

Your past has determined where you are at this moment. What you do today will determine where you are tomorrow. Are you moving forward or standing still?

ANNOUNCEMENT: RENEWAL PERIOD

By Mama and Peter

God bless you, dear Family! We love you, and are so thankful for all your prayers and support during this busy time of restructuring. We are praying for you too, and our terrific Husband is answering prayer in wonderful ways. Lots of progress is being made on many fronts!

As you know, June 1st is when the renewal period was scheduled to start. However, due to a change in plans from our faithful Husband, with this notice we're announcing that the renewal period will be shortened to 5.5 months instead of 6, and it will start on June 15th instead. The main reason for this is that we've been working to prepare a lot of wonderful instruction from the Lord about the renewal period, what He wants our emphasis to be, and how we should look at it, and the Lord confirmed that you needed more time to study and absorb all this material before the renewal period actually starts. Since we aren't able to get it to you any sooner, He suggested

that we start the renewal period two weeks later than originally planned.

With this mailing you should receive the first two GNs in the renewal series, with several more soon to follow over the next weeks. These GNs include the Lord's perspective on this special time, instruction about explaining it to your children, counsel related to the JETTs and junior teens, and lots more. We hope to have all of these GNs posted by mid-May (or earlier), so keep checking the MO site! They will also be printed, and will hopefully be in your hands by the beginning of June. Please take the time you need to study and absorb all that the Lord is sharing with us, so that your renewal period can be as fruitful and effective and inspiring as possible, for all involved.

The Lord has also given some suggestions of special Home meetings and activities and united prayer to hold on the first day of the renewal period, so we wanted to let you know in advance so that you can plan to keep June 15th free of other

obligations or plans or commitments, so that you can devote it fully to these renewal activities. More details will be coming soon, via a GN.

Please pray for us as we finalize and prepare all this good counsel from our wonderful Husband. We love you, and are wielding the weapon of praise on your behalf!

Love and prayers, looking forward to spending this renewal time together with you,
Mama and Peter

P.S.: In all of the GNs and pubs, we're still referring to the renewal period as six months, because we prepared those pubs and GNs before the Lord instructed us to start it later so that you could have more time to study the material. So even though the pubs refer to six months, the renewal period is still starting on June 15th, and is officially 5.5 months.

Reminder: Age Rating of *Xn*

BY THE WS PUBS TEAM

We love you and pray that the *Xns* are a blessing to you! We wanted to post a little reminder about the age rating of the *Xn*, as we have heard that the *Xn* is often being read by those under the age of 12. There are certain articles in the *Xn* which are not geared toward those 11 and under. So please be mindful of this, and if you want to read portions of the *Xn* with those 11 and under, please be sure to have gone over that *Xn* thoroughly yourself, and to read it with them too.

Thank you!

12 FOUNDATION STONES TEACHERS' TIP By the International CGO board

Teachers' Preparation Checklist in Brief

[Note: A fuller listing of tips is included in the intro to the 12 Foundation Stones Class Book, and there's also a list of specific tips for each class in the class itself.]

- * **Pray beforehand.** Hear from the Lord about the students and about your presentation.
- * **Read over the class** and ask the Lord what aspects you should emphasize and what parts you can skip over. Choose which verses you'll read, which anecdotes you'll share, which skits or songs you'll perform, etc.
- * **Look over the corresponding Study Notes** section before the class. If time is short, you can leave out things that will be covered there.
- * If you have time, **look over the extra publications** that you'll be offering.
- * If you're a teaching team of two or more, **pray together before the class.**—Then **share the load** during the class. (Decide beforehand who will do what.)
- * **Check that the physical surroundings are set up right**—such as adequate heating or ventilation, comfortable seating, refreshments as needed, etc.
- * **Bring pens/pencils and paper** in case people want to take notes. Also bring a few **extra Bibles.**

Activé Year Course Available

BY THE FRENCH CREATIONS TEAM

Dear French-speaking brethren,
GBY! We pray that the *Activé* magazines are being a blessing in your ministering to your French-speaking sheep. A year's course of 12 *Activé* magazines have now been printed, so please send in your addresses to active@activated.org.

We have a new tool for you to use www.frenchcreations.com. On the site you'll find:

- GP pubs: all French pubs produced to date. Updated regularly!
 - Forums: Make suggestions, ask questions, share distribution/mass marketing techniques, and more!
- The site has restricted access for security reasons, so please write us at admin@frenchcreations.com with your key, Home number, and preferred password, and we'll set you up. [Note: Please don't use the same password as your MO login.]

We hope this will be a blessing to you all as you reach the French-speaking people of the world for Jesus!

Aurora—The Return!

By Simon Simple, India

Here's one "Ripley's ... Believe It or Not!" you might have missed: Did you know that in February 2004, in the city of New Delhi, approximately 15 people from 7 Family Homes got together every day for 9 days in an area exactly 15 square feet in size, and actually managed to sell the following:

- 419 *Treasure Attics* and *Kiddie Viddies*
- 580 children's books
- 131 audio tapes
- 131 "Mottos for Success"
- 127 inspirational books
- 65 novels
- 51 *Interactive Treasure Attic Game* CDs
- 45 CD cards
- 15 *Keys to Parenting* sets

Amazing, but true! Of course, it really helped that this 15 square-foot witnessing spot happened to be the Aurora Production booth at the 16th World Book Fair held in New Delhi, and the witnesses had the help of the key craft and many, many angels and spirit helpers who helped to make it all possible!

The World Book Fair, held every two years in Delhi, is the largest event of its kind in Asia. Publishers from all over the world set up their booths and the fair is visited by millions of people who come to browse and to buy. Two years ago, the Aurora team made their debut visit to the World Book Fair. Here is the exciting account of what can aptly be called, "The Return."

It's so true that victory is won in prayer beforehand.—Service is simply gathering up the results. Before the book fair began, John from Aurora and Tim and Penny from the India Activated Desk got together with the Homes in Delhi that attended this book fair to have prayer for the event, and we specifically prayed that the Lord would help us to sell *twice* the number of tools that we had gotten out at the previous book fair. ... And that's exactly what happened!

For 10 days, the Homes in Delhi sent teams to the Aurora booth to help sell our wonderful tools, and suffice it to say that from the time that the booth opened in the morning till the time that it closed at night, it was packed out! It was thrilling to see the incredible vacuum for our tools! By the time the fair ended we had lost count of the number of people who told us, "You certainly have the busiest and most interesting booth here!" A special word of commendation to the senior teens and YAs in the city who sold indefatigably from morning till night!

In the days prior to the book fair, we had sent out a mailing to over 800 schools in and around Delhi inviting them to come to the event. We put together a special package of tools for the schools called ... well ... "Tools for Schools." This package contained sets of *Treasure Attics* and *Kiddie Viddies*, as well as sets of story books neatly packaged in little red plastic bags. The schools snapped them up!—And we're still getting calls from schools asking for more!

During the course of the fair, school principals from all over the country visited our booth and bought "Tools for Schools." One particular principal actually came all the way from Kargil, a town set in the snowy Himalayas, at one of the highest altitudes in India. He literally bought a copy of everything our booth had to offer! After buying copies of all the *Treasure Attics* and *Kiddie Viddies*, he came back the next day and bought copies of all the books and music tapes as well. Our tools literally reached "the top."

