

# The Grapevine



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**Knowing is not enough; we must apply.  
 Willing is not enough; we must do.—  
 Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832)**

## “HOUSE NUMBER 5”



BY SILAS, THAILAND

SGA Jonas (Andrew) did a TV program yesterday morning in Thailand. The program is called “House Number 5” and is the number one talk show in the country—broadcast live to more than 10 million people in Thailand, as well as on Thai cable TV to 140 countries.

Jonas was on the program for 15 minutes, which is big slot for this particular show. It started with some clips from the *Weti Thai* program, followed by an in-depth interview of Jonas personally and his involvement with the Family and what the Family does. They broadcasted a 45-second clip of the children from the DF Home performing, and aired 45 seconds of some of the most beautiful CTP shots that we

have from our activity video from the Christmas program.

Jonas and Christy have been invited to sing two songs at a large gathering in Sanam Luang on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jonas will sing a song in *moh lam* which is a dialect of the Northeast, and Christy will sing a very famous song called *Som Dtam*. The children from the DF Home will dance *lukthoong* style behind her for this particular song. This will be televised nationally and internationally on Thai cable TV.

Yesterday the idea was presented of having us perform one more time on *Weti Thai*, the top television show in the country, on April 1<sup>st</sup>. It’s been amazing to see how the Lord is leading us step by step to these open doors.

**WHAT ACTIVATED SHINER HOME WON THE FULL-BLOWN MULTIMEDIA COMPUTER SYSTEM? CHECK PAGE 2 TO FIND OUT!!**

### Photographers, take notice!!!

BY THE WS WEB TEAM

We need your talent! If you have a camera and like to take good pictures, we need your help to finish a project for the GP Web site. If you’ll take a look at the front page of the GP Family site, you’ll notice that there’s a new addition—*Pic of the Day!* This is our humble beginning to what we hope will be a big part of our witness to many.

We need many more photos for this project: 365 to be exact!

So far we’ve only received material from two photographers, with which we have launched this new feature, but ... WE NEED MORE. If you’ve got an eye for great shots and want to help, take a look at what’s already up on the GP Web site in order to get the general idea of what we’re aiming for. Pray and ask the Lord to show you how He wants you to help, and then click away! And ... SEND US YOUR NEGS.

Yes! You read right—we need your NEGS, not prints. We need negatives because the quality that we need requires us to directly scan the

negatives. It’s extremely difficult, if not impossible to get the same quality from scans of prints.

Believe us, we know it’s hard to part with negs, but it is worth the sacrifice. Once your negs are sent in, your photos will have the chance to reach as many as 500 people per day, 365 days a year. How’s that for coverage? We’ll also credit the photographer ...! (*see more on this below*)

So don’t hesitate to become a Family photographer, with free promotion via our Web sites! Send us your negs, and if at all possible, send us your choice of quotes that you feel best go along with your pictures.

If you want us to include your name and e-mail, be sure to send it along with your pictures. We’d also appreciate being able to correspond with you in the future, so give us your e-mail and relevant contact details. Thanks! We look forward to hearing from you, and seeing those negs!

Please send your negatives to:

**The Grapevine**  
 PO Box 4938  
 Orange, CA 92863 USA  
 ATTN: Web Pic of the Day

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# ACTIVATED SUBSCRIPTION PRIZES

—By WS

Congratulations to the 10 Homes who sent in the most subscriptions over the last six months! We have already contacted your Continental Offices to make arrangements for getting to you the prizes specified in “The Activated Program” (GN 849 paragraphs 85 and 86). As you may recall from the GN, the prizes range from \$100 credit for tools of your choice to a full-blown multimedia computer system!

And the winners are...

## First place

for 53 subscriptions goes to the **Bangalore Rose Garden Home—Hosanna, MaryAnn, Andrew and Timothy (IA40), India.**

Congratulations, Rose Garden Home! We are already making arrangements to get you your new THOUSAND DOLLAR multimedia computer system! Your Continental Office will contact you about the details.

In addition, you will receive a cash gift from your *Activated* Desk for having gotten your first 50 subscriptions.

**Second place** for 39 subscriptions goes to the **Lamb Home—Stephen, Sharon, Nic and Marie (US1191) in the US.** Please contact your SC for \$300 credit for tools of your choice!

**Third place** for 36 subscriptions goes to **Leyland, Spring, James, and Charity (AF1504) in South Africa.** Please contact your SC for \$200 credit for tools of your choice!

Two Homes tied for **Fourth & Fifth place** for 27 subscriptions:

**Francisco, Joanna, Juan and Estrella (CO006) in Columbia and the Bombay DF Home—Matthew, Anna, and Hannah (IA21) in India.** You may both contact your SC for \$150 credit for tools of your choice!

The Homes listed below at **Sixth through Tenth place** are all entitled to \$100 credit for tools of your choice. Tenth place was tied by two Homes in Brazil, making you both eligible for the prize.

**Sixth:** Bangalore Service Home—Jonathan, Samuel, Joy, Mamta, David and Cathy (IA42), India (26 subscriptions)

**Seventh:** JTC — Victor, Dove and Daniel (IA23), India (23 subscriptions)

**Eighth:** John Frank (US3961) (16 subscriptions)

**Ninth:** David, Pandita, James and Vick, JA0062, Japan (15 subscriptions; via the Europe and Africa Activated Desk)

**Tenth place:** Cristal, Danielle, Paulo and Timoteo (BR002), Brazil and Estevao, Ruth and Santiago (BR003), Brazil (14 subscriptions)

A heartfelt thank-you to the members of each of the Homes listed above, for helping to get *Activated* off the ground. These prizes are nothing compared to the blessings the Lord has in store for you for your faithfulness to feed His sheep. So if you aren't already “*Activated*,” please activate yourselves now!

There are more prizes in store, so stay tuned for news from your *Activated* Desk. Will *your* Home be here next time? Are you following up on those that you meet and witness to? Are you feeding the Lord's sheep? God bless you!

## brotherhood

### All the teens in Romania

BY RUTHIE, ROMANIA

After the Christmas push we decided as a Home to have a vacation in the mountains. However, when we prayed about it, the Lord told us in prophecy to “extend our tents,” and to invite all the teens in Romania and that He would supply a place. So we knocked, asked, and sent out a team to look for a place, and the Lord supplied the “Holiday Inn”—the best

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Hotel in the whole area—with free rooms, three free meals a day for two days, including full use of the heated swimming pool, Jacuzzi and sauna!

There were 27 of us, and we spent 3-4 days together fellowshiping and having fun! We also witnessed, sang, and won souls, and had inspiring devotions together. The Lord told us to come with our weapons of praise, prayer, prophecy and loving one another, and promised to give us a beautiful time if we kept His conditions.—And He did!

### Uniting the Balkans in Albania

BY SHARON (17), OASIS TEAM, BOSNIA

We spent 12 wonderful days as guests in the field of Albania. The Albanian disciples are wholehearted and enthusiastic in all they do—an example to us of true Family members fully living the Word. I'm sure they're very much the sort of stuff that made the revolution.

