

BUT THE TURNING POINT CAME one day when he was sober, seemingly in a very good mood & starting to tell me in detail experiences he had had with spirits etc., leaving his body, hurting other people etc. I got the verses "The Devil is a liar & the father of lies" & "Resist the Devil & he shall flee from you."

SO I GOT THE KIDS & LEFT RIGHT THEN & went to my mother's house. The next morning I called Oshea to tell him I'd gone home. But still Lonnie had an influence over me & after that began to act very nice & sweet & begged me to come back.

THEN WHEN I TALKED TO OSHEA & HE TOLD ME HE'D BEEN ASKED TO WORK WITH W.S. overseas, I went back once again. By that time I had allowed myself to be totally deceived & confused by the Devil. There was such a spiritual battle going on, but the Lord pulled me out again.

IT'S HORRIFYING WHERE MY DOUBTS & DISOBEDIENCES TOOK ME, & it's just a miracle of God that we did get away before anything else more serious happened! I know now thru' sad experience there is no substitute for giving all, everything, 100% to the Lord & His Service without reservations, & I pray He'll give us another chance just to start all over again at the bottom. "I'd rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." (Ps. 84:10.)

AT FIRST I WANTED TO SHOVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OFF ON OSHEA & TRY TO SAY, "He needs to help me make it because I'm too weak." But God bless his faith to just go on & do what God wanted him to do, trusting that He would take care of us. This morning I read "Faith & Healing".

IT'S SO CLEAR THAT WE HAVE TO MAKE THE DECISION OF FAITH OURSELVES all alone to trust Him no matter what, & nobody else can do it for us. If I can just learn that lesson & give my life 100% without reservations it will be worth everything we've been thru'. I have to do it for the children's sake so that they can learn to live the life of faith & not have their lives & service for the Lord harmed by my lack of faith.

I COULDN'T SAY IT WHEN I DIDN'T HAVE THE VICTORY BUT I'M SO HAPPY NOW that Oshea has been able to go on to serve the Lord full-time again & to really be of use to His Kingdom. It was the Lord's hand & His doing & we know he'll be a blessing there.

DEAR DAD, PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR ALL MY REBELLION & disobedience which has been such a hindrance to many. More than anything I want to get back on the right track now & serve the Lord wherever He wants us. We want to be part of the Family giving 100% & nothing less.

RIGHT NOW MY PLANS ARE JUST TO STAY HERE UNTIL THE LORD SHOWS US WHERE TO GO, as I know He will if we just trust & obey. I just want the Lord most of all to help me be willing to go anywhere, to do anything for anybody & to be willing to be nothing. I feel like the Lord has some specific answer for us & something specific He wants us to do to really get back on the right track for Him, so we're going to wait here for it as we know it's on the way.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTERS WHICH KEEP US GOING. The Kids Komix are great & we've been reading them at the park in the afternoon after school & at night. Josiah loves them & loves to read them with his friends too.

I FEEL LIKE MAYBE I STARTED TO GET OFF THE TRACK YEARS AGO by doubting what

the Lord had done in putting me & Abdon together, when it was so clearly the hand of God, & that God has never been able to fully bless my life since. But now I'm finally at the point where I'm willing to listen, & I want the Lord to work & wipe out every little disobedience & fear so there's not even one tiny one left. **I JUST PRAY IT'S NOT TOO LATE** & that the Lord is still willing to speak after all the times I've refused to obey His voice & hardened my heart. I want so much for the children's sake for them to have a life of faith & full-time service to God. Please keep us in your prayers.

THANKS SO MUCH FOR "TITHING & THE FN". It really hit the nail on the head at the right time about total commitment. I'm going right now to the bank to get a \$50 check out of some travel money we just received from Oshea, to cover our 10% for the past couple of months. Thanks also for "Look Before You Leap". It's a real encouragement to hear directly the voice of God about where you're to go, & that's what we want to do. Much love & prayers, Liz, Josiah & Bess.

P.S. ONE BLESSING from all that's happened is that it has brought me much closer to the children. We're learning how to be a family & stick together & Jo is being a real help & encouragement. *(GBY now for your new obedience & help you to make it. We love you. We've been concerned about you ever since you left us for that trucker at that truckstop in the U.S. way back in '69!—And tho' you've often come back, it seems you've been changing mates ever since & are never satisfied. When are you going to learn that only the Lord is perfect & only He can satisfy! For your poor kids' sake, we hope you can find a place of rest in Jesus. GBY!—Love,—Dad.)*

RESUME OF 1980 ACCOMPLISHMENTS: --Compiled by ML Creations 2 Staff.

