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By the International CGO board

With this notice we are happy to announce the soon-coming release of *Link*, the brand-new monthly news magazine of the Family International—for Family disciples, Missionary members, Fellow members, and Active members! This is the magazine that was referred to in “The Family Membership Expands” (GN 1096) and other pubs as “The Family Magazine,” which was our working title, since the magazine was not yet named at the time.

The first issue of this magazine should be arriving in your mailbox in August. Each issue of *Link* will feature all-new content, including new MLs/prophesies (GN-type content), testimonies from the worldwide Family, special interest material for parents, women, teens, and more. In the next *Grapevine* we’ll include more details about how to go about signing up your Active members to receive this new mag.

Photos needed!

Would you like to see your Home, work, or Active member flock featured on the front cover of the new *Link* magazine? The magazine will have a color cover, and will feature a photo on the cover of each issue. We are looking for quality shots that put a face on the Family International. The idea is to have variety in style, such as:

- Action witnessing shots (e.g., Bible classes, CTPs, etc.)
- Other action shots (e.g., youth camps, other Family happenings)
- Pictures of Family members (individuals, families, Homes, group shots, etc.)
- Pictures of Active members (these could be portrait style or group shots,

e.g., at a retreat, or showing your Active members witnessing, etc.)

The photos need to be good quality, clear, descriptive, and appealing in order for us to be able to use them. We also need a caption with each photo and a little bio—e.g., name, age (if appropriate), status, city/country, a short description of the action taking place in the photo (if applicable), person who took the photo, etc.

Please send in your photos today! We don’t yet have photos for the first few issues—and we’re starting to edit now—so who knows, you might end up on the cover of the first issue if you act quickly!

Please send your photos to: gp@wsfamily.com. Thank you so much!

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More on *Link*—Content, Explanations, and Ordering

By the International CGO board

In preparation for the launch of *Link*, here are a few important points to take note of.

Sign up your Active members now!

An updated version of the TeleTRF, which includes an option for you to report Active members (as per the new definition in “The Family Membership Expands”), is coming your way soon. A beta version will be available as a download on the MO site in April, which you’re welcome to use, and the final version will be posted June 15th, in time for your June 25th TRFs. (A copy will also be mailed to all Homes, FD, MM, and FM, with a WS mailing in July, but that won’t reach you before the August 25th TRF.)

If your Home has Active members, make sure to report them and include

their address information on your TRF, starting with your June 25th TRF, so that they can start receiving their personal mailing of *Link* when it’s released in July. (*Important:* Even if you download the new TeleTRF in time for your May 25th TRF, please **only begin reporting your Active members on your June 25th TRF.** If you report your AMs on your May TRF, the TRF will automatically add your AM membership fees to your finance section for that month, but we won’t start sending out *Link* until July.)

The *Link* magazine will be sent to all Family members of FD, MM, FM, and AM categories—it’s a part of Family membership (at all levels except for GM). FD, MM, and FM all tithe, and through their tithes they cover the cost of receiving this magazine, along with the other mailings they receive. Active members are not required to tithe,

nor do they give financially to WS, but rather to the Home; therefore, we are requesting a membership fee which will cover the cost of printing and mailing their monthly magazine, as well as help towards the cost of translating the magazine into languages other than English.

Active members will receive *Link* for as long as they continue to be reported

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on your Home's TRF as an Active member. On the new TeleTRF you will have the option of specifying which language (of those available) you would like each of your Active members to receive *Link* in. There will also be a "no language" option, for cases where your AM does not read any of the available languages, in which case they would not receive their own mailing. In that case, we encourage you to verbally translate *Link* into their language, for their feeding. Please only select this option if your AM cannot read any of the languages available, not just so that you can skip out of your AM receiving the mailing—it is a requirement for all AMs, and they need the feeding! Thank you.

The programs that process the information needed to prepare the Active members' mailings will only work with the TeleTRF and not paper TRF so those Homes wanting to report Active members will need to use the latest version of the TeleTRF. All FD Homes are already required to use the TeleTRF, but MM or FM Homes wishing to report Active members will need to use the new TeleTRF as well. You should be receiving a copy of the new TeleTRF on CD in August, as mentioned earlier. If you have Active members and would like to begin reporting them sooner (all the better!) you will be able to download the program from the MO site on June 15th.

Active membership fee

It's the responsibility of each Home to pay the membership fees for their Active members via the TRF—the Active members don't pay this directly to WS themselves. As a Home, you can either collect the fee from your Active members on a monthly basis, or you can just pay it out of the amount that they are already giving to your Home—it's up to you. We don't recommend that you ask them for a whole year's worth of membership fees in advance, because they may not remain a member for that long (and when they're no longer a member, they won't receive the magazine anymore, regardless of whether they've paid the fee in advance).

Rather than have a standard fee worldwide, the Active membership fee will vary from country to country. The Active membership fee for Homes in wealthier countries will be higher, so as to help make the membership fee affordable for Homes in poorer countries, and allow extra funds for translations. The modified TeleTRF will include a feature that calculates the monthly membership fee when you add in the information of your Active members. The TeleTRF will take the number of Active member "families" you report (since members of the same AM household will only receive one mailing, and therefore you only need to pay one membership fee for them), and multiply

it by the AM membership fee rate for your country. That total will be displayed in the finance section of your TeleTRF and automatically added to the total that you need to send in with your TRF.

[Note: The membership fee is calculated based on what country your Home is in, not the country your Active member is located in. In most cases, your Active members are located in the same country as your Home. But if, for example, you're a Home in the USA with Active members in Mexico, the fee would be based on the rate for the USA, not Mexico.]

Part of the purpose of the membership fee is to help toward translations. We would like to be able to provide *Link* (either in printed or electronic form) in as many languages as possible where we end up with a large concentration of Active members. Therefore, even if you select "no mailing" on your TRF for a certain Active member who doesn't read one of the languages available (as mentioned earlier), your Home will still pay a reduced membership fee (currently set between US\$0.50 and US\$1 a month per Active member family, depending on the country), which would go into a translation fund.

An important point about the membership fee: Please make sure to include this fee every month, along with your tithes, when sending in your TeleTRF. If a Home doesn't send in the membership fee for your AMs on a given month, the following will happen: The mailings to your Home's AMs will still go out that month, paid for by WS, so as to avoid interruption of your AMs' mailings due to an oversight or mistake. Your Home will receive a notification from your reporting office that the membership fee has been missed. Please be sure to send in the missing (or low) membership fee with your next TRF or the one after that at the latest. If the missing or low fee is not received within two TRFs, the mailings to **all** AMs connected to your Home will be suspended until back payment is received. Once back payment is received, mailings will be resumed.

