

It's not how old you are, but how you are old.

The World Summit 2002

BY GIDEON AND RACHEL SCOTT, SOUTH AFRICA

"This is the eve of the Family's greatest hour of triumph! The world will see you as the world power that you are! The nations will stand in fear and trembling when they see My hand work through you. ... You will stand as a great light in the midst of darkness, boldly proclaiming My truth, and none shall be able to stand against you." (ML #3289:94.)

The World Summit on Sustainable Development (billed as the largest international gathering ever) was held in Johannesburg in August and September 2002. By a miracle, the convention center where the summit was to be held can be seen very easily from the garden of our Home here in Johannesburg!—The Lord couldn't have placed us better in order for us to participate in this important event!

It was a fantastic opportunity to fulfill some of the PR board's goals. We had discussed participating in the summit in our first PR board meeting and the Lord had confirmed through prophecy that it was going to be a significant event with far reaching effects. It was a tremendous fulfillment of the board vision, especially as we were working closely with the CGO board.

Between the six Homes in the area, we rotated teams, three people in the morning and three in the afternoon. It was a beautiful team effort of everyone pulling together and giving it their all.

Our goals:

- To present and represent the Family in Africa
- To win souls
- To network with other organizations
- To get people Activated, to collect as many names and addresses as possible for follow-up
- To meet government officials, businessmen, possibly get sponsorship for projects
- To preach the Endtime message, present the Lord's plan for the world
- To present God's message at the World Summit
- To get people to sign up for the 12 Foundation Stones course
- To sell our tools
- To win Active members
- To get out tracts (we printed 32,500)

We discussed the tools we needed by the beginning of the summit and came up with the following. (The CGO board also worked on several different tools, which were a big blessing.)

We will list them here:

1. Presentation video – This was to present the Family's work here in Africa in its entirety and will be available to all the Homes in Africa. We worked on the script and passed it on to the Ugandan video team. This arrived a week into the summit and was a powerful tool and touched the hearts of many as we played it throughout every day for the last two weeks.
2. PR brochure – Wording and photos were worked on in conjunction with WS and the Lord miraculously supplied the printing for free. We had this a few days into the summit and were able to give out about 2,000 of them. People were very impressed by the presentation and it was wonderful to be able to burn free and leave so many people with a positive impression of the Family and its work in Africa.
3. Photo display – We collected photos from many of the Homes in Africa. It took time and effort but now we have a library of photos for the future. Many people commented on the display, how attractive, bright and touching it was. We decided that less was more, and concentrated the display with two A3 photos for each aspect of our work, e.g. medical projects, Christian leadership training, self-help schemes, etc.
4. Family Folders – This was an A3 card folded in two with a pocket on the inside and our mission statement printed on it. The Lord used them mightily as we were able to make up packs for people containing the brochure, the two tracts, business cards, etc. We distributed approximately 1,000 of them. We also used them for government ministers and heads of state, who we met, to hold their prophecies. It meant that photographers and film crew could not miss the heads of state, etc., carrying the folder clearly labeled "The Family – Making a difference!"



Leyland with woman in African dress



Carole SGA and Steven

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5. Business cards – The PR board worked on business cards. The Lord supplied 2,000 for free and we did not have a single one left by the end of the summit.
6. Web site – The conference-specific Web site (www.realhopeforthefuture.com) was a joint PR board/CGO initiative. We provided David with the material and he did all the hard work of developing the site, GBH!
7. Statements – We photocopied a large number of statements and had these available on the stand at all times. These concentrated on our identifying doctrines, but in actual fact were hardly used.

Other witnessing tools specifically developed for the summit were:

1. “The Family – Real Hope for the Future” T-shirts advertising the stand and Web site for all the witnessing teams who were distributing in key places outside the summit. The teams were photographed a number of times by the delegates and media from around the world.
2. “Real Hope for the Future” tract – We distributed 20,300 of them and received a fantastic response.
3. “What does God think?” tract – This was a prophecy received for the summit by WS. We distributed 12,200 of them.
4. Endtime slide show on PowerPoint – Produced by David of the CGO board. A very powerful and thought-provoking witness used daily on the stand.
5. Visitors book: We also printed out a visitors book for addresses and comments, and could hardly keep up with it; over 700 visitors signed it in all.

As a positive presentation of The Family—its message and beliefs—you could not wish for a better international platform or a more spectacular result. We spoke to and delivered prophecy packs to nine heads of state. We reached many government ministers and United Nations officials and international delegates. At our stand, where people received a very full witness—our work, salvation, Endtime message—we had the South African president televised dancing with our singing troupe, and on separate occasions the first lady, a Zulu king, an Australian senator, government officials, the media, members of parliament from different countries and top businessmen.

The booth and the children singing and dancing were on national TV news at least three times; on a serious program on religion at the summit; on national TV once with interviews and an explanation of our work as missionaries; and again with the children performing; and also on at least two radio programs. The international media took hundreds of photos of the children and us with the different heads of state for the international press. We literally have no idea how far the message has gone and we give the Lord all the glory for all the miracles!

Attending the World Summit 2002

BY MARIE (OF DOM), SOUTH AFRICA

Coming from an office-type Service Home, it has been a total thrill to help witness at the World Summit and pour out the Words of David.

For me, this summit is one of the fulfillments of the promises the Lord gave us in this era of action, as well as the power of the keys. We could feel the Lord’s anointing on our presence there, as He opened doors that no man could close, and gave us a mighty army of heavenly protection, which

enabled us to preach His Word openly, lift up the name of The Family, and get away with an amazing amount of unconventional things, like praying with loads of school kids in spite of the new laws forbidding prayer in schools, and meeting the President, getting past all the security so we could have personal contact with him and give him a prophecy. Even just the fact that we are there as exhibitors, virtually in one of the dens of the Antichrist stronghold, being the only Christian representatives in the whole summit, and being free to openly witness, is a total miracle.

It was very encouraging to meet so many people who were either sincere Christians and were super turned on by our work and our presence and witness there, or people who were searching for answers and who were drawn to us and drank in all we had to give them. It brought to life all Dad had said about South Africa, and how important it is to reach the people in this country, as well as the top. The fact that the Letter “Reach the Rich” had just come out was very significant, as it was a perfect illustration and fulfillment of what the Lord wants us to do and an answer to our “reach the rich” prayer day. We were able to meet and reach not only the rich of this country, but also “kings and magistrates” that had come from all over the world. I believe that our follow-up on all we met will bear tremendous fruit and that we will reap some on-fire Active members from it.

The tracts that were received both by WS and by the CGO board for this occasion were perfect, and had a tremendous impact on everyone at the summit. We received endless comments on how this was the very message the world needed.

It was wonderful to work together with our precious and dedicated Family from Johannesburg and a big thanks to dear Gideon, Rachel, and Meg for open-

Stats

Over 10,000 visitors
 4,107 souls
 32,500 tracts
 2,200 brochures
 650 *Activated* mags
 700 follow-up addresses collected
 4 TV programs
 2 radio programs

ing their Home to us during the whole time of the summit and making us a part of their wonderful team.

By Rayne (20), South Africa

Being at the World Summit has been the greatest witnessing experience I’ve ever had. There were so many sheep there. It was such a different spirit than witnessing at the malls, as people were there to listen and were looking for solutions. At first I was a bit scared that I would mumble and fumble my words, but the Lord had told me in prophecy beforehand that He would give me the gift of speech and the words to say. So I claimed the power of the keys and the Lord did it! I was amazed at some of the words I was using and how easy it was for me to explain the work and our message. It was a total miracle of the Lord, because normally I’m quite stumped and get discouraged about it. But Jesus did it all. It was so encouraging for me to see the keys in action.

By Christy (SGA), South Africa

Witnessing at the World Summit was a super inspiration for me. This year has been a very trying one for me. I faced battles I never thought I would face and my resolve to serving the Lord in the Family was sorely tested. About a month prior to the summit the Lord told me that this time of witnessing and pouring out would be a boost and encouragement in the spirit, and that it would renew in me the joy of salvation.

The Lord was true to His Word! All the miracles that He did for and through

us, and the reception that we received from the people we met or who sought us out was incredible! It renewed in me the conviction that we are doing something that is truly worth living and dying for, that we have something unique and special to offer the world. When explaining what we do and how we live, it felt so good to say with conviction that I loved my life. Many expressed their admiration for our dedication and commitment.

Getting out on the frontlines like this has given me renewed vision for my service job and behind-the-scenes ministries, and also puts into perspective the difficulties and tests of daily life. It's all for a purpose and the hearts and lives of those we met and prayed with will be forever changed.—That makes it worth every sacrifice!

(Editor's note: Read the day-by-day extensive log on the MO site about all that took place at the World Summit 2002. You won't want to miss the thrilling testimonies and accounts of how the Lord opened doors for them. Check it out! <http://www.familymembers.com/newswire/article.php?nwid=1402>. There are also many more pictures posted!!)



Elizabeth and Carole at our Family stand

Sabine SGA with group of children she witnessed to



kidbits

Serena Esther Heart, born to **Rejoice and Andrew Heart** on July 18.—India

Ryo Pioneer, born to **Gracia Pioneer and Paul Pillar** on July 29.—Japan

Shannon Marie, born to **Heidi Joy and Dan** on July 29.—PACRO

Nila Ellaya Selena, born to **Pandita and John Smile** on August 8.—India

Ana Beatriz, born to **Gigi and Ezra** on August 9.—Brazil

Kenneth Rylan, 3rd child, born to **Angie and David V.** on September 4.—Paraguay

Phoenix Ever, born to **Christia Anna** on September 13.—Taiwan

Mily Yoseline, born to **Ruth and Gabriel** on January 2.—Mexico

tidbits

new disciples...

Joy (25, Romanian) joined in Romania.

Giuliano (52, Italian) joined in Italy.

Reshma joined in India.

Music survey: Your input needed!

You might recall that in "The Professionals" Peter mentioned that we'd be conducting a poll for the purpose of finding out how Family members overall feel about the TCDs (FTTs) and what they like and dislike about them (ML #3399:130).

This music poll is nearly ready and will be opened shortly on the MO site. Keep an eye open for it, and please do try to take a few minutes to send in *your* input. You may remain anonymous, and the survey is open for those of all ages to fill out (you'll be asked your age as one of the questions). Please do respond, and please do it as soon as possible. Please only respond once, though, to help ensure the accuracy of the survey. Thanks.

You can find the music survey on the MO site at: <http://www.familymembers.com/audio/survey/>

Hot news from Taiwan! Chinese Activated!

BY THE TAIWAN ACTIVATED SERVICE CENTER (TASC)

What are we talking about? What's all the fuss and the excitement? Well, the day has come for our harvesters in every local Chinese-speaking area to receive the new powerful witnessing tool—the **ACTIVATED** magazine ... in ... **CHINESE!**

Are you discouraged about not having the Activated tools in Chinese? Well, now's your turn to burn free and turn your Chinese-speaking area or part of town upside down with *Activated*. Now you can sell it, give it, promote it, get subscriptions to it, begin a flock of Chinese Activated members raised on the *Activated* magazines—and, in short,

give your Chinese friends, neighbors or fellow countrymen a chance to know the Words of David through *Activated!*

You can even receive a commission for finding subscribers! You will also receive commissions for re-subscriptions, as well as other Activated tools ordered by the person you encouraged to subscribe to the magazine. Want to hear more about it?

FREE MAGS!

We will be very happy to send you a free sample of the Chinese *Activated* magazine, as well as a fistful of subscription cards if you are interested. The only requirement is that you E-MAIL us!

We will also mail to you a how-to instruction guide for ordering mags and working out commissions.

And, yes—the many other wonderful Activated tools such as "Mottos for Success," *Word Basics* and *Treasure Attic* VCDs are also available in Chinese!

