Holder's name: KHOR BEE LENG  
Account No.: 5-001899-009 (Saving  
Account)  
Address: 89, Jalan Ampang, 50450  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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Hi! We are **Kira, Demi (5) and  
Yo (4)** and we have been living and  
working in Romania for two years  
now. The Lord is leading me (Kira) to  
write this financial ad as I find it a bit  
difficult to support my kids, myself,  
and the work we do here in Romania.  
The Lord is very faithful in supplying  
our everyday needs through different  
ones, who I am very thankful for  
(a big thank you to everyone who  
helped me through the years!). I also  
take any opportunity to fundraise in  
Romania, but since I am Russian and  
because of the recent changes in EE,  
it's very hard to get to EE and  
Western Europe. Also, being a single  
mom in Romania—a poor country—  
makes fundraising and supporting  
ourselves a bit complex here and I  
need your help!

I am looking for someone who  
can help us on a monthly (regular)  
basis or with a one-time donation.

Perhaps you'd have a friend, a  
contact, or you'd know of some one  
outside the Family who would be  
happy to help out with a donation  
to my work in EE. Perhaps it could  
be you? Any gift, big or small, will  
be greatly appreciated! Thank you so  
much, beforehand, for your help! All  
three of us will greatly appreciate it!  
You can send your donation through  
the TRF designated gift for Kira,  
RO005. Thank you. I would also love  
to hear from you personally so I can  
write you back with a "thank you"  
note and what I do in Romania.  
You can reach me via e-mail at:  
srtranslation@codec.ro

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My name is **Michelle I am a YA.**  
I have been living in Ghana for three  
and half years, teaching in a nursery  
with 40 children. I am on my way  
to pioneer a Home in Nigeria with  
another SGA. We'll probably be giving  
Bible classes using the *Activated*  
material, as well as well working with  
the prisons part time. It is difficult to  
raise funds in Ghana as the economy  
is quite bad. That is why I am asking  
for your help. I am in need of \$800 for  
my visa and flee funds. Do you think  
you could help me? If the answer  
is yes, don't hesitate to write me  
at the address below. I am looking  
forward to hearing from you. Here  
is my address:  
extrmile@africaonline.com.gh

## letters to the editor

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### Re: Law of Love problems

BY GLORIA (20), USA

I was deeply saddened to hear that living the Law of Love had caused so many problems in different areas. I realize that it's tough meat and takes a lot of supernatural love, humility, and sacrifice to make it work, but it's worth it. I personally am just stepping out on these new waters and have already experienced a few of the "Law of Love trials." But that is how we grow and I am so glad for it.

Growing up in the System, I've had a lot of Systemite, selfish attitudes about relationships that are hard to get rid of, but I want to. I think it's beautiful to be able to live in a loving, sharing atmosphere. The different Family people I see who are actually living the Law of Love are so sweet because of it. Their spirits are so revolutionary, and that's the kind of spirit I want. It's so different from the churches and we've had people in the System envy us when they hear this loving, free, yet tough-to-live doctrine. It's something I'm proud of!

While out on the streets witnessing we've had groups of church members accuse us of sharing outside our marriages and having more than one sex partner, etc., and we're not ashamed to confirm this and use it as a witness. Those on the streets who see and hear our answers laugh at the church members, but respect us and even like what we believe. Of course, some hate it. But who cares? We're revolutionary and I pray that we stay that way.

As the Law of Love states: "My Law of Love is that which sets apart the Children of David from My other children. Not only is it radical, free, and unconventional, but it's difficult and it's only for the strongest. It separates the men from the boys and the women from the girls."

# entertainment

Movies Rated for YAs and Up

## **BLESS THE CHILD (2000)**

Kim Basinger, Rufus Sewell

A divorcee who is forced to become the caretaker for her druggie sister's newborn baby soon realizes that her niece is special, possessing supernatural powers. Meanwhile, there are ritualistic satanic child murders taking place in New York City. The movie is a good portrayal of the spiritual warfare as being real and relevant. It also contains some graphic and disturbing scenes.