Logistically, it's not possible to allow for AMs receiving "back mailings" of any mags they may have missed in such a situation, so it's important to be faithful to send in the membership fee each month so that your AMs can receive an uninterrupted flow of monthly magazine mailings. Thank you!

Back issues: While we would like to be able to offer the option of ordering back issues for your Active members, logistically this would be difficult and expensive as we'd have to keep extra stock of back issues without knowing whether they will ever be ordered or not. The ordering process would also be complicated. However, if you would like to share certain back issues with a new Active member, you have two options:

1. Photocopy the issue from the copy in your Home library, and give it to them.

2. Download the file from the MO site and print it out for them. (If there are certain articles or Letters that you feel it's important for them to read, you could just print out those.)

Lord willing, the *Link* magazine back issues will eventually be posted on a section of the www.activated.org site, so you can direct your Active members to the site and they can read them themselves.

Mailing fees by region/country

Following are the mailing fees for each country, which the TeleTRF will use in automatically calculating your AM membership fees each month. These are subject to change as time goes on. If they change, we will publish a new list and the TeleTRF will be updated accordingly. Most of the fees are by region or national area, but in some cases there's an exception within that region or national area. That's why the list below contains a few specific countries in addition to regions or national areas. (For example, the fee for Africa is \$1.50, with the exception of South Africa which is \$2.)

Country Monthly fee (USD)

Africa	\$1.50
AMBER	\$1.50
Aus–NZ	\$3
Austria	\$3.50
B2B	\$2
Bosnia	\$1.50
Brazil	\$2
China*	\$1
India	\$1.50
Japan	\$3.50
ME	\$2
Mex/CA/Caribbean	\$2
NEAT	\$1.50
SEA	\$1.50
South Africa	\$2
Spanish S.A.	\$2
Taiwan	\$2.50
USA	\$3.50
Western Europe	\$3.50

* China would be electronic only, so this would be for translations.

Introductory issue

In order to become an Active member, it is required that the person first go through the full *12 Foundation Stones* course. The classes in that course prepare them to receive and understand the type of content that will be included in *Link*. In addition, there are a few topics that will need either a little review or recap, further explanation or expansion, or new information presented, in order to prepare Active members for receiving the magazine and adjusting to our Family publication style, etc.

We're preparing a short publication (an introductory issue of sorts, though *not* in the same format as *Link*, which will have a color cover, photos, etc.) touching on these points, which will include a little bit of information or explanation about what kind of content they can expect and by whom it will be authored; a review of some of our doctrines that were already covered in the *12 Foundation Stones*, but that are unconventional such as hearing from the departed; a brief explanation about the keys of the Kingdom; a mini-glossary of Family terminology, etc. We will also explain the fact that they can't expect to understand every single thing presented in *Link*, even if they have carefully studied the *12 Foundation Stones*, and encourage them to ask questions of their shepherds and teachers when there are things they would like to understand more about.

This introductory pub will be sent to you in late June, six weeks before your Active members begin receiving their mailings. We'd like to ask if you could please give or read this introductory pub with your Active members when signing them up for the Family magazine. We will send you this introductory pub laid out in such a way so as to be able to include it in your *12 Foundation Stones* Teacher's Supplement binder, for your easy reference. You may also photocopy and give or mail it to your Active members instead of reading it with them.

[Note: In situations where either the 12FS course is unavailable, or the potential member has not had those particular classes but has had other classes covering the same topics, an alternative to taking the 12FS course before becoming an Active member is to pass the 12FS equivalency exam. The exam files can be found on the MO site <http://old.familymembers.com/activated/index.php3>, and a fuller explanation of how to use them is posted along with the tests themselves.]

Languages

Lord willing, the first issue of *Link* will be launched in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, and Chinese (traditional and simplified). At this point we can't promise that it will be made available in additional languages, as this will depend on available finances and translators, but that is our hope and goal. Please keep this in your prayers! Thanks.

We will let you know when additional languages become available.

Electronic versions

Some languages may only be available in electronic (PDF) format, in cases where there are not enough Active members to make printing financially feasible. This will be indicated on the TeleTRF. The electronic version will be available through a

subscription on the MO site, just like you can subscribe to other Family pubs like the GNs. Initially, the electronic version will be sent to your Home and then you would forward it via e-mail to your Active members. (For Homes in China, this will be handled differently—contact your Regional CGO board for details.) Or you can print it out and give to your AMs if you prefer or they don't have e-mail. Eventually we will set up a process for them to be able to receive copies via e-mail directly.

Active members receiving an electronic version would still pay a reduced membership fee, which would go towards translations (between \$1 and \$2), similar to those for whom you select "no mailing" on the TRF (in cases where there is none available in their language).

Magazine audience

There might be content in *Link* that you would like to share with people who you are feeding and ministering to, but who are not yet Active members. You are welcome to read material in the magazine with those who you feel it is appropriate to share it with, in your classes or other times together. However, we would like to keep the magazine as something special for members only, and so the magazine may not be duplicated and given to those who are not Active members.

Age rating

The *Link* magazine will be rated in full for Family members ages 14 and up—like the

Grapevine and GNs—as it will contain some content that is on a similar level to those pubs. It will also contain portions of pubs, however, that are suitable and recommended for younger age groups, so portions of the magazine may be read by or with those under 14 at parents' or shepherds' discretion—and in the case of *Xn* content or such material, you probably will want to share them with your JETTs and even OCs. We will not include an age rating on the magazine itself, but wanted you to be aware of it.

The age rating will be marked as 14 and up on InfoStore. The reason it will not be included on the magazine itself is because although Active members, or parents of Active members, may not want their minor children reading the magazine (which is their prerogative), we don't want to restrict our FD, MM, and FM young people ages 14 and up from reading the magazine, or those younger from reading portions of it that are suitable for them, as they are well prepared for the content due to being familiar with Family publications already. Active members under 16 will need parental permission to be Active members and receive *Link*.

We pray that *Link* will be a blessing in feeding your Active members, and inspiring and feeding for you personally too. Remember that *Link* is made up of previously unpublished material, which means you will want to read it too for your own inspiration and feeding just like you would other FD/MM/FM pubs.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding *Link*, please let us know at link@wsfamily.com. We'll try to respond to questions in the form of a Q&A on the MO site, so that others can benefit as well. We love you!

Just a Re-subscription?

By Paul and Lily, India

A long list of people due for re-subscription—some you know well, some you met briefly, and some, well, who knows who they are. One of your many sheep happened to give or sell a subscription to who knows who, and where do we find the time to fit all those in, especially when they seem to be distributed all over town? But, as we recently experienced, you never know what surprise that unknown subscription holds.

"Oh, by the way, do you know this friend of mine in Bishop Cotton School?" one of our *Activated* readers asked.

We did, and she was due for re-subscription. So, let's go. The appointment is made; let's see what the Lord has in store.

