

The Grapevine



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CHINA DESK EMAIL CHANGE

Dear Family,

Hi! I love you all very much and I'm looking forward to seeing you all in Heaven. I wanted to let everyone know of the China Desk's new email address. It's **pcdesk@attglobal.net**. Please discontinue using **teddy@wonderserve.com**. Thanks so much!

Also, just as a little reminder, if you send something for me to pass on, please be sure to put the names and mate's/parent's names at the top of the message, so I can pass it on right away. If you are able to send it encrypted, please ask me for my key first so you don't need to send it open. Thanks so much!

Love and prayers,
Heidi for the PACRO China Desk

pcdesk@attglobal.net

MOZAMBIQUE...

They reached the swollen banks of the Limpopo river by helicopter. They found people desperate for drinking water, 1,500 families clamoring for medical aid, supplies to be distributed, prayers needed for the sick, food for the hungry, and thousands of souls to be won.



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KOSOVO...

Where God guides, He provides. A look into Kosovo through the Oasis Home's faithful witnessing adventures.—Housing miracles, helping at tent schools, shows for tots, and potential disciples!



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keep,thefaith

That the *Blade* mag is a TREASURE HOUSE of brand new JEWELS from Heaven? That some of the messages included were given for senior teens, YAs and even SGAs? That MANY of the messages apply to elite troops of ALL AGES?

To the JETTs and Junior teens: Do YOU have personal prophecies that could be a blessing to your peers? Send them in!

To parents, teachers, young people: Have YOU received a prophecy or cool word picture from Heaven for your child, sibling, or friend? Send it in!

To ALL AGES:

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new book summary
on MO site!

SMART SPEAKING: Sixty-second Strategies
By Laurie Schloff and Marcia Yudkin, Henry Holt and Company, New York

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Read **BLADE** and be on the CUTTING EDGE of the ERA OF ACTION!

Status change: Barney and the Laurel Home, USA

BY WS

For several years an FM Home in Laurel, Maryland has been publishing a magazine called the *New Day News*. This Home, led by Barney, has also held yearly fellowship gatherings which included CM, FM and former members. Peter and Gary attended one of these gatherings in July 1996 (See ML #3068).

After receiving numerous questions about the activities of this Home, the content of the *New Day News* and their web site, as well as reports from both Charter and Fellow members questioning Barney's negative comments about the Family, its leadership, doctrine and policy, the North American CRO teamwork, after much prayer and counsel, have withdrawn this Home's Fellow membership.

Although World Services doesn't normally announce such change in membership, we felt that in this case it was necessary as many of you, both Charter and Fellow members, fellowship with Barney and his Home, attend their gatherings, and contribute articles to the *New Day News* and to their web site. As such, World Services wants you to know that Barney and the Laurel Home are no longer Family members.

Following is the letter which the North American CRO teamwork sent to Barney:

Dear Barnabus,

God bless you! We love you and pray that you are healthy and well and that the Lord is blessing your efforts to reach others with the truth of His Word and the beauties of His love.

Barney, we won't make this letter real long, being that over the past couple of years,

fairly substantial communications have gone between us, both on paper and in discussions that you have had with Dust and Ahlai in DC. In recent months, we've received more questions from Family members (CM, FM and former), asking us about you and your activities. We've taken some time to consider the material that you publish, both hard copy and on your web site. We believe that one thing we probably agree on at this point is that we are not in sufficient unity to be part of the same work. As the Word says, "Except two be agreed, how can they walk together? (Amos 3:3)"

We do, of course, consider you very much a brother in Christ and we will always

share a common foundation of faith in the training that we have received from Dad and our experiences serving the Lord around the world. We would be happy to work together with you on any activities or projects that would help to reach others with the Gospel or manifest Jesus' love for the world. Further than that, however, we believe that you will agree with us that we are not of like mind in our support of the Family, and that your differences with the Family are sufficient enough that you would not truly be considered a current Fellow Member of the Family. This is the conclusion that many, if not most, of those familiar with your publications have already come to, as we also have. With that un-

derstanding, we will regretfully go ahead and discontinue that aspect of our relationship. While we know that this change may possibly cause you to be at further odds with and more apt to criticize the Family, we do feel it's only fair to yourself and ourselves and everyone else to have a clear understanding of our relationship.

Barney, if there are any projects or activities that we can work together on that will result in souls saved, or Christians strengthened in their relationship with the Lord or the message being preached, we would look forward to working together with you.

Much love always,
North American Shepherds

Web site honoring Family members who have graduated

BY GABRIELLA, HUNGARY

The Lord has given me a burden to create a Web site for Family members and friends of the Family who have gone to be with the Lord. If you have a loved one who has graduated and you would like to see them honored in this site, here are a couple of suggestions:

1) You could write up a biography of when they joined, how old they were when they joined/passed on, where they were serving the Lord, who their mate was (if applicable), how many children they had, how many years they served the Lord for and where, details about their ministry, etc. The basic idea is to write something that will show forth their life and testimony.

2) If you don't have a talent for writing, that's okay. You can send me as much information as you can about them and I'll write it up for you.

If you have a picture of them this would be very nice. It would be interesting if you could say something distinct about their character, to make them more "real" to others who haven't met them. Maybe an anecdote or two from their life. Don't worry about it being too long. You can make it as long or as short as you feel led. Sign your name at the bottom of the testimony if you want your name mentioned. If you know someone else who was very close to the person, don't think, "Well, I won't write because they'll for sure write something." When I get these testimonies, I'll combine

the different tributes, remove repetition, etc.

Last of all, when the site gets rolling, I will announce it in the *Grapevine*. If you notice any mistakes, it will be no problem for me to correct them. Or if you want to add more later on, that's fine also.

I felt that this site would be a comfort to those of us who have lost someone close to us. It's a way to honor them and to let others know how wonderful they were. "...and he, being dead, yet speaketh" (Heb. 11:4).

Send your tributes to e-mail: gabriellagypsy@yahoo.com

Or snail mail:
PF 779, A-1011
Vienna, Austria (Europe)
Attn: Gabriella

In My arms

Baby Audrey Michelle (second child of YAs David and Heidi, Mexico) went to be with the Lord 12 hours after her birth on May 3rd, due to heart trouble.

Your little loved one is Home in Heaven now. She was in your womb those many months because she wanted to bond with you and grow close to you—and you with her. Her mission is to be fulfilled in the heavenlies, but it was My will that she first bond and become as one with you, as your little daughter. This was part of the process to prepare her for her job up Here—a job that is directly related to you, to helping you now and in the future. Your link with her in the flesh and in the spirit is imperative to the success of her future mission, so keep that connection strong through heavenly communications.

She's your reminder to keep the heavenly vision. She's your reminder to keep looking up Here, where everything is perfect and beautiful. She's your reminder that your life on Earth is only for a time, but Heaven is for eternity. She's your reminder to keep your eyes off of the day-to-day problems and troubles that get you down, but to keep forging ahead in the areas that will count and make a difference forever—reaching lost souls, spreading My love, helping those in need, loving as I love, and sharing the comfort that you receive from Me with others.