It is our fervent hope, desire and prayer to help you reach the Chinese in

your area or city. If you have any questions or need more clarification, please e-mail us at: sales@goldensp.com

(Editor's note: Check out the Taiwan Activated Center Web site at www.goldensp.com/)



NOTICE REGARDING MOTIVATED MAGAZINES

BY WS

The Arabic Lit-Pic team has been working on a magazine called *Motivated*, which is especially designed for use in the Muslim countries of the world where it is *not* possible to widely distribute *Activated* due to its Christian content. We are making these available for downloading via the Members Only site for those in Muslim countries or who have ministries with Muslims.

Along with informing you of the availability of these magazines, we wanted to pass on a word from the Lord regarding the vision for the use of this pub. *Motivated* should be a great blessing in Muslim countries, where “proselytizing” is illegal and possession of very openly Christian literature can have serious ramifications for our sheep. However, most of the Family lives in countries where we can more openly witness about Jesus, and as per the Lord’s counsel and admonitions in the “Conviction vs. Compromise” series, we know the Lord wants us to continue to focus on giving out the *Activated* magazine and other meatier pubs in most situations.

Motivated is *not* a modified version of *Activated*, but a completely different pub. It should not replace *Activated* as a “milkier” version in your outreach, but rather is specifically for use in Muslim countries or in some cases with Muslims in other countries (see more on this in the following ALP notice).

God bless you as you feed His sheep!

The purpose and uses of *Motivated*:

(*Jesus*:) I become all things to all men. I am patient. I am loving. I am tender and gentle. I do not give people what I know they are not yet able to bear. With those who are steeped in the Muslim religion, though they are often very sincere in truly wanting to know Me and love Me, they must be brought along very slowly into greater knowledge of Me, for not only is their background and tradition strong, but their environment is often very closed, and their family ties very binding. They

are in a precarious situation, and so in order to touch them and reach them, and do so without causing too much persecution too soon, I have inspired the use of this tool to reach those in delicate conditions.

These *Motivated* mags are tools designed especially for a special and particular situation, and when used according to their intent, they bring forth much fruit. They prepare the way, they soften the heart, they open up the spirit, so that in time My pure truth and clear message can be given. That is the purpose for which these are ordained, and I will bless it when they are used for that purpose.

There is another purpose for which some Family members might be inclined to use them, and that is in situations where it isn’t entirely necessary, but they just feel like “being careful,” because they’re fearful or lacking in faith and conviction. Those in countries that aren’t Muslim or aren’t even so sensitive, or even in openly Christian countries, might want to use these in some occasions to give their friends or contacts. They want to use something safe, something sure to not offend anyone, something that anyone will be happy to read. This, however, would *not* be advisable. This is akin to merely “tickling the ears” rather than preaching the truth. This is not the purpose for which this magazine was created, and therefore, in such situations I am not able to use this tool to bear good fruit.

Whenever you can do so, I want you, My disciples, to openly proclaim My name. I want you to be known as Christians and followers of Jesus. More than that, I want you to give the meat of the Word, the full message of God, the special radical message I have entrusted the Family with, to as many as you can. But the first step, the basic step, is at least acknowledging that you are believers in God and Jesus, that you are the Family. In order to fulfill even this step, you should use tools meatier than this one, such as the *Activated* magazine, the posters, tracts, *Get Activated* booklets, etc. You should use publications in your witnessing and ministering that give a clear salvation message or Christian message, or better yet, Family message.

You have to tailor your approach according to your audience, of course, but due to the nature of the Muslim countries and the Muslim religion, I have led My Family in these countries to present *Motivated* as a first step to bringing those who are hungry

closer to Me. However, even in these Muslim countries, it should not be too long before you bring the truth of My name and deeper messages into your witness. Once you have given the bait, the idea is to reel in the fish. But you have to start somewhere; you have to start with bait. In most societies, though, your “bait” can be far more advanced, and you can and should bring people along more quickly. Time is short. You don’t have all the time in the world. You are My Endtime Family, those I have chosen to prepare the world for My coming. So get busy and get with it, and stay true to your calling to preach the meat of the Word.

Always go for giving as much message as you can get away with; not as little as you can get away with. Give your friends and sheep as much as they can take, and as soon as they can take it. Take the high road, the road of conviction, and watch and see how I will bless you for it.

A word of explanation from the Arabic Lit-Pic team:

We’ve recently finalized the first four *Motivated* magazines as well as two special editions (all in English). We are presently finalizing the layout of the same magazines in Arabic as well, which we hope to complete and make available shortly.

These first magazines are on the following topics:

Issue 1: You Can Make a Difference (Change the World)

Issue 2: Communication Keys

Issue 3: Advantages of Setting Goals

Issue 4: Stepping Stones (Obstacles Are for Overcoming)

Special Edition: Through the Storm (on the subject of comfort in trying times)

Special Edition: Eid, Christmas, and New Year’s issue for the upcoming holiday season

Regarding the special Holiday edition, this issue can be used this year, as Eid, the main Muslim holiday after the month of Ramadan, and Christmas, are close together towards the end of this year. This is not always the case however, so in following years this same issue may not be appropriate to distribute.

As many of you requested the English versions of *Motivated* to use for ministering to the precious Muslim people in your area, we wanted to now make these first six issues available to

you on the Family MO site. We have included both low and high resolution PDF files of each issue, so that after taking a look at the low-resolution file, you will be able to download the high-resolution version to print from if you'd like to pass some of these magazines on to your Muslim friends and contacts.

Some have referred to *Motivated* as a "Muslim version of *Activated*," but this is not accurate. Even though it looks similar in format, the content is very different. They're not an edited or "milkier" version of *Activated*, but rather a different magazine geared towards Muslims. Telling Muslim friends that it's a version of *Activated* can tend to be offensive to those who know of *Activated* and can give the impression that the *Motivated* magazines are designed to convert Muslims. As you may know, this can be quite unacceptable, and even illegal in different parts of the world.

The Lord said that the purpose of the *Motivated* magazine is to answer the questions many Muslims have on a variety of topics and to whet their appetite to want to hear more of the Word. Much of the follow-up and the deeper feeding of our Muslim friends will most likely need to be done on a person-by-person basis, rather than through mass distribution of the printed word. It is our prayer that these magazines will encourage the hearts of our Muslim friends and that they will help to bridge the gap between us so that together we can all draw closer to our God of love.

We pray that these first magazines will be a blessing in ministering to the Muslim people you may know or meet in your part of the world. We hope to work on further issues and also hope to have a *Motivated* Web site up soon, which DV will be another way to feed our Muslim friends. We will be happy let you know once these are complete and available.

We love you and happy witnessing!

Some have asked whether *Motivated* magazines distributed can be included in the stats section in the TeleTRF for *Activated* magazines distributed. Since *Activated* and *Motivated* are two completely different pubs, *Motivated* stats would not be counted as *Activated* magazines distributed. Rather they should be counted as "Other Lit Pieces" on the TeleTRF. God bless you!

Input/contributions needed for *Activated*

BY THE WS GP DEPARTMENT

How would you like an opportunity to contribute to the creation of the *Activated* magazine? We're looking for fresh, new, personal testimonies/articles on various topics, along the lines of the material we have in the "It Happened to Me" or "Parenting from the Heart" columns. We'd also appreciate suggestions of existing material from the pubs that we can use. And let us know if you have ideas for themes to cover, questions that you'd like to see answered in the Q&A column, etc.—Any and all ideas are welcome!

Below we're including a list of topics that we hope to cover in upcoming mags. We look forward to hearing from you with any articles or ideas that the Lord puts on your heart. You can send in material and suggestions to: activated@wsfamily.com. (Or, via snail mail at the *Grapevine* address, marked ATTN: *Activated*.)

Note: As mentioned in *Grapevine* #80, we'll give a gift of \$30 for any new articles that are written for and published in *Activated*.

What we're after:

- Personal testimonies, especially on any of the themes in the lineup below.
- Suggested material (from Family pubs, especially) to go with any of the topics in the lineup below.
- Suggested material for the Q&A column.
- Suggested specific topics to be covered in articles about the Endtime.

Themes we plan to cover in *Activated*:

(In 2003; the first couple of issues are already finalized)

New Year/personal change/
yieldedness
The Lord's unfailing love/love and
marriage
Thoughts and the mind
Easter/getting to know Jesus
more personally/more on
salvation
Parents and parenting
Forgiveness/bitterness/
resentment/Romans 8:28/
overcoming trials
Science (Where is it taking us?/
Are science and faith in God
compatible?/ET article on
cloning)
Depression/discouragement
Success with people (improving
relations with others)
Values (materialism vs. spiritual
values, family, the simple life,
etc./success as God sees it)
Fear/worry/faith and trust
Christmas

(In later issues, or in individual articles rather than featured themes)

Alcoholism
Anger
Anorexia and other eating
disorders
Arguing
Choice and decision-making
Communication between parents
and children
Comparing and contentment/true
beauty
Condemnation and guilt
Dreams
Education (good and bad/
importance of teaching
children morals/"There Are
Absolutes")
Gossip/power of the tongue
Happiness and joy
Humanism
Life after death/Heaven/near-
death experiences
Marriage counsel
Miracles/angels
Prayer (intercessory prayer,
ways to pray and praise, what
if the Lord doesn't answer,
etc.)
Selfishness/Unselfishness
Simplicity vs. intellectuality
Spiritual warfare
Stress/pressure/tension (include
the topic of financial problems)
Thankfulness and praise
The Spirit World
War (ethnic, religious, etc., and
who's behind it)
Why disasters
Worldly input (watching your
intake from all sources—
movies, reading, Internet, and
addiction to vices in general)

"¡SI PUEDES! NADA ES IMPOSIBLE."

(You can! Nothing is impossible!)

By Ruth (secretary for South Mexico CGO board) and Pedro CO, Mexico

(Jesus:) "Even now voices run through the country with the news of this meeting. It is creating waves. Have I not promised this pebble would start a wave that would be heard throughout the country?"

This is an excerpt of one of the many prophecies we received that sent chills down our spines as to what the Lord was about to do. We believe all that attended the retreat can testify that it is true that God can do anything, even the impossible.

We created a color brochure to pass out, advertising the retreat, which turned out really nice. By the middle of July, we had gotten the word out about the retreat and reservations started coming in. By the middle of August there were more registrations than we had space for! Graciously, some of our CM Family gave up their places so that there was enough room for Active members. The Lord had told us that, "If we built it, they would come," and that prophecy was certainly fulfilled.

Background

In April 2002 we held our first board meetings in Mexico. During the first CGO meeting we discussed the possibility of holding a retreat for the Southern area of Mexico. A testimony was shared about a small retreat of



Some of the attendees

about 65 people that was held in Puebla, a city just an hour south of Mexico City. After hearing the miracles the Lord had done at this retreat, the board took it to the Lord in prayer and He confirmed that it was His will to hold a retreat on a larger scale for the national work here in Mexico. Initially we were going to do it only for the southern area, but the response from the Family and friends was such that it escalated into a national retreat for Mexico and Central America.

It was the beginning of four months of walking by faith and seeing the Lord work miracles to bring everything together. Every step of the way the board took things to the Lord in prayer and He was faithful to lead and guide in each decision. He supplied a beautiful hotel in a country setting in the central area of Mexico.

He said: "Wherefore seeing you are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight. Yes, every weight, for I have sent a legion of angels and helpers to help you in this your time of need. They are right there beside you and will be guiding and leading your thoughts. It's as if you have at your beck and call all the saints from down through the ages to help you fight this great battle for the hearts and souls of My people in Mexico. You are little, but a little with God in it is much, so fear not to take bold steps of faith. Go forth, My little Davids, for I have ordained all that is about to come to pass. Open your eyes of the spirit and see, for you are surrounded and protected by Me and My forces. Ask it shall be given you. I am willing to give you anything and everything to help My sheep."



