

NANT, I HAD A MISCARRIAGE. I'm sure that most girls having gone thru' something like this would have the good common sense to rest & take care, at least for a while, but two days after I left the hospital, I was up & around, neither resting nor eating right—nor, I might add, really being in prayer for the Lord's care & healing! After all, I thought, I'd always been in such good health & had never had any major problems in my life, hadn't taken extra vitamins etc.—So began what I'd call a "living nightmare!"

FINALLY I REACHED THE POINT WHERE I WAS UNABLE TO EAT without feeling sick & was in bed almost all the time. By this time, which was quite a few weeks after the miscarriage, not only was I still bleeding quite heavily, but I had also developed an inflammation in my Fallopian tubes that made walking extremely painful, & I lost 10 kilos in a very short time.

BY THE TIME I SAW A DOCTOR, HE WAS INCREDULOUS that I had let myself get into such a state. Not only did I need medication to help heal the inflammation (which he said would be very slow, even with the medication), but for a while he also had me take daily injections of a liver extract & vitamins. I should also add that by now my spiritual condition was at a low ebb, just about equal to my physical condition—no good to the Lord, myself, my children or the work—except maybe to now share this testimony to help someone else. I pray!

FINALLY, I BECAME REALLY DESPERATE WITH THE LORD for His healing & His mercy & shortly afterward, made a major move to a new location. In my new surroundings I was around people who not only knew about health & nutrition, but who really encouraged me to do something about it, to do the best I could so the Lord could do the rest. With this new-found encouragement, I began eating yogurt, wheat germ, brewer's yeast & especially liver daily, as well as taking large supplements of several needed vitamins (after thorough study to be sure just what I needed) & continued doing so for months.

HONESTLY CAN'T SAY THAT MY HEALING WAS AN OVER-REACTING REACTION TO THE LORD'S CARE & HEALING. I USUALLY HAD SO MUCH EN-

ergy that I rarely took an afternoon nap but just went to bed early at night & read & studied for a couple of hours before going to sleep (a real blessing!). I also did a lot of walking all over town, up & down hills, that helped to strengthen me even more.

SO I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE OUR GIRLS that they don't have to be sick, weak or terribly uncomfortable during their pregnancies, even if they may have been before. There is no reason why it shouldn't be one of the happiest, healthiest times of their lives, with so much to look forward to.

AND LITTLE DOMINIQUE HAS CERTAINLY BEEN A HAPPY, HEALTHY BABY, & so responsive to the love, warmth & calm atmosphere that I've been able to give him. And a lot of it has been because I've had the strength to do it from the very beginning. That alone has helped me to feel so much closer to him, along with the faith & encouragement I've gained from the FC classes, Davidito Letters & various other things I've read. The whole pregnancy has been such a "Lazarus" story for me, it's really increased my faith & I intend to continue taking care of myself & have an even better pregnancy next time, with the Lord's help!

IF ONLY EVERYONE COULD KNOW THAT GOOD HEALTH MEANS SO MUCH more than just not being sick, but affects every aspect of your life, I think they would be inclined to do everything within their means to attain it & have much more determination to stick to it. I hope & pray this may help someone else along these lines.

[— & she has accomplished a tremendous workload with our pups! PTL! — & GBH for her faithfulness & care of God's gift! — Dominique! — Sara D.]

FROM REJOICE; U.S.A. (enroute to South America):

BELOW IS A LETTER I RECEIVED FROM P., whom I met in Puerto Rico last summer. I only saw him one evening before he had to return to the U.S. When I first started talking to him, he emphatically stated that he didn't believe in Jesus & didn't want to hear anything about it. Nevertheless, he couldn't help but be affected by my faith & what I shared from the Bible & how we live etc. Later in the evening I asked him to take me home (we were on a "blind date" with his friend, a fish of another sister), as he just wasn't receiving anything I said.

HE BEGGED ME OVER & OVER TO GO TO HIS ROOM with him, but I told him I would go only if he wanted me & Jesus, not just me. Finally, moved by my conviction, he said, "Yes, I want whatever it is that makes you so happy, so convincing, even if it's really Jesus." SO I WENT WITH HIM & talked & shared with a now totally changed & receptive man, made love with him, read MO Letters to him & prayed with him to receive Jesus! It was one of the most dramatic conversions I've ever seen! Praise God! He had repeatedly insisted I was extremely convincing, persuasive, dynamic etc. & balked & outright argued against my statements that it was only Jesus & His Love & power, saying, "It's you, not Jesus!"

BUT BECAUSE OF HIS NEED FOR ME & MY LOVE, he finally broke, completely changed & received Jesus & God's Word in the Letters! — Proving once again for sure how useful & effective FF'ing is! Thank God for it & Dad! Love, Rejoice. (Below is part of P.'s letter:)

Dear Rejoice, COULD IT BE JUST ONE WEEK since Puerto Rico, since you, since tranquility? It is so easy to be propelled back into the old routine, the views, the feelings. But something has changed, definitely changed, & I thank God for it. My feelings of love—being loved, loving others, projecting love to others—had turned a week which should have been a depressing, frustrating, & painful

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time of peace, of strength & happiness, of sharing.