Over the Feast weekend, the Durres and Tirana Homes teamed up. We made several personal witnessing outings in Durres; the people's hospitality and receptiveness are still a point

## Computer/Layout Person Needed!

BY THE EURCRO FED/GP PROJECT TEAM

The EURCRO FED/GP project team is looking for a computer/layout person. We are presently basing out of the Service Center in Uganda, Africa. We're currently working on a very large GP project, which we explained about in FED News 9.—And we need help! Do you have a

burden? Our team consists of two people, an SGA artist, and an SGA secretary/layout/FED person. You would also get a chance to experience Africa, though most of your work would be at a desk. We'd like to extend the invitation for an initial 3 to 6 month period, and then we can take it from there, depending on how it goes, how you like the work, what projects we take on next, etc.

We'd need someone who

has a working knowledge of computers, and is able to do layout in PageMaker. If you like creative work, and witnessing through the creation of materials that our frontline soldiers can take out and use all over Africa—and the world—then you're in touch with the right team! We are also the EURCRO FED team, so there's plenty and more to do!

Since the work is very much full-time, and due to

limited space, since we're currently basing out of an already full Home, we'd like to ask that any applicants be single.

If you're interested and would like more details, please just email us at:

[Eurfed@eurcro.org](mailto:Eurfed@eurcro.org)

We'll be looking forward to hearing from you! We need help as soon as possible, so the sooner you're able to get back to us the better!

**t** "Teardrops from an Angel"—if you have ever been blessed with the gift of one of His tiny Heavenly treasures who didn't stay, don't miss the special section dedicated to them in *Eve #5*. Also in *Eve #5*, find out everything you ever wanted to know about weight loss, crash dieting, and what to do about varicose veins and other complications they bring along with them—including an unusual home remedy that just might cure them for good!

## GP publications available on Members Only site

BY THE WS GP DEPARTMENT

In order to give everyone better access to our black and white GP publications, we'll be posting high resolution PDFs (Acrobat files) on the Members Only site for you to download. This

will include PDFs of *Family Activity Reports*, *Mountain Streams*, *Reflections*, tracts and more. Since these PDFs are high quality, you will be able to use them to either print out originals on your own laser printer or to give the file to a service provider or printer to make copies for you. (So far, the PDFs posted on the WEB have

been "downsampled" to make them smaller and thus easier to download. While this is fine for onscreen viewing, the resolution isn't high enough for printing graphics and photos—though text only is not a problem.)

For some publications, such as tracts, please be sure to check with your local SC, who may be able to supply you with what you need for a much lower price—or for free—than if you were to duplicate them yourself. If you need a very large quantity then they may also be able to work out a printing for you, depending on their capabilities and what they can afford. However, since an SC is usually unable to print every GP product, we encourage you to use these PDFs to provision or purchase your own small print runs, or to print out a few copies of a certain publication for feeding your sheep and contacts. We will continue to add to the GP publications available for download from the MO site in PDF format, in as many languages as possible, DV! Please pray for this!

## To all you Heaven's Library book fans,

We regret to report that there was a slight error in the printing of *Heaven's Library* book #15 (*Hellbreak*, the sequel to *Blood and Freedom*), causing a few lines of text to go missing on page 274. The portion missed is detailed in caps and bold type. (You may want to add this to your printed copies.)

"But after this amazing transformation you've brought about in my life, I'd feel selfish keeping you all around here any **LONGER, WHEN YOU COULD BE SHARING THE RICHES AROUND.**" "YOU GUYS TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES," KIM SAID wistfully."

We apologize for this mistake, and appreciate your continued prayers for all our projects that they will continue to be a blessing to you in your service for the Lord.

With love,  
Your *Heaven's Library*  
Book Department

## backtracking

In *Grapevine #82*, there is a *personals* ad from James Willing, looking for Tim O., Thai Joy and Traugot. An incorrect e-mail address was given. To contact James Willing, e-mail him at: [erichvon@alloymail.com](mailto:erichvon@alloymail.com) or via the Russian ABM. Sorry for the error!

The contact email for the CVC Department given in *Grapevine #84* was slightly incorrect. Rather than addressing it to CVC/Family it should be addressed to CLE/CVC. The correct e-mail address is:

**e-mail: [CVC@CVCollege.com](mailto:CVC@CVCollege.com)**

of discussion among us, one month later. Aside from the scheduled meetings and inspirations, we spent the days in united sports by the Adriatic sea, and night times in partying the disco way to Family music. Good fun!

The Albanian nationals are a ROCKING bunch and we love them! They cared for us and made us feel completely at home when we got sick and had to extend our visit; they

freed busy Home members to act as interpreters on business trips and to get us orientated with our surroundings in an unfamiliar country. They placed themselves at our service and offered their contacts and personnel when we were planning a road trip to Kosovo. The Feast time was made very special to us due to the love and inspiration we saw in each of these dedicated souls.

# babymania

## The Great Showdown

By Jaz

Baby Lauren has a temper. There—I've said it! Of course, temperamental behavior should always be lovingly moved towards modification, but when the instigator is just barely seven months old, the how-to-do can be more than a little perplexing. You know that a little baby throwing an obvious fit when she wants to be picked up or not put down or whatever other event she is powerless to change except through her vocal chords is not the ideal—but how can you communicate that to her? After less than a minute or two of holding out with an “I won't pick you up till you stop crying” motif, it becomes obvious to me that it is not working.—How is she supposed to know that I am actually doing this for a purpose and not just being mean in denying her desires? And so I prayed and watched and waited, biding my time, and knowing it would come someday.

It did. Last night all that changed. I wouldn't say that Pixie's iron will has been necessarily bent, but it's quite possible that she may be beginning to get the picture that someone a little taller and less round than herself is actually in charge around here.

It all began in a very normal

nighttime way. Pixie woke up in the night, Alec brought her to me in bed (we trade off during the night—he picks her up; I put her back) and I settled her down for the feed. And then I promptly fell asleep again. This happens every so often that I fall asleep on the job, and the usual result is that eventually we'll both wake up again, some time later. At that time I put her back in her crib and she goes back to sleep on her own.

For the last week or so, however, the pattern has been slightly different, and when she goes back to her own bed she instead strikes up the band and won't let up till she's back on the breast. Hold out for the best, after all—who wouldn't? Well, last night I was just not in the mood for another long, drawn-out scene. I was tired, and I wanted to go back to sleep. The in-crib routine was not working, so I hauled her back in bed and cuddled her next to me, holding the pacifier in her mouth.

Pixie screamed. And screamed. And screamed. And I quaked inwardly. What to do? Every few seconds I promised myself that if she didn't stop in the next moment I would put her back on the breast. But still, somehow, I held out. And that was for two reasons: (1) I knew she wasn't hungry, as she'd just finished eating, and (2) I was right next to her so I knew she didn't feel unloved or forsaken. She was just howling about the downfall of her agenda, and that I could live with—barely.

She howled for five or ten full minutes—which at 4 AM is a *very* long

time indeed—and all the while that troublesome little voice that we all know and hate was whispering in my ear: “She's going to be traumatized for life! She'll never be the same!” Yet the Lord's voice also came through to my heart. And so I held out, because deep down, I knew it was the best thing for both of us.

