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Freedom is to walk the path of surrender to God.

Pray for our brethren in Moldova!

BY THE MOLDOVA FAMILY

February 1, 2000: Since Ukraine cut off the electricity supply for Moldova, due to external debts, Romania is now the only supplier. This supply is not enough, plus they are also threatening to cut it off, for the same reason. For the past few days the electricity has been off for 6-7 hours daily. Needless to say, it makes living and working very hard. Being that trolley-buses are the main transportation in Chisinau, public transport is a struggle as well. Since the source of electricity is already gone, it seems pretty impossible for us to have electricity again.

March 2, 2000: Since yesterday, the heating and gas have been cut off here in Moldova. Some of the towns don't have water either, but we, here in the capital, are among the more blessed.

Although the weather is warming up slightly, it is still very cold, especially inside the apartment. We do use electric heaters, but the electricity might also be cut off in a few days. For the past six months we haven't had hot water. This makes for a desperate situation. We are thankful for all the provisions that we set aside for Y2K, as now they have come in very handy.

A government commission went to Moscow to try to convince the Russian government to again connect Moldova to the source of gas. But even if it works out, it might take a month until we can avail ourselves of that blessing. By that time hopefully we won't need heating.

Right now the country is using its last reserves of petrol, which might mean that soon all the trucks that bring goods to the markets might not run, which would result at least in prices shooting up.

We know that the Lord has a way out of all this, so please pray together with us that everything will work out and that soon we will be able to again avail ourselves of these blessed commodities. ●



Flooding in Mozambique!

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BY THE NORTH AMERICAN ACTIVATED! DESK

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[NOTE: SEE THE ACCOMPANYING ACTIVATED FLIERS TO FILL OUT AND SEND IN!]

Moving Missionaries

BYMAMA

Two missionaries have moved on from our Home to the field this month—dear David and Nicole! They were a great blessing to us during their time here, and we'll miss them a lot. We're praying that the Lord leads and guides them to His perfect place of service for them! (David is presently in the States and Nicole in England, getting some legal work taken care of, in preparation to head to Mexico!

We love you, David and Nicole!

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needed in WS: artists, editors, secretaries, layout and childcare people

"No," you're thinking. "This can't be another want ad for WS personnel! I just read one in the last *Grapevine*.— And the *Grapevine* before that! How many people can fit in WS anyway?"

You've got it! This is another ad searching and seeking out new members to join WS. And it's not because we're looking for more fellowship and trying to have bigger homes (though that would be nice!); it's because quite a few people from WS are heading to various fields and we need replacements, or we'll have to stop some pubs and cut back!

At the same time, WS is expanding some of the services it provides. Namely, the Web sites, on-line witnessing and *Activated!* In order to do this, we need a few more people for these specific ministries. But we also need a few more people with general all-around WS talents, such as:

- **Artists** (do you draw, sketch, paint or something in that vein?)
- **Childcare people** (yes, we do have children!)
- **Editors** (we could do so much more with a few text-lovers!)
- **Layout designers** (got a creative side to you?)
- **Secretaries** (willing to help; got the gift of prophecy and helps?)

Besides having the above skills, it would be terrific if you were also (take a deep breath!) willing, yielded, cheerful, enthusiastic, a little person, easy to get along with, on board with the latest, eager to get things done, and self-motivated! Hmmm ... or at least *some* of those things? Well, we're not too picky as long as you love the Lord and the New Wine 100% and are happy to work behind the scenes in order to help get the Words out to the world!

If the Lord gives your heart a tug and you feel you'd fit into one of the above mentioned ministries, send us an e-mail or snail mail—to the *Grapevine*! Describe your talents, experience, preferences and a bit about yourself. We're waiting to hear from you!

CVC addresses

By NACRO: The Family CLE team has just taken on the managing of the CVC mail as well. Here's their e-mail and snail mail addresses:

CVC e-mail address:
CVC@College.com

CVC phone number:
972-953-0757

CVC snail mail add:
CVC/Family
P.O. Box 141-871
Irving, Tx 75014

For all those requesting CDs, Tapes and DATs from the HCS...

By Jerry Paladino, Japan: We want to announce some changes in the way orders for various BMTs and Minus Ones will be handled here at the HCS. Up until now, we've been processing your orders as soon as we receive your request, rather than waiting for the actual payment. Unfortunately, by doing it this way we have failed to re-

trieve a lot of the money invested in DATs, CDs, shipping, etc.

From now on, we will request the payments in advance. Especially as we are now in the midst of a wind-down of our operations, we can't afford to provide this service unless we receive payments in advance, so we're going to need to adopt this mode of operation if we are to continue to provide these services.

So it will now work like this:

- 1) Send your order via snail mail or e-mail, with all the specifics of what you would like to order.
- 2) We'll send a reply letting you know whether the items you requested are available, and the total cost of your order.
- 3) Make the payment in the form of an International Postal Money Order, made out to **Keiko Sato**. When we receive it, we will send a confirmation of receipt, then process and ship your order as soon as possible.

email: hcs@141.com

If your order is urgent, please let us know once your PMO has been mailed as well as the date it was mailed. Although we will not be able to send off your order until we receive the actual payment, we will start processing your order. This way we will be able to send off your already prepared order as soon as your payment arrives.

We pray that these changes won't cause too much inconvenience for you, and that we can continue to be a blessing to you with this service. We love you!

Distributing *Feed My Lambs*

Tito and Peter, England: In London for the past three years, we have been reaching a very receptive African community with videos.

The African families are very concerned about their children and crave our material as it teaches good moral values and Christian principles.

The Lord inspired us to offer as a set *Feed My Lambs* 1-7, one *Praisin' U* booklet, one Award certificate and checklist, and the people loved it! Plus, being packaged in a clear case with a handle (that we found at a bargain store, just the perfect size) made it easier for the children to take care of them and we received a better price for our product, too!

Here are a couple examples of how this "packaged product" goes out:

* A Nigerian lady, who had bought videos from us before, got six sets.

* A hairdresser who we met before but who stopped buying videos saw these "new sets" for kids and asked a lady (a client in her shop) to loan her money so she could purchase a set on the spot.

* The client got one for herself, too!

These "new products" are going great! When we go shop-to-shop, when one person gets one then others do, too. Others we meet who purchase sets also give us their name and address to contact them again.

A mother from Ghana invited us to her house because she wanted to purchase some of our videos. However, when she saw the "Feed My Lambs" booklets, she bought the whole set! Then she started sharing her heart about the importance of prayer in her life. She was worried about getting a particular job which she really needed, but hadn't been able to get. In the end, she eagerly took the booklets "Prayer Power," "Hearing From Heaven" and "Obstacles are for Overcoming" (offered by *Activated!*). Wow! It's so exciting for us as this kind of ministry often gives us the chance to personal witness and even get some people signed up for *Activated!* too.

(More Mozambique flood news on the MO site!)



Flooding in Mozambique!

