

& I take the weak things to confound the mighty! (1Co. 1:25-29).

"I AM THE WEAKEST OF YOU ALLI... You would have washed me out long ago, but God accepted me, & I'm still going, unworthy as I am, weak as I may be, faithful & errant, yet full of His love & mercy for you all! I love you! You're my children! How could I cast you out, no matter what you do!"

"YOU'RE STILL MINE, & I LOVE YOU, & I'll give you every opportunity, every chance to prove yourself, to make good. How many times that verse encouraged me—for whom I saw no hope, no value, no worth, only wickedness! How many times I clung to that word, 'Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out!' (Jn. 6:37)..."

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AND AT THAT MOMENT THE POSTMAN ARRIVED with your gift & I really began to weep! What a clear manifestation of God's love! How can I ever thank you for showing such love & mercy towards me. Sometimes I feel I've been the worst & most rebellious of your children, but this wonderful love you give me breaks my heart as nothing else can—

THAT SAME LOVE YOU SHOWED ME FROM THE BEGINNING that I saw so clearly in your eyes the first time you walked into that little club in Tucson, Arizona. Thank you for being my father & for giving me life!

GOD HELPING ME, I WANT TO REPAY YOU by giving my heart & life to others with that same love you've given me so freely in spite of my faults & failings & terrible rebellion.

THE SAME DAY YOUR GIFT ARRIVED WE WERE ABLE TO READ THE ILLUMINATING LETTER, & it was a real eye-opener & liberation for our Home. Tad & Joy got down &

really prayed for the Lord to completely deliver them from any spirits that had been bothering them & then we had a real cleaning out of the house of their dope, books & other things that just weren't of God. Their lives are miraculously changing also & it's a wonderful thing to see, PTL!

ABDON CALLED ME from California to say that he wants to get back together with me & into full-time service for the Lord. So it seems like God has only begun to work in our lives & there are many surprises still in store.

THE LORD HAS ALSO GIVEN ME A REAL SHEEPY FISH who is ripe fruit & on the verge of getting saved & dropping out. I'm so thankful & awed that the Lord would trust me with such a precious soul & am really praying for His wisdom & guidance to bring him in.

I THINK I UNDERSTAND FEELING MORE NOW than I ever have before, & I really have a burden to catch men in His Spirit for His glory! It seems as if my spiritual eyes have been opened again & everything is so much clearer. Hallelujah!

LAST SUNDAY WE HAD FAMILY FELLOWSHIP with a local Home, & they brought our Communion tape which I had never heard before. What a blessing it was to hear your voice! I just wanted to jump into your arms & never leave! So I'm sending you in this letter a hug & a kiss in the Spirit, & a whole lot more!

I REMEMBER YEARS AGO STANDING AROUND A CAMPFIRE when we were on the road & you came up to me & gave me a real sexy kiss & said, "Honey, I always knew you were a hot one!" What a liberation that was & what faith & confidence it gave me to be what I really was down deep inside!

WELL, NOW I REALLY WANNA BE A "HOT ONE" FOR GOD'S KINGDOM & His glory & let the Lord use me to the fullest! We love you so much. I just can't say it enough or thank you enough. Also, I got Keren's sweet note on Christmas Eve & a wonderful encouraging letter from Oshea. The Lord's timing is so incredible! Love forever,—Your Liz. (Tks! ILY2!—D.)

A Prodigal Come Home!

From Tiras Seeds; MWM: *I'm a prodigal son come home Not worthy in the least Yet the Father hath prepared for me Love's continual feast The House is now filled with brothers and sisters Each so willing to share Now I know what it means: "His Tender Loving Care!"*

Away on my own I felt so alone Out there love doesn't exist! And while torn apart by love's broken heart The Family I began to miss Well, now I'm Home, No more to roam, Everyone holds me so near! And as the Father so wisely said, "Perfect love casts out all fear!"

Heart Washing Lessons!

Responses from Sara Davidito to some of the latest Letters!

From Sara Davidito: Dearest Dad & Maria, XXX! HOW I LOVE & NEED YOU SO—SO VERY MUCH, & seeing it in just every new Letter, how the Lord teaches us like children so very faithfully, in LOVE! I'VE JUST FINISHED READING THE HO & ESTHER SERIES (the other day) & today the JUSTUS Problem in full! My oh my! What heart-washing lessons they both are! And how it makes me cry to read all about the details you've had to be burdened & busy with!

