brotherhood

EE Family Fellowship

BY GENAI (VS), EE

We had a wonderful Family fellowship with people coming from 12 surrounding countries. It was great fun being able to spend three days together. In total, 327 people attended. The band from Hungary (presently touring Kosovo, with Vas and Tim) also came and gave a great performance.

It was encouraging to see the effects that the S2K has had on the Family as a whole, making events like this a lot more manageable and fun. We look forward to organizing more of these events in the future.

“Afraid of Being LEFT BEHIND?”
—New tract in the ComicTrax series—coming soon!

See MO site for the full story: Special Olympics “Meena Bazaar!”
By Mary (16), Islamabad Home, Pakistan
Sponsoring Opportunities!

BY YOUR ACTIVATED INDIA TEAM

Hi there! A big thank you to everyone who has participated in the sponsorship program for India. We receive many heartfelt requests from people all over the country asking for the Activated magazine, books, prayer or counsel. Many of these dear folks sincerely love Jesus, but are quite poor and cannot afford the subscription price. Then there are the Homes that work extensively with the deaf who faithfully send us addresses of needy people. Another area where we receive numerous addresses for sponsorship requests is from the northeast of India. The people are very receptive, however they cannot afford the subscription price. Of course, many of the other Homes in the country meet similar people in their day-to-day outreach. So all that to say, it is to these folks that we offer the sponsorship program to.

We would like to invite you to be a part of this worthwhile program. We need your help. Please send all contributions via your TRF marked “Sponsorship for the Activated India Desk.” Thanks so much! We REALLY appreciate it!

“Grapes of thanks” contributors

BY TABITHA, FOR ANDREW AND CHILDREN

Dear precious Family,

I want to say a big thank you to all of you who sent words of encouragement to both Joy and Andrew. They were so sweet and greatly appreciated. As you know, Joy graduated on May 12. We want to add her name to the Family members Memorial Web site and want to ask via this announcement if we could include some of the messages you were so kind to send us. We can add them anonymously if you wish or just parts. Please contact us and of course we will respect your wishes. Joy was a special woman, a great mother and a beloved wife, and her family would like to share some of her life with others via this site.

Ring Kitchen Bells!

BY YOUR EYE EDITORS

Do you like to cook, love a challenge and enjoy doing things that are not only helping to fill a need in your present Home but also being a blessing to others around the world? Well, look no further!

We have received positive comments on the various recipes that have been printed in Eve; however, the delay in getting more of them to you is that we always like to have the recipes tested before printing them. The recipes are garnered from various sources, including Web reprints, etc. So by having a person, or persons, try them out first, we can print any necessary modifications or comments that can be a help to everyone else.

So here’s the bottom line: We have set up a new section on the MO site [see Overflow section, Recipes], whereby any interested culinary artists can download a recipe of their choice and try it out for us! All that we ask is that you follow the recipe as exactly as possible, and then fill out the simple form that is provided and e-mail us your feedback. We will then use this feedback to judge if the recipe is worth printing for the Family in Eve, and note any comments or adaptations that should also be included.

backtracking

In GV #110, an error was printed in the “kidbits” section. It read: Baby girl, 10th child, born to Sue and Chris on March 20.—USA. It should have read: Jasmine Zarah, 10th child born to Chris and Sue (Jonathon and Faith) on March 20.—India. Congratulations on your tenth!

kidbits

Angelina Nicole, born to Michelle SGA and Paul Malaysian on March 2.—Thailand
Selena Angela, born to Vijaya and Joe on February 8.—India
Shane Arnold, born to Theresa and David on March 26.—Thailand
Isamu, born to Gracia and Paul on March 29.—Japan
Aliona Julia, born to Luba and Ilia on April 2.—Russia
Isaac, born to Esther and Joshua on April 9.—Japan
Charlene Faithful, 3rd child, born to Cecilia and Jonathan on April 10.—Mexico
Jenny Lind AI, born to Sunshine and Nehemiah on April 16.—Japan
Katrina Shanti, born to Shayna Rose and Daniel Endtime on April 19.—India
Marc Adin Cole, 1st child, born to Katrina and Chad on April 21.—Canada

tidbits

new disciples...

David (26) joined on April 3, 2001.—India

getting together...

Dawn and Donovan tied the knot on November 21st, 2000 and had a Family ceremony on December 2nd.—USA

Russian Elia and Russian Lika got married on April 22, 2001.—Russia

Thank you for helping us with this project.—Many hands make light work and we hope through your labors to be able to provide a steady stream of healthy, delicious recipes for the entire Family.

Oh, and keep checking back frequently, as we’ll add more recipes on a regular basis. We love you!
Another Victory for Religious Freedom in Russia!

BY MARC AND CLAIRE, USA

More good news from Russia! Moscow’s northeastern circuit court has ruled in favor of the Church of Scientology by dismissing an appeal from prosecutors seeking to shut down the Church’s Russian office. (The Jehovah’s Witness ruling, however, was just recently overturned, so the battle for religious freedom in Russia continues. Thanks for your prayers for continued religious freedom in Russia, so that the Gospel may be preached!) The following article gives the details:

Russia Court Protects Scientology

(ASSOCIATED PRESS, MAY 18, 2001)

MOSCOW (AP) - A Moscow court has dismissed an appeal by prosecutors seeking to shut down a Russian office of the Los Angeles-based Church of Scientology, the group’s lawyer said Friday.

