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IMPORTANT: GRAPEVINE SNAIL MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

By the Grapevine

A new box has been opened in Switzerland, where all mail to the *Grapevine*, and any other WS pubs can now be sent. This address is to be used only for pubs or correspondence directed to WS.

IMPORTANT: Please do NOT send personal mail to any individuals within WS to the new Switzerland address. You can continue writing individuals in WS via the San Diego, California address.

The new *Grapevine* address is:

**The Grapevine Family
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Switzerland**

Reminder: This new address is NOT for personal mail to those in WS.

Please be sure to include "The Grapevine Family" as well as "c/o TRIAG,"

as it will determine whether or not the mail will get delivered to the box or returned. Please be sure to include the *whole* address as listed above to ensure the arrival and delivery of your mail.

Please note in the bottom right hand corner of the envelope, "Attn: *Grapevine*" (or whatever pub you would like your letter forwarded to). Having, the "Grapevine Family" on the address doesn't mean it will by default go to the *Grapevine* if not labeled otherwise.

Thank you so much, and we're sorry for the inconvenience this change of address might be.

We love you!
The *Grapevine*

List of Children's Christmas pubs

BY THE WS PUBS TEAM

You can find an updated list on the MO site of Christmas pubs to read with your children. These include MLKs, *Heaven's Library* mags, *Kidz* mags, and FC pubs and activities that you can do with your children. You can find this complete list at <http://www.familymembers.com/pubspages/search.php3?searchpub=15>.

Here are the new Christmas pubs for kids coming your way this year:

- *Gen-Up* #15 (a Christmas Issue)
- *MLK* #187 (a Christmas message)
- "Crew and Co.'s Christmas," *HL* #165

We pray these pubs are a blessing to you!

backtracking...

Dear Family,

We love you and keep you in our prayers! It recently came to our attention that there was a date error in the "WS news" article, "Peter visits Brazil again/reinstatement plan" included in *GV* #162. Where it says, "As you know, the Brazil Family's punishment period began on June 1 and ends on November 1. Then begins the reinstatement process, which will take a few months to complete," the correct date should have been **November 30**, rather than November 1.

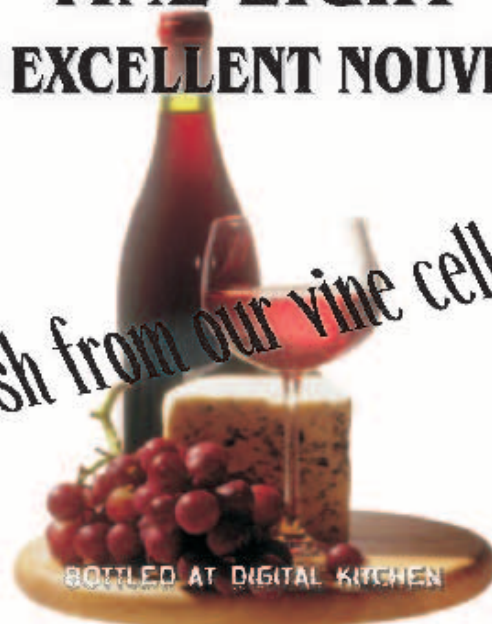
We're sorry for this oversight on our part, and we hope this explanation helps to clear up any questions.

With love,
The *Grapevine*

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Contributions needed for the *Activated* magazine

BY THE WS GP DEPARTMENT

Thanks to each of you who have taken the time to write up your personal experiences to share with our *Activated* readership. Your contributions are an important part of the *Activated* magazine, and we value each one.

For our 2004 issues, we are again in need of contributions, particularly personal accounts that we can publish. We would love to hear from those of you who have something to share, via "It Happened to Me"-style stories. Below is the list of topics that we plan to cover.

If you have a testimony or experience you feel might be helpful, either on one of the below topics, or something related—or even on something completely different—please do send it our way. (The \$30 gift per article published in *Activated* still stands.)

Contributions can be sent to activated@wsfamily.com.

Activated magazine topics, 2004:

[Note: The January, February, and March issues are already finalized, so we don't need articles for them.]

January

New Year/personal change/yieldedness

February

God's Law of Love (the non-sexual aspect of the LOL)

March

Miracles/healing

April

Easter/Holy Spirit/witnessing

May

Parenting/teaching values/communicating with children and teenagers

June

Faith and trust vs. stress and anxiety

July

Choice and decision making/finding God's will

August

Humanism/God's way vs. man's way (may include grace vs. works)

September

Happiness and contentment vs. comparing and other enemies of happiness (may include the issues of eating disorders and depression)

October

Life after death/Heaven

November

Prayer/intercessory prayer/overcoming vices

December

Christmas

Explanation about new Spanish Christmas CD cards

BY THE WS GP DEPARTMENT

Dear Family,

God bless you! We hope that you're enjoying the latest outreach products, and that they're a blessing to you in your witnessing and fundraising!

This year, as we've done for the last few years, we've released a series of new Christmas CD cards, in addition to reprinting the most popular cards from previous years. (If one of your favorites is no longer being reprinted, we're sorry! Since we're regularly adding new cards, it doesn't work for the PCs to keep too many titles in stock. So we sometimes drop older cards that aren't selling as much. But we pray that the turnover and variety is a blessing to you.)

This year we have seven new Christmas CD cards, which you should be getting news of via your PC's order form. These were done in both English and Spanish. (We also made a promotional flyer for the Christmas CD card collection, in English and Spanish, available from your PCs.)

Four of the new Spanish CD cards carry an *all-new Spanish Christmas CD* called *Campanas de Navidad!* God bless the Spanish studios for working so hard to get it done in time for this Christmas. It was a big job and just barely made it into the cards before they were shipped out to the PCs.

Because the printing of the cards (which is a fairly involved process due to the high quality of the cards) takes much longer than duping the CDs, the cards had to be finalized before the CD. So at the time that Aurora had to go to press with the cards, in order to get them done in time for Christmas, the song list for the CD wasn't finished. So we had to go with the unfinalized list on the card itself. That's why you may notice some differences in the list of songs on the card and those on the CD.

Rest assured that there are no songs listed on the card that do not appear on the

CD. A customer looking at the card will find all of the songs on the CD itself. The differences are that: the order of the songs is changed; one new song was added to the CD at the last minute after the cards had gone to press and therefore is not listed on the card; and two of the existing song titles were changed. "*Campanas de Belén*" on the card is the song entitled "*Campanas Sobre Campanas*" on the CD, and "*Que Reina el Amor*" is on the CD as "*Hoy es Navidad.*" We apologize for the title changes—that was due to some lack of communication, and it would have been better to stick with the titles that were already printed on the cards. However, we don't feel that this will be a problem in selling the cards since the songs themselves do appear on the CD, just under a different name.

We hope this explanation helps, and again we apologize for the last-minute changes that were made. We pray that you'll have a very fruitful Christmas outreach getting out the tools and winning many souls for the Kingdom!

Love,

Your WS GP department

New Web site for Mexico!

BY PHIL NEWMAN, MEXICO

Check out the new GP Web site for Mexico. The address is <http://www.mx.lafamilia.org>. There is news of our proactive and missionary work in Mexico, a full display of all our tools, e-cards, daily readings, subscriptions by e-mail, and much more!

We need more input from the Homes in Mexico—photos, testimonies, etc. Also if you have a local Web site, you can send in your address, and we can link it to the site. All photos, testimonies, and Web site links can be sent to:

envois@mx.lafamilia.org.

We love you!

QnAs

BY THE WS GP DEPARTMENT

Q: I'm wondering what range of people the *Wine Press* is for? I have a close friend of the Family that I want to send a few sections of the *Wine Press* to, but I just want to make sure that I can do that. There are also the separate *New Wine* files. I seem to remember those are only for our *Activated* friends?

A: The *Wine Press* and *New Wine* are primarily targeted at Active members, or friendly former members who want to keep receiving the Word. However, you can also give them to anyone that your Home agrees they're suitable for.—Officially the *Wine Presses* are "DFO."

[Note: There are now over 100 *New Wine Letters* posted on the MO site in English, around the same amount in Spanish, and 40 in Portuguese.]

Q: It'd be great if a new Spanish CD could be made for adults, either all Latin or a mix. Here in Spain, it would go out like hotcakes during the summer.

A: There's a new Spanish CD loosely based on *Always*, called *Contigo*, which has just been completed and is soon to be released in regular CD format, as well as in a series of love CD cards.

Where to find it?

BY TEAM

Due to so many requests, e-mails and letters that we've received regarding the educational materials that TEAM Foundation has carried and/or stocked, but now no longer do, we have put together a list of addresses, Web sites, etc., that might assist you in locating what you're looking for. We hope to update this list, time permitting, and we trust it will be beneficial for you, your homeschooling/tutoring needs, and ministry.

Super Work Books

You can still order the *Super Year Books*, Grades 1–7, from the ESP Publishers (the producers of the *Super Year Book* materials) by going directly to their Web site, which is www.espbooks.com. We were advised that you need to order the yearbooks online with a credit card or you can print out the order form, fill it out and mail it with a money order (no personal check). You can find the shipping charges on the order form. You can also order their "Online Worksheets":

From ESP Publishers, the creators of the famous *Golden Yearbook Series*, comes a revolutionary concept in learning at home. A collection of professionally prepared lesson units, including printable worksheets, in all the basic academic areas made available only on the Internet, to our members.

ESP offers *Consumable Textbooks*, which are basic work texts that cover topics like English (grammar and composition, levels 2–6), reading (comprehension, levels 2–6), and math (concepts, levels 2–6).

Consumable Textbooks must be ordered from:

Wieser Educational
30281 Esperanza
Rancho Santa Margarita,
CA 92688-2130
PHONE: 1-800-880-4433

Dorling Kindersley's Flash Cards

You can find some of the six sets of flashcards at various Web sites, such as: www.amazon.com and www.booksamillion.com. By visiting these Web sites and doing a search for "Dorling Kindersley's Flash Cards," you can sometimes purchase these sets used or new.

Three of the six sets normally found are: "Clothes," "On the Farm," and "In the Garden." Prices vary for these sets. And, you can also try to find them at: www.dk.com, which is the Dorling Kindersley's product Web site.