HOW WE ALL PRAY THAT WE CAN BETTER "OBEY YOU WHO HAVE THE RULE OVER US, & submit ourselves (as a Family worldwide), for you watch for our souls & have to give an account, that you will be able to do it with joy & not with grief, for that is unprofitable for you" (Heb. 13:17).

I REALLY PRAY THAT WE HERE WITH YOU, & ALL YOUR CHILDREN TOO, WILL MAKE YOU HAPPY & not sorrowful! And I'm so very thankful that our little ones here do fulfill a great purpose in making you joyful—Prov. 17:6: "Children's children are the crown of old men; & the glory of children are their fathers." Your lessons to us help us to greatly profit. —Thank you & TTL for such a glorious father!

WE APPRECIATE SO MUCH HOW YOU SHARE JUST EVERYTHING WITH US, even these lessons of disobediences & tryings etc.—"Nothing is hidden from the heat thereof!" And this makes us such a united body, learning all the Lord has put others thru' & therefore being like- wise accountable for their lessons too! This sure makes us a real Family in Jesus, PTL!

OVERALL, I FOUND HO'S SINCERE REPENTANCE & RETURN TO THE WORD & dedication to the Work a great victory as well as a warning for us all! Esther told me a few years ago in Italy that they had

stopped praying & reading the Word together even then for a long while.

BUT TTL, THEY'VE SEEMED TO RETURN TO THEIR FIRST LOVES in Jesus & you now. (Frankly, I can't see how anyone with children, especially so many, could get away from the Word & prayer, since the children if anything seem to keep us in the Word & growing by learning together daily. What greater blessing could there ever be than that of feeding God's little lambs!!)

PERHAPS ONE OF THE MOST CONVICTING LESSONS OF ALL was simply that in both cases of these new Letters, the Word pure & straight was always there & faithful to continue, never lacking thru' the mailings, even personal words from you, & even in daily work being done on the Words, & yet, so so sad—IT WASN'T "LOVED" & DESIRED & working in hearts & needy souls, but rather put aside & replaced with bad worldly desires or attitudes etc.—all the Devil's business of course. We've often remarked at daily "devies" here, & have prayed too, that—EACH NEW LETTER & BIT OF COUNSEL FROM THE LORD THRU' YOU MUST BE ALLOWED TO WORK IN US for the better, for real change & good fruits, "allowing the Word to work in you" so to be ready for the next lesson & try to live them to the fullest!

WE LOVE TO LEARN & GROW, LIKE DEAR LIL DITO who so loves the Lord & the Word, just desires it daily to fill up his thirsty, little strong New Bottle! Hallelujah! I love him so, & I love you both so!—Could never be happier & more fulfilled than with him & you both, & dear lil "Techi", who enlightens me daily, just as she does too for you!! If you are ever sad again, dear Dad, just call for the children, anytime to visit you for hugs & love! I know they really love you, & me too!!! XXX— forever!

AND "THANK GOD FOR MARIA!" as one of the kids' favourite lil TKs says, for the strong pillar of faith she is to you, & eternal sample of true dedication & love for the Lord & His Word & work!!!—And too for all the fruitful units around that "keep going for God, keep believing & obeying no matter what happens!" Amen!

ESP. THESE NEW LESSONS INVOLVING SOME WS PEOPLE ought to really "shake-up" all our WS units—tremendous lessons on obedience & the crimes & heartbreak that failure to report crimes will cause!! Faithful communications are so very important (all of these are such basic lessons!—& always renewing). And the Lord's perfect love surely "casts out all fear" so that no one should be afraid to report in to you the mistakes & sins we all make so much!

ANYWAY, I WANTED TO SHARE THESE REACTIONS TO ENCOURAGE YOU to please keep dishing it out to us all, we love & need it! And please never think that we don't appreciate all you do for us in every way! We love the spankings given personally & even to others, as well as every morsel handed out!

IT'S ALL THE LORD, & THEREFORE IT IS LOVE! PIs don't think we'll be like poor Justus, who couldn't take it. I'm sorry he didn't like me—I guess because I had to tell him off a few times, ha!! So glad it's all dealt with & everyone's happily in the Lord's will & place now, keeping busy for Him!

I LOVE YOU! I LOVE YOU! I love you both & wanted to tell you a big thank you after reading & crying & praying for these situations! Our prayers are with you daily & forever! Jesus has given us so much & all we could ever dream of or need or be worthy off! I'm with you all!!! the way, Amen! I'll take Jesus for mine, too! I love Jesus & you! Yours, forever, gratefully & "in-Love!!"—Your Sara

Prodigal Prodigy Returns!