JESUS SPEAKING:

Update on the Fiji coup

BY CARMIE AND MONICA, FIJI (MAY 22, 2000)

Hi everyone! We're sure you've heard how things have been very exciting here in Fiji these past few days. We wanted to send a little note while the lines are open to let you know that we are doing fine and are safe. Today is the 5th day of the coup and it is still not resolved; the country is under a state of emergency. However, the rioting and looting and brawls are slowing down as the police slowly get things under control with road checks and blocking off the main cities. A nationwide curfew from 7-6 is in place. Public transport is still down and all banks and schools and most shops are closed. On the first day things were pretty much out of control in the major cities. They are trying to get people to go back to work today but with no transport not many will. Thank God our little city has so far been peaceful, even so, we're staying with friends just in case that should change.

Gorge Speight (coup leader) has refused any and all of the president's offers and is holding firm to his demands. The hostages are still in the parliament building, one of which is the president's daughter. Gorge is threatening to kill them one by one if the president doesn't step down. For now the President still has the loyalty of most of the military and Police, but if they start killing God knows what will happen since the vibes between the Indians and Fijians aren't very hot. Most Indians are staying inside for fear of being beaten up. At the same time, there are now more and more Fijians against Fijians, so it's a bit crazy. There is even talk of setting up another government in Nadi or Lautoka (major cities on the other side of the island, from Suva the capitol) and to let those in Suva keep their own government.

Today the Great Counsel of Chiefs is supposed to meet and whomever they are backing is the one with the power, but there seem to be several different mindsets within the counsel so we'll

see what happens.

Monica and I went to Sigatoka (town) yesterday to check things out with the schools and we were the only white people walking around. Since we know just about everyone in town, people were telling us to go home as it was not safe to be walking around. So we went back home fast. Everything was barred and boarded up and groups of Fijian guys were hanging out everywhere and it was a very weird feeling. The shops that were open only had their small back doors open and everything else had bars and grills up. The main tourist shops and food shops weren't open at all. The open

market was less than half full.

We are staying with friends that are building the Outrigger Reef resort here. There are 10 of them from Australia and New Zealand and they have four houses in the same area (we used to be their neighbors), so there are enough of them around to keep us safe. They almost won't let us out of their sight; they call us throughout the day checking on us and making sure we are still in the house. Thank God for them being our angels.

Please keep us in your prayers and we'll keep in touch from time to time and let you know what's up with the coup and us. We love you! Aloha!

On Friday, May 19, businessman George Speight led an armed attack on the Fijian Parliament and took 45 legislators and the country's first ethnic-Indian prime minister hostage. Speight declared himself the nation's new leader on behalf of indigenous Fijians. Racial tensions dominate Fijian society: Its population is split almost evenly between indigenous people and ethnic Indians, mostly descendants of migrant sugar workers. Fijians own more than 80 percent of the land, but Indians produce 90 percent of the sugar crop, Fiji's leading export, and dominate commerce. Indian-owned shops in the capital of Suva were looted and burned, leading to fears that there will soon be an exodus of Indo-Fijians as there was after a Fijian-nationalist coup in 1987, when approximately 35,000 ethnic Indians fled.

—COMPILED FROM NEWS WIRES

BROTHERHOOD

CC workshop held in Budapest

BY JOY (OF BENJI), HUNGARY

In early May we held a three-day SEEC-area childcare workshop for new parents majoring on the training of our kids aged 0-7. We had nearly 40 attendees (mostly moms, but a couple of dads too).

Mimi (of Jason), Becky (of Sam), and Joan (of Steve) worked with me to give the classes and host this workshop. I was very thankful for their wonderful help. We also had Rosemarie (VS from Poland) and Dove (from Russia) attend, so that they will be able to hold similar workshops for their areas.

When praying about this workshop the Lord said to stick to a few main subjects, to make it simple and give them time to rest. He also told us that we should ask each of those attending to take time to hear from Him about the childcare situation in their Home before attending, so that they would come prepared for all that He had to give.

Here's what we covered in the workshop:

DAY 1 - Keynote with prophecies the Lord had given for them. We also took time to hear from the Lord together. In the afternoon we covered the "Calling of Motherhood" and "Advantages of Home Schooling," and "Need for Discipline."

DAY 2 - We covered "Early Learning." We started from the beginning and took them through the steps from teaching babies to how to set up a childcare folder, make a planner using the TAG, and so on. We also covered how to teach different age groups simultaneously, and shared additional tips from the Word and personal testimonies on teaching little ones.

DAY 3 - We covered "Teaching Reading and Math." We presented as many ideas for teaching reading as possible, and encouraged them to seek the Lord for their child's key. We gave a simple course on making flashcards and readers, using the Glenn Doman sight reading method (which Hungarian Flower presented), as well as how to teach phonetic reading from the CCHB 2. We taught about the Montessori method of teaching math from the CCHB, as well as how to make

and use math dots.

The MM Home was able to print CC material packs that we gave to each attendee. These packs included a set of many of the CC materials that a parent would need to get started teaching her little ones. The parents were so thankful for these packs.

We covered the pros and cons of CLE, BEKA and ACE, the main Christian curriculums available. One big question in our area is Home Schooling vs. System School, as in most all of the EE counties System school is mandatory (though we are finding ways around this). The Lord gave some specific counsel on this for our area. We shared ideas about how to home school in countries where generally it's not allowed, as in some cases there are "exceptions," and will be sending out a further detailed message on this. We read from the *Raise 'em Right* and the *Home Educators* on Home Schooling to cover the pros of home schooling.

The Lord also supplied a bunch of baby clothes and baby items shortly before the workshop, so each mother was able to take home a large bag of stuff!

RELIEF WORK IN FLOODED Mozambique

BY ANITA, MARIA, SYLVIA AND DANIEL,
MEMBERS OF THE MAPUTO HOME, MOZAMBIQUE

During the months of April and May several of us made trips into Gaza, the worst hit province during the recent flooding in Mozambique. We contacted a Christian coalition of churches and organizations working together to reach some of the worst hit towns.

25,000 people at the mouth of the Limpopo

BY ANITA (15) AND MARIA (16)

We flew in a helicopter to Zonguene, a small village at the mouth of the Limpopo river which overflowed its banks and completely cut off Zonguene and three other small villages from the rest of the province. The Red Cross and the local government weren't aware that this area of about 25,000 people was in desperate need of medical help, food and drinking water.



Us and boy scouts in front of plane at Chibuto airport.

Translators, nurses, and pharmacists

Upon arrival we were put to work right away. Together with a South African doctor we erected a small "clinic," which consisted of four sticks driven into the ground with a plastic sheet as a cover. Hundreds of patients would line up in the morning—underfed kids with skin diseases, worms, diarrhea, fevers, ear infections, cuts, malaria and so on. We gave out medication and vitamin C to 1,500 families. We would work in the blazing sun from morning straight into the late afternoon without a break—not even stopping for lunch.

From one minute to the next we were the official translators, nurses, and pharmacists. Sometimes things had to be translated to us first from Shangana (the local Bantu dialect) to Portuguese and then we would translate into English for Ivan, the South African doctor who was with us.

