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Experience is that marvelous thing that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.—F. P. Jones

VINDICATED!

French case at last closed!

BY ABI, EURCRO

We're happy to let you know that we heard this afternoon that the French case has been closed in our favor. TYJ!! All the Family members were cleared.

We have sent this news out to the Media Teams. We've also sent—by e-mail and fax—a press release announcing the victory. Altogether we sent it to around 260 press outlets and 250 other academic contacts. Please pray that the media will carry the story and our victory will be heard!

[CHECK OUT THE MO SITE FOR THE FULL PRESS RELEASE AND OTHER DETAILS.]

French Judge upholds acquittal of 21 religious group members

February 24th 2000, Paris, France

A French judge has closed the case against 21 members of *The Family*. Judge Philippe Assonion declared that there was no evidence to bring the twenty-one to trial on charges of inciting children to sexual immorality.

Charges were brought against the 21 nationals of France, England, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Spain, Canada and the USA following armed police raids in June 1993 on the group's communities in southern France. Authorities took 80 children into custody for up to two months before returning them to their parents. Twenty-one adult members were arrested, then released within 48 hours, and over the following months all juridical control was lifted.

After five years of investigation, the prosecutor concluded that there was "no proof, photos or medical evidence" to substantiate the charges, and recommended the case be closed without being brought to trial. Judge Assonion of the Tribunal de Grande Instance of Aix-En-Provence accepted this

recommendation, closing the proceedings in January, 1999. This decision was upheld on February 24th, with the judge rejecting an appeal by UNADFI (*Association for the Defense of the Family and the Individual*) and a private individual unconnected with *The Family*.

Members of *The Family* expressed satisfaction with the verdict but dismay at the treatment they received. "My friends and I lived a nightmare," exclaimed Maria, who was 11 at the time of the raids and was incarcerated for 2 months. "Can you picture being woken in the night by armed police storming your home, your baby brother being grabbed out of your mother's arms, herding your friends into vans, taking everyone you know-not-where? It was the most frightening day of my life, one that I will never forget. We hope that this verdict will be accepted by those who keep on portraying us as a 'dangerous sect' and that they will stop harassing us because of our beliefs. Our parents have brought us up as Christians, and they cherish us, their children, as gifts of God. I can't say the same for those behind those brutal raids."



Spencer all set to take the city by storm

Jeremy Spencer 2000—Show of the Millennium!

BY STEVEN, CEPHAS, AND ANNE

Rang Bhavan, Bombay: The Lord wonderfully answered all of our prayers for the outdoor concert in Rang Bhavan. It was packed out with standing room only, and the response from the audience was outstanding. A former Miss India cum MTV VJ co-hosted the show. The Lord anointed Jeremy and the band as they delivered a power-packed show. Once again, the Elvis songs "All Shook Up" and "Fools Rush In" got an incredible response. People were whistling and clapping and waving their hands in the air, holding up lighters, etc. One of the MCs called it "Jeremy Spencer 2000—The Show of the Millennium"! Ha! It was

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In hot demand: non-pub oriented WS workers

Do you have a burden to work on pubs? Do you want a glamorous ministry? Is your dream to become a computer programmer or expert? Do you want to learn graphic design or color management? If so, this job is NOT for you.

Let's try again.

Do you feel called to a non-glorious ministry? Are you happy to help others and further the Family in whatever way the Lord may ask of you? Do you feel called to help behind the scenes in a WS unit, but worry that you don't have the needed gifts and talents to qualify? Perhaps you can cook, clean, care for kids, manage a Home ... but you don't think you're the kind of person WS is looking for. You figure that WS must be looking for computer oriented, tech brain, wordy sort of folks. Wrong! If you're available, adaptable and willing to do anything, you're exactly the person we're looking for. We need someone(s) who feels called to come behind the scenes in order to fill a very important job in WS.

We need solid support staff, people who are willing to cook, clean, care for children and home, drive, shop and make the world go round so that others can be freed to get the Lord's Words out to the Family and the waiting world.

The need is desperate. We're searching for dependable, initiative-filled people who will dig in and put their whole hearts into keeping the home fires burning, with love, enthusiasm and satisfaction, knowing that their reward is completely equal with those who work on the pubs or help provide other services to the Family.

People who have the gift of making a house a home and creating a warm and loving atmosphere are priceless. Are you one? Do you feel called? Your labors of love will be directly benefiting every Family member. Write WS today!

CVC

CVC Handbook 2000, plus 2 CVC CDs!

Keep an eye on your mailbox! **CVC Handbook 2000** is a **new, revised and updated, compact A5 version**—coming your way soon! It's user-friendly and includes new courses and certificates. Each CM Home will receive one copy of the book, plus one additional copy if there are teens ages 13-17 in the Home. Additional copies for personal use can be ordered from your SC, and for FM Homes who want a copy (or copies). (CM teens age 13-17 inclusive can order copies for free! Those 18 and older, as well as FM Homes, need pay only \$3 per book plus shipping, to cover the cost of the book.)

The two new **CVC CDs** contain a **virtual (computerized) study library** of the majority of the Family publications called for in the CVC courses. They also include a PDF version of **CVC Handbook 2000!** One set of CVC CDs will be sent out per CM Home. Additional copies can be ordered from your SC for \$5 a set, plus shipping. For details, please refer to the **"What's New with the CVC?"** LNF—coming soon!

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Good news for parents and teachers!

Childcare materials available on CVC CDs!

Having trouble getting ahold of some of the childcare material you need? Need your own copy of the *Family Home Schooling Program* and some record keeping forms for your students? Or an *EDX* that you noticed when it came out, but you haven't been able to find since? Want to look through the *Book of Remembrance* with the kids? Do you need to do a text search through the new *Dito* book to find a certain subject? The **CVC CDs** contain not only high school material for teens and young people taking CVC courses—but they include a lot of Family pubs organized by subjects, including many childcare references in either text format, or PDF (many include the pictures and original layout). For your interest, here is a list of the childcare-related material found on the CVC CDs. (It doesn't include *all* our CC pubs, but we hope it'll be a help for you to realize that these ones are available on the CVC CDs.)

7000 Years of World History TK
Activity Books
Baby Book of Remembrance
(new color version)

Becoming God's Man
BEST (Bible Education on Scholastic Themes)
Bible Handbook
Bible in Pictures (text only)
Book of Remembrance 1 and 2
Book of the Future
Braids and Bows (unpubbed)
Charity and Charm
Childcare Handbooks 1, 2, 3 (selections)
Childcare Reference Handbook (selections)
CLTP series
Dito—His Early Years
EDX's

FED pubs:
EURCRO FED News (article about Ticks)
EURCROFED: Safety and First Aid
EURCROFED: Your Pregnant Body
EURCROFED: Early Reading Flashcards
EURCROFED: GP Feed My Lambs series (color)
SACROFED: Reading and Writing Before School book summary
PACROFED: Good Nutrition part 1 & 2
ASCROFED: Loving Shepherd series (teens and JETTs)
Good Thots (selections)
Heavenly Helpers 1-5 (selections)

Readers of *Heaven's Library* books, take note!

Lord willing, in the near future we will begin putting together an FSM comprised of testimonies, tips and tidbits from some of the channels who have received the *Heaven's Library* books. Over the past few months, we have received a number of questions from some of you on matters concerning the spirit story books and how they are received, etc. So if any others of you have any questions which you have wondered about—either for the channel who received a particular book, or a general question about the receiving or processing of the spirit story books—now is the time to send them in!

We're sure you'll understand that we cannot promise to answer nor to print every question that is sent in. What we can do will depend greatly on the volume we receive, the type of questions they are, and also whether the channel in question is available for comment. But please write in and we will do our best to address all we can.

Also, in this FSM we will be concentrating mostly on the HL books, not the mags. While we're sure there are many questions and fascinating facts about the mags, many of the channels would be harder to track down, so we hope it's all right that we limit ourselves to the books. Thanks so much! We look forward to hearing from you!

PS: Please address your questions to "FSM Department, Channels mag." Thanks!

Home Educators (selections)
Home Schooling Program (HSK) and Teacher's Planner
IMMs (International Mom Mailings) (selections)
Life of Grandpa 20, 21, 22
Lines and Rhymes (unpubbed poetry class)
Memory Book (text file)
Music class by Michael Listen: Basic Rules, Symbols and Terms (unpubbed)
Raise 'em Right (selections)
Rhyme Book
Rhymes from Our Times
RPMs (Recreational Program Manuals) 1, 2, 3
Story of our Children—GN Book 19 (selections)
Survival Sam TKs
Teaching Activity Guide (selections)
Techi's Life Story (selections)
Treasures (selections)
Uncle Dan's Math workbooks
WNDs (selections)●

Jeremy Spencer 2000

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amazing! An article featuring the event came out a few days after the concert along with a color photo in the Times of India, which is the largest paper in the country. TYL!

YOU MUST: Check out three newspaper articles about Jeremy's concerts on the MO site!—And color pictures!

Show for Indian and South African Cricket Teams:

Several top people from MTV, including the head of MTV India were present at one of our concerts. They were quite turned on about Jeremy's show and asked if we could participate in an exclusive party for 200 people—including the Indian and South African cricket teams and other distinguished people in the city. Cricket is *the* national sport of India and the team players are virtually worshipped here, so it was a major event. As it was in a smaller and more

intimate type of setting, Jeremy's rapport with the audience was quite good and the Lord really shone through him. The crowd was attentive and really warmed up to the "sound of the slide." We were able to talk to the cricket players and other important people there after the program and explain more about our work and what we do, and we feel that it will bear a lot of fruit for the Family here.

Bangalore: The concert in Bangalore at the Chowdaiah Memorial Hall went extremely well. Bangalore is

known as being the most into-music-city in India so the audience response was unprecedented. The hall was packed out! The band gave their best performance yet and had the crowd swinging and rocking in their seats.



Weti Thai Concert, Thailand

BY THE DF SINGING TEAM

We received an invitation from the producers of the most famous *lukthoong* (Thai country music, and the most popular style of music in the country right now) concert program, which is aired weekly on Channel 9. It has a live audience of about 10,000 people and a nationwide viewership of 10 million. It is also aired on Thai satellite TV which reaches 117 countries.