The fruits of repentance in Ho & family! The Word received in faith!

From Isaac & Rebekah;

Dearest Dad, Maria & Peter, GINI WE LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH & are so thankful to start this New Year in Service to Him & you! May God bless & keep you safely in the year ahead. "The First Christmas" & the MWM tapes & the songs in the FN & all really helped make our Christmas more meaningful this year. We want to pass on some good news:

WE FEEL THAT HO & HIS FAMILY ARE MAKING SOME REAL PROGRESS & steps of repentance. PTL!—His Word never fails!—When it's received in faith! Perhaps we can just list for you a few things we've seen & heard of late.

HO & HIS FAMILY HAVE HAD FELLOWSHIPS & COMMUNIONS with both the Macau & Hong Kong Homes, where they've confessed & apologized for their past mistakes. On Michael Christian's TRF he mentioned how they had a communion with Ho's family, the first one ever, & that it was a real blessing!

ESTHER HAS BROKEN OFF CONTACT WITH PETER & turned over the little adopted boy to him. Apart from Peter's grumbling, this seems to have gone quite smoothly & without any big flare-ups. When I went by Ho's HK flat yesterday, Esther was working away in the kitchen & right away offered me a snack & drink, something I don't think she's ever done before.

SHE HAS BEEN TAKING THE KIDS SINGING in restaurants where they pass out lit. When Rebekah saw her on Thursday, they had just been out singing for about one hour in 3 restaurants & had passed out 200

pieces of lit & collected HK\$200. They were all very inspired.

ESTHER LOOKED MUCH HEALTHIER & APPROACHABLE, not "aloof" as in the past, & the kids all seemed a lot happier. They have also done several public performances in HK & Macau. We saw them all on the evening news one night just before Christmas. Details of all this is in their letters to you, which you've received by now.

WHEN I SAW HO, FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE HE'S BEEN BACK FROM Europe, he was much more slowed-down, inspired & positive, & noticeably less pushy with shop staff & all. He was quite open to share with me all he's learned.

HIS CONTACT WITH THE "GRASSROOTS" BRETHREN IN EUROPE listening daily for needs really had an effect on him. He said he could easily see the difference in their spirits & his. He's definitely actively advocating "no system jobs", a real about-face, & helped the John we have here with that.

HE WAS SO HUMBLE & OPEN IN ADMITTING HIS ERRORS & said he's thankful for the fear of the Lord. So—things really look on the up-&up. They have worked out a good schedule & have been doing lots of cleaning & reorganizing.

REBEKAH MENTIONED THAT ESTHER DIDN'T GET INTO SHARRING any of the lessons she's been learning with her; but she feels that may be due to the fact that Esther may not feel she knows us very well & thus didn't feel as free to share.

FEW PEOPLE HERE HAVE HAD ANY REAL CONTACT WITH ESTHER for a long time, so it may take some time for her to learn to be more open.

She definitely was being more of an inspiration with the kids, altho' she's still learning how to handle that handful of energy the kids are! The kids were better behaved & getting along better together than we've seen them for a long time now.

WHEN I MET WITH HO ON WEDNESDAY, MARK & MIKE WERE THERE TOO. I was interested to see how things would go. (This was their first contact with Ho since his return from Europe.)—To see if they would "bury the old hatchet".

HO WAS VERY GRACIOUS TO THEM, starting off by sharing some inspiring testimonies from MWM etc. [Ho later told me he had wanted at that meeting to be able to share more deeply with Mark & Mike about lessons learned & all, but it was quite obvious from the onset that they weren't interested in talking to him at that time, & weren't in a receptive mood.]

MARK IS A DIFFERENT PERSON AROUND HO! When we've been with Mark lately he's been quite friendly & all. But from the moment he saw Ho that day, his countenance was hard & his manner very impatient.—You could tell he couldn't wait to get away. It wasn't at all like: Well, here's a brother I haven't seen in nearly 4 months. But rather: Some unwanted daily caller, who he wanted to avoid.

I REALLY FEEL MARK STILL HAS A DEEP ROOT OF BITTERNESS AGAINST HO, & this is going to hinder any real change or growth on Mark's part. In other words, your letter to him relieving them of GLP duties soon hasn't had the effect on Mark of wanting, or even seeing the need, to repent & change his ways. With his keeping his other system

jobs, it's more like he considers he's just lost a client.

