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Got Testimonies? Got Pubs!

By the WS pubs department

Dear Family, we love you so much! We're so thankful for all the articles and testimonies that you send in. It's always inspiring to hear the many miracles that the Lord is doing for the Family around the world through *Activated*, the keys, witnessing, prayer, praise, and many other avenues. We are very happy to be able to get these testimonies out in print to you so that you can read and hear about the ways the Lord is working for the Family the world over.

Since the renewal, we have had a steady decline of testimonies, articles, and photos to use in our various pubs. Some articles are still being sent in, but not as many as we used to get, and this also affects what we're able to put out in our pubs. So this is a request to please send in articles and photos; we need your testimonies, input, ideas, and articles of how the Lord is working in your life, Home, or area.

Here is a recap of WS pubs e-mail addresses where you can send your articles in to. Looking forward to hearing from you.

ACTIVATED: activated@wsfamily.com

We're always looking for new material to feature in the *Activated* magazine, so if you have witnessing articles, personal testimonies, or other articles that would be good for the general public, you can send them in to the above address. We need your contributions! Keep your eyes open for a list in an upcoming *Grapevine* of which topics we plan to cover in *Activated* in 2006.—Articles on those topics would be wonderful!

EVE: eve@wsfamily.com

While *Eve* as a mag will no longer be continuing, there will be a section in the upcoming *Link* mag that will feature material that would've previously been included in *Eve*, so we could still use contributions.

FAR: far@wsfamily.com

Get your Home or ministry in the limelight today, by sending your articles in to the FAR!

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If you have any testimonies of outstanding miracles the Lord did for you—healing or otherwise—we'd be very happy to receive them. More extensive articles of outreach ministries your Home/area has undertaken, or of developing a winning Home/team, are also contributions we're looking for. Also if you've joined or rejoined the Family recently, please send in your testimony along with photos.

GRAPEVINE: gv@wsfamily.com

Anything happening in your part of the world?—Exciting outreach miracles,

seminars, new witnessing ministries or happenings, events on the Home front, and reactions to the New Wine can all be sent to the *Grapevine*.

HEAVEN'S LIBRARY: hl@wsfamily.com

Have you pulled down stories from Heaven recently? We'd love to receive your contributions for use in *Heaven's Library* editions or as online-only HL features. Online-only HL features are not limited to short-length stories, books are welcome too!

KIDLAND: kidland@wsfamily.com

Practical tips, suggestions, questions, childcare tips of the trade, and anything children-parent related can be sent to *Kidland* for use in upcoming issues.

LINK: link@wsfamily.com

Contributions of photos, articles, etc., for the new upcoming *Link* mag can be sent here. We need all kinds of testimonies about your Home or area's ministries, *Activated* testimonies, witnessing articles, reactions to articles published in *Link*, etc.—material that would be of interest to FD, MM, FM, and Active members alike. We'd be especially interested in getting the testimonies of Active members that your Home is feeding—their stories of how they met the Family and what Jesus has done in their lives, their witnessing testimonies, healing testimonies, etc.—And of course their photos!

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If you're not sure where an article you've written up might fit best, you can always send it to this address, and we'll find a place for it.

REFLECTIONS:

reflections@wsfamily.com

Do you have short witnessing testimonies or personal reflection articles that you'd like to contribute to *Reflections*? Why not send them in?

XN: xn@wsfamily.com

Do you have questions you'd like answered, prophecies you've

received, or other material that could be featured in *Xn*? Why not send them in today?

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God's Greater Deals

By Tommy, Japan

For a while we have been desperately searching for a house. After exhausting just about every house-hunting method we could think of, we came up with several possible houses, all of which were neither bad nor entirely good. We felt that we were compromising in going for something that was obviously the Lord's second best. But what could we do? We needed a house badly.

During this time, we had been staying with a Christian couple. When we told them that we would be settling for one of these lesser houses, the wife didn't agree.

"I don't think that's what the Lord wants for you," she told us. "Tomorrow the Lord is going to show me the house for you."

After a full day of outreach we returned home to a very happy lady.

"He's done it!" she exclaimed. "The Lord's found a house for you."

That day, she had gotten a check to visit a particular real estate agency. She'd walked into the office and told the real estate agent, "You have a house for my pastor and his family."

(Later on, the real estate agent told us that from the moment our friend had made this statement, the main thought on his mind was, "How can I get rid of her?" Ha!) The real estate agent showed our friend several possible houses from his files, but our friend wasn't interested in any of them. She asked to look through some more files, and he reluctantly handed them over to her. Then she saw it. "Here! This is the house they need."

"That's not possible," the real estate agent said impatiently. "This house is only rented out to companies and businesses."

Our friend looked at him and said simply, "Phone the owners."

So he did. And they said yes. "If they are Christians, and one of them is a pastor, then I think we can make a compromise in this case," the owner confirmed.

That same day, we went to check out the house. The house was exactly the size we'd prayed for, in the exact area we had wanted. There were enough rooms, and the boss of the company that took care of the house turned out to be the father of one of our close friends and supporters. A balcony stretched across the length of the house, which held the view of the entire city, along with the Kobe Bridge and the ocean beyond. Talk about getting not only what we need, but even our hearts' desire! It was a miracle!

The real estate agent turned out to be a sheepy young man who had received the Lord in New Zealand. He now comes to visit us and has attended one of our Bible studies.

We cannot fathom the way God works! But one thing we have come to see more strongly as a Home is that in our darkest hour of need, the Lord will never cease to supply.

All Things ... For Good

By Simon (SGA), Kenya

"This is terrible!" I exclaimed. "I just got this phone about six months ago, and it's already fritzing out on me!" I was completely distraught, but then I prayed and asked the Lord why it had happened. He said that He had some things to teach me, one of them being spending more time with Him.

He also said not to worry, and that He would work things out for good. I went to find a place that could fix the phone, and prayed that they would do it for free. After a lot of fruitless searching, I finally located a place. I went in and asked to see the manager, but was informed he was busy. They suggested that I leave my name card and reason for coming, and they'd relay the message. I generally don't like working that way, but the Lord encouraged me to just have faith and give the name card, our brochure, and pray for it, as anyway, it really had to only be the Lord.

A few minutes later, the secretary returned, saying, "Okay, he agrees

to fix your phone for free." I was astounded. The next day, I called to thank this man and he was very sweet and seemed like quite a "new bottle." I thought, *If this guy is such a new bottle, would he be willing to help on a larger scale, like on a regular basis?* I stepped out and asked if I could have an appointment with him when I picked up the phone, as I wanted to give him something. He agreed and asked me to come before work hours so that he would be able to give me his full attention and time, as he is usually very busy.

The next day I left with an official thank-you letter, as well as the faith to request his monthly support. I prayed about that one, though, as I had read an FSM, suggesting that people wait a while (at least a bit longer than on the *first* meeting with someone) before they ask someone for monthly support. Normally, I would suggest the same. But when we prayed about it, the Lord said to strike while the iron was hot.

The manager was very warm and welcoming, as well as impressed with the official thank-you letter he received so soon. Apparently with big companies and charities, it takes a while to go through all of the processes and administration before a donor gets an official letter.

Then we brought up the idea of monthly support. "You know what, that's *exactly* something I'd like to do!" he exclaimed. "I'm not the head boss of the company, so I'll have to ask the company if they'd like to do that from their side, but I'd like to support you monthly on a personal basis." He then proceeded to pledge a pretty sizeable amount for his monthly pledge! God bless him!

When we returned Home, all I could say was: "Thank You, Jesus, for letting my phone break down!" An odd praise, yes, but who will ever know about the seeming "bad" things that happen to us, which the Lord allowed so that He could do something wonderful through it? I guess we'll only discover the full extent of this once we get to Heaven!

activated news

It keeps going and going and...

