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RESTRUCTURING REVIEW ASSIGNMENT

By Mama and Peter

We love you very much, dear Family!
You are in our daily prayers and we're so thankful to be serving our wonderful Husband alongside each of you.

Lord willing, on February 20th, the first GN in the upcoming Family restructuring series, titled "Forward, Always Forward!" will be posted on the MO site, and mailed to you in print shortly thereafter.

We want to ask that you take the time to reread GN 1054, "New Year's Challenge

for 2004!" during the weeks preceding the posting of this new GN. It's crucial that you diligently review this GN so that you are up to speed and can more easily grasp the new information about the Family restructuring that will be presented in the GNs to come. So please take the time over the next few weeks, whether as a Home or individually, to study GN 1054.

Thanks very much! We love you and are claiming the keys for a tremendous new year together!

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Thank You from Tamar!

Dear Family,

I love you! A special thanks to those of you who wrote me personally in response to the "Which Comes First: The Revelation or the Artwork?" (ML #3473, Post-It GN 12). Each comment, note and letter was so encouraging, and it really touched my heart that you took your time to write me and send your encouraging responses. What a Family!

I'm so proud to be serving our Husband and king and queen alongside you. Thank you for your prayers, and for your unswerving faith and loyalty to Him and His Words!

With much love and gratitude,
Tamar

New 12 Foundation Stones Item: Supplementary ML Reading List

By the International CGO board

On the MO site you'll find a new addition to the *12 Foundation Stones* Teacher's Supplement: a MO Letter Reading List designed to accompany the *12 Foundation Stones* classes as supplementary reading. (This list will also be included in the *12 Foundation Stones* printed book, coming soon.)

The idea for this list is to provide additional meatier reading on the topics that are covered in the *12 Foundation Stones* classes, for those who are ready and hungry for more. You can either read the MLs with the students as part of an additional class, or you can assign them as homework to read on their own, as you feel led. There are more notes of explanation in the list itself, which can be found on the MO site, under the Activated/Activated Training Course section. We pray that it's a blessing to you in feeding your sheep!

“Love Came Down at Christmas, Part 2”

(Continued from GV #168)

Christmas 2003 open house, Budapest

Ruby, for the B2B CGO board, Hungary: Every year since 1992, the Family has organized a special Christmas program/open house to which we invite friends, contacts, parents, Active members, etc. Almost every year it has worked out to have it at a very nice hotel, and most of the Homes in Budapest participate to make it happen. Usually this falls on a Sunday about 10 days before Christmas. This has become somewhat of a tradition here, and is one way we show our appreciation to our friends and contacts, giving them a taste of the real meaning of Christmas before they celebrate their own.

This year, the Frontline, Keys, Bluesky, and Orchard Homes put their best foot forward to make it happen! We didn't have a lot of opportunity to prepare; however, the Lord came through for us again, and the show was beautiful. The children from the Bluesky Home performed Hungarian songs, playing instruments too! The kids from the Keys Home did a super dance routine, and also put on a wonderful nativity skit using sign language, which they also perform for the deaf. The Frontline Home did a meaningful puppet show and the Orchard led the singing of traditional songs. Jason performed a touching rendition of “O Holy Night.”

About 80 people came to partake and celebrate with us 30 or so Family members! The Lord provided all the cakes and snacks, and we were able to give out beautiful Christmas coloring books to all the children, and also display our tools. It was beautiful to work together to make this happen.

Christmas Secret slideshow

Marc (of Love), Taiwan: H., an Activated friend, had made CDs with slides of *The Christmas Secret* in Chinese and in English. C., one of

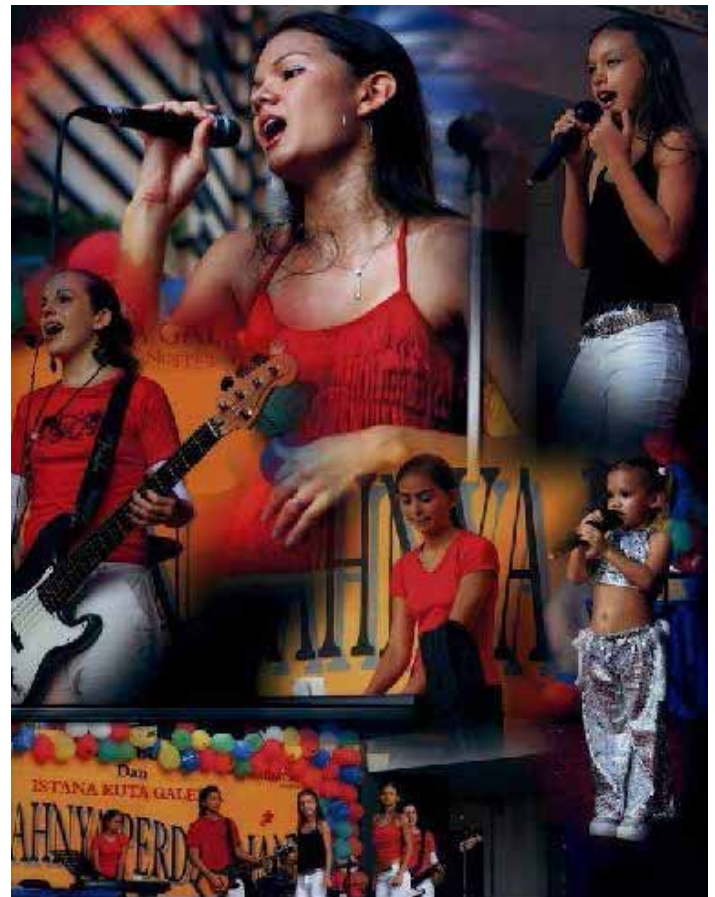
Jeannie's Activated friends, asked us if we would like to do an English show for her students at her school. As the days passed, the number of shows her school wanted us to do was growing, and so was the number of people participating in our shows. The Lord showed me to use the English CD more as a slide show, and to have a question-and-answer period giving prizes of CDs and videos to the children who got the right answers. This worked out wonderfully!

Barney dressed up as Klaus, I dressed as a clown and did a couple of magic tricks on the side. The first day we did this show for three different classes amounting to 80 children. They all prayed to receive Jesus in their lives. C. had taught the children the song “What Can I give Him?” which they sang for us at the end of each class. Later we did a show for the older children at the same school. There were 600 eager children assembled in the auditorium. This show also included a short clown act with my son, Johnny (14) and me.

Barney did the slideshow of the story of *The Christmas Secret* with a question-and-answer period after the story. Some children were touched to tears by the narrative. To finish the show my daughter Julie (12) sang “What Can I give Him?” and “The Real Meaning of Christmas,” followed by an invitation to all the students to pray and receive Jesus in their heart. These older children had learned the song “Ding, Dong, Ding,” which they gladly performed for us. A few days later C. came to see us and to give us a letter that two of the students had written us saying how much they liked our show and that they were hoping we would come back to their school again.

Christmas in Bali

Steven, Bali: Our band, the Bali Hai Band, performed numerous times in many places throughout in Bali during the Christmas season. It was a



The Bali Hai Band

great opportunity to spread the good news through the music we played. We also met many sheep who we are staying in touch with, and will be able to minister to further.

The Bali Hai Band is made up of Flame (16) on keyboard, Danny (16) as lead guitarist, Paul (18) on drums, bass guitar by Suzy (21), and vocals by Karen (13) and Anna (16).

Christmas with key power

Tim (of Hannah), Taiwan: I guess it goes without saying that every Christmas does turn out to be a miracle of some kind, and He uses us and our talents wherever we are to help another know Him. This Christmas was nothing short of a miracle and proof of key power in answered prayers and message given.

We had a late start to our Christmas push, due to moves and changes. However, the Lord helped us to be able to do quite a bit even though we were so few with so late a start. The Lord supplied all the props and costumes we needed for free through spon-

sors within only two days. We were able to man a CD display and combined clown show at a well-known department store for two weekends, where we got lots of CDs and lit out, new sheep met as well as a chance for our Active members to join in the action and learn to witness.

The Lord supplied all the needs for the department store tables including nearly US\$3,000 worth of sound equipment to make it sound so sweet and that was used for the various concerts shows we did later as a band. We were able to put together a 30-minute concert, and practice with members from here and Taichung twice in the middle of everything—that was a real miracle!

We pioneered a new CTP, where the staff and doctors of a hospital and their owners want to have Bible classes, and have also asked for our help with the patients' spiritual feeding every week starting after Christmas. We also visited eight CTPs over Christmas with another Home.

It showed us that if we just put the Lord first, claim key

power and do the wanting, it's amazing the many, many miracles that He can and will do for us.

Making Christmas and New Year's Meaningful

Philip and Meekness, Namibia: One of our Active members decided that this year's presents for her family's children (eight kids altogether) would be more meaningful than just toys and clothes, so she took a few sets of the *Start Early* posters, *Treasure Attic* ICD, *Praising U*, and Christmas storybooks. She told us that everyone was very thankful and happy to receive it!

She also arranged a New Year's celebration with her four children (from teen to preschooler) and husband just the way we do it in the Family at the end of the year! They gathered together in the evening and each one thanked the Lord for different things from the past year as well as shared their prayers for the New Year.

She phoned us the next day and said that her whole family had a prayer evening together! We have only mentioned once to her how we celebrate New Year's, a year ago, and the Lord reminded her to have that special time of acknowledging Him with her whole family when entering the New Year. God bless her!

Another miracle the Lord performed in her life was showing her the lasting fruit of her faithful witnessing. She owns a shop and lots of long-term customers like to shop there. There was a man coming nearly daily to her shop, and each time she saw him she told him she's praying for him. He is actually one of Namibia's most famous artists. She had a burden on her heart for this man, and wanted to show him that Jesus loves him. She kept on sending lots of prayers upward for him, and one day he wrote her a letter with some questions he had on his heart. She wrote back assuring him of God's great love for him, and his heart was touched! The Lord led her also to give him a *God on God* as a Christmas

present. She wrapped it up in nice paper, and wrote a sweet message on the first page, and he was thrilled!

Before Christmas he walked into the shop and said: "I accepted the Lord yesterday! Now I need more time to learn, and more of your prayers. That book you gave me is very amazing! Thank you!"

One of the greatest miracles before Christmas was an incredible answer to our prayers for supply of Christmas shopping vouchers! We approached four of the biggest shops that have branches all over the country. We prayed daily and claimed the key promises and they all said "yes"! It totaled up to \$260 worth of shopping!