They asked if Jonas (SGA) and the dancers could perform three *lukthoong* songs. The first two songs were songs we often used for our programs here so Jonas knew them quite well. But Jonas would have to learn the third one from scratch. It seemed like the odds were very much against us because not only did we have only three days to practice and fine tune the dance steps, the singing, the costumes, come up with new choreography for two songs as well as a script for the interview portion, but the song the producer requested us to learn is a mixture of the Thai language and a northeastern dialect. It also has two rap parts with a very quick rhythm in this northeastern dialect, something that Jonas has never done before.

Lukthoong singing is very typical to Thailand and the singer has to learn to make his voice vibrate in a certain way while singing. It's not easy to do and a lot of Thais can't even do it. This is why Jonas' ability to do this, although it may not be done perfectly, is very impres-

sive and a good testimony of a foreigner really trying to become one with the Thai people.

To our surprise, the Lord confirmed that we should "step out on a limb and saw it off" and learn this new song. He promised to supernaturally anoint and help us if we stayed desperate and looked to Him each step of the way. So for the next three days the team was on "scarlet fever" alert: the dancers worked on their choreography, and Jonas, with the help of a national, practiced and worked on memorizing the last song.

The day of the concert arrived. We had desperate prayer and laying on of hands, especially for Jonas who had to carry the brunt of the performance. On location, we met with the band members who played for the concert. The program organizers assured us that they would be able to play all the songs we were going to perform. However, in rehearsing with them, we realized the arrangement for the "moh lam" song was different than the one we had used for practice. On top of that, we could only rehearse this song with the band twice for lack of time. This meant that both Jonas and the dancers had to adjust to a different tempo at the last minute!

The producers also suggested that the back-up dancers should change costumes for the 3rd song, as *lukthoong* dancers usually change costumes for every song. We didn't bring our extra set of costumes and it was



too late to get them, so we had a last minute, intense "let's try to find an alternative" moment looking through their costumes and trying to find enough of the same style in the right sizes! The girls only had two minutes at the most between songs to change into these costumes.

From the first song, it was obvious that Jonas and the girls were winning the crowd, PTL! By the second song, Jonas had a whole lot of garlands on his neck and hands, which the audience had given to show how much they liked him. In fact, so many people were coming up that he had to stop singing a few times. When Jonas expressed his admiration and love for the Thai people and their culture, the audience was completely won over. Jonas was also able to crack some jokes in this northeastern dialect, so he had the crowds laughing and clapping! The audience also offered garlands to the girls, which they don't normally do with regular *lukthoong* dancers.

Everyone was very impressed by our performance and

a famous *lukthoong* singer who was also performing that evening, said that Jonas had "not far to go" and that he wouldn't even be able to sing "moh lam" style himself! The TV telecast was spectacular. The producers used special effects like flares and streamers to highlight our performance and the elaborate lighting and camera work helped to capture our team's happy, smiling faces!

The main producers, a husband and wife team, right away congratulated us for our success. The husband told us that so many people asked him why he was allowing us to perform on his program. Normally, only those who've already cut an album are allowed to sing on this concert. He told his friends, "Why not? They may not be famous and they are foreigners, but they love Thailand and are helping to promote Thai culture which is the goal of the program in the first place!" He told us that he is looking forward to working together with us in more projects. ●

headlines

Johnny, Benjamin and Fe, Venezuela:

Miriam (12) and Gerard (14) have been giving concerts all over the state. They even played for the president on a recent visit to Anzoategui! [Editor's note: Please write in with more details!]

Abner, Esther, Claire and Sharmini, South Africa:

Our youngest (age 10) entered a competition being aired on one of the TV programs and won an entire home theatre consisting of a large TV, VCR and sound system. TYJ!

Sharif, Josh, Phoebe and Rima, Nigeria:

A Nigerian magazine called *LIFE* published an article with some photos of our CTP projects, and gave a brief rundown on our missionary activities here, reaching four million readers.

Traveling to the Balkans with "The Adventure Factory" By Gideon and Dulce, Portugal.

We would like to report a big CTP operation that we were involved in, along with three other Homes, and a sports company called "The Adventure Factory," that organizes rallies and safaris, who sponsored the trip.

It began when David and Suzana (staying with us on their way to Central America) were selling tools in a shopping center. As they showed their album of a previous trip (made by Santiago) to the Balkans, a man got so excited and said that that was what he had been hoping to do for a long time, as a marketing-adventure for his business and their four-wheel-drive club.

After hearing from the Lord, we decided to join this rally-adventure, which would be a journey from Portugal, through Spain, France, Italy, Slovenia, Croatia and finally arriving in Bosnia Herzegovina—a total of 7,000 km!

One of the conditions was that the participants pay for their own expenses, and be able to carry humanitarian aid in their vehicles. The convoy consisted of nine 4x4 jeeps and two Family vans. The Family team was Gideon and teen Samuel from Lisbon; John and teen Martin from Porto; Santiago from the Paraguay team, and Little John from Valencia, Spain.

Now all we needed was goods to fill all the vehicles! We have many contacts and

friends who we have faithfully followed up on year after year. We had never approached them for large quantities of goods, but the Lord told us that all the years of faithfulness would start having an effect, and that this was our big opportunity to bring out their best. Most of them responded positively, either with goods or large donations for the trip.

We collected about 170 boxes of assorted goods worth \$15,000. It was a tremendous job picking up the boxes, sorting the goods,

cleaning a few things, making an inventory, then closing and labeling each box. With our limited time, we just managed to pack 100 boxes for the journey. Credit to teen Samuel who packed most of them.

On the day of departure, January 8th, the mayor of Lisbon delivered a farewell speech in the City Hall Square. He gave all

the participants a medal, some traditional Portuguese liquor for the Portuguese SFOR army in the field, and toys for the refugee children. We had a police escort to the exit of the city, which was about 10 km. The press was there also.

We had a reception in Sarajevo at the SFOR headquarters, delivered the remembrance from the mayor of Lisbon and took some pictures. The team unloaded nine boxes of medicine at Enoch's Home (to donate to the local hospital), and had some fellowship with the brethren there.

The next day we made the official delivery to Enoch's Home (100 boxes), giving them the task of doing the distribution. We were able to participate in a two-day distribution (20 boxes) at one of the refugee camps where they do CTP work. On the second day we did a clown and balloon show for the refugee children. The following day we delivered 21 boxes to the Social Department at Breza City Hall, and four boxes to the local Red Cross.

We went to Andrew and Miracle's place and were able to participate with them in a show they did at Vitesse (delivering 21 boxes). Our teens Samuel and Martin were able to present each of the school kids with a modeled balloon, which they marveled at as a new and unusual thing.

Please keep the promotion of our labor of love among the sponsors in your prayers, so that we can do more CTP projects in the future. ●



"Angel Treating" The Lord's answer to the horrible "Trick or Treat"—witnessing with "Angel Treating"! Goes down great! (L-R) Dominic (6), Etta (4), Helen (10), Jonny (7), of John and Carol, England



Witnessing adventure at 11500 meters. Andreas (of Chrys), Japan. Flying over Siberia in a 747-400 on my way to London to accompany my sponsor I met Shinoko, Masumi, and Kumiko, three university students, majoring in education. There they are, happy and excited after learning about alternative Christian Education from the *Raise 'em Right* book. They thankfully received the "Somebody Loves You" tract.

academics

James Chancellor visits the HCS

Robin, HCS, Japan: James Chancellor (an academic who is writing a book on the Family) visited us to see the HCS, which he had heard about over the years. The Lord showed us that we should just be ourselves and to not get caught up in intellectualizing, but to retain our simplicity and help him feel warmly welcomed.

The visit was a success! When he arrived we gave him a tour of the whole school. He saw the way we work and our ministries, including the studios in action. At dinner he sat with some of our YAs and SGAs. A conversation developed and he was able to talk with some of the young people here (something he's really interested in about the Family). With

many of the OCs on up, we then had an inspiration where we sang Loving Jesus songs along with Christmas carols. This was a warm and refreshing hour with the musicians doing their 'specials'. This was a good show of both of our generations working together in music.

The next day he learned about how the FED works, our work in reaching the Japanese, and what a unique challenge this field is. Before he left he saw Sharon's gorgeous artwork for many of the *Activated!* magazine covers, CD covers, and we updated him on the new *Activated!* project. He was impressed with this and mentioned that this is taking us a step forward. One of the last things he told us before leaving was that his only regret was that the inspiration time only lasted an hour.

legal and media

Responses to Christmas mailings

Hannah, for EURCRO Media Desk team: Last year we sent out approximately 300 media Christmas mailings to various contacts who have been met or we've come across their address in some way.

We received around 16 responses from academics who sent us Christmas cards in return. We sent a special mailing to a handful of our closest friends, enclosing the *Mottos for Success* calendar. We've already received one sweet reaction back from a friend who is enjoying and reading the quotes.

Since we're usually staying in touch with people via e-mail, we have found they are much more likely to respond by e-mail and it's pretty easy for them to shoot a note back. Sometimes we're "on-line" sending them a note and we get a reply before we even log off!

Still, it was encouraging to see how many responded with a Christmas card or letter back to us.

Negative TV show airs

Paul and Joy, Australia: We had a negative program aired here on SBS TV. It was the program from Canada called, "The Love Prophet and the Children of God."

Although we were definitely unimpressed by the lies and the negative slant towards Dad, compared to some of the garbage we have had to put up with here in Australia it wasn't as bad as we had expected. When talking to both friends and those who don't know us well, we've had pretty favorable responses. We prayed hard and sent in a letter refuting the lies. Our lawyer friend wrote a cover letter to go with our rebuttal reminding the station that we just finished winning a lawsuit against the state government in which we received a hefty payout because of the raids which came about because of salacious journalism like this. All in all, it seems we're not getting negative repercussions and the Lord is causing the wrath of man to praise Him once again.

TAIWAN, Abe and Mercy: Mercy was invited to give a one-hour childcare class on public radio. Having nine children herself, she was able to explain our beliefs on birth control and get in a good witness about how children are a gift of God. The MC was super excited about having Mercy on her program, and would like to have her appear regularly. This program reached all of southern Taiwan, approximately 8 million people.

MEXICO, Ben and Maria: News of our Christmas CTP came out in 8 national newspapers and a quick spot on TV, reaching approximately 40,000,000 people.

KENYA, Franz, Lily, Melissa and Lauren: *The Coast Week* newspaper printed an article on December 12th about our CTP project with blind children, reaching 20,000.