I COULD REALLY SEE A DIFFERENCE IN THE TWO: Both Mark & Ho have been off the track with their system jobs, bickering & all. There was Ho—who had openly accepted the chastening & had humbled himself & was now showing the fruits of repentance & of the Spirit.

BUT MARK HASN'T REALLY BROKEN or seen & admitted his mistake, or need to change—either in his system jobs scene or in his relationship with Ho. I don't know if this will make sense to you or not, but—

TO ME, THEIR TRFS ARE INDICATIVE: Ho's is always on time & full of victories, lessons, ML reactions, comments etc., whereas Mark's is almost always the last one in & usually almost completely blank, apart from stats & signature. Sherm's written me a couple of times about Mark's GLP Report being late, & I've asked Mark several times to please get his Reports in on time, at the beginning of the month, but Reports are something he seems to take very lightly & has lots of excuses for being late or incomplete.

THE OTHER DAY I WAS READING "RULES FOR RULERS", when I came across para. 14 which stood out: (I had been thinking about Mark when I read this.) "The hardest words in any language it seems are: 'I was wrong' ... it seems they would rather miss the blessing & sell their birthright than to admit they're mistaken!" (22a:14)

SO WORKING TOGETHER ON VOLUME 7 & subsequently closing down GLP isn't going to go smoothly between Ho & Mark, unless there's a change in attitude. All that to say this:

MARK'S WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH HO STILL IS NOT GOOD, & Mark isn't flexible or yielded to things that

aren't his way of doing it & covers that by claiming not to understand or blaming snags on some technical problem.

FRANKLY, IT'S FRIGHTENING TO SEE HIS ATTITUDE sometimes. It's really only the Lord's mercy that the last Volumes went as well as they did, with his disrespectful attitude to Ho & your counsel. The prevailing attitude still is, "I know best".

HO ASKED MARK IF HE WAS GOING TO CONTINUE WITH HIS SYSTEM JOBS, as a lead-up to sharing the lessons he's learned about it. Mark immediately said, "Of course," & listed off his reasons why. He also blurted out, rather significantly I thought, "It's easy to just live on a budget, but when you won't have a budget anymore, then you have to get other means of support; it's in the Letters..." However, this isn't the full story: Both Mark & Mike's wives are very good at provisioning, FF'ing, escorting & they have a very cheap rent. It's not that Mark needs the system work for support—I think he just likes it.

SO, ALL IN ALL, HO WAS PRETTY SHOCKED BY MARK'S ATTITUDE & later asked me if I felt we should deal with Mark about his attitude, to try to help him see his situation. My response was that if Mark hadn't received your letter to him soberly & wasn't considering all the latest in the Letters about jobs & putting "God First", that I wasn't sure how much he would receive from us. I mentioned to Ho that if you asked me to pass on some counsel etc., to Mark, I would, of course, but that for now I didn't feel that was my place to do so.

HO FEELS HE WANTS TO HAVE A CHANCE TO AT LEAST "WITNESS" THE TRUTH TO MARK of the les-

sons he's learned about system jobs, having been there himself, seen the error of his ways & has by the Grace of God repented—so as to try to help Mark see I suggested he might have more success with Mike, who's more broken over all this & receptive to things of the Spirit.

WELL, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, AFTER ALL THIS, I DON'T HAVE A PERSONAL AXE TO GRIND WITH MARK, but I feel it important to pass on to you about his attitude. It really seems he's going to need it "a bit stronger" before he makes any steps to change—towards Ho & towards how he views his working relationship with you.

I'D SURE LIKE TO SEE HIM TRULY SOBERED & BROKEN by this so he can start a fresh & really grow, rather than just shrug it off as he sorta has 'til now: "Oh well, changes are good for us".

WE LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH & pray that this report is a help & encouragement to you. MGBAKYACTMYABTT WW (to the whole world!) Much love & prayers always, —Isaac & Rebekah.

(DAD: Poor Mark nearly killed us all one day & put himself in the hospital by failing to follow instructions! Instead of mixing the chemicals for our small pool in Tenerife separately as told, he thought he had an easier way, & so stirred them together before adding to pool! The result: A cloud of lethal poisonous gas that nearly killed him & drove us all out of the house—some stark naked!—To spend 4 hours in the yard waiting for the winds to clear the area! He had heroically staggered in screaming to warn us just in time before he collapsed! Let's hope you don't have to learn another sad lesson on the dangerous road of waywardness, Mark, & risk harming us all again. GHU!)

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