What a pleasant surprise we had when instead of meeting one of the teachers, we were brought to the office of one of the principals in charge of 2,000 children. After a very warm and respectful welcome, we heard her amazing story.

A year ago, shortly after she got *Activated*, her four-year-old son had to go for open-heart surgery. Stricken with fears, our friend was unable to find peace or to concentrate on doing or reading anything, even the newspaper. At this time the *Activated* mag about healing arrived at her doorstep. She started reading it and found that it restored her peace of mind and heart, as well as her trust in the Lord. It was the encouraging, faith-building words that helped her through those trying times. All went well, her son recovered speedily, and today this lady is sold out on *Activated*—her lifesaver when all seemed lost. Everyone who enters her office gets to hear how good *Activated* is and that they should also subscribe.

She happily agreed to keep a stack of subscription flyers with her and to pass them out and we are looking forward to seeing what else the Lord is planning to do through her. You just never know who that unknown re-subscriber might turn out to be!

Q&A: Marketing the Christmas CD Cards for Use as Corporate Gifts

By the WS GP pubs department

Q: With mass marketing becoming an avenue of outreach, I have had a burden to mass market the CD Christmas cards to companies for use with their clients and customers. To do this you have to approach them in June/July. I did it one year, and found that I had no idea what would be available later that year in the way of covers for the CD cards, so it was difficult to market them. Most secular companies finalize their Christmas cards very early in the year, around January/February, so that they can have the year to work on marketing. Could we do this? Only the covers need to be finalized; production can still go on later in the year.

A: Over the last couple of years, we have been trying to start work on our Christmas products as early as possible, in order to provide the Homes with the Christmas products in good time. It seems to be going a little smoother, and getting a little earlier by the year, PTL! God bless the Aurora printing team and the PCs for the major part they play in that.

For the last three years, we have tried to have the new Christmas CD cards designed by May 1st. This means that the PCs can get samples of what the new cards will look like by that time, and three to four months later would receive the actual products. So by the first week of May of this year, your local PC should know what the cards will be and have access to PDFs as samples, which can be requested from them if you'd like to see what's coming. Then by September the cards themselves should be available for ordering, depending on the PC. (You'll need to check with your local PC when they expect to have their Christmas products on hand.)

By early May we also know, based on feedback from the PCs, which card designs from previous years will be reprinted this year. So by the time you do your marketing in

June or July, you should be able to find out from your PC which older titles they will be restocking this year, and what new designs will look like.

We realize it can be frustrating if you don't get the products early enough for presenting the cards to companies to use as corporate gifts. However, it seems you could approach companies with samples of the Christmas cards that are currently available, and which your PC will be stocking this coming Christmas, and offer those. Unless you've sold the company those same designs the previous year, it won't matter to them whether they're this year's cards or last year's, as they're not dated. Even if your Home or PC only has a few samples (not enough to fill an actual order), you can show them those. While most companies want to order in June or July, they don't want the actual stock until October or November, so you most likely would not need to deliver any products until then.

Besides using samples of already existing cards so companies can see the format, the quality, the CD, etc., you can also bring along a printed color sample of the new designs for the year, from the PDF, which we mentioned should be available by early May, so the client can choose between the already existing cards stocked by your PC and the new cards. You would need to request the PDFs of the new cards from your PC, as well as find out from them which cards from previous years they will be stocking this year, and when they expect to have the CD cards in stock.

For companies that want a very large amount of cards (e.g., 3,000 or more of a single title), it may be possible to have a special print run done for them with the design(s) they want from the 2005 Aurora catalogue, even if your PC will not be stocking those designs this year. If you come across such possibilities, please communicate with your PC.

There is a good variety of Christmas cards now (23 motifs) with four different music CDs, as shown in the Aurora 2005 catalogue, so there's a lot to choose from already.

And this year we'll have more new cards, as well as a new Christmas CD!

We love and admire each of you who are on the front-lines getting out the products.

The Era of Action Is upon Us!

By Simon (SGA), Kenya

We received a brochure about the World Culture Open, a new event organized by South Korea, in conjunction with quite a few UN bodies. It is designed to be a forum to bring all kinds of talent together, similar to the Olympics, in an effort to promote World peace and harmony. However, instead of the competitors being athletes and sportspeople, the competition is held for these three categories:

- 1) Cultural Arts
- 2) Holistic and Martial Arts (Yoga, etc.)
- 3) Humanitarian Service

We prayed about the possibility of attending, and after receiving the Lord's approval, entered this competition in the third category. We sent in a presentation of who we are and what we do, as in order to even qualify to compete, your material has to be assessed by a panel of people. God bless Michael, as well as Andrew, who put together a presentation DVD of our show troupe and CTP work.

The angle we came from was: "Here is a unique way of doing charity. Not only do these young people raise funds, but they actually *do* the charity work in Kenya. And not only that, but they emphasize that love is the answer to the problems of the world today, and have influenced many young people to follow this good example. They have bridged racial gaps, and promote a message of acceptance and love wherever they go."

By a miracle, they accepted our application! As our part in the competition, Mary and Andrew were invited to Seoul to give a speech, combined with a video presentation,

about the work that we do in Kenya. The event organizers sponsored the flights, food, transport, logistics, and accommodations at the Seoul Hilton.

When they arrived, they realized what a large event this really was. The organizers had flown in over 500 contestants from all over the world. There were representatives/contestants from over 40 countries, and we definitely felt that we were "small fry" in comparison to all of the seemingly stiff competition there.

When time came for our presentation, needless to say, we were a bit nervous. But, thank the Lord, through the keys and the prayers of our loved ones, we won an award for Humanitarian Service! One of the judges there, who is the chairman of the Red Cross in Korea, was very impressed with our work and had a lot of good to say about us.

That was a tremendous recommendation for our work, to say the least, and it has taken us to a new level, especially with our friends and contacts who have known us for a long time. Some of our close friends actually wrote recommendation letters for us to the WCO organizing committee, and they were all very inspired and impressed when we were able to come Home with the trophy and certificate, as well as a token cash prize.

At first, when we heard about this competition, we weren't all that interested in entering, because we didn't think we stood a chance. But obviously His ways are not our ways, and He encouraged us to do it. We're so thankful that we "stepped out on that limb."—He definitely made it worth our while!

Nebula—Renewal Fruit

By Meg (of Chris), South Africa

As Family SGAs, we feel the need to pass on our training, skills, and talents to our children. But often, amidst the hubbub of home life, we can somehow miss doing this. We did manage to put together a singing/dancing troupe with our kids, called Kid Power, and even included them in our clown shows. But although Chris plays guitar well, we hadn't taken the time to pass this skill on to the kids. Three years ago, we bought a small guitar for the kids as a Christmas present, but the only thing it did was gather dust.