One evening the Chief Minister of Delhi walked into the pavilion where we had our booth. (Political fact: India has 28 states. Each State has a Chief Minister, and the Chief Minister of Delhi has the distinction of being India's most popular and well-loved Chief Minister.) By a miracle we actually managed to walk right up to her despite her very



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heavy security. We thanked her for all that she has done for Delhi, and then presented her a "Mottos for Success." She was happy to receive it and said, "Thank you! This is beautiful! I'll be sure to read it!"

Right across our booth was the large (and very quiet) booth of a very prosperous Asian country. It was manned by the Ministry of Education of that particular country. It was easily five times the size of our booth! The gentleman in charge of the booth turned out to be a sweet sheep, who was incidentally also in charge of more than 4,000 schools in his country! He was absolutely fascinated by all the activity forever surrounding our booth! He said, "How do you guys manage to have such a large crowd all the time? I think I know!—The difference between your booth and mine is that I can't get my representatives to move while you can't get yours to sit still!" Ha!

John witnessed to him and showed him the *Grandpa Jake Storybooks*, which he really liked! This man is interested in purchasing *Grandpa Jake Storybooks* for the students of all 4,000 schools in his country! Please pray that that deal comes through as that will mean a tremendous influx of our beautiful tools into that country!

The Aurora booth was one of the busiest, if not *the* busiest booth on the grounds. It was not uncommon to hear someone say, "This is the third time I'm coming to your

booth!—I couldn't get in the first two times!" When walking through other pavilions at the fair we were amazed to see the actual size of the whole fair and the total number of participants, and our hearts rejoiced at all our wonderful Husband did for us.

We also realized the importance of our sample at this event! One afternoon, during lunch break, a photographer carelessly threw an ice cream wrapper on the ground. John sweetly told him, "That belongs in the dustbin!" This man got so convicted that he not only threw his own ice cream wrapper in the dustbin, but a few more as well. Unbeknownst to us, a school principal was watching all of this, and she was so impressed by this little display of civic duty that she bought a set of *Treasure Attic* VCDs saying, "If these are the good values your videos teach, I would like to buy them for my school as well!" Ha! The importance of little things!

Some of the items that attracted the most attention at our booth were the *Get Activated* books, *From Jesus with Love*, and *God on God*. It was inspiring to see how many people made a beeline for those books. It was a small sampling of the incredible hunger for the truth that abounds on this ripe and ready field!

Six television stations, eight newspapers, and two wire services covered the Aurora booth. One particular TV station broadcasted a five-minute slot on Aurora's

BRAZIL

Subscriptions progress: Once again this month the Brazil Homes more than doubled the number of subscriptions they sold during the same period last year.

First two-year subscriptions sold: Several Homes have started offering two-year subscriptions on an experimental basis. Though the program is still very new, they have already sold a few of these two-year subscriptions, and seem to be catching the vision for it.

Mag of the Month standing orders: We have orders for approximately 8,000 copies from Homes, and another 2,500 copies for our subscribers.

CHILE

"Mottos": The sales of "Mottos for Success" calendars kept climbing this month, with many Homes gearing their distribution of tools towards "Mottos."

Subscriptions via e-mail: Increasingly, we've been receiving subscriptions by e-mail. This month we got a few more, plus a couple of big sales of 100 or more "Mottos" calendars, all through people who contacted us through the Web.

EAD (Europe/Africa)

Poster boom: The posters we printed last year have been very popular, and some languages have already run out of stock, so we will need to plan a reprinting to have plenty on hand for the summer.

INDIA

World Book Fair: God bless all the Homes in Delhi who sent daily teams to help

Aurora with their stall at the World Book Fair held in Delhi. It was an exciting time with many tools out, contacts met, etc. (See the article on the facing page in this GV for more on the World Book Fair held in Delhi.)

CGO Activated meeting in Delhi: After the book fair we had a CGO/Activated meeting where the Homes shared testimonies on follow up. We had a short how-to on different topics, and also had an in-depth talk on the problems we face at the desk with Homes not getting back to us on messages pertaining to subscribers. Right then and there the Homes designated certain people to handle communications as well as appointed Activated deacons for their Homes so we would know who to communicate with. Overall it was very fruitful and the Homes were inspired.

Subscription renewals: Our renewals continue to increase with 91 this month—59 were first-time renewals, 16 for the third year, and 4 for the fourth year! Sending the Homes their *Activated mag* graduate list monthly has been part of the reason. It took them a bit of time to start on it, but now as they incorporate it in their outreach and follow up we expect to see a higher percentage.

MEXICO

"To You with Love" tracts: A Mexican FM couple gave a donation to sponsor 75,000 *Con Cariño Para Ti* tracts for us to give for free to the Homes in Mexico.

Free tract printing: Before Christmas we brought a large amount of paper to a printer who has

been regularly printing small quantities of free tracts for us (from 3,000 to 5,000 at a time) for the past three years. When we went to pick up her last job, she had printed 22,000 free tracts, and mentioned that she has enough paper to do another 30,000, as soon as we tell her what to print.

Mag of the Month: Our Home subscribers to the MOTM are steadily increasing. We currently have 27 Homes subscribed to a total of 5,100 mags.

Tool customers: We receive regular calls from people interested in our tools, and are starting to have regular customers buy from us at the desk. In order to be more

efficient and professional in our presentation, Tim built a beautiful wooden display to showcase our tools.

PHILIPPINES

In shops: The largest chain of bookstores here in the Philippines now has four titles of our books on their shelves.

USA

Mag of the Month: This month our MOTM subscriptions are at 9,000 in English and 1,150 in Spanish, a total of 10,150.

Winepress: Our *Winepress* membership at the end of February is at 262, and our supporter mailing list is at 75.

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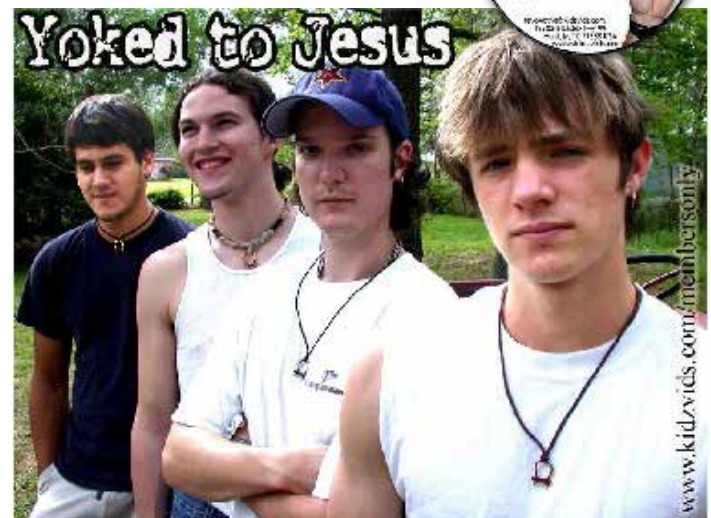
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products in a nationwide broadcast. The next day, the local shopkeeper came to the door to drop off groceries and said, "Hey, I saw you on TV last night! You were selling those children's videos. Can I have your catalog? I want some for my kids as well!" The power of television!