To top it off, many of our regular supporters came up with Christmas donations, special gifts, presents, treats, and even parcels sent to us from another country! It was a shower of miracles! We were continually praising the Lord!

We had turkey for Christmas dinner, and right before Christmas one of our friends gave us another one!

The Lord supplied toys for our children, clothes, ice cream, a Christmas tree complete with beautiful decorations, and 15 sets of Christmas lights all through prayer! Adam (11) said, "Wow! Mommy, we claimed the keys and instead of one set we got 15 sets of lights!"

We live in a complex of over 50 town houses. There are lots of children here. Adam (11), Francis (10), and Benji (9) decided that before Christmas they would go on a "witnessing mission" on bikes to win as many souls (children) to the Lord as they could. They first won two souls, then another two, then three, and right before Christmas six children prayed with them—13 souls saved!

Beside this the Lord inspired us to prepare a special box with the children's forsake-all toys to give to kids at a shelter. We packed a box with toys and stuffed animals, wrapped it in shiny paper, blew up about 50 balloons, took some canned fruit and headed to the shelter. The children there were overjoyed and thrilled, as were the caretakers!

in My arms...

(Written by Joseph [of Heaven], USA:) At 4 AM, December 3, 2003, Grandma Sara peacefully passed on. Clare her daughter was in the room with her, as well as Lily, and kissed her goodbye. Heaven had also just arrived from Houston. We are praising the Lord for His wonderful and absolute control and minute-detailed care of everything, His perfect timing and how He has prepared Mom and us all for her graduation. Like Dad said "Heaven is not the end: It's only the beginning!"

Precious in His sight is dear Megan, who was released to her heavenly reward tonight at 6:45, December 4, 2003. Her uncle and brother had just arrived, and we were with her that last hour and 45 minutes, when she passed on. Now more gorgeous than ever, safe and whole in her Husband's loving and caring arms, Megan can more fully and freely serve the Lord and help us, her Family, which is what she gave her life to only two years ago. We're sure she's wild and free in Heaven now. Thank you, wonderful Family, for your fervent prayers and love!

(Jesus speaking to Megan's mother/Grandma Sara's daughter:) Dearest Heaven, I just love your name; it suits you perfectly! Thank you for staying so close to Me, so in love with Me, and so close to Heaven itself, especially during this time of your loved ones' parting from this world.

Just think of it!—Now you have *two* loved ones and strong intercessors and warriors of the faith standing on the other side for you. They—having loved you greatly—will now do more than they could possibly do for you while on Earth. Now they'll be

able to *truly* manifest their love for you, and will be able to aid you and give to you in ways that will mean the most within the realm of the spirit.

They will help to strengthen and bolster your spirit and those of your loved ones, giving you signs, whispers, and words of encouragement and direction in coming times of need. For they have merely slipped across the thin veil that lies between the two worlds, and it is so much closer than My dear brides can even imagine.

They are happy—more than they ever imagined or dreamed possible! Let your heart be comforted by this wonderful reality. For Megan, having her grandmother's experiences and life of faith beside her, has been a tremendous strength in spirit. The camaraderie and closeness they have gained since being here has brought great joy to My soul and theirs. They are as two little girls enthralled and enraptured in the wonder and excitement of the spirit world and all that I have for them both. There is so much to learn, to experience, and to do!

Because they—very special parts of you—are here in Heaven, you'll now experience a *closer* link than ever to the other side. This won't be your imaginings, but these will be very clear manifestations of the reality and closeness of the spirit world—and a very special touch of My love and theirs, something they both wish to give you.

No love that is created, given, and forged on this earth is ever lost in the next life; it is merely deepened, strengthened, and enhanced. So you have *gained*, My treasure, only gained from this passing. You do not have them in sight, for they have passed to the shores of My world; but you have them in heart, you have them in memory, and you have them in spirit in greater measure than you could ever have them on this earth. (End of message from Jesus.)

board news

How-tos of a witnessing workshop

By the Central Indian CGO board

"You can do it; there is nothing at all stopping you. Your success has nothing to do with anyone else, but *everything* to do with your personal commitment to Me. It's between you and Me."—Jesus



In November we held a CGO workshop for the three cities in our area—Bombay, Pune, and Goa. As a board we were very desperate to get it right, as there had been several requests to have a workshop to highlight various aspects of witnessing.—Topics such as how to present the work, how to reach the rich, what to feed our friends, and asking for finances, were all issues that needed attention.

The Lord confirmed that it was His will to have a one-day workshop for our area. He provided a corporate auditorium along with lunch and snacks for our workshop. Thank you, Hannah, for provisioning this.

Thirty-seven people were able to attend. We started off with a fun-filled inspiration, followed by Word, testimonies and tips, and an infusion of ideas on the how-tos of witnessing by both generations.

Jonathan (of Tamara) opened the meeting with a talk on Activated, and shared generous amounts of Word from the thirty or so GNs on the subject. Chris (SGA) was our emcee, and shared his lessons and experiences on witnessing, which were very helpful, as most of the attendees were young people. Joy read sections from the Word on being a professional; Daniel (of Shayna) spoke on "teaching others to teach others," training sheep to be Active members, and how to get out *Activated*; Joshua (of Lilly) shared lessons and inspiring testimonies on teaching sheep to tithe, and Mary Dear shared lessons on reaching the rich and fundraising.

We were able to give everyone a copy of *The Professional Handbook*—a 128-page book for witnesses, which we compiled for the workshop. There was Word taken from the recent "Show

Me the Money" GNs (ML #3462, GN 1050), Activated GNs, "Wise Witnessing Replies," along with how-tos of answering questions, managing your time, key promises, dress codes for witnessing, and all sorts of charts, forms, and letters.

Witnessing seminar in Rome

By Angela, Croatia

In a CGO board meeting we prayed about organising a witnessing seminar in Rome, geared toward young people, to learn how to be better professionals in our witnessing, beyond the few lines learned while fundraising. We had about 25 attendees from all the Italian Homes. The Lord led us to have it in a fruitful witnessing Home, so there could also be some practical demonstrations and examples included in the classes. The seminar lasted four full days, filled with classes. We tried to study as many aspects as we could on the topic of a professional witnessing Home.

On the first day...

For the keynote we read a message we received for the occasion from a dear Italian brother, Paul, who just went to be with the Lord a few weeks before, after battling a long-term disease, in spite of which he never stopped witnessing till his last breath. This was followed by a class on Activated, particularly on how to promote the mag and get subscriptions. (Presently, all the Homes in Italy are engaged in a full-fledged contest to get out the recently produced *Conttato*.)

The Activated class was followed by one on tooling and outreach the professional way. Dear Paul, a faithful FM brother, gave this class. He's been doing a very good job at promoting the Family tools, with pride and efficiency.

Next we had a class on new, meaningful ways to witness and fundraise. For this one, various Homes shared new ideas, some quite crazy and revolutionary. A few people from the Home in Rome talked about how they are going restaurant witnessing and soul winning, dressed like clowns but with no balloons, and are getting lots of souls saved and also lots of donations, just telling people about Jesus!

In the evening we met for inspiration, which also included a hilarious but very thought-provoking skit on how not to witness and entertain visitors, by Ready and team. Our evening ended with positive personal accounts by several new disciples, focusing on what impressed them and won them to the Family.

On the second day...

In the morning Paolo from a Home in Rome taught a class about soul winning and personal witnessing.

The afternoon was scheduled for a Holy Ghost Sample in Rome, but it started pouring rain, so much so that the teams had to return home. It seemed like a defeat, but the Lord had some real victories and lessons out of the whole thing. Instead we got together for a Bible class workshop. We had compiled a list ahead of time of several topics, from simple ones like salvation to more challenging ones like abortion, homosexuality, etc. We wrote the topics on pieces of paper, and everyone drew one out of a hat. Then each person spent the afternoon preparing a five-minute class on that topic.



In the evening we all got together, with a "jury" present, and each one presented their "case"—their five-minute presentation on the topic they'd picked out. The activity ended up taking two evenings, and we discovered so many talented and anointed Bible teachers, all the way down to a sweet 14-year-old who had originally come to help on staff, but who also wanted to do his presentation, with boldness and showing a good knowledge of the Word. The jury made sure everyone was graded fairly, basing their final judgment on both presentation and knowledge of the subject.

On the third day...

We had several classes, beginning with one on follow up, and winning disciples and Active members. Simon and Angela led this meeting, and shared from their personal experiences.

Another class was "CTPs the Right Way and Other Home Appeals," which went into a question and answer time. Paolo Alleluia then gave a good class on cultivating and organizing a mail/e-mail ministry.

On the fourth day...

The first class of the day was on holding a Church of Love and Sunday school, with tips on how to organize meetings for visitors and their children. This was followed by a Bible study class, focusing on the *12 Foundation Stones*. The third meeting of the day was entitled "Visitors"—creating the right atmosphere to receive guests, and having a sample Home. These three classes were taught by Simon and Vicky, and a lot came from

CONTAGION OF ENTHUSIASM MAKES GREAT SALESMEN

Sent in by a Home in Mexico

The following is an article from a book that someone in our Home recently read during one of our meetings, in looking into how to promote *Activated*. After he read it, we all thought it worthwhile to send in. The main part is the testimony of Charles Kennard, who sold *Guideposts*. It's a good example of how our enthusiasm should be the same with promoting what the Lord's given us to share with others through *Activated*.

Charles Kennard is one of the most successful salesmen I have ever known, and I have spoken to scores of sales gatherings and know a host of sales people. Enthusiasm has made an enormous difference in his work and life.

Charles has sold an inspirational, interfaith magazine called *Guideposts* to a list of industrial organizations that could well be the envy of salesmen of any product or service. He has persuaded scores of hardheaded businessmen, who have a sense of responsibility and regard for people, to subscribe in enormous quantities to this inspirational publication for their employees. Charles Kennard believes that the deeply moving human interest and personal stories which *Guideposts* brings each month into some two million American homes will make better people, who will make better products, hence better business and a better country, and more important than all, a better life for everyone.

Because of his dedication, he is deeply convincing and the contagion of his enthusiasm transmits itself not merely into sales, but into the stimulation of a similar dedication in hundreds of people. As a result of his enthusiasm he has played a large part

in one of the most dramatic successes in American publishing history, the development of *Guideposts*, from a small beginning to one of the most widely read and influential periodicals in the United States today. The story of Charles Kennard is an example of what the contagion of enthusiasm can do.