BY THE MAPUTO HOME,
MOZAMBIQUE

Hello!—And a warm welcome from the southern African country of Mozambique! You've probably heard about the disastrous meteorological situation this country is presently going through. It's the worst flooding in the past 50 years! Hundreds of thousands of people have been left homeless.

In some places, people have been hanging onto trees and sitting on rooftops for days without any food or drinking water! One lady gave birth to a baby while waiting in a tree to be res-

cued by helicopter! No one knows how many people have died yet. Many have seen their loved ones drown before their very eyes. Already there's been more malaria and cholera reported than what is usual for this time of the year.

Also, a very powerful cyclone, "Eline," hit the central coastal region. The country's economy and infrastructure has just been set back about 25 years, and the roads connecting the country have either been completely washed away, or are completely submerged! In some cities, the water was up to the second floor of the build-

You can Feed My Lambs too

By Phil, for the TEAM foundation: Thank you, Peter and Tito in England, for sending us your testimony. Some Homes in the US have also ordered extra copies of these booklets to try out in their outreach. One Home wrote:

"I was out yesterday with these booklets and hit some bookstores locally to see how they would react to these products. They were very happy with them and we got out several complete sets of Praisin' U and Feed My Lambs, plus assorted other books!"

If any of you are interested in doing the same—that is, trying out the new booklets in your outreach and follow-up work—please contact us today! We can offer you a **bulk price** for con-

siderably lower than advertised if you wish to order a quantity of booklets. Contact us now—while supply lasts! Thanks! Hope to hear from U soon!

Here's our address, e-mail and phone/fax number:

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LNF:

SACRO has recently acquired a stock of these booklets for their Homes to order. We hope this is a help to you in South America and will be an easier and cheaper way for you to get yours right away!●

ings! It hasn't been raining for awhile which is nice as we can get out and do stuff, but there are rivers that run into Mozambique from the surrounding countries of Zimbabwe and South Africa that are still bringing in a good supply of water that continues to inundate the low lying areas that unfortunately are full of people. Most farmers in this area lost their land and crops.

There are some rescue operations that are taking place by helicopters and boats, but they are pretty inadequate. Thank the Lord that we were spared from any major effects of the floods. The city water plant was flooded (a little ironic!) so we didn't have water for awhile, and the power was off for a few days. The price of food skyrocketed since the city is not any longer supplied with fruit and vegetables from the north. All the food here in this city is now imported from South Africa. Thank the Lord we had Y2K survival food and water stocked up!

A lot of companies and private sectors donated clothes for people, so we spent a few days sorting for distribution. Then we heard about a nearby factory where 3,000 victims are staying temporarily. (There are hundreds of thousands of displaced people staying in temporary shelters.) We went to check it out to see what we could do to help. The lady in charge is a flood victim herself but has taken up the colossal task of helping to organize the people there. She was tremendously grateful for our assistance and said we could do whatever we wanted. We agreed to do a show for 500 kids and to bring something to distribute to them.

We approached a friend who owns a stationary store and asked if he would be interested in helping with goods that we could give to the kids. We told him what we were planning to do at the

camp and he said, "I want to go see the place right now!" So the three of us jumped into his jeep and went speeding off. All of a sudden, he screeches over to the side of the road and says, "Everybody out! I want to buy some food for the kids at the camp!" He ended up buying a whole jeep-load of food: 50kg. sacks of rice, beans, canned fish, cookies, carbonated drinks, oil, just about everything in the shop! He also gave us boxes of cookies, drinks and a box of several hundred notebooks, pencils and erasers for us to distribute to the kids.

We went to the camp the next day. They were lining up the kids from 2 to 14 years old and got them all into one building so we could do our show. It was so cute to see these little tiny kids, some not more than 2 or 3, standing there singing songs to Jesus at the top of their lungs with these huge mamas leading them on. That's one thing that these people are always doing—singing. It took them a whole hour to get almost 500 children into the building; then 200 adults came in on top of that!

We had two girls dressed as clowns in a dark building full of 700 people, attempting to put on a show that would be heard by all without amplifiers! Quite a monumental task! They did very well considering the circumstances and the show was a memorable success. We ended up praying with all the kids to receive the Lord! Afterwards, we passed out the cookies and drinks, notebooks, pencils, etc.

We revisited this same camp later and did another show for the kids, which was filmed by a German TV crew. Part of the show will be aired for an audience of 12 million people.

We've also been working with other organizations doing anti-AIDS programs at schools. We hope to start a

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land mine awareness program. We also have several young people who come over to our house regularly to read the Word and who go out witnessing and help at our CTP projects. There are a few potential disciples that are in that "decision-making" stage. When the first team got here, they won a disciple in the first month! Daniel has now been in the Family for over 9 months and is a real pillar in the Home.

This is where you can get involved: In order to continue to reach the many desperately needy people here, we really need outside support. As it is a very poor country, it is difficult and very time-consuming to generate enough support to cover our monthly expenses. Our 4-bedroom apartment costs us \$1,000 every month—and that is cheap for this city! We would really appreciate any gifts or donations that you can give. **If you would like to adopt us as a sister home with a monthly gift,** we would be more than happy to send you regular updates on our work. Even one-time gifts will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help us to reach the lost of Mozambique, please direct any contributions to: MZ1514 via your TRF. You never know when you might be the answer to someone's desperate prayer!

Mayon Volcano

BY TENDER, MANILA, PHILIPPINES

8,118-foot **MAYON VOLCANO**, famous for its near-perfect conical shape despite dozens of eruptions in the past three centuries, has been spewing out lava for a week or so now.

While Mt. Mayon ejected a cloud of ash 500 meters (1,650 feet) into the sky accompanied by a loud booming sound on February 27th, 13 of us (FGAs Tender, Peter Lance and Cephas; SGA Francesco, YAs Chris and Christina; senior teens Vince, Joanna, Steven, Jamie; Junior Teen Anna; and two close friends) were in two vehicles on the way to Legazpi, the city nearest to Mt. Mayon, with relief goods to distribute to

the evacuees. (So far, at least 47,000 people had been evacuated and warned not to return to their homes, located within the eight-kilometer danger zone).

We arrived at Legazpi at around 3 P.M. After inquiring, we were led to go to the government's "Operation Mt. Mayon" Coordinating Center. We met the City Administrator who introduced us to the provincial governor of Albay (the province where Mayong volcano is located) and the city Mayor of Legazpi. These government officials were very thankful for our visit and concern for the evacuees. We were told that we were the first NGO (non-government organization) from Manila who came to help.

Before we met the governor, we struck up a conversation with one of the fellows in that office. He, Jojo, turned out to be one of the governor's close friends. He ended up staying with us, went with us to the evacuation center where we distributed over 400 bags (rice, sardines, dried noodles and milk), and led us around the city. We left used clothing and straw mats for the evacuees to sleep on, and not to forget, tracts for them to read and take comfort from. TYJ!