By a Home in Chile

We decided to purchase a certain amount of magazines a month and divide it evenly among the members of our Home. It came out to ten mags per person. We each made a commitment to distribute at least that amount every month. Now we are all much more on the ball, and we carry our little package of mags everywhere. Nobody wants to be caught with any mags left before the next batch is dropped on their desk.

The indirect witness through the mags is remarkable. We constantly hear of someone who received a mag from a friend, relative, or saw one at a doctor's office, and how after reading it, their life changed or they made contact with us to order more. Each one goes a long, long way in reaching others.

That's Activated!

By Suzy (SGA), Philippines

We met a lady, Janelle, a while back on outreach, and she subscribed the first time we met her. I followed up on her regularly and she looked forward to each visit. She commented how the Word is drawing her closer to Jesus and how close she feels to us. When introducing us to others, she would refer to us as her "best friends."

Recently, we didn't meet our Home's monthly budget. The Lord encouraged us to ask Janelle if she would like to help us financially on a regular basis. With no hesitation, she happily agreed. Even her husband, who at first seemed rather serious and unfriendly, was happy to help. Later that day, when Janelle met a friend of hers she asked her friend if she too would like to pledge to help us financially, to which her friend also agreed!

Another girl, Pitty, has been activated for a year, and is very much into *Activated*. Every time she gets one she looks up the verses in her Bible and highlights them. For some reason, someone had taken her copies, and she was very discouraged about it and asked if we could replace those issues. We assured her we would, and when she realized her subscription was almost up, she eagerly re-subscribed.

We followed up on another lady who subscribed a while back, to see if she's receiving her mailings fine. "Yes, I'm getting them, but now I also want to subscribe my sister!" The next time I visited her place of work, she wasn't there for some reason, but when another lady

overheard why we came she exclaimed, "Oh, you're the *Activated* people? I'm the sister she subscribed! I got the first issues, but then my house burned down! Will I be able to get any more *Activated* mags?" She was very excited when I told her that we would change her subscription address, and she would continue to receive the *Activated* mags.

Masterpieces

By the Colombia desk

We're still in awe at the new *Activated* mags for the year 2005. They're fabulous! We applaud the wonderful folks who work tirelessly (we assume day and night), creating these masterpieces. They're wonderful. We're already receiving testimonies of those who've been moved to tears after reading the Easter mag. We in the area want to say with one voice: "God bless you all!"

It speaks for us

By Joy Happy, France

While visiting my mother with my children, I also had the opportunity to spend time with many of her friends whom I hadn't seen for a few years. I met one man who used to be a high-ranking official in the government. He's retired now, and has devoted his life to his first love—pastoring and studying the Bible in the original text. Like his father and grandfather before him, he's also been a pastor in the Methodist Church in France.

So far, all he knew about the Family was from the bad media publicity and a few tracts he had read. He had never been negative towards me, just reserved. This time, however, he finally opened up and we had a very long and in-depth conversation regarding the Family.

I introduced *Activé* to him and he decided to subscribe. I knew it wasn't with the objective to learn about the Lord, but rather to find out what we're made of. I continued to follow up on him by sending him some samples of what's available in French, as well as more *Activé* mags. After receiving this different material, here's an excerpt of an e-mail he sent:

[My wife and I] were happy to get to know you during your last visit. I'm glad to subscribe to *Activé*. I have been looking for stories new and old and was pleasantly surprised to find two in your magazine. I'm sure I will find more in the upcoming editions.

Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to know how

the Family and Aurora can help bring the Bible to life. All I knew about the Family until now were distorted stories about your Christian background, but this has helped me see another side and I'm ready to bring my contribution no matter how small it will be.

After all the bad publicity we've had in France, it was inspiring to read this. It shows that we don't ever need to be afraid to stand up for who we are.

Subscribing Mr. Bob

By Amy (17), Romania

We have a friend who is the owner of a pizzeria. I'll call him Mr. Bob. We often sang at his restaurant and he gives generous donations. I wanted to ask him about subscribing to *Activated*, but due to his generosity, I had a trial about asking him to pay for his subscription.

But the Lord had encouraged us to ask him to subscribe anyway, so we asked the Lord how to go about it. He said to just visit Mr. Bob by faith. One evening we went to his restaurant and performed our songs, and there was Mr. Bob clapping happily. Just as we finished our performance I asked a waiter if I could speak with Mr. Bob. *This is it!* I thought.

However, I was informed that he just left for home. *Oh Lord! What now?* Then I found out that he had also left another generous donation for us, more than enough to subscribe him! The Lord did keep His promise! With the subscription filled out, I was excited at the Lord's unexpected ways.

Ad: A List of "Beings"!

Sent in by John Listen, Japan

If you've been wishing for a list of spirit helpers and hinderers to study—especially since Mama's study tips at the end of GN 1113, "New Spirit World Power"—here you go! This is a list of about 200 of the more recent spirit helper and hinderer names, compiled by Marvy in Japan, edited by John Listen. It includes short descriptions of the beings, and Letter and paragraph references to where they appear in the pubs.

The beings are organized in groups to aid you in your study. Hello helpers!—and to Hell with the hinderers! Downloadable from the MO site at: http://old.familymembers.com/pubs/comp/en/13/txt/comp_13.txt.zip

activated tip

By John, Western Europe

Here in a home field we have managed to get people activated, and it's been very inspiring. I don't go on outreach regularly, as I am also involved in childcare, but I have found that there are many people in Western Europe who are interested in getting *Activated*. I know that it's a temptation to think more about raising funds so that we can get to our prospective mission fields, than being missionaries on the fields that we now find ourselves, and that we will start "activating" once we get to our mission field. Maybe we think our field is too hard and won't accept us if we approach them as missionaries. Or maybe we are young people and we feel we can't relate to the older generation, so we would rather sell a CD than try to talk about *Activated*.

I wanted to share what has worked for me here in Western Europe. At present we are using about 700 Magazines of the Month each month in our outreach. First, I pray for the Lord to help me find His sheep and get them activated. Then as I go shop to shop, door to door, or factory to factory, I show our local newsletter about the things we are doing locally, as well as the missionaries we are helping on more difficult fields. Our local newsletter has a coupon for *Activated* on the back page, so I then show them the magazine and the coupon, and ask them if they would like to buy a subscription. I do this first, before showing them the rest of the tools. I have been surprised at the people who say yes with little convincing on my part. If they aren't so interested in the subscription, then I show them the tools.

I also do clown shows, so another way I get people activated is at the end of the show when they are paying me, I show them our local newsletter, and again ask them if they would like to get *Activated* and/or buy tools. I believe that it's God's will for everyone to get *Activated*, so I ask them and try to give them a chance. I try to bring them to a decision at the moment, and not

leave it for them to think about, unless the circumstances justify waiting and it would be impolite or inappropriate.

At one clown show that I did, the woman bought a video and paid for a year's subscription as well. The thing is that if I hadn't asked her, she wouldn't have taken it. I am finding that if we ask, explaining our work, people are interested, especially when we are faithful to publicize it. I offer people a book or CD card if they buy a subscription, and many people will give me

something more just because they see I am trying to be generous with them.

We have some brethren in a neighboring country who want to come and sell CDs here because they have heard it is more receptive, but very few actually come with the idea of activating their sheep. It's good to sell another CD, and send a thank-you and a *Reflections* in the mail, but giving them the meat of the Word through *Activated* and building up the work would be even better.

Another thing I think could

be a blessing is activating our provisioning contacts. Some brethren come back regularly from their mission field to visit their sheep and pick up provisions or donations. The financial pressures are great at times, but this would also be a wonderful opportunity to put the *Activated* vision into practice, and the Lord will bless us for seeking first His Kingdom.