After a few minutes I could tell that she was working herself into a hysterical state—our Pixie is not one to give up easily, and by this point she had probably forgotten the reason she was even throwing the fit. So I sat up in bed with her, still holding her close to me, still holding the pacifier up to her mouth just in case she would stop screaming and want it, still whispering sweet words of love in her ear. I pointed to the little green light that showed that my computer had been left on overnight (oops!), and tried to distract her. After a minute or two, she abruptly stopped crying, and started sucking the pacifier.

I cradled her closer to me and kept talking to her, stroking her soft, fuzzy little head, and feeling like my heart would break for her. After another 5 or 10 minutes of recovering together, I got up and—rather gingerly, I'll admit—put her back into her bed, tucked her in, and went back to my bed. Her eyes were still wide open, but she didn't make a peep. She went right back to sleep on her own. When she awoke on her own again later, and again woke up after the feed when I put her in bed, the lesson held firm: She lay in her bed and quietly went back to sleep. Just like the good ol' days.

As for me, I went back to bed and tossed and turned for a while. Holding out like that is always very tiring for both my nerves and my spirit, and invariably I wind up feeling like a mean old ogre. But let's look at it realistically: My little daughter's will is doing just fine, and I know for a fact that throughout our entire ordeal she didn't feel alone or unloved. And if I can begin to teach her some of these very life-vital lessons now as opposed to in years to come when the habits are much deeper ingrained, then I'd say it's worth any self-berating and sleepless follow-up for me. And in the long run, I think we'll all sleep a little more sweetly. ●

### kidbits

#### more little ones ...

- Katya, 2<sup>nd</sup> child, born to Nadia and Andrew on January 10.—Russia
- Maile Michelle, born to Maria on December 5.—USA
- Rosanne Lea, 4<sup>th</sup> child, born to Lydia and Francis on February 20.—Taiwan
- Douglas Mamoru, 12<sup>th</sup> child, born to Hannah and Belte on February 15.—Japan
- James William, 14<sup>th</sup>, born to Ruthie and Paul on February 6.—PACRO
- Elaine, 10<sup>th</sup> child, born to Mary and John.—Japan
- Julianna, born to Faithy and Steven on December 21.—PACRO

### tidbits

#### new laborers ...

- Genesis (24, Brazilian) joined in Brazil.—January
- Daniel Humility (22, Brazilian) joined in Brazil.—January
- Ana Maria (17, Brazilian) joined in Brazil.—January
- Gedeon (45, Peruvian) joined in Peru.—February
- Lily (19, Taiwanese) joined in Taiwan.—February

# happenings

## [Our public kitchen]

By Sammy and Sunshine, Salomon and Sara, and Esteban, for the Shangrila Home, Mexico: We were able to start a public kitchen three months ago. With the help of our friends and contacts, we transformed a small commercial storefront into a homey *comedor* (dining hall) for the poor and needy of Uruapan. We have 50-60 people coming five days a week for a warm free meal. We have named it "Semillas de Amor" (Seeds of Love) as our principal goal is to plant seeds of hope, faith, and love within these very needy people so that their lives can change for the better. Along with their meal, they receive some tracts and posters, and most of them pray to receive the Lord!



Sara ministering at the tables.

Since beginning this ministry, we have seen our provisioning double, establishing new contacts, as well as our older contacts being more inspired to give. We have also been able to motivate and encourage a few of the local city fathers and businessmen to give weekly or monthly donations towards the daily expenses of the *comedor*. This project has also pushed us to organize a better follow-up program. The overall work in our city is growing and we are able to have a greater impact for Jesus!

[Editor: Check out their want ad for more laborers on the MO site!]

## [Fulfillment of China's Hour prophecy]

Becky, for the China Mail Ministry: Thank you for your support and prayers for the China Mail Ministry. Your efforts make a big difference in the lives of people in China. Your love and prayers mean a lot to them and your support touches their hearts.

The following testimony is a fulfillment of one part of the prophecy that came out in "China's Hour":

"There will be occasional times when I will open the door for a more public witness—whether a speech, seminar, children's performance, etc., but at these times I will make it very clear to you what must be done and confirm that it is My will. It is not up to you to go

forcing open the crack or knocking on the doors; it is up to you to patiently await that which I will bring along to you." (Par. 84)

Dear Brethren,

*Thank you for sending the money to us. We have been using it for our living and also for the spreading of the Gospel. Thank you for caring about us!*

*I went to a public party on Christmas Eve, where we were having a big game to win some prizes. I thought it might be a good place to do some witnessing. It turned out that I won the first prize of that game. A brand new expensive watch and a big painting! The person winning this prize had to go on stage to give a public speech. I knew that the Lord let it happen to me because He wanted to give me an opportunity to tell the people about Him.*

*So I stood on the stage facing a sea of faces and told them very loudly, "Christmas is Jesus' birthday. It's He Who has given me everything. I just want to use this opportunity to thank Him! I believe that the reason God has given me this watch is to remind me not to waste His time. I have just lost my job recently, but God has promised that He is going to take care of me and I will find a steady job in His time! I know if I can trust Him, than He will give me the peace and happiness that I need!"*

*It is God's love that encourages our hearts and makes our pain to cease. He also gives us hope and patience to go on. Thank God and thank you, everyone, for helping us!*

*May God bless and take good care of you!  
Much love, Heidi*

## [Late for the train]

Mark and Serena, India: We recently went to a nearby town to follow up on some of the people we knew there. We had half-an-hour before our train left and we decided to try to meet the man in charge of a boys' hostel in town. He turned out to be very sweet and we presented the tools to him. We got a check to put all thirteen tapes on his table. It was almost time for our train to leave, so we politely asked him if he would like to take the audios and he said that he'd take them all, if he had the money with him. He emptied out his pockets and had the exact amount for them. TYJ!

He then insisted we have a cup of tea and a snack with him. Although we were almost sure to miss our train, we got a check to stay longer with him. After tea, he sent his car to drop us off at the train station and guess what? The train was about 45 minutes late and just as we got

our train tickets, the train pulled into the station! The Lord is so faithful to us, if we heed His checks.

## [Our kids excel]

Martin and Marie, USA: We've taken our kids out of public school and will return to home schooling in our new location. The Lord had shown us to put them in public school for a time and it seems to have born the right fruit, but now He's indicating to again change.

The kids were all straight-A students and very much loved by the teachers. Everyone was sad to see them go. Their testimony seems to have made a distinct mark at the school. Our 12-year-old earned a brand new 10-speed mountain bike from reading. (There's a program for accelerated reading and the kids earn points for reading. He was so far ahead of everyone that even though it was only halfway through the year when he left, they gave him the bike. He was thrilled and they were all so happy for him.)

## [Prenatal Classes]

Mark and Faithy Free, India: One of the patients who attends Faithy's prenatal classes is one of the top medical geneticists in the country. After witnessing to her she received the Lord and went on to share that although she is a geneticist, she does not believe in all the cloning and ungodly practices used by others in her profession. This opened the door for us to witness to her more deeply. Both she and her husband, who is a software engineer, are very open to the witness. Due to some complications she had to have a C-section, but Faithy assisted her with it and the couple was very touched.