One of the most enthusiastic men I have ever known is Elmer G. Leterman, author of two fine books, *The Sale Begins When the Customer Says No* and *How Showmanship Sells*. Elmer is one of the great salesmen in America, and one of the most interesting personalities as well. He has boundless zest and self-reliance and a powerful lot of common sense. His contagious spirit is expressed in the following statement from his book, *How Showmanship Sells*:

"I can't fathom clock-watchers, people who regard their jobs only as a means of getting money for the things they want to do. Each working day must become a Chinese torture to them, a steady drip, drip, drip of monotony which, over the years, de-humanizes them.

"What a shame that these people do not learn that business is fun, that it combines the ingredients of all the better games and sports. And the ground rules change too often for it to become boring...

"When I look back over my career, I consider it one grand lark. I still go to work each day with relish. I enjoy setting new sales records—more in a day, more in a month, more in a year. I welcome the challenge of new men who appear on the scene, threatening my old records and keeping me from becoming complacent. To me, material

success without enjoyment would be no success at all."

(*Enthusiasm Makes a Difference*, by Norman Vincent Peale, published by Guideposts Associates, Inc., Carmel, New York, 1967)

(*Dad:*) The sky's the limit! No, not even the sky's the limit—the only limit is the faith and initiative of the Family! They can do it if they try. Look at what they did with the MO Letters, the tapes, the posters, the videos, with pub after pub and push after push down throughout our history.

Don't you think the Lord thinks your pubs are wonderful, powerful, life-changing and marvelous? Let me tell you, other religious magazines can't hold a candle to it! They're full of dead dry doctrines with maybe a testimony or two mixed in and a little bit of inspirational stuff to try to stir up their flocks, which usually need a lot more than a revival, let me tell you!

So you haven't seen anything yet when it comes to *Activated*! The Family just has to start *doing* it, *pushing* it, *promoting* it, and *winning* others with it. And then when you've won others with it, unlike your other pushes, you can get *them* plugging it *too*. In times past you mainly distributed lit and won souls. Well, *this* time you're going to win new members, new disciples as well, and they're going to also reach and win others through *Activated*, and things can snowball before you know it.

You folks may think I'm exaggerating when I say, "The Lord wants this to be an explosion—possibly the biggest explosion of any pub ever created by any Christian organization," but that's the truth! He *does* want it to be an explosion, and it *can* be if you'll make it that way. Claim the Lord's promises! You can do it because *He* can do it, and He *wants* to do it! ("Activate the World, Part 1," ML #3348:10–13, GN 943)

GRAPES OF THANKFULNESS

Dear Simon, our hats off to you and your team! Not only are the *Nu Beat* shows absolutely fantastic, but I wanted to add how thankful I personally am for all the recordings you've made of the New Wine compilations, *FJWL*, *TJWL*, the keys promises and the *MB2K*. It's such a blessing to just turn on the sound and do daily review in this way. I organized the file according to the *MB2K* review system, and all I have to do is click on day one, two or three, according to which date it is, click on the repeat button, and I can easily do my review daily and hide the Word in my heart.

Thank you, Simon! You're wonderful and making it easy for us to obey this Word revolution!

—MARIE, SOUTH AFRICA



Dinner with Active members

their practical day-to-day experiences, especially on how to relate to and win the Italian field.

That morning a number of hungry sheep and visitors started arriving at the Home, for a class on the Holy Spirit (from the *12 Foundation Stones*), so we all joined in. Lunchtime came and more

people flocked in—Active members and friends. We all piled into the large living room for inspiration, more Word, and Communion! Everyone also prayed for the infilling of the Holy Spirit. The theme of the last class couldn't have been a better way to end our witnessing seminar!

Thanks to all the members of the Home who hosted the Seminar and often worked double duty. Daniela, an on-fire Active member, who cooked for us almost every day; Joy and Daniele (14) who helped on staff; Ready who helped with the inspiration, and had us all in stitches with his skits; Daniele, Abele, and James who worked on videoing the classes. And lastly, a big thanks to all the ones who helped teach the classes.

ON THE ROAD

By Simon (SGA), with contributions by Nathan, Amanda, and Florence, Philippines



Simon with a Chinese-Filipino family after giving them and their children an evening Bible study

I took some teens and YAs on a four-day road trip to a nearby city, where we dedicated one full day to only getting out *Activated* mags and subscriptions. Besides getting eleven subscriptions in the four days, the Lord blessed our giving a day to activating with an incredibly fruitful road trip in souls saved, tools out, good donations, and ministering to very potential friends and supporters.

The main idea of the trip was to have the teens and YAs do as much of the provisioning and leading of the teams as possible.

The Lord supplied abundantly, first with free bus tickets to the city, then when we went into a popular fast food outlet to provision lunch the manager's reaction was: "Why, if you are going to be here for four days, are you only asking for one day's lunch?" He then offered to give lunch at his restaurant for the entire duration of our stay.

Florence and I then went to find a hotel that could help us with rooms while we were there, while the other team started doing outreach and witnessing. The Lord blessed us with an air-conditioned room at a nice resort hotel, and the outreach on that first day was quite good as well.

On the second day of our road trip, one of the teams met a young man at an office who commented that he had seen us eating at a restaurant the night before. (It sure made us pray we were being a good sample!) He and his sisters were very sweet and all prayed to receive the Lord, after which he took some tools, and gave a good donation. This encounter helped us realize that

being in a small city like this we needed to make sure we were always being good samples, as we never knew who might be watching.

After meeting a Chinese lady who likes our work, she called the next morning asking us to come visit her again. When we arrived she handed us about five sheets of paper with maps of the city drawn on them. She had marked different shops and offices on the map of Chinese people who were either friends or relatives or customers of hers. She encouraged us to use her name in visiting them and tell them that she thought they would like to help our work, or that they would like the tools. This was a big help to us in our outreach while there, and proves that referrals really pay off.

We spent the next day getting out *Activated* subscriptions. One man was the manager of a large floor tile outlet. He was very interested in *Activated*, but then asked if he could just give a donation. I asked him why he didn't want to subscribe, as he seemed like quite a sheep. He explained he belonged to a very aggressive Christian church, which is well known in the PI for being very confrontational to anyone trying to "change their religion," even if this is not the case. This man went on to explain that members of his church visited him often during the week, and would be very upset to find a mag like ours in his possession. I prayed on the spot, as I felt like he really needed the mag, so I asked him if he thought he could just subscribe at his office



Nathan, Florence, and Amanda, on our way out of Manila standing in front of our "free" bus

address and then keep the mag at his office. After thinking about it for a while he happily agreed. I am sure the Lord is going to use *Activated* to help this man.

At another office, after we had introduced our work and the *Activated* mags to the manager, he called his secretaries and office workers. They were interested, but mentioned it wasn't their payday yet so they didn't think they could subscribe at the time. The manager then mentioned this was the case with him as well. I felt led to suggest that the folks who were interested could all pitch in and subscribe to one copy at their office, then they would all be able to share it. The two secretaries agreed right away, and then told the boss that since he was the manager he could pay the larger "third," which he had to agree to. Ha!

The Lord blessed us giving a good amount of our time to activating, with the four of us getting out about 77 CDs and VCDs, as well other tools such as "Mottos for Success" calendars

and books. The income from the trip was also quite substantial and the Lord provided all meals, lodging, and transportation free of charge.

In working on getting tickets back to Manila one team had a check to go to a large bus rest stop in town. There they met the manager of the rest stop who after listening to their request explained that although he has no say over the bus companies who use the rest stop, he would be happy to pay for our tickets himself as well as subscribe to *Activated*.

On the last day we were there we were able to meet and follow up on a lady who owns a large appliance store. When she asked how she could help our work, I shared with her about our Home's need for a fridge. I explained that perhaps she could give a donation towards it, to which she explained that actually she would like to *donate* the fridge itself, and that she had a truck coming down to Manila the next week, which would bring down a fridge for us. Praise the Lord!



Amanda with a sweet hardware shop owner we witnessed to and his staff, who all prayed to receive Jesus

Peter Plays Jesus

By Simon Peter, Uganda

Acting with Alex

For almost 30 years Alex Mukulu has been Uganda's leading theatrical personality. He first became famous during the time of Idi Amin (former president of Uganda), when he produced a play that made fun of Amin, but in such a way that Amin thought that it was praising him, and so ordered the play to be shown on TV repeatedly. Alex's plays are usually satirical, dealing with Africa's social and political problems and imbalances. He has toured the U.S. and Europe a number of times with his plays, one of the most famous being *30 Years of Bananas*, which people here still talk about even though it was last performed more than 10 years ago.

Alex and his wife Christine, who is related to the royal family of Buganda, have been close friends of ours since we first came to Uganda over three years ago. We have always talked about doing some kind of production together, but nothing came of it until now. His new play is called *I Am Not Here Because I Want*, and centers around Alex's frustrated efforts to get a visa at a Western embassy to travel abroad with a group of refugees to dramatize their plight. As part of his application he brings in the lives of six famous personalities, Michael Jackson, Miriam Makeba, Idi Amin, Jesus, Nelson Mandela, and the current president of Uganda, Museveni. These characters, according to the choices they make, at end of their lives end up either "ugly with the Devil" or "beautiful with God."

When Alex asked me to play Jesus, I thought he was nuts, as I'm older and grey and 18 years past 33. However, because of Alex's insistence, and also the Lord confirming it in prophecy, I went ahead by faith, clinging to the power of the keys, even though there were only two days before opening night! There also seemed no way of remotely looking like Jesus, as there are no theater shops here. Thankfully, I found one shop where I was able to buy a Western style girl's longhair wig, which unfortunately had bangs and ridiculous curls on top. For a beard I tried cutting off strands of the wig and gluing them to my face. I felt and looked like a sticky, horrible mess.

After the first performance people said I looked like Bin Laden! I almost pulled out of the production at that point, as I didn't want to be a poor testimony of Jesus. My wife suggested that instead I draw on a beard with an eyebrow pencil. Between that and covering up the bouffant curls with a head cloth, miraculously by the second performance, as seen from the audience, I looked okay, and was extremely encouraged to read the following in a review of the play by a local paper. (Thank God they didn't come to the first performance!)

"There is a lot to marvel at, scenes that cohesively flow into each other, the flawless lighting and the appropriate costume and scintillating dances.

"You will agree that casting is exquisite when you see the 'Jesus Christ'—or whoever was in that role. For a moralist, it would have appeared sacrilegious to present Jesus on stage yet the fact that he did it with pleasantly shocking accuracy

is commendable. The character could have been Jesus' twin brother; more demure compared to the personality presented as a bust."