I think *Activated* is a great tool! God blesses you both financially and spiritually as you feed His sheep. "Whatever you spend, I will repay!"

activated responses

I enjoyed reading through the *Activated* magazine as it had all the answers and features the best issues. We read it together at school during our free time. Through the *Activated* magazine Keith says communication is essential, directing our thoughts to the Lord in prayer is one side of communication and hearing from God. We were happy as the message was about love for one another and responding to God's call.

—Annet, Uganda

Thank you for the *Activated* magazine. When I read the "Science of Prayer" on the back of the magazine, it gave me a lot of stability. I began witnessing those words to my friends, and sharing it with those who can read. I am really happy with what the *Activated* magazine is doing in my life, most especially the article entitled "God Still Speaks." I was so confused by certain people who say they are prophets, while Jesus said the false prophets will also come.

I cried to God to set me free, and I also asked Him to show me more about Him. Then, as I was still in such a state, I received that *Activated* magazine which brought back the joy of my salvation. It taught me to start talking and

listening to God, and finally God used the *Activated* magazine to deliver me. When I read it, it was like God is now telling me what to do in my situation and finally I had the victory over the false prophets. I now pray a lot and encourage people to begin learning to hear from God as well. He still talks as He used to.

—Innocent, Uganda

I like reading the *Activated* magazines. They mean a lot to me. They have changed my life. I used to have pain and hunger in my heart, but the *Activated* magazine has come in a time that will show me the way. When no one else can speak, the *Activated* magazines do!

—Ejiku, Uganda

I was happy to receive the *Activated* magazine and I'm glad to inform you that we at school are planning to form a NuBeat Club, which includes students and other staff. When I suggested this idea to the students they accepted and are waiting for our first meeting. I read the *Activated* magazine, and the story which impressed me most was about the father who let his son die, in order to save his son's friend who had little knowledge about Jesus so that he could go to God's Kingdom.

Whenever I receive an *Activated* magazine there is always something new for me. What impressed me most was the answer to the question, "How do I get the faith that I need for healing?" In fact, this question was ever ringing in my mind, until I read the magazine—that's when I finally received the answer.

—Oneka, Uganda

I saw a copy of your *Activated* magazine. It is a very beautiful magazine with many interesting articles on different subjects. I would like to receive this regularly. Would you please send it to me? I can't pay anything for it because I am a prisoner. I have been in prison since 2000. I came to know Jesus Christ about one and a half years ago when I accepted Him as my Lord and Savior in this prison. I would like to be a witness for Jesus. So if you have any other free material about Bible topics, please send it to me. I am sure it will help me learn more about God. Thank you.

—Binoy, India

[Editor's note: A yearly subscription was sponsored for Binoy through the India *Activated* Sponsorship program.]

➤ **New Spirit World Power!** (ML #3522, GN 1113)

Anonymous (FGA), Europe:

I would frequently ask for specific people I knew were in Heaven to be my spirit helpers, or I'd asked the Lord to give me spirit helpers for different tasks or jobs. With all the revelations about our spirit helpers, I became more conscious of their whispers and checks.

But every time this GN mentioned asking for the names of our specific helpers, I didn't have the faith for it. I worried that I wouldn't be able to receive anything, or that if I did it would be my own invention. I knew that if I really needed to know the name, the Lord could certainly give it to me, but I hesitated. As I got to reading about the Eleria, I felt convicted about discovering my Elerian's name.

I finally asked the Lord and right away received a name that sounded like "Hilarious." I thought I must be mistaken because it sounded too crazy. This spirit helper mentioned something about being humorous, and then I remembered a vision I had a year ago. It was a heavy vision but presented in the form of a comic strip. During the vision, I felt a wave of relief in knowing the happy Spirit of the Lord and His sometimes humorous ways of engineering things in our lives.

There was a period in my life when I felt I'd lost the joy of the Lord, and I really missed His sense of humor and funniness. Before that, I would often tell Him how thankful I was for His humor, happiness, positiveness, and the humorous ways He'd work in my life.

So while reading about the Eleria, I realized that these spirits of freedom also have to do with happiness. Afterwards, when I was thinking about the name of my Elerian, Hilarious,

and how peculiar it was, he told me to call him Hilary for short, which I thought was sweet and funny.

Nat and Faithy, Africa: After reading this GN and repeatedly claiming the help of San-bahd-mahl during our outreach and follow-up, we've seen amazing results. One of our Muslim friends, the owner of a flourishing computer shop, when being handed the January *Activated* mag almost jumped when he read the heading, "666 Watch: Human Chip Implants—What's Next?" He started saying loudly to everyone in his shop "They are going to make everybody take it, you will see, that's what will happen." This was quite a change, since the last time we'd seen him he was much more conservative, but this time we were able to give him a whole lot more of our message.

Later the same day, after again claiming San-bahd-mahl's help, we went to see another Muslim friend, who owns a restaurant. The previous times we'd met this young man, he'd been wearing traditional Muslim headgear. But this time he looked and acted very differently. We didn't even get around to requesting his help with a meal before he looked at our *Activated* mag and started talking to us about the Signs of the Times. He spoke about the tsunami, asked if we knew why amazingly so many mosques didn't get destroyed even though there was destruction all around.

He told us that one reason the Muslims look at the tsunami as a judgement is because different resorts were allowing sodomite areas at their beaches. We thought this was amazing as it is so much in line with the prophecy in "World Currents, 102" about the Asian tsunami where the Lord says, "Other places catered to sodomites and rich and selfish pleasure-

seekers who long have done evil in My sight." This should be an encouragement for the channel who received this prophecy of how right-on it was. This same young man proceeded to tell us that he wanted to know a whole lot more about what the Bible had to say about the future, the prophecies about the Endtime and the Antichrist—another wide-open door for witnessing. We felt all these changes in our friends happened because we had San-bahd-mahl as our witnessing warrior by our side.

FGA male, Turkey: It especially caught my attention when this GN exposed Drought and introduced Almator. The Lord explained how Drought is now able to touch the bodies of men: "He can afflict by drawing the fluids away from the parts of the body where they are needed, can hinder the flow of nourishment and the ridding of wastes, and can hinder the life-giving flow of oxygen to the cells and organs" (para.137).

A while ago when doing research on asthma and

natural-healing techniques, I found a few books by an Iranian-born doctor who used water treatments to heal many diseases. Although he was a doctor, he had spent years in prison in Iran, and while there, used what he could, which was for the most part only water.

He wrote a few books on the subject and shared his belief while citing many studies, that with the majority of people in the West drinking sodas and coffee instead of water, the cells in the body are actually dehydrating, and this, he states, is the main cause of most major afflictions of today. Dehydration of body cells can cause major diseases, and therefore rehydration of body cells works in just the opposite way and has healing power.

So when I read the above portion of the GN I was quite inspired that all things that are needed for the Family, are and will be revealed to us through the gift of prophecy! It was a confirmation that there are many truths of the spirit world too, that the Lord is allowing men of good conscience to discover as well.

Story Time with Natalia

By Katie (6, of James and Charity), South Africa

One time in the morning when I first woke up, our spirit helper Natalia came to me, and told me that I was just in time for a story.

The story she told me was about a girl who was watching her sheep. Then when she looked away, one of the sheep ran off into the woods. When she found out that one of the sheep was gone, she gave the rest of the sheep to her brother, and went into the woods to find the lost sheep. Afterwards, the girl was discouraged, so she prayed and the Lord showed her to sing some praise songs. Then she looked around and the sheep was right behind her.

After the story Natalia had some praise time with me. We sang some songs and she played the guitar, and then she disappeared. I felt really happy and went to my parents' room.

P.S. from Charity: Katie really had the biggest smile on her face when she came into our room that morning. It was so encouraging to see the Lord and His precious spirit helpers intervene in that way, as I had been praying for Katie recently because she has been a bit whiny and not so happy. Thank You, Jesus, for this exciting answer to prayer!