Then came the renewal—thank You, Jesus! The kids in the Home decided to put together a kid's band. Their name was inspired by the concept that all musicians can only be used for the Lord if they stay in the Lord's light

and are diamonds of dust. So they decided that they wanted to be space diamonds of dust—hence the name “Nebula.”

Thankfully, we had in-house musicians who played the guitar, drums, and keyboard. During the renewal, every week we set aside an hour or two for band practice. This was a great start and the kids were making progress as individuals, but we still didn't have a band together. Near the end of the renewal, one of the Homes in the area decided to host a music festival, where each Home could attend and perform. (We have about 100 Family members in our area.) This was the catalyst that we needed to help put the band together. For seven days Chris worked hard with the kids, putting the music arrangements together and teaching them to work as a team.

We made matching T-shirts for them, and when the time came to perform, they did wonderfully! They performed a mixture of both new and old songs such as, “Cry of Revolution,” “Eagle Bleeds,” “Silver Lining,” etc. We have since used the band for inspiration at our JETT and teen camps, and after more practice, we plan to use it as a witnessing tool at high schools and universities. It was so inspiring to see the good fruit of the renewal blossom in our children's lives.



Chloe (10), lead vocalist and guitarist



(L–R): Fran (11) on keyboard, Beth (9) on guitar, Tim (13) on drums, Tony (11) lead guitarist, Chris (of Meg) all-round manager, and Chloe (10) lead vocalist and guitarist



Fran (11), keyboard



Tony (11), lead guitarist

Your Mission: Find Disciples

By Andrew and Miracle, former Yugoslavia

Finding good, solid sheep with discipleship potential in this country was proving to be a challenge. We had met many sweet people, but getting to see them a second time and garnering real genuine interest in the Lord had been tough. The Lord initially told us in prophecy that this country had many potential disciples. Our challenge was to find them.

That's when the Lord showed us to concentrate on one sheep at a time. We first met Emi at a book fair, where she and her husband were selling books promoting creation vs. evolution. This gave us immediate common ground, and we began to follow up on her. Since she and her husband were into publishing, when she came to visit us, we showed her the Aurora productions catalogue. Her eyes zeroed in on the *Countdown to Armageddon* video, and a meaty Endtime witness ensued. We gave her the video to take home and watch. Soon, unbeknownst to us, she and her husband had overdubbed the video into the local language, converted it to DVD, and were showing it to their friends! Now we have this additional wonderful tool to use in feeding our sheep in their own language.

Since then she has translated the 20 booklets of the *STEPS* character-building program, and the *Evolution—Fact or Fable* booklet. She also has friends in the TV industry, and has aired some very radical, non-politically correct, anti-System, anti-medical establishment programs that are very Christian in nature. She even has to take security precautions, as some of the material she is getting out makes people mad.

We were delighted with the progress we were making with Emi, but we knew this was only the start. We asked the Lord how we could find more top-notch sheep like her and He showed us to start an *Activated* English club, where we could invite all the sheep we'd meet during the week. And so we started the club—and the first week, no one came. Refusing to be dissuaded, the second week we gave a handful of invitations to Emi, as we felt that perhaps strangers we were meeting on the street might feel intimidated to come to a conversational English club with a bunch of foreigners, but *referrals* from someone who already knew us might do the trick.

And sure enough, the following week our club was full—all of them friends of Emi! We had a super inspiring time witnessing to them, as they were all very receptive and soaked up the Word like sponges. That week we read “The Simple Life” from *Activated*, about the fisherman in Mexico, after which one attendee exclaimed that he did not want to be a “slave of the System.” We knew that we had some good ground for future follow up.

Unlike other clubs we had in the past, where we mostly worked with high school students, all of these attendees are professionals—real labor leaders seeking the truth and more than what the System has to offer. The Lord even closed the door on the room we had provisioned for our club, as He wanted us to invite our flock over to our Home for a more relaxed, Spirit-filled atmosphere, without any time limitations.

Several more weeks have come and gone, and we have covered topics such as success vs. failure, communica-

tion tips, and changing the world. Six more attendees are coming over, making 12 altogether, and we are also

inviting them during the week for more quality one-on-one time. Recently, we signed up our first *Activated* subscriber!

The members of our club are also beginning to help us too, and we have received free computer service, electrical

repairs, and will have a dentist contact whenever needed! It sure pays to listen to the Lord and follow His counsel.



12 Foundation Stones = Immediate Growth

By Joanna Rose Mountain, Argentina

What's new with our friends? They're hearing from God by themselves. They're asking God to show them things and He does. They're witnessing. They come to the door and put their weekly tithe in our hand. Our once wayward "sheep" are now finding their way and leading others as well. And what's made this change in their lives? Yes, the Word, but more specifically, studying the Word together with the *12 Stones* classes.

One of our sheep commented: "I've read Acts before, but studying it together like this brings it alive." After the Holy Spirit class: "While reading the Word, I've felt sensations of pleasure and peace like never before." After the class on memorizing: "I was witnessing to someone the other day and verses came to my mind that I remembered completely, but didn't realize I had memorized, and I was able to use them to help this man I was talking to."

You may think these people were exceptionally sheepy and spiritual. But the truth is, each one of them had reached a point where it didn't seem like they were growing, and we wondered if it was worth it to continue pouring into them. They had problems, doubts, and differences. We tried inspiring them with songs, words of inspiration, a few things to read now and then, but we seemed to be making only nominal progress. It wasn't until we obeyed and opened our *12 Foundation Stones* materials and started studying them ourselves, sitting down with our friends, face to face, Bibles open and ready, that they began to see clearly, and grow strong. Now they understand us and our work and purpose better.

Meet Marcos; he's a typical handsome Argentinean university student. He loves climbing mountains in his spare time and visiting our Home full of missionaries. Since he speaks English fluently, at first his main interest in visiting us was to practice his English. All the while he was interested in our beliefs, and coming from an Adventist background, he could relate to us in many ways. Yet, he had been turned off by religion, was disappointed in life, and depressed about the future. He thought we were just another religion, but with some whacky beliefs. (He had gotten to the "meat" right away.) Three years of ups and downs, highs and lows, coming close and fading out, until we offered to study the Bible with him. Now studying was something he was already good at and appreciated. But little did he (or we) realize how this kind of studying would change his life.

Marcos soon began praying in a new way. Next he advanced to hearing from God. The Lord spoke to him on all kinds of topics, from which chapters to study for his upcoming tests, to warnings of a coming persecution. Instead of being aloof and independent, he now wants to be a part of us. This was something we had been praying and hoping for, for three years.