PUBLICATIONS!

Record year for literature!--Printing & distributing 3 million copies a month!
Published 19 Mags!
LIMs printing 2500 Mags each month!
First All-Komix Mags!--5 in the past year!
First slick covers!
First colour covers!
2 bound book-size Mags!
First Kidz Mags!
First 32-page Love is News!
Complete Flannelgraph Mag!
Free colour calendar!
Volume 6 published!
First Tech Letters in print!
First RFNs in print!
Memory Verses for the Family!--Back to the straight & narrow!
More lit for the children than ever before!
Family artists commissioned to complete leatherette-bound Komix Volumes!--Coming soon!
Start of the Lit-Pics!

FINANCES & GIFTS:

Tithing Revolution & dropping IRF status!
LIMs get 50% of income!
More help to missionaries & W.S. Units.
Free books from Hong Kong!
Free Christmas Tapes from MWM!
Free 7-come-11 Christmas gifts from M&M!

RECORD STATS:

Highest number of Homes ever!--2,000!
8,000 Family Members!
Over 3,500 Children in the Family!
Total Witness to date--24 billion people!
Total Converts--3,700,000!
Winning 40,000 souls a month!
Total lit distributed--380 million pieces!

OUTSTANDING EVENTS:

MWM got rolling!
The New Video Ministry!
Year of the Crash!--Survival Revolution!
Year of the Prodigals Come Home!--Influx of former backsliders!
"Happy Birthday Family!" began Feb. 18th this year!--Our anniversary!
Vision & emphasis on Latin America!
Take your caravan to Russia!
Renewal of the "Message of Jeremiah" in many Letters!
"Christmas Eve Massacre" helps solve Family drinking problems!
Outpouring of "The Shepherdess"--Getting out the Words more than ever before!
More Family going mobile than ever before!
Preparing for the Oil Shortage!
Exposing Illuminati & Witchcraft!
First government-sponsored trip to China!
Dad's eyes revived through Family prayer & now glasses too strong!--Tummy better too!
Family Care song tapes made available to Family!
"Invade the Churches" ministry in full swing!
First "Sunday Fellowship" days!

Spanish-Portuguese Lim News!

The Words are working wonders! VS News from South America & Iberia!

From Dave & Carmen:
Dear Dad, Maria & Peter,

WE FEEL VERY ENCOURAGED BY YOUR PERSONAL LETTERS inspiring us to get out the Words & for your financial help to be able to produce the first Mo Book in Spanish, & the Komix Book! Thank you very much! We would like to get out Volume 6 in Spanish & Portuguese, if possible, since we have all the Letters translated & it would require the minimum work to do it. We are going to study the price & will send you the info soon.

BRASIL: The number of Homes in Brasil is exploding, & most of our disciples there are nationals. We now have 93 Homes in Brasil, with 250 adults & 138 children.--59% of these 93 Homes are Local Language Only Homes. We have received so many testimonies & comments & have observed from the Reports that the brethren there are growing a lot & are spiritually maturing since they have had the whole counsel of God in their hands. PTL!

ALSO, SINCE WE BEGAN SENDING MAIL CERTIFIED to the Homes in Brasil having problems with their mail, we have not had one more complaint! And the Homes that were affected wrote us thanking us & testifying that they have not missed one mailing since then! So perhaps it could be a solution for the most affected Homes.

CONCERNING THE WORK IN SOUTH AMERICA: We can see great progress being made thru' the months in the progressive maturing of the Homes. When we began visiting the Homes in Spain in the beginning of the VS program, almost all our re-

ports were negative, & it was a great spiritual battle to see the state of the brethren in the Homes. However, little by little this situation has gotten solved, & in Spain we can see a maturity in the work the brethren are doing in general.

IN SOUTH AMERICA ALSO LITTLE BY LITTLE WE ARE SEEING THEM MATURE, especially in some countries more than others. There's still a great lack of shepherds, which we hope God will supply, perhaps from all the brethren going there from other countries of the world. But anyway, the most important & true shepherds are the Letters which, TTL, we can supply them! It is the Word which "cleans" I "Faith cometh by hearing the Word of God!"