A friend with Ahlai and Raquel

Arrival

By the time September 13 rolled around, somehow the myriad of details had all been taken care of and the cars and buses full of people started rolling in from all over the country. In total we had around 280 attendees from all over Mexico, Guatemala, and the States. Of those, 93 were Active members and the rest were CM/FM Family.

Let the music play

On Friday night, the band—Pedro, Jerry, Vas, Godfrey, David, Haven, and our percussionist friend Juan Martin—initiated the retreat with some inspired music that got us out of our seats



Inspiration

next morning everyone was there and ready for the action.

Day one

We had a wonderful team of four teachers, Margie, Michael, Vessel, and Elizabeth, who took care of the children during the meetings throughout the retreat. God bless them! The morning meeting began with an hour of inspiring music and was emceed by Alex and Kayte (from the *Conéctate* Desk). Following was a class given by Marcos "*Una vida transformada*" (A Transformed Life). It started with the box skit that very clearly brought

and praising the Lord. It was exciting to see the Lord's Spirit take over and run the retreat. People kept arriving late into the night, but by the

the point home. Marcos then shared of the Lord's love for each of us manifested in so many ways, one of them being eternal salvation and

the transforming power of it. He dramatically ended his class sharing his testimony and some pictures of how the Lord had changed his life. Many were moved to tears when we ended with Agustin's (Argentinean Mario) song "Cuando volví a nacer."

After lunch and a soccer game, Ruth led a class on the Family's history called "Acts of Yesterday and Today," followed by several pioneers of the work here in Mexico—Ben (of Maria), Ben (of Ruth), Lily and Josue—sharing their testimonies. We ended with a terrific 10-minute video of the work in Mexico and Central America. It was a lot of fun and really inspiring!

Then Sammy followed with a class on the Family's beliefs, "Nuestro Credo" based on our Statement of Faith with very good visual aids (thank you, Andrew V.), focusing more deeply on the realities of the spirit world, the spiritual warfare we fight and how the Lord has empowered us to fight and win 'till He returns. He ended briefly covering the Millennium and Heaven and we heard the song "I John" from *Fear Not*.

Visual aids: All the classes were accompanied by PowerPoint presentations projected on a screen that made them all the more attractive and easy to follow and absorb. Thank you so much, Mel, for working so hard on all the PowerPoint displays.



Girls praising

First evening activity—talent night

That evening we had a talent night hosted by Juan and Ruth from Guadalajara. It was great seeing everyone get up there and play, sing, tell jokes, etc. Even a couple of our children got into the action by performing a song. It got all of us laughing and having lots of fun.

Day two

The following day we had a stirring class by Pedro and Cush on "Signs of the Times," using recently updated facts from around the world, including Mexico, that brought home the message so clearly that we are truly living in the time of the End. That class was followed by Gabe with a class called "¿Dios me necesita? ¿En serio?" (God Needs Me? Really?) This emphasized how each one of us has God-given gifts, talents and gifts of the Spirit, and Gabe showed us how to put them to use in the Lord's work. This was a challenging class sprinkled with short skits performed by Gabe and others, including some Active members that volunteered to participate.

Unexpected rainstorm and workshops

At 4 PM on the second day when we were supposed to begin the workshops, it started to rain. But it wasn't any old rain, it was something especially cooked up by the Enemy, making it literally impossible for people to get to their workshops.

It rained so hard that rocks, mud, and a river of water literally made it impossible to get out of the hotel; in fact, the water came in such a torrent that the first floor of the hotel flooded. If it weren't for many of our hard working brethren and Active members who were literally fighting the water with brooms and towels and whatever they could find, every room on the first floor would have flooded.

The whole thing from start to finish only lasted a little over an hour, but it was so obviously an attack of the Enemy that it backfired in his face, making the people attending the retreat even more on fire. It

was touching to see how determined everyone was to make it to the workshops, literally by climbing on chairs and stepping on bricks in order to cross to where the workshops were held without getting wet.

The workshops were the following: "Libre por Jesús" (on how to overcome spiritual problems in our lives); "Discipulado y testificación" (what it means to be a disciple and how you personally can learn to witness); "16 puntos del Tiempo del Fin" (a class on the 16 points of the Endtime); "Cómo mejorar tus relaciones con los demás" (a practical class on how with God's love you can better your relationship with others).

Dance night

That evening we started out a dance night singing happy birthday to all of our Virgos, followed by cake and



Performing the "box skit"

punch. Then the band led us in a fun dance. We enjoyed sweet fun and fellowship with one another, giving our Active members a glimpse into another aspect of our lives—the free spirit we enjoy in our precious Family where we can let our hair down a bit and enjoy it. We have a happy God!

Final day

The next morning Pedro led us in the closing meeting with a challenge to do more for the Lord, knowing that nothing is impossible with the Lord, along with some practical points on how everyone can become more active for the Lord. We also had a round of appreciation for everyone that contributed in one way or another to make the retreat possible. It was sad to leave.

After lunch two buses took off, plus everyone in cars going to the four cor-



A shot of the dining room



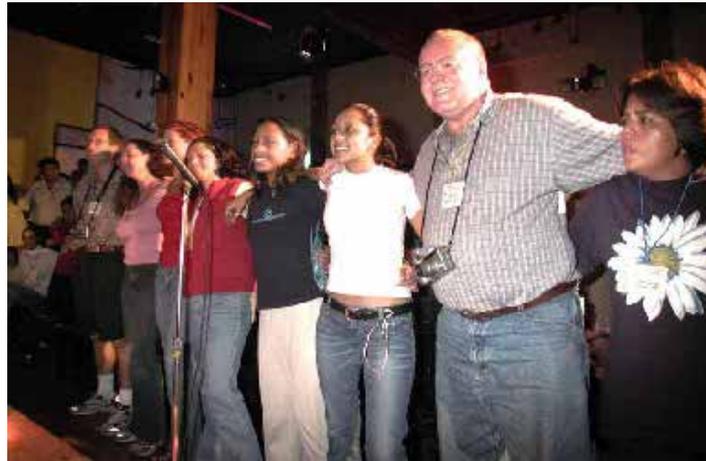
Attendees holding up a daily log of the event

ners of the country. The Lord promised us in prophecy before the retreat ever started the following: “The biggest and most important miracles that I will perform in those days of the retreat will be in the hearts and lives of those who attend both within and without the Family. There will be countless victories—victories of dedication, of commitment, of drawing close to Me, desiring Me and living for Me. It will be a retreat of many miracles.”

We know that the repercussions of this event are going to change the work here in Mexico and Central America, and they have already begun. Praise the Lord! Many have made a commitment to greater dedication and greater participation as Active members and some as full-time disciples. And this is only the beginning!

A few reactions

- AM after last class: “I have a few more commitments with my work, but by December I hope to join the Family. I’ve had experience with computers, so if you need me for anything, count me in from here on, even before I join.”
- AM on his way back to his city: “For the next retreat, count on the printing of folders, pens, classes and whatever else you need. I’ll help with that!”
- FM SGA: “That’s it! I’m fed up with my compro-



Inspiration

- mising ways. I want to give my all and I mean it. I tried other stuff, but I can only find happiness serving the Lord full time, all the way. This is what I want!”
- Former member: “Please take me and my family (4) in. We want to serve the Lord full time. That’s the only happiness there is. After this retreat we’re convinced of that all the more and we want to give our all to Jesus in the Family!”
 - AM: “I can definitely say that the free spirit I felt during the retreat is the spirit I fell in love with when I first met the Family. This spirit cannot be found anywhere else, and you know I looked around.”
 - CM FGA: “This is my first time to have experienced such an event, and I can say it is worth every bit of sacrifice and hard work to make it possible.”

A word of appreciation

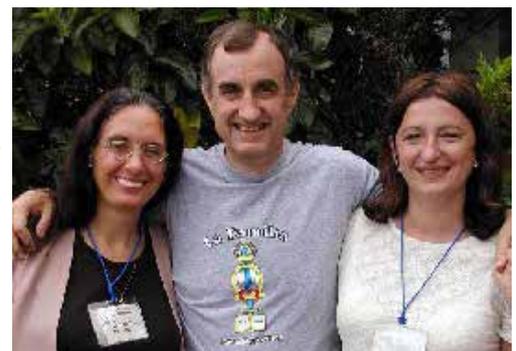
By Pedro CO

I wanted to add a word of appreciation to Tommy who sent a lot of very helpful material during the months prior to this retreat and to the big team that’s been organizing retreats in Brazil. We followed the basic outline of the retreats there and we benefited greatly from their experience. Besides, of course, hearing from the Lord step by step, as stated above, going over the FSM on retreats, as well as receiving their helpful counsel and encouragement helped a lot to fine-tune classes, not to overlook important organizational details, prepare the workshops, the general format, have the faith and the vision and to now have tons of ideas for strategic events,

activities and programs that can help us consolidate our growth and prepare for what is to come by building, by God’s grace, a solid work in this area. And of course a big thank-you to Dad, Mama, and Peter—the Word givers, and their helpers for giving us such clear guidance through the Word. And to our wonderful Husband who does it all and gets all the glory—Jesus.

P.S. Long live the boards and the Family!

One last word of thankfulness for the board structure—this would not have been possible without the teamworking and wonderful, sacrificial giving of the CGO board members, their Home members and quite a few others who gave and sacrificed to make this event possible that we know has had a long lasting positive effect in many lives, including ours. And in this I’d like to highlight Jerry, Vas, and Godfrey who worked very hard to do the music, and to David, Haven, and Juan Martin whose contributions were invaluable to the band.



Carmen, Gabriel, and Perla

BOARD HAPPENINGS

CVC workshop works

By Diamond, Amber FED board, Europe

I recently made a CVC presentation at a JT camp in Romania and wanted to testify that more teens are being turned on



A CVC class

to CVC and applying themselves to their studies and vocational skills. There were 14 attendees at the camp, including three young people who were visiting the area at the time.

The evening that I arrived, I got together with Miracle to pray and discuss the presentation. With what we had each prepared and some related GV articles, we drew up an outline of what we wanted to present. The plan was that we'd show parts of the CVC video by Ado, starting with an overview of the CVC and accreditation, then I'd explain the three parts of the program, have a Q&A period, then talk to teens individually to see where they are at. My slot was from 4-6 on the first day of the camp and I wanted to explain as much as I could about the program, but still have plenty of time to talk to the teens.

The idea came up to do a skit to kick off the presentation. The skit was based on the *Grapevine* #120 article, "CVC education worth \$15,000." John and Daniel (YA/JT) played the parts of Family teens who were each given the same amount of time and opportunity to study. One of them (John) was serious about it and applied himself, whereas the other (Daniel) tripped off as soon as the CVC overseer left, pulling out his trinkets, cards, snacks, music, etc., and wasted all his time. Of course he was very comical, and got everyone laughing hard with his funny acting. Next a phone call came from the army, informing them that these two young men were required to report for their mandatory army service. One of the adults, Rufus, acted as the general, who gave them the speech about serving their country. They both said that they were missionaries and didn't believe in killing. They explained that they were studying in the Christian Vocational College. One of them had some CVC diplomas to prove it and the other had nothing to show for himself. The general congratulated and exempted the one with the CVC documents and called his sergeant to draft the other one. Peter came in and dragged him out of the room, telling him that he would need to dig holes and work in the kitchen all the time, because he had no education for anything else.

Everyone liked the skit and it was a good icebreaker. Then we read the real testimony and everyone was impressed and contributed comments about how good the Family education is.

Then we watched 10 minutes of introduction to the CVC program on video. After that we went over the three main parts of the CVC, and gave each attendee a copy of the outline on paper for them to follow. Then we watched the other part of the video about accreditation, which is a common question that comes up, after which we opened the floor for Q&As.

