

Can there be anything worse than blindness? Oh yes ... for the most pathetic person in the world is someone who has sight, but has no vision.—Helen Keller

## BE COUNTED with the PROFESSIONALS! Xn photo page!

Dear people of all ages who love and follow the Keeper of the Keys,

We love you like crazy, and are so excited to be flowing and moving together with you down the river of God's will! There's been an explosion of e-mails from all around the world, from people who want to stand up and be counted with the professionals as a result of that hotter than hot GN.

This is your chance if you'd like to be counted with

the professionals on an **Xn photo page** we're going to run for an indefinite period of time. If YOU'RE a JETT, junior teen, senior teen, YA, SGA or FGA, and you're committed to being a professional Christian, and you're game, here's the drill.

\*\*\*IMPORTANT: WHAT'S NEXT IS WHAT YOU'VE GOTTA DO IF YOU WANNA BE ON THE XN PHOTO PAGE!\*\*\*

1. Send in one up-close-and-personal photo (300 DPI) of yourself (you can be with other professionals in the photo if it's CLOSE-up and clear, but read the next line first!).
2. Write and send in one

line, 25 words or so, to go with your mug shot. One line that you want to share with everyone about being a professional Christian—can be anything heartfelt and professionals-related from your heart. We reserve the right to edit your "line" for brevity if you go over 25 words. ☺ If there are more than one of you in the photo, feel free to send a line each—and, oh yeah, tell us which line goes with which face.

\*\*\*THAT'S IT! THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE TO DO TO POTENTIALLY GET ONTO THE PROFESSIONALS PHOTO PAGE IN XN!\*\*\*

Feel free to send us a photo you've ALREADY sub-

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We look forward to seeing YOUR mug shot, and hearing what you have to say about being a professional! ☺

Much love, your fellow professionals, a.k.a. your Xn team!

*[Note: We reserve the right to not print every photo received, due to photo quality, space constraints, etc. In such cases, we'll pass unused photos to the MO site for everyone's viewing pleasure!]*

## NEW MAGAZINE WITH CHRISTMAS STORIES!—Contains important ordering information!

*The Hot Chocolate War and other Christmas Stories* is a new GP magazine available for your friends and contacts this Christmas season. It consists of three non-traditional short stories based around Christmas that we hope will be a helpful addition to the many Christmas-related witnessing materials you now have available. It's not designed as a product to sell, but rather is laid out in a simple A5 mag format, like the Christmas stories mags of years past. You can use it in your Christmas mailing or give it to friends, relatives and contacts.

The mag will be 32 pages long, A5 size (same size as the GNs), in black and white like all our other mags. It's only in English at this point. If people like it, we may introduce it next year in an actual booklet with a cover (that can be sold), and possibly in other languages if there is demand.

The near-final text file of this book (not final proofread or laid out, so please DON'T use this version) is available for you to download and read on the MO site and we encourage you to do so. The final version will be available soon.

Like with other Christmas story mags or *Reflections*, you're welcome to print out and/or photocopy the final version at will. Every Home will receive at least one copy. However, as an additional service, we'd like to experiment with offering you more copies from your NPC. These will be available to you at cost, which is 60 cents (U.S.) per mag, including postage. This will save you from having to photocopy and assemble the mags yourselves, as well as provide you with high quality mags to give out. However, it's totally up to your Home whether to order or just print it out yourselves.

If you'd like to order copies, please send an order with a designed gift on your **September 25<sup>th</sup> TRF**. Please designate the gift for: "Christmas Story Mag – X copies" (with X being the amount you want to order), and then include the appropriate amount (i.e., 10 copies would be \$6).

Your NPC will only print enough for the orders that it receives with the September

TRFs, so please only send your order with your September TRF and not by e-mail or any other method. **Only orders received with the September TRF will be processed, so don't miss your chance!** We hope this service, and the mag itself, will be a blessing to you and your friends and contacts. We love you!

Love,  
Your WS Family

### IMPORTANT: NEW GRAPEVINE ADDRESS

Please note that the current *Grapevine* address will be closing soon. Below is the new address that you can send all *Grapevine* contributions to, as well as contributions for any other pub, and general mail to WS.

If you're sending a contribution to another pub or simply to WS, please note underneath the address the pub it should go to.

Thanks for noting this new address down, and we apologize for the hassle.

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# BOARD NEWS

By Cryssy (Japan regional JT board chairperson), Japan

I have been so encouraged to see the Lord's plan unfolding in the board vision. The Enemy always fights hard in the beginning stages of a new revolution, and we definitely felt the fight and struggle to get the boards off the ground. There are many sacrifices involved with added traveling, meetings, counseling, planning, preparing, communicating, etc., not to mention that everyone on the boards has other Home responsibilities and ministries, sheep to care for, funds to be raised, or has lots of children. But as we claim the power of the keys and keep going step by step together, each one doing the little part given to them, the ship continues to sail forward—and not only sail but make great progress!

I think most COs aren't feeling the lightening of the load yet, as it is taking a lot of counseling and training, but in the long run this will definitely help lighten their load. I was talking with one of our dear Vses and she mentioned that what we had been trying to accomplish for the last three years (tune into the schooling of our children, inspire and shepherd the teens and JETTs, activate FED ventures, more outreach emphasis, and the list goes on!) has been far surpassed in just the last six to eight months that the boards have been in place!

The board structure is an answer to prayer. It is helping us work more as a team and not be divided in the sense of "every man to his own tent." Not that we have had disunity; everyone works pretty well together here. But since all of our Homes are spread out across the nation, we haven't made too much of

an effort to work together closely in order to get more accomplished for the Lord. Now with the board vision, we can tap into the talents and gifts that the Lord has given to so many people, and everyone putting forth a little more effort has proven to accomplish great things.

The East Japan CGO board has held an Active members' seminar which has been such a blessing. Some of our soon-to-be new disciples got up and shared testimonies (one of them already joined since then, PTL!). The Active members were thrilled and it got all the Homes in the area involved and working together.

The East and West CGO boards have had three witnessing/Activated meetings for the local Homes so far, and are

planning to have another one shortly.

The regional CGO board has been publishing a monthly color newsletter full of inspiring witnessing testimonies for the Japan/Korea Family. The regional PR board also has started to publish a color newsletter.

New tools (Activated books, CD cards, and a bilingual "Mottos for Success") are on their way, and the Homes are getting more inspired and convicted about the Activated push.

The East Japan FED board held a teachers' seminar in July and are helping us all to get on the ball with our language learning and upping the schooling of our children.

The JT boards are wildly working on winning new disciples in our own youth!

We've had a senior teen camp in the west of Japan and will soon have one in the east. A junior teen camp and a JETT camp are also in the planning stages.

The CP Board is working hard to get out more teaching materials for the children. They're on the ball. There will be an OC camp in September, organized by the East Japan CP board.

The Vses are on the move, and even though at present we have only two Vses in each national area, they are on the attack and are trying to visit as many Homes as they can.

So, thank the Lord and Mama and Peter and all those that had a hand in having the faith to put forth this vision and make it happen. It is an answer to prayer!

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## *in My arms...*

**Written by Victoria (of Richard and Flor), Brazil:** My mom, Flor, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 21. She had cancer for many years, and gave us all a wonderful sample of fighting through extreme difficulties. Even with much discomfort in her everyday living she made it through victoriously, always praising the Lord up to and through the last day, and working for Him as much as she could. And because of her fighting spirit and great love for the Lord, He answered all her heart's desires. She had absolutely no pain and went peacefully to Jesus' arms. Even though she had cancer spread through many parts of her body, she never felt any pain throughout all these years. It was a real miracle and answer to prayer.

We'd like to thank our wonderful Family all around the world who prayed for my mom and for us who were close to her as well. We know that it was only through your prayers and support that we had the grace to make it through this time. Also a big special thank you to the São Paulo brethren, for taking turns helping care for her, visiting at the hospital, helping with the provisioning and finances, and your love and concern. We really love you!

On Monday we had a beautiful funeral for her, the way she had asked for it to be, with lots of lively and upbeat songs, everyone singing and praising the Lord. We read parts of *Glimpses of Heaven* and shared testimonies of her time here with us. She had also said that she would like to be dressed as Jesus' bride, so she had a white wedding dress on and a crown of white flowers, and we buried her as it lightly rained. It was also a great testimony to the others in the cemetery, and we distributed tracts about Heaven and did a little witnessing to the people who had also lost loved ones that day.

(Jesus:) My pretty little flower, My blossom, is forever with Me now, cupped in My hands and held close to My bosom, where she will never leave Me. She is so happy now, and smiles up at Me continually. I keep her here by My breast for a little while, as she wants to be held and doesn't want Me to let her go. She went through much, and though she was at peace when she passed on, it is such a relief for her to finally be here and so close to Me. It's a day that she has long waited for, so she just lies here quietly with Me, and we bask in our love together, where all is peace and calm and stillness.

Come, My loves, lie in the bed of love with Me now and feel My soothing touch, hear My soft whispers, see My face of compassion and love, and taste the sweetness of My Spirit. I love you! Flor loves you very, very much as well, and if you give her the opportunity, she would like to speak to you too!

With much love,  
Your caring Husband

# CHRISTMAS 2002 PRAYER DAY!

Dear Family,

We love you very much, and we're so proud to be serving our Husband alongside you, our dear friends and mates.

In preparation for this year's Christmas witnessing season, we asked our dearest Love for His Words of counsel for this very important time of year. Christmas is such a wonderful opportunity for reaching the lost, comforting the needy, getting out the tools, promoting *Activated*, and so much more—and each year gets better and better! Jesus promises that if we do our part, by claiming the keys and being desperate in prayer for this season, that there will be many more miracles this year, and He will bless our Christmas outreach as never before!

*(Jesus speaking:)*

Every year that passes you come closer to Me, closer to the end of days as you know them, closer to the coming of My Kingdom on Earth. With every yuletide season, you come closer to the time when My light will rule the world. But as you come closer to the light, the darkness is also greater and it threatens to close in on you, as this world must yet pass through dark days before it breaks through to the light.

This Christmas season will be a time of great spiritual darkness, for the days of evil sweep the Earth. Yet I have set you, My Family, as a city on a hill. I call you to not hide your candle under a bushel, but to proudly display it for all the world to see. And though the darkness is so great, and out

of it come screeching and deafening sirens, you must not let these screams of the Evil One alarm you. Remember, My loves, that when the darkness is so great, it only causes your light to shine all the more brilliantly. And the world must have this light, your light, My light shining through you, that those who seek the truth might see it and find their way.

My loves, join in intercessory prayer and dedicate this Christmas season to Me. Unite your forces and call on the power of the keys and launch this Christmas season in prayer and faith and the power of the keys. Unite and call on the keys of the Kingdom, and consecrate every aspect of your Christmas outreach, claiming My protection, safekeeping, prosperity, leading, guidance, instruction, and anointing in every way. Bless your outreach over these months by joining forces in prayer, in calling on the keys.

I ask that each country declare a national prayer day, specifically dedicated to calling on the keys and claiming their power for their Christmas outreach. This declaration of a national prayer day to kick off the Christmas season will bring great fruit, as well as great protection, provision, and safekeeping. As the days continue to grow more evil and great is the darkness, it is imperative, My brides, that every great endeavor you embark upon be launched

and carried out in the power of the keys, by bathing your efforts in intercessory prayer.

Let this Christmas season begin in prayer and continue in prayer throughout, and I will bless and keep My Family and cause you to bear much fruit. You must pray, you must intercede, you must call on the power of the keys together. Pray in advance for the Christmas outreach, and I will bless this year's Christmas witness with more fruit, finances, and joy than all the years before. You pray in the power of the keys, so I will bless this time with the power of the keys, and you will see miracle after miracle after miracle as never before! *(End of message from Jesus.)*

Our Husband is promising great victories, miracles, and tremendous progress during this year's Christmas outreach sea-

son, if we will do our part and desperately pray, claiming the power of the keys of the Kingdom. He's giving us the secret to this year's fruitful Christmas witnessing season by instructing us to "declare a national prayer day," promising that it will "bring great fruit, protection, provision and safekeeping."