Homeschool Curriculums

Many ask us about where they can find a homeschool curriculum for their child or children or group that are being taught. TEAM Foundation offers:

* **Christian Light Publications, K–12 Curriculum:** which is lightweight, easy to understand, and where the student can be fairly self-taught and excel at his or her own rate, and very affordable. To find out more, contact: cle@cvccollege.com

* **Spanish curriculums:** We also offer a homeschool curriculum in Spanish, "*Literatura Monte Sion*" Spanish curriculum, for grades K–6. It is very similar in format to the *Christian Light Publications* curriculum; it is offered at 45% off the regular price and shipping is free. Contact: mail@teamfoundation.com for more information. A free catalog and order/price form is also available.

* **A Beka Books:** Said to be the largest selling curriculum in the USA. You can contact A Beka at: www.abeka.com. It offers grades K–12, a 10% discount to homeschoolers, and you can try to apply for a larger discount of up to 25% or 30% off if you qualify as a school. (Please contact A Beka directly to find out more about their school discount, if interested.)

* **Switched On School House (CD/computer curriculum):** You can find this curriculum at www.aop.com. By going to this Web site, you can obtain a free demo CD of the curriculum, mailed directly to you, and additional information.

We hope this information is useful and helpful for you. In the future, we will be posting news on our Web site (www.teamfoundation.com), and printing in the *Grapevine* about our new products, plans and activities.

kidbits

- Kibo Highland**, born to **Aileen and Daniel Highland** on May 12.—Japan
Timothy Prayer, born to **Zipporah and Samuel Prayer** on May 21.—Japan
Elliot Trevor, born to **Mary and John** on May 29.—Taiwan
Erin, 4th child, born to **Peace and Rick** on June 6.—PACRO
Kouji, born to **Joanna and Isaac** on June 25.—Japan
Tilsea, born to **Sara and Francesco** on July 2.—Albania
Vincent David, 4th child, born to **Meeky and Jazon** on July 20.—Thailand
Jason Dylan, 1st child, born to **Esther and Aaron** on July 27.—India
Rina Nicole, 1st child, born to **Virginia and Daniel** on July 31.—USA
Alyssa Jaemar, 2nd child, born to **Celeste and Arthur** on August 5.—Lebanon
Aislynn Jade, born to **Natalie and David Shepherd** on August 6.—Hungary
Sakashi, 1st child, born to **Sarah Victory and Amos** on August 9.—India
Karden Li, 1st child, born to **Magda Happy and Paul David** on August 11.—PACRO
Melany Claire, born to **Sara and Shane** on August 17.—Puerto Rico
Jordan David, born to **Esther Maria and Adam Anthony** on August 19.—Spain
Andrew, born to **Diamond and Dust** on August 21.—Romania
Archer Michael, born to **Rosa and Luis** on August 24.—India
Kylie Faye, born to **Ruth and Martin** on September 17.—Thailand

tidbits

- New CM/FM disciples...**
Anaik (21, German), joined in Germany
Champ (20), joined in Thailand
Greg (14, of Kathrine and Michael), rejoined in the USA
James (53), rejoined in the USA
Michael and Carmen, rejoined in Canada

More CVC information...

BY THE WS FED DEPARTMENT

New CVC international phone number

The new phone number for the International CVC office, which can also be used for the NA CVC desk, is: **(832) 545-5518**. The 1-888 number will no longer be in effect. The previous number can still be used up until November 1, 2003.

New CVC Junior High exams

New CVC Junior High School exams are now available. Please contact your

CVC IC (Instruction Coordinator) or your regional FED board.

Please see the CVC site for the new Junior High School diploma application form. A new application form for *Vocational High School* and *General High School* diplomas will also be posted on the CVC Web site shortly. The forms may also be obtained through your area CVC IC. Please use the new forms for your applications. Thank you.

[Editor's note: Area CVC IC e-mail addresses can be found on the MO site at <http://www.familymembers.com/fed/qna/index.php?fqid=10.>]

Backtracking

In GV #159, in New Requirements for the General High School Diploma, point a) said "Junior High" and "Grade eight" when it should have said "Vocational High" and "Grade ten" as follows:

To be eligible for a General High School Diploma, students must:

- have passed the CVC Vocational High School exams, or provide other suitable documentation of their education to a grade ten level of achievement.

Implementing "Pray, Obey and Prepare"

BY THE INDIA PR BOARD

When the "Pray, Obey and Prepare" GN came out and the "Sharpen Your Sword" study months took place, it was a wake-up call. Persecution prep and building our Family image was something that had been on the back burner for quite some time. Since persecution prep is a subject that involves almost *all areas* of Family life being strengthened, a joint regional council and PR board meeting was held in November 2002, so we could pray and discuss how to implement the counsel in the GN for the field of India. The Lord was faithful to give us a step-by-step plan to implement over the first six months of 2003. The plan included advisories, prayer days and seminars.

The first step was to send out a message to the field sharing the vision and details of the plan of attack over the next six months. The second step was for the various regional board chairpersons to compile prayer day packages of reading material and prayer requests that related to their particular board, which the Homes could use for their monthly prayer day.

The first prayer day package was compiled by the VS board, and brought out the spiritual aspects of persecution prep. The second month's prayer day was by the FED and CP boards, with excellent reading material on subjects many of us had neglected over the years, as well as an extensive prayer list. The FED and CP boards also compiled an excellent reading list for children. The third prayer day package was compiled by the PR and CGO boards.

Along with the prayer day packages for the Homes, the third step was initiated: The PR board members in each of the three national areas met with the chairpersons of the national boards to put together seminars on the subject of persecution prep. This team gathered material from each of the different boards to present clear ideas, highlight weak areas, and bring awareness about the need for persecution prep in each Home in India. These meetings were very inspiring and uniting, as the chairpersons discussed together the material each board felt needed to be covered in regards to persecution prep.

We appreciated how much each board understood the needs of their area, such as the CP board bringing up issues with children's department, manners, and Home standards, and the FED board reminding us about the Charter rules for having portfolios, good school logs and records of attendance. Feeding the sheep the meat of the Word was an important aspect of obeying the "Pray, Obey and Prepare" counsel, so the CGO board had important points they wanted to bring up to see what actual steps the Homes were taking in this direction as well as talking about the better documentation of CTPs and how to answer questions.

The first seminar was held in Bangalore with four boards, CP, FED, CGO and PR. Similar seminars were held in Delhi and Mumbai. There was wonderful cooperation from the Homes, and the Lord did miracles in supplying resorts, Homes, and conference rooms for these seminars. There was very good attendance from the Homes. The PR board members then visited the other cities in their areas to either show videos of the seminar or to conduct smaller seminars there. So all the Homes in India and Nepal had representatives at these meetings.

Being that the seminars were presented by four boards, they were varied and interesting. The seminars were a day long and comprehensive. A handbook for persecution prep was also distributed to attendees, so they would have good notes. Homes were encouraged to have Home council meetings as a follow-up of these seminars to evaluate their persecution preparedness.

Persecution prep is an ongoing process, so as a last step we have made a checklist for all the Homes of the key points covered in the seminars that need to be continually worked and built on. We are so thankful for the cooperation of the regional chairpersons,

national board members and the Homes, who all worked together to make this plan a blessing and possible to implement. Most of all we are thankful for the Word and the Lord's leading, guiding, and miracles of anointing and supply.



Arabia, FED board



Carina (of Mark), CP national chairperson



Rejoice, Rose Garden Home



Timothy, South national CGO chairperson

Kidland index?

Q: I think *Kidland* is a fantastic mag. It always has lots of good advice and helpful tips in it, and is a big blessing for parents to receive. God bless those who work on it.

Recently, when reading issue 37, I realized that there are already so many *KLs*, with so much info, and sometimes it's hard to remember where to find something that had been printed in the past. Is there an index for *Kidland*?—Ben Newsman, *Russia*

A: There is a *Parenting and Childcare Index* that can be found on the MO site at <http://www.familymembers.com/fed/catalog/details.php?id=384>. This index points you to material found in the *Childcare Reference Handbook*, *Eve* (up to issue 28), and *Kidland* (up to issue 34). It is updated from time to time, and should facilitate easy searches of specific subjects you're researching.

WS is presently working on compiling the previously printed *Kidland* mags into a book, complete with an index of the mags included in the book. Please keep this project in your prayers, and for those working on it.

in My arms...

By Tabitha, England: Joanna (13, of David and Dove) went to be with the Lord on September 13, 2003. Joanna had been unwell for a few weeks, and passed away shortly after being admitted to the hospital.

(Joanna speaking:) Dad, Mum, I want you to know that I love you, and please don't worry, I'm fine! I'm just getting used to being here, but it's wonderful! Things are so happy and free and there's light everywhere! It's just beautiful! And there's so much to do—I can see why Jesus wanted me to come help up here! So please don't worry, okay?

I want you to know that I'm fine—more than fine! I'm very happy, and

I've been able to see Jesus and sit on His lap. He lets all the children sit on His lap when they come, so I guess that even though I'm getting quite old, I still qualify! I sure enjoyed that, and the great big hug He gave me. And He asked me to assure you that I'm okay.

[Now] my job is to help you invest more and more in the spirit. My task is to help you see things in the spirit so that when your time comes, it'll be a breeze to land here and just keep rolling. I love you both so much and there's nothing I'd rather be doing than helping you to get your hearts and minds focused on blasting away the Punk and shining brighter than ever for Jesus. *(End of message.)*

WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, *There Is Liberty!*

By SGAs Nikky, Gene, Izumi,
and Tomoko, Japan

This YA/SGA camp was the first of its kind in Japan, and as we all gathered together, everyone was abuzz wondering what the Lord would do. The fun and fellowship was a big plus as we all would no doubt enjoy each other's company and meeting new people. But at this camp there was to be more color and more power than just physical presence. God was at work and His presence shone through us. We arrived at the campsite early afternoon. There were 100 attendees from all over Japan, ages 18-30, plus 13 children.

The first class to start us off on the right foot was a keynote message from Mama and Peter specifically for us attending this camp of 2003. It was a sobering message about the work here in Japan from a departed Japanese samurai. Very convicting! The call to Japan was very strong, challenging us to "show them Jesus," and reach His people with the words of David.