Prosecutors had accused the group of conducting illegal business, but the three-month news and music program that Moscow’s northeastern circuit court rejected the charges against the Humanitarian Hubbard Center in a ruling Tuesday, but prosecutors appealed, said lawyer Galina Krylova.

The appeal was turned down Thursday.

The case was among several filed against foreign-based religious groups in Russia in recent years, including a lengthy process against the Jehovah’s Witnesses.

Bowing to pressure from the Russian Orthodox Church, Russia’s parliament in 1997 passed a law restricting activities of religious groups not considered traditional for Russia. The law guarantees the rights of Jewish, Muslim and Orthodox churches as representing the main religious faiths of the country, and requires strict registration rules for others.

“Freedom of conscience should be a higher value, regardless of whether you like a religion or not. Our government apparently thinks differently,” Krylova said.

Prosecutors first moved against the Hubbard Center in 1998 on accusations the group caused psychological harm to its members, but the case was dismissed when no victims could be found, Krylova said.

Authorities later filed tax evasion charges that were also dismissed, she said. In 1999, prosecutors alleged names that appeared on the group’s registration documents were false, also dismissed, she said. In 2000, prosecutors alleged the group had violated tax law.

The Church of Scientology was founded in 1954 by L. Ron Hubbard and teaches that technology can expand the mind and help solve problems.

Worldwide witness via BBC

BY ABI, EUROPE MEDIA DESK

Graham Hill, a producer with BBC World Service radio, got in touch asking for me to speak on the program he would be presenting on New Religious Movements. The program, called “Agenda,” is presented by Chris Gunness and is broadcast weekly (repeated twice). It advertises itself on www.bbc.co.uk/weekly/ and suggested he put that in the program.

When it was my turn, I had a few minutes to talk about how I got started, the Law of Love, and then about sex—which Chris asked about and I knew was coming, along with some of my personal history. He was curious about the Law of Love, and then how sex isn’t such a big deal. Jesus’ love is the most important, and that’s what I was trying to convey.

David also spoke up on our behalf. The other person on the program was an anti-cultist who was a member of Jim Jones’s group but left before the Jonestown tragedy. But she didn’t have anything to say.

The producer, Chris, was quite interested in us and we had a chat after the recording was finished. He was curious about how the Law of Love works in practice, and also how my relatives react to me being a Christian [I’m of Jewish heritage]. He got the point that the main issue for them is not that I’m part of an NRM but that I converted to Christianity. I also gave him a folder with various pubs and suggested he put that in the BBC files so they had updated info on the Family.

UGANDA - Tina, Happy, Simon and Celly: Nu Beat—our own radio show featuring music produced here as well as from various FTTs—is now on five radio stations that cover the entire country as well as some parts of neighboring countries. An inspiring article about the program was published in one of the main newspapers, Sunday Vision. The Saturday edition of New Vision had a picture and caption in the children’s section of our girl clowns doing a show at a local orphanage.

We appeared on an unplanned TV show called Jam Agenda, which happened when a group of the members gathered at briefly before the show started. We chatted for a few minutes, but basically soon the lights were on and it was time to roll.

—What they couldn’t see was that I was giving an impromptu prayer! (It was one of those “get prayed up to date” occasions.)

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YUGOSLAVIA - Andrew, Miracle, Larissa, Jonathan and Sim: KFOR Chronicle did a favorable article about our cooperation with the British KFOR here in Kosovo, and also did a program about the Kosovo relief organizations.

DUST AND DIAMOND: One of Bacau’s two main daily newspapers printed a short article about goods we had collected to help flood victims. They also wrote another very detailed, positive article about our little family and our ministries. Most of the text is our history and testimony, including the “forsake-all” message of how we dropped out to follow God’s will.

SWEDEN - Steven and Christina: Two radio programs broadcast interviews with Jonas and Angelina in Thailand. One radio program featured a 20 minute clip of Jonas in Thailand. It was mainly about his popularity there and his history in Thailand as well as talking quite a bit about the CTP work the Family is doing there. The other radio station (biggest in Sweden) did a shorter version of the first program in their music news program. Nya Varmlands Tidningen, a local Swedish morning paper (audience 144,000) ran an article about Jonas’ success in Thailand and his album.

GERMANY - Tom, Hannah and Maria: A local newspaper carried Sara’s drawings with the caption that she grew up in third world countries doing humanitarian aid work with her parents. 
[It’s happening!]

Jonathan Nubes, Chile: We are managing our Activated mini-desk here in Chile and we are literally flipped out over all that is happening. We have visitors over almost every single day at our house. People are growing by leaps and bounds with all the new GP materials, particularly the Conéctate mags. The Reflections and the FARs are also going out well. We give classes to friends a couple of times a week.

Some of the people that are more advanced in the Activated course are starting to tithe or to give generously. For example, a lady that finished her first year’s subscription gave pajamas for all the kids in the house. A day or so later she phoned again to tell us she wanted the kids to have two pairs of pajamas each. She is begging us to not leave her without spiritual food for the next year, as she used to read every magazine and share it with her employees. In a word, the era of action is unfolding here in our little Home. We are living some of the most exciting times we’ve ever had in the Family!

[Millennial open house program]

Home in Islamabad, Pakistan: In January we held our Home in Islamabad, Pakistan program. Over 150 guests came and we were touched by the happenings and open house for our projects possible. He read a beautiful poem in appreciation of their friendship and help.