Meet Eduardo and Claudia, a middle-class, middle-aged, good-looking, educated couple, struggling financially. They tried everything from the Catholics to the Pentecostals, and were burnt out on organized religion. They wanted a personal Savior. After two years of visiting the Home, a little inspiration and prayer on Sunday afternoon fellowship, Eduardo was delivered from smoking and some progress

had been made. But for about six months, it was like they'd reached the ceiling and weren't going anywhere, had less time for us, and the fire was dying out.—Until the light bulb went on, and we finally got out the *12 Foundation Stones* classes.

Our teens sing and help with skits, and Eduardo and Claudia love it! They began growing again, in the Lord, in their relationship, and in unity with us. Even though we were tempted to think that they

were fairly versed in the Bible, still there's something about teaching these classes and studying them together that builds a relationship and deepens the power of the Word.

I certainly would have to say that using the keys for our sheep, and desperately invoking the keys has been a big help. We're sold on these classes! It's something we're doing as a Home, both generations helping and giving their input. It's fun. It's professional. It's complete.—And it works!



Valentine's Day Encounter

By Mary Love, Taiwan

I was enjoying my rest day listening to the CD *Cry of Revolution*, as I biked along the beautiful scenic river in LoTung. God bless those who reproduced these songs, because they have a special anointing and power. The music brought me back to the beginning in spirit. I reminisced on the early days of the Family and the passion I had for souls. I remembered miracles happening every day, as people turned to Jesus. Then an unusual thing happened. A jogger passed by, and the Lord told me to give him a tract. I pulled up beside him and gave him a tract and an invitation to the Taipei club.

He wanted to talk. He said he was a Christian, and started pouring out his heart to me, as if I'd known him for years. He explained that he was jogging to get his mind off his situation. It was Valentine's Day and the girl he was crazy about was with another guy. He was complaining to God, and asking Him why He'd allowed this to happen. Well, after about half an hour of covering topics such as praise, giving the Lord first place,

Romans 8:28, and counting your blessings, he began to feel better. He said he felt like Jesus was speaking to him through my words.

"What should I do now?" he asked sincerely. I could tell he was eager to get closer to the Lord. I knew he needed something to read, but I didn't have anything on me besides tracts.

"You can follow me home," I began, "and I'll get you some material to read." He followed me the three km home where I gave him portions from the *MOP* and an *Activated* mag to start with. By the end of our visit, he was definitely a changed man.

Afterwards, I thought, *That was just like the good ol' days!* I was greatly encouraged to see that those same instant witnessing miracles that happened in our early days can and do still happen today! As the sun sparkled on the river, and the cool breezes blew, I had felt a certain timeless freedom, as I witnessed to this young man about the Lord, His love, and His many blessings in our lives. I knew that I'd just experienced a Valentine's Day miracle!



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Be supportive!

YA female, Asia: I joined the CGO board this year, which was a big challenge for me, as I feel so incapable. It's taken a lot of faith for me to step out and do new things, but the prophecies that the Lord has given about our new anointing, and how the Lord will help us to grow and stretch into whatever new roles He's calling us to, have been a huge encouragement.

On this point, I had a few things I wanted to share. I noticed that some people still have attitudes about leadership. I don't know if that's exactly the way to explain it, but for example, when I joined the board this year, some of the comments I received were, "Moving up the ladder?", "...trying to get 'in' with leadership?", or "Soon you'll get too high and mighty for the rest of us 'litle people,'" etc. These comments were in no way from the majority of people, and the few who did say these things, said them in a joking manner; nevertheless, it really bothered me. For one, it's a fear of many of us who move into positions of greater responsibility that we'll get "out of touch" with our friends, or that we won't be able to spend as much time with others, so when people say such things, it can be very discouraging.

When the Lord encourages us to do something, we need to do it, no matter what others say, but it doesn't help when our peers and coworkers have such attitudes about it. A lot of it is subconscious, and most people don't mean to come across in such a way. It would be nice if people could have a more encouraging, supportive attitude towards those who are adjusting and moving into such new jobs and responsibilities. It's not easy when the Lord calls you to greater responsibility; it takes *a lot* of sacrifice and yieldedness, and any encouragement or support from others makes a world of difference.

On a similar point, it seems a lot of people are wondering who will be appointed as coaches or Home shepherds, and many people probably have different thoughts and opinions about it—who it should be, why, etc. I think we should make it as easy as possible for those whom the Lord *does* call to these positions—whether now or in the future. Some people make comments like, "Oh, he'll get chosen for sure, because he's 'spiritual,'" but that

puts a negative connotation on these areas of responsibility, and doesn't encourage unity or fighting together towards a common goal.

A lot of this isn't new, and it has all been covered in the Word before, but I think it would help if there could be a reminder, as it'll remind all of us to keep a Word-based attitude, and support one another in love.

Even if

Angela (22), South Africa: The renewal pubs were such a blessing and a clear sound of the trumpet. I was relieved to hear that the Family as a whole was called to pull up their socks and start marching to the same tune. However, shortly after reading these GNs, I heard of a situation where people weren't living up to the required standard. I was hit with frustration and discouragement, feeling like, "What's the use? If they're not doing it, and it doesn't matter, then why should I?"

But after praying and thinking about it, the Lord brought me to four conclusions, personal statements of faith that helped me through that battle. I thought this could be helpful to others who may be going through a similar trial.

1) Even if the rest of the Family doesn't live up to what the Word says, I can and will because I am personally accountable.

2) If I give up now, then every trial, every battle I fought to stay on the wall will have been in vain.

3) Dad's dream, the revolution he started and that my parents fought for, will not die. I will hold on. Even if I see exceptions, or things that shouldn't be, if I just keep on doing my personal best for Jesus, then the Family will continue on. That's my goal. I am committed to FD membership. If I quit just because it's tough, not only will I be failing the Lord and the Family, but I will be cheating myself out of my heritage.

4) I'm here for Jesus. I belong to Him, and I do what He says. It's not always easy to obey, but to live my life without Him, His love and blessings, and without my Family, would certainly be more difficult.

There is no way I will bow out gracefully, and let others steal our crown. We are on the brink of our finest hour ever—the one all the prophets have dreamt of. I want to make Jesus

proud! It's been a Revolution for over 30 years, and it's not over yet!

Macho spirit?

Marie (of Eman), USA: We recently gave an *Activated* class to a Mexican couple. I suppose the husband was not expecting me to lead the meeting, as throughout the class he made frequent comments or statements about it. When the meeting came to a close, Eman suggested I pray, but by that time I was feeling a little bad and self-conscious, because of some degrading comments the husband had made towards me.

I'm sure the Family brethren in the Latin countries know how to handle these personality types, so I was wondering if anyone in South America or Mexico had advice for those who are just starting classes with Latins.

To become one

Hannah, Dominican Republic: Because we come from a different culture, and we also do things differently in our Family Homes, we realize that it's often necessary to make some changes in the way we conduct ourselves in order to become one with those of the land.

