Our little pioneering team here consists of James Bold, Charity Psalms, their children Daniele and Davide, and Phil and Talitha Assurance (8 months pregnant!) and their daughter Starshine.

We had all been in Italy for several years—James and Charity as A.B.’s and Phil and Talitha in publications. We were feeling the need for change in the months preceding the RNR, and we felt dry in our relationship with the Lord and those we lived and worked with.

We want to ask all those we worked with to forgive us for not giving them a better sample and the love that our shepherd David is showing for us all now! God knows we needed this wonderful change, so we hope this little testimony will encourage all those getting ready to pioneer!

Our efforts were not without trial, but He says that “the trial of your faith being more precious than gold” (1 Pt. 1:7) so it was worth it! Originally we had all decided to go to Singapore, but all things change!

Shortly after the RNR, we went to America to work on raising fares and visiting and witnessing to family and friends. But we ended up staying almost two months as Charity had to have an emergency oper-
lation, which put us in debt instead of raising our fare. But with the help of a friend in Italy and by working for a short time, we were able to leave America for Mexico.

We decided on Mexico and specifically this beach resort after praying for a place to pioneer where we could really get into FF'ing. This is one of the most popular resorts and nightspots in the Americas. We were so thankful just to get out of America and be pioneering and free to do God's Will!

The trip was over 2,000 miles of miracles with three kids and an eight-months pregnant mom. God never failed once to provide our needs, and the kids loved it! The entire trip cost us only a total of $42 per person. We were on the road for seven days and provisioned food, housing and gasoline all along the way.—God was blessing us for obeying MO!

All the "little things" the Lord did along the way encouraged us that we were in His Will. As soon as we had crossed the Mexican border, we were amazed by the difference in the people—the Americans are so rich, selfish, proud and satisfied, while the Mexicans are so poor, willing, lovable and humble! We immediately fell in love with them! They loved the children and were always willing to help.

After six days of travelling, we arrived at our destination, and the doors began to open! In our first five days here the Lord helped us to get our P.O. Box and find a nice little Heavenly Home. Everyone helped us, the landlord by giving us almost half-price on our rent and free laundry service once a week. We made provisioning contacts for all the food we can eat and have a possible open door to help witness to and teach many children in an orphanage, which is supported and run by some very influential people here, as well as to begin the exciting and explosive ministry of FF'ing.

It has been so renewing, and God has not failed us once! Thank you, Dad, for kicking us out of the nest! So, if you’re getting ready to pioneer, God bless you!—And He will for your obedience! We love and pray for you all.

Love in Jesus and David,
James, Charity, Phil & Talitha
Written by James.

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LITNESSING TACTICS!
A BROTHER SPEAKS OUT!
by Elihu Newheart; Brisbane, Australia

Dear Dad, 31 Jan. 78

After sharing with different brethren in different homes in Australia and seeing the different litnessing and fund-raising methods, I wanted to share with you my honest opinion about the way things are.

Here is the way most people in Australia litness: 1) A team will go to either a traffic intersection with a long red light or to a shopping center, mall, etc. They take a can with NNN cover, etc. passed on it (some people don’t use a can).
The usual thing then is to approach a person or car and tell him that we are a voluntary youth group doing charity work, social work, etc. Some even use a name such as "Sydney Christian Youth Centre" or "Brisbane Community Centre", etc. Then after receiving the donation, which with this method is often 50-60 cents (Australian), and having finished their explanation, they will offer the lit—NNN, etc., which is usually accepted by the donor. Then on to the next car, person, etc.

2) Of course, there are still those who go out openly giving the lit first and openly confessing who we are and what we believe when asked, but these brethren tend to be in a minority and are often considered "old bottles" or to be "self-righteous".

3) There are other methods, such as singing and doing skits on the street as an attention-getter, and this really gets out the lit, along with a good sample of our love and message. These are the main methods used, along with 4) sometimes door-to-door, which is usually done similar to the first stated method.

In my opinion, using the first method is underhanded and somewhat dishonest and sneaky. But it seems that most brethren, having once tried it and found the donations to be far better and more lit getting out, continue to use that method.

Also due to the fact that we have already saturated Australia with about 2-3 times the amount of lit as population, just plain litnessing is really hard. It seems that most people reverted to the first method of litnessing to reach their high quotas, etc. I find that the average litnesser (usually they have children and family responsibilities as well) cannot get out his bare minimum quota of 1,000 per month and still have good word time, witnessing, fishing and follow-up time as well.

I don't know if this is only here in Australia, due to over-saturation of lit in a low population area, or if it is a worldwide situation. I just know that I would rather not litness at all than litness in the underhanded, begging way I have described.

I also believe that a large part of the reason is, as you said in "Pisces" No. 567:14, that too many of us are too dependent on literature to provide all our needs, and hence we neglect our converts, kings, etc.