From the evacuation center, Jojo took us to his restaurant where he fed us a nice dinner. After dinner, while we were discussing if we should stay or start heading back home to Manila, Jojo invited us to his house so we could freshen up and rest before embarking on another 12-hour-trip.

It was a very inspiring, though tiring trip! GB dear Victor, our faithful brother and king, who helped with the funds to purchase all the goods that we distributed to the evacuees.

Lord willing, we will be returning for follow-up. Pray with us as we gather more goods, and for the provincial and city government officials' leading and guidance and strength as they continue to evacuate more people to safety. Mayon has been spewing much more lava and accordingly, a big explosion or eruption is expected. Please keep us all in your prayers. ●

brotherhood

Fourth Annual Meeting of Deaf Catacombers

By Willing and Happy, India: On February 14th, 200 deaf catacombers from 17 cities attended four days of Word classes, fellowship and fun in the beautiful city of Goa. This time 80% of the attendees were new!

We distributed our Word videos for the deaf especially done in Indian Sign Language. We have about 50 titles on hand and are working to put the entire Basic Course as well as other pubs on video. Willing was able to film nine more Mo Letters during this time!

We gave classes on the Endtime, Bible classes and a special bonus: "Ask

Me Everything!" All the classes were on video. People were turned on about the "Ask Me Everything" classes and these guys put it into practice right away!

After four days of classes we headed off to Goa's famous beaches for some fun and fellowship, which ended with dancing and dinner on the beach.

Music and Performing Arts Vocational Training Camp

By Joy (of Ben G.), Hungary: We held a Music and Performing Arts Vocational Training Camp (February 28-March 4), with 12 attendees, mostly junior and senior teens.

The Lord indicated that we needed to balance the practical training we would be giving the young people attending with the Word and shepherding, and to take advantage of our times together to help them to grow spiritually as well. We made it clear that those attending would need to be willing to study hard and take advantage of the opportunity, as well as be open to the things of the Spirit that the Lord had for them. We had good Word classes each morning covering: inspired and uninspired music, the two Hope mags that have come out

regarding Music, Songwriting and Composing, and we did a Bible study on Music.

The classes covered Basic Music Theory (with Mimi), Songwriting and Vocal practice (with Jason), Audio Recording (with Ben) and Sound Enforcement (with Tim Hungarian). We had all the attendees together in the beginning, however when the Audio Recording and Sound Enforcement classes began the girls took separate vocal classes, as they were interested on working further on that. The attendees wrote a song while there, and recorded it also.

We followed the required CVC course as much as possible, which the teachers based their classes on. By the end the attendees had basically covered all the requirements under: Intro to Reading Music, Choral Harmony, Voice Training, Songwriting and Composing courses in the CVC minus the reading material. We filled in a

"Verification of Course Attendance" form (from the CVC) for each of them to take home, and gave some diplomas where it stated that they were being awarded for finishing a course in the above mentioned subjects. We were not able to complete the Audio Recording requirements in the CVC with them as this course calls for a lot of studio hours, which they were not able to get during this Camp.

On the last evening (before the dance night), we gave a test that contained twenty questions. The top team was awarded with some CDs of *Eagle Bleeds*, *Ritmo Sin Fronteras* and other FTT mixes.

Overall, this VTC went well, and we hope to hold more on other subjects. We've sent out an ad for teachers to the immediate EURCRO area and have received quite a few answers from different ones who have had training in particular ministries that they would be willing to teach. PTL! ●

Gotta Start Somewhere . . . By Jaz



At one month short of three years old, Kimby is going through a jumble of phases. I was just happily getting used to the post-terrible-two's: a time of peace and plenty for all—parents, teachers and bystanders alike. So it came as a bit of a shock to see her charging headlong into the next stage of life, which I can only sketchily attempt to label as something along the lines of “moving from toddlerhood to bonafide childhood.”

That might not sound very foreboding, but then you stop and think about it. All the special little things you love about toddlerhood—the wide-eyed innocence, the general “grown-ups know best” mentality, where all it takes is a frown and some crocodile tears from you to bring them to full and true repentance. All of a sudden we find ourselves scratching our heads and wondering where our little true believer has gone, and who is this mysterious new skeptic that seems to have taken her place.

Enmeshed in this fantastic new phase comes a basic aversion to many formerly accepted things. One I've noticed in a big way is meal-times. All of a sudden, *everything* seems to be on the “I don't like it” list. Mealtime has suddenly gone way up on the stress-o-meter.

Tonight, though, a hopeful ray of light pierced through my dark night. I like to keep introducing Kimby to new foods—since she's adopted the “basic dislike” philosophy at the moment, it's a challenge to get her started on anything, so we might as well be creative, no? Since we were having cooked cauliflower for dinner, I produced a piece for her.

Kimby saw it coming, and ran the other way. (Okay, I'll confess—we were standing in the food line.) “I don't like it!” she called out.

“Look at this,” I said, dipping it in margarine and sprinkling salt on it. “Doesn't it look nice?”

Not in the slightest, apparently.

At times like this I always feel like a big Oops Mark, but I am bound by a

certain inner philosophy that once I start something in regards to stating my position to the kids, I'm bound to keep it up, otherwise I'm wimping out. Still praying for Heavenly assistance, I called her back over to me, insisting that she try it. She wailed and whimpered, and refused.

And so, I produced my *piece de resistance*: the lick. This is Kimby's general approach to any new food—she ever so gingerly reaches out the tiniest tip of her tongue and dabs it on the new food. From that profound assessment comes that food's permanent classification into the “like” or “dislike” bucket. So I said, “Just give it one lick and see what you think.” That being right up her alley, Kimby stopped protesting and complied.

She licked and ran.

“Wait!” I said. “Now try just one teeny tiny mousey bite.”

I guess things don't look so bad when you take them a step at a time. Kimby came over and nibbled the corner. I could just read the taste buds registering. I knew already that I'd won.

tidbits

new laborers – CM

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

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

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

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

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

Gideon (27, Indian) joined in India.

kidbits

Victor Peaceful, 1st child born to **Grace and Matthew** on November 13.—Poland

Sonia Blanca, 2nd child born to **Love and Abe** on November 16.—Poland

Brooke, 2nd child, born to **Sara and Frank** on December 16th.—USA

Akira Little People, 8th child, born to **Mercy and Gabe** on January 1.—Japan (*Editor: Congratulations on your millennium baby!*)

Makoto and Miharu, 5th and 6th children, born to **Naomi and Aaron** on January 3.—Japan

Baby (no name given), born to **Crystal and Paul** on January 3.—Indonesia

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

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

Kendal Nicole, 1st child, born to **Felicia** on January 14.—USA

Erika, 9th child, born to **Phoenix and Tim** on January 20.—Japan

Julia Erika, 10th child, born to **Maria and David** on January 22.—Japan

Lauryn, 1st child, born to **Natalie and Jonathan** on January 25.—USA

Adrian Kyle, 1st child, born to **Meeky and David Light** on February 27.—Mexico

Check out what the African Radio Ministry is up to by downloading their latest newsletter PDF from the MO site!—Simon (Happy), Sunshine, Kathleen, Sims and Julie

happenings

[Dangerous conversion]

Maputo Home, Mozambique: In July of '99, one of our teams witnessed to a 22-year-old Indian man named Pierce. He was a Hindu and seemed desperate for answers, not only for his personal life but also about God. He got saved and started coming over for Bible classes. Pierce was YA Nina's first convert. He was faithful to come over and read the Word often, and he'd gotten close to the people in the Home. Martin had started reading him portions of the Charter, as he had expressed interest in joining.