Everyone participated and wanted to know how to get enrolled. The result was that most of them got enrolled, except for a few who were already using the CVC. We passed out 285 pages of CVC information, including forms, address of contact, etc.

The amazing thing was that John, who was acting out the "good student" in the skit, said that he was on his way to Denmark to be enrolled in an education program in order to get exemption from the military service. But after he saw the skit and the presentation, he realized that CVC was just the answer he was looking for. Another teen was tired of CLE books and because she is traveling around, wanted to use *Switched-On Schoolhouse*, but now she will use the CVC CDs instead. TYJ!

NEWS FROM YOUR ACTIVATED DESKS

AUGUST 2002

BRAZIL

Activated seminar: We held our first one-day Activated seminar in São Paulo, and will be holding two more in Southern Brazil. Northern Brazil is also holding similar meetings.

CGO boards in action: Our national CGO boards are promoting seminars and visitation to help the Homes get more "activated" here in Brazil.

Contato Brasil launched: The first edition of this new newsletter-style pub for Active members has been finalized and sent out. The focus of this publication will be encouraging our large live-out work here in Brazil to use the Activated materials more regularly. The first edition contained a beautiful testimony from a sheep who was reached through a subscription distributed by an Active member in Belo Horizonte.

CEAD

Activated printing in Romania: After much prayer and concerted work on the part of Romanian Rebeca and Angel, our "certified" proofreader (a professor of language with the University of Timisoara in Romania), and Ike (of Tabi who did the layout), the first four issues of the new *Activated* mags have been sent to Romania to be printed.

CHILE

New Activated tools: Every batch of new Activated tools that we get causes a stir in our area and sparks the interest of the Homes. From what we've seen, having a continual flow of new books and products is a key to keeping the Family turned on to distributing and promoting Activated. Our friends and Activated members also react the same way. Very frequently they ask what new materials we have and purchase them right away. So it's definitely worthwhile to keep our desks well stocked with the latest productions. God bless Aurora for coming up with so many new tools. Right now the "Mottos" in Spanish is causing a sensation.

EAD

Mailing rises: Our monthly mailing was 3,315. This is very inspiring, as we had been hovering just under 3,000 for a few months now.

Spain/Portugal promotion: Peter and Rose attended a fellowship for the Homes in Spain and Portugal. They promoted the Mag of the Month

program and encouraged the Homes to make standing orders each month. One Home ordered 200 straight away and others will get back to us once they have prayed about it.

A few brethren shared some inspiring testimonies of how using the *Conéctate* magazine has revolutionized their witnessing, which helped encourage others to get on board. The four Portuguese Homes already order 700 MOTMs from Brazil each month, so they are sold on the product.

INDIA

Activated mag book: One of the CGO boards made sets of all the *Activated* magazines (issues 1-16) and spiral bound them with a hard cover and added a table of contents, which includes the theme of the magazine, subjects covered, articles to read, as well as follow-up study projects. This is proving to be a tremendous follow-up tool for the outreach folks who at a glance can know the contents of any of those mags.

(Note from WS GP Department: We plan to make this available to other Homes worldwide. Stay tuned for coming details!)

MEXICO

Incentives: Our latest newsletter to the Homes included a new incentive program for the subscription shiners: The shiner Homes for the cumulated months of September, October, and November (with a minimum of 20 subscriptions per month) will receive the following prizes:

- 1st prize: US\$200 worth of Christmas tools
 - 2nd prize: US\$150 worth of Christmas tools
 - 3rd prize: US\$100 worth of Christmas tools
- Homes reaching 100 or more subscriptions in these three months will receive US\$100 cash as a special Christmas bonus.

TAIWAN

Chinese launch: Our first six *Activated* magazines were printed and are in hand. We are now working on launching the Activated program in Chinese.

Full-color flyer: We were able to translate the Activated flyer. A printer has agreed to print 50,000 copies for free in full color. He will be printing them on the edges of other print jobs he does. We have a few other printing contacts for future printing runs.

FRUIT THAT REMAINS!

—CGO/Activated Seminar 2002

BY JULIA, ACTIVATED HOME, SAN DIEGO, USA

The theme that the Lord gave us for this four-day CGO/Activated seminar was “Fruit that Remains,” so the classes and workshops were geared toward building and maintaining a fruitful, lasting work. It was such a blessing to have so many gifted people sharing their testimonies and tips, which helped us get a well-rounded picture of how to have a fruitful and effective follow-up program, as well as focusing on what works in the States and the many potential outreach fields here in the U.S. and Canada.

Day 1—Monday, September 2

Check-in day. Nadia and Lisa manned the reception desk, handed out the nametags and seminar notebooks while Linda and Feli assigned everyone to their rooms. The Lord provided the use of a beautiful lodge in the mountains of Big Bear, California, complete with a state-of-the-art industrial kitchen, dining room, office, meeting hall, volleyball court, and 20 bedrooms. Most of the day was spent setting up, settling in, checking in and meal prep by kitchen team of John (FGA), George (Active member), Gracie (YA), Stephanie (senior teen), and Kevin, Anita, and Julia (junior teens).

Mike, Steve and Darren set up the mini-office and tool booth in the dining room where everyone had a chance to see and order the beautiful new Activated tools, Christmas CD cards, display racks, books, audio, and video tapes. The tool booth was a tremendous success and kept the guys busy taking and filling everyone’s tool orders to take home with them—over two pick-up truck loads of tools that got every-

one off to an early start with Christmas outreach!

After dinner and cleanup, there was inspiration in the meeting hall led by Nic, Patrick, and Phil. We had planned to have the keynote to the seminar that evening, but the Lord showed us that everyone needed an early night sleep, so after the singing was bedtime.

Day 2—Tuesday, September 3

Breakfast was served at 7:30 AM. At 8:30 Tom (CO) opened the first meeting with the seminar keynote, sharing a prophecy sent by Mama and Peter for this meeting, and addressing the various reasons why different ones of us had come, such as for inspiration, to catch the vision, for specific advice, some for fellowship, some for ideas, some to get motivated, some for sex (ha!). We had prayer that the Lord would give us new ideas for reaching the States as well as a spiritual renewal and burden for the sheep.

(Editor’s note: You can read the above mentioned prophecy on the MO site at: <http://www.familymembers.com/newswire/article.php?nwid=1392>.)

The keynote was followed by a video presentation from Tommy in Brazil with excellent counsel, tips, and encouragement to help in building an Activated follow-up work, which Tommy made especially for this seminar. (Thanks, Tommy!) He covered subjects such as tips for small groups, tips for the group leader, making it personal, possible agendas, stages of growth, breaking the ice, etc. (If you would like a copy of this video, please write Activated Ministries to request a copy.)

After lunch we had quiet time/get-out, and we made good use of the volleyball court, playing several highly



Our lovely receptionists Nadia, Feli & Linda

competitive (albeit loving) games with about 10 people per team. After get-out we had two workshops, which ran simultaneously.

“Hosting GP Seminars” was led by Katrina, who shared inspiring testimonies about the GP seminar ministry that she’s been pioneering in Dallas.

The “Provisioning Tips Workshop” was power-packed, with practical tips, and tremendous faith-building direction on how to have a fruitful provisioning ministry from Dawn, Trusty, Gem, and Abel.

The afternoon meeting was emceed by Victor, and covered topics such as how to have effective study groups, Activated and Church of Love meetings. This class started out with tips from Sara D. on where to begin, Home standard, availability, meetings, teen participation, teamwork, who to invite, and adaptability.

Following was a presentation by Elkanah on working with kings and building a work, Trusty on reaching the rich, Shemiah on her personal follow-up ministry, Lily’s testimony of her follow-up ministry in Florida and the effectiveness of using prophecy to feed the sheep, and personal witnessing tips from Big Josh. Something for everyone!

(Editor’s note: Read the reactions of the attendees on the MO site at: <http://www.familymembers.com/newswire/article.php?nwid=1393>.)

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Our evening meeting was very special! Maria (of Bill) shared her inspiring testimony about her battle with cancer and how the Lord has been healing her and working in her life and the lives of her children and family. She also told us about the witnessing opportunities the Lord has brought about through her illness, and how the Lord has helped her to cope with her life-threatening illness, numerous operations, while she continues to raise 13 children at the same time!

Dave Goodman then shared his testimony about his battle with Hepatitis C over the past three years, during which time he has collectively spent over a year in the hospital. Please continue to keep Dave in your prayers, as he is still battling with this illness and his immune system is not working.

Dave told us about first contracting this disease, what it did to his body, his liver transplant, and the intense physical pain he suffered, as well as his heavy battles with discouragement and despair. He told us about the face-to-face confrontation he had with Devil and the time that he was comforted by a nurse/angel in the middle of an extremely heavy battle. Twice the Lord visited Dave in the evening at the depth of his illness, and when he told us about these heavenly



United prayer for healing

experiences, Dave said that the overwhelming characteristic is that he had never felt so much love! When Jesus appeared to Dave, He simply kept telling him over and over that He loved him unconditionally.

Dave also shared about the incredible witnessing ministry the Lord gave him in the hospital, working in collaboration with some doctors who are also actively witnessing there, sometimes at risk of losing their jobs. So Dave arranged to work together with them, with one doctor picking out the needy or receptive patients, and Dave then being the one to witness to them. He gave several touching accounts of the souls he led to the Lord even in the throes of his illness.

Dave's testimony was so beautiful and touching that almost everyone had tears in their eyes. Afterwards, we laid hands on Dave and several people with the gift of healing prayed for him. Different ones also received some beautiful visions and verses for his healing.

(Editor's note: You can read the attendees reactions to Dave Goodman's testimony on the MO site at: <http://www.familymembers.com/newswire/article.php?nwid=1396>.)

Day 3—Wednesday, September 4

We woke up to a bright and beautiful morning. The

morning meeting called "Never Forget a Sheep, Never Let a Sheep Forget You" was presented by Cassie, Liz, Sara D. and John and covered the Activated program, mail ministry, using the *Winepress* to feed your flock, and e-mail and online newsletters.

The three afternoon workshops were:

- Creating effective online newsletters—presented by John (FGA)
- Making ballooning a witness—presented by Alf and Sara, Trusty, and Solo (of Gem).
- Getting permits and other business tips—presented by Abel, David, and Cassie.

The afternoon meeting once again featured Tommy via video, with more counsel on building an Activated follow-up work.

John and George and the faithful kitchen team spent about 80% of the day in the kitchen again and produced a delicious meal of spaghetti and garlic bread. Yum!

In the author's opinion, the highlight of the seminar was the Loving Jesus inspiration. There is just something about 200 voices singing at the top of their lungs in praise to the Lord that gives you a real high. First, Topaz called all the teens up on the stage for a rousing rendition of "Radical Teens." Next, the SGA population was asked

to sing "They Need Love" on the platform. And finally, all the FGAs willingly stood in the spotlight and sang in full octave ... you guessed it!—"Sex in Heaven!"

Ado and Eva happened to meet the caretaker of the lodge while everyone was happily singing this merry tune and, not sure what he would think of the doctrine, they thought they managed to distract him for a few minutes. The next day we found out that all our neighbors heard it too. Oops! Maybe they thought it was "pets."

After an hour and a half of soulful inspiration was bedtime.

Day 4—Thursday, September 5

The morning meeting was an update on religious freedom presented by Marc and Claire, followed by a class on effective CTPs and working with your local community presented by Grant and John B.

Lunch and the inevitable volleyball game began four hours later.

Workshops for today included:

What's Your Target?

- Reaching the Chinese—presented by David (of Praise)
- Reaching the Latins—presented by Katrina
- Reaching the East Indians and Handicapped—presented by Sara C.