## [Getting out the WWWs]

Big Josh, Oregon, USA: In about seven months we (the Lord in us!) got out 375 *Word Basics*, 200 *Daily Mights*, over 200 assorted *Activated* books, 250 cassettes, 14,000 tracts and posters, and won 60 souls! We have a mail ministry of over 200, about five kings and one queen and some excellent supporters. Please pray as we are going to every house, every shop and every office, that we will win disciples! We are feeding folks where they are, using the books and the ARC for special subjects. Bombs away!!!



—personal letters to Mama and Peter and your TRF reactions

**M**y wife has been having an ongoing battle with the sexual part of the Law of Love, but she had such a mature response and victory after reading the “Shake Up 2000” and “More on the Shakeup.” It made me so proud of her when she said that she had decided to uphold with her whole heart the sexual freedoms given to us. She comes from an orthodox background and it has been hard for her to let go; those things take time, but the Lord has liberated her from the System taboos and inhibitions. It makes me love her so much more when I see that she is yielding on something that I know is not easy for her. I thought that it was so mature and sweet of her.

—FGA MAN, EUROPE

**T**his is without a doubt a key Letter which will have a far reaching effect, no less than the RNR in the past. I have no illusions as to what it will require of me personally, but I rejoice at the challenge and truly thank God for what I know will be a purer, totally dedicated and on fire missionary work once again—the great Endtime witnessing work that the Lord wants us to be. I have had big battles about where we were headed and what we were becoming. I honestly didn't think I had the faith to try to win disciples or encourage anyone to drop out and dedicate their lives for Jesus because I didn't feel we were “walking the talk.” I personally want to get on board this great move and cleansing of the Spirit 110%.

—FGA MAN, EUROPE

**I** have been confronted with incredible battles concerning staying CM or becoming FM, as I didn't seem to have a vision anymore. Then, your Letter came.

When we started to read, I thought, “This is the answer for me! I want to be FM. I just can't take being a hypocrite anymore because of my not living the Letters, not loving Jesus, not being in tune with the Lord as far as listening to Him and hearing from Him in prophecy.” That was the outlet of steam for all the pressure that I had accumulated for months. On top of it, my wife and I didn't have a good

relationship as she could see that I was drifting away. Yet she could not make the choice for me.

A few days after reading S2K, I let my wife know that I wanted to become FM. She thought it would be a good idea for us to get together and see what everybody wanted to do. I was alone in wanting to become FM. I realized that I was not using the new weapons, as I was too ashamed, shy or proud to love Jesus. I was unconsciously fighting against the tide and the new ways, leaning to my old ways. He showed me sweetly that it was really easy to follow Him; I just had to humble myself and yield. I then started rereading the mailings, and was more and more comforted by the Lord that I could do it.

In the morning, I apologized to my wife and asked her if she wanted to love Jesus with me. We made love to Jesus together and that was the first time that I ever practiced the Loving Jesus Revelation. I am so happy as we both enjoyed it so much and got so much from it. It made us see the beauty in each other and it was wonderful—really wonderful. During all this time, I'd known that was true, but somehow, I just couldn't do it. I couldn't put it into practice.

Now a new horizon has opened in front of me. I have the faith to go on for Jesus and the Family as a CM. I know that if I just obey and trust Him, everything is going to be all right.

—FGA MAN, EUROPE

**W**hen the Lord said in the S2K Letter that it's okay to be FM and that it's another way of serving the Lord, one of the different concentric circles to serve Him within, and that the FMs are very much part of the Family, I think it encouraged people that were hanging on by their fingernails to have a break of full-time service, and they had the faith to find their level of service in the FM Family.

However in *Grapevine* #77 there's a CRO reaction talking about the three categories “hot, lukewarm and cold”—implying that the CMs are (or should be) hot, the FMs lukewarm, and the ones that leave the Family are cold. He is right in that we as CMers should be “hot” disciples, and if not we might be better suited as FMs. However, there is

a wide variety of FM Family members—some lukewarm, some cold, but some are hot. If Jesus and Mama say it's okay to find your level of faith, and that it's okay to be FM, then when people read this they may feel that there still is a stigma on being FM.

There's a family who wants to come back to CM membership, but first want to become FM and see if they can live up to that. They are on fire, love the Lord, and really want to do their best for Jesus. They are going according to their faith! They might not be as sacrificial as some of the CMs, but they are *not* lukewarm.

I feel that we can't judge or stigmatize people, as the Lord even loves the backslider and does everything to bring him back to Him. I'm learning that He's working in every one of His children. Only in Heaven will we really know. In the meantime, Lord help us that are in the CM Family to be on fire and hot disciples and be a sample of love and dedication to our fellow Christians in the world.

—VS, EUROPE

**Mama: Amen to that! There certainly are many “hot” and on-fire FM Family members and witnesses. There are myriad reasons why people are FM, so please don't judge or criticize. The point of that original article was to highlight the need for those choosing to remain in the CM Family to be “hot”; it wasn't meant to imply that all those in the FM Family are “lukewarm.” Granted, there are some, but most are dedicated and whole-hearted witnesses who are doing a tremendous job! We love you very much!**

**I**'d been re-reading the “Mama's love story” series lately and it's been very convicting, especially about the different lessons of love that you shared in there. I must admit that when I first read them I was more interested in the juicy details of your personal life, and didn't really apply the lessons to heart very much; however I've been going through some pretty heavy battles just over the last year or so about not being able to be in unity with another adult in the Home. To make a long story short:

Another family moved into our

single-family plus young people's Home some time ago. With all that the Lord was helping us to accomplish, I can now see why the Enemy's been so keen on dividing us through disunity.

We tried really hard in the beginning to live Acts 2:44,45, and to see the best in each other, but as the newness wore off and familiarity started to set in, the mother of this family and I had a hard time getting along. First, it was a difference of opinion regarding the disciplinary standard of the children, then the list of contentions started growing until neither of us could walk across the floor without one person finding fault with the other. We never put each other down outwardly or said ugly words about each other in front of others, thank God.

Disunity is a funny thing. It's like having bad body odor, you might think you can hide it pretty well, you might even get used to the smell and manage to tolerate it; others but have to get around you and are able to detect it right away. Ha!

We did have quite a few episodes behind closed doors where we tried to "work things out." Being a proud Aries, I wasn't about to be the first one to say sorry. After a few "trying to point the finger" sessions, we came to the conclusion that our differences were too great, we had nothing in common—our language, culture, upbringing, personality, even the color of our skin. (I can just imagine what Dad would have to say about that!) We came to the conclusion that we were going to tolerate each other and try to stay out of each other's way.

Fortunately, there is a happy ending to this unhappy story. I had been feeling convicted over the past couple months with the Letters that came out about loving your brethren, and then the recent S2K series, and had been praying desperately for the Lord to give us a fresh start. (God knows how many times I felt like a hypocrite trying to reach and love the world but not able to love my sister.)

Finally last week, the day after the signing of the S2K contract at devotions, we had an "appreciating each other" session. We'd focus on one person at a time and everyone would say what they thought about that person. It was very humiliating for most of us to sit there and listen to all these nice things being said about

yourself, though also a major boost to your self esteem.