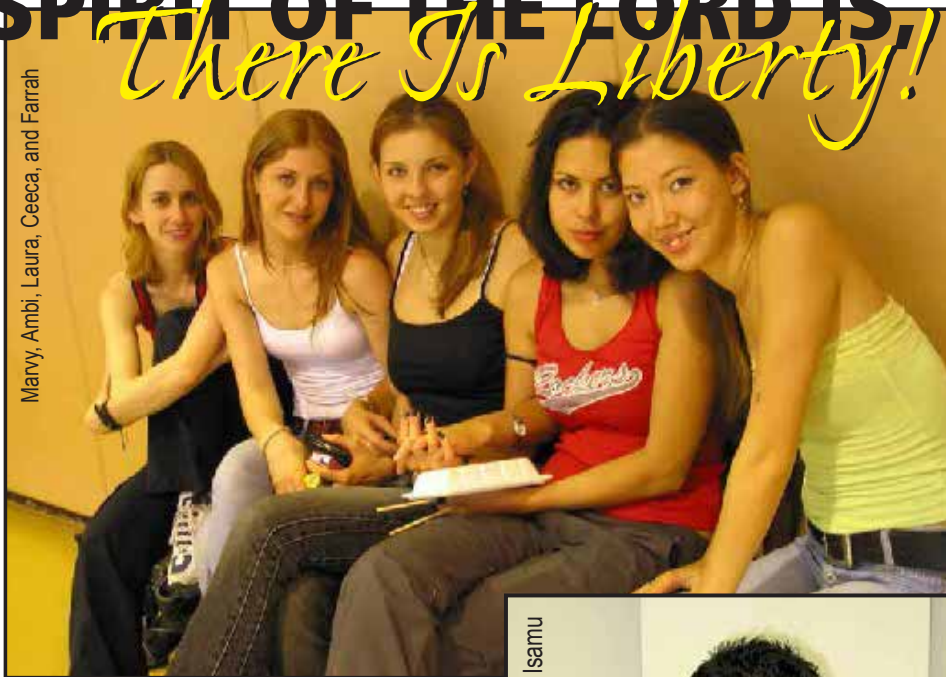
The first class the following day was led by Phoenix (CO), Cryssy (RJTB), and Isamu (VS) on the Word revolution and the implementation of it. People shared tips and lessons that they had individually learned in their own personal lives and Homes since the implementation of the Word revolution. It was incredible, as the Word became more alive to us.

In the evening we gathered in the meeting room for a game night. It started off with a round of musical chairs in our very own unique style. When the music stopped there were some variations to the girls sitting on the boys' laps theme, with the girls being told to sit in some pretty interesting positions ... ahem! We played a great round of charades and a couple of other fun games.

The next morning, class was led by Oliver (JTB), Izumi (JTB), and Ivan (JTB) on dedication and leadership training, as well as taking up the torch of shepherding each other and our JETTs and teens. We had a great skit by YA/SGAs Christian, Gene, Makoto, Mark, and Michael to help drive the point home.

Paul (VS) and Isamu (VS) led the afternoon class about spiritual battles intensified. They prepared for us an excellent paper with the names of the demons that fight us, an explanation about them, and the names of their principal opponents as well, so that we can be specific when praying against them. We had two hilarious skits by some of the YAs/SGAs on fighting the demons like Pan and Bacchus, etc. At the end of the class we had desperate prayer against all the specific demons, and called on the help of our spirit helpers.

Marvy, Ambi, Laura, Ceeca, and Farrah



The evening was a Loving Jesus night led by Cryssy and Marie Claire. The room was surrounded with a bunch of candles with cushions on the floor and we all got cozy sitting together. Some people prepared words of love to the Lord that they read for everyone. We also passed the mike around and everyone took turns telling the Lord what they loved about Him. It was beautiful! Nothing can describe the bonds of unity we felt, as we all closed our eyes to sing to our King. Our spirits were high and all of us united as lovers of God.

Stephen (CO) and Tomoko (YA) led the first part of the morning class the next day on persecution prep. The first day we were given a questionnaire with questions having to do with our views on coming persecution, education, contact with detractors (via Web sites and e-mail), and other questions along those lines. Our answers were compiled and read at the class. Stephen also asked us a few questions about our beliefs, and we had to answer. Some of us didn't know the answers so well to some of the questions, so it sure made us want to go and study up!

Stacie (FED) and Tomoko (YA) gave us a good rundown on what the CVC has to offer and encouraged all of us who haven't yet gotten our high school diplomas to do so. We also saw an excellent example of Isamu's (SGA) homeschooling portfolio. It sure made us all want to make one for ourselves!

Marie Claire and Isamu led the afternoon class on witnessing. We had a personal testimony from Gene (SGA) who told us about how witnessing has changed his life. He went from being on the verge of leaving the Family to being a full-time witness and loving it! It was very inspiring. Christian (SGA who recently rejoined) gave



a testimony with witnessing tips. We had an extremely funny skit from Makoto and Ivan to drive the different points home.

On the morning of the final day we had a review and rundown of each class that we had, and everyone shared lessons of what spoke to them the most and what they had learned from it. It was wonderful to hear people's reactions and to see a renewed conviction and dedication to serve the Lord with all that is within us! In this final meeting we had a great inspiration where all the musicians led us in a Spirit-filled, earth-shattering, System-defying, conviction-strengthening inspiration! And at the end the Lord had a very special present for us: a special song that Cryssy had received at the meeting, and could basically sum up the atmosphere of the last day, called "Where the Spirit of the Lord Is, There Is Liberty!"

With all that was covered in the camp classes, we all need to study up on it more. Japan is waiting for us; Japan depends on it.

News from the Activated desks, August 2003

BRAZIL

Booming subscriptions: We closed August with 309 new subscribers! This was by far our best month this year (more than double our monthly average during the first six months of the year). In fact, excluding a few large sponsored "group" subscriptions (companies sponsoring subscriptions for many of their employees), this would actually be our best month ever!

The first days of September (following the showing of Peter's latest videos to the Homes here) have seen an even bigger increase in subscriptions—so stay tuned for even better news next month! We are also continuing to see a steady increase in our Mag of the Month participation.

We are praying desperately and claiming the power of the keys that the ministry will *continue* to grow at this rate, and that this won't just be a temporary surge.

EAD (EUROPE/AFRICA)

Monthly Activated listings: We've been sending out a message once a month to all the Homes in England listing those that have sent in subscriptions, and the feedback to this has been very inspiring.

Promoting Activated in Germany: At a recent fellowship we were able to challenge the CM/FM Family to start promoting German *Activated*. A lot of support for missionary work in Africa and Eastern Europe is raised in the Germanic area, so we feel responsible to feed the Germans in their own language with *Activated*.

Activated in Spain: It is very inspiring to see the progress in the amount of witnessing that the Homes are doing, not only distributing more tools, but also committing themselves to using the Spanish MOTM in feeding their sheep. From just a few brethren, who were the main ones with witnessing testimonies, there are now several Homes actively witnessing and working more unitedly to reach this part of Europe.

INDIA

God on God: Another favorable article came out last month pertaining to the book *God on God*.

Fruit of leads passed on to the Homes: We receive many e-mails every month from people asking about our products. We often pass these on to the Homes, which has generated good responses from the Homes, as they've been able to see the fruit of these referrals.

JAPAN

Christmas Secret package finalized. We were able to finalize the Japanese/English bilingual *Christmas Secret* book/drama package, which includes a bilingual booklet with edited text and a bilingual CD in an attractive plastic/vinyl package with a cardstock backing.

MEXICO

Activated mag sellout: We recently started up an incentive program with the Homes to

C O U N T M E I N !



By Angelina (SGA), for the NEAT JT board

With our previous JT camp just four months behind us, the Lord led us to hold a follow-up summer witnessing JETT and teen training camp for a whopping three weeks on the beautiful, secluded and largely uninhabited peninsula (except for the prime summer months when there are countless tourists) of the Crimean Black Sea coast.

The JETTs and teens in our area live in small Homes with very little fellowship. So it's an honor to organize these camps for them.

The classes that were given each morning covered a variety of topics like: the Charter vs. secular constitution and laws, the pollution of the world,

kicking bad habits and the need for shepherding, destiny defined, and more. Each devotion was accompanied by inspiration, a skit or activity during the class, and wildly thought-up praise time and prayer ideas to end with. Also during quiet time each day, we divided into groups of two or three for prayer vigil and memory and review.

Some of the highlights during those three weeks were several witnessing trips to the surrounding towns, which resulted in 85 souls being won, many tracts distributed, *Activated* mags out, and a united trip to gorgeous and freezing waterfalls with an accompanying picnic. (Thanks, Phil and Shiloh, for your

help with driving our big team!) We also had a two-day hike complete with pitching our tents at the mountain peak, making a bonfire for warmth and the grilling of our hotdogs, and cramming into our tent to escape the nasty gales of wind. We played and sang Gypsy songs huddled together in our tiny tent.

Another fun thing that worked out well was our rooming arrangement: Every four days we changed the rooming arrangements. This way everyone learned to get along, were closer to each other, and had much more interaction and fellowship.

[Editor's note: See want ad from the NEAT JT board on page 15.]

promote *Conéctate*, and it's really taken off! At the same time that we were launching the program, the Southern Mexico CGO board started holding *Conéctate* seminars to encourage the Homes to push the *Conéctate* program more and get more subscriptions. A few Homes started to order mags by the thousands, and wiped out our meager reserves in no time. We even sold them our leftover mags from our own Home's MOTM subscription, and then had to get more mags from another area.

PHILIPPINES

Subscriptions up and mags out: We hit 100 subscriptions again this month, and are

continuing to receive inspiring testimonies from the Family who are getting the subscriptions. One Home got a whopping 50 subscriptions. We're now sending out over 600 subscription mags a month, and the Homes are also buying a lot of mags for distribution on a daily basis.

Activated Bible studies: Some Homes have begun having *Activated* Bible studies each week, and some of the *Activated* members are actively selling subscriptions themselves.

USA

Mag of the Month: This month our MOTM orders are at 9,200 (English and Spanish combined)!

“Like the Family does it!”