WHILE I WAS IN PUERTO RICO, MY GRANDMOTHER DIED. My mother & three of my brothers descended upon our household...for the traditional & long & meaningless burial ceremony, a dismal scene verging on hypocrisy. But somehow I didn't mind. I felt at peace. I thought of you & felt warmth. I looked into J.'s (my wife) eyes & felt love & sharing. I felt closeness with my brothers.

WHEN THE FUNERAL WAS OVER & THINGS CALMED DOWN, J. noticed how at peace I seemed. She said my eyes were so gentle. I told her of having met a couple in San Juan, of the love they effused, of the intriguing peace & tranquility about them. I told her how I was struck by your beliefs, of how you treasured love—love for others & love of God—above all else, of how you passed that love to others. I told her how I was taken by this, of how I felt love & peace since then.

I SPOKE OF THE PARABLE YOU READ TO ME, of Christ showing love & forgiveness to prostitutes & adulterers, of Christ being more concerned about love between mankind than rigid rules defining its limits.

J. WAS INTRIGUED BY THE CHANGE IN ME. She was happy that I was happy & loved the gentle, deep affection between us. I told her that I wanted to know more. I wished to learn what made this couple so happy, so real. She showed interest. I said I would contact the group locally. I didn't mention anything of the intimacy between us, but I felt then & feel more so now, that she will accept that in time, when she feels fulfilled in love.

A SENSE OF LOVE FOR EACH OTHER, FOR THE CHILDREN, became overpowering. It engulfed us & we were at peace. We knew love will see us thru'. In fact, love was all that mattered. We had never felt that calm, that close, that strong.

I LOVED BEING WITH YOU, REJOICE. I love your smile, the feeling of being loved by you, of loving you, I love the tenderness, the care, the

happiness. I think of you often & my whole life shifts perspective. I love your unquestioning love, your giving, your radiance, your faith. I miss you, yet I'm with you constantly—somehow touched by you.

I WANT TO ALWAYS BE TOUCHED, to be engulfed. I want to find you—& what you have. I pray I will keep your love & happiness, & not slide back into cold existence, the preoccupation with the things I used to consider important. I wish this for J. & for myself. I miss you. I want to be with you again, to love you. I want to meet your family, to draw strength. Love P.

P.S. Could you send literature relating to the family's views on sexual relationships?

Rejoice: Please keep P. & his family in your prayers! (Amen!)

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## FAMILY NEWS - BY YOU!

### The Joys of Jesus Babies!

RESPONSES TO "JESUS' BABIES"—Letter No. 739!

From Beeky, England: Dearest Dad & Maria, THANKS SO MUCH FOR EVERYTHING! Your wonderful love from Jesus keeps us all going for Him! I just wanted to enclose a photo of my second child, a love child from Jesus!



HER NAME IS ETOILE & she was born on June 24th, 1978. Her father is half English & half Ghanaian (from Ghana, W. Africa). Most of all I want to say a big THANK YOU because

WITHOUT ALL YOUR ENCOURAGING WORDS I would have felt so lost during my pregnancy etc. because I had no husband & was a bit frightened of not being able to bear things alone.

SHE IS VERY BEAUTIFUL & a very sweet & contented little girl—TYJ! I often look at her & thank God for you, because without your guidance, she (& my other little girl) would not even be here.

I PRAY YOU ARE BOTH VERY, VERY HAPPY & also Davidito, Tech & all your staff. Thank you, I love & need you very, very much. Love forever in Jesus, Beeky.

From Shelayne, Midwest: Dear MO & Maria, GOD BLESS & KEEP YOU! I LOVE YOU VERY MUCH! Five-and-a-half months ago the Lord gave us Jennifer. Our "Miracle of Creation" testimony was in FN Vol. 9, No. 2. Little Jennifer is definitely a blessing, just like your Letter "Jesus' Babies" said!

WHEN I FIRST FOUND OUT I WAS PREGNANT, I too had such battles. I thought for sure my life was over... & you know what it was! The Lord has given me a whole new reason to live & a whole new ministry! TYJ! Now I can really pour into Jennifer, so she can pour into others. Now that I have Jennifer, I know I always wanted to be a "Real Mother" in my heart, but

the pressures of the System kept that desire suppressed.

I JUST FINISHED READING "JESUS' BABIES!" Thank you so much for that Letter! It was so timely, as usual. When I found out I was pregnant, I was upset. But because Jim was so happy, how could I let him down?

THEN THE BATTLE OF WHO WAS THE FATHER HIT! Jim kept assuring me it didn't matter; after all, wouldn't he be the father in the long run? I knew he was right, but I was still afraid that when the baby came, it would be F.'s (a fish) & look just like him. Well, the Lord doesn't test us above that we are able, & you know what? Jennifer looks just like me! PTL!

& AFTER READING "JESUS' BABIES" WHO CARES ANYHOW! This Letter is going to help so many sisters who are afraid of getting pregnant, because you can't honestly say to your fish that you don't believe in birth control & that it's all in the Lord's hands when you really don't have that faith & are afraid. God bless you for your loving words to help us overcome our fears. "There is no fear in love" (1Jn. 4:18)—PTL!