The COs in your area/country will be communicating with you as soon as possible about the specific details and the exact date for this prayer day. It will most likely be sometime in the beginning of November. But we wanted to let you know the Lord's counsel ahead of time, so that you can begin to prepare accordingly. Though this will be an initial investment of time for you already busy missionaries, we know the Lord will more than repay, and make this Christmas our best yet!

Much love in our dear Husband,  
Mama and Peter

## kidbits

- Anna**, born to **Martha and Joseph-Martin** on April 23.—Russia  
**Maxim**, born to **Clare and Steven** on June 3.—Belarus  
**Toby Andrew Branch**, born to **Meek and Eman** on June 3.—USA  
**Ashley Davidson**, 2<sup>nd</sup> child, born to **Seriah and Phil** on June 4.—USA  
**Dillon Farmer**, 1<sup>st</sup> child, born to **Ana Farmer** on June 13.—USA  
**Ethan**, 4<sup>th</sup> child, born to **Sara and Jay** on June 13.—USA  
**Alexandra**, born to **Vera and Daniel** on June 18.—Ukraine  
**Natalia Nicole**, born to **Meekness and Ben** on June 20.—Botswana  
**Jolene Michelle**, 2<sup>nd</sup> child, born to **Linda and Justin** on June 21.—USA  
**Nathan**, born to **Esther and Nathan** on June 21.—USA  
**Sarah Faye Servant**, born to **Sherri and Sam** on June 25.—Ghana  
**Baby Boy**, born to **Mel and Matt** on June 25.—Guinea  
**Natalie Elizabeth**, born to **Sarah and Joseph** on June 29.—Japan  
**Lore Archer**, 1<sup>st</sup> child, born to **Kristen and Lawrence** on July 26.—WS

## tidbits

new disciples...

**Daniela Childcare** (19, Uzbek) joined in Uzbekistan.

# ANNOUNCEMENT: STUDY MONTH AHEAD!

BY MAMA

Dearest Family,

It's always so inspiring for me to read the *Grapevine*—each issue is full of testimonies of the wonderful things the Lord is doing through each of you, made possible by your obedience and faithfulness! We're so proud of you, and so thankful to be co-workers with you!

The Enemy, of course, is not happy with all the victories and is fighting hard. But that's a good sign—a sign that we're hitting him where it hurts and making huge steps of progress!

Recently the Lord showed Peter and me that it would be good for all of us to take time to review some of our basic beliefs, as well as be strengthened in some of the areas that our detractors are attacking us on. Some of you young people might not be so familiar with the older Letters, and some of you FGAs probably haven't read them for a very long time, so a review will be good for all of us.

So, with this notice we're announcing a one-month study course that will take place from October 15<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup>. To make it easy, we will be sending you reprinted copies of the Letters and portions of Letters to read. We'll also post these files on the MO site so that you can download them and make extra copies, as needed.

The study course material will be roughly equivalent to four GNs, so hopefully it will be manageable and not too much for you to read in one month. Portions will be marked to read unit-edly, other portions can be read privately. Thank

you for giving this study course your attention and benefiting from this special time our Husband has set aside for us to review these basics.

Knowing how much importance the Lord places on getting out the New Wine to you, it's clear that He considers this review very important, as He has instructed Peter and me to stop all new GNs during that time to make it easy for you to give your full concentration to the study course review of the older Letters you'll be receiving. We'll be praying that this time is a blessing and inspiration and strengthening for each of you.

In addition to the one-month study course, we ask that you please re-read two Letters, "None of These Things Move Me" (ML #3307, GN 906) and "Stay on the Wall" (ML #3303, GN 902), some time between now and October 15<sup>th</sup>. These Letters are too long to include in the actual study course, but they're important Letters that will do much to strengthen your foundation of faith. Thank you for taking the time to do that.

At the end of this notice you'll find a list of other key Letters that Peter and I strongly suggest you try to read by the end of the year, if possible, beginning

after you have read the above-mentioned two Letters. You can read through these Letters at your own pace, but please don't neglect doing so.

We realize that you're going into a very busy time, with Christmas outreach fast approaching, but this extra study and Word time will help prepare you and even see you through the busy months ahead. The Lord said:

"It is important to take extra Word time, even during the Christmas push. The days are waxing worse and worse, and along with winning the world, part of this year's Christmas push should be to continue being strengthened spiritually, to learn to work with My helpers of the spirit, to strengthen your sample and your local work. The Enemy will use any weak moment to attack, and I want you to realize that you need more Word than normal to stand strong in these days. So even during the very busy days of Christmas push, your Word time should not be neglected."

We love you and are praying for you! The Lord is doing wonderful things! The Enemy is fighting, but as long as we stay strong in the Word and close to our Husband, nothing can harm us.

With much love and appreciation for each of you and all you do each day,

Mama and Peter

## Reading list

(TO READ BEFORE OCTOBER 15TH:)

"Stay on the Wall"  
(ML #3303, GN 902)

"None of These Things Move Me"  
(ML #3307, GN 906)

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"Endure Hardness as a Good Soldier"  
(ML #2786, Lifelines 20)

"Faith Cometh by Hearing the Word" (ML #2821, Lifelines 20)

"Fear Thou Not, For I Am With Thee" (ML #2591, Lifelines 19)

"False Accusers in the Last Days"  
(ML #2820, DB 11)

"With Persecutions"  
(ML #1967, DB 8)

"Persecution!—As God Sees It" (ML #2828, Lifelines 20)

"An Answer to Him That Asketh Us" (ML #3016, Lifelines 22)

## SEA Website stats

By Ryan, Thailand

These last few months have seen an explosion in our sites' stats. Visits to our local Family Web site [www.thaifamily.org](http://www.thaifamily.org) have begun climbing once again, as have the downloads, and the site continues to be help to the work here and a means of getting out the message.

Since Jonas and Christy's recent overseas trips, people have been visiting our site [www.jonasanderson.com](http://www.jonasanderson.com) more than ever before. The stats for the first seven months of this year have exceeded the stats of the whole of last year. Compared to the same time last year, visits are up by 300%, hits by 200%, and downloads by 400%.

Even though Jeremy Spencer's Web site [www.jeremyspencer.com](http://www.jeremyspencer.com) hasn't had any recent updates, there is a monthly average of 2,500-3,500 songs downloaded, or 16,000-20,000 MB of file downloads.

# LESSONS: WITNESSING CAMP ADVENTURE

By Marie (of Dom) and Julia (SGA), South Africa

Being in a office-oriented Home where, in spite of everyone's deep love for the field and the sheep, it's not always easy to get out the door for witnessing, much less take our kids out. One of our daily prayer requests for the last few months had been for the Lord to open fun and challenging witnessing opportunities for our kids.



Caroline (9, of Andrew and Phoebe) and friend

As we were praying with the parents about the upcoming local holidays and what we could come up with for the kids, lo and behold, dear Esther from the other Home phoned up to invite our kids to participate in a camp she was organizing for outside kids, ages 6-14. I had helped organize camps for Family kids in the past, as well as some small scale CTP camps for orphans, but we had never done anything quite like that. When we prayed, the Lord gave the okay, as well as some specific instructions of things to be prepared to shepherd the kids in, including their witnessing. These tips from the Lord proved to be invaluable counsel, as things turned out just as He had told us. He mainly told us to fight to get daily Word time with them, closely shepherd them, and to help them stand up for their convictions in regards to sweets. As for the

witnessing, He told us to not make it a competition of who could get the most souls, but to encourage them to minister in a deeper way to the ones who befriended them. So two of us adult girls went along with seven of our kids.

The camp was a big success and our kids had loads of fun. There were organized activities, games, excursions from morning till night, including enjoying God's gorgeous creation of whales and dolphins swimming in the beautiful and crystal blue Indian Ocean. They had marshmallows around a campfire, survival and teamworking exercises, sport competitions, swimming, and lots of yummy food. It was fun for them to interact with other kids their age. It also helped them appreciate our loving Family upbringing, as they got a taste of some of the habits/attitudes outside kids often give in to, and their loving reactions definitely stood out and became a positive influence on the other kids.

Just like the Lord had warned us, the biggest battle for our kids was fighting the continual temptation with sweets, and God bless them, they did quite well, and kept saying "no" when being offered. We allowed them some exceptions, like with chocolates and ice cream, but overall they did very well. It was not easy, as the other kids would buy sweets for them, and they learned to sweetly decline or give them to someone else. The Lord did use this extreme exposure to sweets to actually break their hearts for other kids their age, seeing how addicted they were to it. They saw all their teeth full of cavities and some of them were so overweight that they couldn't even run.

Another thing is that all the other kids had pocket money and were buying stuff constantly, mainly sweets. Towards the end of the camp, the Lord showed us it would be nice to get our kids some kind of small shiner prize. He wanted to reward them for their witnessing and stand-



Richard (8, of Oli and Marie)

ing strong against System influences. This touched their hearts and went a long way to encourage them that living for Jesus is definitely the best.

Just like the Lord had shown us in prophecy, some children were naturally attracted to our kids and they made friends right away. Some of them prayed with them right away. Terri (6) witnessed in her own way by reading her quote book to one of the girls. The schedule was quite packed, but we took advantage of a little break after lunch before swimming to have our Word time. At first, we continued with our discipleship Word study, and it was amazing how alive the Word suddenly became as we were in the midst of the battle. The first day we decided we would all take some time to ask the Lord what the next step should be with the friend each child had made and find out if he or she knew about Jesus.

Caroline found out her friend was already saved, and Julie prayed with a little Hindu girl to receive Jesus. But for some of our kids, it was not easy to overcome shyness and we were praying desperately for a breakthrough. There were enough of us to make a difference and reach those kids, but the spiritual battle was heavy right at the beginning, and the Enemy was definitely on the offensive. Then on the third day, the tide turned when those kids noticed we were get-



Juliana (9) and Lisa (10, of Oli and Marie)

ting Word time, and asked if they could join us, so Lilu and Natie (both 10) gave a Salvation class and answered their questions. Even those who were saved didn't know for sure if they were going to Heaven. It was encouraging to see all the witnessing classes we had been pumping our kids become real.

The next day we had a Holy Spirit class, which was just as much for the good of our kids who were still a bit self-conscious in their witnessing. More kids came to listen to the class, and prayed for the Holy Spirit at the end. The challenge then was to try to pray with some of the other kids before the end of the camp. All together they got 10 souls and five filled with the Holy Spirit.

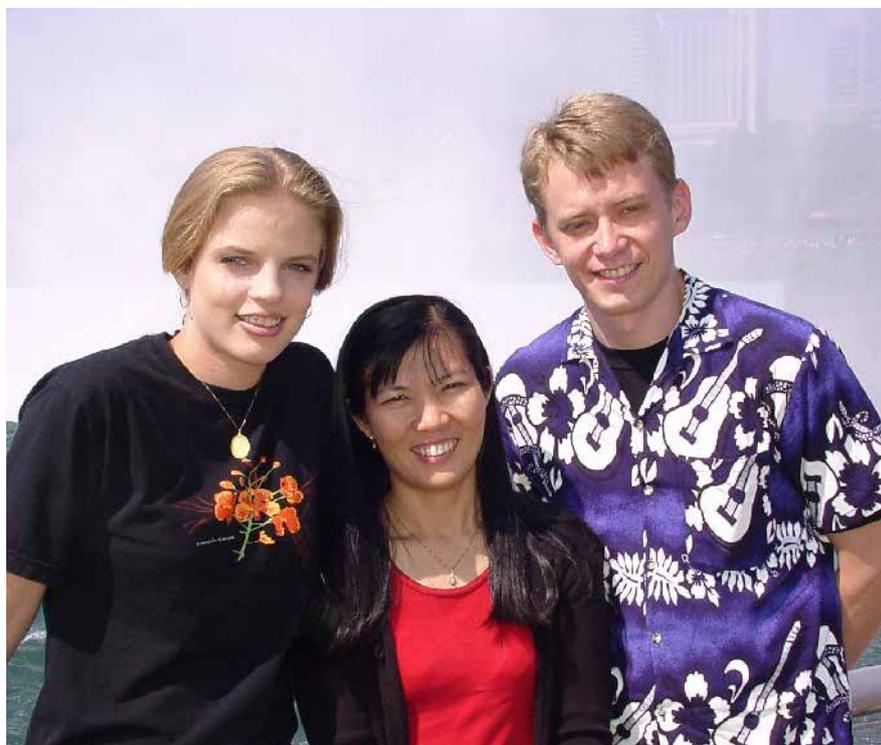
Overall, it was fruitful. Our kids were able to see how needy System kids are, and how much more they have in the Family. We saw the importance of closely shepherding our kids and preparing them both before and during such an event. The kids that did best were those we were able to pour more into and more closely oversee during the camp. God bless the other Home for inviting us free of charge. It provided our kids with an unforgettable fun holiday and a different, more in depth witnessing opportunity.