Other isolated villages

Some days we went to tend the sick in isolated villages nearby. We were flown by helicopter or small airplane, as the roads were still underwater. In these villages the people live in typical African huts made of mud walls and straw roofs. Besides the medicines, we handed out multi-vitamins to all patients. During the two months these people were cut off and forgotten; they lived mainly from fish caught in the muddy waters, and the few bananas and potatoes they grew. These villagers hardly ever use money as they trade their produce amongst themselves.

Busy, Busy

We gave out posters to the people who could read Portuguese, and many came to know Jesus. The doctors would pray for each patient's healing, as they also were all Christian volunteers, then they would ask us to "give them salvation." At the end of each day we were exhausted, but we found great satisfaction in helping these very needy dear people.

The kids respond so well to a little love and attention. Before we started our work each day we would teach them action songs like "God is Good to Me" and "In Right, Out Right," much to their delight.

At night when the generator was turned off and it was pitch dark, we would marvel at the most beautiful starry sky we had ever seen. Zonguene also has a gorgeous beach with white sand and dunes. We had to sleep out in a tent and the area was covered with horse flies and king-sized mosquitoes, and the two of us came down with ma-



Anita and Maria in Zonguene where they helped for a week as translators, as nurses and food distribution.



Sylvia and Eman with kidz in a camp near Chibuto.

laria. But we don't regret that we made this trip. It was one of the best experiences in our lives and we wouldn't have traded it for anything.

Water, food and survival packages

BY SYLVIA (19) AND DANIEL (NATIONAL DISCIPLE)

Daniel, Eman and I were helping in Chibuto. We helped unload and organize food supplies being flown in from South Africa and Swaziland.

Daniel spent a lot of time at the airport, unloading small planes from South Africa and Swaziland. He had to sleep at the airport to watch our tent with the supplies. He would organize the supplies and get them ready for transport to the different camps.

We ran the water purification unit and supplied clean drinking water to the surrounding area of 40,000 people. We had to run the generators, and put chemicals in the four big tanks that would purify water from the river. Our purified water was checked by "Medicos sem Fronteiras" (Doctors Without Borders) as they also used it for one of the cholera camps in the area. Trucks would also come from Xai Xai to get safe drinking water for some of their camps.

We made basic survival packages for each family living in the camps consisting of men's, women's and kids clothes, blankets, pots and pans; cups, silverware and then they would receive their ration of basic food.

3,000 hungry children

We serviced four camps daily with milk, cereal, rice and soy meat, vitamins, and so on, and then would return in the early afternoon to base where we would



Daniel with woman and baby at Xai Xai camp.

serve out our purified water to the people of Chibuto (not living in camps). These people also needed safe drinking water, and our water was for free. Just the fuel for the generator

cost \$1,300 a day, which the Christian coalition raised the funds for in other countries.

I was responsible for feeding the 3,000 children (ages 0-7) at the four camps we visited daily. Since we didn't have a car, I would get up at 5 o'clock each morning and catch a ride with the water trucks to go to the camps. At the camp, two ladies and myself would prepare milk and food to feed the kids. They would all line up with their little cans and cups in hand ready to receive their hot milk. They had the most beautiful faces, smiles and shining eyes.

When I arrived at the camps, the children would all run to me and call me "mama" in Shangana, because I would bring them food, play and sing with them. I had learned a bit of Shangana to be able to communicate better with them.

3,000 souls and one outside witness

During this trip over 3,000 souls were saved. The kids in the shelters learned our songs and we now have one outside witness in Xai Xai, 22-year-old Cleopatra.

It was a life changing experience for me and very satisfying to be able to help the poor and meek here in Mozambique. We all wanted to stay longer and are looking forward to continuing to help the people of this country.

All you ever wanted to know about tots and their teeth: a full outline of care and maintenance tips—don't miss the full scoop in **Kidland #9!** Also included: tips and experiences for parents and teachers on-the-go, baby scheduling tips, tips and lessons about pneumonia in infants, and much, much more!

Activated news

From the Europe/Africa Activated Desk: We are in the midst of negotiations with the owner of a London bookshop who wants to market all the *Activated* products. He will give them to the black churches in the UK. It looks quite promising, as the black community is the most receptive to our tools here. This same contact has offered to help us get the *Treasure Attics* broadcast on a Christian satellite channel. Please keep this in your prayers!

From Conectate (Mexico Activated Desk): The Homes in the Monterrey area are doing a great job of bringing in subscriptions. One Home, which formerly had sent in only three paid subscriptions over the past four months, brought in 20 more paid subscriptions in March alone! Each time we hear from them they say they have more people on the line. Something that has helped them is to have a stack of magazine #2, and on follow-up after their contacts or sheep have already received #1 from them, they offer #2 and then encourage them to subscribe and try to get the payment on the spot, rather than a "subscribe now, bill me later" offer. This has been working well for them.

From the Rose Garden Home, Bangalore: The "Mottos for Success" calendar is such a hit with people. They have become a must for every outreachers' bag each day. We gave out calendars as gifts to some of our pledgers, and so many of the pledgers

Mama jewels on . . . dreams

—TO A YOUNG STAFF MEMBER

Maybe you should pray about your dream and ask the Lord if it has any meaning. It's important to do that when you have dreams, because dreams are like visions: you need to get the interpretation of them, which you can get in prophecy. And even if you don't think it was an important dream, it's good to pray about it, because you really never know until you ask Jesus about it.



ers say their friends have taken the calendars, so they have started buying more. We ask for 200 Rupees a calendar, so the income is nearly the same as getting out two audios. It is so inspiring to see the power of the Word in people's lives.

(Editor: This is the Activated world shiner Home, which won a new multimedia computer and an additional cash prize for selling over 50 subscriptions.)

From Peter, Bangalore: Four months ago we met Johnson when we provisioned a package to be sent by his courier service. The next time we went to meet him we witnessed to him more deeply and showed him *Activated* magazine #1. He immediately signed up for it and also called a friend and suggested he subscribe for the magazine and arranged for us to meet his friend. The next day his friend also paid for the full subscription. Recently when we visited Johnson, he told us how he reads *Activated* from cover to cover and appreciates it very much. He has asked four more of his friends to sign up for *Activated* also.

WS NEWS

TeleTRF 2000 is Beginning to Roll!

FROM THE WS TELETRF TEAM

As you know, we have been working on a new Windows version of the TeleTRF for some time now! We are very excited to announce that a small number of Homes in the NACRO area will be using the new TeleTRF program, TeleTRF 2000, for the first time to file their May 25th TRF. God bless these Homes for their willingness to help us and be the first pioneers to use the new TeleTRF program.

This is our first "beta" test of TeleTRF 2000, so please continue to pray for our work on this project and for the Homes that are helping with this testing. We will make more specific plans after this first beta test is complete, but we hope to roll the new TeleTRF to the entire NACRO area over the next few months, DV. (We're using NACRO as a testing ground for technical and communication reasons.) We will also begin to make plans with the other CRO Offices about how and when to begin implementing the new TeleTRF in their areas.