SOON WE'LL SEND YOU A TESTIMONY OF OUR LIVES WITH OUR FISH, F. We've been FF'ing him over a year now & he's

virtually supported our home. We really see how he's changed & that "Real Love Never Fails" So many times we felt like throwing him out, he was too big a mess. But God gave us the grace! It's a battle, but it's worth the fight! Love, Shelayne.

From Ruth & Isaac, Switzerland: Dear Dad & Maria,

I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU for all your latest Letters on having babies. I pray that many more girls are going to realise what a beautiful thing it is to have children. We are so privileged with our little ones.

ISAAC & I HAVE A LITTLE JESUS BABY GIRL & we love her so much. Every day my heart fills up with love & thankfulness when I see her friendly smile & the new things she's learning. Our biggest wish for the new year was that the Lord would give us another little life to care for & it looks like He's already answering our prayers! PTL!

BEING A MOTHER FOR JESUS is the most beautiful & rewarding thing I can think of. Once again, thank you very much. We pray often for Davidito & the new baby! Love, Ruth, Isaac & Christie.

From Keilah & Shiza; U.S.A. Dearest Dad & Maria,

WE JUST HAD TO WRITE & tell you how much we love & appreciate both of you & especially all the encouraging things you have to say about children. Your Letter on "Jesus' Babies" really encouraged us, as we have 7 children now.

& WE'RE EXPECTING OUR 8TH IN JULY! Our oldest is 7 & our twins just turned 1 year old. Your testimonies of each of your children really helped us to have more faith for our own situation.

WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT "WHICH ONE WAS A MISTAKE?" was a real answer for me to tell others who sometimes criticise how many children we have & ask if we don't believe in birth control. When we just look at the happy smiling faces of the twins it just makes everything worth it all! PTL!

MARIA'S COMMENT: "EVER IF WE FEEL ILL EQUIPPED BY INCAPABLE OF ANYTHING ELSE, AT LEAST WE CAN SHOW THEM LOVE" really encouraged us as we certainly feel we could be doing a lot more in many ways with the children. It's encouraging to know that love will cover a multitude of sins! Hallelujah!

THE THOUGHT OF HAVING TWINS WAS A BIT UNNerving at first, but it turned out to be a blessing in regards to our relations to our parents. They had never been very much in favour of us having so many children, but when they found out we were having twins, it made it very special & brought us all together in many ways.

WE WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITHOUT YOUR WORDS, DAD. Please keep them coming! The "Davidito" Letters, too, have been the restraining we've needed for our children. Love, from the 9 of us.

From Gallio & Taberah; Puerto Rico: Dear Dad & Maria,

I WANTED TO WRITE & TELL YOU HOW MUCH ONE OF YOUR RECENT LETTERS, "JESUS' BABIES" MEANT TO ME. In Sept. '78 my wife & I lost our fourth child at birth. Our first child was born by Caesarian but the next two were born naturally with no complications. However with the fourth one Taberah's uterus ruptured during the first stages of labour & by the time we got to the hospital it was too late to save the baby.

OF COURSE WE WERE SADDENED TO LOSE THE BABY but we're thankful that Taberah was OK as the doctors said that in many of these kind of situations they lose the mother too. After this, we were concerned about future pregnancies — if she would be strong enough to have another child & what if she got pregnant right away before there was time for her body to recuperate.

WE BEGAN TO WONDER ABOUT FF'ING, SHARING & even making love ourselves. We wondered if this was a special case warranting some type of birth control. After much prayer, thought & discussion we just decided to trust the Lord. How could we possibly stop loving, sharing, FF'ing etc.?

IF THE LORD WANTED TABERAH TO GET PREGNANT AGAIN, that was His business! We decided

we would rather "be suffering" than I must admit that after we made this decision, I still had trials & after every loving session, either with me or someone else, I would worry if this was the time she'd get pregnant again.

THEN "JESUS' BABIES" CAME OUT & it was such a comfort!—How it's God Who gives us children & not just some physical, natural event. This Letter was such a liberation & now whenever the Enemy throws



MONTHLY RECAP OF THE LETTERS YOU SENT TO MO & MARIA! Compiled by Keren (Feb.) (DAD: PTL for all these good responses!)

1. MANY WROTE ABOUT PLANS TO RETURN TO U.S. for belated Homegoing, & many there wrote of plans to return to the field—renewed & re-inspired. Many who plan to return feel they need a time to re-pay & re-figure & get a fresh start in a new field.

2. NRS—ALL LETTERS ON THIS SUBJECT ARE JUST THRILLING—not one negative comment! Received beautiful & positive responses with all greatly encouraged & inspired to do even more for the Lord. Good testimonies coming in on underground covers such as an escort service, swimming pool business, managing restaurants, teaching languages, nursery schools, singing in hotels etc.!

3. HOMOEGING TESTIMONIES—many good testimonies still coming in of much fruit reaped with happy parents, PR articles etc. Many brethren have contacted other brethren with large families who went back long ago & who were so happy to hear of the IRF. The major question on this subject is regarding how

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