Most people brought their kids as we told them there would be face painting, sculptured balloons, and clowns, as well as our kids singing and dancing! The kids had lots of fun as they lined up to get their faces painted and to receive a balloon of their choice. The parents were happy to see their kids having so much fun, and we were able to promote our services for birthday parties and other functions.

The whole evening was sponsored by our dear friend, Mr. A., with a full course buffet dinner, waiters, a large tent in which we had the function in our front garden, heaters, and dishwashers.

[Condonences to Babu Chhiri’s family]

Kathmandu Home, Nepal: On April 29th, 2001 Babu Chhiri Sherpa, a 35-year-old record-holding Nepali climber, slipped and fell 200 meters into a crevasse on Mt. Everest and died. He held two world records—the fastest climb up Mt. Everest (in 16 hours, when it normally takes 2 to 4 days), and the longest stay at the summit (for 21 hours without oxygen). He’d also climbed the world’s tallest mountain 10 times. A couple of years ago several of us met him briefly at a function, but we had not seen him again.

After his death, we had a burden to do something to witness to his family, which the Lord confirmed in prophecy. He left behind his wife and six daughters under the age of 15, and his elderly parents. The funeral ceremonies went on for some time, as is usual here, plus it took a while for us to track down his family’s location and phone number. We prepared an envelope with a Glimpses of Heaven book, and a Nepali tract and Reflections. When we got to their flat (they live on just one floor of a house), it was much more simple than we’d expected. Though often lauded and famous, many Nepali climbers are just simple people, and climbing well and even breaking world records doesn’t bring the same money endorsements, book deals, etc., that famous foreign climbers get.

When we got there, his wife showed us into the living room. To our surprise, along with his parents were two Buddhist monks who seemed to have taken up temporary residence in the house. The room had a large Buddhist shrine set up in one corner, and the walls were covered with photos and magazine articles celebrating Babu Chhiri’s many feats. It was a little awkward initially, but finally we were able to explain in our broken Nepali (they spoke no English) that some friends of ours had met him, and we were there to offer our condolences and words of encouragement.

They were so sweet. It touched our hearts to see the wife bustling in and out, bringing food and drinks for us despite our protests, still concerned about serving others even in the midst of their grief. After a little while we went out into the hallway to talk to his wife (who spoke a little English). She is very brave and cheerful in spite of the deflated balloons, and clowns, and the wife of Babu Chhiri’s business partner arrived. She is begging us to not leave her without spiritual food for the next year, as she used to read every magazine and share it with her employees. In a word, the era of action is unfolding here in our little Home. We are living some of the most exciting times we’ve ever had in the Family!

[Conéctate fair team]

Rose-Marie, Monterrey, Mexico: Our Home teamed up with Peter and Joy’s Home in the city, who had provisioned a good discount on a stand at a fair in Monterrey. The fair was called, “Expo tu casa” which was all interior decor and the like. We thought it would be a good try-out to see how this would work for future venues, from the Conéctate business angle as well. Peter and Joy were doing balloon- and face painting. Peter is quite professional with what he can create with a balloon, and although there were two other balloon- and face-painting stands, they were amateurs compared to Peter and Joy. Our stand was also decorated very nicely with all kinds of balloon shapes, very professionally done, and it seemed to attract every child and parent that stepped into the fair hall. The kids would see the balloons, and choose which one they wanted and while they waited for Peter to make them a balloon the kids and concern in being there would come through in the spirit and be a witness, even though we couldn’t say as much to them as we’d like. Just as we were leaving, the wife of Babu Chhiri’s business partner arrived. She spoke excellent English, and we were able to talk to her more, explaining our reason for coming, etc. She got teary-eyed sharing more details about his death, and invited us to come visit the small school that he started up by Mt. Everest. We left their home very touched, and will be visiting again, maybe bringing our kids along to meet theirs, and see if we can be a help in any way. Please pray for them, and all of the wonderful people here that need His Words.
Miss Songkran

By Cristy E., 17, Thailand

It was two days before the Thai New Year, a celebration also known as Songkran [held on April 14]. The Thai people love ceremonies and festivals, and one of the many beautiful traditions they have is the celebration of Songkran. On this day people pay their respects to their elders by giving them a blessing or what we would call an “anointing” of jasmine perfumed water. They either pour it over their right shoulder or over their hands. Then they put a bit of nice smelling talcum powder on both cheeks and wish them happiness and prosperity. They also believe that this is a time where they should be washed clean and in order for that to happen everybody goes out on the streets and has a big water fight! Yup, that’s right. Everyone is happy and in a dancing mood, all having a good time throwing water at each other. It really is an amazing sight.

During this time the Lord led us to some top people on the island of Samui and surrounding provinces. There was going to be a Songkran Festival, filled with performances and activities, which would last three days. One of them was the Songkran Beauty Contest. It was going to be the first time that the island of Samui (where we live) organized such an event. That’s where the Lord brought The Family into the picture.

A day before the event, we got a call from the mayor and the head of primary education, saying they would be coming in half an hour to see us. Well it turned out that the mayor wanted me to participate in the Miss Songkran beauty contest show! We only had one day to get all the needed costumes, and to teach me how to walk gracefully like the Thais. The whole time I felt the Lord was really with us, because everything flowed. He was always there to engineer little miracles here and there.—Like being able to find a swimming suit that fit me, ha! Or a Thai costume that I could just squeeze myself into. He also supplied the needed friends who did a professional job in putting on the make-up, and to teach me how to walk and waai (a Thai custom of greeting) correctly.

