

us musicians & he is really a king. GBH. Surely, when one works so close to people it's easier to see their faults, but if you see them with the eyes of the Lord you can't help but appreciate them.

#### MAY 7th, 1982 (excerpt)

...PTL, I just finished praying & had a beautiful vision. I was on the edge of a cliff & had my hands lifted up towards Heaven. Then, the Lord Himself reached out His hands towards mine & when I was just about to touch His hands I put an object in His hands. He smiled & put aside the object & held out His hands again to me. So, this time I put my hands in His & He lifted me up towards Himself. I began to go higher & felt myself uplifted & light until He left my hands & for a moment I began to fall downwards, but then I began to float & float upwards again till I reached Him & He smiled at me, PTL.

Do you understand? Instead of forsaking objects & things in His hands, we must forsake our life to Him. TYJ. I think that this is the greatest lesson that we must learn, to let ourselves go completely in His hands.

#### MAY 9th, 1982 (excerpt)

...It is really the Lord that all this happened, when the Letter "The Doorknob's Too High!" (ML 1141) came out, because even if I don't know what sort of trials the people who these books are talking about went through, I know with certainty that the Lord carries you through day by day. It is He that helps you to make it. If you look at things in a positive way you realize that you are surrounded by hundreds of little miracles every day.

One of the greatest temptations here is time. It seems as if time never passes but when you look back & realize how much time you've been in for, you feel taken by an incredible anguish. You are living your life between these 4 walls, day after day, you're losing your hours, your days, your joys, the months pass & the things that could have happened have not happened, & the things that you could have done you haven't done. In here one gets old, spending useless days that will never be seen again. So, these thoughts bring you to ask the Lord, "Why? For what goal?" He says that the harvest is plenteous but the labourers are few, so why should I be in here spending

these useless days? It is really true that when the devil begins to tempt you he doesn't quit till you are completely down in the dumps or until you defeat him by resisting & then he lets you be till the next occasion. It seems as if the consideration of time is one of the greatest battles because even if I realize that there are many reasons for which time passed here is not time thrown away, I continue many times to feel abandoned.

But I think that everyone sooner or later passes a time in their life as a Christian in which they feel useless, abandoned, & that they are not accomplishing much, in fact it seems that they are wasting time. Time that the Lord could use better (they think), but the best way to use our time as Christians is to do what He wants us to do. God forgive me for all the times I let myself fall into these negative considerations that pull me down so much so that I'm no longer a witness for Him & don't accomplish anything for Him & help no one. That, yes, is a waste of time. That, yes, is time lost that I will never find again. LHM. The time that we don't dedicate to do that which He wants us to do, the time in which we don't fulfill our mission, the time in which we could witness, teach, win souls, & give an example. The time in which we could encourage others, do something for them, & which instead we spend sympathizing with ourselves & thinking of our own problems. That is real time lost. God forgive us. And then someone else must do that work which we haven't done. Someone else must use his time to do the things which we didn't do when we were right there just for that reason. So the Lord must take another of his precious & rare workers & send them to the place where we were sent to harvest & where we failed to reap. That is really lost time. Besides all this, the lessons which I am learning here are lessons which in any case would have taken time, & maybe in other situations even more time, so God help me not to lose His time, since even here it is not my time but His.

Well, now that I have talked to you about one of my greatest temptations I want to talk to you about one of my greatest problems. It is not that I want to talk about problems to discourage you, but rather because I would like to expose things which one encounters in this

situation. In fact, the things which seem so difficult in this way, I don't believe I've problems, become normalities, while the ever suffered for lack of sex from a woman, as I have in this period. Of problems become just that. Would you like course you don't die from this, but it is so difficult to live without it.

Naturally, sex is one of the 1st things that people look for as soon as they get out of here, & unfortunately the fact that they look for it in the wrong company often takes them back into the same problems & in a very short time they find themselves back in prison. What a dirty & evil plan the devil has made. First he makes them languish for sex & then as soon as they can have it, he uses the sex to make them fall back again into his trap. In this world where sex means money, these people when they get out of here don't have time to earn this money in an honest way & so they fall back into their same old problems. Only a few manage to save themselves & they are those who in spite of everything have a family who loves them & takes care of them when they get out, with a wife who loves them. Unfortunately, 90% don't have this blessing. Those who are not desperate for sex are desperate for drugs. Prison doesn't change these people. They need love.

Here is a whole world that we didn't know about: a world of people who need love but who are prohibited from meeting someone who loves them. Sometimes I see them looking through a magazine or watching television & their faces change when they see a woman semi-nude, & in those moments you can understand what they're thinking. I think the Lord let me live in this experience to help me to understand how people feel who can't have sex & also to help me appreciate more what sex means.

Well, I hope that I haven't troubled you with this description of my problems & TYJ that when He returns this problem will be eliminated, at least a good part of it, & certainly the prisons will be no longer or at least they won't be like this. I'm sure that if God permits that man needs a prison He would give the possibility for them to have sex, work & study of His Word. He would make a way for the prisoners to learn to take care of one another, of wives, of children. Maybe it will be a little like this in the Millennium. All those who haven't given love when they could have will go

around giving love. I think they'll have a lot to do, TYJ! I love you so much, Angelo.

#### MAY 12th, 1982 (excerpt)

...The Lord showed me another aspect of this whole thing, "we have come to preach the Gospel to the poor, to open the eyes of the blind, & to loose them that are bound." (OM 366). "That's what we are in this business for, to preach the Gospel to every creature, to go into all the world to preach it. Help us Lord to do it!" (OM 329) (Please read it).

