

Sound Off!

Letters to the Editor!

Listening to the Lord as a Body!

From Seek & Secundus:

WE WANT TO SHARE SOME THINGS THE LORD REMINDS US OF ON NEW YEAR'S DAY & that we have really wanted to share for several years now. We had a wonderful Christmas & New Years with all the Homes here for fellowship. We were able to share this beautiful place the Lord has given us with all the Family, PTL! There were over 20 adults here for the Candlelight Service, & 16 children.

ESPECIALLY SINCE THE RNR WE'VE SEEN SO MUCH DECISION-MAKING WITHOUT CONSULTING THE LORD, & I don't think I can remember getting together as a body to listen to the Lord, except in our own Home. The Candlelight Service was beautiful & sincere, but at midnight as the last candle was lit, without even giving the Lord time to speak or have the final say for the year or encouragement for the new year, the party began with dancing & fellowship. This we all enjoyed so much, but we were surprised that we didn't take time as a body to listen to the Lord, after we had each taken time to speak to the Lord.

THAT NIGHT ALMOST EVERYONE SLEPT OVER. The next morning brethren were awake at different times & then many were in a hurry to return to the city, so we didn't have united devotions together. We had gotten a check several times

to have united devotions with the children but we didn't make time to do it.

THE VAN WOULDN'T START TO TAKE THE BRETHREN BACK to the city, but with the arm of the flesh (everyone pushing it), it finally did. Secundus then ran in a hurry to plug in the battery charger to keep the spare battery well charged, & plugged in the wrong plug. There was a loud pop & it seemed he had ruined the charger. He felt so badly, & all waited in the van.

WHEN WE ASKED THE LORD WHY THAT HAPPENED He frankly told us that we should stop everything & ask everyone to have devotions together. So we shared with everyone what had happened & suggested we have devotions together, in spite of our hurry.

THE LORD'S SPIRIT JUST TOOK OVER as it was obvious He had been waiting for us to get quiet & still. He led us to read Matthew 10 & then to just be still & listen to the Lord, as surely He had some leading or Word for us for the New Year. We all sat on the steps in the warm sunshine & the Lord spoke & spoke thru everyone. The brethren gave verse after verse, & we were there at least a 1/2-hour letting the Lord speak, & one prophecy followed another. The Lord encouraged our hearts so much. So many verses were about "Fear Not".

THEN THE LORD REMINDS US THAT SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP, as well as being a good time to be together & talk, should also be fellowship in the Word & to let the Lord speak to us. We've felt so strongly that we need to teach our children to learn to hear from the Lord & to share with the body what they receive.

OUR VISITING SERVANTS HAVE BEEN DOING SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB & just take a back seat to the regular happenings of each Home, but maybe

they could lead out a little more spiritually, since some brethren are very young in the Family & many children could use the training. At times of devotions & fellowship in the Word they could suggest that everyone take a few minutes to let the Lord speak.

WHEN I WAS NEW TO THE FAMILY THIS IS ONE THING THAT ENCOURAGED MY FAITH so much—when we would let the Lord speak to us as a group, & it has been such an encouragement to us now, the verses & quotes the kids share. Most of the time now we just listen to what the kids are getting from the Lord & when the Lord speaks to them. It is amazing how then they believe for sure that the Lord is going to do what He said, & it gives us all something to stand on.—Seek & Secundus.

A plea for singles to help large families!

From Martha Wildwind; Europe:

TRAVELLING IN OUR CARAVAN WE'VE MET MANY BIG FAMILIES who are really in need of help with their kids, to raise funds to shove-off etc. Then there are a few singles here who are pretty much doing their own thing & are seemingly turning a deaf ear!

I THINK OF "YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW" in instances where a single person has lived with a family & done nothing to help but lie in bed all the time reading Bible, writing letters, criticizing & leaving the poor Mom to do everything—then complained when they got kicked out. Now they are having troubles themselves as nobody wants to take them in because of this sort of attitude. It's really sad & not a good sample of brotherly love & the Family.

IN "THE 7 WAYS TO KNOW GOD'S WILL" IT SAYS WE

SHOULDN'T SIT AROUND waiting for the Lord to show us, but to be faithful with what He's already given us & He'll show us what next. And that's so true!—So many are just hanging around saying, "I'm waiting for the Lord to show me what to do." When right around them there's plenty to do! And if they would just buckle down & get to work many people & children could be helped & all would be much happier serving the Lord. I thought if you could just keep these families in your prayers that they find some really wild & willing workers, & these singles too, that they wake up that the world doesn't revolve around them!

Kidnapping Lessons!

From Shulamite; Europe:

FIRST OF ALL I WILL SAY THIS: PEOPLE IN THE FAMILY NEED TO GET A LITTLE SMARTER about the Devil's devices & not be so simple-minded & unaware of the possibilities of these things happening. In the case of Mene Mene's kidnapping, I was foolish to have even stayed in Florence when Mother was around. We should have gone somewhere else right at that time when we got her back.