Thanks again for all of your prayers. We hope that TeleTRF 2000 will be coming to a computer near you in the near future and that it will be a help and blessing to make your monthly TRF reporting easier than ever!

happenings

You may not know it, but there is an amazing natural healer and host to dozens of natural remedies that is most likely living right in your spice cabinet!—Find out all about

[El Día del Niño]

Jason, Mexico: It is “*el Día del Niño*” (Children’s Day) which is a big deal here in Mexico. We just got home from hosting a meal for about 350 poor kids in a community outside of Morelia. After getting a lot of message in through songs, skits, etc., we were able to lead them all to the Lord. It was a lot of fun, and you just know that it has a big effect on these kids’ lives, which is always a fulfilling feeling.

[Spooky salvation]

Esther Spark: About 16 years ago, on the far-flung Island of Mindanao in the Philippines, I met a man who introduced himself as Dennis. He asked me if I believed in people living in the spirit world after they died. He looked relieved when I said yes. His companions were pushing him to leave but he looked like he had something on his heart he needed to talk about, so I gave him our phone number.

When he called, he said that two years earlier when he was in the military he had been sent on a special mission to the Sulu peninsula to infiltrate a rebel camp, spy out their plans and as-

sassinate their leader.

While living with them, he realized the hearts of the people were the same as his. They loved, laughed, cried and had dreams and hopes, the same as he did. They felt just as righteous in fighting for their cause as he did for his. When he found out that the old man who all the children loved, and who everyone called “*lolo*” (grandpa), was the man he was supposed to kill, he couldn’t do it.

Dennis then started to cry as he expounded on the hell that war is. He said he was sorry for all the killing he’d done, and that he had never thought that fighting was a great and noble thing. I witnessed to him about Jesus’ love, forgiveness and salvation. He very thankfully received Jesus and promised to keep in touch.

When my new friend called the next day he explained that his real name is Daniel and he’s a school teacher. Dennis was a man he met two years ago at a restaurant, the day before Dennis was to go on his mission to the Sulu peninsula. He was scared and told Daniel he didn’t think he’d make it back alive. Sure enough, when the rebels discovered he was an infiltrator, they executed him.

Dennis came back in the spirit to

visit Daniel to tell his story. Daniel used to see Dennis almost every night and he always looked so sad. Daniel said everyone he told this to thought he was crazy, so he stopped talking about it.

The day Daniel met us he heard Dennis’ voice saying, “Tell her, she’ll understand.”

Daniel then told me that when he prayed, both he and Dennis received Jesus. That night Dennis smiled when Daniel saw him. Dennis never came back.

[Teacher training course]

Islamabad Home, Pakistan: We were approached by a local NGO to give some teacher training courses in the villages 50 km. outside Islamabad. People from a Christian school 500 kilometers away, run by the *Sisters of Jesus and Mary*, also begged us to come.

We presented a budget proposal to three multinational companies that have helped in the past. We were able to raise the \$5,000 that financed our expenses and supported our Home of 7 adults and 21 children. We accomplished the following in the months of March and April:

We gave a 30-day basic training

SPECIAL

Dear Family,

We love you so very much! Below is a list of those of you who sent in special offerings to WS from December through the first quarter of this year. We appreciate so very much these extra gifts above your tithes, and we just couldn’t do all that we do without them. They are an integral part of supporting WS’ giving and services. Thank you for your sacrifices, and may the Lord bless you abundantly for them! And thanks to our whole Family worldwide for your tithes which support our missionaries, service Homes, *Activated Homes*, publications and tools for your worldwide ministries!

With love and thanks,
Your WS office

DECEMBER

MATTHEW/MARIE, INDIA
STEVEN/FAITH, INDONESIA
DAVID/MIRACLE, INDIA
ISAAC/RUTH, BURMA
JOHN, PERU
NIC/TENDER, PHILIPPINES
MATTHEW SAVED/GINA, EU
MATTHEW SAVED/GINA, EU
NEHEMIAH/MARIA C., EU
MIGUEL/VICTORIA, EU
PAUL/FAITH, EU
STEPHEN/JOY, EU
TIM LOVEBRIDGE, EU
ABRAHAM, EU
KENNY/LISA, EU
SOLOMON SHEPHERD, EU
EMMANUEL FEARLESS, EU
MICHAEL, EU
JOHN, EU
PAUL/ANGELA, EU

DAVIDE/JOAN/KRISTEN, EU
SIMON/RENEE, EU
MICA/CHRISTIANA/LIS, EU
MARTIN/ELLA, EU
GABE/FLOWER/RUTHIE, EU
TIM/TABITHA/MARIANNE, EU
VICTOR/JULIA, EU
NAT/ESTHER/JENNIFER, EU
STEVEN/CHRISTINA, EU
STEVEN/CHRISTINA, EU
MARTIN/MERCY/JONATHAN, EU
LEVI/SARA/ESTHER, ROMANIA RO
FRANCESCO/SARA/MARCO, EU
ANDY/JOY, CHINA
MATTHEW/CLAIRE, CHINA
MIKE/VICTORIA FAITH, PA
JERRY/VICKY, CHINA
LILY ANNE ROSA, CHINA
PAUL/RUTHIE, CHINA
DAVID/PANDITA, JAPAN
TIM/COMFORT, PA
PPC/CLP, TAIWAN
ABNER/ENDURETH, PA

MAGGIE, JAPAN
CHRISTMAS, JAPAN
ABEL/ANGEL, JAPAN
STEVEN/MERCY, JAPAN
MICHAEL/MARRIANNE, PA
JACK/JENNY, CHINA
FRANCISCO/JOANNA, SA
TIAGO/PRISCILA/JER, BRAZIL
PEDRO/JOYFUL, SA
JANE/JOSH/BIRGITTA, SA
NAUM, SA
BYRON BELOVED, USA
LOUIS J. ROGERS, USA
FRANCISCO/MARGARITA, NA
US2094, USA

HILLTOP ISTANBUL, TURKEY
JOY OF ANDREW, SWITZ
MARIESMITH S. AFRICA
TIM, BELGIUM
DAVIDE/JOAN/KRISTEN, EU
NEHEMIAH/MEEKNESS/CH, EU
EMMANUEL/ROSE/SHA, EU
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EMMANUEL FEARLESS, EU
MICHAEL, EU
PETER, EU
CRYSTAL FAITHFUL, EU
JOSIAH/JOY/CONFIDENC, EU
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BENJAMIN/MARY DEAR, EU
CHRISTMAS, JAPAN
LAMB/JAMES, AUSTRALIA
SIMON/TRUSTY, CHINA
PAUL/LOVELIGHT, JAPAN

JANUARY

STEVEN/FAITH, INDONESIA
MAX MORALES, AS
PETER/TENDER, PHILIPPINES
JAMES/PAULINE, INDIA

cayenne and its hidden secret powers! You'll also benefit greatly from reading some informative and inspiring testimonies and tips from cancer survivors—and learn what preventative measures you can be taking now. And don't miss out on some cool ways to revive your sex life!—All this and more, in *Eve #7*.

course (six courses lasting three days each, and two courses lasting six days each) to 210 teachers and 100 parents from schools (private and government) in 55 villages. The attendees teach a total of 8,100 students.