Youth Ministries

- Reaching the Rads—presented by Patrick
- Reaching the Students—presented by Joseph
- Jail Ministries—presented by Renee

4 PM began the afternoon meeting on tool distribution—"Techniques and Specialized Markets," which included a video of tremendous sales tips and techniques presented by Robert (Solomon CR). Andrew, Joseph, Patrick, Josh, and Sonnet also shared with us their experience in distributing tools

door-to-door, to daycares, on ships, and any open door!

For our final evening together, John and George and the kitchen team produced the highlight of their five-day career as seminar cooks: Turkey, stuffing, gravy, potatoes, cranberry sauce, onion rings, fresh salad and green beans, resulting in heartfelt applause from the 150 attendees. Following dinner (and the volleyball game, of course) was a dance in the meeting room. Dear Bill Breeze set it up splendidly with strobe lights, colored lights, and smoke along with his DJ setup. We had several activities including a limbo game (Tim Drummer won) and a chicken dance by the guys. It was a fun and unifying evening!

Day 5—Friday, September 6

Sob! The last day. The morning was spent packing up, cleaning up, and departing. God bless all of our faithful drivers, some of whom woke up at 4 AM to drive teams to the airport, only to come back at 7 AM for another trip. After many farewells, a few tears, and addresses exchanged, we drove back down the mountain, each of us with new visions, new ideas, and a clearer plan for reaching North America. Following is a thank you note from one attendee:

The Activated Seminar 2002 was so incredibly outstanding, inspiring, and motivating. The Lord really did pour down His Spirit in the form of much needed counsel, amazing testimonies, and renewed vision. Thank God for each one of you who put so much time, love, and prayer into making it possible. I know it took endless hours, days, and months of preparation behind the scenes, but please know that it did not go unnoticed. Your labors of love were really worth it, and we're so thankful for you all. GBY!

—Heart (SGA)

Our children's education and record keeping

We love you and we are thrilled with the wonderful opportunity to serve you as we call on the keys of godly education for our children! We know that with such a great responsibility, the Lord promises power equal to the task. As the International FED Board, we are thankful to share this responsibility with you as we collectively work on the education of our children. Well, “Rome wasn’t built in a day”—but it was built! So let’s claim the keys to give us faith that “what things we desire, when we pray, believing that we receive them we will have them” (Mk.11:24; Phil. 4:13).

Peter recently said: “Of course, as we are focusing and moving forward and progressing on all these fronts, you know that the Enemy is angry and he’s not going to sit back and let it happen. He is trying to stop us in every way he can, but as long as we are obeying, as long as we are praying and doing what the Lord shows us; as long as we are hearing from the Lord and as long as we are doing what He says, getting out the meat of the Word, fighting against the spirits that fight against us; as long as we are having full possession and thought power and all the rest; as long as we are doing those things, the Devil can’t defeat us. We will keep moving forward and forward! But that doesn’t mean that the Enemy is not going to *try* to stop us or work to try to discredit us, and that is happening.

“We have been having some rumblings from our detractors speaking against us more than they have in the past, but even that is an answer to what the Lord said. The Lord, in the ‘Conviction vs. Compromise’ GNs, said, ‘There will yet be more detractors with outlandish stories to test and try the hearts of My children. Warn the Family what’s happening and why.’ (ML #3361: 62.)

“As you know, we put a notice in the *Grapevine* recently to explain those things. The Lord has said that we will

have persecution along the way, which is in some way no big news. “All that will live godly in Christ Jesus will receive persecution.” ... So it’s a fact of life for a Christian. So what shall we do to spiritually and practically prepare?” (*End of excerpt from a talk given by Peter.*)

It stands to reason that our Family Homes will need to prepare accordingly, both in their sample as well as in giving answers to those who will inquire about our children’s education.

In light of recent accusations from some detractors concerning Family education, the PR board asked the FED board the following question: “How are our homeschooling families doing with their record keeping?”

We’re sure you realize that the collective responsibility to document the education of our children rests with both the parents and the Home. (*Love Charter*, pgs. 68:F & 99:B,C).

The Charter says, “The basic records that need to be kept for children’s home schooling, no matter what program they are using, are: (1) attendance record; (2) a log of scholastic activities; and (3) each student’s portfolio, made up of selected school work plus photos and records, etc., of other educational activities. The Progress Reports and Cumulative Record Cards, which are available in the Home Schooling Kit, are optional. ‘When we

take them out of the System, and out of public education, we promise to educate them ourselves, and we have to do it! If we don’t, then that is worse than if we had left them where at least the System would have taught them something.” [FSM 122:14] (LC pg.68).

We asked the FED regional chairpersons how the Homes in their areas fare in meeting these Charter requirements. We received the following replies:

Many parents “missed” learning about record keeping

By Carmen (CO), regional FED chairperson for Spanish South America

There are so many different programs and so many different ways that parents are handling their kids’ education. The ideal is that there be a unifying thread that runs through each Home to make our Family education consistent no matter what program the parents choose. Even if the scholastic program differs, the record keeping method could be universal and consistent. On the other hand, it wouldn’t have to be. The important thing is that they’re documenting the kids’ education.

I think that we need to re-emphasize the whole record keeping idea and teach the methods again. We need information! It seems many parents “missed” learning how to do this, either because they weren’t so involved with their kids’ education during the school

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era, and left that up to the teachers, or they are new parents who never learned the importance of it. There are many new parents, myself included, who are just now facing this need for the first time in their kids' schooling, with their older kids reaching five, six, and seven years old. Several months back, I was at a total loss about how to keep records and didn't have a clue where to get the forms that we used to use with the groups in Combos long ago. I asked Joy (who was teaching the kids at the time) to dig around, ask people, and find a record-keeping method. Thank God there was someone near us who could help.

Right after that I visited Mexico and there were other young moms who were asking me the same thing, "How do we keep records for our kids?" The SGAs seem very keen on keeping things top of the line when it comes to their kids' school, but I feel that many times we're wondering where to start because we missed some of the training/input along those lines, just because we didn't need it at the time. The Home Schooling Kit was mentioned. I'm totally unfamiliar with that, and most SGAs are too, unless they were super teachers in the old schools and learned how to use them. Are those Home Schooling Kits available now for new mothers? (*Editor's note: See box below.*) Or is there a way that we could learn how to build one from scratch? I was very happy to find out that the forms for record keeping are on one of the CVC CDs. The material is there, but we need to advertise it and pass around the info so that parents who are looking for it can find it and do something about it.

THE HOME SCHOOLING PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE IN TWO LOCATIONS: ON THE MO SITE, IN THE CC/FED SECTION, AND ON THE CVC BOOKS CD. SOME FED RESOURCE CENTERS ALSO HAVE A FEW COPIES ON HAND, THAT COULD PERHAPS BE PHOTOCOPIED IF NEEDED.

That's one point: Supply the information needed so that parents can find what they need and use it.

The other point that is a little more difficult is getting parents who are *not* on the ball back on the attack about getting things up to par in this regard. But if they are constantly getting information and input on how to keep their Home's schooling up to standard, then they're bound to hit on something that does work for them. The Family's needs are so diverse, and each parent, Home, and situation is different, so the more options people have, the

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easier it will be for them to find their key.

If the parents are responsible for their kids' education, which they are according to the Charter, then for the sake of the kids we need to bombard the parents with information on all the options available, so that the kids will get what they need. (*Editor's note: Yes, it's the responsibility of both the regional and national boards to help the Homes in these areas. GBY! We're praying for you.*) There are some who don't know where to begin looking up this kind of information. They aren't even aware that record keeping is so important. (*Editor's note: Yes, it's very important for the sake of protecting your children, and because of this it is a mandatory Charter requirement [LC, pg. 68] subject to disciplinary action by your Area officer, if or when deemed necessary.*) These are the exceptions, of course, but it's those situations that bring the Family's "average" down in times of persecution. Thank God most parents and moms are just the opposite, but still the vacuum for information is great!

Locally, we've seen that workshops work wonders. We will ask the Lord for a fruitful plan for teaching the parents some of the steps to successful record keeping. We have some very talented and qualified teachers in the area that could give classes on how to do it. Many have taken their kids out of System school and are working towards having the right set-up at home, and others are contemplating taking their kids out of school, but are trying to build a good homeschooling program first. Others are trying to rebuild their education structure within their Home. If we can help them build it correctly from the start, that will save them and us a lot of trouble in the long run. In general the dust is stirred, so whatever we can do to help our Family parents will be beneficial in getting us all up to the Charter standard.

Record-keeping resources in the pubs and on the MO site:

- *The Childcare Reference Handbook*, pg. 366, and pg. 491 (tips on record keeping)
- *Heavenly Helpers#2*, pgs. 127-133 (charts for attendance records, sample forms for logs

of scholastic activities) <http://www.familymembers.com/fed/catalog/details.php?id=351>

- *The Home Schooling Program* on the CC/FED section of the MO site, and on the *CVC Books CD*
- *EDX4* "Home School Record Keeping" on the CC/FED section of the MO site: <http://www.familymembers.com/fed/catalog/details.php?id=329>, and on the *CVC Pubs CD*
- "The Readiness Pack" by ASCRO FED on the CC/FED section of the MO site. Use the Keyword Search in the catalog for the word "readiness" and all nine parts of the Readiness Pack should come up. (Contains sample forms of children's portfolio pages, curriculum updates [scholastic logs], *Shining Sample* mags, etc.)

YOU CAN ALSO LOOK ON HOME-SCHOOL WEB SITES AND DOWNLOAD CERTIFICATES AND FORMS. FOLLOWING ARE SOME SITES THAT MAY BE A HELP TO YOU. WE CANNOT "RECOMMEND" THESE SITES AS WE HAVE NOT STUDIED THEM ALL, BUT THEY MAY GIVE YOU SOME IDEAS. YOU WILL NO DOUBT FIND MORE IF YOU SEARCH ON "HOMESCHOOL FORMS."

- HOMESCHOOL EASY RECORDS (COMPUTER PROGRAM) [HTTP://HOME.EARTHLINK.NET/~VDUGAR/](http://HOME.EARTHLINK.NET/~VDUGAR/)
 - HOMESCHOOL ORGANIZER (A SAMPLE OF A HOMESCHOOLING RECORD BINDER WHICH IS AVAILABLE TO ORDER) [HTTP://WWW.HOMESCHOOLORGANIZER.COM/](http://WWW.HOMESCHOOLORGANIZER.COM/)
 - HOMESCHOOL FORMS, SCHEDULES, AND AIDS [HTTP://MEMBERS.AOL.COM/USTEACH/FORMS.HTML](http://MEMBERS.AOL.COM/USTEACH/FORMS.HTML)
 - SCHEDULING FORMS AND TIPS [HTTP://DONNAYOUNG.ORG/FORMS.HTM](http://DONNAYOUNG.ORG/FORMS.HTM)
 - FREE HOMESCHOOL SCHEDULES [HTTP://WWW.TIPZTIME.COM/SCHEDULES/FREESCHEDULES.HTML](http://WWW.TIPZTIME.COM/SCHEDULES/FREESCHEDULES.HTML)
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The need for more **ACTION!**

“Peter and I have been extremely concerned about our children’s needs, and have been addressing these needs in ... recent GNs. Hopefully that counsel is helping to bring about a change in the parenting weaknesses within the Family. As we work to improve such areas as indulgent parenting, weak shepherding, lack of unity, etc., we cannot overlook or fail to emphasize the need for adequate education for our children. ... We must, as a Family and as individuals, focus on both the spiritual growth and the academic progress of our children. Both are absolutely necessary. Both are rights of our children, guaranteed in the Charter. ... As we follow the Lord day by day, continue to ask Him to speak on the needs of the children and parents, pioneer the FED and CP boards, and implement the changes He leads us to make, we will progress ... by God’s grace, and through the power of His love, Word, and the keys of the Kingdom. It is our sincere prayer that in time, the establishment of the FED and CP boards will offer greater services and help us make solid progress regarding some of the longstanding challenges that you parents face. Nothing is impossible for you, especially now, through the agency of the keys. Having the right, faith-filled, positive outlook is essential. You must employ all the tools and skills I’ve given you and trained you in, in order for you to overcome the difficulties, obstacles, and challenges that you face.”