They all got their friends' addresses, so the ball is now in our court to organize a follow-up of these new saved souls and Active junior members in the making.

**O**n our recent tour in the U.S.A., one unexpected open door that the Lord led us to was the Laotian community. We received an even more enthusiastic reaction from the Laotians than we've received from the Thai people thus far, and they were so thrilled and touched by the music, the language, the sample, and the witness.

We learned that Thai Global television is watched not only by the Thai people, but by the Laotians and Cambodians as well, being that their own countries don't have global networks of this kind, so they were all well acquainted with Jonas and Christy—true fans in every sense of the word.

Almost all of the Lao people in the States are refugees who fled their country at the time of the communist take over. They had to start from scratch, with nothing, in completely new and foreign surroundings, with no knowledge of the language or culture or customs, leaving behind their families and loved ones. Many of these people spoke to us through their tears, telling us about their past, their stories, and the things that they went through. They were so broken and thus ready to receive what we had to give them.



Christy, Thai Pat, and Jonas

# Jonas & Christy —LATEST U.S.A. TOUR



We were invited to perform on the grounds of the Lao temple in the State of Virginia for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations, which we did three days in a row. At one of our first shows, they had another very famous Thai *moh lam* singer performing before us. A couple of us went to watch her show and get a feel for the situation. Because it was right in the heat of the day (over 110 degrees Fahrenheit), and it was an outdoor concert, there were only around 150 people in the audience. They were enjoying the show, but there wasn't much audience reaction, so we weren't expecting a huge surge of enthusiasm from the crowd—especially since we are foreigners and certainly not as good or well

known as this lady is. But as we got on stage, the crowd swelled to about 20 times the number of people that were there previously, the audience livened up, and people were dancing and responding appreciatively.

We also performed on the Lao temple grounds in upper NY State for a similar celebration. These are two of the largest Lao temples in North America. Thai and Lao temples in the U.S., we found, are much more than just their religious centers. Thai and Laotian people of all religions, including Christians, gather at the temples, using them as their cultural and community centers. They use the grounds for activities, fellowships, camps, picnics—anything that they can do to keep their communities together and close.

The Thai and Lao people were touched by our testimonies of our work here in Thailand and all that the Family does, and this was a good testimony and went far in ministering to them.

It was so inspiring to receive so many sweet comments from people telling us that “you are so different

from any of the other performers that have come here,” and “your spirits are so beautiful.” Even the head Laotian monk in the U.S. said, “You are like angels that have come here to us. The people are drawn from everywhere to come and see these beautiful angels.” The head monk in Virginia was a precious man who really loves us and our work, and at the end of our visit he prayed with us and got saved.

Besides the temples in Virginia and upper NY, we also performed for the Thai community in another city, where they had not organized any type of a performance from Thailand for over 20 years, and thus were totally flipped out. In another major city where we performed for the Thai community, we received an enthusiastic response. Our show was on a weekday night, and the organizers were worried that the hall, which had seating for almost 2,000 people, would not fill up. They said that their last big show, which was featuring one of the most famous singers in Thailand, brought in only about 500 people, which they thought was relatively good. We ended up with an audience of about 1,600 people, and they were so happy and receptive!

BY STEVEN, THAILAND [WRITTEN AUGUST 2, 2002]

During our time in the States Jonas and Christy were interviewed extensively by “Voice of America,” “Voice of Free Asia” and another program that is webcast worldwide on various Web sites catering to the Asian community. They were also interviewed by a Thai representative from the U.S. State Department who trains Thai diplomats to be posted abroad, in the hopes that Jonas and Christy could help them. Ha! They were also interviewed in both Laotian and Thai by some of the Thai newspapers in the States, as well as by a U.S. correspondent for Thai Global TV (which was broadcast globally).

We were touched by the reactions that we received from a lot of the young people who have grown up their entire lives in the States, who don't even speak their own language, and have in most cases never been to their home countries, but who were very turned on by the music, the sample, and the fact that we are foreign young people who love their countries and culture and people so much that we've learned their language and customs. Not only did we receive a lot of verbal reactions on this subject, but also a lot of e-mails. Here are a few:

*Jonas and Christy,*

*You all did a fantastic job. I am a Caucasian American and my husband is from Laos. I want my daughter to learn the language (her grandma is half Thai and half Chinese but grew up in Laos). Since you have mastered the language so beautifully, do you have any advice? My family loves you both. The Thai people love you all so much. I was wondering if you or Christy are saved (through Christ).*

*I wanted to get an autograph for my little girl who was mesmerized by the performance. Are you able to send one of you and Christy? Her name is Katie and she will be turning six.*

*Thanks for coming all the way to the U.S. I hope you had a great time! Be blessed!—Kim*



***In response to a note we sent Kim after receiving her e-mail:***

*I am so glad to hear that you are both Christians. You all can make a tremendous difference in the world! I love Thai and Laotian and people of every culture. I'm so glad that you guys do what you do. I know that you are terribly busy and thank you so much for taking the time to send the e-mail. Katie was very excited. I know you will both be blessed for all of the wonderful things you do. I will keep you in my prayers. I am just so impressed with you guys. You should be so proud of yourselves. Take care and stay safe and continue to be blessed—Seng, Kim, and Katie*

*Sabaidee Jonas and Christy!*

*My name is Chai. I am a Laotian-American from the Boston area. We just saw you and Christy perform. Needless to say, both of you guys put up a great show indeed.*

*We attended both shows at the temple simply because we enjoyed your performance so much. Especially the fact that you allowed an elderly Laotian lady to go up on the stage as one of your dancers or “hung khuang” if you will. We thought that was funny. We were also surprised to find out that both of you guys were communicating very well in both Thai and Laotian as well.*

*We love your new CD entitled Soo Yod Kao. [This is the Thai CD of Family songs that Jonas and Christy recorded.] It's great!*

*One thing that I admire about you is the fact that you*

*get involved with volunteer work as well as fundraising for the needy and drug addicts, which I think is a wonderful thing for a fellow human being to engage in.*

*Last but not least, I wanted to thank you both for being so down to earth. The three shows that you put up at the temple were unforgettable even though it was a bit chaotic. In other words, you guys did not seem to mind at all when some of your fans got up on the stage and danced with you.*

*Jonas, thank you for waving at me at the show. I wish you guys great success on the U.S. tour and hopefully you will conquer America some day. By the way I am originally from Vientiane, Laos, just like Christy. ☺*

*Dear Jonas and Christy,*

*My cousins and I have never liked traditional Lao/Thai music—EVER! But after seeing you guys, we can't stop listening to it. You got us addicted! We were never so impressed. I mean, wow, it makes us want to learn to speak Lao better (because we're Lao).*

*We really, REALLY like your singing. You guys add a little UMPF to the music. The way you guys look like you're having so much fun singing and dancing makes even more enjoyable. Your singing and speaking is so fluent that it's amazing. It makes us speechless. If we were only to hear you guys and not see, we would've been fooled. Actually, we WERE fooled at first.*

*When we first got to the temple and we were walking to the stage, we heard you guys*

*singing, but of course we had no idea that it was you guys. But my cousin said to me, “Do you think that's Jonas and Christy?” and MY reply was ... “NO WAY! Ha! No way, that's not them. It can't be.” (I had no idea how good you two were going to be.) But when we got around the stage and saw Jonas up there, our mouths dropped open! It WAS you guys.*

*But, the point of this e-mail was to let you guys know how much we appreciated as well as enjoyed your performance here. We liked it so much when we saw your show on Friday that we begged to go back and see you guys again Saturday. It was kind of odd because we gave up SHOPPING (our favorite hobby!) to go to the TEMPLE!—Which we would usually be forced to go to, but we wanted to go SOOOO bad just to see you guys sing again. Well, we must be on our way now. We hope you guys have a nice trip back to Thailand and hopefully you will return SOON! Because if you are, we'll be there!—Much love, Fifi and Dara*

(Jesus:) My precious, poor, broken, and destitute Lao children really need My love, comfort, and encouragement. They are so needy. Won't you love them for Me? They truly are “scattered abroad” and destitute without any real identity and from a country broken and ravaged by war and turmoil. They are so needy and hungry that they are happy even to get some of the crumbs. I want you to reach out to them, love them, feed them, and to even learn some of their own songs in their own language to reach them.

Go out to the highways and byways, off the beaten path to reach those lost sheep. I did it for only one—that is the value of a soul. Won't you do it for a whole group of them—almost a lost nation, a lost generation in need of My love? They may not be so many, they may not be rich, they may not be wise and highly educated—although some are—but they are My sheep that I wish to reach through you, My precious brides. (End of message from Jesus.)

# MAKE ACTIVATED A HOUSEHOLD WORD!

**By Mama**

Below is an exciting message from Dad about yet another step toward fulfilling the Lord's activated plan! The Lord, Dad, and our Heavenly helpers want us to do everything we can to make *Activated* a household word, known by and familiar to everyone! As a step toward fulfilling this, WS has created a flyer to advertise and promote *Activated*. You'll be getting a sample of this flyer in the mailing along with this issue of the *Grapevine*, or shortly after you get this notice, and you can contact your nearest *Activated* desk to get lots more!—In color or black and white, either at a minimal cost or free if your *Activated* desk can provision the printing (you could also provision printing for it yourself). The samples will be sent to your Home in English and Spanish, and the flyers will also be available in other local languages—including Portuguese, Japanese, and various EE languages. Please contact your desk for details. The flyers may not be available for ordering immediately in every area, but if not, then they will be before too long. Your area may already have a flyer created for local use, in which case your Activated Desk will use up their stock of that before printing the new one. (The PDF of the flyer is also available via the MO site, so that you can print your own. <http://www.familymembers.com/pubspages/search.php3?searchpub=24>)

These flyers are something small, light, and handy, that you can carry with you everywhere you go—and lots of them too. If you can't give or sell a mag to every person you meet, you can at least give them a flyer to tell them about *Activated*. If you don't have enough time to talk to someone in depth and sell them on the idea of subscribing, you can still give them a flyer and let the Lord work through it. (We would sug-

gest giving a flyer along with a witnessing tract, poster, or magazine whenever you can, rather than in place of it.)

The Lord and Dad have promised that as we spread the news far and wide, the subscriptions and the lasting fruit will come in! Will you do your part to fulfill Dad's vision and make *Activated* a household word? Order a few thousand flyers to begin with from your SC (or at least a few hundred!), and carry them with you everywhere you go! Don't let a person you encounter slip away without either an *Activated* mag or flyer.

**(Dad:) *Activated* is the fulfillment of a dream of a lifetime!** *Activated* for me is a dream come true!

Fly with me in the *Activated* airship, blown above the world with His Spirit, spreading those subscriptions everywhere you go.