By Marc and Claire, USA

As Peter shared in one of the recent GNs, he and Mama were able to meet with several academics last year, which was invaluable in helping these folks to better understand the Family and our beliefs, and most importantly, to get to know Mama and Peter personally. Recently, one of the academics who was able to meet with Mama and Peter sent us the following inspiring note:

I taught a special topics course this past winter on new religious movements and highlighted several of our academic writings on The Family throughout the course. A group of about ten students chose

to visit the local Family Home for their observation project and paper assignment, and, as almost always happens, the difference between their previous assumptions and what they actually encountered was quite startling for them. Typical of their reactions is the following example, excerpted from a student reaction paper:

“Overall, The Family is a surprisingly normal organization. Most of their beliefs are realistic, down-to-earth, and can appeal to almost anyone. They are not extremists, terrorists, or statutory rapists; they are loving and generous people. I am not a religious person in any sense. I have not been to church in more than 15 years. I rarely even think

about religion, I just live my life day by day. However, if I were going to be religious, I would want to do it in a way that actually makes a difference.

“‘Go hard or go home,’ is what my hockey coach used to tell us, and I think it is a good theory for religious beliefs as well. If I were going to be religious, I would want to do it the way The Family does it. They do not just believe in God and go to church once a week to ‘balance their checkbooks,’ like most Catholics do (the religion I was born into). They make a difference, and they try to teach others. It is a respectable way for a spiritual person to spend their life.”

ACTIVATED NEWS

Put the Lord first and see the results!

By Peter (of Praise), Philippines

The key in our Home to getting over 50 subscriptions last month was determining to put the Lord first, take time with Him and obey the Word revolution, getting up early and having Word time for a couple of hours before the kids got up. Also intercessory prayer and calling on the Activated angels. Because of all the things happening in our Home, I had even less time on the field and couldn't get out much, being on childcare with the kids at Home, but the Lord had all my *Activated* members helping by giving me subscriptions and referrals, recommending their friends. It was a miracle; something I couldn't do!

As a Home we prayed for a higher goal, and claimed it on prayer day that we could get more subscriptions than our monthly average, which was around 26. So we put God on the spot, and everyone was talking about *Activated*. The teens got a lot of subscriptions when they went out. We read the new *Activated* mag at devotions when it comes out to know what it says, and we try to apply the things that come out about *Activated*. Also we've been attending the local *Activated* seminars in the area. Part of the obedience factor is seeing what works with others and applying it.

Seeing our flock grow

By Jonathan, Mercy, and Cielo, Chile

During our Bible class a few Sundays ago, we celebrated the birthday of Mario, one of our more committed members. We shared a few simple snacks, and had everybody go around the circle and say

a specific trait or attribute they admired about him. Since we had recently finished the basic course class on prophecy, we then asked the Lord what He wanted to say to Mario on his birthday. Several people got messages from Jesus for him, which brought Mario to tears. He was deeply moved by every word we and some of the other students received for Him.

Now that we have finished class 10 (of the *12 Foundation Stones*) on witnessing we are planning an outing with our Bible class folks to give out tracts, *Conéctate* mags, and to pray with people to receive the Lord. It's so inspiring to see our flock grow in the Lord and put into practice what they learn during the classes!

The month's outreach plan from God

By Simon Simple, India

We are finding that it really pays to come before the Lord at the beginning of the month and ask for His outreach plans and goals for the Home for the month. When we do that, the outreach flows, and everyone has a great time witnessing!

We asked the Lord for direction at the beginning of the month, and He showed us that one of our goals should be to get 50 *Activated* subscriptions and sell at least 20 *God on God* books, and that if we would do that He would bless us. So as a Home we made a joint commitment to do that, and every team that has gone out this month has had those two directives from the Lord in the forefront of their consciousness.

Did the Lord bless it? He sure did! The first day we went on outreach, someone gave us a donation that almost covered

our budget for the entire month! We were so encouraged! It was a great month as we met a lot of potential people and were able to get a lot of tools out as well.

The Lord also helped us get out 50 subscriptions and 20 *God on God* books!

Simpler with *Activated*

By Shine, Romania

It was amazing for me to see how when we made pushing *Activated* our main priority, everybody we met was all of a sudden very receptive. If I compare it with the times when we went out selling tools, putting emphasis on *Activated* led to deeper witnessing more easily, and people were much more receptive to the Word. It sure pays to start on the right foot. Very few people say no, or that they'll “think about it” when asked to subscribe.

A rich businessmen in a nearby town said that our magazine, even though short, is very compact and exactly what a businessman who's always on the run needs. Another friend, who is receiving *Activated* for the second year, said that whenever he is down or in a bad situation, he reads our magazine and it always speaks to him, as he always finds in it exactly what he needs to help lift him up and give him solutions.

The amazing thing is that we're blessed financially so much more now than when we went out only selling tools. When out activating, the funds seem to flow in. One thing that really helps is to have high goals as a Home! First we only aimed for 200 subscriptions, but then we aimed higher, for 500. We made it our goal, put it on our daily prayer list and it was amazing to see how the Lord brought it in!

AN **ALIVE** WORD REVOLUTION

Faith P.I., Thailand: Putting the Word as the priority and keeping the Word revolution alive personally and on the Home level takes a lot of fighting, but it's really worth it! Although as a Home, we haven't always felt like doing it, we've been trying to keep this revolution alive. We've tried to continue with our every other week Word activity, instead of our Friday movie, and this has been fun and unifying!

Personally, almost every time our Word activity night has come around, I've often not felt the strength or the inspiration to have some Word-related activity, and just watching a movie instead seemed to be a lot more relaxing from a good week's work, but every time we finished a Word-activity—rah-rah type or not—I've felt more invigorated and inspired!

It's amazing that as we take turns leading it, everyone comes up with exciting, original ideas so that we all end up wanting to have it much longer than originally planned. The seeming too-tired-to-participate feeling at the start gets replaced with so much energy and enthusiasm and fun together.

We also try to have our every-other-week Home kids Word activity too, and though it's again a temptation for some not to get involved with this kiddy type of meetings, as we get involved the Lord always punches through and turns it into a very enjoyable and fun time together.

Joyful Free, India: I have been getting up early (before devotions) to get some good Word time. I used to get my quote book out to write quotes mainly on W&R, since during the week there just didn't seem to be time for that, but now I have it out daily to write down quotes. Also memory work has become so much more meaningful, as I'm letting

the verses I'm reviewing or learning sink in, and I take the time to think about what they mean.

Since intercessory prayer is required now, and I want to make sure I have that half-hour, I find myself much more aware of praying for others and looking for moments to fit it in. This also helps to keep my mind from negative thoughts.

Until the Feast it had been a struggle for our Home financially, since our rent has doubled since last summer, but when we all started obeying the new counsel, we got e-mails and phone calls from people wanting "Mottos." Also a fairly new friend who was going abroad had his trip delayed and so was able to visit us, and we had prayer and Word time with him, and before he left he gave a donation!

Lynne (of Thaddeus), South Africa: I've gotten back on track with not skimping on my Word times on the days I find myself really busy. For a few years now, I have been reading and re-reading the GNs, but not gleaning all the tidbits that spoke to me personally. Now I am taking the time to write down all the sections that speak to my heart, and re-reading these is such a feeding Word time in itself. I have also have committed myself to reading the reading lists at the end of the GNs, as much as possible, especially if they relate to my ministry or a new push and direction in the Word. It has been very beneficial to keep the vision.

I have also tried to study different things that will help me with my time with the children, to make sure that they get fed during their times in the Word. I've made it a point to take the time to explain things from the Word, research, copy down quotes from what we're reading together, so that the kids are inspired and absorbing

the Word, as well as creating a hunger for the Word, rather than just giving them a whole lot of Word in that just doesn't hit the mark.

I am now trying to glean little tips and ideas to keep Word time fun and alive, as well as meaningful, and praying that at the same time, the Lord will help me to keep my "date" with Him.

Michael Jubilance, India:

I must admit that when first seeing the Feast mailings I thought, *Not another Word revolution*, but as time progressed I realized that the Lord was making it very apparent that unless I was to change I would slowly die as Dad had told us in "Old Bottles." I know that this is true of me, as I have been fairly regular in my Word life, prophecy, etc., but my basic attitude has been to get my daily Word time out of the way so that I could get on with other things, rather than truly sitting at Jesus' feet and counting it as my top priority, waiting for Him to give His blessing.

With this adjustment in my attitudes I can see some changes happening, but the battle to build good Word habits has just begun. The temptation is often to start off well, feeling that progress is made, but not really cultivating lasting habits. The Lord wants me to be there for Him, waiting on His whispers before I move!

Peter Patience, India: I always thought that I took time for the Word, and that it was my top priority. But this year has seen me make some real commitments in my life to read and study the Word and obey it!

I've always loved the Word, but was mainly a "hearer" and not as much a "doer." I struggled to find the initiative to put the counsel in the Word into practice or even push for the implementation of it. But now I find

that I'm forced to exercise my faith in obeying the New Wine. I can feel the fruit of obeying the Word in my life. I am now challenged and inspired to obey the Word. It has brought back the spark in my life. This Word revolution has given me a new lease on life!

Tim (of Thai Joy), Ukraine:

We have had our initial meetings as a Home to come up with many inspiring and workable steps to help us make these new Word habits more permanent in our daily lives. We had a little boost in preparing for this, as at the time our live-outs were staying with us, so we had to raise our personal and Home standards to accommodate a babes training situation. We had already committed to memorizing weekly projects as a Home, and had put our daily schedule up one hour to get more undisturbed quality united Word time before the children woke up.

We have kept these changes and added a safeguard checklist that we have printed and given for each couple to monitor their own, and their mate's daily time for: 1) hearing from the Lord, 2) daily vigil, 3) praise times, 4) memory/review work, and 5) private quality Word. We also have started a weekly vespers where members will rotate leading the meeting/class and have Word-based activities, reactions of the Word in our lives, testimonies of the Word's miracles done, recent quotes copied from the New Wine, etc.

This change has helped our relationship with the Lord, our fruitfulness and overall blessings to be much better!

Pavilion Home, Thailand:

We're so thankful for the renewed vision to put the Word as our top priority in our Home. We've adapted some measures to give more emphasis to the Word, like

adjusting our daily schedule, having Home memory projects, implementing Word-related activities, and even praying in some things that will shorten our time to work to give more and better Word time. It has been very inspiring, unifying, and lots of outstanding victories and miracles have been happening in our Home.

We prayed for an additional nine-kilo washing machine, so that the per-

son who partly assists our childcare group didn't have to spend more time doing laundry, but could instead devote that time in assisting the main teacher with our children's Word classes. We asked the Lord to supply this additional machine for the sake of the children's Word time, and we claimed the power of the keys. The first company we approached donated two washing machines—a 10-kilo fully auto-

matic machine, and a 12-kilo semi-automatic machine.