UKRAINE, Josh, Elia, Mary and Mercy: Together with our town's Social Services, we organized a 3-day rock festival to spread news about our work with street children and raise funds for the project. Many young people joined our efforts to help the children.

ALBANIA, the Albanian Family: This Christmas was the second time that the national Albanian TV channel, *Television TVSH*, asked us to do a puppet/clown nativity show on Christmas Eve. This was recorded in advance by the two Homes in Tirana. It reached an audience of about three million, and included the salvation prayer.

SOUTH AFRICA, Leland, Spring, James and Charity: Our children and the children from a township where we do CTP have formed a beautiful singing team and the Lord used them to win many hearts this Christmas. The "CTP children" were excited about participating and the Lord blessed

their efforts at practice, as they were filmed by a TV station during one of their programs.

BOSNIA, Andrew, Miracle and Larissa: *Zenica TV* broadcast a weekly children's program presented from a popular disco, where we were invited to be the main show. It aired for 55 minutes, and has been offered to the Bosnia-wide OBN network, which reaches about 20,000.

ROMANIA, Dust, Diamond, Pavel and Martina: Our Christmas program in the local library was filmed and aired on *Euro TV* news. It was a very favorable clip for about 10 minutes, reaching 24,000.

CROATIA, Steven, Angela, Maggie and Paolo: In the local daily newspaper, *Novi List*, we were covered very favorably while doing a show at a center for autistic children. The article was about the center itself, but mentioned our work and how moved the children were by our performance.

SOUTH AFRICA, Anthony, Talitha, Sam and Angela: A Christian website features the *Fax Of Life* (which we put together and send to them) consisting of a GP DM with introduction. It's posted about five times a week.

MADAGASCAR, Stephane, Rose and Lily: *Radio 91 FM*, a Gospel radio show, recorded 10 minutes of Pedro singing two songs with a short greeting in French, reaching 100,000.

POLAND, Steven, Grace, Matthew and Gloria: *Szczecin 7* broadcast our Christmas puppet show live on the local news, reaching 100,000.

ROMANIA, Levi, Sara, Esther: A week before Christmas, along with a local foundation, we organized a meal out for the children at the Minors' Center, an institution where we often do programs.

In My Arms

Daniel and Shulamita (FM, Curitiba, south Brazil) were driving in the afternoon when, due to drowsiness from heat and a lack of air in the vehicle, they crashed into a tree. Shulamita and Mateus (their five-year-old son) died instantly. Marcos (their three-year-old child) sustained minor injuries and has been released from the hospital. Vitoria (their four-month-old baby) passed on several days after the accident. Daniel's liver was reconstructed. He has been operated on twice, and will have another operation as the doctors feel he has a cerebral infection.

Please pray for Daniel's full recovery, and for him to be able to overcome condemnation and remorse over his wife and children's graduation. Please also keep little Marcos in your prayers, that the Lord will comfort his heart and give healing, peace and comfort to them both during this time.

Safe in My arms, safe on My gentle breast lie to rest your sweet Shulamita and your darling Mateus and Vitoria.
Hush, hush, My child. I know how bad you feel; I know the great sorrow that engulfs you and would overwhelm you, but you need not worry, for they are safe now in My arms.
You need not regret or chasten yourself, for I am their God and their Protector, as I am yours. Do not berate yourself, but let this draw you closer to the realm of the spirit. Rejoice in their newfound happiness, for they have no pain and they are free now.
... In time, you will see that I will use even this tragedy as a beautiful thing in your life. I will turn tragedy into triumph. I will turn defeat into a victory.

Jesus speaking, to Daniel:

From Ukraine to Namibia

Angela (of Ben): One year ago, in December 1998, Ben and I were still in the Ukraine, a very needy and poor field the Lord had brought us to nearly three years earlier. If anybody had asked us where we would be in December 1999, we wouldn't have guessed the answer was gonna be AFRICA!

To backtrack, in the summer of 1996 we saw a want ad telling of the need for personnel for a pioneer team in Namibia. Since then we stayed in touch with them off and on, praying about "maybe one day" going to Africa.

I must admit, as a young EE couple with little experience and no home support, going to Africa sounded like nothing more than a nice dream to me. If it wasn't for the Lord specifically speaking to us about it time and again, it would have stayed just that—a nice dream.

Our first baby was born at the end of October and the Home was having our usual Christmas push—lots of shows, kids singing and dancing all day long. After Christmas our Home got together and agreed to pray and hear from the Lord about direction each person or family were taking. The same night the Lord spoke to us about Namibia again! The Lord said we would go "very soon" and He promised to give a "clear sign" to us. The following day we picked up the New Wine ... it was the Africa GNs! How much clearer could the sign be? Our Home was very supportive in letting us leave as soon as we wanted, so by the end of March we were off to Hungary.

Before leaving the Lord told us to be "on the road" and not to settle for anything short of the goal. He helped us to do just that, as for the first two months we couldn't even find a Home to take us in! The Lord also showed us that while in Hungary we should invest in requesting residency for me (as I am Ukrainian) which involved a lot of paperwork, time and funds as well as Ben having to take a System job for a while. All this was very straining and it seemed insurmountable at the time.

Only coming to the Lord regularly and confirming His will every step of the way made it possible. So many times the Enemy tried to come in with discouragement, a feeling of hopelessness or "green door" of what we were trying to do, but the Lord punched through with victories: supplying financially, giving Ben plenty of opportunities to witness and win souls at his work, and teaching us many precious lessons both individually and as a family.

As time went on it became clear to us that to be in Africa before the Y2K, we would have to have a major financial

breakthrough as due to all our "investments," we were still very behind. The Lord, as always, encouraged us that the spiritual preparations are far more important, and promised that if we took time to hear from Him and learned to follow His whispers, He would lead and supply.

In the middle of September we decided to put the Lord on the spot. We knew that He wanted us in Africa and the only reason His hands could be tied was if we didn't believe it! So we booked our tickets for a 52-day fundraising trip to Germany, sent visa applications and bought tools (CDs and some balloons) with the remaining funds we had (another investment)! By a miracle I had a visa in two weeks (rather than the estimated 2-3 months) and we were ready to depart.

Our last test was a car—we did not have one! The first day of my visa had arrived and we were still in Budapest. Every day after that made us pray more and more desperately as we continued to knock on the doors. Two companies promised their help but then backed off as we came to pick up the cars they promised. Finally we were desperate enough to rent a car. A company offered a discount, but when we went to pick it up the car was gone and wouldn't be back until after the weekend!

Eventually, a week after our target date we were off to Germany with our 11-month-old daughter, the tools, 120 DM (Deutsche Marks) in cash, a car bill waiting for us upon our return, no place to stay and almost no one we knew there.

God bless the Vienna Home for taking us in for the night on the way there and back, it was such a blessing! To make a long story short, we had six-and-a-half weeks of miracles, following what the Lord showed us day by day, witnessing, provisioning, making mistakes, etc.

Out of 45 nights we only had to pay for a youth hostel once, a token price in a hotel once, one night we slept in the car (oops!), but the rest of the time was for free! People we met while witnessing took us to their homes, fed us and were fed by the Word. We got out over 1,700 tracts, 100 CDs, lots of tapes and books!

We arrived back in Budapest with almost all the funds we planned to raise, feeling quite satisfied and a bit off guard. Uh-oh! Our story was not over yet. In the morning we went out to buy our tickets but the car was gone. Stolen! "Oh, Lord, what do we do now?" The insurance didn't cover all the price and we had to pay 10%!

Our Namibia team told us that a few other people had written asking to come but something always seemed to stop them at the last moment. We prayed and decided that it was not going to happen to us, so we

proceeded to buy our tickets to Africa as well as sending on the tools the Namibia Home had requested.

The Lord gave us the faith to go and we still had time to raise some of the money back so that we landed with some flea funds. It has been worth it all already! We've been here for two weeks but we see everything the Lord was speaking about come to pass. Africa is such a hungry field and it is so inspiring and fulfilling to witness here!

So if the Lord calls you and you are 100% sure, go for it! Waver not and He will take you to your destination!

After Clara's homegoing, going to the mission field!

Paul (of Clara), Peru: After dear Clara's homegoing I had to make the choice of where the kids and I were going to go. I knew that the safest place to be was in the center of God's will, and I've learned if I would put Him first He would take care of me and my family. Because we had spent so much time on the field in South America I decided to return where we could be most fully used.

Getting busy with going and looking forward to all the Lord needed to do to get us there was the thing that helped keep my mind off the loss of Clara, knowing that she was working on her side and doing all she could to get us there. Miracles after miracles happened to encourage us that God was doing it. I have felt such a closeness to the Lord that I never felt before.

After just two months we were all in Lima starting a new life for the Lord! Step by step He has led us to get used to our new life, supplying and guiding us each step of the way. We have now opened our own Home here with the Lord supplying a means of support and many other blessings.

I want to thank you, our wonderful Family, for all your prayers and gifts. There were a number of Homes that sent love gifts that we appreciated so much. I can't write all the Homes that sent gifts but there were over 50—all the way from China, India, Japan, USA, Greece, Holland, Portugal, Slovakia, Turkey, Russia, etc. etc. There were so many and it was so sweet and encouraging. When you know that the Lord loves you, you know that everything is going to work out.

After 10 years ... back again!

Abner, Rebecca and family, Taiwan: The Lord has done many miracles to get us to Taiwan. We cannot fathom all the arranging and planning the Lord has had to do to get

S2K feedback

By Tim, North America

The S2K Letters were great. When they came out, the Lord had already been trying to get me to change in certain areas for months. I had been reading too many novels, spending tons of time playing computer games, and doing way too much “other things.” The Lord had been asking me to not do these things so much, but I was having the hardest of times changing.

Even after the S2K Letters came out I was still not making any progress. I stopped reading so many novels but I made up for it with more time playing computer games. I didn’t get the victory until I realized that I had to really fight for it. It was a couple weeks after the Letter came out that I went on the attack and claimed the victory.

Now I’m still tempted in these areas and I have to pray desperately not to get into it again, but so far the Lord has helped me fight to lift the CM standard in my life.

By Angie (SGA), Europe

S2K was a big trial for me. The situation I was in at the time was rough and I had been going through some battles already about why I was in the Family and if the Family really was the right place to be. That Letter seemed to be the last straw and I wanted to give up. It seemed to be too much to live up to, so a few days after reading the GN I decided I was going to leave. I began thinking that that was the Lord’s highest will and that I wasn’t meant to be in the Family.