I would like to thank everyone for praying for me for the last two years. I know it's your prayers that helped me make it! After the operation to remove the brain tumor, I had to go back to the hospital for four follow-up operations. Because the tumor was in the front right side of my head it affected my speech and language, so after the operation I couldn't communicate. I was diagnosed with dysphasia*.

(***dysphasia**: difficulty in speaking and understanding spoken or written language, caused by brain injury or disease)

When I first found out that I had a brain tumor, it made me desperate with Jesus. The Lord gave me the following passage out of "Endure Hardness" (ML #2786:11-13) where Mama said:

"As we now come closer to the end and begin a new phase in the war, one that will be of much greater intensity and vehemence and ferocity, with all the forces of Hell throwing everything they have into their efforts to defeat us, we are going to have to learn more *patience*. We are going to have to learn how to *endure*! We are going to have to get used to fighting more *long-term* battles. We are going to have to learn what it means to really *hold on*, not just for one day or one week or one month, but perhaps for *many* months at a time. We are going to have to learn to truly cling to God's Word and '*endure hardness* as good *soldiers* of Jesus Christ!' (2Tim.2:3).

"We are going to be involved in ... more protracted battles with afflictions and illnesses. We'll be beset by more vicious longstanding personal trials and testings. ... The Devil won't give up so easily, as he knows his time is short.—And because we have come out full force against him, he is going to respond in like manner.

"Comparatively speaking, most of us have not had to learn such heavy lessons of patience and endurance. We have

learned many *other* lessons, but now may be the time that the Lord wants us to work on these new ones. 'For ye have need of *patience*, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. In your *patience* possess ye your souls'" (Heb.10:36; Luke 21:19).

I was waiting on the Lord to heal me supernaturally, but when we went to the Lord about it, He said to go the medical route. I now understand that if Jesus had healed me supernaturally, it would have fed my pride, and I don't need any more pride. This was the humble road for me, going through the operation and rehabilitation, and I'm still in rehabilitation.

I don't know whether removing the tumor, or me going through this period of rehabilitation, has changed my personality for the better, but my wife says I'm a new, sweeter man. The Lord had to cut through my self-righteousness. It was a spiritual operation as well as a physical one. I am still going through this spiritual operation and the Lord has been showing me how self-righteous I've been.

This was the first time for me to stay in a hospital. I was there for a month and a half. It was a good experience for me. I met some nurses and doctors who had the dedication to help others, just like we do as professional missionaries. I was face-to-face with the patients and saw their need for healing and answers, which opened doors for my wife and me to minister to them spiritually. Some of the patients the Lord led us to minister and get close to died soon after. This shook us up and truly showed us about delivering our souls by witnessing to them while we can. We gave them *Activated* mags and other literature, we prayed for them, and we reassured them that Jesus would be with them during their operation.

I am blessed that my wife, Joy, visited every day during my stay in the hospital. She was the one who witnessed the most because I had trouble communicating. Before I got this affliction, we had prayed about our spirit helpers, and several people had got that Florence Nightingale was Joy's spirit helper. At the time we didn't know I was going to be in the hospital. Joy would come and visit me every day and she'd bring with her *Activated* mags on healing and pass them out to the other patients and nurses in the neurosurgery ward, "The lady with the lamp (the Word)!" One day when walking around the hospital for exercise we saw a mural of the people who founded the hospital and one of them was, in fact, Florence Nightingale.

After the operation to remove the brain tumor, my speech was affected (dysphasia) and I couldn't use my left hand. But now, a year and a half later, I'm 95% back to normal. I'm still seeing my speech therapist, who has helped me tremendously with my speech and reading and writing skills. And I have full use of my left arm, after doing physical therapy for a year.

The speech therapist had given me oral aerobics to do every day. Their purpose was to loosen my lips, tongue, and cheeks. I was told to try to pronounce a list of words, speak slowly to permit the tongue to get around the sounds, articulate, and emphasize the ending of words. I continue to practice every day. My frustration at trying to communicate by speech is always there. Since my operation, I have developed an appreciation for language, an avenue of communication that is the appropriate means to express our inner thoughts and feelings. Before, being able to communicate was something I had taken for granted.

The more I concentrate on the English language, the more I wonder, "How do people even without dysphasia ever learn to speak it?" The spelling is crazy! So many words spelled the same can have different meanings and different sounds. Look at these sentences:

The bandage was *wound* around the *wound*.

The farm was used to *produce* *produce*.

The dump was so full that it had to *refuse* more *refuse*.

He could *lead* if he would get the *lead* out.

When shot at, the *dove* *dove* into the bushes.

I did not *object* to the *object*.

The insurance was *invalid* for the *invalid*.

They were too *close* to the door to *close* it.

The buck *does* funny things when the *does* are present.

To help with planting, the farmer taught his *sow* to *sow*.

The *wind* was too strong to *wind* the sail.

After a *number* of injections, my jaw got *number*.

How can I *intimate* this to my most *intimate* friend?

I had to *subject* the *subject* to a series of tests.

As you regain your speech, the spelling can confuse you. I think the biggest miracle is how the Lord has helped my speech, writing, and reading to improve. After my operation I had incredible difficulty in putting even two words together, but now my sentences are quite good and my comprehension is total. I couldn't read, write or hardly speak. I know how Mama must have felt when she couldn't read. I used to enjoy reading the printed Word while lying in bed, but now I have the computer read to me. I had to learn to read again, and I'm still learning!

At first, I didn't know that I was suffering from dysphasia (a language disorder that results from damage to the language center in the dominant hemisphere of the brain. The words have not been wiped out. They are there, but the patient can't get to them). I couldn't communicate with the nurses, so they'd ask me to write it out. I tried writing my request, but I found out to my horror that my writing also had been affected. I tried reading but the words didn't make sense. The only thing I had full compre-

Overcoming Dysphasia

By Jerry (of Joy), England

hension of was when people spoke to me. To answer them was the difficulty.

So many people appear to believe that understanding is inextricably linked to communication. This is a big battle that people who have suffered brain damage have to overcome, and having lost the ability to communicate, they cannot do it by themselves. While on a walk last year, we met somebody, and while talking to him, I said that I'd had an operation to remove a brain tumor, and that's why I speak so slowly. He told us about the Duke of Bedfordshire, who'd had a stroke and suffered from dysphasia, but he recovered so well and was interviewed on TV and spoke very eloquently. He told us that his wife had written a book called, *A Chance to Live*, about his recovery from dysphasia.

Joy and I read the book and it was so helpful in understanding what I was going through. Here are some excerpts from that book:

I have met many like me who know what they want to say, but can't get the words out. I want to say to people that they shouldn't treat us as idiots. I want people to realize that improvements can take a long time, and that they must be patient. (Dysphasia) at its most severe can leave people completely unable to understand written or spoken language, and incapable of communicating through speech, writing or gesture. Impatience and intolerance on the part of others add to the victim's misery and frustration. People suffering from dysphasia do not lose their intelligence, and the frustration and anger they feel at not being able to get out a single word they want to say can be overwhelming.

The dysphasic is constantly searching for a word, which can seem to be stuck permanently on the tip of their tongue. A dysphasic trying to talk has frustrations and problems similar in kind, but far worse in degree, to an ordinary person trying to communicate in a foreign language he or she can hardly speak. There is not the vocabulary, subtlety of language or quickness of speech that reflects one's intelligence. Dysphasia is in fact a relatively newly discovered condition. Before it was recognized as a physical complaint, many sufferers who were unable to express themselves or speak were misdiagnosed as being mentally confused or demented and put in mental hospitals.