**Everywhere, not just on those scheduled, planned witnessing trips and outings, but all the time, spread the chance to get *Activated* through the subscriptions!** Get out *Activated* flyers along with a tract. Go down that bus line while you're waiting for a bus and pass out tracts and flyers. Then go back through the line and collect those subscription cards. Don't just stand in line at the supermarket—activate the person next to you. At least get them familiar with it. Make *Activated* a household word. Even if they don't wish to get *Activated* the first time you approach them, maybe they will the next time someone shows them *Activated*—or maybe the next, or the next. In other words, you don't have to look at your success in light of how many take it on the spot; look at

how much you're offering it. Do you get it?

**First people have to get used to hearing the term.** Many won't get it the first time, or the second, or the third. But as they hear the term more and more, their curiosity will be aroused, and then they will subscribe. People are hungry. Why does the magazine business boom?—Because people hunger for input. They have a void that they're trying to fill. So get the void filled through *Activated*. And you can't do that by just aiming at the most potential. You have to do it by spreading the truth far and wide.

**It reminds me a bit of when I wrote the message "Shiners or Shamers!"** When you first went out witnessing, you were giving lit only to a select few, the ones you deemed worthy. But you were missing the quiet, obscure sheep who would have eaten it up if you had given them the Letters. I told you to get it out to everyone! And you obeyed, and the Word flowed, and in many cities and walks of life, MO Letters became well known.

**Well, that's what you should now do with *Activated*—spread it like it's going out of style!** Don't just look for the hungry and seemingly receptive—spread it as if everyone needs it, because they do! And spread it as if everyone wants it. They might not at first, because it's new to them. You're going to have to get it in people's hands over and over and over before many will take note—but do that.

**People are often afraid of the unknown.** So flood them with flyers and the news and sight of *Activated* so it's no longer unknown and there is no

need to fear. Then their curiosity will get the best of them, and they'll want to find out what it's all about.

**We have a team up here that's prepared to receive the flood of *Activated* subscriptions.** You say, "What do you mean? The subscriptions don't go to Heaven, they go to our Activated desks here, and they take care of the business involved." Well, when those subscriptions come in, they come to us as well. While you're processing the subscriptions and sending out the first mags, we're zeroing in on the subscriber and his or her needs. We, our *Activated* desk in Heaven, teamwork and counsel together about the new subscriber's needs.

Then we assign a spirit helper who is best suited to their needs to lead and guide them through the *Activated* mag. That spirit helper is assigned to help them get the most out of their subscription. That spirit helper helps the mag get through to them, but even more so, helps the receiver to be receptive and hear from Heaven how to apply the Words in their own individual lives (ML #3348: 54–56, GN 943).

**Yes, we in Heaven are also activated!** So you're not alone in this. And we're getting antsy! We have everything in place to do our part, and now we're eagerly waiting for the addresses to come in. Oh, they're coming, but we're prepared to handle floods! So give'm to us!

**Okay, got the vision?** Now get the name *Activated* known, then reap the subscribers and keep us busy! We're rarin' to go! So give'm to us! Love, Dad (*End of message from Dad.*)

Dear Mama,

I really love you and am so thankful to have you as our queen. I'm a single mom of seven. Through the years I always felt Jesus being a father to my children, helping me in my times of need, and when I had to make important decisions about them.

I can't thank the Lord enough for the Law of Love. As a single mom, I have to depend on it to have my sexual needs met. I'm not the picture of perfection, and many times in the past I blew it heavily by hurting wives, not respecting them enough, etc.—you name it. I've had to apologize to so many people for acting wrong that I thought I had used up all my apologies. Little by little the Lord started to change me and when the Law of Love Letters came out, I saw much more clearly what my attitude should be. At that time I was living with a sweet couple, and after a while we tried to start sharing. Due to a variety of reasons, the sharing didn't go so good. Even though for a long time I tried to do things right, finally I gave up fighting and that's when I got myself in the biggest mess of my life! I even got partially excommunicated as a result of some things I did. It was a deep dark experience, to say the least.

Through all that time the Lord kept encouraging me that one day I was going to make it and it was going to work. I had to believe that by faith because I couldn't see anything good at the moment. I couldn't see how the Law of Love could ever work in some situations. I even started doubting it a bit.—Not that the Word was wrong, but that we as human beings just couldn't live it properly.

My dear VS shepherd talked to me on different occasions about how some of my attitudes were off, but it was hard for me to see it all then. I thought I was so right and felt so hurt and mistreated that I couldn't see anything beyond that. Then I moved to another Home and little by little the Lord started to point out to me things He wanted me to change in. Up until then I thought that it was my right to share with somebody's husband. After all, we were supposed to live the Word, right? I did understand wives' trials with jealousy, but not completely. I had to realize that if a wife doesn't have the faith to share her husband with me or for some reason doesn't want to share him, I have to accept it, without resentment. I don't have any such right. People share out of love, sacrificially, and according to their faith, and that's that.

I had to change my entire outlook, and realize that I had to do my part and go doubly out of my way to be very considerate of others. A good part of that is to put myself in other people's shoes. Of course it's very humbling to do that, and I have to eat enormous amounts of humble pie and be very, very grateful for whatever comes my way, but it's been worth it. Sometimes I've wondered why I can't have someone more regular without having to depend on others so much, but the Lord showed me that, in my case, this process is necessary to prepare me for the future and to make me the woman He wants me to be. It's the tool the Lord is using to prepare me. He keeps saying He's going

to do great things with me if I'm willing to submit to these tests.

I still don't quite understand why, but I'm trusting He knows better. Before I pretty much had all the sex I needed and all the guys I wanted, but the Lord had had to make me go through some real rough and lonely times, I mean prolonged lonely times, real squeezing, heavy heartbreaks where I cried myself to sleep at night, and where I could barely make it through the day without falling into depression from being so alone, to make me start appreciating those sweet women who so sacrificially laid down their husbands for me.

Thank the Lord for the gift of prophecy that kept me alive during these rough times, as well as the prayers of some sweet people who were there when I needed them. But all this to say, that now I'm thankful for the dear wives who have the faith to live the Law of Love. To encourage me, the Lord sent one such couple my way. This time I really tried to do it right, not just because I should, but out of love, from the heart, and it bore wonderful fruit. I wrote the wife a note after she shared her husband with me that encouraged her so much, she cried. She always manifested such a sweet spirit although she

was giving sacrificially, and it really touched my heart. After that, I was sold on notes, ha! That was part of the encouragement I needed to help me have the faith that I could live the Law of Love the right way. The Lord kept telling me, "You see, I told you it would work out some day."

I believe that the Law of Love is worth living and fighting for. I've been learning so much through it.—Especially what real love means! If I could, I'd give a big thank you to all the precious wives who ever shared their husbands so sacrificially with me. They are tops in my list of fighters, for what they know is right, even though many times they came out wounded from the battle.

When I read in the *Grapevine* about people who are going through difficult times because they're alone, I can really relate to that, but I can also testify that we still have a wonderful Family with some angels who believe in helping the ones in need.

Thank you, Mama, for leading the Family and trying to make it easy for us to live the more radical doctrines the Lord gave us, by explaining so much and thinking of all the details, like you did with the Law of Love GNs, and the Loving Jesus GNs. You and Peter are truly our king and queen!

—AN FGA WOMAN

## Xn + FSM =

Have you ever wondered when you'd find your place? Or do you wonder if you missed your boat, or simply aren't sure where you belong? Read the testimonies of those who've been in a similar spot, but hung on and witnessed the truth of every promise the Lord gave them in "**Where I Belong!**"—**A joint presentation by Xn and FSM.** You don't want to miss it!

# REACHING THE RICH

## IN PUERTO VALLARTA, MEXICO!

### BY THE MEXCITY HOME AND BAND, MEXICO

Band members of *Creature/La Familia* provided three weeks of singing, dancing, and witnessing to upper-class Mexicans and well-to-do vacationers from Canada, the U.S., and around the world at the Hotel Villa del Palmar, a five-star beach resort in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

We've witnessed in depth to the management of the hotel and have explained in detail our missionary work in Mexico. One evening on a previous tour to Puerto Vallarta, we sang at the table of the owner of the hotel who also owns top hotels in other cities of Mexico. One of the managers, who received Jesus with us on our last tour to Puerto Vallarta, has become a dear friend. He was transferred to the Mediterranean and spent a couple of nights with us at our Home in Mexico City en route to his new post.

The hotel paid all of our travel expenses and provided six double luxury rooms and all the meals for our team of 12 adults and 8 kids. It was a beautiful family witnessing vacation for our MexCity Home, located in the heart of bustling, fast-paced Mexico City.

The management and staff of the hotel are quite impressed with both our performances and with our missionary family and the work we do in Mexico. They introduce us as "*La Familia*"—those who have performed around the world, at the White House and throughout Mexico! They exclaim that we do a terrific work, all for charity!

Upon our return to Mexico City we received a fax from the entertainment manager inviting us to perform at the hotel for a three-week stint at New Years 2003. The cool thing about our relationship with the hotel and the entire arrangement for the band to perform is that our whole Home, little kids and all, get to go and we have such a great time together witnessing, performing and having lots of fun!

Here are some photos that help to tell the story:



Serena and Ahlai with coconut drinks and *Activated* mags. We met some top people and a few who pledged support and helped with tips and donations on the spot.



New Mexican disciple, Anim (17), and Juliet in the hotel lobby getting ready to do a tropical show by the beachside pool. Serena strolls by in the background.



L to R: Godfrey, Vas, Ben, Joni, Anim, Serena and Juan Martin, Mexican percussionist and troubadour who joined us for our third tour in Puerto Vallarta. Juan Martin also plays with our band at the *Activated* meetings in Mexico City.



Anim on the beach in front of our hotel with Eric (6) of *Dust* and Ahlai, and Rowen (4) and Chad (2, of *Vas* and *Joni*).



Some sets are acoustic, going from table to table at the seaside *La Cucina* restaurant. There were beautiful witnessing opportunities on every side.



Serena and Anim, Mexican new disciple, on the rocks in front of *Bandera Bay* of Puerto Vallarta



Happy *Dust* and Ahlai, loving every minute of it



Before an acoustic evening performance on the terrace overlooking the beach



Juan Martin, our Mexican cosmic flyer, on the congas—inspired as usual.



Juliet with Dust and Ahlai enjoy the festivities at “Fiesta Mexicana”



Our little family together in the pool by the beach at night



Mommy Joni with four-year-old Rowen



Godfrey and Spring with their little family of Loren (back), Kenneth, and Chloe. Godfrey and Spring and kids joined us from Margie and Jerry’s new Mexico City Home. Godfrey, a member of the Creature band, played bass, drums, guitar, and percussion.



La Familia—all together! We had a wonderful time with our kids at the beach and in the swimming pools. The kids were shiner witnesses.

## NEWS FROM NEPAL!

*Nameste* from Kathmandu! Our Home re-pioneered Nepal just after the Charter in 1995, as the work here had closed down about ten years earlier. We’ve slowly built up a work with ministries that include: former member/catacomber follow up and reconciliation, personal witnessing, lots of follow up, activating, Bible studies, building a national church, ongoing CTPs, and our kids’ band/music programs. We also take road trips to other cities and villages in the country, do local language translations and printing—and most recently tool production!