At first I was very nervous; participating in a beauty contest was the last thing I would ever consider doing. However, the Lord reassured me that He was in control. In total there were 18 contestants, and all of them were Thai except for me. It really made me desperate, especially since I was the first to go up, and half the time I didn’t understand what they were saying. You can imagine my surprise when they said I had won third place! I knew that it was nothing of myself, but all the Lord that shone through me that day, and thanks to all the prayers and support of my sweet Home.

Because of this event, we have become more known around the island. When on stage I was able to tell the people that I was involved with the Family Volunteers, and that we have been involved with various projects on the island. People are starting to hear about our work and many doors are opening up. We became good friends with the cameraman, and even got aired on national news for a couple of seconds.

The other day we also met Miss Thailand. She heard of The Family before and said she met Jonas and the group several times. She was really impressed with the fact that foreigners were trying to be like the Thai people, learning their language and culture. She gave me her e-mail and phone number in case I needed any recommendation in the future. I was to consider her as an older sister. This is such a fulfillment of the Lord’s promises, of how He would do greater works in this new era of action. He sure has done that for our little Home!

Wine Press reactions

Eric, Maryland – I had an unusual bout with high blood pressure and read the Letter “Nothing is Impossible!” This Letter I’m sure the Lord wanted me to get the point from by reviewing it at this time. The revelation in this Letter is so important that I believe the Lord allowed me to almost fall into bed and read this again. … After reading this Letter and praying for deliverance I went to sleep like a baby! ha!

Bob, California – I really enjoy reading the Wine Press with the different topics that are covered. It is really inspiring even to this (I won’t say former member) because even though I was not reporting, I considered myself “in” as a love member, because I still had the love of Jesus in my heart and a love for the brethren, but that’s just my interpretation of “in” for me at that time. Yes, we are all family, children of David and because we have love for the Lord we are able to overcome any differences that may otherwise divide us, and unite together in the sweet, sweet spirit of the Lord that is with us always.
Not just the EE and Russia! It’s N.E.A.T!!!

BY MAGDA

In the past we’ve used the handle “EE and Russia.” However, that title didn’t really cover the Belarus, and also the Central Asian countries of Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, which have a large Muslim population. So we decided that all the Homes in the Northern Eurasian Territories would now be called NEAT! The VSs and the Homes like this because they send messages “To All NEAT Homes with much love from your NEAT VSs,” ha.

Due to the sensitive nature of these fields we aren’t able to get into too many details and specifics as to what the Homes there are involved in. However, many doors have been opening and in recent months the population of our outside membership has grown tremendously. The job is much too immense to do on our own so the Homes are faithful to create outside flocks which has raised up bellwethers and outside disciplers are now distributing the tools and teaching others to witness and pray together and hear from the Lord together. We wanted to share a beautiful prophecy which the Lord recently gave for the NEAT area! As you can see, the work and precious brethren in this area need your support through desperate prayer.

(Jesus:) I have given the Children of David a new anointing, I have poured My Spirit over them to accomplish great things. This anointing will be mightily used in these great lands, where the vacuum and the hunger for My Words are so great! The floodgates of My Word remain open, and the work remains full of vigor and energy; the potential is enormous and the possibilities are limitless! But the laborers are so few, and the support base is so limited. Pray, dear ones, for the work in these great lands, because it is entering into a new phase, spearheading the troops into the Endtime battle, and yet bringing new and magnificent fruit! Pray for the faithful ones who remain in these lands and continue to feed the multitudes. For the hunger never subsided and the thirst was never satisfied, and yet the time is running out, and your prayers are needed more than ever! Partake of the work in spirit; share the rewards in your prayers! For your prayers will do mighty things, and I promise to move My mighty arm in answer to all these requests if you only fervently pray!

EASTERN EUROPE OVERVIEW

BY DAVID CRO

There are approximately 910 on-fire and dedicated CM/FM laborers in the EE and Russia. Over half (56%) are EE nationals, the majority being Hungarian, Romanian, Polish or Russian, in 117 Homes in 19 countries of Eastern Europe. Eighty-two members (including children) make up our total FM population, and almost all (98%) are nationals reaching the lost on their Home fields.

We translate lit into 17 languages, and there are 13 that we actually have a Mail Ministry course in, some a complete course and the rest partial. We have Homes in seven sensitive countries or areas: Russia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kosovo and Bosnia, and in the past year new Homes have opened in 2 other sensitive countries.

Still Hoppin’ and Poppin’ in Poland

BY ABE VS

This is a big country with many opportunities. Although there aren’t many homes there at this time, and the field was definitely much more fruitful when it was first pioneered, it still has a lot of potential. The Homes that have remained have established their works and are participating in inspiring CTP ministries with orphanages, foster homes and other such institutions. They do clown shows and distribute thousands of dollars’ worth of food and clothing, winning souls at the same time. This in turn has been a good appeal for fundraising and provisioning.

(Love: Check out the MO site for more on Poland, including the country’s spiritual transition from Catholicism to materialism, the propaganda against NRM’s in the main cities, and the active FM Homes there.)