All was going well till he started receiving persecution from his Hindu relatives here in Mozambique. They were very upset about his conversion to Christianity and shunned him. He'd made his decision to join but was unable to, as he needed to return to India due to an invitation he received to his sister's marriage. This was particularly hard for him as, due to visa problems, it meant he wouldn't be able to come back to Mozambique.

His father (in Bombay, India) paid for his ticket and he made preparations for departure. However, his brother-in-law started verbally abusing and threatening that he was going to stop him from leaving the country. He even threw Pierce and his belongings out of his own house.

Pierce noticed one day that he was being followed by two men. That same night Pierce left our apartment after Bible class, and was attacked by the two men. They cut his hand pretty badly and beat him with a baseball bat. He ran back to our place and spent the night with us.

Pierce had to take a flight out the next day. We helped him get an exit visa and escorted him to the airport with three men who work for a security agency. All went well and he was on his way.

We wrote to a Family Home in Bombay about Pierce. They met him at the airport and he was encouraged to meet up with the Family there.

Recently his father wrote, thanking us for all our support to his son. Here's the letter he wrote.

Dear Martin,

I am sorry that up to now I haven't written anything to say thank you, due to my daughter's marriage and reception. Please accept my heartiest greetings on the New Year. Jesus will bring you all happiness and prosperity.

Here we are very happy because

Pierce is with us. Well Mr. Martin, if you hadn't helped Pierce, it would have been impossible for him to come back here. However you helped Pierce, whether it was financial, medical, or moral support, everything is invaluable and unforgettable. Myself and all my family members are very grateful to you for this.

Up to now Pierce did not believe in God. But now he strongly believes in God. I have lived with my son for 22 years, but somehow I didn't make him a good and honest human being. You changed his mind, thoughts, attitudes—everything—in just a few months. It's amazing. Now he is like a newborn child. He behaves like a sincere person. He takes everything very seriously. Pierce spends the whole day reading the Bible or thinking about you and your Family members.

Please send me photographs of your family. In future if you need any kind of help from me, just call me. I will always be at your service.

May Jesus continue to grant you success all through your life. Jesus will bring more happiness, joy for you. Give my regards to your wife and all family members. My whole family is eagerly waiting for your response and of course your whole family photo.

Yours affectionately,
G.K.

P.S. from Martin: When arriving in India from Mozambique, Pierce was taken to the hospital, as his leg was hurting badly from being beaten. The doctors diagnosed a cracked bone and he needed to be operated on right away as his shin was getting infected. The operation lasted two and a half hours and Pierce's left leg is in a cast. He's now recuperating at his parents home. Pierce is determined to give his life as a full-time missionary to the Lord and serve Him with us in the Family.

[All for the best]

Naty (17) and Karina (15), Paraguay: We met Eduardo shortly before Christmas of 1998. We told him about our work with street kids, and he organized some of his friends to gather toys for the children that Christmas.

Eduardo received Jesus as his Savior during our first meeting, but beyond that, he showed little interest in spiritual things. He was more interested in the fact that we were young people who had dedicated our lives to helping oth-

ers. We continued to visit Eduardo from time to time, and each time we gave him copies of *Reflections* or other Family publications. Then he moved offices, and we lost contact with him.

The other day we met him again in a shopping mall, and he explained all that he had been through since we last saw him—and it's quite a story!

His baby, a daughter now seven months old, had been born with a serious problem and wasn't expected to live. (Only about one of every 100 babies born with this particular problem survives.) No qualified surgeons had been available to operate on his daughter at the time, and as days slipped by, her chance of survival became even smaller. His wife had also needed an operation after the delivery, during which she went into a coma.

Whenever Eduardo wasn't at work, he was at his wife's bedside. He also didn't know how he was going to pay the mounting hospital bills. After a week of these pressures and almost no sleep, he was so exhausted. He felt he couldn't go on any longer, and didn't know whom to turn to for help.

Then one night, out of desperation, he asked God for a way out. That same night he had a dream in which he went to his office and opened a drawer of his desk. To his surprise, he found that it was full of precious stones and beautiful gems.

The next morning when he arrived at his office, he opened that drawer and found all the literature we had given him.

"No offence," he said when he got to this part of his story, "but when you would give me that stuff, I never bothered to read it. I tried to act interested because I saw that you were really helping people and I didn't want to discourage you, but I thought none of that was for me. That morning, though, I read through everything you gave me—and I knew I'd found my answer!

"One of those papers said that God already knew all our problems, but that if we'd tell Him about them anyway and ask for help, then He would open the windows of Heaven and pour down blessings. That morning I asked my secretary to leave me alone for a while, and I prayed. I told God everything that was happening, and I asked for His help.

"Just five minutes after I finished, my boss came in and gave me a promotion. Then he said I could take a few days off to care for my family. Next, my secretary came in and said that she had talked to some friends, and between them, they had gotten together enough money to

Have you ever experienced swollen, tender, bleeding gums; loose or separating teeth; or persistent bad breath? Find out all kinds of tips and tricks to keep your teeth and gums going strong for years to come. And for all you Sagittarians and Capricorns—better late than never! Don't miss your celestial horoscope, coming soon in *Eve* #4!

pay for my wife's operation. I couldn't believe it was all true!

"I dashed to the hospital, wanting to share my joy with my wife, but she was still unconscious. I decided to talk to her anyway, and told her the whole story. Then I went to see my baby, who by this time had undergone 18 operations and was still receiving intensive care. For the first time, the doctors told me that she was going to live.

"When my wife woke up from the coma, she told me that she had heard everything I had said, and that she had also been praying for me."

Eduardo is a completely different man. He looks ten years older than he did a year and half ago, but as he says, "It's all been for the better and worked out for good!"

[Prophecy for a suicidal 7-year-old]

Rejoice SGA (of John M.), Thailand: We have a friend who we met a couple months ago on a road trip. He's a bank manager and he has generously sponsored videos on three separate occasions for schools.

Last time we met him he told us that his 7-year-old daughter was very unhappy and had talked about committing suicide many times. She's unsociable and doesn't have any friends. He'd taken her to psychiatrists and doctors and even changed schools because she didn't like her teachers, but none of this helped. Sometimes she would wake up in the night screaming because of bad dreams.

