

FROM SOUTH AMERICA!

LESSONS ON SECURITY!

Dearest Ones,

GIJPN! WLY! GBY!

You've said so much about being careful about kidnappings, the usual reference being to worldly parents kidnapping their of-age offspring who have joined the Family. Our situation is that our former mates, who are now worldly parents of underage children in the Family, are trying to legally and/or illegally get "custody" of their legal offspring.

When we found out that my mate's ex-husband had arrived in the capital looking for her and the children, we split for parts unknown. As you've said so many times, it's best just to follow Jesus' advice to flee when they persecute you. As I've personally experienced, one confrontation could be too much, and all they need to get you irrevocably involved in court and legal hassles.

We faced the problem that, although her ex-husband has been out of the Family for over a year and a half, having been an alcoholic and yielding to a violent temper for years before actually leaving the Family, he was in contact with a weaker brother in the capital, even sharing an apartment with him for a while, and had apparently convinced him that he was

not such a bad guy and he had the right to be with the children.

Since the Fellowship R and its tremendous fruit of uniting the homes and even the nearby countries, anything that anybody knows, everybody knows, even within a several country radius.

We couldn't risk an open confrontation with her ex-husband, so we have had to actually hide out from even our own Family to avoid the possibility of an accidental leak of our whereabouts. Our precious Family was so wonderfully supportive, understanding, and helpful at the time we had to flee and we miss their fellowship. We of course have had wonderful visits by our VS's, GBT, and one video visit so far, for which we are very thankful. We're not complaining, as we would make any sacrifice necessary to keep and protect the precious children the Lord has put in our trust and care for Him and His service!

Legal kidnapping done by one of the legal parents of underage children is not that expensive or difficult to do, as of course the system doesn't even consider it kidnapping! Once a parent has custody, it is very difficult to get the children back, as possession is 90% of the law, ex-

cept if you are a Family member, since it is pretty easy to prove us "unfit parents" according to their standards and laws, which are, of course, contrary to God's laws!

We have just recently heard about a situation in which a disciple's parents from Europe had sent Interpol looking for her. They evidently had gone to the home where she had been living previously and asked where she was, and someone in the home actually gave them her exact address and telephone number! And these police weren't even pretending to be sheepy! By a miracle of God, she escaped before the police arrived at the address given them.

Others who are not parents, or even parents who have never experienced the horror of seeing a former loved one turn against you and with cold cruelty rip your child from your arms (legally!) as I have, don't fully realize the extremely vital importance of security in these situations, which definitely require being "wise as serpents and harmless as doves".

Perhaps a word from you might help to remind the Family to realize and take seriously the importance of protecting one another's security.

We pray for you constantly, for your health, inspiration, provision, and protection, as

we know you have the most delicate security situation of us all! We love you more than words can tell!

Love in Jesus, your son and daughter forever (Names Withheld for Security!)

Dear Family,

We wanted to mention an incident which happened to us when 3 brethren passed through our city on their way to another country. Having gotten our P.O. Box number from other brethren, they left a note for us not in an envelope & handed it to the lady who sorts the mail & puts it in our box. Then they gave her a piece of G.P. distribution lit.

We're not sure what else they told her, but next time one of us went to pick up the mail, this woman said, "Oh, are you part of the Religious Family too?" She was very friendly so we thought maybe nothing would come of it, however, about one month later, we didn't receive any of our mailings, which included 3 new mags & about 14 tapes! We don't know if this is connected to the incident with the brethren, but it is definitely an example of the possible consequences of what could happen when you aren't security minded enough, especially with something so precious as the mail—our life-line to God Word for today! GBY!

Love, Judy, John, Zepho, Maria