Although we've been having less work time, we have been so miraculously fruitful lately! For example, we followed up on a friend and he offered to shoulder all the needed improvements for our van. Over a three-month time span, he paid for a new generator, four new tires, all the mechanical and electrical upgrades, and had our insur-

ance changed to first-class, full-coverage policy. These donations amounted to over US\$1,000. He also offered to pay for the repainting of our van, which involves another big amount of cash outlay on his part!

This man always gives God the glory for all his successes in his business. He keeps on saying that he's just giving back to God of what He has blessed him with all these years.

BOARD NEWS

How we held our online board meeting

By the West Africa FED and CP boards

Our WA FED and CP boards were due for another national board meeting, but with land travel not at all possible and the cost of a flight within West Africa the same price as an intercontinental flight, our only option was to hold another meeting using the newsgroups. Being that our board is all mums, it is not the easiest thing to hold a meeting that requires lots of technical details and computers, which always have that special way of not working when you need them to. Our board members stretch over several time zones and countries, so keeping our meetings in sync was another challenge to be added to the picture.

Anyone who knows much about West Africa knows what a challenge getting basic services can be, including things you'd normally take for granted in other places—electricity, computers, and Internet connection. In the end our meetings for both CP and FED turned out to be very inspiring and we got lots done and accomplished, but not without lots of challenges. If we can manage to hold a board meeting via the newsgroups, then we're pretty sure that any board anywhere in the world can!

The newsgroups are such a blessing, God bless Blake and all those in WS who worked so hard to set them up. Without them, we'd have a much tougher time in places like Africa holding meetings and getting work done as a board. We held our prophecy sessions on line, all typing what the Lord gave us in and hitting send. All our prayers and key claiming were also done the same way. We made a subject heading for each aspect of each of our meetings—discussions, agenda points, Word, prayer, prophecies, etc.

Lake Tomahawk Camp

By Angela (VS, of Juan), USA

From August 11–14 the CP board held an OC/MC Camp north of Houston, at Lake Tomahawk Baptist Encampment. It was a beautiful and ideal place for our lively bunch of 33 kids and 14 adults! Located right by a lake, complete with paddleboats, canoes, a large slide that went right into the lake, fishing holes, swimming a-plenty, and a basketball court. The kids had a blast, as did we!

There was Word class/inspiration/skits in the morning, covering such topics as: the new weapons, being a professional disciple, health and hygiene, etc. Then two hours of swimming/water fun in the morning, a break for lunch/quiet time, then a repeat of the morning schedule for the afternoon and then evening activities! One



afternoon we had a special guest appearance by The Froggie Band—thanks to the KidzVids team! The last night was topped off with a fun dress-up/game/dance night—with cake and ice cream and punch at the end, in honor of three of the girls who had birthdays while there.

There was also a camp memory project: Eph.6:10–18. The kids did great and at the end were rewarded with a Camp T-shirt. (Thanks, Eman and Marie in Colorado for working on that!)

A big applause to Phoebe (of Steph), Central US CP Board Chairwoman, who worked on finding the place, made the schedules, and just generally made sure things were organized and running smoothly! Thanks also to all the room captains: Sara (SGA), Renee (of Eli), Marie (of Andrew), Maria (of Tim), Tina (of Tom), Gideon (of Victory), John (of Sara), and Trust (of Josue). Thanks to our kitchen staff, etc: Claire (of David), her son, Jason, and Charity.

This camp wouldn't have been complete without all the roof-raising inspirations/skits we had by our talented and fun SGA inspirationalists—Andrew, Jasper, and Marie! Thanks guys! It was loads of fun! And we can't forget our camp manager—Juan! Thanks also to the home teams who stayed by the stuff to keep things rolling at home. Kids and parents alike have already asked us when the next one will be held. Hopefully it won't be too far off!



Two hippies—Charity and Robyn

Missionary Travels

By Mary (of Andrea) and Priya (14), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

We have a registered non-government organization (NGO) here, which we started for our visa requirements. As an NGO, they check to see if you are doing what you say you are doing, and they are very thorough, as they have seen a lot of people come into the country and not fulfill what they said they would. We have a partnership with the government, and we help the one and only government orphanage here. We have been able to meet a lot of people through the project, and many are now activated and some are getting closer with deeper feeding—12 Foundation Stones, Bible studies, Endtime classes, etc. We tell everyone we are missionaries and we also introduce ourselves as the Family.

The orphanage was in a rundown state when we first started helping out, and the Lord has led us to sponsors, local and abroad, who have come forward to help reconstruct the place. The roofs were leaking, they had no showers or proper toilets, and with no wall around the property they were constantly under threat of theft. They had no kitchen, just a shack where they cooked on

coal for the nearly 100 children. There have been major changes in the orphanage, and the government is very happy with the work that's being done. We always give the Lord the credit.

We have also found sponsors for the children's school fees, and college fees for some of the older ones. We've been able to provide extra food for a balanced diet, as initially they were only eating *ugali* (a type of corn flour) and beans daily. We have local doctors helping treat the children. Local people donated cows for milk and we have a chicken project being sponsored by a sweet local man who now lives in the States. Recently wives of foreign diplomats working here donated a large freezer and fridge through a fundraiser. We teach Bible classes to the children, and we are also involved in the training of the staff.

Last year during a Christmas function we had met a government minister, Professor M., and his wife L. They were very touched with the work we are doing. Professor M. promised some financial help for the children's school fees from his ministry in the government. Andrea and I later met L. at her home. She is a Christian but is not churchy. She met

her husband while they were studying in university in England 25 years ago.

L. had just started a project in a small village in the part of Tanzania where her husband is originally from. In the village there are mostly old people, grandparents and children, because the middle generation is hardly around due to AIDS. Tanzania has a major problem with HIV/AIDS. Practically everyone you meet has a relative they are helping, as it hits all levels of society here, rich and poor. It's heartbreaking. L. has been fund raising and finding sponsors for the children's school fees, along with clothing, uniforms, etc. We were able to be a comfort and support to her in her heart's desire to help the children. She really loves the Lord and once we started reading with her she has really grown. She is now activated and loves the *Get Activated* books and has asked for some for her friends.

L. called us one day and said the opportunity came up to make a trip to the village where she's holding her project with the orphans, and she asked if I could come along. So I went, with Priya, my 14-year-old daughter. We headed to the Mbeya region, quite some distance

away. Where we live in Dar es Salaam there is a tropical climate, hot and humid; however in southern Tanzania where we were going, it can get cold! Most people know Tanzania for Serengeti, the game park—however in the south of the country, the climate is so different that there are pine trees! We passed through a huge National Game park, and as the road passes right through the middle of it, you can see lots of wild animals right there crossing the road, and you see signs "Danger: wild animals!" It took a little getting used to! Elephants, giraffes, even lions hang out there.

By the time we reached our destination I was very sick with a bad flu. All the people were waiting in the village for our arrival that day, so Priya went to the village with our other travel companion, an assistant of L.'s husband, and the driver. They traveled on a dirt road down to Lake Nyasa, by the David Livingstone Mountains, and attended the little church service where all the village was waiting. Priya was the only white person most of the children there had ever seen, and she was asked to speak. She said a few words in her basic Swahili, and at the end of the service they had an

activated responses

I've had the privilege to partake of the Lord's mercy when He visited me in prison. Since then His love fills my life.

The other day I got ahold of a few *Activated* magazines, which I have read with great interest. In the July issue I liked how the Bible is put in light of science in one article, and of course, it proved its unquestionable validity.

I paid special attention to the "Feeding Reading" section, because I believe it'll help me

to have a fuller understanding of the Lord Jesus. Thank you so much for these magazines, and I pray the Lord will help you in your blessed work.

—S. J., Hungary

When I got this flyer from you on the street, I read it, and it spoke to me so much I had goose bumps all over. At the time I was beside myself, very depressed, so much so that often all I could think about was dying. I've been like that

for so long, I can't remember anymore.

Those words touched me so much though that I thought if I write you, I could get some help. I'm 23 years old, and I have a twin sister who is in the same shoes spiritually and emotionally as I am. We believe in God and often ask Him to help us. Our childhood was spent in yelling and beatings. Our father had two nervous breakdowns, and now is a wreck and on medication. We adored our father and are

really sorry to see him now getting more and more sick and weak.

Our mother was on our case all our lives for the smallest things, and we wanted to run away from home many times. Aggression and nervousness were unfortunately instilled in us, but we hate it and don't want it to be that way. We want to live in peace! I had several suicide attempts, but by now I stopped because I know it's wrong. I really need help and that's why I'm writing you!

If I'd get an answer I'd be very happy, but if not, even then I'm glad that that afternoon a girl gave me that flyer, because it saved me from doing something crazy. Thank God.

—Erika, Hungary

Through some friends, or should I say, through God's engineering, I happened to get ahold of an unearthly treasure—a couple of your magazines! It took only a glance of one article to get

me to read them all in one sitting! I've found such comfort and inner strength in them; the words contained within opened my very soul and let God's light shine in!

I've read hundreds of books, but none inspired me to seek God, yet these magazines led me into the Almighty's arms so gently and lovingly. Believing in God is the very core of my existence, yet because of the temptations of this world, I never dared get close to Him,

as too often I have answered affirmatively to temptation's call! So although I've believed in God, I've feared His punishment and kept far from Him!

But I now know that Jesus gave the words on the back cover of this magazine for me. I no longer fear Him, I know that He loves me, and when I fall into temptation, He'll not turn His back away from me, but will reach His hand to sustain me and guide me!

—Marius, Romania

offering—during which they give goods instead of money, like clay pots, etc.—and the assistant brought the pots to Priya. By the afternoon my fever lifted.

The next day we all made the journey to the village. We visited the schools on the way, as L.'s husband is also the Member of Parliament for that area, and he is pushing education so that all the children in all those remote villages can go to school. L. and her husband have taken different ambassadors and the president on the same trip to show them how things are, and have received

some funding for building and reconstructing schools. Slowly, improvements are being made. We were able to witness as well as give out some things we brought with us, like pencil cases. We visited one secondary school at the foot of the Livingstone Mountains, and when all the children lined up at the strike of the bell, I was asked to speak. I just burst into tears as I talked about the Lord to them.