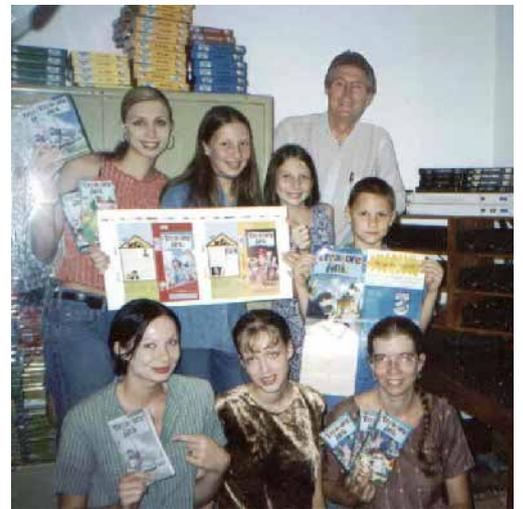
We are now starting to produce the *Treasure Attic* video series locally, as it’s very difficult to get such tools into this remote area in a safe and economical

way. This will also enable us to get long-term visas, as well as really get the Word out here! “Produce” here in Nepal means doing all the work ourselves from start to finish—film/print work, duping on a set-up at home, stuffing, gluing, wrapping, etc. (They’re practically handmade, ha!)

God bless those who have helped us to get this far, such as the brethren in England (Kenaz and Sharon, Jason and Cathy, Isaac, Jonathan) who gave donations and basically did all the work to find us an excellent second-hand duper set-up and ship it to us. Also the Activated Home in the States who paid for the Betacam TV masters and help regularly, ASCRO who gave us a gift for our DV duplicating masters, and a designated gift from Peter and Susan in France. GBY all!

Now that we are finally able, really want, and le-

gally need to start rolling, we would sincerely appreciate any help possible for initial production costs, as we have no local PPC budget in this very poor country. With the set-up we now have, we desperately need \$3,800 toward direct raw material costs and film/printing charges, so we can initially produce 3,000 TA videos and 800 TA VCDs. Then, with the seedcorn from this first production, we’ll be able to re-invest in further production and the ball should be rolling, PTL! If you’re interested in being a part of this grassroots project, we’d super appreciate any help towards it. Thanks so much! You can send your designated gifts



via your TRF to “Kathmandu PPC, NP01.” WLY!

With love and appreciation, the Kathmandu Home (Jo and Jewel, and young people: Lily, Anita, Nina, Sara, and kids: Julie, Christy, and Jimmy.

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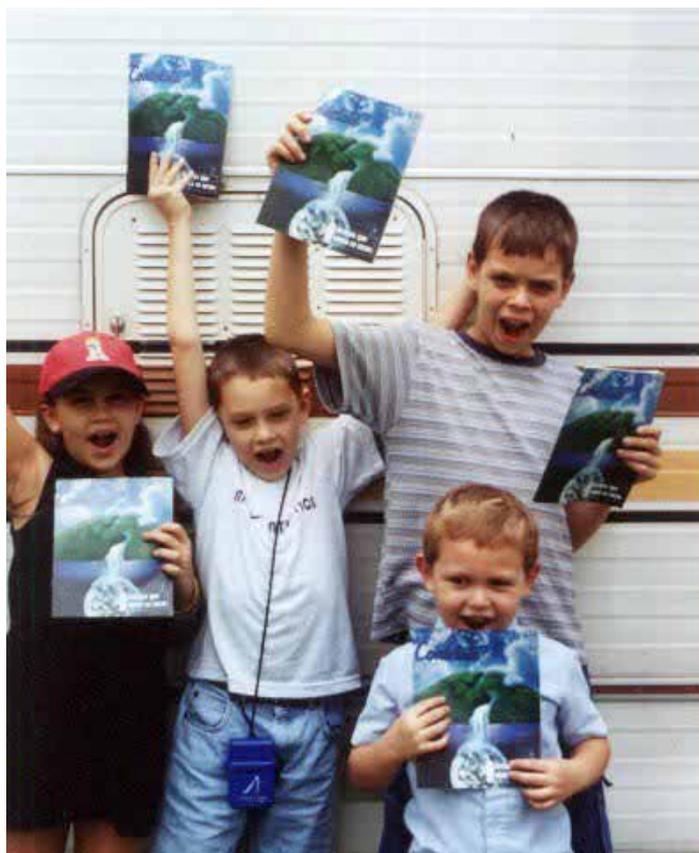
# ON THE ROAD WITH OUR KIDS

**a**s a mother of a larger-sized family (eight children, aged 2-17), it seems that a good portion of the Word on just about every topic applies directly to me and my family. I've always felt that was one of the blessings of having kids! It sure brings the Word to life and keeps me desperate to stay abreast of all that is happening in the spirit for their sakes, and sometimes just for plain survival.

Not long ago, Jordan and I were praying about our family and where we stood in their training as disciples and Family members. We felt that the kids needed more experiences of their own. We noticed that we have given our younger children less opportunity to shine for the Lord than the older ones had had. So the Lord put it on our hearts to take the kids on the road.

In our first discussions we realized that our faith for going out with all of our little kids like this was rusty. We knew that the Lord was leading us to launch out, but we still felt hesitant over the exact details and didn't make any decisions right away. We were soon to be traveling with our two youngest children for board meetings and the other kids were disappointed to be left behind.

In one prophecy that the kids and I received together for their encouragement before leaving, the Lord promised the kids a special surprise, and of all things, a road trip of their own within the month. Over the course of the same month the pubs that came out were perfectly in line with what we needed, and sealed our convictions that the Lord had indeed given us this direction, and that not only was this a good idea, but



Rosy, David, Jesse, and Jonny with *Conectaté* magazines—ready to witness

a desperately needed aspect of our children's training, happiness, and growth!

Sad to say, our younger kids (four and two) have not been out witnessing very much over the last year or two. They enjoy passing out tracts and run around eagerly handing them out to folks everywhere when they get a chance. They have also visited people we already know in their homes a number of times but that's been about it. Our last MC/OC road trip was over three years ago! This was actually to be the first time that we would get the youngest ones out to do more than passing out tracts or doing follow up. David (7) and Jonny (4) had never sung in a group before or even in public and we only had time to teach them two songs! The other three—Kevin (12), Jesse (11), and Rosy (9)—have all been in singing groups and have participated in many shows and CTP projects all along, but have rarely gone out with tools like tapes and *Activated* magazines. There was plenty of newness for all of them!

Through prayer and the Word the Lord gave us a lot of faith and we needed every bit of it! Just a few days after the promised month passed we took off on a 10-day road trip with six of our eight children. At the last minute the Lord put it on the heart of Pedro Trudger (a SGA single from our Home) to come along with us and we are so glad that he did. He was such a blessing!

There is a quote from "Reaching the Rich" that has been ringing in my heart since I read it: "The trend is shifting and drifting downward, and the bottom line for me is, it's not fair to our kids. They were born with a specific charge and we need to prepare them to fulfill their destiny. We're robbing our kids of a heritage that is rightfully theirs, and that's the heritage of faith to hitch their wagon to a star knowing nothing can stop them. Our kids are born into a royal priesthood; they are called out, set apart for the Lord, and we need to treat them like it and teach them to act like it." In our case we had to stop and realize that

while we had been doing a lot of good things with our teens and other young people in the area, if we neglect these little ones, we will fail them by not giving them the opportunity to learn to serve the Lord while they are young.

Our first night out the Lord led us directly to the right hotel with good parking for our motorhome where we stayed the full 10 days for a very good discount price of US\$6 a day. It was a Sunday evening, so after finding this place to stay we prayed that the Lord would do something special to encourage the kids as we went to find a meal. We needed a miracle, as the town was nearly all closed up by this time. The Lord came through and led us to the owner of a pizza restaurant, and she agreed to feed all nine of us four meals! It was our first opportunity to sing for someone too. The kids' set of songs is very simple, but it touched the owner's heart just the same and everyone around enjoyed their singing. The kids were so excited and happy!

The next morning we went shop-to-shop in the downtown area. Pedro took Kevin and Jesse while I took Rosy and Jonny. David and Kenny stayed back with Jordan passing out tracts in the central park. Pedro's team did quite well and right away approached some bank managers and sold tools. My little team couldn't do anything fast, as it was necessary to train the kids along the way. Right away we ran into lesson times as Jonny was very interested in some toys at the first shop and kept interrupting my witness to ask about them. Later, in another shop he fiddled around with the security gate while I was talking to the manager and got black grease all over his hands.

The Lord kept encouraging me to keep at it and to go slow and explain each new problem to him. How else was he going to learn except through trial and error? No matter how much preparation we did beforehand, he still had to learn

to apply the lessons along the way! A while later, David was with me and he too was quick to get bored while I was talking and witnessing. Once he actually left the shop and ran back to Daddy who was still witnessing in the park with the others. We stopped everything again and had a two-by-two discussion.

The Lord encouraged me that it doesn't matter their age or lack of experience because if we keep at it they will learn and do things right. I had to pray to not get frustrated or embarrassed and just keep trying. Things did get better and later they both were able to take turns for short periods of time as a partner going to shop-to-shop. Although we didn't do this for a great deal of time, we are pleased that they are learning and experiencing this part of witnessing. We changed off with our OC- and JETT-aged children for shop-to-shop witnessing and they were able to get out plenty of tools, *Activated* magazines, win souls, and pray with people. It was encouraging to see them get turned on to witnessing in this way. They too had to learn along the way and a few bad sample habits had to be addressed, things such as interrupting or questioning about "how much did the person buy" while still in the office or sitting in a sloppy way in the office chairs. It was fun for them to keep track of the daily stats.

The Lord gave Jordan the inspiration to try getting out the *Activated* magazines on buses

a couple of mornings. It was a good experience for the older boys and they enjoyed this way of witnessing. In a short time they would get out many *Activated* magazines for a small donation each. It wasn't a good way to raise funds as the people on the buses were very poor, but the Word was getting out and many souls were won.

On Friday we took the kids to sing at the local old folks home. This was the first time for David and Jonny to sing for a large audience and they did wonderfully. This particular day there was a party organized by another group, so we asked if we could sing our songs first. There were over 50 people counting the resident old folks, their helpers, and the young people from the other group. Our little team sang their two well-rehearsed songs and one new one that we learned that same morning. Then Jordan prayed with all present and 51 people received the Lord. Many of the young ladies were all excited and asking why we only sang three songs, as they liked them so much! Thankfully, time was short and the other group was ready to start. Little did they know that was all the songs the younger kids had learned. Ha!

Before the singing we were able to spend over an hour talking with the old folks and their helpers. The kids made balloons for many of them and we witnessed to quite a few. The Lord allowed us to be an encouragement to the administrator who is

a young single mom and to another helper who is an unwed mother expecting her first baby and facing many emotions and criticism. The old folks enjoyed watching the kids play around and we all had a nice time.

After having done things to love others and pay attention to the poor, the next day we specifically asked the Lord to help us reach the top of this town, too. We visited several large companies on the outskirts of town. One place the Lord gave Jordan a check to visit happened to have the front gate open so we drove on in. Just then a man came out smiling and asked us to please come in. It just so happens that he is the owner of the coffee exportation company and he and his American wife received us very warmly, and our children quickly made friends with their children. Before we knew it we had passed almost the full afternoon and later another whole day ministering to this family. They received our witness very well, enjoyed our fellowship and the budding friendships between the children, bought tools, gave us a good donation for our trip, and connected us to other prominent folks from town.

Another day Jordan was taking a walk with the children in the afternoon, and on his way back to the hotel the owner of a rice company offered him a ride. He was very interested in our work and gave us his card so that we can call him for help with rice when we do projects. Another evening Pedro and the OC/JETTs were eating the evening meal with a dear lady at her restaurant. A prominent lawyer was there eating as well, and he struck up a conversation with Pedro and the children and asked them quite a few tough questions as he was rather skeptical and a real flatlander. They answered him well and were good witnesses, and in the end he offered us a good donation toward our gasoline for the trip home and asked us to call him again.

One day as we were passing out tracts in the park, which we often did in between other types of witnessing, along came a local news crew with their cameras. The group of young newscasters was from a local TV program that hosts a weekly show. They filmed Jordan and the children witnessing, passing out tracts, and singing for a group of high school students. They also interviewed several of us and we were able to give a good testimony to all via these clips! Next they invited us to their radio program on Friday morning and Jordan, Pedro, Kevin, Jesse, and Rosy went to sing on the radio. They were also able to share some stories and testimonies, answer callers, and pray the salvation prayer over the air on this program. Later folks around town would say, "Oh! You're the folks from the radio show!" Days later as we crossed the border back into Nicaragua the woman at immigrations said, "I knew it was you on the radio! I recognized your voices and I just knew it had to be you!"