For example, we discovered that we offend our Dominican friends when they come to our Home for dinner, and are served a buffet-style meal. Apparently, this is very offensive to them. Traditionally, in their homes, they all are seated at the table and the mother serves each one, starting with the father. When the Dominican children came to our Home, they were embarrassed and didn't know how to serve themselves from a buffet, as to them that is considered low class.

Since discovering this, we began practicing eating some of our meals Dominican style, with the women serving the plates. One thing we'd like to do, in order to understand the Dominican culture better, and therefore become more effective witnesses, is to have one adult and two children spend a day and a night in the home of one of our *Activated* members, and have them teach us what is appropriate in Dominican daily life.

It's important to get to know the local cultures and traditions, especially those that have a bearing on your sample to those you minister to.

It'll take off

By Joy Jane, Ukraine

We are taking our first steps in mass marketing our tools. It's something new for us and we are moving along very prayerfully, in counsel with the Lord, regarding different aspects of marketing, like distribution through Christian and secular shops and distributors, advertising, post office subscribing and distribution, etc.

We found one Christian shop that distributes Christian printed materials, as well as tapes and videos. For starters, we offered our children's books and it was very successful. The Christian couple who own the shop were very sweet and open-minded. First, they took the books to see if they liked them, and next they called us up ordering stock for their store. The next step was offering our tapes and those also went out like hot cakes!

We then wanted to try to distribute the *Activated* mags through their shop. They told us that it might take time for it to pick up because the product was still quite new. Personally, though, they really liked the mag. So we prayed and came up with a simple advertisement for their distributors in different cities, explaining what *Activated* was all about, and also giving information about subscribing.

As a Home, we decided to desperately pray this initiative through, and we included it on our daily prayer list. For awhile, nothing seemed to be happening and only a few mags were distributed. But several weeks later when we went to visit this couple, they told us that the *Activated* mags were taking off, as people were recognizing the mags, and once they'd read one issue, they'd come back for the next one. Thank You, Jesus!

Freebie classes

By Jimmy, Joy, and Tabitha, Taiwan

The Lord showed us a way to get out more *Activated* subscriptions when we visit our friends and contacts. We now ask our friends who are owners of companies if they would like to get subscriptions for their employees. As an added incentive, we offer to give a free English class from the *Activated* mag once a month for the employees who subscribe. It's a good opportunity for us to witness and find hungry sheep amongst those who attend the class, as well as get out the Family tools.

So much to be proud of!

By Isabelle, Miracle, Pavel, and Tabitha, Romania

We subscribed a lady to *ContactS* (*Activated*) when she was very low in every facet of her life. Now, two months later, she visited us and told us about the impact our prayers had on her life, as well as the mags that she receives. She has found a fairly good job and was offered an even better one in the near future. But the real miracle that happened, really, is in her heart. Now she has found Jesus and His love. Her religion used to be "good works" and "trust in yourself" whereas while reading *ContactS* she understood what it means to have a real, living faith in the Lord and how real He is! She also said that this low period in her life was the best because besides bringing her to Jesus, as a family they have been more united and there has been more love. The fruit of yielding to Jesus!

Another testimony is that of a man whom we had met while hitchhiking, who is well to do but had the shock of his life when his wife told him she was leaving him for someone else. Life has been good to him always, even too good, so he felt he didn't need God. But now he was desperate! I prayed with him and for him, and he later called to tell me how much peace he has now about everything. He subscribed to *ContactS*, and every time I see him he tells me how he puts into practice what he reads in the mags. He is very busy but loves to drop by and see us!

A couple, who is supporting the work, visited us and the wife has such a hunger for the Lord and the new wine. She is Brazilian, so she loves dancing! For the first devotions we had with them I prepared some Word studies, but when confirming with the Lord I got to read the "Dancing with Jesus" FSM. They flipped and had tears in their eyes. It meant so much to them that Jesus is so caring and that He likes dancing, just like her. Later on we shared about Dad, the Endtime, hearing from the Lord, and she was in awe! I also touched a bit on the LOL and she grasped it immediately and kept saying, "This is beautiful! This is beautiful! You can be so honest, you can talk about it. ..."

She is begging us to send her material to read. We were a bit hesitant to share these meaty things with her, yet seeing how hungry she was, we felt we couldn't hold back. She was saying, "Why has nobody told me these things before?" We have so much to be proud of!

Cast your nets

By Jonathan Clay, England

After praying about where to go on a Friday, the Lord showed me to go to a small town nearby. Arriving around 9 AM in this quaint old Welsh town, complete with castle and city walls, I was surprised to find every strategic corner of the place to be already taken by some young, dynamic fundraisers for a children's charity—six people in total. Trying to maneuver between them to get to the customers first seemed a bit "out of the question," as I was not only outnumbered, but most of the opposition was also young, pretty and female!

Wondering if I had gotten my instructions right from the Lord, I sat on a beach and called Heaven again. The Lord confirmed that, "Yes, this was the place for me today, but that I had to cast my nets on the other side, into the shops and offices and leave the streets to the fundraisers."

The sheep were in the shops and they were very hungry and helpful. The *Activated* mags went out like "hot cakes," as the saying goes, as well as seven different *Activated* booklets, and the funds were not lacking either. When it came time to leave the place around five in the afternoon I was gladly surprised to see that the Lord had provided me with £123 (nearly US\$200) and He had also treated me to a very yummy Portuguese lunch! It wasn't all hard labor either, as I had plenty of opportunities to personal witness. If we get the *Activated* tools out, He's more than willing to supply the funds and the fun!

Please send more!

By the India *Activated* desk

We received a very inspiring e-mail from one of the Homes in Calcutta who send road trips into NE India.

"Aaron just returned from a one-and-a-half-week road trip to the N.E. He gave out 250 *Activated* magazines, lots of *Treasures*, and other books. He has the vision to give out a lot of the *Activated* magazines in the schools there, which he said go very well. In one school he gave out so many magazines, and books, and *Living Waters*, he could hardly keep up with it. So we wanted to ask you to send 5,000 of the older magazines right away."

A Spirit of Christmas Yet to Come?

By Jerry and Joanna, England

Last Christmas we read with our kids “The Spirits of Christmas Yet to Come” (MLK #187). Afterwards we were all inspired to go out witnessing, as you never know, you could be witnessing to an unsaved spirit.

A couple of days later while witnessing, we met a man named Bryn, who was very interested in the lit. He asked us if we believe in the afterlife, to which we said yes. He then went on to tell us about an experience he had some years ago when he suffered a brain hemorrhage, and was momentarily clinically dead. He experienced traveling through a long tunnel and arriving at a very warm, loving, and peaceful light. He remembered standing in a beautiful garden. His little sister was dancing with this very kind-looking man, whom he felt was Jesus. His sister died when she was only six, and she still looked the same. She was dressed in a beautiful blue dress, and was dancing around Jesus, beckoning Bryn to look around the beautiful place.