Most people talk without even thinking about it, but a dysphasic has actually to think consciously about how and where he can find the right word. It's like going into a library, working out where the books on gardening are kept, remembering the name of the author, working out what the alphabet is and where his name comes in the alphabet. Then going along the shelves until you have found the right book, then taking it out of the bookshelf and handing it to the person at the desk. It's not surprising that a dysphasic speaks slowly. (Excerpts taken from *A Chance to Live*)

I have to give a lot of credit to my Home members for upholding me in prayer, taking care of my ministry, and caring for me in this stage of rehabilitation. In the beginning of my affliction I received some prophecies from Mama's Home and in one of them the Lord stated the conditions for my getting healed:

(Jesus:) There is great power in united prayer. I have manifested this power through the holding back of the severe headaches. [*The brain tumor had caused me severe headaches.*]

Now, My love, it is time to go forth into the battle. This battle for your health is a gift from My hand. It brings you into closer fellowship with your brethren. It brings you into closer fellowship with Me and with your spirit helpers. And it will bring you into stronger physical and spiritual health at the end of the tunnel.

I am healing you. The process has begun, and you can rest assured that I'm in this healing. It's not a healing that I've given over to a young officer, but it's a healing that the mighty angels Tola and Tor are helping to bring about in your life. Why these two mighty ones?—Because they are the foremost spiritual fighters who fight with the keys. And because Set, the demon of sickness, has desired to have you, I have sent My strong key warriors out to deliver you. And delivered you shall be! For in Heaven's realm, delivered you are.

As you and your brethren come to Me for strength and counsel, you see a strengthening of love and unity. But I see the mighty power of the keys unleashed in greater force, in a mighty torrent that is caused by this unifying in battle.

This, My loves, is the victory, the fighting of this battle in unison. It's not just a matter of being one in spirit, but in these major battles it's a matter of battling in unison. This is more than having the foundation of unity in your lives, but this is the battle that is won through a united force going to war.

And through this, My loves, you have the victory!

Your Home must rally around you in spirit and in praise. For through praise, victory is guaranteed. This praise is not just required of the two of you, but it is required of all of your loved ones who are fighting this battle with you. Praise is one of the strongest weapons that can be used against Set and the illnesses he throws at My people. Praise presents an impenetrable force field that he is unable to break through. And praise protects your body, as My angels now come in

to do the work to root out where Set thinks he has a foothold.

So now, you have three weapons explained to you here in these words that will win this battle for you—the weapon of key power being wielded by Tola and Tor as they fight against Set, the weapon of unity and fighting in unison with your loved ones and coworkers, and the weapon of praise! Wield these weapons faithfully, and victory is yours. (*End of message.*)

I'm really thankful that I have a loving Family, I don't think I would have pulled through this affliction without so many people praying and showing love and faith. It has taken me more than a year to recover. I still have a ministry, a job to come back to. This wasn't so with the other patients we met at the hospital. Many were alone, and didn't have anyone come to visit them or pray for them or show compassion. Many lost their jobs, and you could see that it was causing a strain on their relationships.

I am truly thankful for a second chance at life! I am thankful that the Lord took this time for me in the garden of affliction to show me my priorities. I'd like to share one more excerpt from the prophecies I received from Mama's Home:

(Jesus:) I am the Lord, the God of all flesh; there is nothing too hard for Me. It is a small thing for Me to heal this affliction, which is a great thing for you. Afflictions are part of the penalty that all mankind has come under through sin, and My children are often afflicted. But I can, and do, and will deliver them out of all their afflictions, according to their faith.

But here is wisdom; I work with each of My children differently, because

each one is different. Their faith is different. Their relationship with Me is different. The lessons they need to learn in order to become the creatures of light that I want them to be, I present to them in different ways. I have a plan for each child of Mine, and the path I take them along is not always clear or acceptable or reasonable to the carnal mind. I am the Author of each life, and I hold each life most dear and precious, for each one of you, My children, are gifts to Me from My Father. So I seek to work with you to make each one of you the very best and greatest creation that I can.

To reach the greatness, the depth, the wisdom, the compassion, the understanding, the love, the humility, the selflessness, the splendor of a vessel fit for the Master's eternal use, I must take you along many paths and into many places you would not of your own will choose to go. The furnace of affliction is one of those most difficult places I must bring you through; for there I can burn away the dross of life, and make you as gold and silver purified in the fire. (*End of excerpts.*)

I'm thankful for the weapon of key power the Lord has given us to use in my fight for healing. When battling with dysphasia, I couldn't even remember the word "key," let alone any key promises, the words wouldn't come to me. Joy would come to the hospital and pray with me and claim the key promises and I started memorizing and reviewing them and claiming them in prayer. Here's one that we claimed every day: "When you have suffered a serious spiritual wound, I will repair the breach and tend your wound as you hold up your shield of faith, claiming the power of the keys. By claiming the power of the keys, the Enemy will not be able to deal you a mortal blow."

The doctor administers anti-epileptic drugs, as a matter of routine after neurosurgery. Epilepsy can occur when brain

tissue is damaged either by an initial bleed or surgery. I have had some seizures after the operation, but I have the faith that the Lord will deliver me from the seizures. He said to me, "The only remedy is

faith—faith to trust in Me, faith to trust in My Words."

It's a miracle that I am able to write up my testimony. I thank the Lord for helping me not only to put it in words but also for healing my left hand,

so that I was able to type it myself.

Thank you again for fighting for my healing in prayer and for the prophecies you sent. I couldn't have fought this battle without your faithful prayers.

you speak

They'll always remember

I recently visited my oldest daughter (a former member), and my oldest granddaughter. It was encouraging because both my daughter and her best friend (a former member as well) have become disillusioned with all they had previously hoped for from worldly living. They have started to really appreciate how much different their kids are from worldly children, and they have to give the credit to the Family training they have passed on to their children. Even though the input they've given to their children is way lacking from our high Family standards, it is still far above the worldly standard and results in happier, healthier children.

Also, as they go through their lives, they still recognize weighty events that are happening, and realize their significance. I'm so thankful for the truth she still recognizes, regardless of the path she's chosen.

I have been encouraged by the Lord's promise that even if they aren't serving Him now, it's all still inside them, and they will return to Him one day.

—Lynn Clear, USA

Children—Our greatest asset

We've had our five grandchildren with us for the past two years, while our daughter (their mom) is finishing

university and getting herself re-settled outside the Family. Although it is more work to have kids in the Home, I was recently reflecting on how much they have been an asset to our witnessing. So many people like them, and are touched by their sample.

A top businessman recently visited our Home and commented: "Your grandchildren are so sweet, you must be doing something right!" The kids' sample was the "proof of the pudding" for this new friend. They also made friends with one of the children in the neighborhood, which led to our meeting her parents, who are top citizens in our city and country. We most likely would not have met them, if it were not for the kids making friends with their daughter at the playground, as they are not the type of people you can meet easily. Of course, our grandkids have brought a lot of fun and life to our Home as well.

—Rose T., Middle East

Short pencil

When I read the new GNs I copy out key quotes into a notebook. This helps me to concentrate better on what I'm reading, and then I have a little summary of key quotes from the Letter to refer to later. I am just amazed when I review some of my quotes from the Letters at how much I have forgotten. I find this process of searching out key quotes and then writing them down a very big boost to the quality of my Word times. Better a short pencil than a long memory.

—Philip Follower, Germany

Tip for quick exchange rates

When it comes to finding the exchange rate for the TRF, we usually go around looking for a newspaper, or calling a bank, but I've found a site which does all the calculations for us. Try www.xe.com/ucc.

—Love, Taiwan

"The Crystal Stream" confirmation

We often visit a mountain thermal bath in Switzerland, called "Bad Ragaz." I almost fell over when I saw the bottles containing the water from the different months of the year. Each month the water changed color and some months it was even purple—just like in Dad's dream "The Crystal Stream." The stream flowed down the mountain and there was even an old Chalet nearby, which is said to have belonged to a rich bishop who had lots of power and jewels!