By the time we reached the village, my fever had returned, and I was ultra sick! I took one look at the mountains that David Livingstone

walked over in his travels upcountry to where we live in Dar es Salaam and told myself, "Well, what have I got to complain about!" Joy (of Tim) who lives in another city had lent me a book on the life of David Livingstone, and when she gave me the book she looked at me and said, "Mary, he *walked* across Tanzania!" We are so thankful to have these brave spirit helpers to assist us in reaching this land.

While traveling with L., first and foremost we are missionaries, but they also consider us experts at child-care and running orphanag-

es, etc., seeing the improvements that have been made in Dar es Salaam. It's a role that is quite awesome to say the least.

We traveled for more than 2,000 km of witnessing, fun and adventure! We returned Home different, thanking the Lord for all He had done. L. is closer than ever, and her husband is getting closer too. Thank the Lord for such sweet sheep, and the fulfillment of "reach the rich" and winning people who are labor leaders, who can also help us stay in and reach this ripe field.

I've received a magnificent prize—the *Conéctate* mags that came to my hands and have helped me grow so much spiritually. The text is so simple that it doesn't complicate the Gospel. It leads me to read it and enjoy it in the spirit, and I see the fruit of it in my daily life. My life is loaded with problems, but also filled with hope and trust in the Lord, Who didn't say we wouldn't have problems, but promised to deliver us from them all. I have learned this principle from you, and I live to prove it every day of my life.

The Lord used you to bring peace to me in the midst of the storm. What I enjoy the most are the writings of Father David. I give glory to God that you all came into my life!

—Alicia, Chile

I am very happy to be receiving the magazine, and every time I read it, it has a message of hope for me. The contents of each issue have a lot to do with what I am living at the very moment. I know that God takes care of me and supports me at every turn.

—Gustavo, South America

Your publications are extraordinary, and have been wonderful for my spiritual growth and relation with God, my family and friends. Keep up the good work!

—Teresa, South America

I am interested in knowing the life history and teachings of Jesus. I read your *Activated* magazine and I appreciated the message very much, and the way Christ was presented. I was born a

Muslim, but my mother and I have faith in Jesus. I wish to know more about God. Please let me know how to receive your magazine on a regular basis.

—Shalin, India

Through my friend, I came across one of your publications called *Obstacles Are for Overcoming*. I was overjoyed to go through it, since I found it very useful and [spiritually] enriching. I would like to have a personal copy of this book, as well as the rest of the *Get Activated* series, as I feel they will help me grow closer to the good Lord as well as help me lead many more to Him.

—Brother Varghese, India

I came across an *Activated* magazine at my friend's house, and was very

happy to read it. As I was scanning through the pages I came across an *Activated* article that sounded as if addressed to me in particular. It ministered to my heart so much that I made up my mind to contact you people to express my appreciation for the wonderful calling of "relief ministry," which the good God has called you to in order to activate the heart that is sick and cast down.

I am a young missionary pastor at Rivers State Nigeria, with a Divine commission to let the world know the power of the active Word of God, as they embrace Him by faith. I believe that God has something in common with both of us. I want to be your partner, and I also want you to be part of what I am doing here in Nigeria.

—Pastor E. B., Nigeria

Pray!



Healing key: There is no affliction that I cannot heal as you wield the keys of healing, because with the power of the keys you can stand strong and firm on My promises of healing to you.

Testimonies of Answered Prayer

Abel, Feliz, and Marie Claire,

India: Some time ago, I phoned one of our friends who poured out her heart about the many family problems that she was facing along with her husband battling cancer and serious heart problems. The battles were becoming very intense, and though they know the Lord it was a lot to cope with at one time. This couple is also getting up in years, both in their late 60s. They have a small house church, but had to stop everything because of her husband's health problems.

After the wife poured out her heart, I asked her if I could pray for her husband's healing. When I prayed, I asked the Lord for a complete healing for this man through the power of the keys, and claimed some healing verses. I also asked the Lord to heal him within the month, which, looking at his major health problems was physically impossible. We also kept him on our prayer vigil list.

About a month later the wife phoned me, and she was excited. She explained that she had taken her husband to a medical exam and checkup, and the doctor said that there were no more traces of cancer or any more indications of heart problems, and the doctor "knows that he didn't do it" (heal him)!

What a miracle and a real answer to prayer. The Lord healed him specifically within that month, like we had prayed!

Pilar (of Victor), Spain: I wanted to thank everyone who prayed for the Lord to heal me from the tumor in my nose. The operation went very well and everything is healing fine. I had a beautiful time before the operation, claiming the keys, fighting in the spirit, and praising the Lord. Thank you all for praying as it helped me not only in the physical but in the spiritual as well!

Abner and Delight, Mozambique: We asked for prayer for our daughter

Elena (14) because she has scoliosis and has to wear a back brace. We recently had her checked up, and one answer to prayer is that the dear brethren in South Africa provisioned her care with one of the leading experts in this field completely for free. Another answer to prayer is that the doctor said that looking at the x-rays, her spine has noticeably improved and that Elena will probably not need to wear the brace until she's 18, but that she may be able to stop using it by next year! Hallelujah!

Please continue to pray for her, that her back will be miraculously straightened by the power of the keys.

Asia

Ariana: Painful appendix problems.

Liberty (of Ivan): Tumor in rectum. Liberty took a stand of faith and decided not to go the medical route of undergoing major surgery and possible radiation and chemotherapy, but to expect a miracle of healing from her cancer through the power of the keys. Please pray for Liberty, that the cancer stays in the local part without spreading throughout her body, and for strength, faith, courage, wisdom, and guidance.

Marie: Growing cyst in upper neck, that it will be benign, and that through the power of the keys she would be miraculously healed of it without the need for surgical removal.

Michele (YA, of Rosa and Lucas): Degeneration of the spine, cervical and thoracic subluxations, and muscle spasms in her back. General health to remain strong, and relief from pain; complete healing.

Nina: Fibroid in the womb, which has been causing her severe pain.

Shayna Rose: Rheumatic fever; painful and swollen joints.

Europe and Africa

Janet: Fibroid cysts.

Jerry (of Joy): Recently underwent surgery to remove a tumor from his head. The operation went very well. Please continue to pray for a complete recovery, against infection and any other complications. Also for complete healing from dysphasia (speech difficulties), which developed post-operation, and presently requires therapy.

Joy (formerly Sabine, of Luke): Her retina was disconnected when a violin string flung in her eye, after which she contracted pink eye. May require an operation to reattach the retina. Please pray for wisdom, and for complete healing and restoration of the retina.

Patricia (13, of Joy Happy):

Cerebral palsy, for the curve between her shoulder blades to subside, and that the arches in her feet will not totally collapse, and that the orthopedic shoes she's wearing will help to correct the problem. Also, as she's now entering the more delicate stage of her growth, that it will be smooth, that her muscles will follow her bones' growth.

Ruthie (of Baruc): Breast cancer. The Lord has led her not to go through with the treatments the doctors prescribed after her second operation, which revealed a second, bigger tumor than the first one. Please pray that Ruthie can continue to fight the good fight of faith, and for the complete healing the Lord has promised.

Vera (of Daniel): PG; staph infection, which the doctors say can be harmful to the baby, as it weakens the baby's immune system. For a healthy pregnancy, miraculous healing of this infection and cervical erosion.

South America

Julian (6, son of friends): Julian was miraculously healed of cancer a year ago, but was recently diagnosed with cancer on the sides of his brain. Please pray that the Lord will heal Julian up completely, for faith for his parents, and correct and accurate diagnosis and counsel from the doctors.

Mercy, WS: For several weeks Mercy has been in continual pain in her back and leg. The doctor she has been seeing thinks it's her sciatic nerve, but is not entirely sure what the problem is. The continual pain has been robbing her of entire nights of sleep for quite some time, and she has had to use a cane to help her get around the place. The only relief she has found has been through taking very strong medication, but this is not taking away the actual problem.

Please pray for relief from this severe pain, for continued strengthening and endurance for dear Mercy, as well as guidance for the doctors to be able to accurately diagnose the problem. That the Lord will make it clear as to *what* is causing this pain, and then how to relieve it, and that He will deliver her from this completely.

homeschooling corner

End-of-school year ceremony

By Magda, Middle East

At the end of June we had an official ceremony for the end of the 2002/2003 school year. All three of our students—Martin, Gabriel, and Anita—participated in this ceremony along with the other Home members. We began by prayer and praise—reading quotes on praise—and then we had a short reading of the Word on the subject of education and childcare. After that all our students performed something that had to do with their past year's education.

At first, Anita, the youngest student, quoted her memory work, and later played a piece of music on her xylophone. Afterwards, our junior teen, Gabe, played a few pieces of classical music on his piano, which he selected from many different pieces of music he'd learned throughout the school year. And then, Martin, senior teen, showed everyone some samples of his computer graphic projects from the past year.

The three students shared what progress they've made this past year in their scholastics and vocational subjects. Then everyone gathered around the table where we displayed all the portfolios and folders with records as well as arts and crafts projects of all the students. (One thing that we need to work on in the upcoming year is to upgrade and organize the students' portfolios and folders to include more photos and samples of their extracurricular projects.)

After this part was over, we had an official handing out of diplomas and certificates, first for Anita, along with a book as a reward for her good grades, and then certificates of appreciation for both teens, who so faithfully taught Anita throughout the year. Then we had an appreciation time for all the teachers—we celebrated with cake and ice cream! At the end we watched an inspirational video while everyone enjoyed their snack.

More activities and hands-on experiences

By Sylvia, USA

I recently went to a homeschool convention, and have learned a lot about how to make school more fun for the kids. I was just doing pages from our curriculum and trying to fill out books, more than learning with games, and reading. I've seen how much more kids learn from activities and hands-on experiences than by doing workbook pages.

Self-taught graphics artist

By Philip, Middle East

Our son, Martin (almost 17) has been doing graphic art for the posters and brochures for our show. He has done a beautiful one with pictures of all our performers for a poster that will be used all over the country to advertise the show in towns before we travel there. We had some questions about how to do some things we needed to do for the poster, and took it to a professional graphics agency that we had befriended recently.

The lady who was in charge teaches graphics at the university and she marveled at Martin's beautiful work, and called everyone in the office to see it. She said that fourth year university students she teaches can't do what Martin did for this poster.

He's quite a good artist with pencil and paper, but his forte is truly in the area of computer graphics, and in that he is pretty much self-taught. It shows you don't always need a big course to learn a skill, just the will, the time, and the materials.