I have never experienced such a discouraged and downhearted feeling as those few weeks after that GN came out. I have had times when the thought of leaving the Family had

entered my head, but it had never been as bad as this to where I actually thought it was the Lord’s will for me to do so.

My lifesaver was the “Spiritual Attacks Intensified” GN. I saw that everything I was experiencing was right in that Letter. I felt like it was written just for me. It was amazing the relief that came over me just knowing that I was meant to be in the Family. I realized that this was my calling and that it was an attack of the Enemy; if I would simply resist him and call on the Lord, He would help me through.

By following the counsel given in that GN and getting my Word and prophecy time everyday, I can feel a real difference in my life. I know the Lord is right there beside me, helping me.

Something that was real encouraging for me was in the S2K GN part 2, where the Lord says, “I don’t expect perfection. All I desire is a willing, yielded, believing heart.” And how it doesn’t matter if sometimes we fail or slip in what we’re working on, as long as we are willing to keep going and in our hearts we are determined to try.

By Steven and Masia, Japan

We went FM this month. It was an agonizing decision for us as we felt it was the Lord’s will for us and yet after having been CM for 27 years it seemed to go against the grain of everything we had been taught. However, since then we have felt blessed by the Lord and are much more peaceful. We love our teens and enjoy shepherding them. We wanted to go more slowly with them and not push them to a high standard but instead inspire them to it slowly. We feel we can now do this and they seem to be very happy.

our big family to the field.

For a while it looked like our visas were not going to come through in time because of the earthquake. It also looked like we weren’t going to have enough funds to make it, but every time we prayed and committed it to the Lord and asked Him for direction, He brought us through.

Then our sweet Aussie Family helped us with a big donation, which was exactly what we needed. To top it all off, the people at the airport accepted all our overweight luggage without any extra cost. They looked at all the children, gave them a big smile and let it all through.

The trip was as smooth as could be with helping hands and friendly people everywhere. In the airplane we ended up witnessing to the stewardesses who were Christians from Brunei. In Taipei our sweet brethren from the RH helped us in the right direction, as we were a bit lost after not having been in Taiwan for over ten years. Then Marty and Anne welcomed us to our new wonderful Heavenly home! Our loving Husband did it all!

Missionary off to Eastern Europe

Home in China: Ang (16) has been burdened for the refugees in Eastern Europe, and the Lord saw fit to grant her clearance. This started a series of miracles that the Lord performed. Being in China, solely dependent on Him, we are daily laboring in prayer and staying close to our dear Husband and Lord. Now to raise funds for both Ang’s mission trip and our home support, with no job nor provisioning nor tooling, was quite a test for both Ang and us. Yet that made it more exciting as we knew the Lord would have to do mighty miracles.

We happened to have a copy of George Muller’s autobiography during this three-month period, which was very faith-building. Seeing his sample, we claimed that what the Lord had done for him, He would do for us. For the first two months nothing seemed to happen and that drove us to desperation. We were on our hands and knees asking for miracles. Then responses came in, mostly by friends from here.

Right before Christmas, some of our Home individuals decided to put in the personal funds that we have saved for the past year into Ang’s trip. Taking that step was definitely pleasing to the Lord. He then poured in like never before. Friends wrote to pledge gifts as well as foreign friends who saw that they too can be a part of the work by supporting her. In one short week, the Lord raised up all the funds needed for her. On the onset of the new millennium, she took off. Ang is happy and excited daily in her new mission with the refugees.

What do Leonardo da Vinci, Agatha Christie, Tom Cruise and Bill Gates have in common?—They all have (or had) some form of dyslexia! To find out more about this common learning impairment and how it can be overcome, don’t miss *Kidland #6!*

Also in *Kidland #6*: Is there any truth to the recent news buzz that leaving a nightlight on in a child’s room can contribute to myopia in later life? And have you ever found yourself dreading your child’s bedtime and wishing there was a list of tricks that would help turn it into a ball of laughs? All this and more!

happenings

[Some fruit takes time]

John (of Rose), India: A lady that has a Christian foundation in Holland has been on my newsletter list for 2 ½ years and we never heard from her. But last week we received a letter from her, saying that she wants to send us \$2,500 for the spreading of the Gospel.—A total miracle, as I was about to drop her off the list!

[Kids club]

Oasis Home, Central Bosnia: Our weekly kids' club is continuing with very positive results. The first part of January saw us moving to a bigger and nicer house, and all the local children were so sad to see us moving, even though it was only 2 kms away. Now we transport them every Friday afternoon to our new house, which makes it even more exciting for them. They all sing songs from *Fantastic Friends* and *Treasure Attics*, and witness to their relatives.

[Bypassing the bazaar]

Peter, Joan and Ivan, Japan: This was our last month to close the Home. We decided that we'd sell our household items, such as our TV set, bunk beds, furniture, and computer at the bazaar, and use the money to help us get to the mission field.

One day the tire of our van, which we use to go to the bazaar, totally broke apart. At first we were a bit discouraged as we really needed the van. So we got together as a Home to pray and the Lord told us that He let the van break down because He wanted us to give our things to the other Home instead of selling them at the bazaar.

The Lord told us that we were being selfish, and reminded us of the Letters where Dad, when he moved, would give whatever he couldn't keep to the Family Homes in the area. The Lord said that we should give everything to the other Home and whatever they didn't want, we should sell.

We were convicted and called the other Home right away, offering them anything they needed from our house. The other Home was very happy. They told us that they had needed the things but didn't have the extra funds to buy them. For example, their TV was getting old, and they also needed a new computer, and when they heard that we would give them our old one they were very happy. In the end most of the things that we were going to sell we gave to the other Home.

The next day the other Home called and told us that they had gotten together and heard from the Lord and that He had shown them to give us a donation—a very generous one. We were amazed at what the Lord had done, and how He had let our

van break down so that we would take the time to hear from Him.

We saw how we had not been living the New Wine to the full, and how the S2K GN really applied to us in that we had to get back to living the Law of Love to the full. We saw that our relationship with the other Home was not what it should have been. It convicted us to follow the Word more closely. We also learned that if we obey the Lord, He will supply all of our needs!

[Our GTP work]

Lahore Home, Pakistan: At present we are volunteering our time at a school for the physically handicapped. We took the approximately 60 students that we teach to a park where they were able to take a trip on the park train, play on the merry-go-rounds and other facilities appropriate for their disabilities. One of our friends provided a delicious packed lunch.

It's quite cold here this time of year and many of these students don't have sufficient clothing as they come from very poor backgrounds. Again, through the generosity of a friend, we were able to supply them all with new school uniforms, including warm jumpers.

This institution later asked if our children could do a musical benefit performance. Upon arriving, we were surprised to find that along with the handicapped children, there were 100 visiting university students plus a philanthropic lady who was visiting from abroad. The program went very well and the director of the institute introduced us to the other visitors and spoke very highly of us, explaining the work we were doing at the institute and how our own children also help in community projects.

[Mountain children receive Christmas gifts]

Oasis Home, Central Bosnia: This month a team of six visited from Spain and Portugal. (*Editor's note: See the article: Traveling to the Balkans with "The Adventure Factory."*) They braved cold conditions to bring much-needed humanitarian aid, which we are distributing to our needy neighbors and local institutions.

They were anxious to participate in one of our shows, so we went to a nearby mountain where there is a poor school which we had been wanting to visit for some time. Although the school was closed because they cannot afford heating, we met a few of the teachers and arranged to come the following day to do a small show, hand out aid, and make balloons for the children.

The news spread by word of mouth, and we were amazed to see over 100 kids

along with many of their parents waiting outside the school when we arrived. They were very thankful for our visit, and already we've gotten a call from a city one hour away from a teacher who heard about our show and has asked us to come to their school also. There is so much hunger for God's Spirit here!

[Our terrific young people]

Tender, Philippines: A few nights ago, we attended the birthday party of one of our young friends. Her name is Jec (22) and her family are Christians. In fact, her uncle is a pastor of the Word International Ministries.

During the party, Jec's mother started a little program for the kids. There were only four kids, all her nephews and nieces. Each rendered a song or a poem. While one of her nephews was reciting a poem, he forgot a line and 14-year-old Ben helped him. This must have given Jec's mom the idea to call upon our young people to join in the program. God bless our young people; although they were much, much older than the kids, they obliged. They sang children's songs, quoted poems and also verses. Then 20-year-old Christina was called, so she decided to sing "Psalm 100." We, of course, sang along with her.

Before we knew it, the folks inside the house, who were singing their church songs (we had the little program outside in the garden with Jec's mom) started coming out—the pastor and his wife, the choir leader, etc. They were so drawn to Psalm 100 that they started singing along, clapping their hands and praised the Lord with us after the song.

That started it all. We ended up leading the inspiration with Francesco (21) playing the guitar. We mainly sang Psalms and a few Family songs and they were all amazed. They were so impressed at our young people, how they joined in with the kids and were singing away. It was such a testimony to the pastor and his church members how our young people were so bold.

Last Christmas, we got out close to half a million tracts, many *Activated!* books/booklets, almost 100 videos and around 159 tapes, and our singing team did many performances. And last January, our performing team performed on national TV live. They danced to "Livin' and Lovin'!" TYJ!

[Weekly seminars for a top school]

Lahore Home, Pakistan: We have begun a series of weekly seminars for one of the top schools here in Lahore. The subjects covered have been on vision and goals, classroom control, motivation and early

Year-end re- view from the Sarajevo team

By Enoch and Peace, Chris, Philip and Angela, Precious and Daniel

Our team took part in Mine Awareness programs in cooperation with SFOR, UN international police and the local police. We performed in the schools of our area, teaching the children the dangers of mines and other explosives that are still in the countryside. For this we received an official letter of appreciation from the UN authorities. Most of all, it was a great opportunity to reach many of the school children, teachers and the soldiers and police officers we worked together with.

With the Kosovo crisis bringing thousands of refugees into Bosnia, our team began visiting the refugee camps and others in private homes in our town. We have made many regular visits, doing shows, having games and activities with the kids and following up on several families who are very receptive. Our team also was able to distribute aid to many of these needy people. This project has been very rewarding and we have won many good friends among the Kosovars.

Our team is now an official part of a drug prevention program organized by the UN and local authorities. We will be participating in programs in the schools of our area starting in February. We have some skits and songs ready for this and some experts will be giving a class on the dangers of drugs.