We gave each teacher a 25-page resource booklet of all the material covered (totaling 5,200 pages). We also gave out 3,000 *Reflections* and *Mountain Streams*, 10 *Activated* books, 200 posters, 40 videos, and 55 souls were won.

Oh, yes, we forgot! There are another 55 villages with a similar amount of teachers that have requested training! We are now looking for further sponsors. Can you help?

Below are some reactions from among the hundreds we received from the teachers:

"Words seem so inadequate in return for all that you shared with us. Your energy seemed boundless as you worked with the teachers. The Lord alone can repay you and I have no doubt that He is doing so. I have never attended such an interesting training session before. During other courses, I could not sit for more than 2 hours, but with yours, I just could not get enough. I promise I will do my best to implement it."

"I have felt a lot of changes in my life due to this course. I thought the language would be a problem, but you organized it so nicely and translated everything."

"The course helped me to improve my moral values. You have taught me how I can make simple and low cost teaching aids that I can immediately implement in my poor school."

[Meeting El Pive Valderama]



Catherine, USA: We finished checking in at the Tampa airport; as Gary walked away from the counter, he ran into El Pive Valderama, the famous Colombian soccer player. He played in the last World Cup for Columbia. Gary asked, "Are you El Pive?" and he said, "Sure am!" We proceeded to talk with him and gave him a tape and poster and took a picture with

him. When we got on the plane, he was sitting right behind us and we talked to him all the way to Miami. He is Catholic and was very sweet. Since he actually lives near us, we invited him over for a barbeque and he gave us his number. Let's see what develops!

[President of Ecuador]

David (of Cristal), Ecuador: Cristal has been in touch with the president of Ecuador through the mail. He has received DMs, Streams, and answered twice showing his gratefulness for our concern.

[Teachers' seminar for convent school]

Martin and Hope, Lahore Home, Pakistan: During a recent series of seminars we conducted for a top school here, a teacher who attended from another city was so impressed that she took our telephone number and later requested the same series for her teachers at a convent school. We visited her city and did the seminars over the weekend—two solid days! The teachers and sisters were appreciative and gave us a generous fee for the course. They asked us to visit them again.

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 DANIEL/VICTORIA, SA
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 DAVID/JAMES, JAPAN
 TIM/COMFORT, KOREA
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 CLP/PPC, TAIWAN
 ABNER/ENDURETH, TAIWAN
 JOHN/JEREMY, JAPAN

CHRISTMAS, JAPAN
 STEVEN/MERCY, JAPAN
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 FRANCISCO/JOANNA, SA
 JANE/JOSH/BIRGITTA, SA
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 TIM/REJOICE/DOVE, US

MARCH

PETER/PEACE, INDIA
 HOME # 07, INDONESIA
 PPC HOME, PHILIPPINES
 MAX MORALES, PHILIPPINES
 GARDENHOME, THAILAND
 AHMEDEBAD, INDIA
 MARTIN/MERCY FEB, EU
 DAVID/GABRIELA FEB, EU
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 RUTH FIGHTER, EU
 MATTHEW, EU

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 NOAH/PRECIOUS, JAPAN
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 LUCAS/JOHN/RUTHIE, SA
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 NAUM, SA
 JEREMIAS/SARA, SA

FEBRUARY

DAVID/MIRACLE, INDIA
 MARK/FAITHY, INDIA
 PPC HOME, PHILIPPINES
 BALI HOME, INDONESIA
 MAX M., PHILIPPINES

OFFERINGS



BY ANDREW, MIRACLE AND THE OASIS HOME e-mail: healinghearts@laus.hr

3 WEEKS IN KOSOVO

This is the first trip we have made since "Ask Me Everything." At this time and in this sensitive area, it was more important than ever that we heard from Him fresh daily.

Housing miracle

Our first battle was to find housing. It seemed that it would be an impossible task for our team of eight. The going price for a little two bedroom house for two weeks was US \$1500! We spent a whole day seeking, but nothing opened up until we went to follow up on a businessman we met last November. He runs a cabaret. When we asked the Lord He gave verses about going to the "sinners, publicans and harlots." This friend told us he was helping to finance the rebuilding of the school just behind his club, and we offered to do our show at the school. He said we could stay in his six bedroom

house, located in the richest area of the city. We gave a *Famine for Love* CD to his club (which is a restaurant by day), and we heard it playing there continually. After our show at the school, our friend was so happy, he said we could stay in the house as long as we needed!

One morning we were awakened at 5:30 A.M. by banging on the door. It was our friend and his bodyguard. They apologized profusely and explained that someone had thrown a petrol bomb into the house where some of his girls were staying, so they needed a few rooms and asked if we could share the house with them. Ten minutes later, four

wearily-looking girls of various EE nationalities showed up. They took the upstairs, and we stayed downstairs. We were able to witness to them in our few words of Russian. They had lost all their belongings in the fire, and were left with only the clothes on their backs. Poor things! Over the next week we made good friends with the bodyguard, and he has offered a house in his village for May when the studio band will be coming with us to Kosovo to do several concerts.

Helping out in a tent school

Our friend in UNICEF told us about a village which had a tent school for over 800 students (their school building had been burned). The Lord confirmed that we should go there. The school was very clean and well organized. The classrooms were in eight different tents. There was no electricity or heating, but the children were polite and respectful. We gave most of our CTP supplies to them and the people of that village. Eman, who had come up from Albania to help us, prayed with many children.

Kindergarten show in Mitrovica

We received an invitation to perform in a kindergarten in a town which has been the hottest flashpoint in Kosovo—Mitrovica! It was a big surprise for the children, and they were so thankful. They have not received visits or help from anyone else. Many are war orphans or children who were traumatized by the war. One girl lost her parents, and now has difficulty speaking. We gave them our tapes and videos and promised to come back.

Potential disciples

One morning, on our way to develop our film, a young man came out of his house and invited us in for coffee. He was living with several other students who had formed a band. We decided to go in to meet his roommates, and they asked us all to visit them in the evening so we could sing and play music with them. That evening they all got saved, and some of them even asked how they can join! We went to follow up on them in their home town and they had prepared

A CRO's impressions ...

BY MAGDA (30), CRO

Hi to you all, my dear Family!

Have you ever wondered if Mama and Peter and their Home are "normal," so to speak? Maybe you've had a chance to meet Peter in recent years, and as he often travels with someone from his Home, perhaps you even met someone else from their Home. But what about Mama and the rest of those there?

Through a string of miracles and God's special love, I had a chance to visit them in recent times. It was a totally unexpected trip, but I praise His name that it happened, as I count it the most Heavenly experience of my life.

Mama is a real believer of what she is preaching, and she is a doer of it too. Peter is totally sold out to the Family and is constantly looking for ways to help the Family, finding new ways to do things and never being afraid to go the other way if that's what God wants. Mama and Peter truly have a marriage that was made in Heaven. They are each wonderful, but as they yield to the Lord together, the power of God comes through them in a greater and more beautiful way.