Lovin’ Latvia

BY ABE VS

There is an ongoing ministry of bringing aid from the West, mostly in the form of hospital beds, wheelchairs, clothing and other supplies. God bless the brethren there, as some have carried on reaching the field with very little personnel. The Lord has blessed their labors and brought more personnel there in recent years. There is still much to be done.

BY LOCAL HOME:

Our team has been in Riga now for about 3½ years. Af-
Recently a Christian TV studio offered to record the “Forever Friend” TA and Countdown to Armageddon videos in Lithuanian, taking care of the translations, getting together the singers and performers, etc. They would like to broadcast the programs on national television and distribute them in schools as Christian teaching aids. In counsel with Aurora, the Home decided to embark on this project, and because of the brethren’s faithfulness in reaching out to their friends and supporters over the years, they now have all the financial backing they need to sponsor this program. With these new tools, soon available in Lithuanian, the Family there will be able to reach Lithuania like never before.

(Editor: More on the MO site!)

**Estonia calls**
**BY ABE VS**

There are presently no Family Homes in Estonia. However, Estonia is a ripe and ready field and has been open territory without a Home for about two years now. God bless the brethren that poured out to this field for several years before moving on. It has been quite a fruitful field with many souls won. A fruitful part of their ministry was reaching the large ethnic Russian population, who are once again waiting to be reached with the Lord’s love.

(Editor: Check the MO site for more on the visa obstacles and this white and ready field.)

**Love reigns in Ukraine**
**BY PHILLIP**

To give you a little idea of the economic catastrophe and desperate situation that is the backdrop of The Family’s work here, according to official statistics, Ukraine is the poorest country in Europe. Since its independence the standard of living has dropped by 80%, the average salary is 20 dollars a month, and according to a recent study it is the fourth most corrupt country in the world!

A woman who works in a government position approached the local Homes and said, “I would like for you to be able to reach the youth of this country, because I know the Family has the message that can help people. Look at your young people! Look what they are doing—they are motivated! Can you help me motivate the Ukrainian people? You can teach them anything you want about the Family. Please do lead them to the Lord, give them the literature. Just get them motivated!”

In answer to that plea, the Home’s show troupe did 27 shows (called “Around the World in 80 Minutes”) in youth centers and summer camps during the month of August 2000 alone. In the process they led 400 people individually to the Lord and collected 400 addresses of people they are now writing to.

This woman was so flattered about the success of these shows that she now wants them to do performances across the entire country! She said, “If you put together a big show, we will take you everywhere! We will rent halls/stages and pay your hotels, your transportation and everything.” The Home sent out an advertisement for more people to help with this show troupe, and they are beginning to work with their team to prepare for the summer witnessing ahead.

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With the help of many faithful supporters, our Home organized 25 deliveries of humanitarian aid from Western Europe, which we distributed personally to 1,500 desperately needy children in orphanages and handicapped Homes and to the most destitute huts and shacks of 40 of the poorest villages in Western Ukraine; a ministry which has changed many, many lives.

(Editor: Check out the MO site for more details on the ministries taking place in Ukraine.)

**Hungary gets fed**
**BY ROSA VS**

Getting paid for witnessing—Yes, this is what happened last year when four Family teachers spent a full week with 36 children, ages 9 to 16, as their audience. The teacher, after meeting the Family, got so turned on that she insisted that the Family would provide the teachers for the annual English learning camp she held every summer for her students. Not only did the Family teach them English, but all about the Bible, salvation and Jesus, and gave them a full, well-balanced diet of Treasure Attics, Life with Grandpa stories and Treasures. By the end of the camp all the children prayed to receive Jesus. The Family has gone on to minister to these students throughout the school year. The kids want the Family as their teachers next year, so the teacher made an official invitation to us again.

(Editor: There’s a lot more happening in Hungary; check out the MO site for interesting snippets from various Homes.)

**Check out the Czech/Slovak area**
**BY LOCAL HOMES**

Teaching English has proven to be a very effective way in personal evangelism, bringing approximately 50 visitors to our Home each week. We’ve also been using Activated material during our English classes from time to time.

Through these classes we met a psychologist who got saved and is now asking for counsel from the Bible for her patients. This young woman loves the Word Topics and asks for Bible studies during our weekly class times to-
Ray of hope shines again

BY STEVEN, RAY OF HOPE HOME, POLAND

This is a testimony of how the Lord can use anybody to make a meaningful CTP project and how He supplied for it. A certain orphanage is our CTP project and contact. Last year we did a puppet show of the Christmas story and took provisioned goods to them. But this time we wanted to give presents to the older children at this place. Everyone likes to feel special and receive a present. But the question was how to do it? Where do we obtain the funds for it? We are just four adults with six kids in our Home, barely making ends met. (Thank God that Cephas and Ela started to work with us for the last few months as this has helped us a lot.) In answer to our question of “how,” the Lord answered our prayers in a very unusual way.

We often go clowning in one of the local supermarkets. That’s where we met our friend who, after buying a balloon for his son, invited us for his son’s Santa Claus party at school. We decided to go for it, I had fun clowning and balloonning at this party and since our new friend was there, the Lord gave me a check to ask him if he could help us in our preparation. He liked the idea and agreed to help sponsor the show. He gave a donation of US$1,400 to buy presents and other needs for the children.