Alex gave me the freedom to do or say anything I wanted to as Jesus on stage. The Lord led me to weave it together from the *Good Thots* and *From Jesus—with Love*. The speech is Jesus personally giving His testimony and salvation message to the audience. It has been very

well received, always drawing a good round of applause.

A lot of prominent people have come to see the play, including government ministers, the chief of police, as well as two special performances for the senior officers of the police and army. The play ran for 22 performances at Uganda's National Theater during September, and is going to run for another month next January. Alex may also tour with it abroad.

Jesus' monologue

The world tried to make Me what it thought I should be, but I chose God's plan for My life, not the Devil's. I chose to fulfill My destiny. Here I was, the long expected Messiah, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, and yet I chose to be born, not in a palace, but in a barn, in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. I grew up in another obscure village, working in a carpentry shop until I was 30. I then spent three years as a wandering preacher.

I never wrote a book. I never owned a home. I never had a family. I never went to college. I never traveled more than 200 miles from the place where I was born. I never did one of the things that usually accompanies greatness.

While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Me. My closest friends ran away. One of them betrayed me; another denied me. I was turned over to My enemies, and went through the mockery of a trial.

I was nailed to a cross between two thieves. My executioners gambled for the only piece of property I had on Earth—My coat. When I was dead I was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Since then twenty centuries have come and gone, and yet all the armies that ever marched, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man upon this Earth as powerfully as Mine.

I chose to live a simple life while on Earth so that I could better understand the trying of men's hearts. I know what it is like to be hungry, thirsty, cold, sick, tired, lonely. I, too, have felt the depths of despair, discouragement, and desperation. I screamed out in agony as the nails pierced My hands and My feet.

In the beginning man starts out in his original form, as created by God, with a destiny, a perfect plan for his life. And that life need not be great to be beautiful. There may be as much beauty in a tiny flower as in a majestic tree, in a little gem as in a great jewel. A beautiful life is one that fulfills its mission in this world, that is what God made it to be, and does what God made it to do. Whether you fulfill that destiny and at the end of your days become beautiful with God depends on the choices you make.

Behold My hands that were nail-pierced! They reach out to you with forgiveness, for I have already paid the price for all of your past and future sins. I take away from you the burden of guilt for the wrong choices you have made, and in its place put the white dove of forgiveness. Won't you please receive this forgiveness, and the cleansing power of My blood?—So that at the end of your days you will join Me in glorious resurrection, forever beautiful in Heaven with God.

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An Activated disciple

By Andy (of Rose), Taiwan

A little over a year ago we received an e-mail from the Philippines asking us if we could follow-up on Herme, an *Activated* subscriber living in Taiwan. I phoned her and arranged to meet her. She was very excited to connect with us in Taiwan. Herme met the Family on a visit home, and signed up for the *Activated* magazine at that time. Her parents give fruit and vegetables to the Family in the Philippines, and that is how she first met the Family.

Herme was faithful to visit us as often as she could on her days off, and she almost always brought some of her friends and co-workers with her. She was so happy when they came because they all prayed and received the Lord. For some time we have been praying about a way to reach more of the factory workers in Taoyuan, the area where Herme worked, as they are very receptive and almost all of the migrant workers from the Philippines speak English.

We were able to introduce Herme and her friends to Jason and Michelle's Home, and now a fruitful Bible study and ministry is developing. Recently, Herme returned home, but before returning

she discussed her plan with her parents and with the Home in the Philippines and all agreed to it. So, she flew back to the Philippines and met her parents and family at the airport, but joined up with the Family and returned to their Home to start her new life as a disciple in the Family. On New Year's Eve Herme called from the Home in Baguio, Philippines, to wish everyone a very happy New Year!

Ideas and thoughts from *Activated*

By Tabitha, Taiwan

Our pastor friend whom we've known for several years and who has a collection of all our children's videos, CDs, and our other materials, has just renewed his *Activated* subscription for another year. He says that he gets many of his ideas and thoughts for his sermons from the magazines and other materials that we send him.

We recently visited him and shared with him about the Endtime, asking him if he ever included the subject in any of his sermons. He said, "Yes! I've been bringing the *Countdown to Armageddon* video to my prison ministry, and they really like it!" He then remarked that after a showing of the video the sisters all tore

up their credit cards! I handed him a copy of the new poster "Who Pulls the Strings," and he said, "Wow, look at all those credit cards! I'll be sure to show the sisters!"

Activated = contented employees

By Jere, Brazil

A businessman I know, who owns a metal shop, has subscribed his executive employees to the *Activated* magazine for two years now. He told me that his employees like it so much; they look forward to every new edition of *Activated*. He also said that employees from other sectors of the company are asking why they are not getting them, and are asking if they can also receive them. He is going to see what he can do to subscribe all of his employees, which are over 100.

Activated tops all other material!

By Rachel, Gideon, and Meg, South Africa

The following is a letter that we received from Abram, one of our Active members in Johannesburg.

I am a guy of 30. Reading is my number one hobby. I grew up reading the Bible and many other materials—newspapers, magazines, and anything I would come across.

Even though I read the Bible every day, there was one thing which I have always been hungry to understand, and that is Bible prophecy about the second coming of Jesus Christ. I could not even compare what is currently happening in the whole world, with what is written in the Bible.

I got different interpretations and explanations from different religious leaders. Even after that I would still feel confused. I would ask myself why people who believe in the same God and Jesus Christ have different views about Him. I decided to consult God by praying for true revelation about the

issue. I was starting to lose hope, but God came to my rescue through Rachel and Chris from the Family.

I met them in a place where they were teaching Bible lessons to the congregation every Sunday. Since then I have never looked back, because they taught almost all I wanted to know about the End. I am still attending their classes, and after each class I feel like a new person. I am also able to share what I have learned with my friends and colleagues.

They also gave me *Activated* magazines to read. I would say that *Activated* tops all the other materials I have ever read. I enjoy reading everything inside it! It is so strengthening and helps me to understand the Bible better.

It blesses me to read *Activated*. I pray that God will reveal many other things to you, so that we can learn more and share them with others.

—Abram

Bearing Activated fruit

By Micah, Mary, and Johnny, Taiwan

We have had quite a few people sign up for the second year of *Activated*, and we had a lot of people with good reactions about the magazines and how they got fed by them. We still have people to track down and sign up, but most people have wanted the second year.

One of our *Activated* subscribers was so happy when we gave him a bilingual Bible. We felt that it was the good fruit of *Activated* in that it can turn Buddhists into avid Bible readers and loyal subscribers.

We've been visiting some of our subscribers and reading the mags with them. It's a ready-made follow-up tool, and reading with them ensures that they really are getting the full impact of the message.

We've been going through our stacks of name cards and visiting people and offering tools and *Activated*. We are surprised at who subscribes sometimes. On a couple of



Happy Activated study group, South Africa

occasions we had people subscribe who turned it down last year. Also people we thought were too much into Buddhism have subscribed, too.

In our outreach we found it fruitful to give people a choice in what they want to do for us. Some want tools, some want to subscribe to *Activated*, and some want both.

We held an inspiring barbeque/follow-up/Activated meeting. Our Active member, Yolanda, brought her sister and her boyfriend along. They're so turned on and want to continue to subscribe to *Activated*! They also want to do what they can to help those around them.

Snowballing subscription signing

By Outlook Brasilia Home, Brazil

The Lord is helping us to blast off with *Contato*. We wanted to get it going but for some reason it just wasn't getting off the ground. We all teamed up and agreed to go for it, and now it's snowballing. We don't know why we hadn't gotten it rolling in our Home sooner! We had been ministering to our friends through our mail ministry and follow up, but hadn't gotten them to sign on the *Activated* line. But as soon as we got those slips in front of them, almost every one of our friends signed up.

Activating idea

By Marc Goforth, Taiwan

I went to visit a friend who had subscribed to the *Activated* magazine and found out she wasn't reading it yet. So I offered to come every month and read it with her. She was thrilled and immediately asked how many people could come to the class. I said, "As many as you want." She then asked me if they needed to subscribe, too. I told her, "For sure." She then asked me for a stack of forms to have them subscribe.

Already a worker for the Lord!

By Johnny Servant, Taiwan

We recently made progress with our up-and-coming outside church members. Shannon, a

28-year-old single, began tithing this month. She has led three souls to the Lord on her own, is memorizing the Word faithfully, and wants to win at least a soul a week. She said she wants to help in this work of preaching the Gospel.

Yolanda, another Active member, has also led more souls to the Lord, and together they want to help us to get five new subscriptions to *Activated* per month. It's so exciting, seeing the time and shepherding invested in their personal lives bear fruit like this. They both have personal prophecy books and hear from the Lord regularly. Yolanda puts her questions to the Lord in point form and then writes down the answers as she gets them. She's a businesswoman, in charge of two and soon three boutiques, and she means business for the Lord as well!

After discussing the meaning of the "Harvest Is Plenteous" song, and our need for laborers, she said, "This is what I'm already doing!" She really sees herself as a worker for the Lord, and she is!

Getting behind Activated and loving it!

By Gabriela, Croatia

[Editor's note: Aliases used in this article for their friends' names.]

So much has changed in our Home due to the superb "Show Me the Money" series. We made many changes in our schedule, thinking, and modus operandi. Just making the commitment to obey and doing our part has brought new blessings from the Lord that we couldn't have anticipated. Just a few examples are:

Our Home goal has been to get out 200 Mag of the Month, but sadly, we were falling way behind. No matter what we did, we were just not getting them out fast enough, and we soon had a pretty large stockpile on our shelves. So we got to work making realistic goals to get out 15 mags a day, in order to catch up. Sure enough, we found that it was doable, and a little competition helped as well, as teams wouldn't want to come back home without getting out

at least their 15 mags. Although we didn't make 15 mags every single day, we did a lot better at keeping our goal than any month before. At the end of the month we'd gotten over 230 mags, thanks to following the Lord and obeying the Word!

Follow up on our sheep and contacts was something that was lacking due to being pressed to raise quick funds through tooling. We made some changes to our schedule to allow some members of the Home more time to do follow-up. We organized all of our contacts based on what they've gotten from us so far, in what way they've helped, what their relationship is with us, etc.

We've wanted to follow up on a very influential man in our city who we used to practice English with. Mr. Vanja has been helping us for years with free cinema tickets, but most importantly, he has a hunger to know more about the Word. This man owns the cinema, which is also the cultural center in this town, so he knows all the politicians, rich, and the top in this area. After making initial contact again, and letting him know that we wanted to spend time with him, he invited us to come over for some English practice.

