

gave us a generous donation.

ALL NIGHT WE STAYED UP TO LEARN THE WORDS & CHORDS & the next night sang with all our hearts (as unto the Lord) for the film celebrities at their dinner after the premier, including the French Minister of Culture. They all seemed to enjoy it very much. Afterwards, Lester invited us to join them for dinner where we had a great opportunity to witness & share a few words of love with the guests.

HE ALSO INVITED US TO A MIDNIGHT PARTY at a nearby plush restaurant, saying he was very pleased with our music & gave us another good donation. At the party we were able to distribute little envelopes of Mo Letters to Lester, the director & cast, who gratefully received them. We were also asked to film some songs for an international TV programme in a few days' time & met other directors & producers who went us to sing for their private parties later during the Festival PTL! It was such an unexpected blessing & victory & we found these "poor lonely rich" to be hungry for true love & the Words of David!

BY THE WAY, I'M SIX MONTHS PREGNANT & Ishmael & I are certainly not fantastic or professional musicians, so it just shows what the Spirit & the Lord can do when we follow Him! The Letter "Hard Rock Bands-Soft Loving Hands" (No. 774) was a real help & inspiration! "Rock bands don't get thru' to me at all! As far as I'm concerned, it's just so much noise! When the solos come on I love it...I can hear & understand the words & they're sweet. Go out there where you can do some good. Scatter!...where they don't have any inspirationalists or anything...They need music!...music to love by & live by...Make love not war!" (774: 5,6,7,18,19.) Amen! It worked! The people love it! What a love to witness!

Love, Cedar (British) & Ishmael (French)

## NOW THERE'S A French Worldwide Mail Ministry & Irfers!

TESTIMONIES & TIPS ON THE MINISTRY OF THE MAIL! by Elizabeth Grey

WE SENT OUT OUR FIRST WORLDWIDE MAILING OF "FRIEND OR FOE" IN FRENCH & the results are already beginning to come in! Right now we have a mailing list of about 1,000 French-speaking people, gathered over the last several years, most of whom first wrote in after they saw our music group or received literature on the street.

WE WRITE TO THEM & CULTIVATE THEIR FRIENDSHIP as well as send out prayerletters & literature. When they ask to meet us, we send our telephone number & arrange to meet them outside the Home. We have special weekly meetings to which we invite many people in the local area & read a MO Letter or class & have an open discussion. This often encourages them to participate & really take a stand on what God has shown them on certain issues, especially those involving their personal daily lives. It does take time, but we are now reaping the fruit in many friends, converts & contributors, because of our mail follow-up & personal meetings.

THE REST OF OUR "FLOCK" IS SCATTERED all around France as well as French-speaking Canada, Switzerland, Belgium & other countries & islands all around the world. Of course we cannot personally minister to all these but they are growing in the Word nevertheless & witness & often ask for us Letters to distribute.

THE LORD IS ABUNDANTLY PROVIDING OUR EVERY NEED according to His promise thru' Dad's

in & you can never outpour Him! Last fall, for example, a friend on our mailing list gave us enough postage stamps to last over six months! Before Christmas we found a blank envelope in our mailbox with a large sum of money, enough for our bills & taxes!

WHEN ESTHER BRUNHELD, WHO ANSWERS OUR LETTERS, HAD A BABY (a sweet & precious Jesus' baby), a friend from the mail donated all the supplies, bedding & baby clothes she needed. Another friend does free photocopying for us & also supplies most of our office supplies!

PROVISIONING HAS BEEN ANOTHER REAL BLESSING. Thru' the large city market, we get most of our meat, fish, vegetables, fruit & yogurt free, as well as eggs & cheese at a discount. We have also provisioned 40,000 pieces of printed lit & 12,000 envelopes! TYLI! As a result, we are able to give out more lit & our Home of 5 got out an all-time record (for us) of 15,000 pieces of lit last month.

ONE SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 3 OF US WENT TO AN AREA OF HIGH-RISE APARTMENTS & in 2 hours distributed 3,000 copies of "The Anti-God War" in French, an excellent answer to the recent attacks against us. A few days later we got a letter from a 16-year-old boy who said he really believed in our cause & wanted to meet us. At the second meeting he received Jesus & the Holy Spirit & said he wanted to go home & give his parents some love as they weren't getting along too well & his father was out

IN ADDITION TO THE LORD ABUNDANTLY SUPPLYING our physical needs, there is the even bigger blessing of the spiritual change in the lives of the people we write to. One man wrote to us a year ago & we never heard from him again until just a few weeks ago, altho' we continued to send him mailings. Well, finally he called & after a couple of weekly meetings we invited him to stay with us for a weekend. He has lived alone for some time & while with us he just opened up & talked for hours. One morning as we were reading John Chapters 14 & 15, he began to cry & after we witnessed to him he prayed to receive Jesus & the Holy Spirit. He was so happy he just kept laughing all the rest of the day. When he heard we needed to move, he gave us enough for a down payment on a new home.

