Tenderly Gather Them In!

The exciting news of a drop-in nursery school in a closed country!

It's a real encouragement what God has done since our little school opened last Sept. 7th. It's a very modest school compared with others here (we have 28 children), but the parents are thrilled because of the spirit of it! TYL! Real love never fails & has really made our school stand out amongst other schools here.

We opened without any formal registration and after pursuing it further we found that we could not be registered due to size (we were too small). After meeting with the Secretary of Education, we were told just to carry on & not to worry about it, as every foreign school here is not registered with the Authorities! PTL!

We have received such a good response from the parents & they are so thankful. At Christmas, many gave us gifts & when Eve had our fifth baby all the mothers got together & had a baby shower for her. What a blessing that was, as there were so many things we needed! Phil. 4:19! PGI!

Here's our school schedule: 8:30 Group story or science experiment or a group participation project. 9:00 Reading, writing & language exercises for the older ones. Teach Your Baby to Read games for the younger ones. Free play with school equipment & educational toys. 10:00 Snack & clean-up. 10:15. Project time involving social studies, geography, science, nature, sewing, etc. 11:30 Singing & Art. Varies every day; followed by outside or free play.

At Christmas we had the children put together their very own nativity play! Thus, we were able to teach them the meaning of Christmas & led all of them to the Lord. PHL! The parents came over with their friends for an afternoon & all the children did the play & sang Christmas carols & it had such an impact! This sample brought along more interested parents with children to enroll in the school.

Over Christmas, we also took some children to orphanages here & they did skits & the Lord gave us another 60 souls! When we first prayed about opening a school, we had prayed for needy children & the first verse we got was: “My children shall have a place of refuge” (Isaiah)!

Please keep our work in your prayers as we continue to “Open the door for the children, tenderly gather them in”! Love, Barak, Eve & team.

ANNOUNCING! DEFQ & DO FEES!

For greater security, we are now publishing two classifications of the Family News—DEFQ will be sent to the IRF'ers & those on the worldwide mailing list & DQ, with news from closed countries & security-sensitive topics, for those in live-in homes or full-time disciples. Also DQ are the Want Ads Bulletin with all the addresses.

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Poland: The “Open Field” PIONEERING POSSIBILITIES!

by David, Ann & Flor

We have two teams in Poland, working a few weeks to two months at a time getting to know the field & its people & needs. So far, we have found that the best way to get in & to be able to continue has been thru either music or teaching languages.

Western music is popular but hard to come by in Poland. So a good musician can get into any number of top clubs & hotels if you're persevering. This affords an opportunity to meet officials & influential people from not only Poland itself but also tourists from many other Eastern & Third World countries. Our group has already been offered jobs in the capitals of other East Bloc countries, as well as in North Africa.

Teaching is less flamboyant, but perhaps more stable. You need no special requirements or degrees to get started, if you are a native speaker of one of the major Western languages, especially English. The demand for native speakers is great, as there are almost no Westerners living in these countries, except for official or business reasons. We have found this to be a tremendous open door & the potential is almost unlimited!

Besides the University Lectures, we have been asked by police & customs officials, doctors, businessmen, etc. to assist them as tutors. The foreign community, made up of Western businessmen & ambassadors, has enquired about our teaching their children, because there is only a small correspondence school there (very limited) run by the U.S. Embassy.

Several have written for information on how to get started. We suggest the follow-
ing. Unless you are a citizen of one of the Scandinavian countries, you are given only a three-month visa. We suggest you already have sufficient funds to take care of your first month’s rent (about $150) & at least $100 to take care of food for the first week, as well as your fare to Poland (about $50 from Sweden). If you are over 25 years of age, you must exchange the equivalent of $12 per day while you are in Poland. If you are under 25, the rate is $5 per day, or during the months of September to April. The money exchanged is actually about what you need to cover your expenses.