When it came my turn, I was pretty nervous. I wasn't sure if people were going to be able to find anything nice to say about me—considering what a rotter I'd been. But those sweet and loving words that came out of my brothers' and sisters' mouths changed my life. Some of the young people said things about me that I'd tried so hard to be for years, but never thought I could no matter how hard I tried. They said things like I was always there for them during the times that they most needed someone, that I never judged them no matter how bad they were, etc. (Of course, I felt like, "Is that you, John?") I know that if the things they said about me were true, it's got to be 100% the Lord. I know that I'm the opposite of those things—I'm as self-centered, selfish, critical and judgmental as they come.

Something changed in me as those words were being uttered from their mouths. I was on the verge of tears and I decided that nothing mattered anymore but my love for the Lord and these ones sitting in the room with me, and that I'd gladly lay down my life for these dear ones. Even the sister I was at odds with said the sweetest and most sincere things about what she sees in me. It was an incredible experience—suddenly this veil that had been covering my eyes was lifted off, and I was able to see things in the spirit again.

After devotions, I felt the Lord's spirit again knocking on my heart's door, pushing me to take that first step to go and apologize and confess my faults and ask for forgiveness. She listened, then very sweetly apologized and said that she was also partly at fault, and we prayed together in humility for the first time in over a year and promised with the Lord's help to start afresh and leave the past behind. I walked out of that room feeling like a changed person, as if a giant load had just been lifted off my back. TYJ!

—FGA WOMAN, ASIA

This was a super needed message, even though in our Home, due to an influx of new disciples, the Shake Up started about a year ago. Even for us it took awhile, back then, to see that the only way to keep these new disciples was for our whole Home to have a "back to the beginning" revolution. In the process,

some voluntarily left, who couldn't do without the activities we had to cut off; others were asked to leave, or even were discouraged from coming over for visits, as we saw it didn't bear good fruit.

I can't say it didn't hurt sometimes, especially when I had to discourage my eldest son from visiting (he has just chosen to leave the Family for the time being), but I had to choose who to be loyal to, and whom to invest in. The Lord said to invest in our new disciples and younger children, and since we made that choice He has blessed us with greater unity, fruit and easier shepherding!

—FEMALE

***(Jesus speaking:)* This is an example of one of the tough choices that people are having to make in order to go on with the Lord in this new day. It doesn't mean that this mother is not still loving and giving her son all that he needs in order to be a happy and productive member of society, or still a close part of their personal family. Rather, she's taking into account the other members and children in her Home, and because she lives communally, this is part of her responsibility to Me and to those she lives with. She is still responsible for her son who has left, but she is having to find other ways or other surroundings in which to care for and interact with him, as I show her what is best. (End of message from Jesus.)**

I was surprised how the Lord puts the doorknob relatively low for the senior teens. I think it's so sweet and loving of Him to understand their weaknesses and temptations so well and not to force them to apply the heavier meat into their lives so early, but rather gives them time to digest it and get used to it. It's good too that He is expecting them to stand up for their conviction nevertheless and to prove themselves faithful to the Family.

Our own senior teen does listen to System music (though not heavy rock) and is tempted by worldliness, but I feel his heart is right. He is a real blessing to us in many ways and he does love the Lord. We pray that with time and a lot of prayer he will find his place of service in the CM Family (he signed the provisional CM contract).

—MOTHER, EUROPE

# Reactions to Feast 2000

By Maggie, Croatia

I'll remember this Feast and New Year's Eve for a long, long time. We prayed about what kind of celebration we should have, and got to go for a spirit trip after the ceremony. Our dancing and fun was like partaking of the celebration that was held in Heaven. The Lord told us that we didn't need to see the fireworks outside, or light firecrackers, because He had something much more spectacular to make us see.

So we all went up to see His light show. That part I can't describe. I guess whoever wants to understand will have to ask the Lord to show it to them, too. Then at 12 sharp we all went outside on the porch and declared "war of the spirit"—we sang revolutionary songs, socking it to the System in front of us. Everyone was inspired for the year ahead, with the fire to fight for the right no matter what.

By Jonathan (of Amy), Brazil

Since reading the Feast pubs we have had a revolution in our mode of operation. We haven't gotten to the point that we are faithful to ask the Lord *everything*, but we are relying a lot more on hearing from the Lord on a day-to-day basis. Before the Feast we would use prophecy if there was a major move or change, but now we are using it much more and it has been a relief. Like Mama said, even if things don't work out the way you thought, at least you know you did what the Lord showed you and that's not a mistake.

By Aaron, Heaven, Jeremiah and Mary, Japan

We were able to get all the CM/FM Homes in our area together (about 60 people) for a nice Family Birthday party. We started off with prayer and good old-fashioned INSPIRATION! (It never seems to go out of style!) Then some feeding Word was read to inspire everyone to have more unity, forsake past grudges, and to see each other with a new outlook. We topped off the reading of the Word, with communion and a love feast.

We enjoyed a yummy buffet-style meal, and of course—birthday cake! Then the fun stuff—games—organized by a couple of our YAs and teens. And we didn't forget dancing! We saved that part for the teens/YAs to have some extra fun and fellowship!

By Jeff, Jeanie and Sher, China

With the busy Christmas activities over when Feast days arrived, we needed a spiritual retreat. The Lord sure knew what He was doing to get us to stop, look and listen at this auspicious time.

The Feast mailings were so beautiful—such a blessing to partake of His Word wonders. At first it seemed like a high doorknob to reach. We had the feeling that in order to please the Lord and hear from Him, moment by moment, we had to live on cloud nine. But little by little the Lord showed us to take things a step at a time. The Lord is so sweet and doesn't force Himself upon us, but waits for us to meekly come before His presence. However, He does mean business. Some recent purges have shown us that He is a jealous God and He will have no other gods before Him.

By Delight, Italy

This year's Family Feast was a very inspiring time for our JETTs and junior teens. They instantly caught on to the spirit of the Feast and were a great help in childcare and running the house. But most inspiring was how when they saw the adults seeking the Lord for their personal lives, they decided to have united P&P time themselves, and it was amazing how the Lord poured out through them. They did it all on their own initiative and this seemed to be a real key for them—getting together among themselves to pray and hear from the Lord without any prodding from us adults and without us even present. Before they even started to read "Ask Me Everything," the Lord spoke to them about it!

—from you!

By Simon and Renee, Greece

It was wonderful to see the Lord come through as He promised with extra fruitful witnessing if we were faithful to keep the Feast days only for Him.

We had a friend who invited us to sing on New Year's Eve at his restaurant. He wanted to give us the opportunity to sing to help our work, so we said we would let him know later, after praying about it. It was a little tempting as it would be late in the evening after the Feast ceremony was over, but when we re-read the Lord's counsel to keep this time free and to enter the New Year soberly and together with the Family we cancelled it, explaining that we were praying for the world situation and couldn't rush it. He understood and thankfully wasn't offended.