When Josiah got there, Mr. Vanja asked if he could introduce us to someone else who needed English practice. It turned out to be Mr. Neil, who is the head of the biggest workers' union in this area. He is a very wealthy man with a lot of influence and is well known all over. He was thrilled with our work, and gave double the amount we had been getting as a donation from Mr. Vanja. Sure

enough, Mr. Vanja doubled his donation as well.

Mr. Neil met with Jo again a week later for more English practice (which is reading a *Reflections* and discussing it), and then mentioned that he was the organizer of the big ecological fair that was coming up. He worked it out for us to have a stand at the fair, as well as do a clown show based on keeping the environment clean. So without even trying to bang our way into the "rich" sector of our area, the Lord worked it all out through follow-up!

Participating at the ecological fair was so much fun for all of us, as we got to witness to so many people. Many people were interested in our work, taking flyers and then giving donations to help for an *Activated* mag. We displayed Family tools, some of which went very well, and some people took our flyer, promising to get in touch with us for CD cards. We met some people who recognized us, and helped as well. We had been seriously struggling for funds, as we had a lot of unpaid bills for the month, but with the Lord's help and faithfully witnessing, we were able to raise enough in the two days at the fair to cover them all!

It was a different approach for us, as we didn't ask for a specific price for the balloons or *Activated* mags, just a donation, and everyone would get an *Activated* mag, regardless of how much they gave. We also got out lots of tracts to interested young people, and our Active member who came to help had a blast witnessing and pushing the tools.



Kaith and Gabriela manning the stand at the fair with Active member, Gabrijela, Croatia

Obedience Comes Before the Blessings PART 3

—Reactions to “Are You Robbing God?” (ML #3461), and “Show Me the Money, Parts 1–5” (ML #3462, GNs 1046–1050)

Many times multiplied

Juan (CO), SACRO: Thank you for giving the truth that is setting us free and helping us to grow and prosper as never before. Although it saddens me to think that after so many years of being a living sample of the Words of Jesus some Family people still bellyache about some subjects such as tithing, I’m thankful and happy that the subject is being addressed so as to clarify things and once again set us on the right path that will lead the Family into great prosperity in every sense of the word.

I was happy to read that you called a spade a spade when you mentioned that this trend is an “uneducated discussion,” as truly one who has even the slightest knowledge of basic business administration, finances or economics would know that our investment of 10% of our total cash income is many times multiplied in what we receive.—Again an emphasis should be made that here I’m not talking about the spiritual rewards and benefits, but solely the physical return that we get in our investment.

It would be good to point out that in today’s market economy an annual return of about 6% (0.5% monthly) on your investment is considered a good return. In other words if I invest \$1,000 dollars, a good return would be to get \$60 a year or \$5 a month. We in the Family for our monthly investment of 10% of what we are blessed to receive in cash, get in return tools that are produced by WS and distributed through the Service Centers that give our Homes an average profit of 75%. In other words, our tithes help to produce a means by which if I were to invest that same \$1,000 in WS-produced tools, I get back \$750, instead of the \$60 that I would be getting if I were to invest this same amount with System entities.

Aside from the distribution tools mentioned above that give us such a high return on our investment, we also receive the follow-up tools from the Activated ministry, which are helping us build a church that will bring in needed support for our future. You could say that this is like investing in what the System calls the retirement plan, where you (and/or your employer) set aside a certain amount from your

monthly salary so as to save for when you are old enough to retire—the sad thing is that many times you are too old to enjoy it. Or you could also be a victim of what happened to the ENRON employees whose retirement plan was mainly invested in company stock that by today’s values is almost nothing—for every dollar invested they now have 17 cents.

We, however, are investing in a solid financial future through the tools and means that WS is making possible for us to receive. Once again this is aside from the wonderful Words of life, music that feeds the soul and the many other pubs that feed our spirits.

Trusting God implicitly

Christine, USA: A little over a year ago, as a Home we obtained a credit card, not because we planned to buy things on credit, but because we were hoping to build our credit as it is useful in the U.S. when renting a house, getting insurance, and all kinds of things. A year before we had bought a digital camera on time, and paid it all off before we had accrued any interest. It was a real blessing and seemed to work out well. It was also a blessing to use to get plane tickets for board members in our Home, as we could buy the ticket online and get it reimbursed later.

All these things seemed to be just fine, *but*, and this is the big “but,” it was easy to use the credit card for different things, and figure we’d pay it off later. For example, we would get tools to distribute, counting on putting back the seedcorn, but then we wouldn’t get out as many as we had planned. We got a stereo for the Home and planned to pay it off like we did the camera, but got behind on the payments. Then the van broke down and we “had to have the van,” and used the credit card again. Then we were offered a 0% interest and we transferred our van payments to the card to get away from the interest, but we were a couple of days late on the bills, and suddenly they slapped us with 24% interest! Yikes! Before we knew it, we had more bills than we wanted to have, a higher budget, and even our income seemed to drop off.

As we prayed about it, the Lord convicted our hearts about how we had trusted the credit card more than

Him. He chided us, telling us that if we wanted to trust the credit card, well then fine, He would step back and let us work it out ourselves. To make a long story short, we repented and put a freeze on the credit card. We decided that we just wouldn’t use the card for anything, but would fully trust the Lord for every need, just as we always had.

We had an attack day to pay back the card. We could see the Lord’s blessing immediately. He began to pour in the blessings, and it was so much more exciting to see Him supply rather than buying things ourselves. Then the “Show Me the Money” series came out, and we could also see how we needed to make sure that we put the right focus on our outreach.

We have a good, on-board team, and everyone really works hard. Still, we could see that if we were more focused on the fundraising aspect of our work, how much more fruit it could bear. This new series, and our meetings to discuss how to apply all the Lord has been showing us, not only has been a big inspiration to the Home, but we can see His blessings showered down on us!

Finances and tithes “for dummies”

Mary Love, Taiwan: Several months ago we started our little Home, and from the beginning we’ve gone by faith, putting witnessing and the Activated vision up front. We’ve taken the stand as a Home to do our best feeding the sheep, and to trust the Lord for supply. Nevertheless, we were just making it, and were wondering how to tap into the abundant supply so we can keep ministering to all the sheep the Lord is giving us. It’s not that we’re poor, or down and out, but it’s a struggle to meet our budget.

We are so thankful to get this customized counsel from the Lord and Mama about exactly what to pray about, and what needs improvement. It’s like following a recipe. It’s so simple to see what we need to work on, so we’ll be a success in this area—well, it pretty much covers *all* areas. This counsel and the steps to take is like one of those “for dummies” books—it makes it so clear, and step by step! The assignments in the Letters are just what we need to make sure our part is covered, and we

do what's suggested. It's like taking an on-the-job course of training: We'll know if we passed as the supply flows in!

Truth of the Scriptural principle

Faith Davidsfriend, Australia: Many years back we were pioneering a poverty-stricken Asian city, which was also housing thousands of refugees who had fled a war in a neighboring country at the time. It was the only time in my 30 years in the Family that I have been hungry and without nourishing food for any period of time. We got together in very desperate prayer as a Home about the situation, and received the Scripture about bringing all the tithes into the storehouse. It took us only a short time to go over the Home finances and realize that we had been dipping into the tithe to pay the bills.

We remedied the situation as quickly as we could, and soon began to have enough money for proper meals as well as other bills. Shortly after that a disciple joined with a forsake-all of several thousand dollars (probably tens of thousands by today's standards). I've never had a hard time since then knowing the truth of the scriptural principal that Mama expounded upon in this series. We're blessed because we tithe, and if we don't do it then the Lord withholds.

From poverty to plenty

John, Indonesia: Since we moved here six years ago, the Lord has helped us to graduate from near poverty to plenty. We have been able to avail ourselves of several financial sources and have been able to have a higher living standard than we've ever had before. We have been able to share more with others, and have been freed of that awful financial pressure of paying the rent, covering the food and shopping bill, etc.

For our Home a key to raising our financial standard was breaking out of the cycle of only selling tools, day in and day out. Recognizing and cultivating people who would support us was a step of faith at first, but in doing so, we now have a reliable income, and as a bonus, regular visits to feed the sheep.

It really is worth it to make sacrifices in order to up the financial standard of our Homes. It relieves the pressure from the ones with the burden of raising funds, but it also has a very positive effect on the young people, because that financial pressure is passed on to them no matter how much we try to shield them from it.

"It's not my money!"

FGA mother, South Africa: It makes me feel really sad to see all the trouble the Folks have to go through to explain tithing to us all. God bless you, sweet Mama and Peter, for taking the time to do it. I want to let you know that there are many of us that are very, very happy to tithe and give the Lord this small percentage of our income. We've served the Lord all these years and have benefited from His wonderful and mostly abundant supply. We've traveled the world, often lived in mansions, eaten the best of the best, use the most advanced equipment, and move with ease in the upper circles of society.

We have more truth than any other Christians anywhere, receive superior materials to train our children with, as well as tailor-made counsel to improve both our physical and spiritual lives. And still, in spite of all the Lord has given us all through you, WS, the pubs, and the myriad of wonderful material we receive from you, people wonder why we tithe? Boy, they should seriously take a look at most other organizations and religious outfits! You should see membership fees of health clubs, book-of-the-month clubs, parent and kids clubs, not to mention churches! And that's just to be a member of the club! Anything extra the club offers costs more.

I think it's absolutely miraculous that the Family manages to do so much with so little. The way someone explained tithing to me a long time ago when I first joined was not to look at it like you gave X amount to the Lord (that you could have used for other things), but rather that the Lord only kept X amount to keep things going and gives you the other 90%! It emphasized to me the fact that every good thing comes from Him first of all.

When I look at all He's done for me over the years, and how much He still continues to do for us every single day, there is not a doubt in my mind that it's not *my* money. If people really feel it's their money and that their own arm has saved them, and they deserve to keep it all, maybe it'd be better if they did keep it all, start living for themselves, and see how they'd like it! They'd soon see how well they could supply for themselves.

It would behoove people to remember where these negative thoughts and comments come from. It goes without saying that you don't find very reliable information about your own government from your avowed enemies. I can't believe that our own Family would go and

echo the sentiments of our detractors. Isn't it all too obvious that our detractors' questions are—even by their own admission—designed to cause doubt and tear down the faith fabric of our work for the Lord and all we stand for?