It was a great way to kick start our outreach for 2004! Each Home that participated

in the fair now has a huge stack of name cards of people who want our tools! Looks like it's going to be an exciting year for tool distribution! Please pray for many exciting deals in the works, and especially that *Heaven's Secrets*, a far-out book about life in Heaven will be printed by a good publisher, and that the event will continue to bear fruit for a long time to come!



(L-R:) JOANNA, SIMON, CELESTE, MICHAEL, AND VICTORIA

By Andrew, Mary, Simon, Michael, Celeste, and Victoria, Kenya

The Lord had shown us to hold a follow-up/Activated meeting/benefit dinner in the UK, as we had quite a few sweet friends and contacts and Activated members who we had cultivated over time, while on road trips there.

This was quite a step to take, as we were in another country at the time, and because of our circumstances, we weren't going to be able to be in the UK for much more than a week before the event was scheduled to take place.—Usually these kinds of things take a while to plan and prepare, so it was quite a step of faith for us to take. However, the Lord had confirmed that it was His will, and that all the precious sheep that He had for us to meet and follow up on were worth it.

We had about three weeks before we were going to actually be in the UK to prepare for this evening, so we started to make the calls to the UK to set it up—at least the venue and all. We knew that it might not be so realistic to hold a huge event with lots of people coming with so little time to prepare, so we thought that if we were able to pull at least 100 or more people in, that would be great.

Well, our friend in London, the sweet owner of the banqueting hall (one of the most posh places in London) agreed to give us the hall for free, and the food at an extremely discounted rate. The food is known for being some of the highest quality Indian food in London—the place is famous for it!

With the place figured out we were faced with the job of bringing the people in! We were in another country at the

time, and were also very busy doing shows, so we were only able to send out a mass e-mailing to all of our friends in our database—giving everyone who got the e-mail about three weeks' notice. So it was just up to the Lord, the keys, and prayer. As the time came to go to the UK, through e-mail we only had 20 confirmed attendees!

England, here we come!

As Dad said, "It takes an impossible situation for God to do a miracle," and it was a miracle that we needed. Fortunately, we had a place to stay in London, where we could work and phone from. But when we arrived at our friend's house in London, it turned out that she was quite ill, and not only that, but she and her husband were struggling a bit financially, so not only would it be a bit disturbing for a big group of six of us to all be in her house, but we wouldn't be able to use the phone! And to make matters worse, it seemed that our van was in need of a major tune-up, and that we would be taking a huge risk to even be driving it on the roads! Boy, were we stuck!

I mean, if we weren't in the middle of organizing this event, it would have already been quite a trial, but now it seemed like an impossibility!

"I'm sorry, I didn't quite hear you right. Isn't 'impossible' the *creed of fools*!?"

"You're right, Lord. Sorry for doubting, but could You please show us *what* to do?"

"That's just what I was waiting for you to ask!"

"Right again, Lord! As always!"

Anyway, our own little "God on God"

aside, we prayed, and the Lord reminded us of someone who had helped us before with a rental car for free, and he agreed to help right away! Then, the Lord showed us to call someone who we had met a year earlier, and had given us quite a sizable donation. At the time, he had made a comment about being able to put us up whenever we needed it, so now that we needed it, we called him.

You know how it is when you are just so absolutely stuck with what you are trying to do, and there just seems to be no way out and no solution in sight? And then you stop and ask the Lord what to do, He shows you, and then when you do it, it's like the door couldn't have opened any wider, and you're like, "Why didn't we do that a *long* time ago?!" Well, that's what happened!

A life touched by the Lord!

When we called this friend, he welcomed us with open arms. He invited us to come stay as long as we wanted, use two phone lines in his house (he has his office in his house), e-mail, use his own little private gym for exercise, and whatever we wanted to do!

"Oh, and by the way, I have a little donation for you as well," he said.

He had a donation of £1,000 (US\$1,800) waiting for us, and said he was going to give us a regular donation every month as well! Needless to say, we were all rejoicing that the Lord had reminded us about this man. Through him, the Lord had come through for us in so many ways. Not only was he sweet and generous, but he *and* his wife were real sheep! They had been receiving *Activated*, which we had subscribed them to, and were enjoying it. We found out that she had just had an operation after having had breast cancer, but that it was likely that it would return. The whole family was very broken about it, but it brought out the sweetness in them, and they were definitely letting the whole thing make them better and not bitter.

This is a Hindu family that we were staying with, but they turned out to be so very open to the Lord, prayer, the Family, and all that we had to offer them. We stayed up until about 3:30 AM one morning witnessing to this man about the Lord, the Family, Dad, Mama, etc., and he was so thrilled about knowing that there were people in this world like us. He commented: "Of all that I have read about Christianity and gathered from friends, I thought that no one could ever live it. But you are the first ones who are actually *living* it! You are true, sample Christians."

One thing that made him recognize that we were "something else" was when we told him that we don't believe in building churches and church buildings. He

was like, “That’s terrific! That’s what sets you apart as genuine believers who are actually making a difference in this world instead of just collecting money for some building project.—You’re changing people’s lives, and giving them a chance to worship God where He really is, in their hearts, and not confined to some church or temple or what-have-you!”

He claims to be an atheist, who doesn’t believe in Heaven or anything, but we read him some beautiful life-after-death stories, and he was so touched and said that we were starting to change his outlook on things. Also, I’m sure that the Word that he was being fed through *Activated* was not returning void, but was accomplishing the purpose for which it was sent.

Hindus in the UK, at least from our experience, are very much attached to and basically worship their children. They are into success, making money, as well as, of course, having their children do the same—go to the best schools, be the tops in their class, and they put a lot of pressure on them to succeed. It would be unheard of for any of them to marry someone out of their caste, much less their religion, not to even mention converting to another religion!

But this man said something that touched us. He said, “What you are doing is the best thing in the world. If I would want anything for my kids, and if I had one wish for them, it would be for them to join the Family, do what you do, give their lives for others, believe what you believe, and then, when I finish up all of this business and work that I’m doing here, I’ll come and join you as well!”

Well, that made our late night with him worth it all! It was so beautiful, as he was almost at the point of tears, and we then prayed with him to receive the Lord.

The next night, His wife, P., explained to us that she has trouble sleeping at night, and that she had headaches and different aches and pains, as she has been through quite a lot with her treatment for cancer that has had its side effects. So

then, after praying with their whole family to receive the Lord, we prayed for her, laying hands on her, and claiming the keys for a good night’s rest and sleep.

The next morning she was so excited, as she told us that she had the best sleep that she’d had in months! She was so thankful for our prayers for her, and was so grateful for our being there, and for the influence that we were able to be on their whole household.

The benefit dinner / *Activated* / follow-up meeting

Back to the original story: We still had only a week to get our friends and contacts to come to this meeting we were having, as a lot of them didn’t get the e-mails, were out of the country for a while, etc., so now we had to try and phone them all—at least as many as we could, from our database in London of at least 800 friends, acquaintances, donors, contacts, etc. that we had accumulated over the years.

So we started phoning, claiming the keys for a miracle, and believe it or not, by the time we had to tell the banquet hall how many people to cook and arrange seating for, the figure that we gave him was 350 confirmed attendees!