It takes more planning, but it's worth the effort. The *CCHBs* are excellent for this since they are full of activities.

Another thing is being able to see the importance of devotions. We make sure we have good Word time and memory time and base our school day on that. The Family pubs are a real blessing for this.

Vocational training, outreach, and the Lord's supply

By Daniella (of Emanuel), France

When I once asked my daughter if there was something else she wanted to learn, she said food carving. We had come from Thailand, where this is a handicraft they do, carving melons, carrots, etc., in a very artistic way as food decorations. But we were in Turkey at the time of her request. I thought that I could maybe find a book to teach her this art. We prayed and asked the Lord that if it was His will, that He would make a way.

A few days later while on outreach, we met an Asian man. I asked him, where he was from, and it turned out he was from Thailand. I asked him if he was a tourist. "No," he answered, "I do food carving in one of the biggest hotels here!" Imagine that!

When he heard about my daughter's interest in learning food carving, he readily agreed to teach her for free. So Sara went every week to learn food carving, after her CTP with the handicapped. This man and some others who work there got saved. Through him we met the food and beverage manager, who oversees five kitchens in this big hotel (which we had tried to provision from without success before).

He had been an orphan himself as a child, and from then on he helped our Home and CTPs regularly with food! All this came through a vocational training wish, so it pays to follow the burdens that the Lord puts on your heart.

Later at a Christmas dinner, Sara was able to do some decorations, and it was a testimony to the visitors. It was also an opportunity to tell them of how the Lord had supplied miraculously. "Delight thyself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of thine heart."

Thankful for the upgrade

By Maria (of Mark), Ghana

I was very grateful to see the upgrade in the education of the teens in the Family, as I thought this was something I was overemphasizing, so it really encouraged me. The CVC regional FED board and the CVC local have been so helpful in providing what we need.

Math-teaching suggestion

By Mary, United Kingdom

Since the level of high school is upped and our young people need to study till the 10th grade, I think some will have problems with their math, as their parents may be unable to teach advanced math. Perhaps a teacher, who knows his or her math, plus enjoys teaching it, could invite young people to his or her Home in order to help the young people with their math, or organize a week of an intensive math course to get the young people going.

[Editor's note: Some ideas on this subject can be found in "Homes unite for algebra and current events classes," by Byron (of Marie) in GV #159, pg. 11.]

entertainment

Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up

UPTOWN GIRLS (2003)

Brittany Murphy, Dakota Fanning

A New York socialite takes a job as a nanny of a precocious child, in order to regain the respect of her boyfriend.

(Dad:) This movie has some meat to it. It's got a valuable message, as far as movies go. You can't, of course, expect too much from movies these days, and even ones that have a "message" sometimes have things in them that aren't that great. But the thing that makes this movie worth watching is that it's about love, the power of love, and the need that everyone has for love. It can even serve as a little how-to on how to show some hard-to-love people that love does exist.

There are some negative attitudes portrayed, such as the overall selfish, worldly attitude of the young woman, and some unkind behavior on the part of the child. They learn their lessons, but it takes them awhile. There is much in this film that is not pleasant or relaxing, but you do see a caricature of people in need of love, in need of Me—those you can help by letting My love in you pour out to the needy.

This movie shows that worldliness and wasting your life will not make you happy or fulfilled, even if you have everything. When the real values are put in front of your eyes, all the fluff just falls away, and what remains is love and helping people—the true meaning of life.

MOONLIGHT MILE (2002)

Jake Gyllenhaal, Dustin Hoffman, Susan Sarandon

A slow-moving drama/character study about a young man who lingers in the family home of his fiancée after her accidental death. While grieving along with her parents, he is drawn into legal issues and other complications.

(Dad:) This movie is a glimpse into how those in the world handle grief and the loss of a loved one. It's thought provoking. It's sad, because the poor people in the movie don't have the Lord to turn to. They don't have the hope of glory or know where or how their loved ones are. They don't know how to comfort each other or how to deal with death.

You sort of float through this movie, and as it unfolds you kind of get the feeling that the characters are floating around looking for something solid to hold on to that will help them come to terms with the tragedy that has happened and then to be able to move on with their lives.

The film brings out the awkwardness people feel when dealing with death and the grief it can cause, and how people can so differently cope with the pain and emotions involved. The message of how truth and honesty have to come out in order that the right conclusion can come forth is good.

It's a serious movie, and it wouldn't be one for people to go into lightly. Also, it might not be a good movie for those who may have lost a loved one recently and might be affected by the feelings of grief and sorrow.

Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

DADDY DAY-CARE (2003)

Eddie Murphy, Jeff Garlin

Two men get laid off and have to become stay-at-home dads when they can't find jobs. This inspires them to open their own day-care center.

(Jesus:) This is a movie where the true values in life are brought out, as well as the funny side of raising children. There is some goofy stuff, but on the whole it is a lighthearted comedy. There is some mild profanity and some bathroom- and diaper-related humor, though not too graphic. In the past, Eddie Murphy has done some very distasteful comedy to the point of being vulgar, but in this movie the bad humor is significantly toned down.

This is a pretty simple story with simple lessons. It brings out how rewarding it is to pour into children, and how it can be much more fulfilling than having a high paying, successful job in the System; it shows which is more significant when it comes to the truly important things in life.

ABOUT SCHMIDT (2002)

Jack Nicholson, Hope Davis, Dermot Mulroney, Kathy Bates

A man entering retirement must come to terms with his estranged daughter's marriage to a man he does not care for, and the failure that his life has become.

(Dad:) This is a true-to-life movie that portrays the sad life of the main character, Schmidt. It's a character study and it does have a pretty good message. It should give the Family a heart for the sad state of some of the souls trapped in the conformity and hollow routine of the System, and also the difficulty some have in adjusting to retirement from a meaningless job.

There are lessons on the meaning of life, and learning to appreciate your blessings and not take them for granted, communicating from your heart, etc. It should

show those in the Family who view it what a blessing it is to have the Lord and know the true meaning of our existence.

Movies Rated for JETTs and Up

LITTLE SECRETS (2002)

Evan Rachel Wood, Vivica A. Fox

A pre-teen violinist acts as a sort of junior psychologist for the neighborhood kids—each week, her friends confide their deepest secrets to her. Problems arise, however, when she becomes overwhelmed by the sheer volume of classified material.

[Note to parents: You might consider showing this to OCs after previewing and praying about it.]

(Jesus:) This is a movie with good lessons on being open and honest. Only towards the end, however, does it show the bad fruits of not telling the truth and how it can really harm you when you keep so many things to yourself. But it ends on the right note, showing that telling the truth brings about the best fruit in the long run, even if it does hurt. In some ways it is a little unrealistic with the kids who have been covering up not getting into trouble and not having to suffer the consequences. In the real world that sort of behavior gets you into a lot more trouble than what was portrayed in the movie. It doesn't bring out how I see and know everything, how I see every thought and intent of man, and how nothing is hid from Me.

It shows a young person who's very determined to see something through, even if it means giving up her own personal free time in order to see her goal to completion. How much more should My children, who have the greatest goal on Earth, to win souls for Me, be determined to sometimes forsake things that are fun or dear to them in order to witness. Nothing gets handed to you on a silver platter. Something else that was brought out was learning to accept the plan I have for you and not being ashamed of who you are.

One attitude that will need explaining is the main girl's resentment about her mom's pregnancy, and her jealousy over her soon-to-be sister. The main girl was actually quite selfish in this way, and definitely needed to learn some lessons and change her attitude about having brothers and sisters, which she does in the end. The thing that might need explaining is the underlying issue that because she was adopted, she felt insecure and like her sister would be more special to her parents than she was. But in the end she realizes that her parents love her just as much as before the new baby came.

One other thing that was really sweet about this movie is the relationship between the younger boy who lives next door and the main girl, and how even though he sort of liked her, in the end he steps back and lets his older brother get closer to her, and doesn't get angry or jealous, but is thankful to just be friends with her. That was a good sample. It's important from an early age to live the Law of Love in sharing friends and being considerate of others' feelings—even when it's a bit difficult.

Other Movies

[Note: Before watching a movie rated in the "Other Movies" category, Homes and individuals should ask the Lord whether it is appropriate. If considering showing an "other movie" to teens or JETTs, parents or shepherds should preview and pray about it.]

FRIDA (2002)

Salma Hayek, Alfred Molina

(Jesus:) This is the story of a woman who was free-spirited, happy, and a generally upbeat person. Then she was afflicted—first in a horrible streetcar accident, which left her crippled and in pain for almost all of her life. Then she became romantically involved with a man with whom her life becomes intertwined as an artist and as a woman, but who treated her unlovingly. These two torturous factors in her life created great pain.

Those considering viewing this movie should know ahead of time that there is some weirdness in it—including the artwork shown, Frida's lesbianism, and her torturous marriage—but there are also some aspects that are interesting from a historical point of view. It is also, in its own right, an example of a fighting spirit in face of all kinds of adversities. Some of My children would benefit from it; others would be troubled by it.

Although Frida was considered a talented artist in the world, and is being honored in this movie, the artwork they chose to portray is not beautiful or uplifting. Neither artist (her or her husband) had My Spirit in their paintings; there was little beauty or warmth. Even though the world acclaims these artists as great, their lives and paintings would have been more beautiful had they looked to Me.

Non-Recommended Movies

WHITE OLEANDER (Alison Lohman, Michelle Pfeiffer, 2002)

(Jesus:) I do not recommend this movie for My children to see. It is aptly named, as an oleander produces a beautiful, fragile-looking flower, but it's really a very hardy poisonous shrub. This movie is also full of subtle poison and deceit. It portrays My

children as hypocrites and nice people as losers. It portrays the essence of the Enemy's lies to people that it's all about you and what you think—rather than about doing what is right and what pleases Me. It exalts self-strength, self-power and pride, all of which are not of My Spirit, but come from the netherworld.

While the conclusion of the movie is okay, and it ends on the right note, all the things you have to see and wade through in order to get to that are not worth it. It has a very depressing side to it that stays with you. The mother is portrayed as the heroine in the movie, but she is very evil and she never repents of her ways.