That same day was the New Year calendar day, a day when the local children sing special carols and go fund raising, which is also a big witnessing day for us. We were wondering how we would be able to get ahead for Y2K prep but we needn't have worried! True to His word on January 2, the witnessing money from night singing was the biggest amount we have ever brought in during our four years in this country! It was also due to hearing specifically in prophecy where to go. It wasn't the place we had planned, so we were thankful we had stopped to pray and got the Lord's word on it.

## Effects of S2K?

**Q:** Apart from the reactions we have read in the *Grapevine*, we haven't heard much about how S2K has affected the Family. Is there something in the works to keep us informed about it, sort of a "State of the Nation" type article, with stats, etc.? We know it has had a big effect in our small and conservative field, with about six young people changing status to FM or leaving altogether. Just curious to know how our Family Gideon's band is doing! Thank you!

—STEFAN, PAKISTAN

**A:** If you haven't received the GN entitled "End of a Millennium" yet, keep your eyes peeled! It

## QNA's QnA's

contains the stats and facts about how S2K has changed our Family population thus far, and a ton more. Enjoy!

## How to count *Activated* stats?

**Q:** We counted the *Activated* books as other lit out, and we listed the actual pages that each book has as pages out. Is that the correct way to do it?

—PETER, MARY J., AND MARY C., AFRICA

**A:** Yes, that's correct!

# Dear Mama,

Since the Feast mailings, I've been trying to hear more from the Lord about specific things, work and personal, and it has been a tremendous blessing. I usually either record the prophecy on tape, or if I don't feel led to record it, I just get it without recording, depending on the question.

This time, instead of verbalizing and recording it, I sat down at my computer and got it that way instead. I was surprised at how easy and feeding it was to do it this way.

I must have previously had the mindset that prophecy is somehow "more pure" or less inclined to be tainted with a person's own thoughts if you  *speak*  it as it comes, rather than  *write*  it as it comes. I was concerned that sitting and typing it would be a little "less inspired" than speaking it. I now realize that this is not necessarily the case at all—all it takes is an open heart and mind and simple childlike faith, however you get it. If you ask for a prophecy, you  *get*  a prophecy, whether you write it or speak it.

Understanding this is giving me a deeper grasp of prophecy and its practical uses, and for that I am super thankful. Knowing that I can hear clear, specific answers to detailed questions in this way (in addition to recording on tape when appropriate) is going to have very beneficial results on my work, PTL!

—FROM A WS STAFF MEMBER

## “Era of Action!—Part 3”

By Mama

I wanted to share with you, dear ones, the message below which the Lord gave when I asked Him if the GN “Era of Action!—Part 3” was ready to go out to you. Before we send any GN off, we always bring it before the Lord to receive His final confirmation on it, to make sure that there's nothing missing and to receive His blessing on it. I thought you might be interested to hear what the Lord had to say about this GN, which you should be receiving soon. I love you!

*(Jesus speaking:)* How it rejoices My heart when I see My precious Words pouring forth to My children. It makes Me so happy, for I know that in those Words is the power to give them everything that they need. Those Words contain the strength that they need, the victories, the inspiration, the anointing—My Words contain it all. So when I see them going forth to My children in such measure, having been carefully prepared with love and with My leading, I rejoice greatly—for I know that I have just put in their hands all that they need. All they have to do now is read it, act on it, and see My promises fulfilled.

Yes, this GN is ready to go. I have blessed the preparation of it. I have anointed it. I have put My spirit upon it, and will send with it angels and spirit helpers to help create a spiritual vacuum in the hearts of My children. These go with My Words and try to spark the hearts of those who are dull or lifeless to rise up and create a vacuum for My Words. These special ministering spirits accompany every GN—and I send an extra measure when they are especially needed. I send them forth in great measure with this GN, for I know how important this GN will be to many. So pray for My children, that they will receive the Word with a vacuum, so that it can bring forth fruit one-hundred-fold. *(End of message from Jesus.)*



### Re: Babymania column

I really enjoy the stories that you print in the Babymania section. They are always so right-on and true to life. I'm 25 years old and have 4 wonderful little tikes of my own. In *GV 81* you wrote about the joys that Family life brings.

Today in devotions, I looked over at my husband who was holding our baby; looked around the room at everybody else singing together and later looked back at my husband, only now the baby lay peacefully in his arms sleeping, with a tight grip onto the hat he had been wearing while he sat listening to the Word.

You can guess the joy I felt when I thought to myself, “What place else in the world besides the Family can you have such sweet unity of living together or have the joys of such loving, wonderful daddies? Where else in the world besides the Family can your little baby be so peaceful and content to fall asleep

### letters to the editor

while everybody is singing?” The Family is great!! Here's to all those special little joys that make our days brighter. The stories are great, keep 'em comin'!

—ANGELA, IRELAND

### Re: It's wise to thank your donors

As a reminder, it's good if the brethren on foreign fields could acknowledge the receipt of gifts and donations. Most of the time, we never hear back from the people that we give to. Usually we've been making deposits in their bank accounts here in NA and then send them a letter, letting them know about the deposit. It is possible that they aren't receiving our letters, but usually we've found that the mail gets through okay to most every country. When we don't hear back from them, we are a little unsure about continuing to give to those particular works.

—THAD, SERENITY, JONATHAN AND EDEN, USA

**C** Coming soon to a manila envelope near you: A complete math-dot course and how-to, ready for your child to absorb! Tips and ideas to help you plan a rock'm sock'm kiddo birthday party—take your pick from Fairyland, Little White Hawk, Noah's Ark themes and more!—Ideas for decorations, activities and snacks, all at your fingertips. And if you've ever wondered whether or not you can give honey to your baby under 12 months—wonder no more. Simply walk—no, run!—to find a copy of *Kidland #7*. It's all there for you!

# entertainment



## Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up

### BROKEDOWN PALACE (1999)

Claire Danes, Bill Pullman, Kate Beckinsale  
Drama about two best friends who take a trip to Thailand to celebrate their graduation from high school, and soon find themselves in more trouble than they could ever have imagined.

### HURRICANE, THE (1999)

Denzel Washington, Vicellous Reon Shannon

Drama loosely based on the story of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, a black boxer who is wrongly convicted of murder and sentenced to three life terms, and his fight to prove his innocence. There has been controversy over the movie's accuracy, but it is nonetheless an inspiring portrayal of determination and a fighting spirit.

## Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

### MOON OVER PARADOR (1988)

Richard Dreyfuss, Raul Julia, Sonia Braga

Comedy about a struggling actor working on location in the fictional South American country of Parador. When the country's dictator suddenly dies, government officials concoct an original plan to stave off revolution.

## Movies Rated for JETTs and Up

### SUSIE Q. (1996)

Justin Whalin, Amy Jo Johnson, Andrea Libman

Ghost story about a teenage girl from the 1950s who is stuck on Earth until she can complete her mission. When a present-day teenage boy finds her bracelet and is able to see her, she recruits his help. Young viewers should be prepared for the scene of the accident at the beginning of the movie, which is sad (but not gory).

## Movies Rated for YCs and Up

### TIGGER MOVIE, THE (2000)

Animated

More fun with Pooh Bear and his friends. In this movie, Tigger becomes intrigued by the possibility that he might have a family of other Tiggers, and tries to find a way to get in contact with them. Sweet lessons on the real meaning of friendship.