Our friend felt this was his fault because when she was younger he took her on a thriller ride at an amusement park. The ride took them through a dark tunnel that had skeletons and masks and it freaked her out.

We were both praying in our hearts for the Lord to show us an answer, as we'd never heard of such a young child being suicidal before. We held his hands at the end of the meeting and prayed for him and his daughter. We told him that we would also take time to hear from the Lord for him. We later did, and Thai Marie translated it for us.

In the prophecy, the Lord said that our friend himself had a spirit of fear and this fear was gripping his own heart. This spirit of fear was contagious and had been passed on to his daughter. In order for his daughter to get better, he

needed to not have fear any more in his own heart and realize that the most important thing was love. He shouldn't worry so much about his daughter not having friends, but he needed to be her friend and love her no matter what.

We mailed the prophecy to him, really hoping that nothing in it would offend him or be too direct. On our monthly prayer day, we also asked the Home to pray for this man's daughter.

A couple months passed, and last week we visited him again on our road trip. We weren't able to get an appointment, so we just dropped by his office.

When he saw us the first thing he said was, "I have a surprise for you: My daughter is totally healed! She's happy now." Then he questioned us, "That message that you sent me in the mail, who wrote that?"

We gave an explanation about prayer and prophecy, to which he replied, "It must be your God, because what that message said was exactly what was in my heart and exactly what was in my baby's heart. It was so true, it worked and helped us both."

[Aid to the People of East Timor]

Pearl, Australia: Jubilation turned to mourning. It was August 1999, and the people of East Timor, a former Portuguese colony in the Indonesian Archipelago, had just voted overwhelmingly for independence from Indonesia in a U.N.-supervised referendum. Following 25 years of annexation during which nearly one-third of the native population—over 200,000 people—had been killed or had died of starvation, it should have been the start of national healing. Instead, pro-Indonesian militias and military personnel went on a rampage of "cleansing." Thousands of civilians were massacred, and the city of Dili was burnt to the ground. Eventually an international peacekeeping force was put in place, and the refugees who had been hiding in the hills began returning—starving and destitute.

What could I, a single mom with a toddler, separated by a continent and hundreds of kilometers of water, do to help relieve their suffering? Where

there's a will, there's a way—with God's help!

Earlier last year, I had worked on a large aid project to Madagascar, so when the latest trouble broke out in East Timor, I already had several contacts in the community and media that I knew would pitch in to help. I made an initial appeal, and the public responded generously. The project was starting to roll.

Then came reinforcements. One of my daughters and her husband are Family volunteers based in Taiwan, and it so happened that they and their two children needed to return to Australia on personal business. They stayed with me for several weeks while the aid project was coming together, and were a tremendous help.

Along with boxes of quality clothing, shoes and toys, we were able to pack lots of Christian posters and reading material. One of my sons is with the Family in Brazil, and he sent a set of The Family's *Treasure Attic* children's video series in Portuguese, East Timor's new official language. Friends and neighbors volunteered to sort and pack boxes.

A local trucking company offered to wrap the pallets of relief supplies (14 cubic meters) in plastic, and truck them free of charge to the port of Darwin, several thousand kilometers away. From there, we were told that the U.N. would transport them free of charge to East Timor.

East Timor-bound. At her home in Australia, Family volunteer Pearl organizes boxes of relief supplies for refugees in the world's youngest nation, East Timor.



It wasn't until the goods had arrived in Darwin that we learned that the U.N. had turned over all the shipping of relief supplies to commercial contractors. It would cost \$2,000 to get them as far as Dili, and even more to get them to the town of Baucau, where we had heard there was an especially great need. We scrambled and found two more sponsors—one to cover the cost of the international shipping, and one to truck the container from Dili to Baucau, where the goods were distributed to the needy.

Once again we would like to thank all of those who gave generously of their time, goods and funds to make this project a success and thereby help make the world a better place. We couldn't have done it without you!

[Posters still powerful]

Seth, Indonesia: When we were out witnessing we noticed one of our posters stuck up in a store-front window and stopped to inquire about it. The owner of the store said he was so fond of the poster (which he had been given on the street) that he wanted everyone to see it. He mentioned that people would stop and gaze at it for awhile and go away with a smile and more hope in their eyes! Others would come in and beg him to photocopy it for them, which he did. We gave him some of the same poster to distribute which really made him happy!

When we went one day to follow up on him, we noticed that his shop was closed and wouldn't open again for a few weeks. Also the poster was no longer there. We wondered what had happened, and when we returned two weeks later, we met one of his relatives who had re-opened the shop. We asked about our new friend and were told he had died suddenly. The family had taken the poster from the window to hold on to during this time of mourning over their loved one.

It was the Mountain Quote poster: "Lose everything but your faith and you lose nothing. Lose your faith in God and you lose everything."

[Priceless privilege]

Lucas, Sophie and Pearl, Hungary: It started about two years ago, when a US soldier wanted to adopt a little girl from Hungary. Adoption is not easy, though easier here than in the States. It took over two years of waiting, paperwork and a lot of prayers, till they received word about an orphan that they could adopt, the little girl they were praying for.

We had committed ourselves to help this Mormon family as friends, as well as for fundraising purposes. Living and working with them has solidified and strengthened our convictions more than ever, that the Family is the BEST! System Christians are so far behind in their love, service and devotion to Jesus. Our only hope and encouragement at times was the knowledge that through it all, this precious little girl would have a home and future.

Working with outsiders, them knowing us as missionaries and being also friends had its benefits, but at times tests as well. We were supposed to be paid for our help, but money was a very sensitive subject. The needs of the Home were pressing on us, but every time we sought the Lord about whether or not we should ask them about finances, the Lord told us not to, as it would be misunderstood.

Now that we have finished and the difficulties are behind us, we see His utter wisdom. He worked out everything in the end, the little girl has gotten used to her new parents and we have hopefully gained kings, who will support us in times to come.

Our lesson is that we cannot fit a square peg into a round hole; we are not made for System work. Our service to Jesus is a precious privilege that we never want to leave for financial gain. The price required for that is more than meets the eye.

[Six days from "see" to key!]

Cedar, Mexico: A week ago, the Lord told us that He would supply us with a house for our soon-to-be bigger team. So we set out to look. After three days, Robin and David saw a big beautiful house. This house almost seemed too good to be true; the price was out of our range.

The Lord told us that He would give us a house and it would be a testimony and a miracle. He said this just after the realtor called with news that the owner would not go down on the price. We didn't know if the Lord was talking to us about this particular house that we had seen, but we went ahead and arranged

a meeting with the owner.

The owner is more the reclusive type, so Jason and I met with his nephew and the realtor at a little coffee shop. We witnessed and showed them our album of the work we do here. The men were impressed!