Mama and Peter, I think you went way above and beyond to explain it all so nicely, and I especially loved Peter's no-nonsense approach. I totally, one-hundred-and-ten-percent agree with everything you said. Amen to tithing! I'm all for it! Let's do it! I will not give unto the Lord of that which hath cost me nothing.

You can't out give God

FGA male, Africa: Even though I haven't verbally griped about tithing, there were some unspoken feelings especially in months when I had a particularly large tithe. Rather than thinking, *Wow, thank the Lord that we are able to have the blessing of sending in this amount*, it's been more of, *I'm doing a lot more than my share*. With the ballooning question, I had toyed with that very question myself, but would then get that we are giving to the Lord and can't out give Him, which I would sort of half-heartedly receive, because I knew that it was right, but still thinking of how much more we would have if we could deduct the travel expenses and "balloon seed."

In my heart I knew this attitude was wrong, but wasn't going on the attack to do something about it and instead accepting to live with it. With this Letter, it's not really anything new, but more of a wake-up call to shake me out of lingering attitudes and an unthankful outlook. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver, and I believe we need to see it as a privilege and blessing to be able to give anything to the Lord. It's like the Lord is giving us the priceless privilege to invest in a sure-thing, incredible return opportunity.

At times in the business world, there are sure deals, very high return investment opportunities that only an upper-echelon select few are privy to and invited to partake in. If we could see that our tithe and offerings are way above and beyond that, and understand what a privilege it is to have the opportunity to give to God (the greatest investment broker), we might come closer to seeing things as they actually are.

Thank you Peter and Mama, all in WS, and all our administrative teams around the world, who are wisely and often sacrificially turning that tithe into greater blessings for all of us.

GP e-mail responses...

thank you so much for the new mailing for Christmas, which you've obviously worked on so well by His grace to provide us with incredible insights into the spirit world and future events. This is proving to once again be quite valuable in our lives here and a real boost for witnessing at this time of year!

It truly is a special Christmas this time 'round. The Christmas [New Wine] gift from Maria enclosed in the *Wine Press* was also something very special and powerful to read and contemplate! We don't know what to expect next! It's all such a surprise each time we hear from Heaven through prophecy from you all!

The "What's Up!" with all the great photos lets us know how you're doing! What a set up He's given you to minister by paper power. This truly is God's business!

So this is just a short preliminary note of thanks for the mailing and my first impressions, which I like to mail in to you each month in gratitude for all you do to inspire His children everywhere!

—Eric

hi, I do hope you can let me join the Family! ... I am in Hong Kong now, but my home is in China. I tried to contact you, because I have found the Web site, and I have read most of the stuff on it. I even downloaded many mp3 songs and lectures. I do think the Family is what I am looking for! ... I believe it is my dream! I have made a decision to join the Family, but I don't know how to find them.

I will thank you a million times if you can send me a missionary of the Family. I feel so happy you wrote to me. Thank you. Best wishes to you and the whole Family, I do wish I could've met David himself.

—Jerry

i have been seriously dating a man who grew up in the Family. He's the oldest of 10, and his family has left the Family. I have been thinking of what his life was like and how he grew up. After doing some research on your

organization, I am finding that I would like to maybe become part of the Family. What do I need to know? How would I begin? How do I know if it is right for me? Any guidance would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

—Jenny

dear Family, I am an early member of the Family, having joined at the Mingus Ranch in Texas. At that time I was known as Daniel Den, and lived in many of the colonies: L.A., Cincy, Toronto, NYC, and Mexico. I am now living in England (although I am an American), and want to touch base with some of the membership here. Seems like God is calling to me. I play guitar, and continue to read the Bible faithfully. I am hoping that someone can contact me to learn more about how I can help. (I left the group in 1973 and knew Mother Eve and Stephen and many others.)

Hoping to hear from you, and congratulations on your well-written and researched and God-blessed Web site! May God continue blessing you!

—Daniel

my name is Eddie, I have been reading your information for a while now, and I find it very informative. I would like to tell you a little about myself so you know where I'm coming from. I'm 39 years old. I have a degree in theater and I love to work with kids. (I also perform as a clown on occasions.) I was married to a wonderful lady, and life seemed great. Unfortunately, my wife died while giving birth to our son, who also died. This happened four years ago. I ran fast and hard from everything; I ran from God. I had an "I just don't care" attitude. I almost gave up on everything. Thank God I didn't give up.

Two years ago I gave my life back over to God. I realized running wasn't getting me anywhere. Since then I know that my wife and son are in a much better place. I worked with a ministry in Florida that helped guys with drug problems. I was the assistant to the pastor. I also worked with the youth on a drama team. I am currently helping a pastor in building a Bible institute.

I feel that God has something else planned for me. I love to be around people. I feel I need good Christian community help (if that makes sense to you). My question is: Could there be a place for me working and being a part of you? I believe God brought me to this site. As a matter of fact, a few years ago my wife told me about you; someone had mentioned you to her. She was very interested. I never looked into it, though I now wish I had. I'm here now; I hope it's not too late. Please contact me with information. I'm willing to work and help any way that I can. Look forward to hearing from you.

—Eddie

what I enjoy the most about the Family is their great dedication and love for Jesus and each other, their international flavor, and their ability by His grace to be useful wherever He leads in every country around the world open to them! I can speak all day about each time I've visited the Family, and seen how the community operates and is so overflowing with His blessings and love from David, Maria, and Peter! They are like what Jesus has promised us would be happening if we obeyed Him and lay down our lives for each other! If we took the step to lay down our lives for Jesus and each other and the world in need, Jesus then saves our lives for His and others in Heaven.

Each person I meet [in the Family] has a new addition to add to the freedom I've been experiencing, gradually making me more and more interested in sharing this new love with others, so that they can be as happy and just as in unity if they wish to learn about the Family foundation!

—Bruce

i am a student from Taiwan. One and a half years ago I met a Family member. (It's a miracle, because if I didn't go out that day, I wouldn't know Jesus today.) He invited me to the youth club in Taipei. The Family members told me who Jesus is, and taught me how to pray, and I became a Christian. Now I keep going to the club, go witnessing with other members, and I do some memory work, too.

I write this letter to share my experience with others, and say thanks for all the Family members in Taipei. Without you, I could not know how wonderful Jesus is. I love you!
—Ken

i've been reading David's book from the files. How very beautiful he is; I really love this man! What a true lover of God and man. I am in awe at this love. Maria must have so much anointing, too.

Thank you so very much for sharing all of this with me. Oh, that I had not wasted so much time. Thank God for this opportunity to get it right finally. I will be sending some funds, at the least tithes. I am also interested in literature and tracts.

I really am in awe of such love and devotion, especially in the knowledge of how short I myself have fallen in many of these areas, and maybe especially where love has been concerned. Actually I'm still learning to love unselfishly. Selfishness is what I was raised in. So I have to be re-trained in the way that I should go.

Thank God for His wonderfully patient saints. Ha! You've really been

so very patient and faithful to show me the love that David so avidly preached and obviously lived. I love you all, and thank God so very much for you. I'm joyfully sharing and loving God's tender mercies and dear way of teaching us. What a blessing He always is.

—Goldie

god bless you! Thank you for your quick reply, I pray that all is well and that the love of Jesus is leading all your steps. I joined the Family in 1972, was in the Gypsy Band with Singing Sam, Jerry Paladino, and Micah Teddy Bear, in Puerto Rico where I was born. We traveled through all South America, sharing the love of Jesus. I've been in Mexico now for 25 years, although I do travel very often to different countries. I've been a physical educational teacher for over 20 years. I've been living in the state of Quintana Roo, Mexico, for 18 years.

I want and need to keep in touch with the Family. The Holy Spirit has ignited His love in my heart for lost souls. I want to also have the Family's material to share with His sheep.
—Daniel Alegria

Personals

Tim (of Isaac and Ruth), it seems that I've lost contact with you. Could you please contact Melody Hun and co. sometime soon (through the ME ABM)?

Shelly (of Jerub and Joy) and **Sparrow** (of Matthew and Claire), do you remember me, Melody (of Luke and Catherine) from Indo? I'd really like to hear from you guys. You can contact me through the ME ABM.

Francine, please contact me via the ME ABM. Wanna hear from you, girl.—Rosey

former friends —seeking contact

My name is Mike (a.k.a. Gabriel Freedom), from Nurnberg, Germany. In 1976–78 I was stationed in the U.S. Army near Nurnberg. My home away from home was with the Family (COG), a small but very active colony there. I have never forgotten the love of God, or the miracles I witnessed there in doing the Lord's work! I wish now to find **Tychicus** and **Twilight**, the shepherd of that group and his wife. Please send information to info@thefamilyeurope.org. Thanks.

I am Derrick Neve (formerly Hephher Newman) looking to get in touch with a brother named **Elam**, married to a girl named **Necho**. We provisioned together out of Laurentide back in 1971 and 1972 in Montreal, and had a lot of good fellowship and communion. Contact me at dn@microtec.fr.

forum

Please respond!

FGA male, Romania: I wanted to take time to write about answering e-mails. It often happens that people just don't answer e-mails, and simply don't respond to messages that are sent to them. Before we had e-mail communications we all had to sit down and write a letter by hand and send it in. It took time, effort and money. When someone wrote a letter to us that required an answer, the polite and loving thing was to answer, unless of course we didn't want to have anything to do with the person who wrote to us. Is there much difference in it if we nowadays write e-mails instead of letters?

I understand if some messages are not very important or if they don't have a question in it, then perhaps not writing back is not a big deal, though it's always nice to receive a confirmation that they got it. But especially when there is a question or questions asked in a message, it's impolite to not answer. Isn't that showing lack of love and respect to the ones who are writing? The Word says that if we are too busy to hear the cry of those in need we are busier than God Himself. Are we? If

we write to others and we have a need of that message being answered, isn't writing back the right thing to do?

I understand if I wouldn't receive an answer from Mama and Peter, as it's explained in the pubs that they just can't answer every piece of mail that comes in, and the same with the VSs and COs. (Though I have received an answer almost every time I wrote the Folks.) But what about Home-to-Home communication, especially on important matters?

As a Home, we've written other Homes at times about timely matters, and though we may get a note from them that they received it and they'd get back to us, it has happened that over a month would pass without hearing from them. This situation happens from time to time (at least to me) that people don't answer important e-mails.

I have also heard some say that it's not important to answer messages that you receive if you don't want to. To me it's the same as if I would greet someone in the morning, and then they would choose to ignore it and not answer. That seems like a lack of good manners, and definitely doesn't promote unity.

"Let's reach the top wisely!"