(Jesus:) In order to make the movie sell, it has some Hollywood gore and scare tactics. However, they've done well in not glorifying the Enemy too much, nor his power, nor the power of his people, but instead have shown them to be what they are, perverted lovers of darkness rather than light, seeking to enslave and to destroy. They've also done well to include a very sweet witness of true and sincere believers, not simplistic or wimpy church people, but believers who were willing and determined to fight the Enemy and to free his captives.

It's a very clear portrayal of good versus evil, God versus the Devil—with God triumphant. I won't give away the plot, but you need to be prayed up before seeing this—and if you're sensitive about seeing children exposed to attacks by evil forces or a few spots of graphic violence or seeing evil spirits, you may want to skip this. But many Endtime themes come out in this movie: special powers to combat evil, having conviction and not compromising, the power of prayer, etc. This movie should inspire you to press in and stay in shape spiritually for the times to come! The power that I will give you in the Endtime, and through the keys of the Kingdom, will be far greater than the power My children in this movie are shown as possessing.

Movies rated for Senior Teens and Up

## **SERENDIPITY (2001)**

John Cusack, Kate Beckinsale

Romantic comedy. Years after meeting for just a few hours, a young man and woman can't shake the feeling that the other is their soul mate and thus set out to find each other.

(Jesus:) This is a movie that My children can enjoy, if they like a romantic comedy and drama. It is refreshingly free of bad language, senseless violence and other things that spoil so many other modern movies. I smile on the innocence and sweetness portrayed. However, it paints

an unrealistic picture. There is not a word about Me, rather everything is left to "fate." My children who know Me well know that I am intimately involved in their lives, and that if they will leave things in My hands and let Me choose, I will work out that which is best for them. If they will ask Me how to see things and what to do, I will never fail to lead them to My best, and they will be very happy. Even those who do not know Me, I try to work in their lives, I try to engineer circumstances that will bring them happiness and bring them to know Me. But nothing is left to "fate" or "chance."

It's important to remember that only My love truly satisfies. In many movies, human love is looked at as the total solution, the cure-all, the complete happiness. But only My love is enough to give that total satisfaction and happiness. I do have a perfect plan for each person, but that plan does not involve the finding of a "perfect" soul mate, the one person who will completely satisfy you and fulfill all your dreams. My plan is more along the lines of learning to love completely those who you are with, and helping to make *their* dreams come true. And this is no fairy tale. It's the real thing.

The characters think and talk in terms of fate, but if you can think in terms of My engineering situations to bring this couple together, it can be quite an inspiring and fun movie. It's a little sad that they put so much emphasis on "destiny," but that shows just how in the dark people are when it comes to finding the very best that life can offer them. Of course, they can only find this through knowing Me and seeking My will for their lives, but somewhere in their minds and in their understanding of things, people have confused "destiny" with My will, My plan, what I know to be best.

It is true that I have some things planned, and some I leave to your choice, but you can't rely on a belief that My best for you will just fall into your lap, or you'll be hit by a bolt of lightning, or all the pieces will fall together without your putting forth any effort at all. You often have to seek for it, strive to find it, reach for it, as the Apostle Paul said, "I press toward the mark," and "reaching for those things which are before." You can't just expect them to fall in your lap, without any effort, any decision of your will. You have to take determined action to put your will on My side, and then stick to it, even in the face of obstacles. Let this be a lesson to you to strive and earnestly seek for My best—for he that

seeks will find, and I will answer those who seek Me with the greatest blessings I can give.

## **THE LAST CASTLE (2001)**

Robert Redford, James Gandolfini

A former three-star general and much-decorated war hero is sentenced to serve time in a military prison. While under the command of a corrupt warden, he feels he cannot tolerate the injustices being carried out.

(Jesus:) There are good examples in this movie that can be applied to your walk with Me—examples of loyalty, dedication, love, courage, bravery, giving your all for the cause you believe in. The general was a good man, and though he had his faults, he inspired the men because of his love for them. He inspired in them loyalty, and they wanted to follow him. He saw the evil and refused to put up with it. He was determined to set things right, and came up with a plan on how to accomplish this.