IN THE COUNTRY, we can give you names & addresses of people who could possibly help in securing jobs. So, for those who feel called to work in Poland, we’d like to hear from you & we’ll do what we can to help you get started. In the meantime, build up what support you can where you are. Ideally, it would be good to arrive at our border base here in Sweden with $450-500 to get you started on your first trip into Poland.

WE HOPE THIS WILL ENCOURAGE YOU who feel called to work in Eastern Europe & Poland in particular to seriously consider it. Poland is a ripe “open field” & if you know Poland literally translated means “open field”! It is a difficult but exciting field which we feel will prove extremely fruitful & could well be the key to opening the East Bloc countries! For more information, please write us at: Flor Ost Pique, Box 471, 20124 Malmo, Sweden. We love you & hope to hear from you! —Your Poland pioneers.

by Jeshannah, Windy & Joan

THE LETTER “WINNING THE SYSTEM” REALLY APPLIES. We really feel so incapable, but we know that if anything good happens it must be the Lord, as the odds are so much against us; but like David & Goliath, the Lord has won victories which we would like to share!

WHEN OUR NIGHT, THE GIRLS OFTEN MEET PEOPLE who invite them to sing for private dinners or parties, which enables us to meet many people & witness to our music (& it pays too!). Also this way, we appear to be “eccentric artists”, which this class of people really goes for! By this method we are becoming known by people, many who have told us we are much needed in this spiritually destitute land. PTL!

FROM JESHANAH: A few months ago while out to dinner with Joan & her fish at a very exclusive restaurant, a man from another table kept trying to make contact with me. Finally after sending over numerous bottles of champagne, I talked with him & he called me the next day.

THIS MAN, S, IS A LEBANESE MILLIONAIRE who comes here & often contacts me as he says I have a “special feeling” which he likes. The most fruitful way I’ve found to witness to S. is via personal letters, including MO quotes which he finds very powerful. S. has always given me generous donations for my time with him & he has arranged for us to sing at a few private dinner parties for a well-known billionaire, K.

K. SEEMS TO BE A VERY SINCERE & SPIRITUALLY DEEP PERSON who loves our songs so much because they carry a message. His private secretary has requested a tape of these songs & informed me that “the chief” is interested in us. K. has a few houses on the Cote d’Azur & is well known for giving lavish parties for the super-rich, so we are sure to meet many more influential people if this door stays open. Please pray for us.

AT FIRST WE WERE A LITTLE OVERWHELMED when we realised who he actually was, and I know I personally felt unworthy & intellectually incapable of reaching such a class of people. However when I see how they are so turned on by our spirit of love, I realise how true it is that “even one candle can be seen a mile away when it is dark” & here is truly a vast darkness! The Letters are truly what gave us the faith to continue, & we see how it is the Lord who is opening the doors where He wants, when we obey & follow!

ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THE LORD’S OPEN DOORS is the story of G., a rich Italian landowner. When Joan sang him “Momenti Fantastici” in Italian, he loved it & asked if we could record it in Rome. He is truly sensitive in the Spirit and I felt God was going to use Him mightily.

SO WHEN HE INVITED ME ON A TRIP TO THAILAND, I accepted. During this trip he became much more aware of my beliefs & ideals & he asked me to be his religious teacher. He explained how he wants to do a good work with his money, to share some of his riches with the poor (as we saw so nakedly the need in the poverty-stricken countryside of Thailand). This encouraged me how God can use him as it says in “Rule to Riches”: “How are we going to help the poor unless we start with the rich & powerful who can make it possible.”

A MONTH LATER, I VISITED HIM IN ROME & we bought an Italian Bible & started reading it together daily. But the situation that brought him to a decision was when he realised how jealous & possessive he was of me, not willing for me to share love with others.

I EXPLAINED HOW GOD HAD TO SHARE HIS SON JESUS with a whole wicked world & showed him 1 John 3:16. He really broke down & admitted that He wanted that kind of love too, so he asked Jesus into His heart! He spent the whole night awake reading the Bible & since then he is always asking me to explain spiritual principles. G. is used to a rich & selfish lifestyle, but inside he really longs to be simple. He says he needs me to help him to be like he wants to be. So I am continuing to feed him the Word.