FGA male, Spain: The Lord is opening the door for the Family to meet more important people, heads of states, ce-

lebrities, and whatnot. One point I wanted to mention is about common sense and security. Maybe we are all gung-ho because "Mary" met the president of a famous company in a hotel while singing, or that she managed to have her son pass a tract to the prime minister of Sansilandia. Important and famous people are usually very concerned about their privacy, and when they appear in public, they are mindful as to whom they talk or mix with, since what they do and say appears in newspapers, TVs, etc.

A lot of times, people are not exactly conscious they have been contacted by the Family, and even if they receive a tract or a tape and give you a smile, it doesn't imply that they stand for us. I would recommend more caution about such things, for their sake and ours, and our future involvement with the top. The word might go out that the Family uses their public appearance for their own ends without their prior acceptance, and then a lot of doors will be completely and ultimately closed.

Are we mindful to ask our contacts before publishing their photos in our PR album or in a Family pub? Do we share their names, who they are, their position, etc., with everybody around, and then are we unwise about their security?

Let's reach the top wisely!

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Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up

COLD MOUNTAIN (2003)

Jude Law, Nicole Kidman, Renée Zellweger

In the waning days of the American Civil War, a wounded soldier embarks on a perilous journey back home to Cold Mountain, North Carolina, to reunite with his sweetheart.

(Jesus:) This movie is a sad but realistic look at the Civil War era. It shows the waste and horrors of war, so is not for the fainthearted. It also has a sweet love story that runs parallel that makes the movie interesting. It's a bittersweet story, and although some may find it inspiring, it is sad to see the cruelty of man. Your heart breaks for the lonely, the destitute, and the casualties of war—not even so much those on the battlefield, as those who were left behind to deal with the aftermath on their own—their loneliness, hopelessness, and fear.

It's so sad to see how people suffer during wartime. So often you think of the men out on the battlefield, who die needlessly in the name of freedom, but back at home are their women and children who suffer the agonies of worry, fear, pain, and usually their own form of the battle, often in their dire attempts to survive. Everyone suffers when it comes to war, even the so-called victors.

Even after wars, though, there is a healing, a time when people return to the peace they knew before. The scars of the pain and hurt are still there, but there are those who choose to move on, who put aside the pain and look towards their future, the hope in their children, and the promise of a better tomorrow. I heal the aching heart, and I bring peace to those who will take their pains and hurts to Me, and let Me do the mending.

This movie is a bit of a saga, and it's not lighthearted—it shows pain and suffering and the nightmare that war is. But it also shows how the beauty of love and friendship can help you through the stormy times in life. It brings out what people are made of—what's ultimately important to them when they're stuck with nothing, and how love, faith, and determination can get you through even the worst of times. It also shows the wonders of overcoming bitterness. So while this movie may not be for everyone, there are those who will be touched by it.

This movie is not one to be watched by those who battle depression or are brought down by sad movies. Not that this movie is all sadness and misery, but it might leave some feeling depressed. If you're prepared

and go into it knowing what type of movie to expect, it is an interesting look into the human soul. It's not an epic action movie by any means. If you're going to watch it, pray first and check in with Me.

SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE (2003)

Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton, Keanu Reeves, Amanda Peet

An older man suffers a heart attack while at the house of his young girlfriend's mother, and then finds a new interest.

(Jesus:) This movie is edifying and uplifting. It brings to light a number of good lessons and real-life situations in a funny, yet real way. It shows once again that it doesn't matter what people look like on the outside—the way they are, the lifestyle they live, the money they make or don't make—they are all looking for the one thing that makes life truly worth living, and that is love.

This movie shows that life isn't over at 40, or 50, or even 60! Love can still bloom, and life can take twists and turns that you weren't expecting. Of course, with Me as your Husband, you all have access to the fountain of youth of the spirit, and there is no such thing as growing old in our spiritual Shangri-la.

Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

MONA LISA SMILE (2003)

Julia Roberts, Kirsten Dunst, Julia Stiles

Set in 1953, a free-spirited professor accepts a teaching post at a high-class all-girls college.

(Jesus:) This movie has a deeper meaning than what you see on the surface. Its characters are very realistic, and that's what makes it complex. There is no simple, clear-cut good person/bad person in this movie. Everyone has their good and bad sides. All are simply human and all learn from their interactions one with another. You have to look below the surface of what happens, and see within the hearts as to the motives for people's actions. Everyone makes mistakes, and each one is able to learn and grow through communication.

Things aren't always as they appear. This is a lesson for you, My children. Sometimes you feel that you know what is best for yourself or for others, but it isn't necessarily the case. This is why I tell My children to be open to Me and My changes, to be flexible, adaptable and willing to change. An important lesson that is expressed in this movie is that no matter how strongly you feel you are right about situations, you must be open and flexible and be willing to change.

This movie is something you can prayerfully glean lessons from, as you have this glimpse into the hearts and lives of the students, the parents, the faculty, and their personal lives. It's not full of bad language or violence. It's just giving you a slice of life to observe and learn from.

The role played by Julia Roberts does not present an ideal role model, but does show her attempt to override the status quo, and how there were radicals at different levels of society who tried to change things. The effect she had on the girls, which was obvious at the end, showed that these young women were ready for a change—and more of the change that came later in the '60s and '70s.

(Dad:) One attitude portrayed in this movie that I didn't like much is how the villain in the movie is marriage and "traditions," like homemaking and housekeeping. The goal, of course, is to set women free to become career women. Looking around I would say that that goal has been reached—the housewife ideal is gone, and career women have taken their place. On the one side it depicted an uphill battle to change the system; on the other it was a bit of an exaggerated attempt to stereotype a whole class of "upper class" girls as being prepared to be plowed under by the marriage machine. But under it all, you do hear a muffled heartcry of lonely women seeking true love, searching for the answers, trying to find meaning in life. We, of course, have those answers—all this and Heaven, too.

IN HIS LIFE: THE JOHN LENNON STORY (2000)

Philip McQuillan, Blair Brown

A film about the early life of the rock musician and his burgeoning career as a member of the Beatles.

(Dad:) This movie is based on the history of a tremendous success story. It gives you a good glimpse into the early times of the Beatles, and the struggles and obstacles they were faced with. It's a watchable movie with some good lessons and some enjoyable music. There is not much in the way of violence or bad language, at least by comparison to today's Hollywood action films.

The story takes you into the lives of all the Beatles and their relationship and how they came together, but it mainly focuses on John Lennon's troubled youth. It gives a view of his darker or harsher characteristics, mixed with what the public was allowed to see. This helps make the film a fairly balanced portrayal of how the group truly interacted.

Pray!



Healing key: Miracles beyond your wildest dreams will be performed on your behalf, as you call on the keys of healing and miracles.

Testimonies of Answered Prayer

Mercy, WS: I want to thank all of you for praying for the healing of my back and leg. Though the doctors were not able to determine exactly what the problem was, my health has been restored, and I am no longer suffering from the tremendous sciatic nerve pain I experienced. The healing process was slow but steady, the Lord explaining that this was the way He wanted to deliver me. Through this time I have been able to learn many lessons. Here are a couple of quotes from the Letter, "Getting God's Answers," that sum up one of the major lessons I learned.

"No longer will I allow them to operate in the arm of the flesh. In days past I winked at these things, for there were many other lessons to learn, there was much other growth needed. But these days are now the days of the voice of the Lord, the voice of My whispers, the strength of quietness and the power of weakness. So fear not, worry not; ye will grow if ye will but take the little steps now. Just begin tuning in now. Commune more with Me now. Speak more to Me now. Listen more to Me now. Love Me more now. Follow closer now. Obey My Word now. Yield to Me now in the little things, day by day, step by step. Make the effort and pay the price. Take the humbling and take the step of faith, and do it now, that

ye may begin the cycle of the empowerment of God!" (ML #3014:42,51).

Also, about my affliction, the Lord told me, "This time of affliction has affected you in many positive ways. It has given you more compassion, humility, and gentleness. It has drawn you closer to Me. Now that your frame of reference has been done away with, you're going to be a lot wiser and humbler. You're going to have more faith and believe more." Praise the Lord!

Thank you all, my dear Family, for your prayers. I appreciate your love and sacrifice in petitioning the Lord on my behalf. Along with the physical healing, it has borne great fruit in my life spiritually, for which I am most grateful. I love you!

Phil (4, of Mark and Leila), Brazil: After a serious fall from a bike, his face was totally swollen and his teeth damaged, but thank the Lord there was no brain damage. After desperate prayer, he was miraculously healed without any scars!

Amanecer, Jonas, Michael, and Paciencia, Chile: We have been praying for over a year for a friend who had a drinking problem that caused him serious problems with his family, work, and life. We specifically prayed for him to have the conviction to stop drinking. Over a month ago, after another big problem with his overdrinking, we prayed for him again. A half hour later his doctor called him to say that if he kept drinking he wouldn't need any more medical treatment, as he would only live another four months or so. That sobered him up and he finally stopped drinking and has been sober for a month now! Even the doctor is surprised, as he got off the alcohol without any medications or treatment—just prayer! He's a different man and his family and friends are starting to have faith for him, as at first they couldn't believe it. Praise God!

Europe and Africa

Faithy Fighter: I have a badly infected tooth and pyorrhea (a gum disease), along with bone loss caused by the infected tooth. The dentist said that I would need surgery to correct the problem with my gums, or else I could lose all of my teeth within five years. So he'll begin scaling and cleaning my gums over a six-week period to see if they'll heal. I'd like to ask for prayer that the Lord will anoint the dentist with this procedure, and that my gums will totally heal without the need for surgery, and that there will be no further bone loss. Also, for free dental costs, for no loss of my teeth—now or in the future—against any pain, and for a real anointing for this dentist.

North America

Rachel (of Rory): Fibroid tumor in her abdomen, recently underwent an operation to remove it, for complete healing.

South America

Luz (15, of David and Lilly): Degenerative syndrome; for her eyesight and hearing, which have gotten weaker. Also she's having a hard time bending her legs while walking, which makes her walk very stiff, and causes her to lose her balance. For her recovery, a good physiotherapist, and treatment closer to our Home to help her regain full movement.

Matthew (of Dulce): For a safe liver biopsy, that the liver will be okay, and against chronic fatigue due to Hepatitis C.

For the political stability in Bolivia, that the Lord will keep and protect our Family there. For supply, protection, safekeeping, wisdom, and miracles for the Homes, friends, and contacts there.