The Lord had led us not to even sell tickets for this function, as it might limit some of the donors’ capacity to give, and the Lord led us to step out by faith and expect even more than the bare minimum of the ticket price at the door.

We asked the friend we were staying with if he would let us announce the donation that *he* gave, and use it as an incentive to get others of our friends “thinking big,” and pledging big amounts of donations as well.

On one of the nights we were talking with him, he had actually asked us how much we were hoping to raise that evening. We kind of went out on a limb and said, “Well, we’d like to raise £15,000, but we’ll be happy if we can raise at least £10,000.

Just to say, we had never organized a fundraiser that had raised *close* to that much before, but we were trying to have faith and “think big.”

The goal of this meeting was not only to bring together friends of ours who had donated to us once upon a time and who we had subscribed to *Activated* to get more feeding, and to get re-inspired about the Word, but also to give them the vision of supporting us regularly, at least once a year.

The whole meeting turned out to be a success, and we were so happy with the fruit of it. The theme of the meeting was Heaven, so we were able to share the testimony of Steve graduating, as well as read some Word about Heaven, and present our view of death, Heaven, etc. We were able to share about the many people who Steve’s life touched, and that the Lord brought about something beautiful out of the whole trying experience. We were also able to appreciate the ones who had helped us within the last year.

Our show group did some numbers, and all attending were treated to an absolutely five-star delicious Indian dinner! We also were able to appeal for pledgers, starting off with our friend’s donation, and the rest of the pledges started to come in. They weren’t all huge, but it was encouraging, nonetheless.

One thing that we were also able to do was to go around to all of the tables and get out tools.—Lots of them!

One grape of thankfulness that we’d like to share at this point is for the *Activated* Home in the UK. They have been a huge help and support to us!

At the end of the evening, when we got back to our friend’s house, he wanted to know how much we had raised. (Normally, we wouldn’t be so free with “sharing the know” of our finances with just any outsider, but in this particular case the Lord showed us to do so.)

After tallying it up, we found that we had raised, after the expenses incurred, a total of £8,500.—A little bit shy of our goal



that we had told him, but definitely a huge encouragement to us! But then he thought a bit and said to his wife, “We can top that up for them, can’t we, Honey?” She readily agreed, so he then gave a second donation of £1,500, bringing the total raised up to £10,000! Thank You, Jesus, our wonderful Husband and Provider!

In closing...

In looking back at the whole thing, we are so awed at the Lord’s amazing power and plan, and at how little we had to do, and especially the fact that, if we had

things *our* way, a lot of the little miracles wouldn’t have happened! All of the seeming setbacks truly worked out for good!

Another amazing part to this story is that, before we even held this function, we had a meeting (from the “Show Me the Money” GNs), and we had heard from the Lord and decided to give all of the money that we were going to raise in the months of December and January as offerings throughout the next year.—Kind of raising a budget for offerings. Not that we wouldn’t be able to give more as the need arose, but at least something to set aside as

sacred and as “not our money.” We also decided to give 6% of our income every month as an offering to WS, bringing our total “tithe” up to 20%.

Well, we believe that the Lord blessed this decision, and poured out His supply “exceedingly above all that we could ask or think”! Thank you so much, Mama and Peter for the vision and direction that you’ve been pouring out from the Lord via the New Wine. It’s been so inspiring and faith-building to obey it and then see the Lord work!

Through Praise and the Keys

—Reactions from you to Feast 2004

(Continued from GV #173)

Using “the keys”

Joan, Philippines: Again, the Feast was a time to get back to our first love. We’re so thankful to Mama and Peter who so diligently are helping us to become the disciples we know the Lord wants us all to become. We certainly are blessed above all His children on the face of this Earth.

The keys are so powerful, and we’re so excited with what the Lord does for us every day and the miracles we’ll see in the future. I was reading “The Mysterious Keys,” and it says in there that the time will come when we’ll only have to say “the keys” and it will connect us immediately to Heaven’s power. That morning I had woken up with a stiff neck because I had forgotten to turn down the fan, and this pain was constant no matter how I turned my head.

Now if the Lord is giving us the power over death and Hell, I thought, then it would be so simple to get healed. Armed with the Word and faith, I laid a hand on my neck and said, “The keys.” Immediately the pain left and I was healed. I was tempted to think, *Oh, it’s just temporary.* But I rebuked the thought and just praised the Lord for healing me so swiftly.

Later in the day at one of the meetings reading about “The Mysterious Keys,” I was able to testify of the miracle the Lord did for me. So may God help us to just step out, believe and take hold of the promises of power He has given us and defeat the Devil and all his doubts that “it’s not for me,” but that this gift is given us freely for us to use in our life and work for Him.

Transformation of heart

Male, Germany: I’d been so caught up in so many battles—depression, frustrations, anger, hate, despair, bitterness, regret, and myself! It’s hard to describe on paper how “the entrance

of Thy Word giveth light,” but it has done just that. The Feast 2004 Letters are so beautiful; I feel like a babe who has just gotten saved. I’ve never felt so much of the Lord’s love and mercy and wonderful abounding grace as I have from these Letters. It was like the Lord’s Spirit washed away my past.

Over the years, I’ve had a couple of traumatic nervous breakdowns, which made me angry at God for all the “bad luck” in my life, and regretting my daily existence. But Dad, Mama and our precious Husband did a miracle I didn’t expect.—“The Mysterious Keys” Letters answered so many questions in the back of my mind.

There was so much action and reaction in our Home caused through the Feast. All the Letters are being hoarded, privately stashed by people to read on their own, and it’s funny seeing this. Then at dinner we all talk about what we got out of the Letters.—Too many reactions to put here on paper; so much to praise the Lord for.

Fulfilling praise

Trust, Norway: The Feast GNs were so uplifting, encouraging, informative, and made things so clear and simple. After reading the praise GN, I was reminded of a time many years ago where praise was definitely the key to get out of a very difficult situation.

This was in SEA and we were experiencing persecution because of FFing and reaching the top. The authorities came to our Home very early in the morning, demanding all our passports, saying that they wanted to make sure that everything was okay. Well, to make a long and exciting story short, we were told that we would need to come down to immigration for further questioning, and then maybe we could get our passports back.

Beforehand we prayed really desperately and asked the Lord what to do

and how to proceed. He gave us that passage from 2Chron.20, and told us to do exactly that—to go out and meet the Enemy with the musicians and the singers in front. To lift our hands and go out praising the Lord, and then He would do it. So we did.

We followed what the Lord showed us, exactly as He had showed us, and lo and behold, as we came down to the office, they just handed us the passports, and we were free to go. They didn’t even give us a mark in our passports! It was so thrilling and exhilarating to see the Lord’s advice fulfilled to a T when we just simply obeyed and praised Him.

Knock Satan’s imps for a loop

Joy, South Africa: I have always struggled with negative thoughts and found it very discouraging when, after battling with it so long, I make some progress, but I’d be a bit like a drunk person—two steps forward, one to the side, and one backward. The minute I saw this mailing I knew that our Husband, in His infinite care, has given me the key to victory. I have been putting praise into practice and found that slowly but surely my reactions and way of looking at situations are changing. I’m still at the beginning stages of progress, but nevertheless, my steamer is going forward. I feel better about so many things that I used to take for granted or had slanted views about.