As he walked further into the garden he came to this low wall overlooking a valley. The valley was full of men, women, and children dressed in simple white filmy garments and living together in love and harmony. When he came back to life, he was a changed man. He realized how temporal the things of this world are, and he hoped he could be “good enough” to go back to Heaven when he dies. We encouraged him that he can be sure of going to Heaven, and he prayed with us to receive Jesus.

After he described his experience, I showed him a picture of Heaven from one of our posters. He was amazed at the similarity to what he had seen. As we were driving home it struck us that this man was “a spirit of Christmas yet to come!” As Dad said in the Letter: “Just think of it: Our wonderful Husband is going to give each of you a special spirit who is especially gifted and commissioned with the sole purpose of helping you find their physical body on earth in order to give them their Salvation” (ML #3467:35).

“Here because of you”

Angela (22), South Africa: Over the years, I’ve met or lived with quite a few FGAs who are under condemnation due to the fact that some of their children have chosen to leave the Family. Most, if not all of them, have felt like they failed in some way, or are useless parents to the point that those who still have their youngest children with them wonder “what’s the use?”

To those who feel this way, I want to say with all my heart that you did not fail! You did not fail because I am still here. I am here serving the Lord because of each and every one of you. All that you do, and have done, has shaped my life in some form or another, and has encouraged me to keep on going for the Lord. Thank you for giving of your time, energy, love, and care to all of us of the second generation. We couldn’t have made it without you. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

A key for the tongue

Andrew, USA: The Lord recently gave me this new key promise: “Pray for the key of golden presence to guard your mouth from saying the wrong thing at any time, to at all times be encouraging and uplifting in everything you say and do, even in the most insignificant situations.”

Our response

Tabitha, French Polynesia: The Lord has said that the Family needs to get back to the beginning in spirit, of full-time, 100%, doers of the Word, disciples. I believe that the vision of the Family of the End is of disciples obeying and yielding to the Lord in every way. I believe that to be a disciple is not just a calling, but even more so a response—“Yes, Sir!” I respect each Family member who is giving their life and love to our Husband and King.

you speak

Know your tools

Sara (of John), Thailand: I’ve noticed that outreachers who aren’t that familiar with the content of our tools and will sometimes say anything just to make a sale. For instance, selling the interactive CD to a teenager who speaks very good English already, or suggesting that our Christmas CD is perfect for people studying the piano. Some of us don’t really know what type of music is on each of the CDs, and will wrongly describe it to a potential customer. I think that for the sake of the Family’s sample, and even our own successful outreach, we should try to be as honest as possible in our dealings, and not mislead people, even unintentionally. It might be helpful to become familiar with the tools and products you’re trying to sell as well.

Hear, hear!

Micah Zeal, Taiwan: The young people’s postings on the My Conclusion site have really been great reading for us FGAs. We are so glad to see many of our young people standing up for the faith. We are proud of them for not being afraid of the System or our detractors, even posting their legal names. What warriors of the faith we have in our second generation!

Activated gift certificate?

Simon Fisherman, Philippines: What about a gift certificate for an *Activated* subscription? If there were a little card that could be filled out and given to someone as a gift saying that “so-and-so has given them a one year’s subscription to a beautiful magazine,” it may inspire folks to buy *Activated* subscriptions as gifts for their friends or family—especially at Christmas. We could even make gift cards for birthdays, which folks could offer to their regular subscribers and new subscribers. Sometimes people we meet may not be very hungry for the Word themselves, but they may have a relative who they know would like the magazine.

kidbits

Aiden Michael, 1st child, born to **Amber and Andy** on November 1.—South Africa
Gabriel, 4th child, born to **Cassia** on December 6.—Brazil

Q&A: *Kidz Biz* Alternatives?

By the *WS* pubs department

Q: Since the *Kidz Biz* is finished, will children's testimonies and reactions to pubs, etc., be published elsewhere?—*Faith (of Jonathan), Australia*

A: Any material that would have been sent in for *Kidz Biz*—articles from children—can now be sent to your area CP/FED board. Some countries and most regions have newsletters for children in their area/region that they send out via e-mail, but not all areas do. Presently, *WS* does not have anything set in place to completely take the place of *Kidz Biz*. The following areas, however, have either put together e-mail mags similar to *Kidz Biz* in their area, or are planning on it.

Below are contact addresses, and information on any e-mail mags. If your region is not listed here, you can contact your area or regional CP or FED board for any information on whether a children's e-mail mag is presently being produced or is planned for your area/region in the future.

Africa

Contact e-mail: ila2005@yahoo.co.uk
Mag name: *Kidz Biz Africa*

Eastern Europe

Contact e-mail: eea.b2b.cp@famboard.com

Japan

Contact e-mail: jap.east.cp@famboard.com and/or jap.west.cp@famboard.com
Mag name: *Kidz Challenge*

Middle East

Mag name: *The Club* (for OCs)
Contact e-mail: theclub_me@yahoo.com
Mag name: *Monthly Word Themes* (for YCs/MCs)
Contact e-mail: me.cp@famboard.com

North America

Contact e-mail: nabroadband@abmc.net

Southeast Asia

Contact e-mail: sea.fed@famboard.com or sea.cp@famboard.com

(being a small Home) to make the investment worth it. In fact, this was the first time many of these Family tools ever arrived in Sierra Leone!

People here are so happy to see the Family's products, and are amazed at how they got here! Lately, we've been getting out more tools amongst the UN personnel, other NGOs, and the military. We're now offering them to companies in exchange for sponsoring our Activated Club.

In the past, it's been very expensive to live in Sierra Leone, but now that we're promoting the tools more effectively, we are working more and more towards being supported in the country. That is exciting!

The mommy's club

Sara M., Hungary

Through a series of open doors and leadings, the Lord led us to open a baby-mommy club. He supplied the use of a local cultural center, a new puppet theater, and donated the printing of flyers. Immediately people began attending our weekly meetings. Even though we've only held a few so far, there are already regulars. We offer our tools at each meeting, as well as give a witness through each class. A few of the moms have even started to help with donations.

These are just small beginnings, but the Lord promised that as we stay faithful to give our all and pour into these moms and kids, He will use this opportunity to be a great witness, to help the local community, to distribute our tools, to prepare us for persecution, and to win new disciples and followers.

Like Abraham...

