

LOVE LETTER TO MARIA!

Dearest Maria, 31 Jan. 78
I love you!
Well, I've tried 5 or 6 times
To write you a letter
But my pen is confounded
And not getting better!
It's really quite crazy,
Completely absurd!
As I want to say something,
But can't find the word.

I've always had problems
Expressing in ink
What I feel, my open heart,
What I really think.
Perhaps it's been fear
Of being refused
But my power of "sharing"
Was not fully used.

But you've amazed me
At how so freely you share
And you've opened to me
Without worry or care.
It's a real kind of love
I'd never felt before,
Like footsteps that lead
Through a very special door.

So I wanted to thank you
For opening to me
A world of communication
Where my spirit can be free!
Thank you for teaching me
How to be open
Showing unselfish love
And I'm only hopin'...

That I'll live it and give it
And share it with others
So they'll be free as well
And be sisters and brothers.
Love, Shaul.

P.S. Maria, your little visit with
me the other night helped me so
much. I felt so close to you and
Dad, as almost my biggest trouble
has been opening up to others on a
personal level, though I've wanted
to so badly.

Latin America needs that sample
so much of 100% total love and
sharing, and I know I've failed in
really showing that 100% concern
for others that I should have. So
Lord forgive me!

But this is honestly one of the
first Homes I've ever been in where
I can feel right at home just being
me and knowing I can be open and
honest with everyone. Thank God
for His "Green Shirts"!

Your and Dad's love and concern
are the most beautiful and perfect
sample of genuine love that I've
ever known!! And you were the
sweetest, most sincere little lover, I
could hardly believe it wasn't all a
dream after you left. It's all been
making the Letters become so alive
to me, they're so real, so wonderful!
GBY! ILY! Love, Shaul.

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on the right track with the Church
of Love. We have all learned that it
pays to do things the Lord's way and
not waste His time doing our own
thing and getting off the track.
It's not that it didn't bear fruit
the other way, the old way, but it just
didn't bear the fruit it could bear,
it didn't really reach the people it
needs to reach and who need it.

We all now feel like we really
missed the mark by not just follow-
ing the Letter to the last little de-
tail in the first place. (These skits
and puppets and all came about,
by the way, when I was visiting
you and someone else was in charge.)

So, we just want to
testify that the original
way is the best! It def-
initely is the best for our
friends here who need a
"church" to go to, and
the other that we offered
them was not churchy
enough for them, which
may be why we had such
a big turnover each week,
without really building
up a congregation of
faithful attenders. We
are so thankful the Lord
didn't let us be pleased
with second best, but
helped us see where we
were falling short in
meeting the needs in His
Work here. We still have
a long way to go in pol-
ishing the details, but we
all really liked the basic
way things went last Sun-
day.

We started the service
with just the piano play-

ing, until everyone was seated.
Then we all sang Psalm 121, which
we had typed out on the attached
songsheets. (Next week we're going
to use thicker paper, so we can type
the songs on the back side of the
bulletin.)

After the song, we had united
prayer led by our preacher Juan.
After the prayer, he welcomed
everyone to the Church of Love
and said that if anyone had any spe-
cial prayer requests, they could
write them on a piece of paper
(which we had stuck in the bulletin)
and put it in the offering plate as it
was passed, and then at the end of

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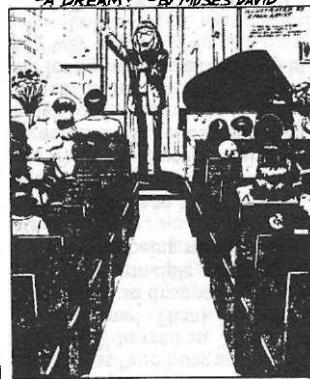
The fantastic results, after re-
turning to Dad's original
"Church of Love" vision!

- A report to Dad!

Last week we had a meeting about
the Church of Love, as for a
while now I haven't really liked the
way we've been doing it, but I
didn't want to change things if everyone
else liked it and thought it was
what we needed. So we had a big
conference, and everyone had a
chance to say what they thought of the
Church of Love the way we do it.

We all agreed together that it
wasn't churchy enough to really
reach the women and the people
we need to reach here. So, we have
completely revamped it!