The big challenge came very soon after claiming the keys and making a conscious effort to apply positive praise, I can’t say that my reaction was perfectly positive, but I found it so much easier to get out of the pit when I started praising no matter what was happening. I recommend praise to anyone battling with negative thinking. “If you really want to knock Pan for a loop, just start praising the Lord.”

Activated Soul Doctors

By Tim (of Hannah) and Esther
(SGA), Taiwan

The Lord recently opened an interesting CTP door at a hospital about 40 minutes away from where we live, where four of us from the Home—Hannah, Maggie, Tim, and Esther—visit every Tuesday. Our mission is to have regular Bible classes with the staff, administration, doctors and nurses, as well as visit the sick rooms and encourage, talk, and pray with people in the lobby waiting for their doctor appointments, while we give out tracts and posters. So far it has been very rewarding, and we have never had such instant contact with people through personal witnessing in a long time like this.

Because we wear “The Family” matching vests with the Family’s insignia and logo, it’s a pretty straight out witness where you can get deep with people right away, which is wonderful! People visiting the hospital are nervous, shy, and very anxious about their doctor visit or are very burdened, lonely, sick, and usually worried about their future and financial standing in going to hospitals. The administration folks who come to our weekly meetings are equally burdened with so many things that come their way on a daily basis.

Those attending the classes had all received the Lord by our second visit, and are still coming for more. All the class material is based from the Chinese *Activated* magazines, Family songs are sung with printouts, and customary hugs are given when coming and going, which is quite something for a traditional Chinese in Taiwan, ha! We try to get our students to apply the Word they read! It’s great! They have been receiving the Word very well with interaction slowly warming up and new people are coming each time! We’ve had an average of 7–15 people show up each time.

Maggie originally met the owner of the hospital while night singing, and she turned out to be a sincere Christian who loves the Lord and wants us to help her do more for Him. She owns several clinics and hospitals in the city, and even though she goes to church, she feels the need to do more for the Lord. She is start-



Tim (of Hannah) witnessing to a sweet elderly man during our weekly visits

ing to come to our Home weekly for personalized classes so she can get deeper feeding, such as hearing from the Lord. She’s given us free rein at the hospital, and told us to burn free and witness to anyone and everyone, “After all,” she said, “I own the hospital, so I can give you permission!” She has also been giving us a generous donation on a monthly basis both to help our work, and to cover expenses incurred on our weekly visits.

It’s been an answer to prayer, as this is a CTP that pays for itself, promotes *Activated*, and through it we are also able to reach the rich, as this lady and her relatives are well-to-do, well known, and respected in the community.

One nice thing about going to this hospital is that we don’t have to use the “clown” makeup or the “extra” presentation on a regular basis for this CTP. Once a month we do a “special” visit with the clown and balloon gear for variety, and to break the ice on special occasions such as Valentine’s Day, Children’s Day, etc. Tim usually visits hospitals as a clown, which is something he’s done for the last five years, but this is the first time he’s had a chance to regularly talk with people face to face and have the power of the keys open hearts so quickly.

We have had dedicated Buddhists open their hearts, cry, feel real relief from our prayers, and tell us how much it meant to them. One man just started sobbing during the prayer, he was so renewed by the prayer and felt the Lord really loved him and said it gave him hope! The power of prayer!

Now that we have been frequenting the hospital weekly for some time, when we arrive on Tuesday mornings, many faces light up at our arrival, people wave and reassure us that they’ll be there for the class at noon (during the worker’s lunch break). There’s a noticeable change in the spirit of the place with nurses and



(L–R:) Esther, Maggie, and Tim during a weekly class with the hospital staff

staff being friendlier and more cheerful to each other and the patients.

It’s been a sample for them to see us live the sermons we preach to them, as they see us kneel with sick patients right in the lobby and in the rooms and lay hands on them while we pray for their healing, and comfort, cry with them, hug them and tell them that Jesus and we love them!

A couple of weeks ago, Hannah and Esther were visiting the ICU and going around praying for and laying hands on the desperately ill people lying in their beds. Only one of the patients had a visitor, which turned out to be her daughter. She had observed us going around praying and whispering words of encouragement to the convalescent, so when we got to where her mother was, she asked us who we were and why we were there. We witnessed to her, and asked if we could pray for her mother. She agreed and ended up praying with us to receive the Lord. It was so beautiful! She kept thanking us and said how much love she felt and how needed it is for people to show they care when there’s so much pain, loneliness, and suffering all around.

Never underestimate our real work of being soul doctors and the giving of prayer. It’s the most demanding, needed and open line of work there is in the world. Thank You, Lord, for our place in the Family to learn to be the best in this line of expertise!



Esther comforts and cheers up a patient on Valentine’s Day

Alive with the Fiery Spirit of David!

By Steve (for AR001), Argentina

As I sit here and think back over this month-and-a-half-long faith trip to the coastal city of Mar del Plata, I find it hard to describe the fullness of it all without writing an entire volume, and thus “wearing out the saints.” Although we’d like to tell every little testimony, for everyone’s sake we’ll try and keep it as brief as possible.

On January 15th, our whole team of 13 (1 FGA, 4 SGAs, 4 YAs, 2 STs, 1 JT, and one toddler) arrived at Mar del Plata, the largest and most popular beach city in the country. Thanks to dear Martin and Ester, we had a cozy little apartment to crash out in. (The apartment was real cozy ... a little too cozy, perhaps. But we’ll cover that further on.) Well, as one dear brother here says: “A place to stay on a faith trip is half the battle won.”

After only a week we’d already begun to see many miracles—interesting people were met, we were able to open several regular provisioning contacts, and the Lord had already begun to provide economically. However, we all certainly felt that things could be going better. The Lord had showed us that this trip was to be a life-changing experience. So with eager anticipation we took time for the three Feast days, wondering how it was all going to unfold. This break for the Feast was a key, as after having spent this time in the temple, things began to explode.

Since arriving at Mar del Plata, Lazaro and Estrella had been trying to get places to sing at, without much success. But miraculously, six different places opened up for us just the day before the Feast began. Through this ministry and thanks to the keys of activation we were able to distribute many of our tools, *Activated* mags, books, and CDs. Once again, we found that the more upfront we were in our witness (telling people about our communal lifestyle and the whole works), and the more we pushed *Activated*, rather than hiding behind social works, the more the Lord would bless us! Some people even recognized us as the COG, and others asked us point-blank what they had to do to join!

Actually, much of the witnessing done on this trip was throughout these moments, when we were able to meet many top people, and also have deep and regular follow-up to the owners and waiters of the restaurants who took great interest in us and our work and lifestyle.



(L-R:) Steve, Javier, Jonny, Joella, Jonny P., Luz, Maria, Lazaro, and Eduardo after the reading at a beautiful forest reserve

One thing which comes to mind about this trip is the little quote, “All things change, but Jesus never.” Most of our faith trips in the past have consisted mostly of street witnessing—getting out there and letting the Holy Ghost take full control—freaking out for Jesus, meeting young sheep, wild witnessing, street plays, Holy Ghost samples and saving many souls. But this time our Commander had somewhat of another plan, which was much more in line with the vision of building a more well-balanced work.