—Comfort, Germany

happenings

At the circus

Gabe, Japan: After attending the circus, we went backstage to see if we could meet some of the performers. There were about 150 people from all over the world performing in this circus. We thought it would be interesting to speak with people who lead a lifestyle somewhat similar to ours, in that they live in a separate community rather than mainstream society.

We met a French lady, Sandrine, who works with the animals and performs with them. We spoke to her about our beliefs, lifestyle, and work, and made arrangements to meet her again. She introduced us to her boyfriend, Hideki (the son of the owner of the circus), a trapeze artist. We were able to deeply witness to them both. We gave them a bilingual Bible, a bilingual *Mottos for Success* calendar that they were flipped about, and said they would read every day together.

Sandrine had been in charge of the animals as they traveled by sea to Tokyo, and there weren't many people to help her and a couple of the animals had gotten hurt during the traveling, and also, being brought into the colder weather was a big change for them. She gets very affected when the animals get sick or hurt. So we encouraged her to pray and ask for the Lord's help with the animals, and this experience got her desperate with Jesus and deepened her prayer life. All the animals recovered, and so did Sandrine.



Gabe with Sandrine and Hideki from the Kinoshita Circus, who both prayed with us to receive Jesus into their hearts

The perfect date

Paul Little, Romania: I presented the director of a local bank with a *Mottos for Success* calendar. Usually, as I talk, I flip through the pages, and then suggest that the potential client read the quote for his or her birthday. This time I stopped at the 28th of February, and I asked the lady if she was interested in the calendar. To my surprise, she exclaimed, "Did you know that this is actually my birthday?" Of course I didn't, but Jesus did! And she then proceeded to purchase it.

Just a flier?

David (of Claire), USA: We've been making a Home newsletter/flier that we distribute while on outreach, and it has been well received. In the flier we include some photos and news of our local work, CTPs, missionary outreach, and of course, we also include an appeal for *Activated*. Usually we put one of the pages from the most recent *Activated* mags on the back page of the flier along with the salvation prayer. We try to give these fliers out in abundance, as we want to promote *Activated*.

One month we received a phone call from a woman who had found one of our fliers. Her husband had been cleaning out his car, and he threw a bunch of papers in the garbage. The title of our flier "Happy New Year 2005" caught his wife's eye. She wondered if her husband had maybe gone to a club on New Year's and been given this flier, so she picked it up and read it.

She then called us to say that she'd read it, and was fed and inspired by it. She is going on a missionary trip, and asked if she could photocopy our flier to take with her. She said it is much more feeding than the things she receives from her church, and she wants to pass it on to others.

Her reaction was mainly concerning the back page, which was

the *Activated* page. When we told her that those articles were taken from our magazine, she came over the very next day to pick up a copy of her own and subscribe for more. "My sheep hear My voice!"

Catalogues are effective

Spring Valentine, South Africa

I find it very fruitful to give our catalogue to those who purchase our tools. One lady who purchased a *Daybreak* tape from us later wrote asking for more tapes of a similar nature. She insisted that the performers on the other tapes

must be the very same ones who sang on *Daybreak*. She then purchased all the *Songs of Life* tapes we had.

We also introduced her to some of our more recent CDs, explaining that the performers on our new products are some of the children of the *Songs of Life* performers. She eagerly purchased one, and we gave her a catalogue. After studying the catalogue for a week, she called us exclaiming how nice our material is and how she wished she could buy everything, then she proceeded to order more material.

forum

A Word and memorization lack?

Female, Brazil: Something I've noticed with some families (mainly nationals) is that while they have children's books in English like the *MLK* books, *Kidz True Komix*, etc., they don't carry any in their local language. When I asked them about it the answers I got were, "Oh, they were too heavy to bring with us so we left them." But the thing was that their kids didn't even understand English. I didn't understand this way of thinking, as for me the first thing I'd pack is the Word for my child. And if luggage is too heavy because of it, why not forsake the toys, instead of the Word for their age and in their language?

Something else I've noticed, which has burdened me, is the lack of memorization I've seen with many of our children. I know we are all busy people, but I feel that memorization is one of the basic principles of training our children, and it's sadly lacking. Recently, some OCs from another Home visited us. The kids in our Home wanted to play the new *Memory Book* games with them, but these children didn't know any of the verses, and when I asked them if they memorized, they said that their teacher doesn't do that with them. These were basic verses on discipleship, the Holy Spirit, the Word—not

even the keys promises. I can't help but wonder how we're going to raise strong disciples if we're not giving them the right training. And then these same children had watched movies such as *Die another Day*, *Lord of the Rings*, and *The Matrix*, which are all rated way above their age level.

Since the renewal we're all trying to do better in every area, but I feel that Scripture memorization is a point that needs to be brought up, to help us all catch the vision of it again. The OC and JETT I've been teaching for the past three years have recently finished all the chapters from the *MB2K*, as well as the extra passages. We're almost done with the book, and they've memorized over 40 key promises.

One thing that helped me with memory work is to make a memory work sheet for them each week. I include one verse for each school day (five days), one key promise for the week, and a chapter (or part of one) for that week. After one month, we use one week to review all that we've memorized over the month and then we have a test. The next week we start memorizing again. The children enjoy this way of memorizing, as each day they know what they have to memorize. It's all in one place on a nice big sheet of paper and it makes things easy for them. Perhaps this idea may work for others.

mama's mailbox

Dear Mama,

One morning I read about the weapon of brotherhood, and then in the afternoon I remembered something that happened to me last year when I was going through a very difficult time and was in need of affection and physical touch.

I was visiting my sister, who is very sweet but not used to affection, so I asked if she wouldn't mind giving me a foot massage, as I felt I needed to have physical contact with another person in order to help me fight a strong attack of fear and mind battles.

This trial was quite a traumatic experience for me, as I had never experienced such trials in my life. The Lord told us the battles are intensifying, and that's how I surely felt during those months. God bless the brethren who supported me during that time and prayed for me. But one thing I felt a greater need of during these times of extensive battles was affection and physical touch.

I've experienced how affection and physical touch were a big boost in helping me to fight the Enemy. Once, I was going through some particular trial, and at that time I had my own room. One night I asked a couple if I could sleep in their room, so as not to be alone, as it was a very difficult time for me. After praying with them for the night, I went to sleep on the floor close by to their bed while one of them held my hand, as I needed to have a physical touch and feel the Lord's protection. Some months later, when I related this to a brother, I was very encouraged when he told me that when he was single and going through attacks of fear and couldn't sleep alone, he had to sleep in another person's room as well, while holding her.

Another time, I lived with someone who was going through jealousy trials and came to ask me for prayer while crying. At first I felt quite helpless, but the Lord came through and showed me to take her into my arms and rub her back while praying for her. The physical touch was a great help, along with the prayer, and it showed me the power of affection as it can convey love, concern, and understanding more than even our own words at times.

Once, I was battling with resentful thoughts towards a brother, and the Lord showed me to go on the attack and give him hugs, especially when hit with negative thoughts towards him. Each time I hugged him, I felt it was healing me almost faster than if I had only asked for prayer.

Another time, a sister was going through trials about a particular situation

with her husband, and as she was sharing some of these things with us, she started to cry. The Lord showed me to hug her and hold her in my arms, which was very helpful because I didn't know what to say, as I had never experienced what she was going through.

When I'm with someone who is going through a battle, I try to give affection, whether through a touch or taking them in my arms. I know it does them good, especially when they are lonely. I find it fulfilling. It's part of showing our love in a needed way. I think it's a powerful way to show our love to the needy and heartbroken. These little experiences taught me how affection and physical touch can be very instrumental in overcoming battles. I would say affection is surely a powerful weapon in our arsenal.

I love giving and receiving affection. It's a big need in my life, especially being an older, single woman. I love hugs, both giving and receiving them. Dates are a need and a blessing too, and they have their place and time, but affection is a much greater and daily need.