SO THE FIRST LESSON THERE I'D SAY IS TO FLEE. In fact fleeing is one of the big lessons the Lord is trying to teach me about these days, because very few people in the Family are winning System court cases. Today anyone in a sect has had it. A sister here went to all the trouble of getting legally married to a brother to fight to get her child back from a former marriage in the System in which her husband wanted the child. Of course, being in a sect, she didn't have a chance. What she should have done was left the country

& not stuck around to give the Enemy a chance to even get her summoned into court. All this Dad has written in Letters; people should have learned!

TO FIGHT THRU THE SYSTEM CHANNELS one of the first things you'll have to do is disassociate yourself with a sect, & secondly get a System job making good money to prove you can properly take care of the child the way the System thinks is proper. "Kramer vs. Kramer" is an interesting film along this line. The wife was away from her child for a while & before she got her child back she had to get a job, & you can just see the court's reaction when she said her income was higher than her husband's. Not every girl can give the sob story she gave in a court scene, or get a lawyer crafty enough to point out a mistake the father made in letting the boy get seriously hurt to prove his lack of care for the child. And even when she won, she had to get into the Devil's dirty work. So by the time you get into all those System channels to get your children back you have wasted a year of your life in the System, & if you lose it is even worse.

LIKE SOMEONE SAID IN A PAST MAG, "CUT OFF ALL TIES", & resist the temptation to sympathise with the person you think might take your child. Boy, you can't be loving to the Devil because he sure won't be loving to you. Another thing, you can be losing your children spiritually before the actual physical break happens by not keeping them close to you in the first place. But my big solution to everything is Flee, Flee, Flee!

Victories thru memorizing the Word!

From Danish Grace; Greece:

WHAT A VICTORY IT'S BEEN IN MY LIFE TO START

MEMORISING AGAIN! TTL He let me go thru different things that really made me desperate for Him & desperate to know His Word better, to have that sweet close fellowship with Him that I'd once had. Also visiting the MWM camp for Sunday Fellowship & seeing the big as well as the small people stand up with real conviction & quote entire chapters & DM pages really ignited the little spark that was already there.

I NOW REALIZE THAT THE DEVIL WAS FIGHTING my memorizing the Word so hard because he was about to be defeated by it. But as Dad said, "I would get the Word, & that is one of the most strengthening things, if you know the Word" (DM 301) So true! "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty thru God to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down imaginations, & every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, & bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ" (2 Cor. 10:4,5).

NOW WHEN MY MIND STARTS WANDERING I GET A CHECK FROM THE LORD TO START REVIEWING! "The Devil can't stand the Word, nor the Name of Jesus—he turns tail & runs!" Also while witnessing it's been encouraging to get Mo Quotes & Bible Verses much more easily as the answer to their questions! "If you faithfully read, study & memorise it, He will spell it off to you by the Spirit when you need it" (DM 301)

THE BENEFITS & REWARDS OF GETTING BACK INTO MEMORIZING have been so many & so great that I cannot put it into words here. But I hope & pray that this will encourage you if you are not already memorizing to start today! It's so simple! Don't delay—the victory is on the way! Love, Grace. P.S. I find that it really helps me to write out the words I'm going to memorize.



MONTHLY RECAP OF M&M MAIL!

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"Just say a word to one of my little birds and it will fly speedily to the ear of the king!" (No. 238:12)

"FELLOWSHIP REVOLUTION"

"What a blessing the FR has been in our area! One beautiful thing is that we all are able to convict each other so much - one couple trapped in the system got convicted to live by faith again! We were able to take a collection for a needy brother to go to a foreign field & we have provisioned lit, dental & medical care...all thanks to this wonderful new Wine!" Lisa, N. Europe

"I had a battle over the FR at first because I witnessed the 'Cesspool' here! But we just went ahead by faith, all the Homes got together & voted, a beautiful couple was elected & now we are making so many plans together, provisioning, putting the children first & even living "One Wife", sharing sexually between Homes. So there is a 'get-it-together' R going on here, thanks to you & your love & concern for all of us!" Elimelech, S.A.

"The FR is just what we needed! PTL! It is already bearing good fruit! TYJ! In prayer we received 1 Cor. 13 & Ps. 2:10-12. The Lord showed us that this FR is inspiring more love & trust which is something we in this area really needed. On 28 June we had our first DAF. It was really the Lord's organisation as we were 14 adults & 20 children! It was a great victory with everyone pulling together, PTL!" Samuel & Praise, Europe

"Big miracles are happening since I last wrote you about all the things we were organising in our LAF. One of the things which has helped all the more, was the Love-sex R we have been pushing inspired

in your Ltrs., not even one Home in our LAF had been sharing for various excuses, & now everyone is getting real victories! Before there was a tendency to say, 'Let's share', & people would change partners just to share sex, forgetting that the most important thing is the love you show for people in many different ways until you finally go all the way, & that's why some people, especially some of our Latin girls, got turned off. Well, this Love-sex R has been the key to bring back God's anointing & blessings in people's lives as the Lord does not do that if we are not obeying Him in everything, especially in this very important part of our lives. 100% obedience brings 100% blessings!" Alejandro Music, S.A.