Having been a provisioner on and off for most of my time in the Family, I have experienced lots of people not ministering to and sharing with the contacts as they should, and not letting those responsible for them do it either, but rather sending them out litnessing when they should have been sitting down writing thank-you notes, etc.

So, due to this dependence on literature income, people go on trying to get funds this way. And if the lit isn't all that profitable, they put the lit away and just go on asking for donations, or begging anyway, and just bring out the lit to give to the donors—Sad, but true! I hope that this gives you a better look at the way things are here and helps you in your prayers and direction for our work here and the whole world.
Lots of love and prayers,
Elihu Newheart;
Brisbane, Australia

(Editor: Thanks for speaking up, Elihu! We hope this situation is no longer the case in Australia or in any of the other areas of the world where we have heard of this same tactful being used!—“That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life ...” Phil. 2:15,16a. “SEEK YE FIRST!”)

TRAVELLING!
LEARNING!
LITNESSING!
—FOR JESUS!

While travelling across country from California to the Kansas City, U.S.A. Home, we found it an excellent opportunity to exercise our faith and a wonderful learning experience for the children!

Here we are in the car, having “school-time”, as Rain, age 3, learns about the American Indian as we drive through the Southwest! Even little Promise in the back seat finds it all exciting, at age 1½!

Now, here in Kansas City, thanks to the new inspiration from Dad and His Letters, all the kids are getting into the act! Littleness! We just can’t keep ‘em back!! It’s always, “Daddy! Daddy! Can I go out today?”

—Photo & story by Lazarus Pismo.

Can I??” says Rain, 3 years.
In just three days out, Rain distributed 340 MO Letters and won 3 souls into the Kingdom! And he received $60 in donations. Promise and I in the same amount of time, distributed 551 Letters and won 1 soul and she received $89 in donations—at only 1½ years old! Children are some of our greatest assets! Hallelujah!
ON THE NEED FOR VISITING MOTHERS!

Dear Family Care, God bless you. I love you and I am so thankful you are fighting so faithfully for the children.

I have a real burden for our children, though I don’t know a lot and still have a lot to learn. I’ve been in Portugal for one month. I was working at the school in Madrid for 13 months. After seven months there I started to learn how to teach children under 5. That time really gave me the vision of the importance of the first three years of a child’s life and the “Davidito” Letters convinced me even more.

Having been in the Family in France, Spain and Portugal, I have unfortunately found out that just a few parents know how to raise their children, and most of them are losing these first three years because they are too busy working on something else or they don’t have the vision. Some of our poor children also look like gypsies and are certainly not a good testimony when witnessing.

As we have a limited number of experienced teachers and childcare workers, we cannot have one of them in each Home. But the Lord showed me the importance of having one person in each country whose job would be to go from Home to Home and make sure the children are receiving everything they need and to help the parents. This is really on my heart and I believe it is an emergency situation. Deborah says:

“Nothing gives us the right to deny one single child of the revolution all the love and care he needs.” (“Who Loves Our Children” par. 6.) “These first two or three years of a child’s life are so important and so much can be accomplished if you really minister to them in love and wisdom.” (“Teach Me, Lord, To Pray” par. 18.)

“You must have an undying burden for the children—one of love and understanding and devotion to their well-being. You must have an equally matched burden for the mothers and fathers of the children. You must try to understand them and not be harsh, critical and condescending when counselling them.” (“Children Are Forever” par. 10.)

I would be so happy to see something done very soon! Do you have any ideas or suggestions? God bless you, I’m really praying for you and your work!

Love, Claire Sauvage
(French single sister)

COMMENTS BY SARAH DAVIDITO ON VISITING MOTHERS:

We have considered this very idea after seeing for ourselves the need for helpful, mothering hearts in many of our Homes, especially in Homes with several children and little or no help!

Perhaps a “Real Mother”, like Claire in Portugal, who has the burden and vision for serving our families and who seeks answers from the Lord and the Word and the Letters, could travel the area Homes to help in organising and training.
helpers and making suggestions—2 Timothy 2:2!!

Perhaps they could help organise “Open the Door for the Children” meetings and share teaching ideas with each Home with children. The travelling Mothers would have to be self-supported (perhaps friends and fish would donate to their travels!).

Many people have reported that Family members are just not volunteering enough to help the parents with several children, and therefore the burden is very great on those families! Area Homes should appreciate a helpful Visiting Mother and agree as a Home on major decisions involving the children. This is another very needy area where the service is done in love and voluntarily, and we pray it works!

Real Mothers, please let your burdens be known!—And be sure to write a report on what counsel proved fruitful so it can benefit others in similar situations!

Families: Send testimonies and reports to the FN and LIN mags about how the Lord is using His Little Prophets in your field! WLY!

Love, Sara Davidito

A MOTHER’S REACTION TO “ON FOSTER PARENTS” (FN Vol. 3, No. 7)

Dear Family News,

God bless you for putting such an encouraging article in the “Family News” on “Foster Parents”. I’m a mother of four children, going on five, and have been without a husband for a couple of years now. For the most part, I have had to handle the job alone (until recently when my ex-husband took responsibility of two of the children with him for awhile).