The nephew said that he was glad he met us in person, and he was convinced that this house was for us. He was giving us suggestions of how we could fit people in the house and he said that we could even put tents in the yard, ha! This is the kind of landlord we needed. He said that he would try to get his uncle to come down on the price. His uncle came from a very poor family originally so the nephew thought he would be touched by all that we were doing for the poor.

During the next two days the nephew and uncle talked; the nephew witnessed to him about us, trying to convince him to give us the deal we were asking for on the price. The price he was asking was way too high for us. We set a fleece that if it was what the Lord wanted for us, then the owner would come down to what we were offering. We were praying hourly for it to come through.

This house is well worth the rent the owner was asking—it's beautiful. New, only lived in for about three months. It's an all-tile, very spacious house with lots of natural light. It's in an enclosed neighborhood outside of the city. There are lots of fields around the house and only one close neighbor. There's a club just a five minute walk away, which has a pool, park for the kids, soccer field, and basketball courts.

Sounds pretty good, doesn't it? Well, our prayers did the miracles and the Lord led us step by step through prophecy. We signed the contract and were given the keys six days from the first time we saw it.

The nephew said that the final discussion with his uncle went something like this:

"Would you rent to these people for the price they're offering?"

"Yes, I would!"

"Go for it! Raise it \$50 from what they're offering and give it to them!"

We've been jumping for joy since!

QnA

Q: Any guidance on the subject of Web sites? As FM members, would we be expected to not be upfront in our association with the Family? Is it okay to put in a link in our own home page to the Family GP Web site?

—JOHN AND CAROL, ENGLAND

A: Yes, this would be fine!

"Who Abused the Children?" Find the complete story of "ADFI" vs. "The Family" in France on the MO site!

“Busting the Chains” at a detention center in Mexico!

BY MEEKY, FOR THE MORELIA HOMES, MEXICO

There’s a detention center in the interior of Mexico where young boys, ranging in ages from 16 to only 10 years old, do time for the crimes they have committed. Several young people from the three Homes in Morelia were able to visit and witness to these boys. Being a fairly high security center, these young guys don’t receive many visits—not even from members of their own family. We could tell when we first walked into the meeting hall that these boys were in desperate need of someone to look past the mistakes they’ve made, and into their hearts, which were crying out for love and attention. The Lord led us to perform the “Dr. Chainbuster” skit, which was a key in breaking the ice (which many of you know can sometimes be difficult at a first visit to a detention center!).

When the skit was over and the laughs had died down, we invited them all to pray and ask Jesus into their hearts, which nearly all of them whole-heartedly did! It touched our hearts to see how sincere they were, as they weren’t ashamed to fold their hands and close their eyes to pray in front of each other. It was an exciting experience and we hope to return for another visit!



Over 50 boys pray with us to receive the Lord!

“Dr. Chainbuster” and his faithful nurses diagnose their patient.



Our medical team prescribes the only lasting remedy for this young man’s chronic heart trouble—Jesus!



“Dr. Chainbuster,” with the aid of his nurses, perform an emergency maneuver to place the victim of a spiritual heart attack on their operating table.



Netsite

TEA Home, Spain: Please, feel free to check our Web site at:
<http://www.geocities.com/elitim>

Ray of Hope Team, Poland: We just updated our Web site, please take a look!
<http://www.promyk.zigzag.pl>

Dear Mama,

The Loving Jesus revelation was one of the hardest things for me to ever receive. I felt bad because it talked a lot about men having a hard time receiving it because of the different concepts, but I felt like it was just as stumbling and difficult for me to receive as a woman.

I did try to implement it right away because I knew that I had to, or that it was the thing to do, even though I had a hard time with it. But right there and then I decided that I was never going to publicly testify to Loving Jesus and my participation in it.

Since then I have come a long way by faith, and I have testified in small ways here and there or expressed how it’s helped me. I thought I should write to tell you too. It took me a long time to come to terms with it—not that I was worried so much about the doctrine, but more “what does it mean for me” sort of thing.

The first time I understood and valued the beauty of it was when I was in India two years ago. I was going through a rough time. My husband and I were on the brink of splitting up. Different things were coming out between us and one night I had a very sweet experience with the Lord. It wasn’t a heavy experience—I didn’t see angels or see the Lord, but He touched me in a spiritual way. I was listening to a Loving Jesus tape and I felt like I had a date with the Lord. That was the first time I ever testified to a few people that I understood why Jesus gave us the Loving Jesus revelation.

I am still shy about saying much about it. I do love Jesus when we have activities or meetings in public. It’s not like I ever rejected it, I just didn’t always feel like I had the faith to fully implement it.

I am not a mushy person, so I don’t always feel comfortable saying the super mushy stuff because I don’t express myself that way to people I am physically in love with. But I’m learning to express my love for the Lord in a way that means a lot to me, like the way the Lord is such a special security and reassurance to me, and a stabilizing factor. I know the Lord wants all of us to get to the point of being descriptive in our love for Him and I know by faith that I will get there.

I just wanted to break my initial resolution that I made many years ago and testify to you how much Loving Jesus has helped me and changed me. The Lord has so gently brought me along to where now I feel I couldn’t do without it.

—AN SGA WOMAN, MIDEAST

entertainment



Movies Rated for YAs and Up

AMERICAN PIE (1999)

Jason Biggs, Chris Klein, Thomas Ian Nicholas
Four high school friends make an agreement to each try to lose their virginity before the end of the school year. Light entertainment only; contains some distasteful scenes.

Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

THE INSIDER (1999)

Al Pacino, Russell Crowe, Christopher Plummer
Thought-provoking drama centering around CBS' investigation of big tobacco in the early 1990s. Provides interesting insight into the media and legal worlds and their workings, though it may be an amplified and not a totally accurate portrayal of what occurred.

SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS (1999)

Ethan Hawke, James Cromwell
Drama/character study about a young reporter covering the trial of a Japanese man charged with the death of a local American fisherman.

legal and media

The Final Stand Bumps MTV clips

BOSNIA – Enoch, Peace, Philip, Chris and Angela: *KISS TV* in central Bosnia aired "The Final Stand" in its entirety two times during a youth music program when they usually broadcast MTV music clips! They also put our GP address at the end of the show.

This area of Bosnia has a majority of Muslim population but we received very positive reactions from young people about the "Christmas Friends" show (which *KISS TV* also aired.) They exclaimed that it helped them to understand Jesus more and they enjoyed the feeling of the Christmas spirit.

MADAGASCAR – Stephane, Rose and Lily: Stephane and Pedro recorded a 70-minute radio show reaching a collective audience of 225,000. It included the reading in French of "Who is Jesus?" *Reflections* "The Bread of Christ" and "The Birthday Party," with Pedro singing three Christmas songs in English and "Walk a Mile" in French.

ICELAND – Thaddeus and Sara: On January 1st there was a very favourable 1½ hour show featuring an interview with Icelandic Victor (about his work, Family life, and beliefs) as well as songs from a wide variety of Family tapes, CDs and videos. People have responded positively, asking for it to be rebroadcast.