The children were shining so bright and so happy when we got back home. It was 10 days of fun and inspiration. We prayed with 99 people to receive the Lord, sang 12 times, passed out 500 tracts, 169 *Activated* mags, 25 tapes, 16 books and other tools! Our mass witness was over 70,000 with the radio and TV clips! The Lord was faithful to supply our needs and take good care of all of us.

We were able to bring Home some finances and other supporters sent good donations that week—the Lord's wonderful way of blessing our efforts and making it all possible. Now we are realizing that some things have to change to make things like this a permanent part of future plans. Once is not enough and now that they have experienced it, the kids are eager to do it again! It's wonderful to live that glorious experience of seeing the kids get on fire for Jesus!



Praise with children: David, Rosy, Jesse, Kenny; Kevin, and Jonny up front

# HOMESCHOOLING CORNER

## Teaching math testimony

BY GINNY, INDONESIA

I bet a lot of parents can relate to the situation I've found myself in these past few years: I'm okay at teaching math until about the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade level, but once the kids hit 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up, I'm in trouble! Last year, after struggling through my youngest child's 6<sup>th</sup> grade math program, and dreading the thought of the coming math year, I realized something needed to change.

At the same time, I was concerned because in this child's particular case, CLE didn't seem to be so suited to her learning style. Although she diligently completed her math Light Units each year, I could see that she wasn't really grasping concepts or retaining a lot of what she had learned. She needed more review throughout the year of what had already been covered, instead of an end-of-the-year review in the last Light Unit. So after praying and researching and getting the Lord's confirmation, we switched her to a program called *Saxon Math*—and both she and I have made great progress!

*Saxon Math* is very popular with the homeschool world, and is also used in some public and private schools in the USA. The program is based on an incremental system of learning—meaning concepts are introduced in understandable pieces. The student assimilates one facet of a concept before the next facet is introduced. Continual review is also stressed, but not in boring drill work. Topics are never dropped, but are instead increased in complexity and practiced every day, helping the student to become totally familiar with the material.

There's no workbook, but rather a textbook that is broken into thoroughly explained daily lessons. Each lesson begins with a short "facts review." This proved to be extremely helpful, as I always meant to review things like addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, metric measuring, converting fractions, etc., but somehow it was often forgotten. With this program it becomes routine and within a few short months my daughter had mastered math facts that I had been trying inconsistently to teach her for years (and I relearned a few myself!). Following the daily facts practice is a "mental math" section, also taking just a few minutes, helping the student learn to quickly figure certain types of practical problems in their head. When we first began, this was difficult for her, but again, within a few months she was completing this section

quickly and easily.

Unlike completely self-taught workbook programs, the teacher is encouraged to read over the daily lesson with the student. This only takes about five to ten minutes, but has made a big difference to not only my child, but also to me, as I have been re-learning some long-forgotten math concepts this way! No longer will I ever again fear 7<sup>th</sup> grade math! I'm also better able to help her if she doesn't understand something, as I'm up on what she has just studied.

After reading the lesson and doing a few practice problems, the student works to complete 30 problems each day. In case the student forgets how to work a problem previously taught, there's a page reference for them to look up, so they can review that particular concept. Every fifth lesson there is a test. Besides the text, there is an answer key booklet and facts practice and test booklet. There are also some "hands on" investigations and manipulatives for the student to make.

The program is non-consumable so can be passed on to other students. If anyone is interested in this program, there's an on-line placement test that you can give the student in order to know what level to get. You'll find that at: <http://www.saxonpublishers.com/school/pg/index.jsp>

If someone is interested in ordering this program, you can get it for a very good discount from [www.pmschoolhouse.com](http://www.pmschoolhouse.com).

"Your responsibility is to teach your children spiritually, morally, and academically, in that order. ... How can you do this? ... Hear from Me very clearly as to what steps you need to take. ... If you are going to homeschool, you must do it correctly to make sure your kids are learning. You can't just sit them down with a workbook and say, "Student, teach thyself." Any parent who received an education is in turn capable of teaching school. If someone is desperate enough—and I don't mean hysterically desperate; I mean really, really concerned—then that person is capable. It might take you studying yourself in an accelerated refresher course to flush out the cobwebs and recall all that you've learned in the past, but you are capable, and even more capable now that you have Heavenly thought power via the mind of Christ available to you in a much greater degree

than in the past. You can meet the System's standards. In fact, your children can even surpass them, as many of the Family's children have, because the System's academic standards have fallen over the years. You may find it easier than you expect to teach your kids, but be prepared to put in the hours" ("Where To Now?" ML #3398:27, 39, 40–41.)

## Encouraging CAT results

BY DANIEL SERVANT, USA

We got back our CAT scores (California Aptitude Tests) and our three kids ranked in the 70-80 percentile rank of the nation.—Which means our kids do better than 70-80% of school children throughout the nation in their corresponding grades, and in the reading portion of the tests our three children were in the upper 1% of the nation, therefore doing better than 99% of the nation. We owe most of this to the Family for encouraging the children to read at a very young age. My three youngest children love to read.

## Memory review ideas

BY REJOICE, THAILAND

One area of our kids' training that has been a bit of a challenge for me to fully keep up with has been their review. There is always so much to fit into each day, it seems we never have enough time to cover everything the children are supposed to know. It is a super blessing having the memory pubs on the HomeARC as *Activity Book 4* has a string of fun games and ideas for doing review. But they involve a good deal of prep and writing out all the verses, etc. But having a print-out from the HomeARC it only took our MC/OC group about 1½ hours to put together most of the games and they've been really fun. Anyway, especially as our children get older and the more Word they've memorized, to me it seems a bit of a shame that they often end up forgetting a good deal.

What I wanted to suggest (I know it's a tall order but it sure would make the job easy) is if there was a little series on tape of all the memory work in the Word curriculum, done in order of age group. Different ones in our Home have done this and it really helps the kids review. It's just that quality and sound usually doesn't last too long on a home recording. In general, as far as tapes for kids—drama and story tapes—this is something that would be

really inspiring to have more of. One thing we've started doing is recording the "Storyteller" sections of the *Family Funs* onto tape for a fun story tape.

## Review helps

FROM A WS TEACHER

One thing that we've done with our kids to review their Memory Book verses and Bible chapters is make review sheets for each child. We print out the set or chapter that we want them to review, but leave blanks for certain words, where they write in the answer. This is a fun and different, challenging approach to reviewing the same verses. Once they've been over those review sheets, you can then change the words that are blank, for more review in a different way. Another plus to doing it this way is that it's also writing and spelling practice at the same time. We have different Word teachers on the rotational Word time schedule, and we plan to use these review sheets to help keep the kids' memory/review system consistent.

## Help with reading

BY MARY (OF CEPHAS), USA

I had a book recommended to me through a homeschool group that I used with great success, put out by Christian Liberty Academy. It's called the *Victory Drill Book*. I have a teenage daughter who disliked reading, being an auditory learner, and her reading skills were weak. That made her discouraged about studying. The *Victory Drill Book* was a big help. It features pages of repetitious words in a varied order with vowel blends, suffixes, prefixes, endings, etc. grouped on different pages. They have a whole method of using this effectively, but I just used it simply by just faithfully every day, having her read a few pages. Within a few weeks there was a noticeable difference in her reading. It was a worthwhile investment of about \$20. (Note: You can read about and order this book online at <http://www.victorydrillbook.com>.)

## Science book suggestion

BY JOSEPH AND ANGELA, USA

When searching for science books, we found that it's not that simple to find one. But the Lord did guide us to a good one, and it works for us. *Consider God's Creation* is a textbook for kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> graders. It's simple, easy to use, has investigation, suggestions, experiments, etc. We like it! It's written by busy moms like us who do homeschooling.

[Note from Heidi, NA FED resource researcher: Considering God's Creation is made by Eagle's Wings Educational Materials, P.O. Box 502, Duncan, OK 73534. It is also obtainable through other book distributors such as CBD (Christian Book Distributors). It runs about \$29.95. The format is such that you can keep it as a "master copy" and use it over and over, so it turns out to be quite economical.]

(Note: You can read about and order this book online at <http://www.eagleswingsed.com/products/cgc.html>.)

## Three cheers for CVC

BY ZECH MALACHI, USA

We are totally sold on the CVC course, pubs, etc. The more we read and research how much it has to offer, the more we get inspired and the teens do also. It is very well done.

## Typing tip

BY FAITH (OF AMOS), AUSTRALIA

We borrowed the Typing Tutor CD-Rom from the local library and installed it on our computer. The older kids have to schedule times to have turns on it as they're so eager to improve their skills.

## Still the best!

BY CONSUELO (OF JEHO), BRAZIL

I want to encourage our Family about the education of our children, since many questions have come up by

some of our growing teens, YAs, and SGAs as to the quality of their education. Many have left for no other reason than that they felt their education was inadequate. Our daughter, 22, left for that reason, but when she took her GED test to get her High School diploma she scored very high. I point this out because I was never a very good scholastics teacher and depended heavily on those who were in the places we lived. We followed the CLE when it came out—our lifesaver.

On her GED, my daughter scored 99% in science, which she must have gotten strictly from the Letters, 96% in social studies, which she also got from the Letters and having the heritage of living in the Family and following news from all over the world, not to mention all the traveling that she personally did. She scored 93% in English and 76% in math, which surprised her because she is good at math and felt that was the subject she would do best in. She is also fluent in two languages.

I dare say, the Word our children get is a major educational experience, and Dad said it too. They learn so much wisdom in how to apply the knowledge that they do get, and they know where to get the knowledge if and when they need it. The reason that I'm bringing this up is so that others can be encouraged to know that you are doing great in the Family. Your life is what you want to make of it, no matter where you are. So make the best of it in the Family!

# PUBS REACTIONS

## Re: "Reach the Rich" GN 992

BY CRYSTAL (OF LUKE), SENEGAL

We've been ministering to the rich for quite some time, and the proof is in the pudding! We've been given vehicles, we have four fridges and two freezers stuffed with good food, we have a nice house, we've been given a DVD, video machine, video camera, a house full of furniture, and it doesn't stop coming! The Lord has blessed our efforts of going to the top and it's been great.

We started ministering to them with *Reflections* and some are coming along with the portions of *Activated* that we print out. We're really looking forward to having *Activated* in French, as we feel it will really go out here to the upper class that we've been meeting.

BY NAT, SOUTH AFRICA

I feel we've come a long way from the hot, on-fire mission-minded drop-outs we once were to the recognized charities we now are, doing nearly only CTPs and ballooning; our income mostly dependent on these avenues, with a greatly decreased tool output, little witnessing, very little meatier type of witnessing and hardly any fruit in the form of disciples, be they live-in or live-outs. Honestly, I'm rather sick of it and it's time for another shake-up along that line which this GN promises to give.

I hope and pray that this GN will bring the changes needed along that line, to help us find a better balance again, to return to the basics that we are mostly missionaries, witnesses, soul winners, and world changers with the words of David and going everywhere doing good in that more spiritual way, rather than so many CTP works. God bless Mama and Peter for getting us back on the straight and narrow.

## Thank-you from Mama

Dear Family,

I love and appreciate each one of you so very much! Thank you for the many notes, greetings, prophecies, photos, and especially all the fervent prayers you've sent my way for my birthday.