The above activities keep us quite busy, but the Lord recently showed us that we needed to put more emphasis on personal witnessing and follow-up. We have started having more regular fellowship/Bible studies with the sheep in Sarajevo. We also got our first three *Activated!* subscriptions!

Our media coverage has been quite high between the TV, radios and newspapers reporting on our CTP shows, concerts with the Paris band, and also KISS TV broadcasting several *Treasure Attic* shows.

Another highlight of the year for our Home has been receiving many visiting teams from other countries, giving others an opportunity to get a taste of this special field and being a blessing to us and the people here!

learning. About 40 teachers have been attending and the response has been very good.

Many of the teachers have been coming up privately after the sessions for counsel and advice, especially regarding their own teenage children and the negative influences they are exposed to through the modern mediums of cable TV, the internet and music. Thank the Lord for the wealth of counsel we have in the Word to draw on and share with these people.

[Y2K—or everyday life in Bosnia]

The Oasis Home, Central Bosnia: In mid-December we got what the rest of the world dreams of at that time of year—a white Christmas! Once the snow began it just kept coming, first for two days straight, and then after a day's break, for another two days! It kept falling and falling, and you know what happens when wet snow collects on trees and electricity wires...the branches break and the wires snap under the weight. So most of central Bosnia got an early taste of Y2K in the form of three weeks without electricity!

With darkness falling around 4:30 P.M. every day, we learned to get around pretty well by candlelight and without TV; it made for some nice romantic evenings around the fireplace. Thank the Lord for our wood heating! (So far 12 people have been electrocuted trying to repair the lines!)

Naturally, the roads also got blocked because of snow and there were many accidents, which meant no supplies were coming into the country. We soon ran out of candles, but thank the Lord we had an extra gas bottle and had built up a fairly good survival of pretty much everything else!

Our computer survived the 2000 date turnover, but crashed soon afterward because of the weak electricity it had been subjected to during this time. Such is life in this part of the world!

Several of our Christmas shows had to be canceled because of the snow, but we had a wonderful time fellowshiping with our neighbors. Many of them are refugees, and really need the encouragement and guidance that comes from the Letters.

The day before the snow began to fall, we did a program for a local TV station where we were the guest stars on their regular Sunday children's show. After it was aired locally, it was passed on to the Bosnia-wide station for broadcasting to their audience of 3-4 million! So in spite of our difficulties and being immobilized because of the weather, the Lord still used us to get the message out to the whole country this Christmas!

Incredible!

No fuel ... but our car kept running!

Ben and Meekness, Botswana: While on a road trip through the Kalahari desert, we had forgotten to tank up with fuel and there was not a filling station in sight. The petrol gauge was well below empty. As we prepared to pull over and look for passing vehicles who could assist us by either towing us or re-fuelling us, our little boy Angelo (3) said a prayer to Jesus, asking Him to please help the car to go without any petrol until we reached our destination safely. We still had another 130 km to go. There was *no way* that the car would make it!

Meekness and I both looked at each other and silently agreed to keep driving until we stopped. And guess what? The car kept going! We made it into the next town without any fuel in the car—a total of 130 km—and as we pulled into the service station, it simply cut off. This was an absolute miracle. The Lord protected us from having to spend the night in the desert by making our car run without any fuel!

Gaining givers

Since coming to Botswana about two years ago we had prayed and decided to send out a gift every month to needy fields no matter how difficult it got for us. We're happy to say that this has been kept up and we have been blessed beyond measure. We always seem to have extra cash on hand, needs are met, our meal-times are fit for kings. There's cheese, milk, butter, ice-cream, meat, 100% juice—never in short supply. We have truly learned that God has a bigger shovel and no matter how much we keep giving, He keeps pouring in more!

—BEN AND MEEKNESS, BOTSWANA

Ideas and tips

Prayer vigil tip

The Lord gave me the idea of recording Prayer Lists on tape and doing my prayer vigil this way, while listening to all the requests on a walkman. It turned rather boring get-out walks with the baby into a full-fledged prayer vigil, as I go over all the Prayer Lists a few times a week!

—FAITHY, SWITZERLAND

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Kevin's Introduction

Having lived my whole life in the Family I am convinced that we are not simply a passing trend or a Christian club, but a rich culture, being ever developed by an international body of Believers, who have joined together to form a nation that is really going somewhere and doing something for the Lord.

Through the years it's been impossible to ignore the peculiarities we've developed, the language we've created, lessons we've learned and the ups and downs we've experienced. I've always been fascinated by the past, present and future of Family culture, and it is the peculiarities of this culture that I'm going to attempt to use to tickle your funny bone.

The sole purpose of this column is wholesome humor and pure fun. Think of it as that picture you took of Johnny with a plate of spaghetti and meatballs, which he placed stylishly on his head. At the time, it may not have been too funny to have to clean it up, but you're glad you captured the moment, because it sure is a blast to show the relatives. Like that photo, I want to give you, our relatives in the Lord, the opportunity to enjoy and have a good laugh at the humorous aspects of our history and lifestyle.

And no introduction would be complete without a disclaimer: This column in no way reflects WS policy or opinion. It is provided as is, for the sole purpose of fictitious humor and casual reading. Any resemblance to actual persons or locales is purely coincidental. No Family pets were harmed in any way during the creation of this column.

Enjoy!

Did you know that the English language consists of an estimated one million words? The largest English dictionary is 13 volumes, and includes only half that amount. However, the neat thing is that you really only need a few hundred to communicate in an intelligent manner. And if you're a young person, you're in luck—because you only need about 10 or 20.

For example, if you're new in Los Angeles and you need to find the way to one particular 70's nostalgia store called Garfunkle's, you can go the long way and ask some geezer in two or three sentences of plain English—or you can do it the quick and easy way and find a teenager (they're easy to spot because they always seem to be holding up their pants).

Here's how it goes. You walk up to the youngster and nod your head ever so slightly in an upward direction and say, "Yo! 'Sup, Dude?"

Don't ask me to explain the science behind this, but somehow, some way, they'll know exactly what you're looking for and will point you in the right direction with a one-word acknowledgement such as "Yo!" or "'Sup" or "Dude." I know it's hard to believe, but try it for yourself.

But even with a million words to choose from, the Family has managed to make a significant lexical contribution to the English language. Our primary contributions have been made by modifying the meaning of words or expressions to suit aspects of everyday Family life, such

as communal living ("combo"), sex ("share"), children ("horizontal time"), alcohol consumption ("quota") and teenagers ("Job 9:20").

Indeed, there are pitfalls to Family lingo, such as situations where a non-Family member might utterly misinterpret a Family conversation. Let's take the example of the two Family members, brother Dedan and sister Togar. The year is 1983 and our heroic couple has just completed the first half of their witnessing day, and are sitting on a park bench, minding their own business, eating their peanut butter and cheese on wheat.

Since they're living on the Far Eastern island of Sulawesi (which, for your information, is near the Moluccas), they figure it's unlikely anyone will understand their English conversation, so they decide to casually discuss plans for the coming week. Little do they know that an elderly Indian migrant, well educated in modern English, is quietly sitting on a bench behind a bush, feeding his left-over chapattis to grateful seagulls.

Togar: "I wonder if we should follow up on that nice Indian man we met the other day."

Dedan: "You mean Rajish?"

A warm smile spreads across the face of our elderly bird feeder as he realizes they are, by pure coincidence, referring to none other than himself.

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A tribute to my mom (Marie) on her birthday

By Cheer (28, of Silas Handyman), Japan

I want to tell you about my mother. She is a small woman, not more than 5 feet tall, but she has a strong spirit. She bore 11 children, lost two to a rare disease of the heart, and raised 9 children—7 daughters and 2 sons—while

on the mission field, often traveling.

She has a strong will, she was a tough cookie for the Lord to win over, but once she came to love Him, you could never stop her. She loves Him with all her heart.

[TO READ THE REST OF CHEER'S TRIBUTE TO HER MOTHER, CHECK OUT THE GRAPEVINE OVERFLOW SECTION ON THE MO SITE.]

My time with a big family

Gloria, 22, Russia

I'm a Russian disciple. I never thought that I would end up living and working with a big family. I used to live in a Russian Family Home (with only one

foreigner) and the Home had only two kids. My ministry was to take care of one of the children.

After a while, everything changed. I moved to a big Home with a large family.

Togar: “Yes, that’s his name. He’s a real sheep, isn’t he?”

Rajish’s warm smile begins to fade slightly as he realizes he has just been referred to as a farm animal.

Dedan: “Well, I have to admit that when you first introduced him to me, I wondered if he might be a goat.”

Rajish’s warm smile has now been transformed into a look of surprise as he fumbles through his pockets looking for something with a reflective surface, in order to see what it is about him that gave these nice people such a negative impression.

Togar: “Actually, for all we knew, he could have even been a snake in the grass!”

A look of horror is now plastered on Rajish’s aging face. “A snake?” he thinks. “In what grass? I know I’ve lost weight recently, but...” Beads of sweat begin to run down his cheeks.

Dedan: “But P-T-L he turned out to be quite sweet.”

Rajish heaves a sigh of relief and begins wiping his brow. He didn’t quite get the P-T-L part but the rest seemed to make pleasant sense.

Togar: “To be honest, I think he has a lot of potential.”

Rajish is now back to his warm smile.

Togar: “Maybe he’ll eventually turn out to be a fish.”

Dedan: “Yes, and if we keep feeding him it will probably be worth having him for dinner one of these days.”

I bet you didn’t know 62-year-old men could do the 100-yard sprint in under a minute. Well, history was made that day as gray-haired Rajish dropped his cane and stale chapattis like bricks and darted home, leaving behind him a dense cloud of Sulawesi sand.

Needless to say, a little wisdom may be in order when in earshot of non-Family members. Nevertheless, for common, everyday Family Home use, nothing can beat good ol’ Family lingo. There’s just no superior way to describe concepts such as “inspiration time,” “selah trash,” “Romans,” “fleeces” and “attack days.” Could you imagine having to make an announcement to your Home like this:

“Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to request that those with a heartfelt inner desire, please move to the living room to express to the other members of our Family Home their problems and heartaches in order to give us the opportunity to

benefit from your lessons of life.”

I know what you’re thinking: “What a waste of time!” It’s entirely possible to say exactly the same thing in a much shorter, Family-like sentence (note that it seems Family announcements must begin with the word “if”):

“If everyone who has a burden could please meet in the living room for heart-sharing.”