WANT ADS

Dearest Family,

I'm writing on behalf of the NEAT JT board (North Eurasian Territories of Russia, Ukraine, Belorussia, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan). In our part of the world we have been blessed with a terrific group of JETTs and teens, but they are divided by thousands and thousands of kilometers. The Lord has helped us to organize two camps this year for them, which have been wonderful experiences. We would like to continue this next year as well, as they wouldn't have the chance to meet and fellowship otherwise. But as missionaries on these poor fields (and some of which are sensitive fields too), it's tough to get the funds together not only for us as the JT board, but also the families who send their JETTs and teens from great distances, such as 3,000 km.

So, we'd like to ask you if you feel the burden to help us reach and bring together the young people of our area so that they can have the essential fellowship they long for and desperately need. We need your help to help them. Even \$20 will make a difference. You can send it to RU014, designated to "The NEAT JT activities."

We love you very much and look forward to hearing from you. We'd be more than happy to keep you posted on our activities.

Thank you very much for considering!

Angelina (SGA, for the NEAT JT board)

Dear Family,

This is **Mexican Fe (Lily)**. The Lord recently called me to go to India. The Home there needs me, and my vision is to get there ASAP. I'll be traveling with my daughter Gabi (12). We need about US\$2,500. If the Lord touches your heart to help, please send your donations through the Mexican ABM to "Fe Nueva Vida in MX8006." Thank you.

Have you ever dreamed about reaching the Russian people with the Endtime message, but were not able to for some reason? Well, here is your chance! We would like to ask anyone who is interested in helping to reach the Russian people to please pray for us and, if possible, help us financially towards making a [Russian] master of *Beyond Armageddon* video!

The soundtrack is almost ready and we need about US\$600 towards Betacam video editing studio work. We believe that this video will be a great hit, just like *Countdown to Armageddon* was and still is. We hear of people in distant villages watching it and passing on the tape from neighbor to neighbor. As of today, more copies of *Countdown to Armageddon* have been distributed in Russia than any other Family video.

If the Lord puts it on your heart to help us towards making *Beyond Armageddon* in Russian, please send your contributions big or small to **RU001**, via the Russian ABM. Please mark it to "Russian *Beyond Armageddon*." If you need to get in touch with us, our address is vision@safe-mail.net. We love you. Thank you so much!

My name is **Anita**, and I'm 22. I have been living in Nepal for about four years now. Recently, the Lord worked it out for me to get a student visa with the university here, which will enable me to stay for at least one more year. Long-term visas in Nepal are not easy to get, and the prices are quite high. With the enrollment costs at the university plus the visa fees, I'm looking at about US\$75 per month or US\$905 total.

If anyone has a burden to help reach Nepal, by sending something, big or small, towards these costs it would be greatly appreciated. Gifts can be sent via the TRF to NP01, and you can write me at anitamh81@yahoo.com. Thanks for your help and prayers.

Shine On—August 2003

TEAMWORK	Per Adult	Total
SOUL SHINERS FOR AUGUST 2003		
Rosita H.H., Mexico	2,850	5,700
Pablo T., Ecuador	1,801	3,601
Josue/Maria Fiel, Mexico	1,295	7,770
Claire/Daniel/Steven, India	300	1,200
Daniel/Lily/Melanie/Pawel, Brazil	250	1,249
Belen/Ezequiel/Rejoice, Brazil	225	1,800
Diego/Magdalena/Marcela/Simon, Argentina	216	865
Happy/Marcelo/Nina/Silvia, Argentina	181	1,268
Faithy/Mark/Premika, India	176	1,757
Francisco/Luz/Vida, Paraguay	162	812

TRACTS SHINERS FOR AUGUST 2003	Per Adult	Total
Joy Newlove, Peru	5,000	10,000
Heber/Maria/Stephen, Peru	2,925	23,400
Josue/Maria Fiel, Mexico	1,796	10,774
Dulce/Matthew/Perola, Brazil	1,750	7,000
Eman/Katherine/Meek, USA	1,700	6,800
Linda/Love/Victor, USA	1,519	6,075
Ben/Ewa/Jan, Russia	1,505	7,524
Abraham/Amada/David/Nat/Tanya/Vic, Mexico	1,314	9,200
Eric/Ester/Josiah/Joy, USA	1,253	7,520
Angelo/David/Dawn/Peter, USA	1,119	6,711

ACTIVATED DISTRIBUTION SHINERS FOR AUGUST 2003	Per Adult	Total
Bonita/Mark/Renee, India	546	5,461
Pablo/Paciencia/Samuel/Sara, Mexico	506	2,024
Aneta/Ben/Christy, Botswana	429	3,000
Anaik/Joy/Sharon/Tiago, Brazil	394	3,550
Angelo/David/Dawn/Peter, USA	331	1,987
Celeste/Chris, Mexico	260	1,039
Claire/Ginna/Marc/Peter, USA	231	1,846
Rose/Shine/Timothy, USA	211	2,535
Charity/Happy/Joshua, India	200	2,000
Christina/John/Tamarah, Mexico	165	1,153

ACTIVATED SUBSCRIPTION SHINERS FOR AUGUST 2003	Per Adult	Total
Armi/Beth/Carina/Crystal/Jonathan/Joy/Karishma/Mamta/Samuel, India	41	
Andrew/Angel/Deepa/Hosanna/MaryAnn/Rajan/Steven, India	39	
Dust/Eman/Perla/Smyle, Albania	34	
Clara/Faye/Francesco/Nehemias/Sarah/Smile, Albania	34	
James/Peter/Praise, Philippines	34	
Byron/Jenny/Maria/Marie/Nathan/Simon, Philippines	28	
Iris/Jeremias/Luz/Paulo, Brazil	26	
Christina/Iris/Michael, Brazil	25	
Aaliyah/Christian/Eden, Romania	21	
Christina/Johnny/Micah, Taiwan	21	

TEAMWORK	Per Adult	Total
POSTER SHINERS FOR AUGUST 2003		
Rosita H.H., Mexico	1,301	2,601
Christian/Maria/Michael, Japan	994	5,965
Andre/Maria/Martin, Mozambique	970	4,850
Meekness/Philip, Namibia	600	1,200
Rose/Shine/Timothy, USA	592	7,109
Dust/Mercy/Nathan/Rejoice, Japan	510	3,062
Gabe/Honey/Miike, Japan	464	1,854
Clare/Peter, Japan	418	835
Jesse/Susanna, USA	380	760
Philip/Priscilla, Ivory Coast	325	1,300

TAPES/CDs SHINERS FOR AUGUST 2003	Per Adult	Total
Sweetie Of Dad, Mexico	283	566
Faithy/Lalo/Natalia/Robin, Mexico	205	821
US3970, USA	196	589
Belem/David/Madalena/Mateo, Brazil	82	493
Pilar/Victor, Spain	81	325
EN472, United Kingdom	78	233
Joan/Pauline/Sonny, Russia	73	219
Angela/Angie/Brian, Brazil	72	429
Maria/Mark/Suzanne, Ghana	65	260
Emanuelle/Francisco/Joana, Brazil	56	167

BOOKS SHINERS FOR AUGUST 2003	Per Adult	Total
Aneta/Ben/Christy, Botswana	714	5,000
Faithy/Lalo/Natalia/Robin, Mexico	233	931
Alfredo/Charity/Rachel, Brazil	155	930
Charity/Happy/Joshua, India	120	1,200
Isacco Oasis, Italy	107	427
Abigail/David/Dream/Lovely/Simon, Italy	98	490
Hannah/Peter/Stephane, Reunion Is.	95	569
Abigail/Ezra, India	57	114
Dove/Maria/Svieta, Russia	44	311
Natalia/Salomon, Mexico	38	152

VIDEO SHINERS FOR AUGUST 2003	Per Adult	Total
Gab/Rejoice/Virginia, USA	123	980
Daniel/Rejoice/Spring, Indonesia	53	368
Faithy/Lalo/Natalia/Robin, Mexico	38	152
Elisabeth/Emmanuel/Felicia/Simeon, Indonesia	31	124
Linda/Love/Victor, USA	30	121
Baruc/Joseph/Larissa/Pablo, Romania	22	157
Anaik/Joy/Sharon/Tiago, Brazil	22	197
Felipe/Marcos/Paulo/Vitória, Brazil	21	83
Rory Huber, USA	18	88
Ester/Frank/John, Brazil	18	105

Personals

Pierre and Bathsheba who are in Venezuela, do you remember me, French Zac in France? I found your names in the prayer list, and I was thinking about writing you before, but I didn't have your address. I'm in Mexico now. You can write me at french.zac@free.fr.

Maggie (of D. and J.), I have no idea where to write you! Please write me (Ariana). I would like to hear from you! Contact me at kamp2@camnet.com.kh.

We are so sorry about our e-mail address. The problem is fixed now, so don't give up on us and keep writing us at the last address we gave you, and we'll answer as fast as we can! Love you all! (**Simon**, we miss you!) Philip and Maria Swiss

Former friends —seeking contact

Hi, dear Family! I am living in London but I came from Mendoza, Argentina, where I met a woman one day in May 1973, at the Plaza Independencia. I really would like to meet her again; I'd love to find this person! I was 12, but she was in her late 20s, blond. Help me, please! Thanks a lot! Miguel Toscano at militus@uk2.net

Or write any details to info@thefamilyeurope.org and we'll forward it to Miguel. Thanks!

QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTION STATS BY DESK

Activated Desk	June	July	August
Brazil	219	191	309
Chile	11	14	14
Colombia	13	21	21
EE and Russia	545	149	266
Europe/Africa	267	193	122
India	394	484	284
Japan	117	29	50
Mexico	21	23	28
N. America	4	2	3
Philippines	62	98	112
Taiwan	41	81	75
Total	1,694	1,285	1,284

now that's funny

SENT IN BY SHARON, USA

Actual announcements taken from church bulletins:

- ☞ Don't let worry kill you; let the church help.
- ☞ The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Julius Belzer.
- ☞ This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.
- ☞ Tuesday at 4 PM there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk will please come early.
- ☞ Wednesday, the ladies Liturgy Society will meet. Mrs. Jones will sing "Put Me in My Little Bed," accompanied by the pastor.
- ☞ Thursday at 5 PM there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All wishing to become little mothers, please see the minister in his study.
- ☞ This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar. The service will close with "Little Drops of Water." One of the ladies will start, and the rest of the congregation will join in.

- ☞ Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.
- ☞ The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind, and they may be seen in the church basement on Friday.
- ☞ A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- ☞ At the evening service tonight, the topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice.

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