## Brokedown Palace

*(Jesus speaking:)* This movie serves as a good reminder that the Enemy walks about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. He walks about in sheep's clothing, but is inwardly a ravenous wolf. I would that My children be forewarned and thereby forearmed. All that glitters is not gold.

There are many lessons and discussion points that can be drawn from this movie. There are many pointers that will spring immediately to mind, and others that can be brought out through an informal discussion afterwards, if the occasion presents itself. It's not an inspiring, relaxing or uplifting story, but it's got a powerful and needed message—watch out for the Enemy's traps, for he is out to snare whoever he will, and he will not give up without a fight. And how much more is he fighting you, My Endtime army! Yet you have the advantage over these poor, foolish girls, who were so naïve and so dumb and who made just about every mistake possible. Beware and be wise. Remember that anytime you are on the Devil's territory, you need to be prayerful and alert. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

## The Hurricane

*(Dad speaking:)* There are a number of good lessons in this movie about hanging on and not giving up. As with most movies these days, not everything in it is 100% edifying or "right on," but on the whole I feel it's worth watching and that the good outweighs the negative. *(End of message from Dad.)*

## Moon Over Parador

*(Dad speaking:)* This is a fun, relaxing movie. It's a good one to watch if you want to sit back and have a little time away from it all, to have some laughs and enjoy a good time.

It's a pretty harmless movie, and there are some beautiful women and some tense moments. I'd say: pray and enjoy! *(End of message from Dad.)*

## Susie Q.

*(Dad speaking:)* This is a fun movie and will be enjoyable for older audiences as well. It's not a big-budget Hollywood action movie, but has its own quiet excitement, and is enjoyable. There are some good springboards for a discussion about the spirit world, and there's a lot you can study and dig up in the Word and my Letters that will give more insight into ghosts and departed spirits and their roles and what they do when they're on the Earth.

There are a few mildly scary parts at the beginning that you'll want to be prepared for, but nothing that should be a problem to any of the JETTs.

Make sure to powwow the different aspects of the movie, in particular the kids' behavior, which isn't always 100% exemplary. The lessons learned by all are precious, and this movie will be an inspiration to many. *(End of message from Dad.)*

## The Tigger Movie

*(Jesus speaking:)* This is a good movie for the little ones. There are some things which will need explaining, so that they can grasp the sad moments and understand the trials that the different ones are going through. It would be good to have a little powwow about the different ones' characteristics, what are their strong and weak points, and how they all work together as a team of friends, and also how the different ones learn to rise above their weaknesses. There is a lot of fun enjoyment, and there are also a lot of lessons to talk about. *(End of message from Jesus.)*

help wanted #1

From **Russian Frank (in Chelyabinsk, Russia, FM)**: For two years I've been in bed because of my back problems. The Lord raised me miraculously! TYJ! But now I'm weak physically and my muscles need a special treatment and nourishment (a complex containing vitamins, proteins and minerals). It costs \$200, but because of my physical condition I can't work, so I can't afford it. That's why I would like to ask for any donations (big or small) and I would be very thankful for any help from you.

Our dear Family! We are **Tim and Joy**, Ukrainian nationals (CIS). We have a cute 16-month-old daughter, Vlada. Some time ago we came to Ukraine to a small Home. I, Joy, am a translator and Tim is involved with printing and production of tools in local languages. Besides that, we are witnessing, ministering to our precious friends and contacts, doing shows in the childrens hospital and taking care of kids. We need you! It's quite difficult to raise support here. We can't make it without you! Any gifts, big or small, are very greatly appreciated! You can contact us through Polish ABM (Home U1002). Oceans of love!

## [Beware of selling on time]

**Alito, Salomon and Kristy, Peru:** We learned a very important lesson related to our financial situation. We had an enthusiastic perspective on the Christmas push and offered our tools to companies and some System distributors who offered us a good deal. It looked nice and easy so we started to order tools from the local PPC. Most of the tools were sold on credit, which means that we wouldn't receive money for several weeks. Well, weeks have passed and we still haven't seen the money, yet we have to pay the PPC for these tools. This is a big mistake that some of us made but now everybody is having to pay for it. It's a big lesson to learn: pray and ask the Lord about everything.

*(Editor: However, selling to reliable or time-tested friends on time can be fruitful. The key is to ask the Lord before giving anything on credit or time payments.)*

## [Books and CDs]

**Vida, Brazil:** I have a big battle about things not being taken good care of. Some Family members don't have even the minimum of consideration for things.

My dad in the System taught me to take good care of books. When I went to the LIM, people there were very careful with books. I saw the whole process and stayed behind the scenes for about 10 years to help give the Family the precious Words of the Lord. Now that I'm on the field, I'm shocked at how people don't take care of books or teach their kids to. I see adults fold books open as if they were spiral bound! It hurts so much to see these precious books being handled this way, and it's not easy to get replacement copies of them either. We could never afford to buy them. We can barely come up with the money to buy schoolbooks for our kids.

The same thing happens with CDs. We get one copy per Home and in all the Homes I've been in, the CDs are all scratched up. At first I thought that it was the young people who didn't take good care of them, but I see adults leaving them on top of the table where they can get dusty, sometimes with the recorded side down. Now when a new one comes

out I try to make a cassette copy right away from the CD but the sound isn't the same.

## [How our case was won]

**Simon and Julia, Poland:** Recently we had some difficult days having to deal with officials, but thanks to the Lord everything is okay now. But there's one important factor that helped us to get a victory in our difficult situation.

We had to go to court to explain why we home school our daughter, Lidia. She's 10 and we've home schooled her for three years. The judge wasn't very friendly and didn't seem to want to understand why we don't send our daughter to public school. We explained that the reason for this was that we do CTP projects in a few different cities in Poland, so we teach her at home, for which we have legal permission from the school (which is very important to have).

The judge wanted to know how we support our large family, to which we explained that we are sponsored. She was not very receptive to all this and started to get on the subject of religion and cults. The Lord told us to stand on our conviction and explain what we can but also to stand on our rights guaranteed by the constitution, which states that we don't have to talk about our beliefs and we have a right to teach our children our beliefs.

She requested the addresses of the CTP places that we help and she wrote to them for confirmation on whether we really help them as we say we do. This was another very important factor to our victory—the answers from the places where we help. They wrote very positive letters to the judge about our CTP works, after which the judge had no more to say and had to close the case.

We've learned to have good contact with our CTP contacts. If they like you and are happy with your work and help, they may turn out to be a big blessing one day! They even give us some of their "provisioning" while we also help them. TTL!

## [Letting your "kids" be teens]

**David, Japan:** I have been learning how to have a better relationship with our teens. As a teenager's parent, I'm learning to forsake the

image of them as "kids." I've been treating my teens as kids, in the way I talk to them and correct them, etc. This may sound familiar to other parents who have teens. It's a little bit of a tricky relationship, though. In my mind, they are still my kids, but on the other hand, they need to be treated as adults to be able to develop more mature characters.