From my experience, I've found that when surrounded by spiritual babes, it's easier to be more outgoing with our affection. In the past, I've lived with lots of EE nationals and one thing that impressed me was the great exchange of affection, which was beautiful and satisfying for everyone.

In normal situations, it's easy to slack off in this area. But I think our young people, especially our JETTs and teens, whom the Lord wants us to look on as new disciples, need lots of encouragement, and some of it comes in the form of casual affection. It's an area I have to keep working on, and when I do, I see the Lord's blessings.

Especially as we are now going through more intense battles, and the Lord is requiring more of us, I feel that affection is a marvelous and very powerful gift which complements all the others. Affection is one important way of showing our love. It's not just a nice thing to do once in awhile, but a very important ingredient for spiritual healing, and something we need to invest in more.

I always was impressed by your example, Mama, of giving affection to different ones you were shepherding through difficult times. I love you!

—Anonymous, Europe

Dear Mama,

I cannot tell you how much I admire you for your love for the Lord, your yield-
edness to Him, and your fighting spirit. The recent GNs and your sample of fight-

ing despite such heavy battles have been very convicting, as well as a tremendous blessing and encouragement to me personally. Especially the "Art of War" (ML #3532) has been a Godsend for me. I have battled discouragement in different areas of my life for a long time, and have felt very "weary in well doing" recently, so reading the Lord's counsel has been strengthening. I printed out "The Fighter's Creed," and have been reviewing it, and I pray it can become a part of me.

I have also been spending more time working on my spirit helper project lately. Recently, while working on it, I came across the testimony of John Paul Jones in one of the *Linkup* magazines. As I was reading it, I felt nudged in the spirit that the Lord and John Paul Jones wanted to say something, and that John Paul Jones was being assigned to me as someone who would help me to become more proficient in the art of war. So I stopped and asked the Lord about it.

(John Paul Jones:) I am greatly honored to be assigned to assist and fight alongside the children of David in these times of the End. I never was a man of many words, so what I have to say will not be long.

You have been given all that you need for these battles of the Last Days. The warfare and weaponry of the spirit cannot compare to the weapons of war of this world of times past, or the present. I have been given special insight and training in the use of these new weapons, and I am ready to assist you, to fight alongside you and show you how to wield them accurately. I have especially been instructed by Tola and Tor in how to wield the keys and turn them into swords in the heat of battle.

So when the battle is hot and heavy, call on me and I will be there to help you. I will help strengthen your resolve, determination, and perseverance, and fight alongside you to boost your morale, so you will not be tempted to give up. Keep your ears attuned to me, and your eyes open, and you will hear and see me fight the battles of the Lord alongside you, until they are won and the Enemy has been vanquished. I am at your command. (End of excerpts.)

I love you very much and want to thank you again for all you are pouring out to us. It's all so very timely and needed for the Family overall, but for me personally as well. Please pray for me that I can become the fighter the Lord wants me to be.

—Anonymous, Middle East

Pray!



Healing key: When you call on the keys, every affliction or pain in your body is subject to My healing touch. Claim the keys so that I can hold you and make you whole.

Testimonies of Answered Prayer

Crystal (of Habakkuk), Australia: At my last cancer checkup with my doctor, I asked for information on how to raise my estrogen levels, as they have plummeted since I began menopause. She instead told me, "That's great! Some breast cancers are estrogen-sensitive, meaning the more estrogen you have, the greater chance of the cancer recurring." So, I wanted to thank all of you who prayed for me to get healed five years ago, and now I thank the Lord for sending me menopause to keep the cancer from recurring! A true blessing in disguise!

grapes of thankfulness

To Googley Bear

You've filled up my senses,
You've brightened my days;
You've brought warmth and feeling
To common clichés.

My burden is lighter,
My path more secure;
You know and accept me;
My heart you do cheer.

The touches, the soft words
To Jesus ascribed
Are quickened, familiar,
With you by my side.

What were to me only
Nice things to be said,
Not more than a paper
Or prose in my head,

Have now breath and sinew
My heart they've transformed.
The strength that is in you
Has never conformed.

That strength you've shared with me,
And now it is clear:
My heart and soul are free;
To me you are dear.

Thank you!

—Anonymous

I would like to take this time to thank **James** (Peruvian), **Esther**, and their kids, for taking all nine of us into their Home while we were in transit. Thank you James and Esther for sharing your sweet warm Home with us. You sure have been a big blessing to us all! Great is your reward in Heaven.

Knowing this also helps me to have the grace for the symptoms, which allow me to spend extra time loving Him. Thank You, Jesus!

Asia

Crystal and Daniel: Spondylitis (inflammation of the vertebrae and the attached disks and ligaments).

Europe and Africa

Asher: Hepatitis C; for complete healing, and for the diet he's switching to, to be effective and aid in his healing.

Jenny: Injured left hip and thigh in an accident; complete healing.

Joy H. (of Luke): Very painful arthritis, making it difficult to move around.

Praise (of Philip): Cervical erosion, endometriosis, and ovarian cyst; against pain.

Primavera: Infection and bump on her eyelid.

Spring Valentine: Rheumatoid arthritis; nasal infection.

Sue (of Steven): Scoliosis in the lower back; persistent infection in the ovaries.

North America

Esperanza: Against recurring of basal

cell skin cancer on nose. Her nose has been operated on several times, yet small lumps are again reappearing.

James Fighter: Osteoarthritis in fingers and plantar fasciitis (inflammatory condition that causes intense heel pain).

Lisa (26, former member): After the birth of her second son, medical tests showed precancerous cells in her cervix; for complete healing and encouragement.

Pacific

Jonathan Newman: Improved kidney function and for his kidney to last a long time; against side effects of the medication; against contracting sickness due to low immune system; long-term good health.

Sunny: Cysts causing continual bleeding; against anemia.

South America

Jon: Psoriasis, which is spreading to his face.

Matthew (of Dulce): Hepatitis C; that the treatment ending in July will result in permanent elimination of virus.

Stephen (of Amber): Acutely degenerated disk which causes a lot of pain and keeps him from being able to do many normal activities.

And also to my sister Jenny: Thank you for all your help and your love and concern. We really appreciate you so much. We love you!

—Love, Victory, Gideon, and kids

I'd like to wholeheartedly thank **Anna, Ariane, and Praise, James and Esther,**

Aaron, Andrew, Jay, and Sara, UI019, Mike, and Peter for responding to my request for financial help with my knee operation. Without your help I wouldn't soon be able to walk normally. God bless you all.

—Love, Santiago, Peru

help wanted

I am **João Atos**, and with all the changes that have been happening recently, our precious Husband and King has asked me to change too, not only spiritually but also physically. So now I'm launching into the deep sea, moving on from my ministry, and the semi-behind-the-scenes Homes that I have been in for more than 20 years, to another field. He is giving me the desire to move to Asia, particularly China, and I have already received clearance.

The purpose of this note is to appeal for your prayers and help. Since I've been working for so long behind the scenes I don't have many sponsors to help me with this transition, and to support me while I'm getting started there. So I'm asking you, my precious brethren, to help me to get started. Thank you so much for considering my request!

You can send any gift via TeleTRF to: BR021, BRALIM, João Atos, Brazil

Thank you very much. Please send me your email address as well, as I would love to communicate with you. Also, I would appreciate it if you would keep me in your prayers; as well as getting any prophecies

you might receive about my move. My e-mail is: brlcom@terra.com.br

Thank you so much for your help.

We are **David and Luba**, a Russian couple with a one-year-old baby. A couple of months ago, the Lord showed us a new field of service for us—the Philippines. And so we're humbly asking you for any donations you can give to help towards our goal. Russia is not an easy field for fundraising, and we need around US\$3,000.