When you're in a place like this for more than 3 months, passing through trials & temptations which are really hard, forsaking all--Family & music included--& when you see so much suffering, you're not very interested anymore in where you will go or what you will do after all this, but all you want to do is let the world know that they're heading towards hell. And after you yourself have passed through a little hell, you certainly don't want others to pass through it too. So, it's not important where or how but the important thing is to do it. Of course it's important to do it in His way, but it's enough to know, "Where God guides He also provides". TYJ. So we will go where He wants us & it will be a privilege wherever we are. In Jesus' Name, TYL.

#### MAY 13th, 1982 (excerpt)

...This morning I was in bed praying and thanking the Lord for His many miracles that He is doing in these days. The continuation for the contract for the house, (the owner of our house allowed us to stay 2 more weeks after the expiration of our contract), the brothers here who are growing in Spirit & faith with such rapidity, TYJ, the miraculous liberation of Andre, & many other inspiring testimonies, TYJ, PTL. I asked the Lord for a confirmation that He will finish all this in time, so I was in bed with my eyes closed waiting for a confirmation from the Lord through a verse or something, when someone called my name. I got up & ran out & found that it was a call for the lawyer's room. It was a message from the court saying that my Supreme Court Trial had been moved up to the 18th of May. TYJ. Such a rapid answer to prayer. The man who gave

me the message said he had never seen anyone so content to receive a call to court. Ha! TYJ! He didn't know that he had brought an answer to my prayers. PTL. (Later Angelo read Psalm 18, the Psalm for May 18th & was so encouraged by God's Word.)

#### MAY 15th, 1982 (Excerpt)

...Yesterday I saw K. (our lawyer) & it was a wonderful meeting. He promised me that he would fight even with his last breath in court because he believes with all of his heart that we are innocent. He's like a brother & he had tears in his eyes when he told me about his visit to our house, GBH. He said that he can't be a witness, of course, to our case but said that besides just making a normal defense, he will also talk about our message & how important what we do is. Then he hugged me in front of everyone & said, "Kalila Pedra" (that means: good child) and "Questo e un bravo ragazzo" (This is a good man). GBH! Adriana (a social worker at the prison) really loves the Family & says that she is praying for me (she is a social worker who we have visited & she is now passing on letters & lit to the disciples in prison). PTL!

#### MAY 16th, 1982

...The Lord is really answering prayer so much. TYJ. This evening a boy from Iran came to ask for prayer for himself because tomorrow he goes to court with 2 of his other friends. We prayed & I explained to him briefly about salvation & he received Jesus. Then he wrote out the prayer in Arabic because he wants to learn it & wants also that at least one of his friends also receives Jesus this evening. PTL. The Bible lessons are going along very rapidly & everyone is so hungry for the Letters. Every morning they read 1 1/2 hours which means one long or two short Letters, & every evening 1-1 1/4 hours of Bible classes on Revelation or the Gospels. Besides this, after the reading, there is always the chance to share some testimonies as they want to know more & more about the Family, TYJ.

...The Africans are very different. They have quite a background of voodoo & it seems that this is even in their Catholic & Protestant churches. Sometimes it

is really difficult to show them the simplicity of the Gospels, but TYJ, they are really growing & absorbing things rapidly.

...I have never felt the problems of racism so strongly as I have here. My 1st cell-mate was negro & all of the catacomb church here is negro. I had never realized that the Lord sent me to the poorest, most needy in this place, the negros. Despised & divided from everyone. Treated like animals, & yet, if you look in their eyes every one of them is like a child, GBH. They are shy, but so would I be if I were in their place. It's only recently that I have had their confidence. After 3 months of singing with them their songs, listening to their discourses, sharing my food & clothes & blankets, walking with them, playing with them, praying with them in their way, etc. etc., after only three months of this they have accepted me. They don't believe the newspapers and would be ready to defend me, GBH.

#### MAY 21, 1982 PRISON TESTIMONIES (Excerpt)

...My 4 students are making gigantic progress & are more & more hungry for the Word, TYJ. Today we began a project of memorization, one verse a day, GBH. they ask a lot of questions about the Family & can't wait to be full-time disciples. All of them are beginning to witness. They are real brothers & every

day they search for the spirit of David & it makes them so similar to all of the Family around the world. They want to give their lives to Jesus & I know that when I get out they will grow even more because there will be no one else to do the work & the Lord will have to guide them. Today we read "Stop, Look & Listen" & they decided that they really want to seriously get down to listening to the Lord. Thomas wants to learn the guitar. What a miracle, PTL. Just one month ago I couldn't even get them to listen to 1 page of the Daily Might all the way through or even one chapter of the Bible, while now everyday they read more than 2 hours without stopping & they understand everything. Besides that, they read on their own in the hours when they're closed in their own cells. They are very punctual for the lessons & the Lord gives me very simple words to clearly illustrate every point that needs to be explained. I wish you could see their faces & eyes when I tell them about our Sunday fellowships where we sing & pray & tell them about when we go witnessing or distributing etc. Their eyes light up & I can see clearly that they're imagining themselves in that situation. Everytime I show them a photo of someone in the Family they're so curious. You should hear them when they pray, when they pray that the Lord will take care of everyone in "our" Family around the world, GBH.

Angelo & our lawyer K., who handled the first trial and did the Supreme Court free of charge as an aide to N.I. K. has even let us use his office as an address downtown to get Sara & Angelo's Greek visa so they can leave the country & has read the Russian Folk Letter & much more! He really likes the Word & has a real lawyer's mind. We pray he can survive the war & be a help to us in the future, as he seems he'd be the type to be a part of the coming government, but like a Nicodemus, PTL! He even has literature in his waiting room!