The Lord showed us to buy primarily educational materials: rulers, pencils, erasers, glue sticks, animal coloring books, colorful paper for cutouts, notebooks, paintbrushes, color markers, drawing-blocks, etc. We included some donated sweets and natural juice. We also bought the following items for the orphanage:

- Seventeen Treasure Attics and Kiddie Viddies, plus 8 audio tapes for kids in English and Polish; small plastic slide; AIWA stereo tape recorder; big puzzles and educational puzzles; tricycle; two blackboards with color chalk; paint sets, finger paint, clay; educational board games; toys; singing Christmas trees.

On the day of the show we had to borrow a trailer from our NATO friends, as there was so much stuff that we couldn’t just fit it into the van. We invited the media, and two newspapers and one cable TV station were present and wrote very good articles. Our little “Rays” performed for the orphanage on the occasion: Natalie (5), Ania (5) Agnieszka and David (3).

We would like to thank all of our dear Family friends who helped us with their prayers and gifts during the past two years since we opened our Home. We couldn’t make it without you!

Also, with the onset of the era of action, the Lord brought two new disciples into the Home (plus one “knew” one) and another one clamingor to come in as well. This has truly meant “action” for all of us here, as there is never a dull moment!

Romania rocks

BY ROSA VS

This is one of the countries where we have the most Homes and there is a very good reason for it—the field is full of sweet and receptive people, just ripe and ready for the Lord’s love. It’s also a place where a lot of disciples join both the CM and FM Family. For example, after the Summer Catacomb camp (in 2000) seven people joined! Over the Christmas season alone the Homes here won over 8,000 souls!

Witnessing is truly a thrill—and did we mention a lot of people speak English? The Romanian language also is very easy to learn, especially if you speak Italian, Spanish, French or English. Many brethren have been able to obtain a humanitarian visa through the many fruitful CTPs the Homes here have.

We have opened a transitional Home for orphan girls who have finished high school and are of age to leave the orphanage. It’s a total life-changer for these girls, who receive job-skills training, medical care and lots of love for the first time in their lives! They have become like a part of our Family and also participate in many of our other CTP projects.

We recently brought in over 14 tons of food, clothing, bedding, toys, hospital equipment, etc., which were distributed among 10 orphanages, 1 home for the aged, 1 hospital and about 300 vulnerable families. Together with the city hall, we set up a free store where over 500 people received large quantities of donated clothing, shoes and bedding. Along with the family visitations, we pray with people and distribute Family lit and New Testaments.

At a large orphanage, we have donated computers and set up a computer training center. We teach two groups of high-school-aged orphans, giving them a useful skill and a lot more hope for their future. At this orphanage we also teach English and host monthly birthday parties—everyone’s favorite event!

One Home put together witnessing dramas which they’ve been performing in discos for up to 1,300 students at a time. The reaction of the young people has been very positive! One youngster said: “You are exposing the truth about the System. It’s great that someone has the guts to speak up and show the truth!” Recently they opened a cinema club where they invite young people and witness to them through various message filled movies.

With the large number of Homes on the Romanian field, the Lord showed our VS team, formerly based in Poland, to move to Romania so they could be “on location” to help concentrate on shepherding the Homes in that country and surrounding areas. This team was joined together. Our teens also teach English two to three times weekly for 1-2 hours. This is a very good way for them to personal witness and it is especially rewarding for us to see them taking more of an interest in people’s personal lives, what they go through, etc. We also distribute food, clothing, shoes and school supplies to local institutions caring for orphans, teens in trouble and the handicapped.

(Reader: There’s lots more on the MO site, including new disciples and super-organized CTPs)

Our various CTP activities have recently all come together under the umbrella of a new program, which is aimed at children living in institutions that are notoriously under-financed in this part of the world. To the children, this program means fun outings to special places of interest, all-expense-paid trips to popular restaurants, boat rides, bus trips and much, much more. To the business community it means an opportunity to participate in and contribute to something truly worthwhile and meaningful, reaping the benefits that come from unselfish giving.

The program also includes periodic performances by our clown and music group, usually coupled with humanitarian aid shipments to the particular institutions. Another aspect of the program is visits by our popular “Doctor Clown” to cancer wards of children’s hospitals and to institutions of the mentally and physically handicapped.

The hospital shows especially serve as a wonderful opener to in-depth witnessing to the children and parents alike! Ever since we incorporated our ministries into a legal framework and registered it with the authorities, it has really boomed and shored up enthusiastic support from the local business community here.

June 15
by another VS, who was based in Hungary.

Here is a plug for more laborers ... MALES (over 21)! This land is not only full of sweet sheep to win and minister to, but guess what? It also has an abundance of pretty, dedicated, whole-hearted, passionate, fun and .... SINGLE girls (over 21) IN the Family to reach and take care of, ha, who would gladly minister to you in return, as long as you are in love with Jesus, and want to reach the world for Him! So, are you coming, guys?

(Editor: Lots more details on the MO site!)

Moldova

BY LOCAL HOMES

A disciple joined this month who is an ex-child psychologist. We started having regular classes with the different groups of sheep and have challenged our flock to pray about which category they would like to fit in and how much they would like to be fed.

We were able to have candlelight service together with 7 of our live-outs, catacombers and supporters. It was very special for us to hear their prayers. Most of them wanted to make progress in their walk with the Lord.