To begin with, we grew to understand the importance of instant witnessing, as most of the potential people were met through our daily activities, and in some of the most unexpected moments. We also realized the importance of following up on people, although sometimes they don’t seem that potential, as often they will introduce you to their friends who are very potential. There are many small testimonies which we will not be able to relate to you, but as this happened repeatedly, before long we had a fair list of both young and older people who we were visiting regularly.

Most of our time during the day was invested in follow-up (besides sleeping ... “lights out” being at 3 AM or 5 AM). Most of this follow-up (much to our surprise as this has never really been our strong point) was often to those of the adult generation!

In one case in particular, we met a very interesting woman (Marcela) who had begun receiving messages and visions from the spirit world about 10 years ago. She went from being your

regular flatlander to becoming a real searcher, almost instantly. She had received some interesting things about how the prince of the occult was rising to power, a holy covenant, the false messiah, etc.—All this without having absolutely any religious background, and no knowledge of the Bible. As with many searches, she had found a measure of truth, but had also been influenced by the philosophies of “new age.” However, one thing that worked in our favor was that she didn’t have an excessive amount of spiritual pride, and was open to receiving counsel and guidance for her personal life. She would regularly ask if we could hear from the Lord for her, and towards the end she even recognized the total importance of Jesus and of reading His Words, etc.

The Lord also used her to introduce us to several important people. Among them was a woman (Estela), her daughter (Sofia), and a whole group of Sofia’s friends, who had tasted the lukewarm vomit of the churches and were flipped to meet us and be nourished with the seeds of David. Marcela’s ex-husband also helped open several doors for us, including a radio interview. Through this, we were able to get the message to many ears. This door remains open for us to be able to promote our work throughout the year, possibly even with TV coverage, etc.

Thanks to our Love’s unbreakable promises of supply, just about all our needs were met (even our clothes-washing needs) through our dear contacts, most of whom developed a certain addiction to *Activated* or daily *Reflections*. We were sure to be faithful



Jonny and Daniel with a thankful mother at the hospital



Maria and Javier on the air for all of Mar del Plata during the radio interview



(L–R:) Daniel, Jonny, and Steve witnessing to Mariano, a young searcher who we met at the park during a busking practice

to feed them, and if for some reason we failed to bring them something they would get angry with us, saying: “Today I haven’t ‘reflected’ at all, and it’s entirely your fault!” And by the time the good-byes came around, everyone thanked us repeatedly for everything, and were quite sad we were leaving. (Although, we suspect the laundromat contacts won’t be missing our dirty laundry as much as they’ll miss the *Reflections*.)

We also had some interesting CTPs, one of which led us to the hospital bed of an 11-year-old boy who had just tried to commit suicide for the third time. We had many moments of deep witnessing, comfort, and counsel for him, his mother, and family during the weeks that followed. We even had a prayer of deliverance for him at the hospital. His family was very thankful for all we were able to do for this kid, especially after our prayers protected him from the court order, which was going to send him to a psychiatric center. The pediatricians were also very appreciative of our help, as all of the medicines and the medical system hadn’t gotten a smile out of that kid despite months of desperate attempts! After only three visits the boy was happy, laughing, singing, and once again interested in life. What can we say; it’s only Jesus, and the keys of healing!

Last but not least, we wanted to tell the story of Eduardo. He was born and raised in churchianity—evangelical, to be exact—and the hypocritical religion

of the God-forsaken religious system. At the age of 15 (9 years ago), someone spoke to him of a group of people who lived like the first disciples of Jesus, in communities, etc. Well, his life carried on and he became involved in his church, till at one point, six years later, he began to read the New Testament with an open mind and noticed discrepancies between the example of the early Christians and that of his church. So he began to bring these different questions up to the pastors of his church, and they were not pleased! As this carried on, he began to feel, beyond a doubt, that he did not belong within the church system. So he searched elsewhere, mostly the classic poisons of Nietzsche, Freud, and other such confused individuals.

It was in this time that he began to remember (vaguely) what he had been told about us, and he decided to look us up on the Internet. He found our Web page and wrote in. His e-mail was forwarded to us, and we began to feed him via e-mail, until we were finally able to visit him during this trip! During that time he told his pastors that he had contacted us and they—totally appalled—told him many a tale of ghosts, dragons, and the sort, which only sealed his separation from the churches.

He later confessed to us that he was so deeply affected after our first couple of visits that he actually felt lonely when we’d leave, as he’d long to hear our voices, etc. The connection he made with us at first, and the distress he felt when we left caused him to even consider coming back with us to Buenos Aires immediately. But the Lord showed both him and us that it was better that he first grow in the Word, and then take it from there. (Although we did have long talks with him about what being a disciple entails.) The key, in his case, was that from the start he’d been completely taken with the words of David. He said, “These words were written with such passion!” He identified with every one of them.

Since we didn’t have much time together, the Lord showed us to give him meat. So we read quite a lot of MO, and after that he’d devoured *Dare to Be Different* and all the *Mountain Streams*. We read “Revolution for Jesus” and “Churchianity Today” with him from *Growing in Faith*. He is quite the new bottle, and was thrilled with it all! Before leaving we gave him the vision of starting to use all of this Word we’re giving him to witness, and we explained about the vision of the catacombers (Active members), and told him that he didn’t have to wait to be living with us to win people to the Lord and our cause.

Please keep him in your prayers, as he plans to visit our Home soon, and on several occasions he’s indicated that his desire is to join us in the not-too-distant future. But we’re sure the Devil is going to fight it! Also pray that we can successfully follow-up on all of these people the Lord put on our path.

These (and more) are some of the miracles our wonderful Husband made possible on this trip. But if the truth were known, you’d find that some of the greatest miracles were those unseen, in the lives of those of us who had the blessing of being on this journey. Jesus always has a very special way of working on each of us, and now that it’s over, we know that we’re all closer to living the fullness of this ideal and of “infecting” the masses with the contagious and fiery spirit of David!



(L–R:) Steve, Joella, Jonny, and Luz—our faithful busking team



Luz making someone’s day a happier one



Titus, Naomi, and kids

Dear Family, we wanted to let you know about the Homegoing of dear **Titus** (Lito, 32), Filipino national disciple, on February 29th, 2004. Titus joined the Family in June 2003 in the Philippines. Titus had

been in poor health, and had a weak heart for many years. Since Christmas he wasn't able to breathe without an oxygen tank and shortly before he passed away, he began having more severe health problems. Thankfully, he is now in Heaven, released from his suffering and afflictions! Please pray for Titus' wife, Naomi, and their three children, including a baby boy who's three months old. Thank you so much.

JESUS:

(Jesus:) Praise Me that this one, a son of David, has come to join the ranks of David's Mighty Men here in Heaven. He has been raised to a new commission, given a new appointment in the halls of Heaven.

Rejoice that he has been delivered from his earthly suffering and made new and made whole. This, My dear one, has now been promoted! He has finished his earthly course; he has run a good race, and is even now enjoying the heavenly reward that was laid up for him through his service for Me and his sufferings for Me while on Earth.

Rejoice that he has been delivered and made whole! He has not been taken from you, but goes before you. He is among My honor guard who do serve and protect and fight for My Children of David, My Endtime Family. (End of message.)