Ahhh, much better.

We’re blessed to have an efficient mechanism with which to communicate, using words and expressions that are perfectly suited to our life and lifestyle. Thank heaven we don’t have to call “litnessing,” “a period for the distribution of Christian literature”; or “dates,” “arrangements for smooching and other sexual activity”; or a “trial,” an “animosity towards Uncle Bildad because I can hear him snoring at night from two floors up.”

So let’s be proud of our Family heritage, I say! Or if you really want to, you can like hang out in shopping malls, holding up your pants and stuff. Hey, you might even like meet some dudes and find out ‘sup and stuff.

I don’t know about you, but I think that would be a real trial when there are so many heavy things to learn and far-out, inspiring things that derive from our Family heritage. Okay, ILY, guys!

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It was really interesting how I decided to join this large family. I wanted to go to Kazakhstan but the Lord wanted me to go to another place.

I prayed desperately, probably like never before, and every time the Lord told me what I should do, but my will was stronger than His will (it’s not good, don’t follow my sample!). Finally, I asked the Lord if He could show me the direction in my dreams and guess what? HE DID (even twice!), PTL! I went there and worked with them.

I ended up spending nine months with them, helping with their two younger ones. During that time I learned so many lessons about how to be with kids and also how to work with everybody because they

have different ages (11 kids, ages 2-20!) It was a special time in my life and I never will forget them. It was hard to leave them but Jesus knows everything and I want to tell you that it was a great, wonderful, and exciting time.

Just to tell you, especially for nationals: It doesn’t matter which country you’re in, don’t be afraid to live and work with a big family. I can tell you, it was fun! This is the best job that you can have. Of course, sometimes it’s not easy and the kids aren’t angels. Sometimes you end up thinking: “What am I doing here? Why did I come here?—To be with a bunch of rascals?”

But in these hard moments the Lord gives you grace and mercy—power for the hour. You’re spending hours with them

from morning till evening, putting them to sleep, teaching them, feeding them spiritually and physically, going for get-out with them, having your good and bad times with them, enjoying your life with them and in the end you can see how they’re growing, changing and learning. These things make you happy as you see that everything that you’re putting into them has good results.

Much love and big thanks to sweet mommy Paloma, strict but loving daddy David and their little band. You gave me so much and I love you very much.

If one day, some big family needs your help, just go, and you will see God’s blessing in your life! I love you!

on the web

e-mail from a young Serb woman

From Oasis Home in Central Bosnia:

Here is an e-mail that we just received from a 20-year-old Serb girl who had to flee from Kosovo and leave her flat and belongings behind. She has let us use her flat while we are in Kosovo.

From Ewa:

With you and your work, life—with all its shame and drudgery and broken dreams—is still a beautiful world! The artists, like you, that produce these shows are prophets that have come along to identify the beautiful picture in life—more joy and hope for children on this planet!

I can write, write and write about that, but as I head toward the end of week, tiredness becomes master of my mind and body.

Belgrade is gloomy today. Protests and protests, people are fighting on the street for one liter of milk. There was a one-day isolation from the WWW. Oh, no! It is the only way we have contact with other people!

We had a friend visiting us from London. He was amazed with people in Belgrade, with their faith and striving to be happy, despite all troubles around us.

Above all we want to be members of a “big happy family,” to be on good terms with all persons. We are children of the universe no less than other people, the trees and the stars. I send you lots of love from here.

help wanted

My name is Lucy. I'm a senior teen fundraising to go to China. I'm hoping to leave in the next few months, but being in the field of Mexico it's nearly impossible to do much in such a short time. Because of this I asked the Lord what to do about it, and He told me to send this ad and trust that He'd do the rest.

So if you want to help someone get to the very needy field of China, pray about it. You might be the one He wants to use to fulfill His plan. The amount I need is US \$5,000, but any amount will be gratefully received and very much appreciated. You can contact me at e-mail: lucydoll_18@yahoo.com.

We are a national couple: Ukrainian Tim, Bulgarian Joan and our baby, Florence. Presently we are in Odessa, the Black Sea port. We are looking for more personnel to join us. We work with orphanages, minister to the business community and witness to young and old. We really need your prayers and financial support. Even a little bit here goes a long way. If the Lord lays it on your hearts to help us, please send your help via European ABM. Our Home number is: UI001. E-mail: art@smn.tenet.odessa.ua.

Web site news

JAPAN, FEBRUARY 2000

STATS

We received 11,700 distinct visits! Except for the Christmas season (November and December) these are the highest stats ever. PTL! We are still getting a lot of access to the Christmas section. 2,157MB total (2.11GB) downloaded this month!

UPDATED MATERIALS

Two “Wallpapers of the Month”:

January/February's wallpapers are from the *Uncharted* and *Famine for Love* CD covers, including a calendar.

January Keyword of the Month—

Prayer Power: This material is based on the “Activated” book of the same title.—A testimony of a Titanic survivor and benefits of prayer.

February Keyword of the Month— St.

Valentine's Day. This is the biggest event of the month throughout Japan, so we put something together about the origin of St. Valentine's Day.

Japanese CD *Famine for Love*: We now have the Japanese version of this CD on the Web! RealAudio samples for 6 songs are available.

MP3 Download: We also have MP3 files for 4 songs from the Japanese *Famine for Love* CD.

Family Activity Report—Christmas Special 1999: Three inspiring testimonies from Japan Homes.

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responses

1. From a social worker in Kenya: (This man has written in several times asking for things to feed the children of his neighborhood, so our Home paid for a subscription for him.)

“God bless you. I am so happy to be receiving the *Activated!* magazine which is a revolution in my life and the lives of my family and the children of the neighborhood. The spiritual nourishment you send me helps me to keep hoping for a better future and a better world.”

2. From Ade Gbenga, Nigeria: “I am very happy to say that the magazine *Activated!* and *The Future Foretold* have been a great blessing not only to me but to other Christians and non-Christians alike. Thank you very much! Keep up the good work and remain a source of blessing and hope in this troubled world.”

3. From Abiodun Ogunsade, Nigeria: “Thank you for the magazine and color poster you sent to me. They are very relevant and useful. Please send me your regular publications. I would appreciate receiving your advanced series to enable me to progress in the life of faith as I know that there is no limit to spiritual growth.”

Reactions to

Mottos for Success

Calendars are very popular!

—JESSE, KATRINA AND BONNIE, USA

Mottos for Success have been going out like hot cakes! Our children put together a small price list and we distribute them when tooling. It helps to answer the “How much?” question, plus gives a chance to let people know that the price we sell the *Mottos for Success* at is about 50% off the regular price for items like this in book stores. This gives an incentive for people to want to see it and then they get interested by the “success” part!

—GABRIEL, MERCY, MICHAEL, AND KATRINA, PHILIPPINES

Our JJT revolution—more power to kid power!

From Gentleness (of Jahmai), Poland

Once upon a time I went to a Home Council meeting, wanting to bring up a small point that I had prayed about: how to upgrade our Home cleanliness standard.

You see, we are a small field Home here in Krakow. We have five adults and almost nine kids, ages seven and under. Several months ago we moved, had our Christmas push, our Y2K push, then the Feast. All the while we have all been fundraising (not easy in Poland) to get two Polish families to the field. We have been kinda busy, well ... perhaps VERY BUSY! And frankly, our Home's care and cleanliness had been slipping.

So back to Home Council (now that you can appreciate the scenario), my suggestions were readily adopted, like appointing a JJT deacon (although I wound up with the title *and* the job!).

I began my new career by offering a shiner prize (I'm a YC teacher and I like shiner prizes!) for the area that remained the cleanest during the first week, which would be determined by an informal Home vote. (So three of us won and split a donated chocolate bar.) That was WEEK ONE!

WEEK TWO rolled around and finally I got a chart up that you sign in when you've cleaned your area (somebody else's suggestion), for a minimum of three times a week. Everything was going fine, but one PG Polish sister—a mother of four lively kiddos—said, "This JJT revolution is good, but I wish there was some way you could get me to keep my bedroom clean too."

For some time I have been trying out a variety of games and methods to get our two seven-year-olds and our two five-year olds more involved with light housework. The Lord led me to announce that the two MCs could help me check the bedrooms to find out who would be the Cleanest Bedroom Shiner and win a bag of raisins! The sign also said that "great mercy would be shown"—because both Polish mommies have four kids each. (This was why we originally only had our JJT revolution in the five "public" areas of the house, with the kitchen being shared by all.)

Well, I think we all were amazed at how it turned out. The little girls loved having their names up on a chart, and they also loved being able to help to check the rooms. They were so excited! The two MCs took the ball and they are running with it! They are trying to help their mommies keep their bedrooms clean like never before ... you know, I think I'm going to have to buy two bags of raisins at the end of the week!

Miracles for missionaries

Both of our families just received two-year multiple-entry missionary visas, at the cost of only \$100 and lots of prayer!

—JONAS AND LISA, ABNER AND MARY AND 12 KIDS, ZAMBIA

This month Selah (17) and Maria (16) were able to move to their new mission field in Africa. They're now helping out in Maputo, Mozambique. This was possible thanks to the help of some friends in the Amazonian Cell Phone company, where Sara is working. They gave specific donations to pay for their air fare. One friend had the idea of putting a plea for help on the Internet, telling the girls' stories and testimony, and many began sending in donations that way!

—JOSUE, VIDA AND SARA, BRAZIL

In the last two months, the China Reception Home has sent two more missionaries

to China, received four more China missionary candidates, and is setting up a program to use when new missionary candidates arrive, hoping to help them get envisioned and prepared in one month's time.

The Lord has indicated that teams moving to China need to be using the new weapons regularly and faithfully, relying on hearing from the Lord for every decision and for each step they take. He's also shown us that unity is essential, and He's exposing weak areas in marriages, relationships between members, including the teens and children, etc. He's asking everyone to strengthen any weaker areas, before allowing the teams to move into China. He's also having young people and all teams forsake their "trinkets" before going.

TYL for these brave pioneers who are yielding and fighting to make it to this sheepy and fruitful field, in spite of all the trials and tests they're going through!