We went back and read your ori-
ginal dream and did it that way, the
best way, the Lord showed us first.
Last Sunday afternoon was our first
real Church of Love, and it was fan-
tastic! I'm enclosing the bulletin
(see page 2) for you to look over to
get an idea of the order of things
and what we did. The picture of
Jesus is hanging on the fireplace, so
we had flowers on the fireplace
ledge, and Juan sat right below the
picture, and it really created the



right atmosphere.

The people were all so much more
reverent. Amanuensis played the
piano, and we cut out the
puppets and theater, which had
made it all more like entertaining
and PR than worshipping in church,
and had a little church meeting.

Everyone commented on how dif-
ferent it was this week and how
much more they liked it! So, praise
the Lord, I feel like we're finally

the offering we would have special
prayer.

The piano was playing softly in
the background all during the offer-
ing, and people were praying silent-
ly. Then Juan prayed a special
prayer for each prayer request. The
prayer requests were pretty Catholic,
but it was the first time some of our
visitors had come, so they didn't
know what to expect or anything.
But three of the six visitors made
special requests, so we thought
that was pretty good. TYJ! They
also put 1,750 pesetas in the offer-
ing plate! PTL!

Then Juan introduced the read-
ing of the Letter, saying that today's
reading was the first in a series of 31
writings of Father David on our
spiritual life and walk with the Lord,
entitled "Squeeze Don't Jerk".
Then he read the Letter, which was
really well received. The people
were so reverent, not just politely
listening, but really respectful! TYJ!

Then we sang together the Family
song Psalm 139, and afterwards two
of the Family gave little testi-
monies of something the Lord had done
during the week. (We'll use that
time to give personal testimonies,
litting testimonies, etc.) This
week, Lee told about a man in the
market who always gives us real
good food, and this week he re-
ceived Jesus; so he's helping us ma-
terially and we're helping him spiri-
tually, a good exchange! Then after
a few testimonies, we all sang to-
gether the Prayer of St. Francis of
Assisi, and then prayed together the
Lord's Prayer to close the service.

Afterwards, we fellowshiped to-
gether with all the guests.

We had a Sunday School and Bible
story time for all the children (four
new ones plus Betty's three) out in
the cottage during the Church ser-
vice. The children loved it, the
adults loved it, and we loved it, the
way the Lord used it, so everyone
was happy! PTL! We hope this
thrills you too! This week it really
seemed to feed the ones who need a
little church, and the Lord really
blessed it. TYJ!

You can see at the top of the
bulletin we have placed a Bible
verse, mainly to give them some-
thing to think about before the
service starts, and also to set a reverent
and prayerful setting. At the end
of the bulletin, there is a section
"Meditation for the coming week",
a verse they can think about during
the week between services, which
also relates to the next Letter we'll
read. (This week we put 1Sam.3:9
to relate to "Stop, Look and Listen",
which is the Letter for this coming
Sunday's service.)

We have really learned a good
lesson from our experience—and
that is, if something doesn't go
right, don't go off in some new
direction and fall into the trap of
"let's try this" and "let's try that",
but go back to the Letter and see
what it is you're not doing that's
causing it to not go right! Amen!
Love, Sally.

("THE CHURCH OF LOVE!"...
a whole new possibility of reaching
a whole new sector of the popula-
tion that we have left almost un-
touched! Help us to do it, Lord, to
reach them before it's too late! In
Jesus' name, amen!—"The Church of
Love!" No. 617:64,65 by Moses David.)

CHURCH OF LOVE BULLETIN, TENERIFE

SALMO 19:14

"Sean gratis los dichos de mi boca y la meditación de mi corazón delante de ti, oh Señor, roza mis y redentor mío".

IGLESIA DEL AMOR, 15-1-78

1.- Canto al Señor: Salmo 121

2.- Oración de unidad

3.- Entrenamiento

4.- Lectura Bíblica: Salmo 19

La Colección

5.- Testimonios y peticiones de oración

6.- Lectura sobre tu vida espiritual con el Señor

"Con suavidad, no brusamente".

7.- Himno de alabanza: Salmo 139

8.- Testimonios

9.- Hymno de gracias: Oración de S. Francisco

10.- El Padre nuestro (oración)

Meditación para la semana:

... HABLA SEÑOR, PORQUE TU SERVIO OYE. (1Samuel 3:9)