(ML #3398:17,18B,21,25.)

FED board and VS visits could help the Homes’ schooling standard

By Joy D., regional FED chairperson, PACRO (Taiwan/Australia)

I was able to attend the Taiwan National FED meeting and we talked at length about persecution preparation, record keeping, portfolios, and seminars to help the Homes. The board members said that a record keeping seminar and a more hands-on approach with a show-and-tell—to just share ideas from seeing another way to do things—would overall be more effective.

It seems that some families are not as open as they perhaps need to be when asked if they are keeping records, or how the kids are progressing in their schooling. When someone looks over your shoulder, I can say from experience that it can make you pull up your socks, which is very good.

Being visited by a Board of Studies in

Australia: In my situation, the Board of Studies administers the Education Act as far as home education goes in New South Wales. After the raids in 1992, we had to have them visit us every six months. We dreaded it at first, but later found they had lots of good tips for teaching, record keeping, and everything from phonics and times tables to current events. We thought we had nothing to learn, but in fact even just from the perspective of making us set aside the time to concentrate on school and the kids was great!

We prepared for these visits with the kids by making sure their work was all corrected and neat, artwork was done, and we were covering all the subjects. At that time I was doing all Family curriculum, with other workbooks and *SuperWorkBooks* to supplement. By the way, the authorities loved the CCHBs 2 and 3 and the SWBs. The kids really liked getting ready for the visits too. At first,

of course, there was a certain amount of nervousness, but now they look forward to the visits. All kids like attention and afterwards their self-esteem was boosted by what they’ve accomplished. We still have visits every two years, although we could register or apply for our exemption, but I personally like the visit and so do our kids.

For our very first visit we had to sit down and write out our philosophy of education, why we were home educating, and what we hoped to accomplish in all subjects. For us, as the Family, it made us really pray about our kids’ education. We counseled together to make our philosophy not only a witness, but also something heartfelt about our kids and what we hoped to accomplish with them. It was very fruitful.

The visits are not intrusive and the “authorized person” is usually a teacher or school inspector with vast experience and a positive attitude towards home-schooling. They are aware of the weak areas of the public schools and the low standard of education they often find in them.

All this to say, that as a FED Regional, I would love to visit the Homes and sit down with the kids and the teachers and help them, answer questions, point them to the pubs, help them set up records, whatever is needed, and I think it is needed, especially at this time. We discussed this idea in our RC. The aim would be to make these visits a positive experience for the parents and children involved and to make it “special.” Some type of award could be given. Even when some Homes weren’t exactly up to par during that time in Australia, the Board of Studies still gave an exemption, just a shorter one, along with ideas to help improve either their philosophy, curriculum or resources, and a follow-up visit happened in three or six months to check on progress. In our visits, this would identify what the main problem areas are (if there are any) and open up a line of communication with the local FED board that would help give them support.

Even in situations where the Homes are on a full program of some sort, I find some parents or overseers cutting corners, not giving the kids their full attention, or treating school time as more of a “study hall,” where the kids just work and the overseer does something else and therefore there is no real teaching. If the kids learn to have pride in their schoolwork, if they can sit still and work, obey instructions, and learn honesty and self-discipline, I think that is one of the main goals. Learning to solve a problem is important, but to sit down and persevere

Read about the art contest—featuring the keys—held in the South of India for YCs through senior teens, with certificates given out to all 80 participants by their local FED board. Coming up are city-wide spelling bees and essay writing contests, and more! Check out the winning pieces of art on the MO site. <http://www.familymembers.com/newswire/article.php?nwid=1381>

Check out the MO site to read about **national FED board activities in Thailand**, and to see pictures of the national FED board in action! <http://www.familymembers.com/newswire/article.php?nwid=1400>

is what is really teaching them something. In life we always face difficulties, but if we teach the kids “if it’s too hard for you, just skip it” or “I’m too busy to check your work,” that is so sad. It grieves me to see parents give the message to their kids that what they are doing isn’t important. If it’s not important to the parent or teacher, then it won’t be important to the kids either. Lack of supervision encourages the kids to take shortcuts, skip things or look up the answers, and from what I’ve seen and heard, this does happen!

I spoke with one of the VSs in Taiwan who said he was burdened by the fact that many parents aren’t keeping a schedule or being organized with their kids and their schooling. The mornings drag on and not much gets accomplished. Often the schoolwork is messy, as is the environment. The Home may say, “Yes, the kids had school today,” but what quality was it?

This particular VS and his wife have the *A Beka* video series for school for their kids, and they said it made a world of difference in their kids’ spiritual life. They get to “school” at the right time and everything is done in decency and in order. Just the orderliness of school as they have experienced it from the videos, has caused the kids to realize that it’s not just the Family that memorizes Scripture, has a standard and rules, etc. The kids got major victories in other areas of their spiritual lives as a result. Similarly, I changed my 14-year-old son over to ACE at the beginning of this year and he has benefited from the expectation that is required in the setting and accomplishing of daily goals.

Perhaps at first the FED Regional chairpersons could work out visits in conjunction with the VS teams, as was suggested in the board videos that Peter made, that the VSs can pray about taking along a member of another board if they see there is a special need.

(Editor’s note: Yes, you can team up with a VS if you’d like. This combination could be very effective. The Family Board Handbook (FBH) explains that the spiritual oversight of the Homes is the responsibility of the shepherding board. The VSs, through visitation, shepherds and offers counsel and prayer to the Home or its members. Unlike the other boards, the VS board has authority over

the Homes as per the authority granted to Area Officers in the Charter—that is, to enforce the Charter and discipline Homes or members who fail to live up to the Charter standard. (Please see FBH, page 48.) Therefore, if the Charter Home and/or parents fail to uphold their responsibilities towards educating their children, whether in meeting Scholastic Requirements or having adequate documentation, homeschooling records etc., as well as having a clean, child-friendly environment for their residing children, discipline measures can be applied as explained in the Charter.)

The Charter says: “Our children are a precious gift from the Lord and we must do all we can to ensure that they are well cared for in every possible way. While it is ultimately the parents’ responsibility to make sure their children develop properly, the Home’s population is collectively responsible for the same. It is the Home’s responsibility to schedule the time, and provide the resources and personnel, to provide the means for its children’s spiritual, intellectual, emotional and physical development.” (*Love Charter, “Responsibility of the Charter Home: Regarding Children and Parents,”* pg. 98.)

Taking ACTION!

Jesus said, “Next, 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.” ... There is also help closer at hand than before with the boards being available to you. While they can’t solve all your problems, because you are responsible for your own children and must seek Me for the specific answers and solutions needed for your family and Home, the boards will be a wonderful source of support, counsel and ideas. You will be able to take advantage of the help of specialists, and then you can apply their suggestions and ideas, as you feel led, in counsel with your Home. As you listen, try to implement the ideas put forth by the boards; you’ll find your burdens will

be lighter and you’ll be blessed with a multitude of counselors. Counsel with your local boards; see that your plan is in line with My Word; plan your attack, and then do it!” (ML #3398:40a,44,48b.)

Record keeping workshops

By Amber, regional FED chairperson, Africa

I’m personally working on putting together a folder of all the home schooling charts and ideas I can gather, which I can take to board meetings. I’ve gone through the Charter and pulled out the specific scholastic requirements. I also have my Accomplishment Sheet and Planner files—done per marking period—that people might be interested in, depending which curriculum they use. Maybe it’s premature to suggest something like this, as I’d like to check in with the national boards and see how it’s going in Africa, but an initial thought is that it would be nice if we had new standardized forms that all Homes filled out per marking period, documenting their children’s and teens’ education and school hour attendance, in accordance with the following Charter requirements: 1) attendance records 2) log of scholastic activities 3) each student’s portfolio, made up of selected school work plus photos and records, etc., of other educational activities.

I put together a simple sheet of the Charter scholastic requirements, along with a few new and very simple accompanying log and record sheets, which they could keep in their “Teacher’s Folder.” That way they’d have their requirements right there and their attendance and log records, which can be easily updated, no matter what scholastic program they’re using.

(Editor’s note: These are posted on the MO site at: <http://www.familymembers.com/fed/catalog/details.php?id=330>)

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

Festa della Luna—an Italian festival that youth flock to in droves, the main attraction being drugs ... received the Ultimate Drug—What We Get High On! Read the testimony and check out their T shirts! <http://www.familymembers.com/newswire/article.php?nwid=1403>.

Pray!



Healing key: The key of healing has the power to raise the dead to life and cure all afflictions. Call on its power and miracles will happen for you!

Testimonies of Answered Prayer

By Seth, Indonesia: Because I've had serious stomach problems and ulcers for over three and half years, I had literally started to vegetate. I kept losing weight because my food would not digest properly, plus I was only eating mush most of the time. My stomach had to be pumped four times, from internal bleeding, and I had to have two blood transfusions. I also came within hours of dying twice, the doctors said. Three different times for three weeks in a row I had to stop eating everything because my stomach was too weak to hold anything.

Now, through prayer and the power of the keys the Lord in His mercy has brought me back to normal! I can eat everything now and have had no problems with my stomach for the last five months! It is a miracle, as I should be dead! The 25 lbs that I'd lost have been regained, plus five extra!

I am so thankful for the Lord's loving hand in my life and it has also brought about some major changes in my life. It has been a re-creating process in my heart and mind. It's been a blessing to get rid of a lot of things that were holding me back. The Lord has been remodeling me and I love it, even though it's been painful at times. You feel like you're literally being born again in the process. Being someone so full of his own ideas, strong will, pride, and a number of other things, it was really hindering my growing process. The Lord is helping me lay a lot of this on the altar, and I know because my attitude is changing, my health has also changed.

By Love (of Abe), Romania: Thank you so much for your prayers for our baby Nicole (five months). When she was two months old, her eyes were going wall-eyed, so we sent in a prayer request and took her for a checkup. Neurologists here gave us a very serious diagnosis based on a few things they considered symptoms of possible future complications, telling us that we needed to give her valium so that her brain and nervous system could develop properly. We asked our Great Physician what we should do and decided not to give her this strong medication, but to take her for a checkup in Poland, since we were planning on taking a trip there. After many

prayer and prophecy sessions and a couple of doctor checkups we felt led to do certain type of special exercises one of the doctors there suggested we do with Nicole for about four weeks, which could help strengthen her weak areas.

Right after we sent in the prayer request her eyes stopped having problems and were doing fine, which was very encouraging. Very soon other symptoms disappeared as well. A month ago a friendly doctor (child orthopedist) came to visit our Home and after he checked her, he was very impressed at how well developed and strong she is for a five-month-old baby. We're very thankful for your prayers, which we believe healed and prevented Nicole from having problems with her development. Once again, thank you!

By David and Lily, Brazil: Luz (13) is doing better all the time. (*Editor's note: Luz has a progressive degenerative syndrome, and was becoming blind, deaf, and quickly losing her motor skills.*) She's getting brighter and her overall health is going uphill, as is everything else in her life. She's walking better and sometimes even tries to run. She's eating by herself again and even using a fork and a knife. She's also back into dressing and taking showers by herself. She's more talkative and seems to be seeing better and has been reading a lot, even at night (even though she used to have "night blindness").