Principles of shepherding can be gleaned from this movie. Though one character looked for the bad he could find in others, and used it against them—which is what Satan does to you—the other wanted to find good in character, and was much more trusting. He's like what I have called you, My shepherds, to be willing to go out on a limb and see the good in others, and trusting Me for the outcome.

Movies about prisons can be fascinating, as there is a distinct possibility you may be in one sometime as a result of coming persecution and Endtime conditions under the Antichrist. You will have to prove yourselves and let Me win others as your protectors and friends.

You don't have to be a product of your environment. Those who have clear convictions and do know their God shall be strong and shall do exploits even in the midst of adverse conditions. Men of this world, when united together in their common goal and brotherhood, can overcome their circumstances and accomplish great things. When men are beaten down and stripped of their dignity and sense of who they are, they become their worst.

You, My children, can learn from this movie. No matter who you are or where you are, as long as you remember that you are Mine and My loves, you can rise above circumstances. I have promised that in the Time of the End, you shall be strong and do exploits. You will know who you are

and you will be able to bring out the best in others, to raise them up, to help them find their God.

This movie has good lessons on conviction and compromise. Those who feared the evil compromised with it to hopefully avoid its pain. But pacifying the evil did not make it less, nor any easier. Conviction and fight bring victory.

There was a fair bit of violence, some bloody, which would disturb sensitive viewers. There was also, of course, a good amount of American flag waving and patriotism—but this can be applied to your own patriotism to Me and the Kingdom of Heaven, of which you are soldiers and citizens! Keep your faith, pledge your allegiance to the Heavenly flag of Love. Let no man steal your crown or tell you that you are not children of the most Holy, lovers of the King of Love. As those in this movie became willing to die for their cause to take a stand against evil, so shall you stand firm in this evil and adulterous generation.

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Movies rated for Junior Teens and Up

### **TIGERLAND (2000)**

Colin Farrell, Tom Guiry

A draftee is sent to the Advanced Infantry Training facility where he's to be taught a final course in combat skills before being shipped out to Vietnam, in 1971. He has no interest in going to war, and is determined to get sent home as a troublemaker.

(Dad:) Even though the action in *Tigerland* doesn't take place on the battlefield like in most war movies, it doesn't make this movie any less violent or traumatic.—It isn't gory, though. The fact that this story was at least partly based on one soldier's real-life experiences and feelings makes it even more gripping.

It's heartbreaking to see what the System was doing with these young kids. They were nothing but fodder for the furnace of American capitalism, and so many of them didn't even have a choice.

This young man in the story was both idealistic and brave. He was like a light in the midst of Hell itself, bucking the System, standing up for what he knew was right, and laying down his life for others. His sample and actions stood out so much, because there was so much darkness and hell all around him. I certainly know what that's like, because that's exactly the way I felt when I was in the military. It was pure hell.

Of course, because you in the Family are exposing the System every day and fighting to free its conscripts, there are parallels that can be drawn by those who can stomach watching this. May God give each of you in the Family the kind of bravery, insight and compassion for others that this young man had.

This film, although uncomfortable and not necessarily for entertainment, is a good, informative picture of what life in the military is like—especially preparation for combat during wartime. It shows the conflict between someone with a free spirit and the Army, which needs to break your spirit in order to remake you into a killing machine. It has lessons on leadership, rebellion, seeing the ugly face of the System, and survival.

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Movies rated for OCs and Up

### **KING RICHARD AND THE CRUSADERS (1954)**

George Sanders, Rex Harrison, Virginia Mayo

Elaborate costume epic based on Sir Walter Scott's tale *The Talisman*. King Richard the Lion-hearted is the leader of the Third Crusade and is trying to win back Jerusalem from Saladin and his Arab armies. While waging war on Saladin on the one hand, Richard must also contend with a group of conspirators dedicated to toppling him from the leadership role. Meanwhile, a mysterious Scotsman joins the crusading army.