10 the grapevine

American Pie

(Jesus speaking:) This movie has received a lot of hype and publicity, but when you get right down to it, this was a sweet movie about love and sex. It's light and funny and it has a lot of laughs. I wouldn't say there's a tremendous amount of message in there, but neither is there a lot of negative. I would not suggest it for young viewers. It's entertaining for adults, but not needed or desirable for input for young folks who are in the process of forming their feelings and behavior about sex. But older ones should be able to maturely discern the bits of foolishness that are in there, and have an enjoyable time celebrating love and sex and the appreciation of the opposite sex.

It's rare to find a movie that deals with sex or even love affairs these days that's not tainted by some type of system perversion, homosexuality and so on, so in that respect it is good, as it doesn't have the strong negative undertones that a lot of movies are coming out with nowadays.

For those who are mature and in My Spirit and can take the humor for what it's worth and enjoy it, and not get into the things that are a bit off the wall or silly, then I say it would be fine to watch, and an enjoyable experience for those who partake of it. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

(Jesus speaking:) It's good for people to talk openly about sex, and while this movie will offend the sensitivities of many people of the

world, it should make the children of David happy for not only the sexual freedom they have, but also for the sexual education. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

The Insider

(Jesus speaking:) It is a well done movie that exposes the power that some companies have and how that power corrupts not only the companies themselves, but others that can be easily bought off. It also shows what one man, Dr. Wigand, went through for the truth to be known about the dangers of smoking. He paid the price as far as the world goes, but he made the right decision. This movie aptly portrays the verse, "For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?" The champions of truth will win in the end, even if they are not received as such in this world. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

Snow Falling on Cedars

(Jesus speaking:) In these days the love of many is waxing so cold that I inspired this movie to remind people that the only true happiness to be found is in loving others as you love yourself. There are a few slow parts by today's standards, but the deeper things of the spirit can take more emphasis and time to sink in with people today because they are so accustomed to having everything fast and shallow, full of cheap thrills and little or no meaning beyond the flesh. For some of My children who are able to grasp the deeper things of the spirit more quickly, it may seem boring in parts because you got the point right away, but for so many little lost sheep out there it takes more to grab their attention and drive the point home. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

BEHIND the SCENES

Valentine's Day

FROM MAMA'S HOME

There must have been a cupid or two shooting love-darts around our Home, because when we ladies woke up in the morning and headed down for devotions, our guys had set out a bowl of chocolates for us, along with a mouth-watering card (use your imagination, girls!). The living room whiteboard was covered with affectionate and endearing graffiti as well—what great guys we have.

At dinner we had to get them back with a little love of our own, so after checking in with the Lord on how to go about it, one of the girls prepared some cookies, etc., and wrapped up a portion for each guy, decorating it nicely with a ribbon and their name. In the middle of dinner, in burst our two female Valentine presenters, clad in little more than Valentine's gift wrapping, bearing the trays of goodies. Each woman came up and took one pack to give—however she preferred—to the lucky man!

There's scads of ideas of fun activities for special days—things that don't take too much time to pull off, like the above, yet give the day a special flair and leave you with a sweet memory. (The Lord is full of ideas and is always happy to send them down!) Send in your fun-stuff ideas to be printed for all!

Homeschooling stuff

Homeschooling victories and tips

By Ammi, Thailand

The overall academic standard of education has improved in our field Homes since the Charter. Many families have enrolled their kids in the CLE correspondence course. This has been easier to administer and ensures that the kids keep up steady and consistent progress. Most all the children in our field Homes have taken diagnostic or achievement tests, so that any learning deficiencies could be spotted and worked on.

Another improvement is that most Homes and individual family units have had the faith for the Lord to supply increased finances towards the children's educational needs. About half of the families in our Homes order courses and workbooks for each child, while the other half order "master sets" of light units and textbooks that are kept as originals for a Home Education Library. More income has been directed towards the education of our children, and our Homes and families have stirred themselves up to raise the needed funds.

Safeguarding middle- students' school time

One area I think we need to keep an eye on is that our middle students don't fall behind, especially those who are in the 5th-8th grade levels. Some Homes tend to pull on these OCs and JETTs to help with the babies and toddlers for quite a few hours each day. If the older kids fall behind in their schooling before they reach the 8th grade minimum level, it's harder to help them catch up later when they are older, and are needed to pull a bigger load in their homes.

We faced this in our Home when the toddler overseer needed the help of an OC or JETT daily to oversee three children, so the little ones could have their school time, flashcards, learning to read, etc. After trying it for awhile we realized that our middle-school-aged children weren't getting their scholastic needs met as they had previously, in favor of teaching one- and two-year-olds to read.

Teaching tots to read is a great thing and one of our specialties in the Family, but by System standards, it is not a requirement nor something you would be criticized for falling behind in. Whereas having nine, ten and eleven-year-olds who are falling behind and not able to keep up with their grade levels *would* be considered negligent. So we rearranged things so that taking the OCs and JETTs away from their school time was greatly minimized.

Helping students catch up to their grade level

We've had a weakness with some of our high-school-aged children, those who were just entering teen years as the big schools were disbanding, and for a few years spent a lot of their time helping to keep their smaller pioneer Homes running by working with kids, doing outreach, laundry, cooking, etc. There are some who are now 16-18 years old who are a bit behind scholastically.

Quite a few teens are now working towards their CLE high school diploma or their CVC Junior high school diploma, as well as vocational certificates. Many of the young people on our field have already achieved several CVC diplomas in various fields.

In order to do all four subjects (math, language arts, science and social studies) as well as a Word study and memory project, students need to spend a lot of hours doing school daily. If they are one or two whole grades behind for some reason, it can be difficult, if not impossible to catch up in our busy Homes with our packed schedules.

When administering diagnostic tests to about 20 students of all ages, before any of them began regular schooling with CLE, I noticed in their scores that our kids knew quite a lot about science and social studies just as a natural by-product of our Family pubs and lifestyle. Even without formal schooling, our kids learned a lot from "7,000 years of World History," the "Bible for You" series, HSV, GAP videos, and "World Currents," and gained a broad knowledge of nature and historical events and places, world history, ancient history, and so on.

Science and Social studies are not graduated courses in the sense that it is possible to learn 6th grade science without necessarily having completed 4th grade science, just as it's possible to do well in 8th grade social studies without necessarily having completed 5th grade social studies. Whereas with math and language arts it's not possible to easily skip grades as each grade builds on information learned in the previous grade.

So it seems for that students who are behind their grade level for their age, if they would concentrate on only math and language arts, dropping the science and social studies until they are caught up, then they could catch up fairly quickly. Once caught up, they could resume science and social studies for their grade level again.

E-MAIL STUFF

Serious countdown

E-mail from Pastor Joshua M., Malaysia: Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I have watched this video (Countdown to Armageddon) which I borrowed from one of the brothers. I have shown it to some of my church members and all of them were touched and moved by this video about the Endtime. I am the Pastor of this church. How can I buy this video? Is there a Mandarin version? Is there any one who is your distributor in Malaysia?