—TITUS, GIOIA, VICKY AND JOHN, TAIWAN

kidbits

Corinne, born to **Mary and Daniel**.—Belgium

Cassandra, born to **Andrea and Tim** on September 22.—Bolivia

Samuel, born to **Crystal and Mark** on October 12.—Germany

Michael Dennis, 8th child, born to **Sarah and Jonathan** on October 24.—Japan

Becky Chanel, 4th child, born to **Sharon and Gary** on December 10.—USA

Montel Josef, born to **Sara PI and John** on December 12.—Brazil

Ana Lisa Rebekah, 1st child, born to **Chiara and Michael** on December 14.—Hungary

Daren, born to **Jewel and Levi** on December 21.—Dominican Republic

Marisha, born to **Windy and Andre** on December 23.—Brazil

Rodrigo Troi, born to **Anisa and Abner** on January 2.—Brazil

Jasmyn Victoria, born to **Paula and Amos** on January 6.—Brazil

Jasper Harald, born to **Carolina and Volker** on January 8.—Brazil

Ethan Newheart, born to **Anaik and Ivan** on January 9.—Brazil

Judi, born to **Jessica and Josh** on January 10.—Brazil

Vanessa Sharon, born to **Charity and Daniel** on January 18.—Brazil

Carmen Nicole, 2nd child, born to **Joanne and Sharif** on January 18.—Nigeria

Daniel Alan, 1st child, born to **Lizzy and Daniel** on February 1.—Brazil

Robert Gabriel, 2nd child, born to **Becky and Sam** on February 8.—Hungary

tidbits

new laborers ...

Rose (19, Brazilian) with her daughter, **Tais**, joined in Brazil.—December

Samuel (30, Brazilian) joined in Brazil.—December

Sara (18, Chilean) joined in Chile.—January

Juan Felipe (18, Colombian) joined in Colombia.—January

Nina (16, Argentine) joined in Ecuador.—January

entertainment



Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL (1999)
[aka "LA VITA E BELLA"]

Roberto Benigni, Nicoletta Braschi, Giorgio Cantarini

Touching comedy-drama about the power of positive thinking set against the stark reality of World War II Europe. While the movie focuses primarily on the Jews' plight, there are many good lessons that can be applied to present-day persecution or Endtime scenarios.

Movies Rated for Juniors and Up

CURTAIN CALL (1999)

James Spader, Polly Walker, Michael Caine, Maggie Smith

Romantic comedy about a bachelor having trouble committing to marry his girlfriend. He gets more than he bargained for when he buys a famous old house.

Movies Rated for MCs and Up

VEGGIE TALES

Animated

Series of half-hour Christian cartoon programs presenting Bible stories and other spiritual lessons with a modern twist. The shows generally contain a very good message, but be mindful of intermittent foolishness which children can pick up on. Some shows are fine to show to YCs, but please preview to determine the appropriateness for your kids. Not recommended for repeated viewing.

Non-Recommended Movies

AFFLICTION (Nick Nolte, Sissy Spacek, James Coburn; 1998)

Life is Beautiful

(Dad speaking:) This is the way movies were meant to be—touching, feeling, from the heart, exalting love and tenderness and sacrifice and compassion. This movie is rich with meaning and rich with lessons. That was a wonderful sample of positiveness and how the man trained his son to look at the good. Sure, the actual specifics of how he went about it are not necessarily the way I would counsel you to go about things if you would find yourself in a similar situation, because in a way he was deceiving him with untruths. But you can apply the heart of what he was expressing, and that was looking on the good, making a game out of it, making it fun, making things enjoyable for his son, even to his own hurt. This is a realistic story, true to life but very, very touching and warm. *(End of message from Dad.)*

Curtain Call

(Dad speaking:) Though this movie is wrapped in the packaging of light entertainment, it does have an important lesson to teach about love. Life is short, and every minute counts. Don't waste a day or a minute when it comes to showing love and giving love, because before you know it, the book will be closed, the curtain will fall, and the chance to let your loved ones know how important they are to you will be gone. But don't worry, there aren't any sermons to wade through, just a little humorous insight into two very different couples, who are destined to help each other learn very similar lessons. It might be a little slow for some people's taste, but there are some fun and entertaining moments. All in all, most people will probably

enjoy this simple movie. *(End of message from Dad.)*

Veggie Tales

(Dad speaking:) These shows are generally good and wholesome for kids. In a way it's a hard call to make, to give a blanket rating for the series, because on the one hand you've got a tremendous lot of good, wholesome material presented in these shows. You have Bible stories, Scriptures, very good and right-on spiritual lessons, messages and applications. So there's a lot of good. But there is also that element of foolishness that is strung throughout it, and that mars the end product, in a way.

The producers were aiming their product at worldly kids, who really go for the tongue-in-cheek style—in a way they are getting a good feeding without hardly realizing it, because they are focusing on the little silly parts, which are thrown in there as bait and appetizers. So it's an excellent product for the world. But I don't think it's entirely without use for the Family either. I would say that it should not be part of the children's repeated viewing diet, as when shows like this are played over and over, it's the foolish silliness that tends to remain and stick over the good morals and lessons that are also in there.

But if the shows are watched in a prayerful spirit, with good prayer before and afterwards and a good discussion of lessons and points brought out, I think that the majority of children will find them worthwhile and entertaining. Choose the good, and eschew the evil!

Please, parents, be mindful to preview each episode before showing it to your children, to make sure that they are worthwhile and suitable for all. There are some shows which will be just fine for YCs to watch, whereas some others—or portions of some others—may be frightening to some children or cause them fears or questions. So be prayerful and Spirit-led, and when in doubt, check in with Heaven for a confirmation in your situation. Okay? I love you! *(End of message from Dad.)*

letters to the editor

1. Re: GNs changing my attitudes

A heartfelt thank-you, Mama and Peter, for faithfully training us in hearing from the Lord. Following the GNs closely I see more and more how using prophecy sets things in order, both physical and spiritual matters. If it doesn't work out to get some kind of general guidelines for the day, then if my day has some rough spots, I feel insecure. Whereas if there has been some kind of Word input, it gives me faith to tackle my day and whatever comes. Now when any question comes up, it seems only normal and reasonable to check with the Lord on what to do. To me, this change in my attitude toward decision-making is amazing. I realize it is the fruit of the GNs. It is one of the unseen, quieter miracles of the Lord—how the Word changes hearts and attitudes, if we allow it to.

—VERA, UKRAINE

2. Re: Color stuff for tiny tots

What a surprise it was to receive a flyer from the *Activated!* offering everything for the little ones in color! Living in an EE field where English children's books are rarely found in stores has made us long for something like this for awhile. Thanks to a donation from a sweet couple, Tim and Tab, we were able to order everything that *Activated!* had to offer right away!

The quality of the books is amazing. And not just that! Our 5 and 3-year-olds can't wait another day to memorize a new verse or to read on their own.

We want to thank the ones that made this project come through. As well as encourage those teaching kids to read, memorize and simply love the Lord at an early age to order these materials. It is an investment with long-lasting dividends!

—SAM ROMANIAN, VICKA RUSSIAN AND THE GIRLS

[An impressive single mother]

Priscila Fisher, Moldova: This month we took in a single mom with two children who needed a Home to stay in for a while. I want to say that I was impressed with how "together" and faithful she is in the care and education of her little ones. She is doing so much better than some other families who have both parents present. She is a big help for me with ideas and suggestions, and physical help as well!

[Trying the keys]

John, Love, Jeremy, Phoebe, Japan: Since the arrival of some of the recent *Keys to Victory* GNs, we decided to have united praise times with the whole Home twice a week, have more open communication between us, take action in the Law of Love area, and witness more. Since doing this, the Lord has blessed us in many ways; financially, in our inspiration level, in sheep met, and in the growth of

our children.

This month we received a few unexpected gifts that were very timely, and helped us replace different Home equipment that had recently broken down, such as our computer, tape player, camera, etc. Not only has the Lord supplied funds for these different things, but also just when we were looking for the items the Lord led us to a special sale. We've been able to save quite a lot that way, so we could share more with others this month too. Praise our precious Husband!

[Get permission from your host first]

A parent: If a Family member is visiting another Home it would be nice if they would ask before bringing or inviting former member teens with them, even for a short "casual" visit. We have had two such incidents happen that were a negative influence and a catalyst for weaker teens (one

of whom had made considerable progress) to get tempted with the world.

In one incident some brethren who were staying with us for a few days invited an ex-member SGA who their senior teen daughter had wanted to see and "announced" the visit to us after it had already been arranged. If we had been given an opportunity to decide, we could have shared our reservations. What was perfectly harmless for the visiting senior teen was disastrous for a younger teen in our Home and had repercussions that took months to heal.

Something similar happened recently when a couple more ex-member teens turned up unannounced with a visiting adult. Although we are claiming and believing Romans 8:28, we do believe that a little common courtesy along these lines could help the Homes involved make prayerful decisions as to whether such a visit will bear good fruit or not in the lives of the young ones in their Home.

3.

Re: To Matthew (see Grapevine #82)

I am Jonathan Handyman living at the SPALIM Home in Chile. Today is my W&R, so I was looking over the latest issue of my favorite mag, the 'Vine! I began reading the article about Matthew, the converted Jewish businessman. What a beautiful testimony! I couldn't put it down. It was as if I was right there experiencing the miracle along with dear Matthew and the brethren. What touched my heart deeply was his reaction to the words of David, our dearest Dad and prophet. It made me feel so proud to be a member of this beautiful Family, and it also convicted me to appreciate the gold mine of truth we have been entrusted with. Sometimes we take for granted all the Word we have at our fingertips, so to hear a new babe's testimony and reaction to the words of David sure is good for the soul! I am going to be praying for Mathew too, and look forward to hear more testimonies of how the Lord is working in his life.

God bless you, Matthew, welcome aboard! We all love you and rejoice with the angels at your wonderful salvation and new life for Jesus! Surely the Lord has a very special plan for you, and you have been "called to the Kingdom for such a time as this!" Keep going for God!

—LOVE AND PRAYERS FROM YOUR FAMILY IN CHILE, JONATHAN AND PRISCILLA HANDYMAN

4.

Re: MO site color stuff

I've been downloading some of the color pubs from the MO site and it's been great, especially for my kids. We have a lot of little ones so we usually unhook the phone during quiet time so they sleep longer and we adults get our needed rest as well. I find this an ideal time to download pubs from the MO site as it doesn't tie up our line at an important time.