## [Courtesy self-quiz: Hypothetical scenario]

**Anonymous FGA:** You arrive in a new city, call the local Home and talk to a teamworker named Paul. He invites you to visit. At the door, he greets you and then you come in. In the living room, there are a few people. One young girl has long hair, and she's smiling. There is a man with a suit on; he seems to be a bit more formal. A kid is looking at you trying to figure you out. There are also two teen boys and an adult woman. How should you greet them? Please circle the correct answers.

- 1) You first ask the young girl if she is 21 before giving her a hug.
- 2) The adult woman should always be the first to come to you and give you a kiss.
- 3) Since you are new in town, you are not hugging anybody yet.
- 4) Paul introduces everyone to you, and you give them warm and heartfelt hugs, or an appropriate greeting to outside visitors.
- 5) You do not know the customs there, so you wait.
- 6) Due to the fact that AIDS is very rampant in that city, you do not even touch anybody, much less approach them.
- 7) Children are not supposed to be greeted.
- 8) To greet the teen boys you hit them on their head and say: "Hi, pal!"

Got #4? The point is: Please, dear ones, introduce acquaintances to others. *(Editor: Or if you are the visitor, greet everyone you see and don't leave people out.)* It will make you and others feel good, important and relaxed.

# ideas and tips

## New projects and thanking donors

Two multinational oil companies have sponsored \$4,000. Three teacher training courses will be taking place in March and April totaling 29 days of training, benefiting 175 teachers, 6,000 students and a population of about 60,000 in rural areas surrounding the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

It is customary to do a report/evaluation of a project in the system, to present to donors. They contain a thank you, introduction, aim and results; long and short term results of the project, reports of follow-up visits and photo pages, all together about 20 pages.

We made a presentation/report books for two multinational companies who sponsored some of our educational projects. Although they didn't ask, we felt led to do so as it makes us more credible in their eyes when they see where their money went, and it also helped us to have something to show for other donors. It taught us how to present ourselves in a professional way. We asked a local friend who works in a multinational to evaluate our work. He was impressed and with his help and suggestions we will be able to improve our next reports to just the way these companies like it.

—ISLAMABAD HOME, PAKISTAN

## help wanted #2

My name is Liza (20). I live in the south of Brazil. I'm from Argentina. I was in the persecution and stayed in an institution for almost four months. I know the Lord wants me to go to EE. I even have a Home waiting for me in Ukraine! It's been really difficult to get the needed money because of the dollar going so high here in Brazil. It's been almost impossible! But I know the Lord is going to do a big miracle somehow. Could you help me with donation? It will mean the world to me, and I'll be able to get there sooner. Our Home number is: BR57

My name is John Daniel (FM). My two boys and I have been invited to Brazil to do a lot of work on one of two houses the Family has there (I'm a handyman). If you could help with a donation towards our air fares or if you'd like to support us with a little each month it would be a blessing. The Home in question was the old Brazil studio near Rio. We need you. Please help us on our way as the brethren are waiting for us. Gifts can be sent to the address below to the name of:

TEAMWORK	Per Adult	Total
<b>SOUL SHINERS FOR FEBRUARY 2000</b>		
Samuel/Rosita, Mexico	3,500	7,000
Josue/Maria/Salomon/Belen, Mexico	534	4,274
<b>Cephas/Anita, Mexico</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>850</b>
Samuel Siervo/Rosita Sierva, Mexico	412	2,062
Delhi Deaf Ministry Home, India	210	1,260
Anna Seekers, Japan	200	200
Michael/Maria, Japan	153	767
Dust, Thailand	142	142
Micah/Charity/Tender, Thailand	137	820
Benigna Lara, USA	133	400

POSTER SHINERS FOR FEBRUARY 2000		
<b>Tommy/Serena, Cambodia</b>	<b>3,171</b>	<b>9,512</b>
Christmas, Japan	2,212	2,212
<b>Isacco/Sefora, Chile</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>
Jonathan/Clare Livingstone, Japan	1,212	4,850
Michael/Maria, Japan	1,021	5,107
Steven/Mercy, Japan	1,000	2,000
Timothy/Shine/Marianne, USA	700	7,000
Jesse/Katrina, USA	600	1,800
Achaicus/Peace, USA	550	1,100
Charity/Miguel/Esther/Peter/Crystal, USA	542	7,046

TAPE SHINERS FOR FEBRUARY 2000		
Samuel Siervo/Rosita Sierva, Mexico	117	586
Samuel/Clara, Spain	110	220
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### The Newdayz

**F**red used to make folks so IRATE  
'Cause he'd always leave things much too LATE  
He'd start to 'PROCRA'S'  
Then he'd let 5 weeks PASS  
Till he'd finally get round to  
'TINATE'.



[ Procrastinate (v) : to put things off until later ; delay, especially repeatedly. ]

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## Personals

Róisín, looking for **Julie (15, of Michael and Christy)**. Where R U? Last heard U were in Germany. Please write 2 me at CN603 via PACRO!

**Peace** (SGA, who was in Italy): please write me. I'm still at the same address. Give me news. A big kiss!—Luz, Brazil

Magdalena and Deborah (Mexicans) are looking for: **Esther YA (of Lirio) and JB (YA, of Abi)**. We were living together Cuernavaca when we joined in 1995. Also looking for **Joshua (of Sweety and Joseph, Yucatecos)**. E-mail: baiaphon@sintec.ro.

**Naty, Irene and Karina**, last heard of in Portugal, please write me (Sara) ASAP. Also **Meri (of Pedro and Aurora)**, I'm trying to get in contact with you. E-mail: famcde@cde.rieder.net.py.

Lissa is looking for some good friends. **Heidi N., Crystal P., Rosa and Kris Allen and Larissa White**. Please e-mail: amorenaccionrd@hotmail.com.

**Lisa**, I've been trying to get ahold of you too, if you know what I mean. Your lips are very luscious, but your e-mail account doesn't work. Please contact me through the China Desk, for Jesse at CN601.

**Jimmy Sky, Kristie** (New York) is looking for you. I wanna write you, baby. Where are you? My add is: columbuskrist@yahoo.com.

## Seeking Contact

### FROM FORMER MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

My name is Nepheli Wander. I am looking for some of the Family that lived in Bangladesh during 1985-1989. During that time, my name was Charity and I was a young teen. I lived in Dakah and then Chitagong. The people I would really love to get in contact with are:

- 1) Heaven (Magen)
- 2) Abner (you had a wife and little girl)
- 3) Francesco and Pandita (I took care of your twins, Andrea and Danielle)
- 4) Simone (we lived in the same home in Dakah)
- 5) any other family that would like to regain communication.

My e-mail address is: wanderhere@hotmail.com.

It would be great to contact some old friends from the Family in Guatemala. I'm looking for **Paul and Luz**. My name is Ana Gabriela Mazariegos Palmieri. My e-mail is: mazariegos.ag@pg.com.

Salome (formerly teen Joy, of Jeremy) is looking for **Robin**. His dad was Jeremiah Singer, his sister is Armendria/Gloria. Does anyone know how we can get in touch with him?! If so, you're welcome to either send the information to us at the European Family Info. Dept. at info@thefamilyeurope.org or directly to Salome at cally1013@usa.net.