We have classes, usually twice a day, with people who are at different levels of growing in faith. We have over 40 people that we are regularly witnessing to and presently we have two babes in the Home, and life is exciting!

What’s up in Croatia

BY LOCAL HOMES

Seven new disciples from Italy have joined our Home since we came to Rijeka in 1996, and these, together with our on-fire Family-born young people, continue to inspire others to serve the Lord. We started establishing a national church here in Croatia—so far we have two live-out disciples and a few outside witnesses, and the Lord is enlarging our vision. We’ve also recently had the opportunity to perform for and counsel teens and young people, along with our other projects (teaching English to refugee children, CTP kids shows, Bible studies for sheep and so on).

We are in the process of building a playground in Vukovar! There isn’t a single playground in the whole city or places safe for children to play in. We went ahead by faith and the Lord provided all the materials and finances to start building it this coming month. The Lord provided also all the electric tools we needed, an approximate of $2,000 worth. Along with it, the mayor of Vukovar gave us the 2,000 square meters of land to build it on!

(Editor: Yes, there’s more about Croatia on the MO site!)

Flourishing Albania

BY ROSA VS

The work in Albania is very exciting and flourishing! Albania is one of the poorest countries in Europe. However, it’s so faith-building to see the Lord providing wonderfully for the Homes there. They do not go to the West fundraising, as the brethren are mainly Albanian nationals and it’s very difficult for Albanians to obtain visas for other countries. So the Lord has supplied through their provisioning and distribution of tools, and they are not lacking!

And most importantly they witness like a house aflame! Every time they go out, no matter what kind of business, they pray with people they talk with or give a tract to and win souls! No wonder the Lord is providing for them! They also produce their own tools—from translating, proofreading, layout, provisioning of the paper and the printing and then of course distributing the pubs far and wide. And they even managed to produce the equipment and software needed to do the job!

Please pray for them as the electricity in Albania is very unstable and they have long and frequent unpredictable power cuts, which makes their work on the pubs very difficult and is very bad for their equipment.

For years the Family in Albania has had (and still has) a fruitful and blooming catacomb ministry holding classes three times a week—one for the established catacombers, one for the newcomers, and one for their long time live-outs. If there is one word you could use to describe their feeding of their sheep it’s FAITHFULNESS! One of their catacombers recently joined and there are others on the line!

During the Kosovo crisis the brethren have been a big help with the various humanitarian aid projects in that area, as well as ministering to the refugees—their knowledge of the Albanian language made them invaluable witnesses, and their willingness to work hard made them a very appreciated team-force for any project.

They are very on board with the Activated vision and have mass marketing ideas concerning the tools. The challenge they are faced with, however, is the unreliable postal system in Albania. But they are so willing to do all they can to give the mags to the sheep that they have even considered going out themselves and delivering the mags personally to their mailboxes. Please pray for that aspect of their work as well.

And here is a plug for more laborers ... FEMALE this time, ha! Girls, that’s your women’s paradise—as the main characteristic of the CM population as well as live-outs and catacombers is the great predominance of handsome, hot, loyal, sincere and most importantly single men! But the requirement is to be willing to give your life to reach the lost for Jesus!

Healing hearts in Kosovo

BY OASIS HOME

Here in war-torn Kosovo, many young people are very hungry for the Word, so we have been having very inspiring Bible studies weekly for students from our local school. There are 10 regulars but we have had as many as 17 attending the Bible study. We also have a weekly “Activated English Club” of 30 young people aged 15-18 where we have discussion groups, songs, games, and skits for three hours every Saturday.

We also conduct childcare seminars for teachers and animators who are working in remote areas around the
country. NGOs have come to us, asking us to hold seminars for young people from the different ethnic groups, to help them learn to work together. We have done 50 programs for children who are traumatized, handicapped, or simply in need of encouragement, several of which have been aired on the local TV. We also staged five youth concerts when the EAST Studio band visited last summer.

(Editors: More on the MO site! Don’t miss it!)

Bosnia still exploding

By Stand Home

Along with Stefan and Fay (our precious nationals), who have a big part in feeding the sheep, we are building a national church by ministering to seven live- outs and close sheep; about 17 sheep who are saved and getting regular fellowship and Word; about 30 potential sheep and close friends, as well as over 80 contacts and friends who receive some form of literature.

After having performed a series of Mine Awareness programs in coordination with IPTF (UN police) and SFOR at schools, we were asked to help with Drug Prevention programs which we are continuing this year in cooperation with the Bosnian Red Cross. We’re helping them in their distribution of basic needs to the poor and are beginning a vocational Children’s Club.

Our Home has been doing many performances for children in schools, orphanages and centers for the handicapped and other institutions in all ethnic areas of Bosnia. Many souls get saved during these shows! We also do regular concerts for the SFOR troops near Sarajevo with our newly formed band.

We regularly visit two main Kosovar refugee camps in order to do follow-up, distribution of aid, shows and activities for the children. We have many good friends and some precious sheep in both camps.

Open Broadcast Network TV station (reaching 4 million) is showing the Treasure Attic shows (all 26 titles in Bosnian) plus Countdown to Armageddon (in Bosnian) and plan to broadcast The Final Stand and Beyond Armageddon in the near future. Kiss TV (reaching 700,000) has broadcast several TAs, as well as The Final Stand twice, and now are showing the whole TA series.