Believe me, it is very difficult to meet the needs of the four children, with their all being a year apart and the three oldest are boys that really need male companionship and a “father figure”.

The article “On Foster Parents” brought tears to my eyes and gave me such hope concerning the need for loving, willing people who have a burden for our little ones. There were a few occasions when a loving couple offered to help me with my little ones and take them into their Home. I didn’t have to worry about my child’s welfare as I had such a peace about the couple, that they had a real love for the child and that the child also had a real love for them (a very important consideration in being separated from your child!).

As for me, I’m still alone and still having babies, and I need my Family more than I’ve ever needed them before. But at the same time, I would like to be a blessing and help to whoever I’m with. The following is an ad that I would like published to express this to others:

WANTED: Mother, 5 months pregnant with 2 children would love to work with a mature couple who would have a burden to work with my 6-year-old son in particular, who needs male companion. Mother and son are a singing team. Mother is experienced with FF’ing, housecare, food and nutrition, child delivery and young children. Would love to help an inexperienced mother with her delivery or young children.
Dear Family,

"God is interested in details and statistics! He even says that the very hairs of your head are numbered, and not one sparrow falls to the ground but what your Heavenly Father knoweth it! Statistics are extremely important and vitally essential... The purpose of these statistical reports is to encourage all of us by being able to see how much we're accomplishing through these actual figures and also to help us detect any trouble spots, problems, or areas that need help!" ("Details" No. 129:1,4,16 by Father David.)

In order to keep even more accurate statistics of our FF'ing exploits throughout the world, we wanted to answer some of the numerous questions which were posed regarding the filling out of the FF Report Form.

Q: "What is FF'ing?" Many of you asked for a definition and what should be reported as actual FF'ing.

A: We would like to answer that FF'ing is going out witnessing the love of Jesus with the serious intent to use sex or sex appeal as the bait, regardless of the situation or place. This can be anywhere!—On the street, in a park, while going to the local store, in discotheques or in clubs!

You must use discernment, however, in reporting what is actually FF'ing! Giving looks of love to the people you are only witnessing to, or plain witnessing on the street or in your Home or their home, should not be counted as FF'ing, but as witnessing or personal witnessing and included only in your Home Servant Monthly Report.

Q: Witnessing over the telephone phone: Can or should this be included on the FF Report?

A: In order for a telephone witness to be included on the FF Report, you should have been actually flirting with your fish on the phone and actually FF'ing him or her. If not, please include this witness only in the personal witnessing section of the Home Servant Monthly Report.

Q: Does the fisherman count as someone that went FF'ing, or do we only count the bait?

A: (MO: You should now only have fisherwomen. See Letters No. 652:71; 663:X-1; 682:38; 683:59! But if he goes, he definitely counts! —And usually counts against you financially!—So why not use only...
fisherwomen now? Make it pay!

Anyone, male or female, fisherman or bait, should be included in the total adult members FF’ing that month!

Q: If two or three people witness the same fish, do all have to report this as someone they FF’ed?
A: Yes, of course! If more than one person witnesses to the same fish, we would suggest all three involved with that fish report on him or her, in order to ensure full credit and accurate statistics. Situations may occur in which more than one person gets intimately involved with one fish, in which case we suggest you report both on your statistics. Count the persons FF’ing and times witnessed or loved, but only one fish. Please try to report as accurately and honestly as possible!

Q: How do we calculate the Top FF Lovers of our Home? Does it include the number of times you loved your mate, or a brother or sister?
A: No, the Top FF Lovers of your Home should be found by totalling the total number of fish loved, plus the total number of times you loved these fish, together. The highest number is Tops! PTL!

Q: Does “Loved Sexually” also include kissing and light petting?
A: We suggest you only include masturbation, sucking and actual intercourse in the figures of fish, mate, brother or sister loved sex-

ually. It’s all, or nothing at all! Hallelujah!

Q: If I make love three times with a fish on one occasion, do I count it as three times, or just as one time?
A: Credit to whom credit is due! If you loved him or her three times, you deserve to count it as such! God bless you! Happy Lovin’!

Q: What if we have big fish that have become good friends, but as yet haven’t received the Lord? Can we still count them as Friends won through FF’ing on the “Souls who became Friends” section of the FF Report?
A: Yes!
Q: Should our FF stats be included in the Home Servant Monthly Report?
A: Yes!—The FF Report Form is merely a breakdown of the total stats. All stats, whether through FF’ing or regular witnessing, should definitely be included in the monthly totals on all Home Servant Reports!

We hope these answers will clarify any questions you may have had regarding the FF Report Form! Jesus said, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men!” (Mt. 4:19.) “Are you good bait catching men? God bless you!” (“The Hooker” No. 505:62 by Father David.) Happy Hookin’! We can’t wait to hear the results!

Love,
Your W.S. Stats Staff.

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