Any gifts will be a very big blessing for us. Thank you! If you'd like to send a donation, you can send your gifts to: RU038, Russia, Moscow, for David and Luba, move to Philippines. Our e-mail is: happysinger@safe-mail.net

We wanted to ask if you could please help with a donation toward the broadcast costs of the **NuBeat** radio show in the Gambia, West Africa. It's costly, but we've been able to get it rolling for two months. If you'd be so kind as to send us a donation, you can send it via your TRF to SE1532 Senegal Home, for NuBeat.

We love and appreciate your giving. Love, Crystal (of Luke)

Funds Needed for Birth

By Arthur and Celeste (SGAs), Lebanon

We've been in this wonderful field with our two daughters (1 and 3) for two years now. We are very happy here, and people are receptive and eager to participate in our activities, classes, etc. But on the financial side, especially due to the recent events here, fundraising is a bit slow.

I, Celeste, am due to have our third child around the end of May, and I will need to have a C-section, which is more costly. We have a good and long-time doctor friend here, but he is not able to perform the whole procedure for free, but instead donates his percentage of the cost.

In my case, since I will need a C-section, even with the doctor's percentage cut, we still have to pay US\$600.

We are not sure how to get all the money we need on time, so we thought to ask you, dear Family, to give us a helping hand! Thank you so much for reading this, and remember that if you can't help with any finances, please do keep us and the work here in your prayers. We love you and look forward to hearing from you!

Any gifts can be sent through your TRF to: Arthur and Celeste, LB02.

Or you can contact us directly at our personal e-mail: arthur_munoz@hotmail.com

P.S.: We also wanted to encourage you that if you can't give this time towards this C-section, there is always a second chance! Our team here in Lebanon (just one small Home) would greatly appreciate any gifts big or small to help us with the big job at hand. There is so much to do here, but we could do more with your help! We love you!

Hear! Hear!

We really admire all the young people for writing in to the My Conclusion site! Their depth, originality, and call-to-arms in spirit thrilled us. God bless them! Coupled with the fact that the biggest percentage of the Family today is our young people, it showed us that the Family is truly on its way to the greater victories the Lord has promised. Thank You, Jesus!

—John Newheart, Greece

There is no denying the wonderful, on fire, convicting, tear-jerking testimonies on the My Conclusion site of our radical youth who are the proof of our heavenly pudding!

—Ivan, USA

I just had to mention how much it has moved me and many others in the Home to hear all the heartfelt comments and reactions from our young people to the My Conclusion site. It has moved us to tears of gratitude to see them shine and stand up for our dear Family. The recent media events have been worth it all just to see this. It's wonderful.

—David (of Claire), USA

TEAMWORK	Per Adult	Total	
VIDEO SHINERS FOR MARCH 2005			
Katrina/Steven, USA	94	281	
Charity/Daniel, Brazil	50	100	
Isaac/Ruth, SEA	26	132	
Jason/Michelle, Taiwan	26	52	
Matthew/Mercy, Taiwan	21	64	
Abel/Flor, Peru	20	80	
Juan/Lily, Colombia	19	37	
Andrés/Daniela/Miguel, Colombia	16	113	
Paloma, Spain	15	45	
Lydia/Zach, Sri Lanka	14	43	
QUARTERLY SUBSCRIPTION STATS BY DESK			
Activated Desk	January	February	March
Brazil	122	174	232
Chile	13	8	9
Colombia	25	34	61
EE and Russia	106	97	75
Europe/Africa	148	198	280
India	243	316	277
Italy	84	34	30
Japan	29	36	44
Mexico/CA	97	154	170
N. America	21	79	N/A
Philippines	127	76	170
Taiwan	32	42	44
Total	1,047	1,278	1,392

shine on—March 2005

TEAMWORK	Per Adult	Total
SOUL SHINERS FOR MARCH 2005		
Josue/Maria Fiel, Mexico	2,520	12,599
Samuel/Rosita, Mexico	2,400	7,200
Emman/Peace, Australia	920	1,840
Pablo Testificador, Ecuador	380	760
Abigail/Charity/Happy/Priya, India	310	1,240
Hope/Juan/Martin/Pablo, Costa Rica	173	1,900
Luz, Brazil	167	500
Ana/Angelo/Heidi/João, Brazil	156	1,400
Faith/Juan, Guatemala	147	440
Paulo, Brazil	145	723
TRACT SHINERS FOR MARCH 2005		
Steven/Tabitha, Japan	3,980	7,960
Alcides/Heber/Stephen, Peru	3,890	19,450
Paul, Peru	2,500	5,000
Melanie/Pawel, Brazil	1,750	3,500
Ruth/Samuel, Ghana	1,403	2,805
James/Josiah/Joy, USA	1,370	5,480
Eric/Ester, USA	1,200	6,000
Daniel/Jonathán/Tanya/Victoria, Mexico	1,013	6,080
Emman/Peace, Australia	1,000	2,000
Naum, Brazil	1,000	3,000
ACTIVATED DISTRIBUTION SHINERS FOR MARCH 2005		
Dawn/Peter, USA	600	3,001
Ester/Joy/Mary/Matthias, Brazil	430	4,304
Aneta/Ben/Christy, Botswana	357	2,500
Isaac/Ruth, SEA	291	1,456
Rose/Shine/Timothy, USA	284	2,842
Celeste/Chris/Micah, Mexico	249	1,245
Esther Grace, USA	200	400
Phoebe/Timothy, Brazil	189	947
Peter/Susanna, United Kingdom	183	550
James/Josiah/Joy, USA	178	711
ACTIVATED SUBSCRIPTION SHINERS FOR MARCH 2005		
Andrew/Mary/Simon, Kenya		86
Dan/David/Faith/Faithy/Steve, Philippines		76
Elias/Miguel/Peter/Sara, Guatemala		51
Charity/Hannah/Mathew/Sara, India		38
Andrew/Angel/Deepa/Hosanna/Steven, India		38
Byron/Chris/Marie/Tender, Philippines		33
Jan/Maria/Paul, Nigeria		30
Celeste/Joan/Marie/Michael, Philippines		25
Arthur/Maria/Mariangela/Melissa/Nat, India		24
Abigail/Carina/John/Jonathan/Samuel, India		24
POSTER SHINERS FOR MARCH 2005		
Steven/Tabitha, Japan	2,250	4,500
Dulce/Matthew, Brazil	1,333	4,000
Christian/Dana/Maria/Michael, Japan	1,200	13,198
Tommy/Serena, SEA	1,172	5,860
Samuel/Rosita, Mexico	1,067	3,200
Esther/Gideon, Venezuela	720	3,600
Jonathan, United Kingdom	533	1,065
Ruth/Samuel, Ghana	404	807
Joy, Peru	400	1,200
Dawn/Peter, USA	324	1,622
TAPE/CD SHINERS FOR MARCH 2005		
Aneta/Ben/Christy, Botswana	300	2,100
Faith/John/Merry/Micah, Japan	279	2,785
Eden, Brazil	105	210
Almendra/Angie/Ania/Cathy/David/David, Switzerland	86	946
Nina/Jay, USA	83	250
Michael, Brazil	81	161
Pedro/Maria, Colombia	80	160
Francisco/Joana, Brazil	79	317
Michael/Rose, Portugal	74	222
Dawn/Peter, USA	73	366
BOOK SHINERS FOR MARCH 2005		
Joao/Clara, Brazil	1,333	4,000
Aneta/Ben/Christy, Botswana	714	5,000
Abigail/Charity/Happy/Priya, India	350	1,400
Felipe/Marcos/Paulo/Vitória, Brazil	306	2,447
Alfredo/Isabel/Ivan/Raquel, Brazil	200	1,000
Precious, South Africa	135	270
Pricila/Thiago, Brazil	127	380
Jan/Maria/Paul, Nigeria	106	741
Charity/Leyland/Spring, South Africa	103	718
Aaron/Belen/Joy/Samuel, Brazil	99	495

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