Mama and Peter, as well as their team, are very appreciative of any communication from the field—ideas, suggestions, etc.—so they can serve the Family better. They are fun but also sober when needed. Praying about everything is just a part of everyone's life there. It's not looked upon in a self-righteous way; it's a natural way of being with Jesus and each other.

While visiting I learned more about the incredible power of love and prayer. You can overcome any difficulties in your life if you know that those around you love you

and sincerely care for you. I learned that not only because of the love and prayer that I received, but because I saw them caring for one another on a day to day basis. They all need appreciation, love and encouragement. They are fragile men and women of God, but they do give to one another, and that's what makes this sanctuary of love so lovely. They all pray for you, dear Family, so often, and it's a joy to their hearts. They love to see your faces on pictures and videos. The more specific your prayer requests are, the more appreciative they are, for it makes them feel a part of your lives. They all work hard and fight many difficulties in their lives, but they are wonderful prayer warriors; they pray and pray and pray till they get results.

Also, I have to tell you that Mama feels so well. She talks, she walks, she keeps her eyes open. She is a walking miracle. Keep praying for her, dear Family, as she runs on the power of prayer. The brother Mama mentioned, who has suffered a long term affliction, is doing much better too. This is because so many have prayed for him and he didn't accept "no" for an answer. He fights daily to do his part so he can receive the promises given to him. There are many walking miracles on their team—all because of the battles they have to fight and the prayers they pray.

Oh, and I have to tell you that they are such a fun bunch! They laugh, tell jokes, and have get-outs just like you and me. If you were a new disciple joining their Home, not knowing that they are a WS unit, you would just think that they are like any other happy Family Home you visited—where the Word is not only preached but lived. They are disciples of Jesus, learning new things each day, learning to yield, learning to pray, learning to be His bride.

Being there with them for a while helped me to see how much work they have and how little they live under the stress. They have more than they can take care of each day, yet it's incredible that in the midst of all that, they find the time to enjoy sweet times of

prayer at each meal. They find time to stop and say "Hi!" and "I love you!" when you pass by. They have a time to say a few words to a little child, even if they are so busy. When you need a helping hand there is always someone around who is willing to let go of their work for a moment to be His love to you.

And yes, they do have people of all ages—young and old and in between. And guess what, they all work together! They live together, counsel together and they are one Family. They are each so different. They have different likes and dislikes, from tastes for food to clothing styles, but they learn to make space for each other and allow people to be the individual God made them to be. Some like sports, others like walks; some run, some exercise; some like dogs, others like cats; others like to be alone. It's a mixture of all but somehow the love of Christ constraineth them and they are a fruitful team for Him and for us.

The best part of it all is that each of our Homes can be like that. It just takes fighting in the spirit each day to make the Word we read reality in our lives. Each of us is an important individual in this Family and we can make or break this Family depending on what choices we make each day. As Mama said in one of the Letters: "Your life and what you are and what you do matters!" (Mama, 3257:162) "You are a very important part of the Family, and what you do, or what your Home does, makes a difference!" (3257:161) And as Jesus said: "The success of My work depends on the willingness of the weak, the humility of the lowly, the unity of the Homes and of one with another, and the yieldedness of each one saying yes to Me" (3251:49).

I love you, dear Family, and pray that one day, visiting any Family Home will be that great experience of Heavenly joy and love. IJN! XOX!

their whole house for us to stay there. They helped us book the band, put up posters, and so on. They are looking forward to our return!

Thank you for your gifts

We want to end with something Peter said in "End of a Millennium": "Your extra giving makes a major difference to the missionaries you donate to.... In many cases, you may not even be sharing of your *abundance*, but sharing what little you have in order to help some other family or Home who needs it even more! That will result in even more blessings from the Lord!"

Knowing how many worthy projects there are out there, we feel very privileged that you choose to help us! Thank you so very much!●



Movies Rated for Senior Teens and Up

ANY GIVEN SUNDAY (2000)

Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz, Jamie Foxx

When a devastating hit knocks a legendary professional football quarterback out of the game, a young, unknown player is called in to replace him. His performance forces the team's aging coach to reevaluate his time-tested values and strategies, often in conflict with those of the aggressive young president of the team. Has a lot of foul language. One graphic sports injury scene.

HILARY AND JACKIE (1998)

Emily Watson, Rachel Griffiths

Based on the life of Jacqueline du Pré, one of the most gifted cellists of her time, and her relationship with her sister Hilary. Based on the memoirs of her sister Hilary and her brother Piers. Lessons on understanding, compassion and communication. Has a rather melancholic tone throughout.

Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

RETURN TO ME (2000)

Minnie Driver, David Duchovny

Romantic comedy about a lonely widower and a waitress whose lives are soon intertwined in an unusual way.

Movies Rated for MCs and Up

STUART LITTLE (1999)

Geena Davis, voice of Michael J. Fox

The adventures of a heroic mouse with human qualities, who faces some comic misadventures while living with a human family as their child.

Non-Recommended Movies

ASTRONAUT'S WIFE, THE (Johnny Depp, Charlize Theron; 1999)

(Jesus:) I would spare My Family the evil and horror in the disgusting scenes and concepts that are presented in this movie.

kidbits

Kate Saphira, 7th child, born to **Libby and Abraham Steps** on March 17.—Pakistan

Elaina "Pim Jai", 10th child, born to **Thai Charity and Micah** on March 10th.—Thailand

Baby boy born to **Rachel Miracle** in March.—India

Mariana Pionera, born to **Marysol and David** on April 12.—Chile

tidbits

new disciples...

Maria Magdalena (36, Chilean) and her three children joined in Chile.—April

Re: S2K feedback (*Grapevine* #83, page 7)

I read Steven and Maria's letter about going FM. They said, "We love our teens and enjoy shepherding them. We wanted to go more slowly and not push them to a high standard but inspire them to do it slowly."

I was convicted about *enjoying* shepherding our young people. I have become quite despondent about the problems our JETTs and teens are facing and it seemed that the "norm" was to expect them to leave, but I knew in my heart that I couldn't accept that. Then I realized that to *enjoy shepherding* them is a real key. I had forgotten that the joy of the Lord is my strength and needed a fresh zap of inspiration.

—FGA WOMAN, PAKISTAN

letters to the editor

Re: Matthew's testimony (*Grapevine* #82, page 10)

It was so inspiring and also convicting to read his testimony! His hunger for the Word and eagerness to learn made me see how familiar I have grown towards the Word, taking so many things for granted, LHM!

I—once again—see and remember how rich we are in the spirit, how much we can give to others of the treasures, new and old, that we so freely have gotten throughout the years!

God bless him! I pray that he will continue to learn, grow and understand the Lord's simple and pure love and truth!

—TENDER JOY, KORAT, THAILAND

reviews

Any Given Sunday

(Dad:) This movie is an up-close-and-personal, in-your-face look at the sports world and especially the people behind the scenes who are running it, pushing it, driving it. It's not an entirely pretty look, but it's realistic. It's intense; it's a little rough and raw, because that's the way that world is. Like they say in the movie, these players are like modern-day gladiators, bashing their bodies and brains up to entertain the masses, and they're trying to get rich and famous in the process. But the ones who really profit are the ones who are manipulating them, pulling their strings like puppeteers. Poor boys! This oughtta break your heart for them.