Irene, England

Our outreach team decided to do something radical, and we "went out by faith, not knowing whither we went." We just drove and at every turn we'd pray, and the Lord would tell us through prophecy whether to go left, right, or straight. First, we ended up in a small shopping area. We got out and witnessed, and then got back in the car and repeated the process, over and over. That day we got out 50 CDs, the most ever in a single day for our team!

happenings

Our children—Our attraction

Charity, Thailand

During my father-in-law's visit, our family had breakfast at a five-star resort. The dining room was full of guests, and as we have a fairly large family, we attracted a bit of attention. One group at a nearby table kept looking over at us and seemed to be talking about us. At the end of the meal, our children headed over to the restrooms. On their way back they passed by this group of people, some of whom politely stopped the children and started talking with them. I joined the conversation and started to witness to them, explaining about our life and how we raise our children. Apparently, over the previous days they had frequently seen the children around the hotel property and were amazed that they always stayed together and did things as a group. In the end, they all got saved and promised to stay in touch with us. Thank the Lord for our children, who help us to be an instant witness anytime, anywhere.

Begging to be blessed

Marina, USA

The Lord really meant it when He said that the keys

would open doors that nothing else could! When we claimed the keys and went out to provision food, the Lord put such a conviction in our new contacts' hearts that they were begging us to take more, and kept asking what else they could do to help the Family. Some of our friends testified of how they saw the Lord's blessing in their lives and business after helping us only once.

One Chinese lady, who donated a lunch to us, seemed overcome by an incredible sadness. Business was going slow, and the restaurant received few customers. We tried our best to cheer her up by bringing her some fruit grown in China (which the Lord supplied through market provisioning), and after praying with her, she just beamed. The next time we visited her, the restaurant was full of customers, and the waitresses kept telling us that the day they'd met us was their lucky day!

Another man, who is a Buddhist, donated a bunk bed to us, and just a few days after that, he sold 20 bunk beds to a single customer! He said that he knew the Lord was trying to make a point as never before in his furniture business had

he sold as many bunk beds to a single buyer. Seeing as it was the exact same item he had given us, he was a bit spooked, ha!

Known for our prayers

Christina Kinder, USA

Years ago, I read in the Word that people should remember us as "those who pray for us every time they visit." I never forgot that. Lately, I've been trying to focus on praying more for the sheep each time I go for a follow-up visit. Even if I only have a few moments to spend with them, I'll ask them if they have any prayer requests they would like us to keep in our prayers, and then pray with them before we leave. This has been a real strength for those people, and they've been turned on by the Lord's spirit of love and individual concern for them, and it's also strengthened their newfound faith in united prayer.

"Welcome tools" party

Matt (SGA, of Melissa), Sierra Leone

It might seem a little unusual to throw a party, dance and be merry, just because our tools arrived. But that's what we did! It has been a real fight to get tools into our country, and we had to invest in a big amount

GP e-mail responses

I'm really glad I obeyed the Lord's suggestion to stop by and see you yesterday. An interesting thing was that after I left you, I went over to see my grandparents before they left on vacation, and they gave me a "gift," which I wasn't expecting. I know this was the Lord showing me that I did the right thing in helping you!

When I think about my childhood in the Family, it feels like another lifetime. It took a while to get adjusted out here, and I know at times I've drifted away from the Lord, but I'm thankful that due to being raised right I've got a strong foundation, and I know that He's always there for me, even when I try to forget about Him.

—M. (23, former member)

I am 26 and single. I saw your site and it was the most amazing thing I have seen. The love and support you have for each other, and that you bring the Word of God to others is amazing. I wish I could find that love in my life. I wish I could learn your ways, to become one of you. It is amazing to me that people like you are around.

Everything Mr. Berg said rang so true in my heart. My life has been so empty with loss. I am so confused. Would you pray for me? I want to learn your ways. I will give you anything in my power to give. I do not have much, but I have me who I can give wholly to the cause. Thank you very much.

—Jason

help wanted

Help our teens get to camps

By Rufus, Shajjad, Love, Brian, for the **AMBER JT board**, Eastern Europe

Much love from the AMBER National JT board (Area of Moldova, Balkans-East, and Romania). We have a bunch of really great young people here who have the potential to put this place on the map (in case you weren't sure where the AMBER area is, ha!). We as a board have plans for different initiatives to help inspire, train, and fill the needs of these upcoming professional disciples.

In order to make these events and projects as available as possible for the teens who live on these less well-to-do mission fields, and often incur quite a bit

The Fuel of Praise

By Timoteo, Cristal, Joy, and Isaac, Brazil

We were on our way back from a day of witnessing, when about halfway home our car ran out of gas. By a miracle, we reached a gas station in time and filled up the tank. But when we tried starting the car, it wouldn't budge. A mechanic just happened to be at the gas station as well, and he informed us that the car's gasoline pump was burned out, and there was no way the car would move. He suggested getting it towed.

We started praising the Lord, and praying desperately for a solution. Right away, the car hummed to life. We all felt the Lord leading us to continue our journey home.

As we drove along, we noticed that our praise worked the car in three different speeds: high speed, as the car would accelerate when we prayed

desperately and praised in tongues; medium speed, when we praised and said thanks in a more normal fashion, like, "Thank You, Jesus, praise You, Lord"; and slow speed, when we, well, didn't praise enough.

Along the way, the car would often stop and we were forced to get desperate in praise, after which the vehicle would continue on for a few more kilometers. We had to push the car several times, but by a miracle, we did make it home.

The next day we took the car to a mechanic, and thankfully the vehicle made it that far. This man is a Christian and close friend of ours, but when he looked at the car he was shocked. "You drove 50 kilometers with a burned gasoline pump? How is that possible?"

Our reply was, "Just as a car normally moves by gasoline, our car moved by praise and prayer!"

Praise Vitamin

(Mama:) This testimony reminded me of something the Lord told us along these lines not too long ago, which I thought you'd find inspiring. In the message He said: "Praise is like gas in your car. It's what will keep you going. If you run out of praise, you'll run out of fuel, and that's when forward progress will come to an end."

During March 2004, I was roaming around the city, when I met two beautiful girls who handed me a pamphlet and went away, leaving me guessing as to what this was all about.

And due to my eagerness, I want to know what your group is all about? Does your group organize some regular meetings? Waiting for a reply!

—Anand, India

Baby ... sheep ... shepherd

By Josiah P.I., Romania

After reading the Word to one of our newfound friends, she realized that she's now our baby that needs the milk of the Word. One day out of the blue I told her, "Do you know that you are a sweet sheep?"

She immediately answered, "Oh, I'm surprised! I didn't know that I'm also a sheep! I hope that tomorrow I won't be a sweet dog, or maybe the next day would turn into a sweet turtle!"

I said, "Oh no! Don't worry, you won't be any kind of those animals. Instead, you'll turn into a shepherd later.

"Can you please show me those parts in the Bible?" she asked.

former friends— seeking contact

My name is Pablo Stucchi, and I live in Peru. In 1990 I had a good friend who was a member of the Family. He is British and his name was **Nick V.** He was an inspiration during the worst moment I was going through. I would like to get in touch with him again and help him in his mission.

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