THE LORD SEEMS TO BE USING OUR LITTLE TEAM to reach a number of international people of influence. Also, a little word about S., the son of a Greek shipping magnate. I saw him frequently last summer & fall & he has now moved to New York City temporarily. He asked me to keep in touch & that we will always be friends. One day while praying for him, I got parts of the Letter “Howard Hughes”: “The Lord was trying to show him God was not nearly as much interested in his money as He was in him—that his soul was worth more than all his millions.” This applies for the other super-rich that we have met who are so used to people doing anything for their money. But they really sense we are not this way but
sincerely love them. This intrigues them as they see we have nothing materially but yet so much more than they—Jesus! Hallelujah!

FROM WINDY: C. comes from one of those “fallen royal families” in Italy, lives & works in Milano & comes here on weekends. Since meeting him last summer, I knew he was a sheep, but he had a sort of disciplined proud spirit about him that seemed to have been placed upon him. While with him one weekend recently at his flat, I was gently but firmly trying to undermine this attitude. I showed God’s Word in our conversation. Suddenly, in anger & desperation, he booted over to his suitcase & pulled out a Bible & almost in desperation said he was trying to be a good person. At this point, I started to cry & after a few salvation verses from his Italian Bible, C. PRAYED TO RECEIVE NEW LIFE IN JESUS TLY! Then he began to tell me about the time he spent in Angola as a missionary soldier, why & what happened, pulling out photos to prove it. This poor soul was still full of guilt & imbedded fears! After making love, we read the Bible all afternoon. I gave him a “Real Love” booklet which he has started to read.

I HAD A VIVID DREAM & VISAGED while sleeping at his place, of a particular cruel old soldier spirit that was haunting him. I saw this spirit enter the room & start talking to C. in his sleep. A friend of alarming C., I started at the ugly old soldier & silently rebuked him in Jesus’ Name. He slunk away, really angry at me. I recounted this to C. who is beginning to see the seriousness of absorbing God’s Word for his protection & spiritual well-being. He is so precious!

OUR CIRCLE OF FRIENDS IS CONSTANTLY GROWING & God is supplying our needs. We have learned many lessons on security & wisdom, such as not entering clubs in huge groups but staying in smaller groups, especially now! We are truly learning how to abase & abound; one night being driven to a private party in a chauffeured limousine & the next night hitching to a restaurant to sing & pass the hat! Hallelujah! As from the beginning, we trust the Lord will continue to lead & the Letters are our continual source of strength & guidance.

—Love,
Your Fisherwomen.
But I'm happy that I am a part of God's great Family & can type the words I truly love. That means everything to me.

All I really want to say is that these lines are few:
My dearest sweetest most precious Dad
I'm so in love with you!!
-From one of your little lovers who loves & needs you so much!
-Your Sat. (23rd) DJ

From Ruthie
Atlanta in Hong Kong:

Dearest Maria,

GBY! YOU LOOK BEAUTIFUL in the FM photos! PT! Most of the guys & FFers here said they were very surprised to see you didn't have huge breasts like Eman's drawings. They were encouraged to know that God's Queen of Love & FFing was a lot like the rest of us in that respect & that the miracle of love in FFing depends on the Spirit.

WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH & are praying for your health & strength & for the new baby(s)!!! Thanks again for all the love you showed to me. Lord help me to try to follow your example in life & the letters! Love always, Ruthie.

From Simon & Selah; Sweden:

Dear Dad & Marian,

SIMON MET SWEDISH EVA who was with you & Bernadette in Tenerife! She now has a sweet baby boy 8 months named Karl-Viktor Danil. We invited her home & she told us how she met you. Dad. She said that the only person she thinks of every day is you. She says she's never going to forget your love & the way she wants to see you again, but then she said, "But really, I don't have to; he's in my heart now." She says children's lot & says she wants to have many! Love, Simon & Selah.

(Eds: See Eva's story in FN Vol 3:6.)

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