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The Beatles were one of the first counterculture icons, and were used to herald a new era in music as well as society in general. As I once said, they were used to voice the cry of their generation. The Lord used them at that time in history, to usher in the hippie movement that the Family was born in. They were definitely a significant group that made a significant mark, so this glimpse into their history would be of interest to the Family.

Movies Rated for OCs and Up

RUNNING FREE (1999)

Chase Moore, Arie Verveen

Story set in South Africa about a colt that has been separated from his mother, and is discovered and taken care of by an orphaned stable boy.

(Jesus:) This is a sweet story about two orphans who find each other—one the colt, the other the boy—and how they fill the need of the other for someone special to call a friend. It has lessons on perseverance and not giving up.

It's a beautiful movie photographically, and for those who love horses, there are many interesting and beautiful shots. It is located in a part of the world that you don't often see movies about.

The story is also quite sad in that it highlights all the bad things that happen to the horse, and to the young boy who takes care of him as well. Parents and teachers, it would be good to share lessons about how God watches over His own, and how He doesn't allow bad things to happen to His children without His loving protection. Parents or teachers should be warned of

the few scenes of the horses fighting. The horse also has an attitude of not wanting to be governed by others, which is not something I want kids to pick up on, and should be explained and talked about.

Non-Recommended Movies

THE BUSINESS OF STRANGERS

(Stockard Channing, Julia Stiles; 2001)

(Jesus:) This movie is not worth watching. The bad far outweighs the good. It may be geared to provoke thought about the subject of date rape, but overall it's pretty pointless and not something that the Family would learn from or benefit from seeing. The two women who are the main characters play with each others' minds to the point of almost killing someone. The whole story is about being cruel to people.

HELP WANTED

My name is **Paul Little**. I am Romanian, 27, living in the Czech Republic (CZ003). I have been serving the Lord in the Family for about four years.

I have thoughts about finding a sweetheart, and it seems the Lord is setting things up. She's in Brazil and, well, I cannot afford the fare. So I was wondering if anyone would have a burden to contribute financially towards my fare to Brazil. For details and actual donations, please write me at: key@thekeyz.com.

Thank you for giving your lives to Jesus. Thank you, also, for your prayers, and for your generous contributions.

Love and prayers,
Paul

Dear Family!

We've been here for some time reaching the people of China. We love this country and its people, where we're able to obtain residence permits, have a stable and easy teaching job that takes very little of our time, provides for our basic needs and allows us many opportunities to witness.

Recently, I (**Jono**) was offered a 50% discount for a one-year course of in-depth study of Chinese at the same university where I teach. The full tuition is US\$1,600, but I am eligible to study for US\$800. After praying about it, we received that this would be a unique opportunity to further my Chinese. Although I am tri-lingual, and pretty much have the basics of day-to-day Chinese, it is hard for me to reach people on a deeper level, have meaningful conversations that would lead them to opening up and receiving the Lord. I feel that investing into learning this language is pretty much the same as an investment into a professional tool that will in the future pay off and bring serious dividends for many years. Our vision is to continue working in China for as long as we'll be able to, reaching those around us and making a positive difference in their lives.

So, I'd like to ask for help to pay for the tuition, because with our simple teacher's salary we have only enough for basics. Any of your gifts designated towards Chinese language tuition will be greatly appreciated and put exactly to use for this purpose!

With great love from China,
Jono and Dina (CN 627)

Dear Family,

I'm happy to be part of our revolutionary group. I'm proud of each one of you who are winning the world for the Lord.

I am **Mila (32) and my sons Ilia (11) and Bogdan (7)**. We are a Ukrainian family living in Ukraine. I love personal witnessing and singing, I like shows, clowning, etc. I would like to learn tooling and provisioning. But my

Shine On—December 2003

TEAMWORK	Per Adult	Total
SOUL SHINERS FOR DECEMBER 2003		
Faithy/Mark/Premika, India	3,043	30,426
Rosita H.H., Mexico	2,250	4,500
Claire/Daniel/Steven, India	2,200	11,000
Daniell/Rachel/Victor, India	1,444	13,000
Philip/Rejoice/Stephen/Sunny, India	1,375	11,000
Josue/Maria Fiel, Mexico	1,112	5,558
Andy/Cristina/Maria/Sara, Colombia	1,100	6,600
Faith/Samuel/Sarah, India	868	5,208
Cherish/Elisabeth/Joy/Willing, Taiwan	732	2,928
Esther/Gideon, Venezuela	715	3,575

TRACTS SHINERS FOR DECEMBER 2003		
Angela/Anthony/Talitha, So. Africa	5,171	36,200
Spring Nightingale, Mexico	3,500	7,000
Claire/Daniel/Steven, India	3,000	15,000
Alcides/Emmanuel/Heber/Stephen, Peru	2,928	17,570
Sweetie of Dad, Mexico	2,550	5,100
Jonathan/Sarah, Japan	2,500	5,000
Crystal/James/Spring, So. Africa	1,886	13,200
Dulce/Matthew/Perola/Priscila, Brazil	1,857	13,000
Faithy/Lalo/Robyn/Ruth, Mexico	1,788	7,150
Joy/Lydia/Michael/Santiago, Dominican Rep.	1,688	10,126

ACTIVATED DISTRIBUTION SHINERS FOR DECEMBER 2003		
Aneta/Ben/Christy, Botswana	1,500	6,000
Anaik/Joy/Tiago, Brazil	786	5,500
Claire/Marie/Phil, USA	560	4,478
Angeles/Joaol/John, Portugal	448	2,239
Pedro Nazário, Portugal	400	800
Rose/Shine/Timothy, USA	388	5,041
Esther/Phil/Shiloh/Valerie, Russia	375	3,000
Spring Nightingale, Mexico	350	700
Douglas Faithful, So. Africa	264	527
Peter/Steven/Susanne, United Kingdom	256	1,024

ACTIVATED SUBSCRIPTION SHINERS FOR DECEMBER 2003		
Andrew/Angel/Deepa/MaryAnn/Steven, India	140	
Beth/Car/Cry/Jon/Joy/Kari/Mamta/Sam, India	111	
Prem/Ruth/Sharon/Simon, India	64	
Andrew/Julia/Ruth, India	54	
Daniell/Rachel/Victor, India	51	
Jimmy/Joy/Tabitha, Taiwan	44	
James/Peter/Praise, Philippines	40	
John/Pandita/Ruth, Japan	31	
Chris/Daniel/Shayna, India	25	
Emanuel Libertad, Venezuela	25	

QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTION STATS BY DESK			
Activated Desk	October	November	December
Brazil	1,167	2,155	212
Chile	76	13	N/A
Colombia	34	89	64
EE / Russia	327	133	76
Europe / Africa	187	196	145
India	378	443	754
Japan	47	N/A	253
Mexico	126	58	46
N. America	25	35	26
Philippines	83	50	69
Taiwan	223	121	98
Total	2,673	3,293	1,743

TEAMWORK	Per Adult	Total
POSTER SHINERS FOR DECEMBER 2003		
Claire/Daniel/Steven, India	2,040	10,200
Charity/Happy/Joshua, India	1,838	18,378
Emanuel/Maria, Peru	1,700	3,400
Luis, Peru	1,333	4,000
Rosita H.H., Mexico	1,250	2,500
Dust/Mercy/Nathan/Rejoice, Japan	1,198	7,188
Jeremy/Milah/Sarah/Tina/Yan, USA	922	4,612
Sara Child, Thailand	825	1,650
Abner/Martin/Mercy, Mozambique	821	7,389
Philip/Rejoice/Stephen/Sunny, India	732	5,855

TAPES/CDs SHINERS FOR DECEMBER 2003		
Aneta/Ben/Christy, Botswana	1,000	4,000
Jan/Maria/Paul, Nigeria	954	4,771
Sweetie of Dad, Mexico	457	913
Pedro Nazário, Portugal	452	903
Claire/Ginna/Marc/Peter, USA	396	3,165
Emanuel/Maria, Peru	326	652
Mercy/Phil/Seriah, USA	325	1,300
Esther/Gideon, Venezuela	323	1,613
Claire/Marie/Phil, USA	321	2,566
Spring Nightingale, Mexico	316	631

BOOKS SHINERS FOR DECEMBER 2003		
Aaron/Iona/Noah, Taiwan	413	2,063
Cielo, Brazil	400	1,200
Cheerful/Claire/Jeremy/Olivia/Peter/Tim, SEA	370	2,218
Hannah/Mary/Matthew/Sara, India	359	5,383
Faithy/Lalo/Robyn/Ruth, Mexico	258	1,030
David/Dream/Faye/Lovely/Nehemias, Italy	237	948
Meekness/Philip, Namibia	220	440
Charity/Jan/Paul/Rebecca, Italy	142	1,278
Sweetie of Dad, Mexico	131	262
Angel/Anthony/Joshua/Lilly, India	125	500

VIDEO SHINERS FOR DECEMBER 2003		
Felipe/Marcos/Paulo/Vitória, Brazil	92	366
Alex/Ama/Dove/Jessica, Mexico	68	1,297
Ariana/Norma/Patricio, Colombia	36	182
Emanuel/Maria, Peru	36	72
Ivan/Ivan/Virginia, Russia	33	99
Spring Nightingale, Mexico	30	60
Angie/Isaac/Ruth, SEA	26	128
Maria/Philip/Svieta, Russia	24	171
Faithy/Lalo/Robyn/Ruth, Mexico	18	71
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By the Grapevine

In GV #167 we published an ad for the KidzVids team. Unfortunately, there were errors on both the e-mail address and the Web site address. We're very sorry for this mistake. If you've been trying to contact the KidzVids, please use the following correct e-mail and Web site addresses to do so:

Web site: www.kidzvids.com

E-mail: kidz@kidzvids.com

Thanks so much!

main ministry as the Lord told me many times is my boys. I spend most of my time teaching them the Word, school, life skills, taking them for get-outs, excursions, for music lessons, and witnessing.

Recently, the Lord showed me and my boys to move to Thailand. However, I need more than US\$3,000 for that. The Lord told me to ask you, dear Family, for help.

Also, if you have any ideas, suggestions or tips how I can fundraise, please send them to me. I'm open to whatever help. I need a Home in Western Europe that I could base out

of while I'm fundraising, as well as a partner for fundraising.

If you have a burden to help with a donation (anything is a big help), I would really appreciate that. And if not, I would appreciate your prayers and claiming the power of the keys for the miracles of supply of the needed funds.

Please write to me at MilaDreams@SAFE-mail.net. We really appreciate any and all help.

Love and prayers,
Mila Dreams

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