She goes to a place for weekly horse riding therapy and rides a horse for 45 minutes with a therapist. They've started donating the therapy. After she was prayed for she started to improve. The doctors have said there's no explanation for her sudden improvement and they believe it really is the Lord's power in her life. The therapy place's business has increased. Now they take care of one poor child for every three rich patients and say they feel motivated and called" to do it through the experience they're having with Luz. She's their personal pet.

Recently two new neurologists joined their group and the main one wants to help in her treatment also. The Lord has used her in many ways throughout these years to touch the hearts of many, but she is now personally witnessing to them, chatting, and showing sweet appreciation and love through her faith in the Lord and desire to live.

By Andrew Servant (of Miracle), Yugoslavia: I was on the prayer list several times for a scalp condition that had developed two years ago. When in the States I saw a dermatologist who prescribed several medications, and although these helped to varying degrees, one medicine he gave me caused my whole face break out in a rash. Anyone who knew me during these past two years will attest to the fact that my scalp was a mess. I now want to testify that thanks

to the keys and your prayers, I am totally healed! Sometimes I felt like I would never again have normal skin on my head, but the Lord has done it!

By Joan (of Chris), UK: During a routine test, a doctor discovered a cluster of cysts in my right breast. I asked to be put on the prayer list right away. A few days later the doctor had arranged for me to get an x-ray and a scan. All they could find was one benign little cyst too small for the doctor to drain! "Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear!" Thank you to all those who prayed for me!

By Shine (of Tim), USA: After putting Daniel (2) on the prayer list, the severe dermatitis he had has almost disappeared! I have also been faithfully putting olive oil on it, which has helped, but the Lord really did it! Daniel always asks for prayer for it and gives Jesus all the credit!

By Cherish (of David), USA: Thank you so much for your prayers for me! I had surgery to remove the largest fibroid tumor that my doctor has ever seen or operated on. It was benign and the surgery (done through laparoscope) went well with no complications. A real answer to prayer. Every step of the way the Lord was there and we had Christian nurses and the Lord's hand on me. I didn't even have to take any painkillers!

By Elías, Chile: I had an unbearable pain in my molar, and the dentist said he needed to remove the nerve. During this attack of pain, I claimed the keys and within two minutes the pain was gone. However, two days later the pain came back even stronger. This time the Lord told me to claim the keys for healing. I did and again the pain quickly left and never came back! When I visited the dentist again he said that the molar was normal and the nerve didn't need to be removed.

Asia

Joe YA: Tear in his knee cushion.

Victor: Six blocked arteries in his heart; undergoing surgery; hospitalized.

Europe and Africa

Amy (1, of Anthony and Talitha): Stubborn rash/eczema on face and bottom. The rash gets so bad it has open sores and bleeds; so far nothing we've tried has helped.

Crystal (18, of Praise): Endometriosis, requiring an operation.

Crystal Dane: Extreme nausea, cold spells, insomnia due to menopause; severe cramps in legs and knee due to varicose veins.

Egor (4, of Elia and Lika): Sinus inflammation, enlarged adenoids, and kidney problems.

Francisco (of David and Paloma): Starting radiotherapy treatment to fight cancer in the lymphatic system.

Joshua (4, of James and Angela): Cerebral palsy; difficult time walking, although he can walk, at times he falls because his muscles are too stiff or tired.

Julianna (18): Inflammation of the ovaries.

Leilani (12, of Jon and Mary): Needs a second operation to take a rod out of her thigh, put there after a serious car accident. Please pray for the bone to knit properly, and that she can walk without a limp.

Leina (2, of Daniel and Tirzah): Chronic malaria, generally weak health, and frequent fevers.

Peter (of Dust and Maria): Difficulty eating and drinking. The aftermath of his bone marrow transplant is tougher than we thought, and somehow he cannot hold food and even drink down very well.

Precious: Undergoing a natural progesterone treatment to shrink a uterine tumor.

Steve (15, of Andrew and Lily): Beginning second round of intense chemotherapy. Against any harmful side effects, headaches, nausea and that he will not lose his appetite and be able to eat well. Against any infections, and any mistakes made by the nurses and doctors.

Tedis (baby, of Andrew and Katrina): Clogged tear duct; club feet; for the right braces and splints for his feet.

North America

Gabe (15): Undergoing operation on his knee, caused by an accident two years ago when he was hit by a car.

Joy: Recovery from six months of radiation and chemotherapy to eliminate cancer.

Kitty: Lump in her breast right over the heart, to keep shrinking and disappear.

Lily Burnfree: Lymph cancer.

Susana (Rebecca R.): Breast cancer, undergoing chemotherapy.

South America

Camila (of Job): Asthmatic bronchitis.

Carmen (of David): Hysterectomy; undergoing physiotherapy to regain control of the muscles in her lower pelvic region.

Ivan (of Joana): Difficulty breathing, pains in his heart.

Job: Chronic bronchitis.

Mateus (5 months, of Marcos and Rosa): Hospitalized after severe asthma crisis.

Salomé (of Josué): Recovery from surgery for breast cancer, control of her diabetes and high blood pressure.

Spring (of Godfrey): Beginning stages of gallstones (called sludge or mud).

Victor (12, of Jordan and Maria): Possible second operation to correct both arms that were broken in an accident.



A Christian's Light for the Path

A new CLTP!

BY WS

As time and pubs and our lives for the Lord have marched forward, the contents of the CLTP mag have changed somewhat. Originally these *Christian Leadership Training Program* mags contained life histories of missionaries and other educational material, in addition to "Power and Protection" stories. In recent years the CLTP mags have included compilations of heartwarming stories on various themes, but also such practical info as how to do seasonal crafts, and other material that would be of interest not only to Family members but to friends of the Family.

As the content has slowly changed, we have prayed about a change in title, to allow the CLTP mag to be used more widely with friends

and to better express its present content. We asked the Lord for a title that could use the same CLTP acronym, so that we could continue the present CLTP numbering. The title He gave was "A Christian's Light for the Path." So this is the same CLTP series, under a different name, but the same management—Jesus!

A note about this year's Christmas CLTP: In this issue there are a few stories of the Lord's protection during dangerous situations at Christmas. Because of the heavier content, on the cover it's noted that this issue is for ages 12 and up; however, selected stories may be read with younger children at parents' discretion.

Thank you for your prayers for our pubs. Please send in any contributions you feel would be a blessing to share with the Family in the CLTP at pubs@wsfamily.com. We love you!

THE GOD FACTOR

BY ABE AND JODIE, CHINA

A very good lesson and reminder that came up recently for us was along the lines of the God factor in our lives and not compromising our Family/missionary lifestyle for a more sure way of support, even though we live in China where we need to hold some type of job, or whatnot, in helping us with our greater job of witnessing and reaching China.

We made a major move to a fairly big city and it was no easy task, but the Lord is in control. For this move we had to use a lot of our finances and were trusting the Lord to supply as we did the wanting, the praying, the obedience, and the trusting parts. The temptation to do a little of the trusting in the arm of the flesh tried to creep in many a time, and what seemed perfectly logical and right started to distract us a little, and even began robbing us of the simple joys and happiness that we are so blessed with when we ask Him everything and don't compromise the God factor in our lives.

Rather than push through with what could seem right and logical being in desperate need of some income, we decided that what was most important was to *stop* and have a prayer morning and ask our wonderful Love and President of the Bank of Heaven to filter some of that cash down to us.

And was it a miracle? Yes! It wasn't anything we did or deserved, except pray, believe, expect and obey. Our sweet Love came through in our time of need, and supplied our first installment of US\$350, not through any means that we could pat ourselves on the back for. What a lesson on trusting in our Husband's financial care and supply for our needs when we put His Word and work first.

"Be God's Professionals!" That's the name of a recent JETT/teen five-day camp held in Central America. Read about it! Don't miss hearing from the JETTs and teens themselves how their lives were changed. Read their commitments to the Lord and be inspired! Check out their photo log! <http://www.familymembers.com/newswire/article.php?nwid=1401>

entertainment

Movies Rated for YAs and Up

DIVINE SECRETS OF THE YA-YA SISTERHOOD (2002)

Ellen Burstyn, Sandra Bullock, Ashley Judd

After years of mother-daughter tension, a young woman receives a scrapbook detailing the adventures of the "Ya-Yas," her mother's girlhood friends.

(Jesus:) If you like character studies, this movie is very interesting from a woman's point of view, especially the young woman in this movie and her mother who were facing up to some major issues from their past. It has its funny parts, but also is troublesome and traumatic in parts. It shows how love and friendship help people who don't know Me. This is because love is of Me, even if those involved don't know that it comes from Me.

When you see this movie, you can be thankful for how I have helped you to be healed of past hurts, and for how I give you new beginnings, clean new starts, fresh new outlooks, and how I put the past away, so that it doesn't plague you and doesn't hurt you any more.

Love and forgiveness can heal anything—that's the bottom line. How much humility and forgiveness would you have if someone treated you wrong and really hurt you, like the young woman in this movie was hurt? Often it's easier said than done. But no matter what happens in your life, if you stop blaming others for your problems and walk a mile in the other person's shoes, and ask for My help to do so, then you can start a new life.

Movies Rated for Senior Teens and up

AMELIE (2001)

Audrey Tatou, Mathieu Kassovitz

Amelie is about a young woman who has spent most of her life existing in the background. She works as a waitress in a café and spends her nights alone in her small apartment. She has no boyfriend, no confidantes,

and no real sense of purpose in life. Then one small event starts a series of changes in her life. French, with English subtitles.

(Dad:) This is a heartwarming, sweet movie with a good message. Unfortunately it doesn't bring the Lord into the picture specifically, but the girl's attitude and motivation is based on good Christian principles. It's a type of a "Change the World" story.

It's a meaningful character study. Some of the characters are a bit odd, though. It's not an action film, but it keeps your interest with many scene changes that eventually fit together into the story. Some unusual techniques are used in the filming which give it a distinct style, such as odd camera angles, speeded-up scenes, slow motion at times, etc. Her strategy for helping people is also very unique and fascinating. It keeps you guessing about how things are going to work out in the end. Also, though Amelie longs to help others and has a quest in life to do good, she sometimes is a bit off in her methods, even if the person possibly does deserve the prank.

It's very artsy. If you like unusual types of movies, you will most likely enjoy this one.

Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

JOE SOMEBODY (2001)

Tim Allen, James Belushi

Light comedy. A "Joe Nobody" drifts to his dreary office job, sulks about his broken marriage and asks his 12-year-old daughter for advice. But this sad sack becomes a "Joe Somebody" after he is slapped to the ground in the office parking lot by a co-worker. After challenging him to a rematch, Joe gets respect around the office.

(Jesus:) This film has a good moral and a fairly positive message overall—basically that it is better to stand up for what you know is right, whatever the cost, and that if that causes you to lose your friends, it's better to not have

that type of friends. It was a bit of a shot at the American corporate culture and the dog-eat-dog world that it perpetuates. There was even a good message about ex-wives and husbands being loving and considerate of one another in order to help their kids they are responsible for. There was also a message about being yourself and not trying to be something that you are not.

Movies Rated for JETTs and Up

OTHER SIDE OF HEAVEN (2001)

Christopher Gorham, Anne Hathaway

Movie based on the memoirs of John H. Groberg, a high-ranking leader in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints who spent three years as a young man during the 1950s performing Mormon missionary service among remote Tongan Islanders.

(Jesus:) This is a good film showing what different missionaries go through and the sacrifices that they make in order to preach the Gospel. It illustrates very clearly many of the challenges that missionaries face in any foreign field—the language, acceptance, becoming one, understanding the people and their customs, the personal sacrifices that they have to make and so on.

This film shows very clearly a beautiful sample of love and sacrifice in bringing My message to those who need it, and it also shows some of the weaknesses and shortcomings of the established religions and how I have led the Family to be a more effective and efficient force in doing the big job of reaching the world.