WE HAVE A LITTLE TESTIMONY of how the Letters are the principal life-changers. In the North of Spain (in the Basque area) there is a young man who first wrote us 8 months ago requesting a "Basic Course" of our beliefs after having received a Letter on the streets. He liked this material so much that instead of getting the mailings over a 3-month period as usual, he "ate them up" much sooner & soon became an IRF. When the Letter "The Tithes" came out, he switched to TRF. With each letter we could see how he was growing & anxious for more.

WHEN VICENTE & PILAR, THE VS'S, WENT TO VISIT HIM on this month's trip, they were very turned on how he knew the Word. Instead of their having to witness to him, he was so on-fire he was almost witnessing to them! He was certain of his Salvation & having the Holy Spirit & could really quote the Word on it! After this Christ-

mas season he is going to drop out & join a Home! This is a clear example of how powerful the Mags & the Letters are!—A brother won totally from the Mail Ministry! This has happened in several other cases too!

ONE INTERESTING THING WE'D LIKE TO POINT OUT is that the number of IRF Homes began gradually dwindling down as they passed on to being TRF ever since last May. We would say that we lost very few along the way, & most have gone on to being TRF! Hallelujah! Also our total number of Homes has almost never gone down any month, & it is constantly on the rise! Even when we lose a couple who decide to possibly report elsewhere, we gain usually several times the ones we lose! Many of the Homes we have reporting to us were backsliders who began reporting when they found out about the LIM & the Mags! (This is especially true of South America where we have been able to win back many of the native speakers to full-time reporting!)

THANK GOD WE ARE STILL GETTING OUT THE MAGS AT THE SAME PACE AS THE ENGLISH! Now more than ever we are desperately praying to keep the pace because of the immense amount of new English material coming out which all seems so interesting! Your Words are the best gift for Christmas & the New Year. Anyway, so much Word is being such a revolution for our disciples, TYL! There is hardly enough time to read each Mag before the next one comes out, & we don't dare not read anything! It is your Word that gives unity & strength to be a revolutionary Family, the "Children of Love"! Thank

you! Thank you! Thank you!
THE BIG THING THIS MONTH & SOMETHING WE ARE VERY THANKFUL FOR IS THE VIDEO! We saw the MWM & office videos & it was such an inspiration to see so many brothers & sisters with the vision & happy in Jesus. You feel like you are there with them. Also we showed some of the MWM videos at a united gathering. We were also so turned on by the Danish Pop Festival video. As you wrote, it was "thrilling"! Hallelujah!

LATELY WE'RE PRAYING ABOUT SOMETHING TO UNITE & INSPIRE THE HOMES OF Spain, & the Lord's answer was so clear--Videos! So, TTL since the Lord so miraculously supplied

stats in record time, 1% days sooner than normal. The plans of the VSs are that the days Vicente is working here in the office, Pilar will take someone different with different abilities to inspire the Homes. For example, this month she is planning on going with Juan & Victoria to demonstrate the puppet theatre they have made. Another time she plans to go with Seek & Secundus & their children, DV. Vicente & Pilar are very inspired because they say that at every Home they visit upon entering the door they hear the MWM tapes!

THE VS'S OF PORTUGAL, Ebed & Estrella, report that Jacob is doing really well. He is still living by himself in a tent. He has been litnessing every day & singing in a restaurant in the evenings. He also has been visiting all the people that WS & the LIM have asked him to look up. And now he has a young couple with their child coming over every Sunday for fellowship, & he is doing a Church of Love in the park. Ebed said he really has a unique ministry in this city.

IN BRASIL THE VS'S HAD TO FLEE OVERNIGHT along with all the brethren from a certain town who are also mobile to a nearby beach. They write: "Our many vehicles, buses & trailers parked in front of the house aroused the attention of curious neighbours who obviously called the local police." They believe that the Lord allowed this little persecution to break up the blob there & get everyone out on the road.

THE CENTRAL AMERICAN VS'S, Obeth & Paloma, report that the Family there has gotten MWM on the radio. It comes on every Thursday from 9:15-9:45 p.m. on a very-much-listened-to station which normally plays disco & rock music. The station hooks in with 3 other stations at that time, so as to cover almost all of Guatemala & the southernmost part of Mexico!

WE LOVE YOU, OUR KING & QUEEN, SO MUCH! "I have blessed thee above all the sons of men on the face of the earth, that even as Abraham, thy seed shall be as the stars of the heavens in multitude, & as the sands of the sea innumerable. And all generations shall call thee blessed." (No. 77:49 "David".) Hallelujah! Let us know the ways in which we can serve better! Much love, Dave & Carmen. ■