(Jesus:) This movie is fine to show to the kids. It's light, and it's not over their heads. There are good lessons in it about unity, and also about loyalty and faithfulness. As with many movies of this kind, it is highly romanticized and mostly entertainment, but your children will enjoy the adventurous side of it.

Although there are several battle scenes, much of the violence and gory details are omitted. Explain to the children that although the historical events depicted in this feature are based on the truth, some of the characters and events are fictional, and you can also explain things about that time period and a little background into the Crusades.

A lot of older movies have the advantage of not having the same extent of foul language, or worldly attitudes, as some more recent movies. It's very clear who's good, and who's bad, and it is acceptable entertainment for children that won't have a lot of negative side effects.

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OTHER MOVIES

### **CATS AND DOGS (2001)**

Jeff Goldblum, Elizabeth Perkins; voices of Tobey Maguire, Alec Baldwin

(Dad:) Hollywood has taken God's animals and made them to do and say unnatural things. It's no doubt that animals can communicate; they can. But in order to make this movie appealing to both young and old, Hollywood has put in all the System attitudes of violence, fighting, action, martial arts, etc. It's too aggressive and violent for young children, but it may also be too childish for the older generation. But this is Hollywood and the direction they are going. They are more concerned about creating films that will make the most money and have the most draw, rather than creating something that our kids need. Because the world is waxing worse and worse, the appetites of the young are getting more and more perverse.

In some ways, this is a cute, harmless movie. In other ways, it just offers more of the System input that our kids would do better not having.

Much of the humor is aimed at adults, and sadly, is not that good for children. They should be taught that dogs and cats are fun as pets, that they are to be taken care of, and that the Lord gave them as friends and companions and playmates to us. So this is a bit of a distorted picture of dogs and cats, and the way the Lord made them. For adults, it's no problem and they could watch it if they wanted to. They see the obvious humor and the obvious exaggeration and joke, and they can laugh it off. Unfortunately, it's not an adults' movie, but a children's movie, so again, you have the moviemakers confused about who they are making movies for, and that's sad, really. We should pray for more good movies for children!

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### **kidbits**

**Natalie Ailin**, born to **Praise** on July 1.—Venezuela

**Priscila Natalia**, born to **Maria and Elim-lech** on August 30.—Venezuela

**Jasmine Cristina**, born to **Susanna and Marc** on September 10.—Brazil

**Tiago**, born to **Sara and Jeremias** on September 18.—Brazil

**Anya Jolie**, born to **Celeste and Arthur** on September 19.—Colombia

### **tidbits**

**new CM disciples...**

**Mark Elder** (28, American) rejoined in Chile (September).

# Pray!

## Asia

**Safety and security of Family in Islamic countries:** Wisdom and prayerfulness in their daily activities, as well as contingency plans, in case of social unrest.

**Becky** (of Mark): Hypoglycemia (low blood sugar).

**Seth:** Stomach, liver, and back problems causing pain and loss of weight.

**Christian** (12): Jaw is too small to accommodate all his teeth. Baby teeth are not allowing his adult teeth to come in, and doctors are recommending surgery.

**Mikey** (14, of Thai Bright): Autistic and has had a cyst in his brain for some time. Doctors recently discovered a liver disorder due to the medicine he has to take, so he is undergoing tests.

**Rose Dutch:** Throat and breast infection. Sinus and migraine headaches, which come at the same time as heavy periods—mostly every three weeks.

**Heidi** (PG, of Gideon): Daily strong headaches.

## North America

**Vanessa** (baby, of Stephen and Amber):

1. Serious blood infection that is resistant to antibiotics.
2. Difficulty breathing on her own.
3. Irritation to trachea and vocal chords as a result of prolonged use of a respirator.
4. May not be able to see or hear.
5. Against negative affects of being on oxygen.
6. Minimal bleeding in her brain.
7. Against brain damage.

**Joana** (of Adino): Cancer.

**Gem** (of Solomon): Paralyzed right vocal cord. Doctors are recommending surgery.

## South America

**Brisa** (YA, of Ezequiel and Sunny): Experiencing a high fever every morning, the cause of which doctors are unable to diagnose.