It illustrates very clearly the many ways in which you, My loves, are different than many other Christians and missionaries. I led your Father David to see things from a different perspective and break out of the traditional concept of what a missionary should be and do. Concepts like reaching the rich and developing tools to do the job of reaching the masses and concentrating on winning

QNAs

Updated HomeARC coming?

BY WS

Many of you have asked when there will be an updated HomeARC coming out. Due to a number of reasons, we are no longer updating the current HomeARC program. However, we are working toward providing you with an even better, more complete electronic library on CD, which we believe will suit the Family's needs more fully. We hope to have this new electronic library to you by the end of 2003. Thanks for your prayers for those working on it!

E-mail address listing

Q: How about an update in one of the magazines to keep up with addresses to write to Mama, want-ads, *Grapevine*, or any other information? It can be difficult to keep track of all the e-mails available.—*Home in Canada*

A: You'll now find on the MO site a listing of the main Family e-mails, which we're working on adding to. Here's the link: <<http://www.familymembers.com/contact/>>

and training potential labor leaders are some examples of how My Family is different, not to speak of the freedom of the spirit that you enjoy because of your intimate relationship with Me.

If you're curious about the Mormons and their faith, this can give you a little glimpse and insight into how they operate. They have a sincere love for the lost and for reaching people with the My message. This boy did make a difference there, albeit very slowly and over a period of many years. How much more you, My Family, can accomplish through your boldness and the power of the keys!

Movies Rated for OCs and Up

FRIENDSHIP'S FIELD (1995)

Kate Maberly, Jonathan Hernandez

During the summer of 1965, 11-year-old Ira is in her last year of "freedom" before she has to join her three older sisters in hoeing weeds in the beet fields on the family farm. When migrant farm workers from Mexico arrive on the farm to help out for the summer, Ira is befriended by one of the Mexican boys.

(Jesus:) This film gets across many lessons in a balanced, godly way. The characters are deep and well portrayed. Good and evil are clear-cut. In all, the story and outcome are edifying for your children.

The main lessons brought out are friendship, character, conviction vs. compromise, peer pressure, bigotry, and love—and love is what makes this film worthwhile and touching.

The film brings out the contrasts between the rich Americans and the poor Mexicans. The message of fighting to overcome prejudice at the personal level comes through loud and clear.

Children on the mission field whose families are following the Letter "Become One" may not even be so aware of the prejudices that exist in many places—but as they get older they will no doubt see examples of it. When they come across those situations, this movie will have helped provide them with an inoculation against being affected by other people's unkind and unloving attitudes about other races. The lessons expressed in this movie are worth remembering, and it is presented in an interesting story, which most children will enjoy.

Movie Q&A

Q: Are the movies listed on the "other movies" an extension of not-recommended films, as some of the reviews seem to hint? Or are they okay to watch in prayer and counsel with the Home's preview committee? Some of the reviews seem to indicate that apart from one aspect of the movie, the rest of the film is worthwhile. Others seem like a real waste of time and are strongly recommended not to see. If someone were to watch one of these "other" movies are you implying that it should be an older audience like YA and up, etc.?

A: The "other movies" rating covers a variety of movies, ranging from the "okay for the most part but with a questionable aspect" to the "not so great but might be okay for certain individuals." As has been explained before, WS preview teams ask the Lord about and vote on a movie's rating after seeing it. Many movies are relatively clear-

cut as to whether they should be rated or not recommended. Others aren't quite so clear; there are mixed feelings about them amongst the previewers, or they affect different people in very different ways. So rather than putting an actual rating on movies that are somewhat controversial or that there was not a clear consensus on, we publish some of the counsel the Lord has given, expecting then that a Home as a whole, or individuals going out to a movie, will pray and ask the Lord whether this particular movie is good for them, having the counsel in the published prophecy in mind. We would expect that if a Home is considering showing an "other movie" to their teens or JETTs, they would view it first and pray about whether it's suitable or not.

(Note: Some have asked if they could find these "other movie" prophecies to refer to somewhere, and we will be adding them to the online movie database on the Members Only site shortly.)

A four-day fellowship in Ukraine. Board meetings and open forums. And pictures of our Family! <http://www.familymembers.com/newswire/article.php?nwid=1378>

HELP WANTED

Can you help us activate Croatia? We are a **small, young people's Home trying our best to reach this area of Croatia.** We've been here for three years now and have several fruitful ministries. However, the Lord has shown us to change houses and has provided us with a nice, large house. Here is where we need your help. We need to raise three months worth of advance rent and still keep our other home fires burning. This amounts to \$2,000. Any and all donations are welcome! If you would like to know more we can send you our newsletter with pictures. Please write to: family-hr@excite.com. Donations can be designated to CT008 through the EURCRO ABM. Thank you!

A big hi and Hello from The Gambia, West Africa! This is **Jesse (SGA, Canadian), Maria (SGA, Aussie) and baby Ethan.** We've been here in Africa for a year. The Lord has blessed us greatly and we've had a wonderful time spreading the Gospel here. Now we feel the Lord calling us to new horizons! He has made it clear that it's His will for us to join up with a team to pioneer Sierra Leone. Exciting, ay? Since The Gambia is one of the poorest countries in the world, it's very difficult to raise funds. If any of you would like to join us in spirit, through your donations or prayers we would be eternally grateful and so will the many dear broken and receptive souls in this war-torn land. Our e-mail is: goa_maria@hotmail.com. Home #GG2040. (If you send donations through the TRF please specify for Jess and Maria.) Lots of love to you all! We're so proud have such a wonderful Family! (For a picture, see the MO site: http://www.familymembers.com/artphotos/photo.php?id=0&pic_id=11780&oid=84&cat_id=84)

Quite cool ... some Homes in West Japan joined forces to hold a **weeklong GP camp for System young people aged 15-25**, who the Family teens could burn free witnessing to. They advertised the camp—English teaching and basic spiritual feeding—and got 10 paying attendees. They had devotions with them each morning starting at ... get this ... 6:30, and more! Read about it and check out the pictures on the MO site! <http://www.familymembers.com/newswire/article.php?nwid=1379>

TEAMWORK

	Per Adult	Total
SOUL SHINERS FOR AUGUST 2002		
Rosita, Mexico	2,500	5,000
Pablo Testificador, Ecuador	2,168	4,336
Juliet, Brazil	837	2,512
Salomon/Belen/Cristal, Mexico	750	6,000
Faithy/Mark/Premika, India	426	2,987
Joy/Pauly/Philip, India	375	1,503
Happy/Marcelo/Nina/Silvia, Argentina	228	910
Rejoice/Simon/Stephen/Sunny, India	185	743
Elias/Mancedumbre, Mexico	165	494
Esther/Gideon, Venezuela	155	1,243

POSTER SHINERS FOR AUGUST 2002

Abel/Flor, Peru	1,500	3,000
Maria/Michael, Japan	1,055	5,278
David/Magdalena, Mexico	1,050	2,100
Rosita, Mexico	926	1,851
David/Elias/Sofia, Peru	833	5,000
Marianne/Shine/Timothy, USA	806	9,676
Clara/Pricila/Thiago, Brazil	788	3,150
Daniel/Martin/Mercy, Mozambique	708	3,542
Andre/Maria/Martin, Mozambique	699	3,495
Elene/Rima/Sharif, Nigeria	671	4,700

TAPE SHINERS FOR AUGUST 2002

Consuelo/Dawn/Jeho, Brazil	319	2,236
Sweetie, Mexico	188	375
Claire/Joy/Stefan/Tim, Switzerland	130	520
Nina/Jay, USA	113	340
Claire/Joanna/Jose, Brazil	90	451
Josue/Salome, Brazil	88	265
Marcos, Portugal	83	248
Faithy/Lalo/Ruth/Sarah, Mexico	81	488
Dave/Heidi/Pax, Czech Republic	80	400
Maria/Katrina/Tabita/Davi, Brazil	79	315

VIDEO SHINERS FOR AUGUST 2002

Abel/Flor, Peru	800	1,600
Pablo/Rejoice/Solomon, USA	197	1,180
Aneta/Ben/Kelvin, Botswana	61	305
Andres/Virginia, Brazil	30	60
Joao/Clara/Joana, Brazil	28	85
Consuelo/Dawn/Jeho, Brazil	23	159
Dawn/Faith/James/Paul, Thailand	22	132
Marite/Sharon/Daniel/Jonathan, Brazil	21	189
Chloe/Esther/Isaac/Jennifer, South Africa	21	187
Jonas/Lisa, Sweden	20	78

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IDEAS AND TIPS

Read and jot

There are so many good tips and points in the pubs such as the *Kidlands* and *Grapevines*. Sometimes when I am reading over them I think, *I would like to put that idea into action, or I would like write in about that*. However, I usually forget about it or where I read it. So a lot of the ideas are not put into action, or ideas are not written in.

Have a notebook for jotting down any ideas you want to get back to. That way you can put these wonderful tips into action in your Home and in the schooling of your kids. Just write down the issue number, page number, and a short memory-jogging phrase, like: "Memory chart idea."

—LILI (OF JOE), THE GAMBIA

Personals

Swedish Maria (Spain) is looking for her flesh father, **Elisha**, (American) System name **Erik H**. Last heard of in Baltimore, USA. Please contact Swedish Maria via EURCRO.

This is Daniella (of Laz and Marie). I'm looking for an old friend of mine, **Mike** (a.k.a. Miguel, of Josue and Andrea). Last I heard you were in Brazil. We used to live together in Mexico. Please contact me at: DanniMoore@aol.com

This is Kris (Peter) Rom. looking for **Greek Joy**, formerly known as Maria (for the MM). Please get in touch! I remember lots of fun times with you and I'm not the only one! E-mail: midea2002@easynet.ro

Maria Italiana (Brazil), mother of Francesco and Angelo, asks for urgent news from **Timoteo** who, in March of this year, was in France visiting relatives. Please answer to this e-mail: mfusini@yahoo.com.br

Celeste, Arthur and family, Ricky and family, Eva and Oliver looking for **Matthew P**. Used to live in Indonesia. Where are you? E-mail: arthur_munoz@hotmail.com

This is Joana (15, of Mat and Samaria). My mom wants to get in contact with our old friend **Dawn**. We met her in San Antonio, Texas and started the Kidz performers together. E-mail: superproton@aol.com

Hi, this is Ericka (of Jose and Clara) looking for **Stephen and Jessica** (I lived with you in Peru). Want to get in touch with you! My e-mail is: br077@terra.com.br. If anyone knows of their whereabouts please write me, thanks!

I would like to get in contact with **Pandita** and her brother **Christian** (both from

Japan). I lost your e-mail address on my trip back from Greece and don't know how to get in touch. Please write to kpvnair@hotmail.com and send me your e-mail.—Johnny, India.

To **Harold and Lourie** (last heard of in Mexico). Hi, this is Christian. Sorry I didn't keep in contact when you wrote. I want to get in touch with you again. I have some interesting information for you. Here is my e-mail: pl5b@msn.com.

BACKTRACKING

In GV #140, Michael's (of Sharon) homegoing was announced. The announcement incorrectly listed that Michael and Sharon have five children, when they have six. Our apologies!

Ask Adam Issue 19

Adam of Adriana in the Andes Answers YOUR Questions

This Week

Adam answers a hefty handyman question from FGA Hughie of Hughina in Honduras.

David Komie

Hughie writes: I was using a hammer to dismantle an old set of wooden shelves in the storage room. As the hammering progressed, I couldn't help noticing a large bruise developing on my forehead & forming the points of a perfect equilateral triangle with my two eyes, which were frozen into a look of utter astonishment. Any comments?

Adam answers: Hughie, I wasn't there, but I'm guessing that your hammering technique needs a directional adjustment. I've always found it counter-productive to hammer TOWARDS my head.

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