"The FR & Appreciation Letters are having so many good effects here in the Philippines. The self-righteous spirit of the pre-RNR days is rapidly disappearing & being replaced by Gal. 5:22-23! TYJ! It is so inspiring to travel the Homes now & find love, sharing, appreciation instead of the old law spirit under the chain & even beginning RNR when everyone was so independent. PR for setting us free, so we all have more love & freedom to show this poor love starved world. 'Let's give 'em Jesus while we can.' Lots of hugs & kisses from one of your sons, Sam Newsong, VS, Philippines

"Last Sunday we got together for the District Shepherd election & it was a very very inspiring meeting. We had 3 candidates, including a Portuguese brother & his beautiful French wife that had just arrived from Portugal. We had a tie & had to have another election. Then the Portuguese brother explained something that he hadn't openly said before - that he was all for sharing! Needless to say that in the last voting he won almost unanimously! Ha! The majority of the delegates were men & on several of the votes they wrote: 'The Portuguese one & his beautiful wife', 'The Portuguese one & his beautiful wife that shares', & 'The beautiful wife of the Portuguese brother', etc. It was a very funny voting & everybody before & after DAFing were LAFing a lot! Ha! And I am proud to say that we did make the right choice because he is a very nice brother & she is a lovely sister - a good sample! P.S. It was also wonderful to notice that the Leaders were not acting as 'big shots' at all & especially that everybody had a voice & could say what they thought openly.

A dream come true! The loving union! Thank God for this new R!" Pedro Godspell, S.A.

"GOOD SHEPHERDS"

"I want to tell you that by God's Grace we are determined to give our all to help in any way we can to fix the wall of the city that was broken! The new chain-of-cooperation suggested in the FR Letter equals to the putting together again of us bricks into forming a new wall. Italy has suffered a lot in the past because of man's bad samples but thank God the Family is now beginning to learn that the Ltrs. are the leaders & now they are making preparations to go on to riper fields. Thank you again for your faith which always brings us through & that you are finishing the good work that the Lord has begun through you in us! Daniele & Mary, newly appointed VS's of Italy

"Good Shepherds" has especially taught us so much about what God requires & what we should be & the standard we need to strive for. We really want to be good Shepherds over the precious flock the Lord's given us & know it's going to take lots of His Love & direction to make us what He wants us to be & not what we are! Please pray for us." Timothy & Faithy, VS's, India Horizon, Asia

"REFUGES"

"I am leaving for Asia in 9 days to prepare the way for the rest of my large family! Although we didn't have a refuge, that Ltr. showed us how to be real missionaries. We got convicted to step out by faith & sell our vans & raise fares. The Lord showed me just as clear as anything that it takes just as much to live by faith here in Australia as it does overseas!" Aaron & The Happy Family, Australia

"Thank you for 'Refuges'! I'll be in Asia by 30 July!" Recently elected ASS, Michael says, "I am so thankful for Keda's counsel to go to the field as planned in obedience to Ltr. 1003, as it was the best sample I could give my flock! Now the rest of my Home is going also!" Michael Davidson, Australia

LOVE 'N THANKS

"Your recent gift of a video recorder really touched our hearts!! It's so beautiful! It's difficult to express our gratitude in words! When the brethren at our first GAF meeting (all of Chile was there!) heard, many were moved to

tears (as we were when we first heard!). The gift of the video was absolutely a key to further unification of the work & everyone feels closer to you as a result!" Zichri Longfellow, VS, Chile

"Thank you so much for the gift from WS for my radio scripts! It was totally unexpected & I was completely flabbergasted! I never expected to receive any monetary reward for those radio plays! Wow! To be honest, I didn't think you cared that much about us way over here! May God forgive me! We are using this gift to add to our flea fund & for the puppet show we are making!" Bethany Lovebug, USA (Dad & Maria do care for all their children in the Lord very much & that's one reason they've been so faithful to give the Lord's warnings to flee over & over again! GBY & help you to "Shove Off" as soon as possible!)

"We are so thankful for the wonderful gifts of the many new publications, Komix Volumes, tapes, etc. They are a big blessing in the poorer countries & for a long time we have not been too able to afford the tapes even though we sure wanted! They are great & so is this Family!" Jude

"ISLAND SECRET"

"It fits Singapore so closely! You always see a place in the Spirit just like it is! There are prisons on outer islands! GBY for encouraging the brethren to be prayerful & careful!" Shem & Zeal, Asia

"That dream you had on Singapore was really incredible! It captured the 'socialist democratic' spirit of the Government so accurately!" Psalms, Asia

WLY & thank you for all your loving letters! Each one is greatly appreciated! Please, please be sure to include your full return address on all letters & envelopes! And try to use air mail paper, writing on one side only, if at all possible!

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