I've been using the BLADE mag with my MCs and it's been a big hit. I pre-read the pubs and pick the prophecies that I think are best suited for them. It's amazing because I see our younger kids going through trials that our teens went through years ago. That means that I pray about and use some JETT or even junior teen material for my MCs as well. It might need a bit more explaining, but a lot of the battles seem to be quite similar so the solutions will be as well. They love to see the artwork in color. This helps them to be more interested in the Word than usual.

—DAVID AND RUTHIE, TAIWAN

5.

Re: Getting the point without hurt feelings

There was a testimony from a CRO in *Grapevine* #77 (focus: S2K) who said in her Home the desperation since S2K had died off a bit and old bad habits were creeping back. This was a big help to us because we could read this as part of devotions and ask ourselves if it was happening to us too! We still have a long way to go as a Home to get rid of some bad habits, and we all got the point quite nicely without any hurt feelings.

—HOME IN HUNGARY

6.

Re: Helping kids to cope (See GV#76)

I sympathize very much with this dear mother's heart cry. Not only have I found our young people burnt out on childcare, I have also found that many of our FGAs have the same attitude.

I am 44. My youngest is just a toddler and maybe I will have more, as my mate and I have decided to go for the gold. But I have had FGAs tell me to my face that they are "finished with childcare," and I have found it difficult over the last few years to get the help I need, unless the adults themselves are still the parents of young children.

I understand people want to go on to something different and need a change after many years of raising children. But I and many others are still having babies and will still be in childcare by the time we reach 50. We really appreciate all the help we can get from both young and old!

—AN FGA WOMAN, AFRICA

7.

Re: "Ask Me Everything"

The "Ask Me Everything" series brought a whole new dimension to my life. You can't have any excuse for not hearing from the Lord as you can turn your every thought into conversation with our dearest Love and you can be 110% sure that He will talk to you. Although it's not so easy to get into the habit of asking the Lord about every single thing, at the same time I can really feel that the days of preparation are over. The Lord is requiring us to use these new weapons now and if we don't He simply won't allow His blessing of peace of mind and rest of heart to fall on us.

—DOVE (OF TIM), RUSSIA

Shine On

JANUARY 2000

TEAMWORK

SOUL SHINERS FOR JANUARY 2000

	Per Adult	Total
Daniel/Crystal/Steven/Claire, India	1,920	3,840
Micah/Charity/Tender, Thailand	1,897	11,383
Delhi Deaf Home, India	1,608	9,650
Willing, India	965	9,654
Josiah/Joy/Confidence/Joy B., Romania	808	3,234
Madras Deaf Home, India	708	2,833
James/Pauline/Rachel, India	698	2,790
Andrew/Joy/Valiant, India	694	2,777
Magdalena/Amanacer, Mexico	650	1,300
Timothy/Windy, Colombia	532	2,130

POSTER SHINERS FOR JANUARY 2000

	Per Adult	Total
JP, Japan	3,200	3,200
Steven/Mercy, Japan	2,225	4,450
Delhi Deaf Home, India	2,133	12,800
Michael/Maria, Japan	1,802	7,211
Magdalena/Amanacer, Mexico	1,625	3,250
Abner/Esther/Claire/Sharmini, South Africa	1,500	6,000
Christmas, Japan	1,264	1,264
Abel/Angel, Japan	1,256	3,770
David Searcher/Pandita First Love, Japan	1,120	4,480
Micah/Charity/Tender, Thailand	1,011	6,068

TEAMWORK

TAPE SHINERS FOR JANUARY 2000

	Per Adult	Total
David/Esperanza, Peru	367	735
Jeho/Consuelo/Lizzy, Brazil	181	1,812
Samuel/Clara, Spain	170	341
Juan/Rosa, Spain	148	296
Rejoice/Happy/Nina, Brazil	140	844
Joao/Clara/Marcos, Brazil	123	616
Rebeca, Colombia	116	464
Juan/Esther, Chile	115	230
Jessica, Lucas, Macau	110	220
Tim/Elisabeth/Aurora, Spain	100	301

VIDEO SHINERS FOR JANUARY 2000

	Per Adult	Total
Jim/June, USA	1,615	16,147
Ben/Meekness, Botswana	150	300
Andrew/Lena/Angie, Swaziland	124	498
Victor/Pilar, Spain	36	108
Love SGA/Ezra Milestone (of Mary), Japan	25	251
Mark/Maria/Nick/Hepsi, Ghana	19	154
Paul/Olivia/Michael, Kenya	17	161
Joy/Emanuel, Taiwan	13	65
Jesse/Maria/Karenina, Brazil	13	91
Jose/Celia/Rejoice/Ana, Brazil	12	122

Personals

Esther (Fr) is looking for **Francesco (Lith) and Ruth E.** lived in Lith together. E-mail: ieBatfr@wanadoo.fr

Dear **Jewel (Faith, of Ho and Ruthie)**, our last letter got returned and we lost your Taiwan address. Please get in touch via our old snail-mail address or Indian ABM. Love you! Love, Matthew/Marie/Stephy/Luba.

Erika (19, formerly Gabriela) would like to get in touch with **Jeremy SGA (in Slovenia)**.

Email: [<ErikaSkye@aol.com>](mailto:ErikaSkye@aol.com)

Dear **Oasis Team, Bosnia and everybody else it may concern:** Could you please send your further online newsletters and e-mail messages to my new address: MountainstreamHomeStuttgart@gmx.de and no longer to Manna14136@aol.com or Manna14136@t-online.de. Thanks a lot! Love, David Newheart, Germany

Dear **Crystal (Parry)**, where are you? Please e-mail me at my address: FCN@nova.net.ng Thanks. Joanna (of Sharif)

Magdalene (of Gideon and Rachel) please write **Benji** (Tommy's younger brother) at: [<insam@i-net.net>](mailto:insam@i-net.net)

James and Joanie would like to get in touch with **Pria and Alexandra**. Please do contact us asap and send us your present address. Contact us at: Mr. L. Walton, Lizzy Cottage, Pippinmoodu, Sasthamangalam PO, Trivandrum 695010, Kerala, India.

Andrew in India, Andrea (formerly Naomi) is looking for your oldest daughter, **Rosalinda D.** I used to live with her in Romania, and would very much like to get back in contact with her. Could you please tell me her address in England now? My e-mail is: paul_andreea@hotmail.com (Attn. Andrea).

Aaron in Memphis is looking for **Chris Furlong (19)**. Phone #: 520-480-1348.

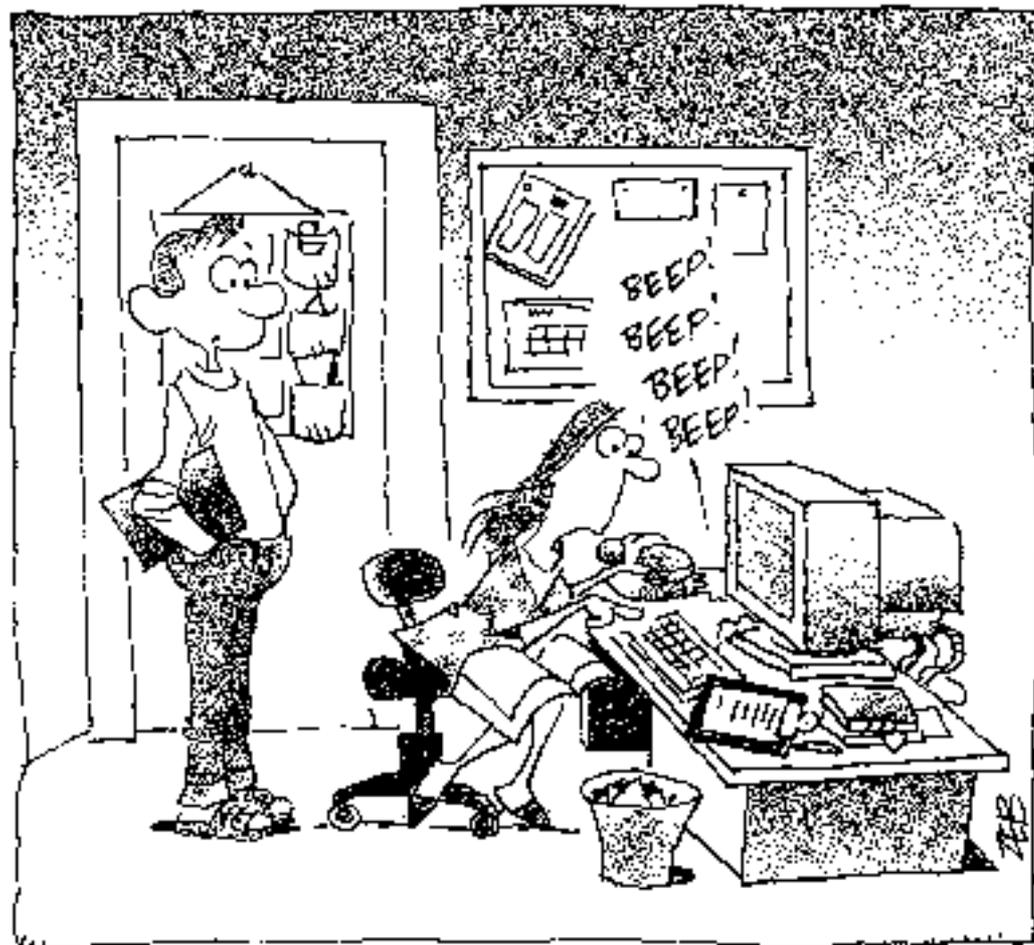
E-mail: daron24@hotmail.com.

Laura (daughter of Samuel and Clara) would like to get in touch with **Andres Conquer** (son of John and Sara). I lived with you in Venezuela (Maracaibo). I hear you're in Croatia. Please contact me via the Colombian ABM. Thanks!

Sheryl (Wilkinson), where are you? I've been trying to contact you for months. Please write me at email: akwaba7@africaonline.co.ci or add: BP 765 Anyama, Ivory Coast; Attn: Patrick Matthew. (I'll be moving soon.)

Arnoldo Gonzalez and Xiomara Perez of the Salvation Army from Cuba would like to get in touch with **Alejandro and his daughter Anita, from Venezuela**. They are friends of theirs and they met in Cuba when they were there. They would like to hear from them. Please contact David and Cesia Angel. E-mail: crpioner@sol.racsa.co.cr.

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SHE: Do you know what's wrong with this computer? It keeps beeping and beeping!
HE (amateur computer technician). Try moving your clipboard off your keyboard.

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