Our sweet Lover blessed me with a wonderful birthday! As a surprise gift, all of our WS unit co-workers received short messages from the Lord, Dad, and various spirit helpers, which a couple of my secretaries printed out and rolled up like little scrolls, enough to fill a whole birthday treasure bag. What a wonderful surprise! I spent a fair bit of my birthday listening through the many beautiful messages (they also gave me audio files of the messages), feeling very inspired and at the same time quite humbled, as it reminds me that anything good that's accomplished is not of myself. All credit goes to our wonderful Husband, and to the multitude of spirit helpers that help us in so many ways! I'm looking forward to sharing many of these messages with you in an upcoming GN. I also enjoyed a wonderful birthday meal which Peter prepared and a sweet time of fellowship together.

Thank you, dear ones, for your prayers which I feel daily, and couldn't do without! I know it's a sacrifice to pray continually for Peter and me, and especially for my eyes over the years. But your faithfulness has paid off, and I want to testify of how wonderfully the Lord is healing me! My eyes have improved dramatically, to the point where I'm now able to use them quite a bit. I'm able to keep them open much of the time, while talking to people, walking around, exercising, having meetings, etc. It's a tremendous victory, and a blessing that I know has come from your faithful intercessory prayers.

So thank you again for your love which I feel daily through your prayers. I love you!

With thanks and appreciation in our Lover,  
Mama

## In honor of Mama's birthday

By a WS Home

The night before Mama's birthday, a note was sent around in our Home, inviting us for a special breakfast in Mama's honor. At the breakfast table there was a printed prayer that Dad prayed for Mama, as well as several selected stories from *Childhood Memories* to read aloud. The breakfast lasted 45 minutes and was an enjoyable time of fellowship.

In the evening the committee who organizes our devotions and united praise and prayer times, organized a one-hour meeting with our Home, once again in honor of Mama. "Lady Maria" opened the meeting, as everyone made his or her way to the living room. After the song finished we had a round of prayer and praise dedicated to Mama, thanking the Lord for the way He has used her and given her so much faith for each one of us.

This was then followed by a game in which we divided up into four teams—The Turtle Club, The Robots, Mama's Boys, and The Wine-Os. Selected paragraphs were read from a variety of Mama Letters, and the first team was given thirty seconds to guess the title of the Letter, and if they got it right they received a point—an illustration of their team name. However, if the team didn't guess the correct title, the following team had 15 seconds to guess, the third team ten seconds, and the final team five seconds. There was no winner's reward, just a quiz to see who was most up to date on their Mama Letters.

When the game was over we had a snack, during which time we watched a short video clip taken of Mama and Peter. Our evening ended with a prayer of thankfulness for Mama.

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## Trip to Europe

Peter and Matthew, after visiting the EURCRO office, visited the CEAD (Central European Activated desk, formerly the MM Home in Hungary). The Lord had told Mama and Peter in prophecy that since Peter and Matthew would be nearby on business, it would be a good opportunity for Peter to express his and Mama's thankfulness to the Hungarian Mail Ministry Home for their 11 years of faithfully laboring to feed the sheep in Eastern Europe and Russia.

The Lord inspired Mama and Peter to give the Mail Ministry Home commendation for "meritorious service." Peter presented a beautiful plaque to the MM Home from him and Mama in honor of all those who have served at the Mail Ministry Home or made their work of feeding our Husband's sheep possible during the past 11 years.

The fruit of this Home and team's labors is immense, with millions of missives distributed, and many thousands of souls saved, as well as winning disciples, Active members, and distributors! Peter thanked them on Mama's behalf (and of course, the Lord's) for a job well done. God bless them!—And God bless all of you who have wonderful follow-up works going. The Lord knows and sees each one!

Peter and Matthew also spent a week interacting with the nationals of the surrounding countries that work on the translations and all the many other duties entailed in running the CEAD. They also spent some time with the COs and VSeS in the area before returning home very inspired by all that the Lord is doing through our wonderful Family there.

# Pray!



**Healing key:** Healing comes to those who call on the keys and stand firmly on the promises I've given. For every sickness there is a cure, and it is within My power, through the keys, to grant the miracle you need.

## Testimonies of Answered Prayer

**By Rachel Miracle, India:** Thank you for your faithful prayers for our three kids who had hepatitis. We kept praying and claiming the power of the keys for their complete healing and that no one else would come down with it, and the Lord did it! They are completely healthy now and nobody else has come down with it!

**By Claire Faithful (of Steven), India:** After claiming the keys for our daughter, Tanya, she hasn't had another asthma attack. The swollen lymph nodes on Diya's head also completely disappeared after desperately praying and claiming the keys for a miracle.

**By Ruth SetFree, Uganda:** The Lord miraculously healed Gregg and I from a rare form of malaria. I had had the sickness for almost two weeks, and had gone for five malaria checks without them being able to see the parasite in my blood. Right after the prayer request was sent in, both Gregg and I had a high fever and chills; that might not seem great, but in malaria language it means the parasites were coming out of hiding which enabled the doctors to spot the parasites and issue us medicine. After about five days we were much better! Thank you so much for your prayers!

**By Paul Be Meek, Madagascar:** Thank you for putting our prayer request on the prayer list, we already see the results of these beams of concentrated prayer. The other day, only days after the "Organization of African Unity" had expelled Madagascar from its ranks, the U.S. ambassador informed the new president that the U.S. government had officially recognized the new regime and that the financial assets which were blocked would soon be released to enable the country to rebuild its shattered economy. Other countries

such as France, Japan, Germany, and Australia quickly followed suit.

**By Maria (of Dust), Holland:** Peter (11) went for his bone marrow transplant, after having had leukemia for a long time. He stayed in the hospital for five weeks and in spite of a "dip," as they call it in the hospital, caused by his insides being extremely sensitive after a lot of chemo and radiation, his progress went very well and he was able to leave the hospital without the little tube that he had had for awhile to feed him liquids, because he had started to eat and drink on his own without problems. The doctors and nurses were very proud of him. Some agreed with us that the angels and Jesus were with him.

We had had a picture of Jesus hanging in the room to constantly remind Peter that Jesus was right there through the whole ordeal, and the staff and others have looked at it every day when they came in for check-ups and activities with Peter.

The staff also gave him a trophy before he left, saying "Champ of Floor 7" (the oncology ward). For Peter it was a little taste of what will happen when we get to Heaven after running the race, when the rewards are handed out. We lifted the trophy up to the picture of Jesus, to show that it was all His doing, and the girl that had handed the trophy to Peter was touched and gave me a big hug.

Jeremy, Peter's younger brother, has also been very brave in that he came to stay at the hospital for a couple of days, voluntarily, to give a lot of his bone marrow to Peter, as their blood types are matching and he could be the donor of the good bone marrow that is chasing away all the leukemia cells that were still in Peter's old bone marrow.

Peter still has a couple of months at home where he will be extra sensitive. Please pray that he won't get infections, especially chicken pox, as we have a case of chicken pox in the house right now. Thank you so very much for your prayers and prophecies, we are thrilled with all the love we have felt and received! Long live the Family!

## Asia

**Charity Bush:** Sub-clinical appendicitis.

**Crystal (of John):** Glaucoma.

**Crystal Dear (of John, 5 months PG):** Fibroids in her womb.

**John (long-time friend of the**

Family): Advanced case of cancer.

**Rosy (15, of Cephas and Sapphire):** Anorexia; to regain appetite; to gain 10 kilos; consistent progress, encouragement, a fighting spirit, and wisdom for those caring for her.

## Europe and Africa

**Carolina (of Volker):** Endometriosis; intestinal inflammation, chronic pain in the lungs, heart, and head, low immunity, extreme weakness, and regular fainting and daily low fever.

**Faith:** Anorexia and negativity.

**Juliana (18):** Painful inflammation of the ovarian tubes; intestine infection.

**Philip Handyman:** Malignant melanoma.

**Precious (21):** Multiple sclerosis.

**Rosy:** Cataracts requiring an operation.

## Pacific

**Aaron (of Iona):** Melanoma.

**Ashley (11 months, of Aaron and Iona):** Slight reflex on her left side in the tube going up to her kidneys. Her urine goes up instead of down, causing infections in her kidneys.

## South America

**Carisa (of Zeb and Kristy):** E-coli bacteria in her bladder. Needs a orthopedist, ophthalmologist, and neurosurgeon to keep tabs on her well-being.

**Josu é (of Raquel):** Constant pains in his heart, head, and stomach.

**Salome (of Josue):** Cancer returned; will undergo another operation.

## HELP WANTED

### Adopt a Chinese disciple!

W., our new disciple, just joined and is a tremendous blessing with not only feeding the sheep and winning souls, but in many other ways. She helps our Home and the overall work in this city with many errands, translations, and more.

**W. comes from a poor background and for her to be able to have good relations with her family, she needs to help them financially each month with US\$75-100.** Can you help to provide this need or part of it on a regular basis? Or can you help with a one-time donation?

W. loves Jesus very much and she will be eternally thankful to you—that you made it easy for her to serve Him full time by supplying this need for her family.

Please send your donations to Walt and Mara, Home #CN625 via your TRF. Thank you so very much! We love you!

# entertainment

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Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up

## **HOW TO KILL YOUR NEIGHBOR'S DOG (2000)**

Kenneth Branagh, Robin Wright-Penn

Comedy/drama about a playwright whose life hits a wall as he battles a failing career. Meanwhile, his wife is growing impatient to have children, and a new neighbor with a child moves in and disrupts his quiet lifestyle.

(Jesus:) This is an interesting film, full of English-style humor and wit. It shows you how messed up some people are, like this poor writer; he's crusty and cranky, obnoxious and even a little cruel through much of the movie, and some might find his behavior offensive. As the movie goes on, he does come around and start seeing what's wrong and changing, and that's sweet and inspiring. This movie is like a play, in that it's mostly dialogue, and everything happens within just a few settings. The people who would appreciate it most are those who appreciate witty dialogue, and real character acting. Not a whole lot "happens," but it's touching and entertaining.

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Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

## **K-19: THE WIDOWMAKER (2002)**

Harrison Ford, Liam Neeson

Intense drama loosely based on a real-life incident when a crew of Soviet military men faced a nuclear disaster in 1961.

(Jesus:) This is a serious movie about a serious time during the Cold War. It's not a war movie, but in a lot of ways it is like one. It's a very well-acted movie. The events in this movie didn't happen exactly the way the film is presenting them, but something similar to this did happen. There is a lot to be learned from the situations these men faced.

This movie is one of value. It has lessons in obedience, teamwork, people handling, true values, leadership, sacrifice, and what it means to give your life for a cause. It brings out the difference in two styles of leadership, how both have their benefits and together they lead to the forming and molding of a crew into a real united team.

It takes you through various emotions, ups and downs, and there is some suspense and tension. There are also some rather heavy scenes that might stay with

some people in the form of bad pictures. But those scenes are easy to see coming and people can close their eyes if they are affected in that way.

I would recommend this movie to Family members who enjoy a more sober type of film. The lessons are clear. It's pretty obvious when people make the right decisions, and yet it keeps you guessing and has some plot turns along the way.

## **MEN IN BLACK II (2002)**

Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith

Sequel to the 1997 sci-fi spoof about members of an ultra-secret agency known as the Men in Black, which polices intergalactic relations—this time on the trail of another evil alien bug. Light entertainment only. Includes a few scenes which some might find distasteful.

(Jesus:) If you liked the first *Men in Black*, you'll probably like this one too. It's fun, it's light-hearted, and while it doesn't really come up with anything new, it's still a good entertainment only type movie.

I know some of you enjoy these type of movies sometimes—the up-front silliness that's obviously merely trying to entertain. It's certainly less potentially harmful than the type of movies that preach their "message" and get across worldly viewpoints that get into your mind and spirit. Of course no matter how "innocent" the movie, you still have to be prayed up and on guard because there's no such thing as worldly entertainment that is "pure."

This movie is one of those you watch, you have a few laughs, and then you walk away and pretty much forget about it, and you had a couple hours of relaxation. I don't mind that. It's a little lackluster compared to the first one, but it's relatively harmless.

## **GOOD ADVICE (2001)**

Charlie Sheen, Denise Richards, Angie Harmon

A successful stockbroker loses everything, but bounces back by taking on his ex-girlfriend's failing advice column. He discovers his more sensitive side, and discovers what's important in life.