THEN THERE'S JEAN-MARIE, 54, a former violent Maoist, now overflowing with the love of Jesus, who spends his weekends & holidays witnessing & listening with us & stood up for us to the police when some family members were arrested recently! Claude, in his mid-50's, on our mailing list for over a year, finally contacted us before Christmas & is now growing in the Word. Andre first met us when he ordered a Quote Book after reading a copy of "Love Is News". Later he attended the local Church of Love & visited us several times. He's the one who donated all the needs for our precious new baby. A geologist by profession, he really stumbled over the facts in "The Big Lie" which we had given to everyone to read before one of our weekly meetings. He argued with us about it & wouldn't accept it at all. A week later, he was FF'd by a sister in another Home & got saved! Now he is so much sweeter & simpler & so hungry for the Word. He even wants to read "The Big Lie" with us again, to try & understand it. He wants so much to live with us that we are considering the possibilities of a drop-in situation.

VISITATION PROGRAM: We felt for some time that many of our people would grow faster in the Lord if they had personal contact, but it is impossible for us to travel. So we have had a burden to have

faith trips to visit the people in their homes. The Lord answered our prayers with a faithful couple who has the same vision. They have taken two trips around France with their 15-month-old toddler & have begun taking over the phoning & weekly meetings here in our local area, a real help! (See their testimony next column!)

A REAL BLESSING HAS BEEN TO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH MANY GRADUATES here in France who love the Lord & the Letters & are witnessing, doing some witnessing & some have now returned to full-time service. Sometimes we in the Mail Ministry have been their only contact with the Family. We're so happy to now be able to offer them the new IRF plan of weekly mailings of French publications.

THIS PAST WEEKEND, WE OPENED OUR HOME TO A COUPLE returning from India. They had both joined there & had never seen a Home outside of that country. They were so thrilled to meet more of the Family, but most of all to see all the literature that is available in French—they just didn't know it existed! They went out with 500 pieces of literature, plus a number of French Quote Books & they were so thrilled they want to organize a plan with us to send lit to the French-speaking disciples in India who have practically nothing!

AS WE WERE READING THE WORD TOGETHER ONE DAY, the Lord inspired us to start a new project: to make some cassette tapes of basic material in French, basic Letters & perhaps a couple of music tapes of French songs. We don't know much about this, but we feel it would be a tremendous help to those on our mailing list, as many are growing in the Lord but are often too busy or too tired to read the Word. Please pray for us that the Lord will guide & provide in this cassette tape project!

WE HOPE THESE TESTIMONIES WILL ENCOURAGE OTHERS to start a mail ministry or continue the one they have. Dad's Letters are giving us the Lord's promise of a bright & fruitful future if we remain faithful! It may seem like quite a sacrifice at first to sit behind a desk, but you'll become so thrilled at seeing so many

as to what the Lord will do as you send out His Word to save the lost & comfort the hearts of the needy! Love, Elizabeth Grey. (Amen!—Dad.)

## Personal Followup To The French W.W.M.M.!

From Johannes & Milcah:



Milcah & Johannes—music is also their ministry! Photo by Jared Talker.

WE JUST FINISHED OUR SECOND TRIP TO VISIT PEOPLE who have been writing us in the French Mail Ministry. We're so filled with joy over the miracles the Lord is doing! It started with an inspiration & burden to travel & visit people we had on our own personal mailing list. We wrote a prayerletter asking for donations to buy a car, but found it was not the Lord's will for us to have one, so we went hitchhiking!

WE TRAVEL WITH OUR 15-MONTH-OLD SON who is such a testimony wherever we go! Every one falls in love with him, & at the same time we are able to show a sample of family unity, the living proof that the Letters work!

WE STARTED ACCORDING TO ACTS 1:8, WITH PARIS, then the surrounding region & the whole country. In Paris we met a scientist to whom Milcah gave a loving sample of the Lord's Love. He got saved & filled with the Holy Ghost & started to witness & litness.

ON OUR MOST RECENT TRIP WE MET A FAMILY as spiritually open & willing as any Family member. We stayed with them for 4

## Confessions of a Band Member!

From Chronicle Singer:

Dearest Dad & Maria, I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH BANDS PRETTY MUCH SINCE I JOINED THE FAMILY. I've always been burdened that this music the Lord has given us could be used in many ways & as much as possible. I guess many people have felt this way because we've all seen the power of the message via music.

HOWEVER, THE THING THAT WE FORGET so easily is the day that we were really "moved" ourselves by this music. I'm sure that if we look back, most of us will remember that one lone person looking lovingly into our eyes & singing a song of love which broke our hearts & moved us to tears in love with Jesus.