Pray!



Healing key: Whatever healing you need you can claim through the keys of health and restoration. The power of My keys will do the miracle you need, and bring relief from pain to your body.

Testimonies of Answered Prayer

Peter (of Isabelle), Sweden:

Dear Family, we would like to thank everyone who's been praying for Jane's and my son, Jonathan (22). We appreciate it, and we want you to know that your prayers have been heard and answered. Thanks to your concern and efforts in the spirit, along with Jonathan doing his part in putting his will on God's side, we now have a wonderful victory to tell!

It was serious at first, though, and he could have lost a leg (or worse, if the Lord hadn't kept His angels watching over Jonathan). After two weeks in an intensive care unit in the hospital, he was moved to an orthopedic recovery ward, and as the condition in his leg and kidneys have regularly improved, he was released from the hospital.

The period of rehabilitation at home to regain the use of his leg will be one to two years. This will involve regular visits to a specialist. But the biggest victory is that he has now taken a stand and decided to rejoin the Family. Jonathan has said that he is thankful for what has happened, due to the good fruit it has borne. Thanks again,

dear Family, for interceding for this son of David, and please do continue to uphold him in your daily prayers.

breathe normally again. Thank you, my dear Family, for your prayers.

Asia

Lisa (25): Lisa has been suffering from seizures, blacking out, headaches, and eye aches for the past year. She has just gone to Sweden for better medical care and diagnosis, as it has been difficult here in Turkey to get a clear diagnosis. Please pray for good doctors and a correct diagnosis, and most of all, for the Lord's miraculous healing and complete deliverance from the seizures and fainting; for Lisa's faith and encouragement, as well for her family in Sweden who are with her.

Rimma: Breast cancer; for the Lord to miraculously heal her through the keys of Heaven, and make it a living testimony of His power to all the doctors and others.

Europe and Africa

Angela (of Ben): Bone restructuring operation on her lower jaw/molar teeth. She has an aggressive form of periodontal disease and is going through a treatment right now. For the doctor's anointing, the Lord's continuous supply, no need for further operations, and no spreading of the disease to other areas.

Benjamin: In late February I had open-heart surgery and it went well. However, a week after the surgery I started to experience shortness of breath. The doctors did lots of tests and found out that I have water in my lungs and double pneumonia, and later found out that I have a blood clot in my lungs. They do not know exactly how the blood clot got there. Please pray for the water, pneumonia and the blood clot to disappear completely, and that I can

Pacific

Alec (of Cryssy and Cesco): Complete recovery from pneumonia.

South America

Natalia: I have a bipolar disorder, and I underwent treatment for two years, but the Lord showed me now to stop the medicine and trust in His wonderful healing power. A few months ago I stopped the medicine, and thanks to your prayers, the new praise revolution, and memorization, I've been fighting this sickness. Please pray that I can gain more stability, and that the Lord can heal my mood swings completely, that jump from hyperactivity to depression. Thanks to all of you, my condition has been improving so much.

Peter: Suffered a heart attack while lifting a heavy object. We took him to the doctor who confirmed it was a heart attack. He rested at Home, but still isn't feeling well, so he will look into finding a specialist. We are praying for Peter and that his condition doesn't get worse and that he can recover soon.

Perla (9, of Luz and Josue): While jump roping it seemed like she suddenly couldn't move her leg. She rested for a while, but we discovered that a vertebra had moved, which caused the problem. The doctors say they would need to operate, because any movement of the vertebra could affect or cause the lungs or heart not to function, but the operation could also leave her paralyzed in the one leg. Please claim faith for both Luz and Josue, and for the power of the keys to fix the vertebra even without the intervention of the doctors.

entertainment

Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up

EL CRIMEN DEL PADRE AMARO (2002) **[THE CRIME OF FATHER AMARO]**

Gael Garcia Bernal, Sancho Gracia

Drama/exposé about a young, newly ordained priest in a small Mexican town who faces complicated issues of politics, corruption, and love. (Spanish, with English subtitles.)

(Jesus:) This is a touching, but very tragic film, in that it shows the complex pressures that a priest must face in the modern world in Latin America, as well as the poor foundation that new priests are given in their ministry and their faith.

The young pastor is fervent in his desire to help the people he is ministering to, yet he is too driven by ambition and by his desire to rise within the Catholic Church, to truly let love be his aim. This misguided ambition coupled with the restrictions placed on him by the Catholic Church, which teaches that it is impossible to have a wife and serve Me as a priest, led to his downfall. This has led to many priests stepping outside those boundaries to find the human, sexual, and sensual love which I have ordained for man to have.

This movie makes a social statement about the Catholic Church, its priests, and about human nature in general. It shows how, sadly, the church makes a huge deal out of certain issues, but turns a blind eye to others. It shows how mixed up and confused the politics and morals of the church and individuals within it are. They have lost sight of their focus, of their purpose, of their mission in many cases, and are more concerned about appearances, about church politics, than about love, and about truly doing the right thing.

This movie deals with issues that really are quite complex and heavy. You who are My children can pretty clearly see what is right and what is wrong in the approach and behavior of each character in this movie, and it can make for some interesting discussion. This movie is a slice of life, and a pretty unpleasant one, but there is enough in here message-wise and insight-wise that makes it worthwhile viewing for some.

Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

HIDALGO (2004)

Viggo Mortensen, Omar Sharif

An American cowboy travels to Saudi Arabia to compete with his horse, Hidalgo, in a dangerous race for a massive contest prize. Loosely based on the true story of Frank T. Hopkins.

(Jesus:) This movie portrays the fighting spirit which all of My children should have. It's about continuing on even when you feel you can't go on anymore. It's watchable and entertaining for those who like adventure/action dramas.

There's not much bad language. It doesn't promote ungodly or worldly influences. It has some violence, though it's not much, and not very graphic. There are some parts of the movie where animals are hurt, so those with a sensitivity towards those kinds of pictures should be aware of that.

The age of viewers for this movie depends on the young person's sensitivities, their maturity, how easily they're affected by what they watch. Some will be able to take it well, benefit from it, and enjoy it. Others might have questions. So it may be able to be shown to younger audiences than the rating, and I leave this decision with the parents and shepherds to pray about after previewing it.

There is some spirituality in the movie that might need to be explained if the movie is shown to teens or younger audiences. It's not bad or evil, but it's got that Native American Indian slant that's borders a little bit on superstition. There are some negative portrayals and attitudes towards Muslims and people from the Middle East that may also need to be explained.

The way the big race is portrayed in this movie gives a good parallel to the race that you run for Me. It's a race you have to be willing to give your life for, even if you die trying. You've got to stick with it no matter how tough things get, because your foes—Satan and his imps—are always looking for a way in, a means to prevent you from completing the race. But you've got Me on your side—that's something that you know and you can hold on to no matter how trying and difficult the race of life may seem at times.

I CAPTURE THE CASTLE (2003)

Romola Garai, Rose Byrne, Bill Nighy

A drama/love story set in 1930s England that follows 17-year-old Cassandra Mortmain, and the fortunes of her eccentric family, who live in a decaying castle.