I personally feel that this video or VCD must be placed in the hand of every Christian all over the world to wake them up! We know Jesus' coming back is VERY, VERY NEAR! I am very serious in wanting to be your distributor to distribute this video or VCD in Malaysia and Singapore, even Indonesia. I have a lot of contacts in these surrounding countries. I have a church member who has been involved in video and VCD distribution and productions for more than 18 years. They will help in distributing this video and VCD.

I am really interested to see that every Christian watches this powerful video. Last night, I showed this tape to a group of my church members and after I preached about the Endtime, which was being talked about in this video. After that, every one of them knelt down and prayed with tears dripping down, wanting to get serious with Jesus in their life. I pray that you help me to be able to help make sure that every Christian in Malaysia and other parts of the world is able to watch this video. If there is no Chinese version I will be able to translate it into Chinese language. Please reply soon, thanks.

In Christ,
Pastor Joshua M.

[Editor's note: This is being followed up on!]

Mottos for Success

Islamabad Home, Pakistan: A friend who received one of those calendars called us asking for two more to give his friends. It has been a great success with everyone who has received it.

Africa:

\$13.00 a year can change someone's life!

BY EAD (EUROPEAN ACTIVATED DESK) TEAM

Reach Africa by sponsoring a subscription for an African sheep and bring light to those people through the Word! We are receiving lots of mail from sweet sheep from all over Africa who are writing in after receiving a poster or piece of lit. We have quite a few addresses from Sierra Leone and other very poor and needy African nations. They are mostly students, who speak very good English and are begging for Christian training.

\$13.00 will pay for 15 *Activated* magazines for them and we are sure they would be passed around to many more till the copy was worn out!

Please send your gifts via your TRF, clearly marked to 'EAD African Sheep Fund' and we will send you the address of the sheep you are sponsoring so you can pray for them and communicate personally if you like. Thank you so much.

help wanted

GBY for the great job you are doing for the Lord! Isn't "China's Hour" exciting? Thank you for praying for the China teams and for us. The Lord has answered our prayers: He's sent translators and pubs personnel who can help us to publish the Word in Chinese! What we need now is your financial support to help these people to accomplish their job. Would you like to be part of this great work by supporting us? We know the Lord will greatly bless you for it, with many Chinese souls saved as a result. Donations can be sent to the **Chinese Lit Pic**, TW236. TY!

My dear Family! I'm **Maria S., a Russian national**, and would like to ask you the biggest favor of my life. I've never been out of my country, and for the first time of my life I'll be going ... to Africa! I'm very excited and happy to go. I believe the Lord can supply, but it is very hard to raise funds in Russia. So I ask you, if you can help me with any funds big or small, to share with me to fulfill His will in my life, please send it via Russian ABM (R 012). Thanks a ton!

new idea from you!

PROPHECIES INTO PRACTICE

By Carina, SGA VS, India: The junior teens and JETTs I know get really neat prophecies and they have a lot of practical tips in them. But I've found that they then close their prophecy books and go about the rest of their day.

One morning we were having prayer and prophecy and one girl gave me her book and said, "You can read this." It was a full-page prophecy. I really encouraged her about it and told her that it was a wonderful gift. I suggested she make a to-do list and she was like, "Wow, a to-do list from my personal prophecies?"

I encouraged her that it was beautiful, but why not put it into practice? I told her that that's what the Lord told me to do, to write a list and keep it in my pocket, then use it throughout the day.

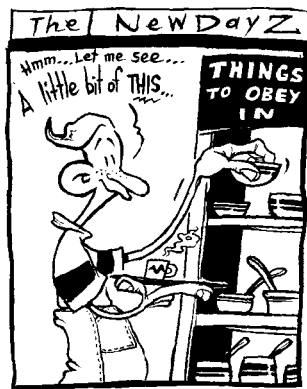
Three Days and Two Nights ...

BY ANGELINA PHANTOM FOR THE HILLTOP AND SEAVIEW HOMES, TURKEY

Twelve members from both Homes met early Friday morning, January 7, 2000—Shawn (13), Terry (15), Eman (17), Samara (18), Lisa (19), Angelina (21), Gabriel (22), Luba (22), Dolly (23), Suzie (23), John and Jim.

With a contortionist's ability, Job's patience, and a large dose of "putting up with everything and everyone" (a.k.a. power for the hour, grace for the space), we managed to stuff the trappings of a puppet show, 5-man-clown-show gear, PA system, bedding, personal belongings, peanuts, water, a stash of cream cheese bagels from our local bagel contact, and 12 willing spirits into our trusty 15-seater. ...

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Like a quick CAFETERIA SNACK Jack would only obey THIS or THAT But I'm sorry to SAY That to Jack's great DISMAY God's blessings did poor SLACK JACK LACK.



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Personals

Josiah, please contact me. I tried to contact you, but you didn't get my letter. **Spring** (in Taiwan), I tried to send you an e-mail just after the earthquake, but it didn't get through. Please write me (French Zac) at e-mail: asherjoan@aol.com.

Olivia (of Charity), write Paco at address: M. Franke, Box 38, CZ-27204 Kladno 4 or E-mail: eastmiss@mbox.vol.cz.

Looking for **Jesse** (has a sister named Joan, last seen at the Japanese LIM). E-mail: gorillahehe@hotmail.com.

Luba (from Kazakstan) is looking for **Steven/Liza/Maria/Joy** (last heard going to Liberia), **Ben/Maggie** from Brazil and **Tim/Dana** (somewhere in Russia). I lived with you in Tyumen, Russia. Wanna hear from you. I'm at mountside@usa.net or ASCRO, at IA45.

Julia (of Zeb and Hope) is looking for **Mateus (a.k.a. Papis)**, **Dulci (of Marty and Praise)** and **Anita (of Martin and Mercy)**. Also **Baby Liz** (last heard of in India), **Vicky (of Meekness)**, and **Vicky** (I don't know your parents' name but your three brothers are Benji, David R. and Jonathan.) You came to visit us at U. Josh's home in Niteroi. My current e-mail is: zkmail@ig.com.br.

Denisa Vaskor from Calgary, Alberta, Canada is looking for **Bruce and Sandy Scott**. Their grandson Sampson is curious to meet them. Please contact Denisa at e-mail: MP3Z200@HOTMAIL.COM.

Andrew Molinsky, please get in contact with us (Willing and Rejoice) ASAP. Or anybody who might have news of his whereabouts, could you please drop us a line? E-mail: lorenzo@postmaster.co.uk.

Marie (with Joseph, previously Deliverance Butterfly), please write me? We knew each other in France years ago—and others knowing me? Write to: Josue Cheval Blanc, 192 Cousins Nord, Saint-Jean-Sur-Richelieu, Quebec, Canada, J3B 5T4.