There's a lot of foul language, and because it's a sports movie, it won't be to everyone's liking. It focuses on the negative more than the positive, because it's an exposé. It brings out some other good points too, though, including lessons on teamwork and inter-generational interactions.

Hilary and Jackie

(Jesus:) This movie ought to make you weep for the poor people of the world. This is a sad but true story. It brings out some very good lessons—one of them being that things are not always as they appear. That is why I encourage you in My Word to bear one another's burdens, as you never know what the other person is going through. He or she may be carrying heavy burdens you don't know of.

This movie shows how hard things are without Me. This is not a movie for entertainment.—It's more like an advanced class on life without Me, and if studied properly could help you to relate to people better. This could be a real learning experience if after you watch it, you take time to hear from Me and discuss the things I show you. It's even a springboard for an in-depth talk about the principles of the Law of Love.

Return to Me

(Jesus:) This is a sweet, heart-touching movie—though not your typical love story. Intertwined in the wholesome storyline of this film are good lessons on reaching out to others, accepting yourself the way you are, and loving others unconditionally.

Stuart Little

(Jesus:) As usual, there are a few negative influences in this movie, which would particularly affect some younger children. However, for the most part it shows that it's possible to create a fun and entertaining movie without an excess of foolishness and seriously wrong attitudes. Some children may even find this a bit slow moving at the beginning, but it will be an enjoyable experience overall for most.

Guard your children from any attitudes that would affect them negatively, by explanation and/or skipping certain parts, and they will enjoy themselves. And at the same time they will learn that no matter how small they are, they can make a difference—by loving.

help wanted

Dear Family, we are a Home in Russia that desperately needs your financial help through the summer months. Our recent move to a new apartment exhausted our savings. On top of that some of our folks may have to make an expensive visa trip. Unfortunately, we won't have our usual income from English teaching because of the school holidays. We also want to go on a road trip across the country to follow up on MM members, get out lots of Word and reach as many people as we can while it's still possible, as well as pay our rent and eat! Fortunately, we know the Lord can do it, we just need a miracle and YOU! Please send gifts via the TRF to RU017. Lots of love from Luke, Lisa, Daniel, Sarah, Milah, Ivan, Christie, Joan and 5, soon to be 6, kids.

forum

[Never bothered to respond]

Lady in USA: I recently wrote to ask for clearance to a Home on the field that I knew. They didn't respond so I wrote them back to make sure they got my e-mail. Again they didn't respond so I wrote a sweet note asking them to at least acknowledge that they got my e-mail and they still never wrote back. I'm wondering if that has ever happened to anyone else? It was a little sad and now I might go back to that field (to another Home, of course), but I feel funny facing them when they never bothered writing me back. Thanks for listening.

[Close call in a bread shop]

Martin, Mozambique: It was Sunday morning and we were out of bread. Since it was W&R day I didn't want to bother anyone and ask for a partner to accompany me to the bread shop that is just a few minutes' walk from where we live. I said a quick prayer before leaving, grabbed some posters and out the door I went.

While in the bread shop I noticed a young man watching me while I pulled some money out to pay for the bread. I had a funny feeling and put the money back in my pocket. I got a check to give him a poster and start witnessing to him, which I would normally do. I brushed off the check and was watching the man behind the counter counting the bread.

The young man that was standing beside me disappeared when I suddenly heard right behind me: "Grab him!" A strong arm grabbed me by the throat and started choking me while three other guys in their early twenties were holding me and one was trying to get his hand into the front pockets of my jeans. I was gasping for breath and started to slump down so they couldn't get their hands into my pockets. I wanted to tell them to take what they wanted and that it wasn't necessary to choke me like that but I couldn't speak or breathe. I had my wallet in my back pocket, which they took and only then let go of me. Everyone else in the shop froze and watched in silence. I almost passed out as during the whole time I couldn't breathe and just let out a faint cry: "Jesus!" and they let go of me.

While my assailants ran out of the shop I called after them to leave me my Mozambican ID which is expensive and hard to replace. Since they had already taken the money out of my wallet they threw it back to me, and it still had my ID. They jumped in a waiting van and sped off. They didn't take my watch or the other funds in my front pocket and got away with the equivalent of less than \$10. Thank God they didn't stab me, and I thanked the Lord I didn't get hurt worse, though for a few days it was very painful to swallow. I witnessed to the people around and gave out posters.

I learned to first of all obey the rules and go out two by two, and not only to pray but to stop and listen before going out the door, obey His checks while on the way, and not show a lot of money while in public. The minimum wage here is about \$30. Unemployment is over 50%. There's a lot of petty theft but also armed gangs, and in general the people are very poor. We've been assaulted a few times while out even when with another partner and on a couple of occasions young guys tried and got away with snatching necklaces, shopping bags and the van of a visiting brother was broken into right in front of our apartment and the thieves got away with a video and a digital camera.

We've been here for over one year now and we thank God for His miraculous protection and supply during this time.

[Stay real!]

From a 20-something female: The increasing importance of men's physical appearance (in the West at least) has been in the news during the last several months, and I feel I must comment on it. I don't know what other ladies think, but for the record, too much muscle is *not* sexy or attractive—unless men are naturally that way from being construction workers or something (and then it's just tolerable).

Too much bodybuilding suggests an inferiority complex, and that men are far more interested in themselves than in others (especially in us girls!). It also suggests that their brawn is more valuable than their brain. Also, girls, have you ever tried sleeping with

a guy whose chest and arms were bulging and *rock hard*? I did once, in Japan, with a guy who was really into lifting weights—it's *uncomfortable*! I couldn't rest my head on his arm or his chest, because it was like trying to sleep on a pillow that was too large and hard. Since we slept on a single bed, it made for a very uncomfortable night's sleep.

A little muscle is fine, especially if the guys actually use it for useful things. A guy who might be physically smaller or less "bulging" is *more* manly to me if he's willing to carry heavy things or do hard work, than a guy who's physically larger but reluctant or lazy.

To me, if we're talking *only* about physical condition, the main thing that is attractive to me is if a guy is physically *active*. What's *not* attractive is if they build their muscles so much that it looks like they inflated their upper bodies, leaving out-of-proportion their head, hips and legs!

I don't think any of the guys I live with have gone too far overboard, but just in case anyone's getting the delusional idea that (REAL) women as a race are actually more drawn to muscle than to character, please let me convince you otherwise.

We LOVE it when you have strength of character, when you care for others more than yourself, and when you're less interested in your own body and more appreciative of the opposite sex!

Give us REAL MEN with character, whose rugged, manly features are testament to the fact that they're not interested in waxing their bodies or spending hours flexing their muscles in the mirror, who are more interested in the way a dress looks on a woman than whether a shirt makes their muscles stand out or not. Give us REAL MEN who use their strength to assist helpless women, and their energy to keep up with wild little boys who desperately need role models. Give us REAL MEN who are more mature than to succumb to the self-absorbed body obsessions that worldly, brainless men have wrapped themselves in. Give us REAL MEN who take care to look and smell good, yet leave the *primping* to us *women*!