(Jesus:) This movie is sweet, human, and gives some insight into love, life, and feelings in the teenage years. It's not super deep, but it's real. The story focuses on a family that's going through some hard times—financially and otherwise—but though there are some moments that are a little sad, overall it has a fairly upbeat and

hopeful spirit, and is also quite humorous in parts. It's a little emotional, as the main character is a teenage girl, but it's not so heavy or intense on that front that it would be disturbing—unless someone is already in a bad mood or feeling especially emotional. It doesn't have any huge or groundbreaking lessons, and doesn't make any real strong statements, but it's a character study, and there's always something to be learned from observing people, their lives, emotions, reactions, and even their mistakes.

Movies Rated for JETTs and Up

THE HOBBIT (1977)

Animated, voices of Orson Bean, Richard Boone, John Huston

Animation of J.R.R. Tolkien's classic book featuring the Hobbit, Bilbo Baggins, and his unexpected adventures.

(Jesus:) Like other works by Tolkien, the story brings out some good morals and spiritual principles. Though animated, this isn't suitable for younger ones, as some of the material contained might be frightening, or misunderstood. Bilbo Baggins being credited as a thief, for example, is something they will not understand, as it makes it seem like a good thing. Also, children would not understand the parallels to the spirit world regarding the monsters, wizardry, and magic portrayed, until they have a deeper understanding of My Word.

Good triumphs in the end, and it shows the dangers of being selfish and disunited. These lessons, along with it being a fun adventure story, are the merits to this movie.

Other Movies

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

STARSKY & HUTCH (2004)

Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson

(Jesus:) For a mature audience that just wants to sit back and relax and be entertained, this movie could be okay. However, there are some elements that make it unsuitable for audiences under a senior teen age, and less than edifying entertainment even for older audiences.

One aspect of the movie that isn't so good is the blurred line between right

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and wrong—the drug dealers being “nice” people, and the cops being somewhat corrupt or disobedient and still being effective in their jobs.

There’s also a homosexual element, though it’s more inferred than anything else. It’s hard to find a movie these days where homosexuality is not brought in, either subtly or overtly. If My children aren’t on guard against it, those attitudes can find their way into their minds and hearts, and open the door for compromise—whether in that area or other areas. Unfortunately, there aren’t many movies that don’t bring it in, in one way or another. So I’m not going to forbid My children to watch any of those movies, but they need to be on guard in that area in particular.

Your Love Has Taught Us—Reaction to “God’s Greats!” (ML #3478, GN1065)

By Daniel Gypsy (21), Argentina

I think there is always more to learn about the importance of how we educate our children. Sad to say, I don’t think I’ve ever given any of it that much importance, which is rather odd because everything I enjoy doing today would have been impossible without those who understood its importance.

I saw the movie *The Emperor’s Club* the other day, and it got me thinking about what it really means to be a teacher, and the consequences of not understanding its meaning.

I disliked school. As a kid I worked hard not to learn a thing (as one of my teachers put it), and maybe even get others to do so as well. But the few things that I can contribute to the lives of those around me, my Home and maybe, in some way to the Family, is all thanks to different angels the Lord put on my path. I’ll never forget Susanna (Little Bear), Clara (of Joseph), and Mercy Nubes (of Jonathan)—to name a few—who marked my life in more ways than I think they could imagine. Even though I would try to

There was a fair bit of drugs and alcohol involved and shown in a fairly light way, which isn’t realistic, and isn’t positive.

These two stars do well together and are fun to watch for a lot of people, but for someone who doesn’t like them much, or isn’t interested in a movie of this genre, there certainly isn’t much else worthwhile in this movie. It is definitely entertainment only, and is not a deep movie that you’ll get a lot of lessons from. It’s the kind of movie that not everyone will find amusing and some will feel like they wasted their time. Though taking in a movie like this on a rare occasion may be okay for some people, if they’re mature and led of Me and are faithful to get cleaned up afterwards, etc., for others it would not bear good fruit in their lives.

make life as hard as possible for them, they wouldn’t stop trying.

Seeing the love they had for me made me want to learn. I remember they would try to find something I was interested in and use it to bring out a desire to learn. To give you an idea, I refused to read out loud all the way till the age of 12, as I had a problem with dyslexia. But dear Clara wouldn’t give up. She would spend special time with me away from the other kids, and used my fascination for action and art to get me to start reading. An illustrated version of *The Last of the Mohicans* was the first book I read straight through. I think I read it because I wanted to make her happy. I wanted her to be proud, because I felt loved even though she had no real good reason to go beyond her call of duty to help me.

What I remember from my school days is the examples of love, dedication, forgiveness, and patience showed toward me. I think we all have the capacity of contributing to the life of a child in a very special way, maybe even in a way no one else can. I guess I mainly want to say that I’m eternally grateful to all of those who

out of pioneering stages. We are all girls so far, and we’re looking for gentlemen to join our efforts in reaching the beautiful hearts here! At the same time, part of our team is still on their way here, and we are house hunting to fit the need. We are having a bit of financial difficulty at this point. As we were praying about what else we could do about fundraising, the Lord told us to ask you, our dear Family, for help. Our specific need is for the upcoming move, which we hope to be able to make in April. But it would have to be a real miracle through the keys, as we still need €1,500. So we would appreciate if you can help us in any way—any amount

Personals

My sister Lily is trying to get in touch with **Michael and Lisa** and their son **Andreas**. Last heard they were in Switzerland. Lily needs to be in touch with you. Please write to fes@cyber.net.pk Attn: Gracia. I can then forward the info to my sister. Thanks a lot!

former friends —seeking contact

I work for a law firm in Dallas, Texas. I have been given the task of trying to locate the son of one of our clients so that we can get a legal document signed. One of our clients’ other children advised us that her brother may be a member of the Children of God. The person I am looking for is **Michael Aaron L.**, and his date of birth is approximately November 6, 1949. Any information you can provide regarding how I can contact Michael would be appreciated (or if you can get a message to him to call us, that would be great). Thank you.

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took time and so much effort to give me a chance even when I didn’t deserve it.

If you have a problem case in your Home, and he or she jumps at every opportunity to make you feel frustrated, and ignores everything you say, don’t give up on them—they need you more than you know. If you can find a way through the “land mines” into their heart without blowing up in discouragement and frustration, they’ll never forget you.

I hope that some day, I can repay all that was given to me, by reflecting to the little ones around me the same interest that was given to me by our dear teachers. I believe that everything we as a generation accomplish for the Lord would be impossible without all you teachers in and out of the classrooms. We love you!

would mean a lot to us, as we know it comes from your loving hearts. Thank you for considering our request! You can send your gifts through TRF to RO036 or you can contact us at: Silver.Lining@sofhome.net.

With your gift, please let us know your name and e-mail address, as we would like to thank each one of you personally! We really appreciate your financial help and your support in prayers!

Much love,
Angel, Daisy, Rose Marie and her two boys, Danny and Stephan, Jewel, and Mary

help wanted

Dear Family,

Greetings and much love from beautiful Romania! We’ve been here a little over a year now, and the Lord has blessed us with many precious hungry sheep and potential disciples! We’ve been doing a lot of Activated classes in a high school and at Home, follow up and feeding the business class, tool distribution and fruitful CTPs, translating *Activated* into Romanian, answering GP letters, etc.

Our team is still new and learning to work together, and our work is just barely getting

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