BANDS & RECORDS HAVE HAD THEIR CHANCE in our frantic efforts to draw attention, but rarely have we (if ever) managed to get that lone guitarist experience

with his fish across on the plastic. I've seen producers & agents just give up in frustration trying. NEVERTHELESS, MANY OF US HAVE GOTTEN INVOLVED with this sort of ministry & have taken it the wrong way & even let it affect our attitudes toward others in the Family. I've seen it from A to Z, & I'm sure that I also have offended someone along the way.

I WANT SO MUCH FOR ANYONE CONCERNED TO KNOW THAT I AM SORRY. God bless all the local singers, using their talents to witness & minister in a personal way. I'm sure that this is the real "success" in the Lord's eyes. Bands have been patronized, organized, mobilized, apologized & just plain protected by kings & queens both inside & outside the Family, in efforts to capture the goose which laid the golden egg (Jesus!).

ALL THIS HAS LED TO MUCH OVERBURDENSOME BLOBBERY

& many misted & hurt feelings. So please forgive me. I ask this with all my heart to you & to my very special loving Family.

YOUR LETTER "HARD ROCK BANDS" REALLY HIT HOME, & I know from experience that what you said in it is true. I wanted to write you long before, but it would have been in so much frustration, due to my experiences in trying to organize a band for so long. I'm afraid I would not have been too edifying, ha!

NEVERTHELESS, I DO FEEL THAT THE LORD COULD STILL USE US ALL as the lone singers & inspirationalists if we will but follow more closely to your loving advice. Thank you, Dad, for everything you have done for me.

RIGHT NOW PATIENCE & I & THE KIDS ARE STILL IN THE STATES waiting for an open door to a new field. We love & pray for you. —In Jesus, Chronicle Singer.

## PORTUGAL: Music's Magic Heals Souls!

From Lucas & Jessica Trovador:

AS DAD HAS SAID, ALL WE NEED IS A LITTLE MUSIC TEAM or even just a soloist to touch people's hearts. So we hope this testimony can be an encouragement to everyone with a little musical talent to use it more. Little is much if God is in it! IT ALL STARTED FOR US LAST EASTER SUNDAY when we decided to do something different. So we went to sing in a restaurant. We found the people extremely receptive & happy to see us & hear our songs & so thankful that they even gave us money. Since then the Lord has opened the door for us to sing at a couple more restaurants regularly.

WE USUALLY GO AT DINNER TIME & sing two songs together after which Jessica goes around passing the hat for donations & shares with those who are interested while I sing a few more songs. This has been very fruit-



Lucas (Portuguese) & Jessica (American) singing their soft happy love songs at a local restaurant.

ful in reaching different kinds of people because we sing in different languages. For those who are interested, we have with us envelopes of Mo Letters that we give to them at the end & share about the Lord.

THE THING THEY REMARK ON IS OUR HAPPINESS, freedom, love & unity—in a word, the Spirit, despite the imperfection of our music. Right now we sing regularly at 3 different restaurants, & it keeps us busy!

IN ADDITION, we have been playing in a few pubs regularly for a salary which is a little different (we like restaurant singing better & we have more chance to witness & share with the customers). At the end of the month we'll be part of a benefit concert here in our town. ALL THIS WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE but for the wonderful co-operation of the other brethren in our Home who all so willingly help care for Philip, our 4-month-old baby, while we go out at night. God bless our Family!

WE KNOW THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING, as there are many doors the Lord is about to open to reach this country thru' music. By the way, we are also working on a songbook with a lot of new songs in Portuguese, Spanish & English (with a tape!) Please pray for us! We love you, Lucas & Jessica.

## HOMEGOING NEWS:

### Top In Her Class!

A testimony that the Lord & His education methods work!

From Rejoice, California, U.S.A.:

OUR 11-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER MIRACLE was in a PUBLIC SCHOOL here for 4 months while we were preparing to go to South America. During that time, her teachers said she was one of the best, if not the best student they had! PTL!

THE OTHER KIDS WERE PRETTY JEALOUS of how well she was doing in school without having to at-

tend year after year like them, just travelling around & being taught by her parents & in the little Christian communities she had lived in, taught by Christian tutors.

WE STRESSED TO THE TEACHERS & principal that the reason she did so well was "It is only Jesus!" Miracle wrote a short story that was posted for parent-teacher open house right before we left. Also, on her last day in school she did an oral report on the guitar, singing several Family songs in English, Spanish & Italian.

THIS, ALONG WITH HER DAILY CONTACT with the school kids, was such a surprising testimony, not only to the kids, but their parents, that in the last few days before we left, while John & Peter were outside our house

working on the truck & trailer, a total stranger from another area of town stopped to see them working & said, "You must be the family going to South America!" Even tho' he lived clear across town from us, he had heard about us!

WORD ALSO GOT AROUND that this was only the second time that Miracle had attended public school in her life! The whole thing reminded us of Faith's experience when she was in school & won the medal as one of the top student. Miracle was voted the top student & won several awards in the short time she was there. PTL! It proved to be a great testimony for the Lord & His methods of education! Love, Rejoice & family, now bound for South America!