I'm happy to say that I live with real men. I have just two words for you: STAY REAL.

Don't miss "Take me to your leader" in *END 31*—Darwin debunked and evolution exposed!
—By an ex-athiest.

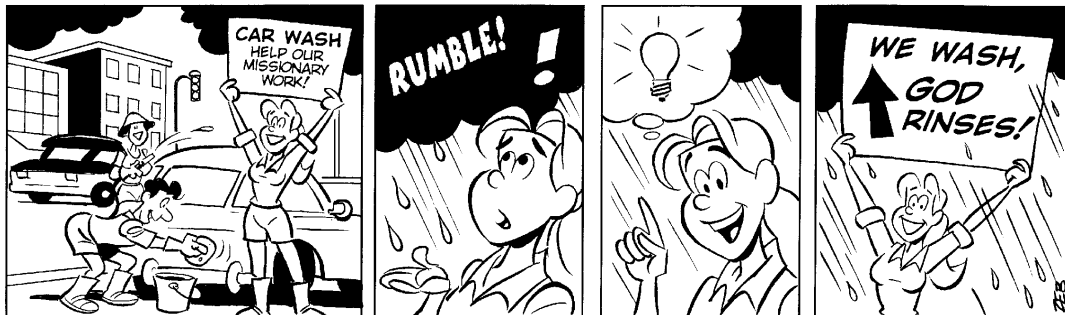
Shine On—APRIL 2000

TEAMWORK	Per Adult	Total		
SOUL SHINERS FOR APRIL 2000			TAPE SHINERS FOR APRIL 2000	
Rejoice/Happy/Nina, Brazil	637	2,550	Pablo E., Chile	178 356
Pablo E., Chile	404	809	Mark/Maria/Shannon/Shane, Ghana	92 368
Martin/Mercy/Jon/Syl/Dan, Mozambique	388	3,104	John/Joy, Austria	75 150
John/Rose/Joyful/Aaron, India	321	1,603	David/Marysol/Lucas/Esperanza, Chile	73 294
Mateus/Karenina/Marc/Suzi, Brazil	202	808	Francisco/Joanna, Brazil	69 484
Esteban/Gabriel/Sara/Lydia, Chile	195	1,955	James Teacher/Christina, USA	65 260
Michael/Maria, Japan	193	965	Tim/Elisabeth/Aurora/Estrella, Spain	63 252
Daniel/Crystal/Steven/Claire, India	178	1,070	Miguel/Brisa, Brazil	55 110
David/Lovely/Victor, Italy	175	879	Peter/John Mark/Hope, USA	51 205
John/Sara/Juan/Ruth, Mexico	175	1,047	John/Sara/Juan/Ruth, Mexico	41 246
POSTER SHINERS FOR APRIL 2000			VIDEO SHINERS FOR APRIL 2000	
Michael/Maria, Japan	1,573	7,866	Ben/Meekness/Sam/Crystal, Botswana	62 250
Sharif/Joanne/Josh/Rima, Nigeria	1541	12,330	Gabriel/Jemima/Maria Angela, Brazil	30 90
Barz/Sara/Daniel, South Africa	1526	4,580	Paul/Olivia, Kenya	29 58
Christmas, Japan	1,525	1,525	Felipe/Vitoria, Brazil	26 131
Martin/Mercy/Jon/Syl/Dan, Mozambique	987	7,897	Surabaya Home, Indonesia	25 100
Peter Servant/Crystal Servant, USA	921	5,524	Pablo E., Chile	25 50
Timothy/Shine/Marianne, USA	844	7,598	Mateus/Karenina/Marc/Suzi, Brazil	19 76
Cephas/Sapphire, Holland	666	2,000	David/Esperanza, Peru	18 75
Daniel/Lana/Jessica, Ethiopia	666	2,000	Ivo/Silvana, Brazil	18 36
Titus/Julia, USA	638	1,275	Jonatan/Clara, Colombia	17 35

backtracking

In *Grapevine* #84, we announced **Brooke**, 2nd child, born to Sara and Frank on December 16th.—USA. The announcement should have read: **Brooke Nicole Francine**, 3rd child, born to Sara and Frank on December 16.—USA. Congratulations, and sorry for the misprint!

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ELITE BRUCE!

by David Komic

WHERE ONLY
THE BRAVE
DARE GO...

WHERE A SOLDIER'S
METTLE IS TESTED
TO THE MAX...

WHERE 'GRIT AND
'DETERMINATION'
RULE...

THERE YOU'LL FIND
**ELITE
BRUCE!**

"BUT WHO IS
ELITE BRUCE?"
I HEAR YOU ASK.
WELL... BECAUSE
YOU ASKED SO
NICELY I'LL TELL
YOU.

**ELITE
BRUCE
IS...**

OH NO!!
RAN OUT OF
SPACE!
YOU'LL HAVE TO
GET THE NEXT
ISSUE OF THE *GV*
TO FIND OUT:

A. WHO ELITE
BRUCE IS.
B. WHAT HE HAS
IN COMMON
WITH YOU!

TO BE CONTINUED.

Personals

Caty is desperately looking for **Sarina (of Ben and Rebeca)** and **Paloma B. (last heard of in Hungary)**. Pls. drop a line ASAP! E-mail: catz78_2000@yahoo.com or Add: CP 66345 Sao Paulo SP BRAZIL 05311-970

Johnny is looking for **Daniel (of Andre and Dora)** and **Maria of (Jo and Sara)**. Please e-mail: jonny2000_me@yahoo.com.

Steve, you've got my add. WRITE ME [Myki] as soon as you read this!!!! **Ari**, I'd like to get in contact with you. My e-mail is: edf.bhz@zaz.com.br

Angel is trying to get in contact with **Dan and Rose**. I lived with you in Santa Barbara in 1994. Please contact me if you wish. E-mail: Angelica78@netaddress.com. I would love to hear from you.

Chris and Mercy, must I always search for you? I lost you [again?] when you went to Switzerland. Please write me—same email as before.—Abigail

I am looking for **Abner and Anisa, Jonathan and Tab, Serena, Melody** (the Liz Fam), **Rafa, Julia (Zeb's daughter), Lisa (Rejoice Holland's daughter), Alana, and Fiona**, (met you in Curitiba). E-mail Michele at: Babylizmich@hotmail.com

Portuguese Gabe looking for **Snezhana from the Urals, and French Elena** last heard of in Hungry PPC Home. Know you from Russia S.P. E-mail me at: mop22887@yahoo.com

Chicho, Heidi, Miguel, Maria (of Simeon and Victoria), **Ivan and Anaik, Daniel and Crystal, Clari** (last heard of in Gambia), please contact Michele, ASAP. E-mail: babylizmich@hotmail.com.

Tatiana Kostenko wants to get in touch with **Nat and Eva**, who lived in St. Petersburg, Russia. Address: Russia, 198302 St. Petersburg, 103-1-28 Prospect Stachek. E-mail: centery@mail.ru

Looking for **German Faith, Anna, Mickey, Danny, Charity and Sammy**. We love and miss you! Please write: Annie, Mat and Chris at e-mail: famdtmed@aol.com

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