**Samuel Italiano:** Tendonitis, causing pain in wrist (Samuel is a drummer). Mysterious spots on skin.

## Answered Prayers

**From Stephen and Amber, regarding baby Vanessa (serious heart and breathing problems):** The operation for her heart went really well. She is now pink (instead of purple or blue) and her blood pressure is normal. Everyone said the operation was a definite success! The surgeon who performed the operation is a top notch, Japanese man who is apparently pretty famous for his skill in pediatric heart surgery. He is a very precious, humble Christian. Before the surgery we prayed together with him, laying hands on him and on Vanessa and afterwards, when he came to give us the good news that it went well, he gave the glory to the Lord! TYJ!

The doctors have said that she is a miracle baby! Many people have said that she must have a mission, as she really shouldn't be alive considering the condition her heart was in! Since birth there was a very small blood vessel connecting the pulmonary arteries and the aorta in her heart called the PDA conduit, which was keeping her alive. All babies are born with this conduit, but it usually closes within a few days after birth unless the child is kept on medication to keep it open. She didn't receive any such medication (we didn't even know she had a heart problem when she was born) and it started to close, causing her to turn purple, but then miraculously it stopped and remained open. Even more miraculous was the fact that she survived stomach surgery in Mexico with her heart in the delicate condition it was in!

All in all she is alive in answer to many people's prayers. We still have some battles to fight and appreciate your continued prayers for her.

**From Abigail (of Simon), Brazil:** A victory!—The nodule on my thyroid went down 2 cm. My doctor was so surprised. Please pray for it to disappear entirely.

**From Sunny (of Simon), India:** Problems with headaches much reduced, TTL. I'm sleeping MUCH better now, TTL. I feel like a new person!

**From Esther Spark, Philippines:** Thank you so much for your prayers. I am able to walk again and even do a bit of follow-up! TYJ!

**From Joyful Free, India:** Healed from stomach infection. TYL!

## Personals

(From Daniel Jeremiah, RU009, Far-East of Siberia:) Dear ones! We found that in our October newsletter, our e-mail address was misprinted. **Our correct e-mail is:** Daniel.Jeremiah@altavista.com

Dear **Sam, Leila and Joan**, who are you? Please let us know as we want to thank you personally for your sweet donation (via TRF) to our team here in Senegal West Africa! There was no note with your gift. You can contact me at: abifr@yahoo.com

I am looking for the one I love after Jesus. Her name is **Angelina Rieli**, and I need to get in contact with her. My e-mail is: josh2angel@yahoo.com. Please send me your e-mail. —Waiting always, Josh.

Procuo por **Sara Luz**. Tem saido seguidamente na lista de orações no Brasil, por estar com problemas nos quadris. Meu telefone: 85 261 51 64.—Rebeca.

Dear **Tom and Esther**, can you please get in touch with us? We moved to Africa, our Home number is MP1519. Please contact us via the African ABM. Love, Dominic (Matthew) and Marie.

## Heavenscope

### Libra

Now is the time for you to be decisive in your personal life and ministry. When opportunity knocks, go for it! Well, I mean, you know, **FIRST** check all your options carefully and **THEN** go for it. I'll tell you, he who hesitates is lost and well begun is half done so go ahead and proceed as if possessing! I mean, you **HAVE TO** count the cost **FIRST** and then it's like, green lights all the way. Give

it all you've got! Although you wouldn't want to put ALL your eggs in one basket, right? Okay, where were we? Oh, right! Seize the day! Though it's equally true that 'Waste makes Waste', you've got to exercise some caution but it's got to be a clear, definite, decisive, unhesitating type of caution. No, wait. Better make that a careful, calculated, option-balancing form of decisiveness.

Editor's Note: Due to lack of space, 'Rockin' Recipes' will appear in **NEXT** issue. Don't miss it!

Cover Photo: SGA Luigi of Margie (who's PG) in Fiji, preparing a mouth-watering meal of Smoked Salmon Fritter Cutlet Chunks.