(Dad:) *Good Advice* hashes over the story line that has been done before a number of times from different angles: selfish, self-centered, superficial yuppie has a life crisis and comes to the realization there is more to life than making money. It's a good message

for the System and they certainly need it drilled into them at every opportunity, but for the Family, it's not like this is going to be a revelatory movie. It's got a touching and sweet side, though.

Some of the characters are pretty over-the-top and caricatured, and may grate on you, but it is done to poke fun at the different types of personalities the movie presents. It's light entertainment, if you just want an away-from-thinking movie.

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Movies Rated for JETTs and Up

## **AFRICAN JOURNEY (1989)**

(Canadian miniseries)

Jason Blicher, Pedzisai Sithole

A Canadian teen visits his father, a diamond miner, for three months in Africa. After an uncomfortable period of adjustment to a new culture, he forms a close friendship with a 16-year-old African. Filmed on location in Zimbabwe.

(Dad:) This film could be used for school and field prep. It shows a typical Western kid thrust into a rural African situation and learning lessons—many the hard way. This is a good film about friendship, culture and customs, and gives a glimpse into a whole other way of life than many are accustomed to.

It is good for social studies and learning about a difficult field. You may want to consider it more as documentary-type input, so that the JETTs wouldn't expect the entertainment of a movie night.

It touches on how failed marriages affect children, how moves and changes can enrich one's life, youthful zeal and pride, the forming of friendships through tests and trials, the challenges young people face as they grow up in different cultures.

Be ready to explain the things that come up that we don't agree with, such as the Family planning, the emphasis put on the importance of getting a higher education and so on. It's an amazing look into a culture and lifestyle that children in Western countries hardly know exists. It gives you a burden to go and minister to those folks and bring them Jesus. They need Him so much!

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Movies Rated for OCs and Up

## **THE CROCODILE HUNTER: COLLISION COURSE! (2002)**

Steve Irwin, Terri Irwin

Steve Irwin and his wife Terri play themselves as animal activists who rescue an

endangered crocodile, not realizing that the critter has swallowed a top-secret satellite beacon that's the subject of an intense search by CIA personnel.

(Jesus:) This is a good movie, and lots of fun for children. There are of course things to be aware of and clarify to any children that do see it, such as the typical evolution theories, but also the subtler "save the beasts" over the value of man. Man has been created with a special purpose in My image, and though they can be wicked at times, their eternal souls need redemption and to be saved. So really, we're on a "save the humans" campaign. The movie is for fun and excitement, so you don't have to turn it into a preachment. Let the kids enjoy it and mention before or after about the various things to be aware of.

Also, of course, it would be good to remind the kids that they shouldn't pick up snakes and spiders the way this fellow does! He is an expert in his field and has been trained in how to do these things, and it's his life's work, so he knows what he's doing. He's a fun guy to watch, isn't he? So full of life and enthusiasm for his cause—a love for animals, which I have put within him. So, enjoy!

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#### Non-Recommended Movies

#### **SCOOBY DOO (Matthew Lillard, Freddie Prinze Jr., Sara Michelle Gellar; 2002)**

(Jesus:) The froth and garbage that is pumped out by Hollywood in this day and age is pitiful. I hate to see movies like this produced and released into the world. The innocent minds of children being polluted and stained by such ridiculous and ungodly behavior, attitudes, actions and stories is a real tragedy of modern society. Do yourself and your kids a favor by avoiding this movie.

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#### OTHER MOVIES

#### **MONSTER'S BALL (Billy Bob Thornton, Halle Berry; 2002)**

(Jesus:) This is a heavy movie, dealing with racial issues, and issues of love, life, and parenting. It's not one that you should go into expecting light entertainment from. It also shows the power of love, and how people can change through love. Some people won't like this movie, as the style is rather odd and the content somewhat depressing, but some will get good out of it, as it's a thought-provoking movie.

It's not appropriate for audiences younger than older teens or YAs, as there's a lot of depth, a lot of insinuations that they won't catch or understand.

This is a dark movie about some very dark lives, whose only hope is some form of love from others. A lack of love and hardness of heart slowly destroys all that you have. If nothing else, a movie like this should break your heart for those who live and dwell in such darkness.

Though there was a pervading depressing side of the movie about how hate, bitterness, and prejudice will break up families, destroy lives, and create an existence of hopelessness, there was also a statement about overcoming through love. But you have to be prepared to walk through the depressing hatred and people's disgust and hate for each other.

This movie is a statement of life in microcosm, stating the belief and hope that the enmity and clashing and killing between two races can end as each learns to look past the problems of the past to see the possibilities of the future. What they are forgetting and trying to do without, or get around, is the catalyst of real, lasting, enduring love that comes from salvation.

This movie portrays one clear truth, and that is that prejudice is overcome when you realize how irrelevant it is—when you see people for what they are, for who they are, for what they need, for what they have to give—and look beyond the color of their skin, their race or whatever else had been a barrier before.

You get the idea at first that this movie is set back in time, because of the strong anti-black sentiment portrayed. The fact is, though, that there are still plenty of people like that today. In the world at large, racial prejudice is by no means something that has been overcome. There are civil wars going on even now in many places, where people are actually killing each other just because they're of a different race.

It's a sad and lost world, for the most part, full of sad and lost people. But just think, if the love of another person could help another as much as these two people did in this movie, imagine how much My love can do. A movie like this breaks your heart and causes you to want to reach out to those who are lost, who are broken, whose hearts ache and whose spirits are defeated. Pray for them. Do what you can to bring My Words and My love to them. They need Me. They are desperate for Me.

## **TCD #27 – Break Away**

(singer/music/lyrics/producer)

- 1. Break Away**  
Vas/Barry/Barry/Vas
- 2. Wrong Side of the Bed**  
David W./Russel/Russel/Owen
- 3. My Little Rose**  
Godfrey/Sam Halbert/Grandpa/Godfrey, Ben
- 4. Never**  
Julie Greeneyes/Julie Greeneyes/Julie Greeneyes/Vas
- 5. Children of the Sun**  
Vas/Stephen Reid/Stephen Reid, Vas, Barry/Vas
- 6. Invisible Guide**  
Gavin/Gavin/Gavin/Emmanuel
- 7. Just for Today**  
Vas/Vas/Vas/Vas
- 8. Ready**  
TJ, Nathaniel/Nathaniel/Nathaniel/Nathaniel
- 9. These Keyz**  
Emmanuel/Emmanuel/Emmanuel/Emmanuel
- 10. His Rays**  
Vas/Vas/Vas/Vas, Godfrey, John
- 11. Sun of My Soul**  
Gavin, Emmanuel/Steve M./John Keble/Owen, Emmanuel
- 12. No Matter What**  
Julie Greeneyes/Julie Greeneyes/Julie Greeneyes/Godfrey, Vas
- 13. I Trust U**  
Vas/Vas/Vas/Vas, Andrew V.
- 14. Hear From Heaven**  
Elam/Elam/Elam/Owen

## **GP – Rhythm of Christmas**

(singer/music and lyrics/producer)

- 1. Deck the Halls**  
Christy Gibson/Traditional/Andrew V. Peterson
- 2. O Holy Night**  
Joy Frances, Francesco Paladino/Traditional/Michael Fogarty
- 3. Go Tell It On the Mountain**  
Michael Fogarty/Traditional/Michael Fogarty
- 4. God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen**  
Joy Frances/Traditional/Michael Listen
- 5. Ding Dong, Merrily on High**  
Angelina Dunbar/Traditional/Michael Listen
- 6. We Three Kings**  
Jerry Paladino, Michael Fogarty, Jason Lawrence/Traditional/Michael Listen
- 7. Silent Night**  
Christy Gibson/Traditional/Michael Fogarty
- 8. Happily Singing**  
Jerry Paladino/Traditional/Andrew V. Peterson
- 9. Christmas in Bethlehem**  
Joy Frances/Michael Dooley/Michael Dooley
- 10. Christmas Means Love**  
Francesco Paladino, Christy Gibson/Michael Dooley, Paul Hart/Michael Fogarty

# REACH THE RICH! A look at CTP work...

BY MICHAEL, TAIWAN

Along the lines of too much CTP, listen to this from someone from the churches:

"In few countries is the failure of Christian humanism more apparent than in Thailand. There, after 150 years of showing marvelous social compassion, the Church still makes up only one-tenth of one percent of the entire population. Self-sacrificing missionaries probably have done more to modernize the country than any single force. They gave the country the core of its civil service, education and medical systems. Working closely with the royal family, the missionaries played a crucial role in eliminating slavery and keeping the country free of colonial Westerners. Thailand owes to missionaries its widespread literacy, first printing press, first university, first hospital, first doctor and almost every other benefit of education and science. In every area including trade and diplomacy, Christian missionaries put the needs of the host nation first and helped usher in the twentieth century.

"But today virtually all that remains of this is a shell of good works. Millions meanwhile without Jesus. They died more educated, better governed and healthier—but they died without Jesus."

How many more countries could this be said about?

"The answer lies in our basic understanding of what mission work is all about. There is nothing wrong with charitable acts—but they are not to be confused with preaching the Gospel. Feeding programs can save a man dying from hunger. Medical aid can prolong his life and fight disease. Housing projects can make this temporary life more comfortable—but only Jesus can save a soul from a life of sin. To look into the sad eyes of a hungry child or see the wasted life of a drug addict is only to see the evidence of Satan's hold on this world. He is the ultimate enemy of mankind, and he will do everything within his considerable power to kill and destroy people. But to try to fight this terrible enemy with physical weapons is like fighting tanks with stones. When God changes the heart and spirit, the physical changes also. If you want to meet the needs of the poor in this world, there is no better place to start than by preaching the Gospel. It has done more to lift up the downtrodden, the hungry and the needy than all the social programs ever imagined by secular humanists."

How true! And this is what they have to say about China:

"One communist officer made a revealing statement, 'You missionaries have been in China for over a hundred years, but you have not won China to your cause. But we communists have been in China less and we have filled China with our doctrine. You have tried to win the attention of masses by building churches, missions, mission hospitals, schools and what not. But we communists have printed our message and spread our literature all over China.'

"The communists were true to their word. They won China and drove the missionaries out. One Christian leader said that if the church had spent as much time on preaching the Gospel as it did on hospitals, orphanages, schools and rest homes—needful though they were—the Bamboo Curtain would not exist today. The tragedy of China is being repeated today in other countries. We allow a mission activity to focus on the physical needs of man without the correct spiritual balance."

So there you have it! Even the churches are realizing this issue and the importance of raising up national leaders.

—FROM *REVOLUTION IN WORLD MISSIONS*, BY K.P. YOHANNAN

## PERSONALS

Looking for **Jonathan Handyman** (formerly Tiras Seeds), presently living in Chile. Dear friend, got your inspiring note, but lost your e-mail address. Thanks for contacting me again. With love, Abi in Senegal at: abifr@yahoo.com

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Re: "Can you relate to this scenario?" (GV #135)

By Mercy (of Byron), Europe

One solution that has worked well for us is to download the GNs as they come on the Web site, and either print them out or read them from the computer. Then when the new mailings come we can dig into the other stuff freely.

Another thing that works well: We have decided that the first devotions after the arrival of a new mailing will be a study hall. That way everyone digs into the stuff that they like or gets to look over the various pubs and choose what they want to read in more detail.

## ADS FROM THE FIELD

Dear Family,

Here is a link to a free screen saver that I made in tribute to Grandpa. It is over 1.7 MB. It's encrypted, but once you download it, I'll send you a password to the PGP SDA key. Here is the link: <http://www.promyk.zigzag.pl/itsprivate>

Please read the attached file that comes with the screen saver, after you decrypt it.

Much love,

Steven at PO133, Poland

[Note: This is not a WS production.]

## PECULIAR PEOPLE



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