Montenegro

By Dawn Cro

Although we don’t yet have a resident Home here, Family teams have been holding English clubs over the last year. They advertise these six-week clubs as an opportunity for young people to practice their English, which usually attracts about 30 kids from 16-21 years whom they would then witness to and lead to the Lord.

(Editors: Find out more developments with the exciting new open doors the Lord has provided on the MO site!)

Re-pioneering Bulgaria

By Rosa VS

This is the third time that the Family has pioneered Bulgaria, as our work there was closed twice because of persecution. However, in spite of many obstacles, many precious catacombers left the country and joined in other EE countries. The ones who remain have been faithful to continue to witness and be a testimony for Jesus. Last summer one of them, who just recently joined our FM ranks, single-handedly translated four of the latest Family GP tracts, laid them out, provisioned the paper and the printing and gave them out on the coast. GBH!!

The main flock we have in Bulgaria are our mail ministry outside witnesses who are spread throughout the country; over the years they have been the main force distributing our Family literature in places where the Family has never gone and where “angels fear to tread.”

The team working to strengthen our Bulgarian sheep consists of two couples (both being an SGA married to a Bulgarian national). Their main goal is to follow up on and reach these MM sheep and establish and strengthen them as our national work. Both the goals and the methods of the Bulgarian work now are quite different from years past, when the emphasis used to be a lot on sowing the seed fast and in big quantities; now seems to be the time of quiet plodding and farming, tending to and strengthening of our flocks.

Grapes of thankfulness

Much of the work and projects here in the EE would not be possible without the help and support of some very wonderful provisioning teams in Austria, Sweden and Switzerland. These teams (usually couples who have been dedicated to the ministry) spend countless hours on the phone provisioning the many needs, and at times even hearts’ desires of our precious missionaries on the EE field.

We’re all benefited from their daily sacrifice and labors of love, and the Lord has abundantly supplied and rewarded them (and us) for their faithfulness in following up on the sweet contacts who have been encouraged to help regularly as a result. Literally tons of children’s clothes and shoes for needy institutions as well as our own little ones, baby buggies, hospital equipment, pallets of paper for our printing projects, miscellaneous food products, and countless other items have been donated to the work!

So we'd like to say a heartfelt thanks and show our sincere appreciation to these wonderful people for all that they do to keep us warmed and fed (literally). Many of the ministries and projects in these countries wouldn't be possible without their faithfulness and sacrifice! God bless them!!!

Plug for more laborers!

As you can see, Eastern Europe is hopping and we've only begun to scratch the surface! We have so many open doors and for anyone who wants to do follow-up, personal witnessing, CTPs, disciple winning, etc., the possibilities here are endless! It is not impossible to work out visas either, and for most countries long-term visas are fairly easy to obtain. So if you are interested in helping us to reap this mighty harvest field for the Lord, please write today! We’re looking forward to hearing from you!
OVERVIEW OF WESTERN EUROPE
BY GALLIO AND NAOMI

There are about 80 CM Homes in Western Europe at this time. The number fluctuates, because people come from other fields for different reasons—maybe their visas are expired or they need to take care of paperwork, so Homes open up for six months to a year and then they end up going back to the field again. So there’s a lot of movement and fluctuation, but the number has pretty much stayed between 75 or 80 Homes for quite a number of years now.

We also have about 155 FM Homes in Western Europe, and many of them are very active. So that increases our ability to get out the Word. With both CM and FM Homes combined, there are around 230 Homes in Western Europe. England and Italy tie for having the most Homes, and Iceland and Luxembourg for the least.

Our Homes in Western Europe are a big blessing to those on poorer mission fields, both by their faithful financial giving, as well as with many of them opening their Homes and hearts to those who go to the West for fundraising, or taking care of business and other legal matters. We admire our precious Family who so freely give of themselves, their time and finances to help those on the mission field. God bless them!

France
The Homes in France have been organizing fellowships every three months for some time now. They didn’t have VSs for a number of years, so they just got together and organized their own fellowships and elected their own people to take care of the different aspects of the work. The fellowships have increased their unity, and have been a blessing to everyone!

Within the last few years, they’ve put together a French studio, resurrecting the old French studio, and for the first time in five or six years, producing a new music CD. Now they have Coloring the World in French on CD that they’re distributing. Compared to some areas, this may not sound like a very big accomplishment, but for us, it was really encouraging, as they produced the CD with very little help. They just got together and put their time and effort into it, and they did a fantastic job!

VS and other Service ministries
Andreas and Kitty were appointed as VSs for Italy and Greece about a year and a half ago. We had been searching for VSs for that area for ages, and the Lord laid it on Andreas and Kitty’s hearts to help out with VSing. They, along with another Italian couple, Samuele and Lily, are reviving the Italian PPC. At the last minute, they translated and put together a couple of new Christmas CD cards. They did it on a whistle and a song, and went out there and got things rolling. So, we’re really excited as it looks like things are blossoming in Italy again.

Of course, we are very thankful for our wonderful VSs in Spain, Miguel and Esther, who have been faithfully laboring in that field for many years. And not to forget Peter and Rose in the UK, and Mary Meek in the Benelux area. Peter and Rose, along with Tito, operate our European Activated Desk for Europe and Africa, and have been faithfully pioneering this ministry for over two years now, firmly establishing the work, GBT!

Provisioning Homes and other activities
There are a number of Homes in Western Europe who devote their time—either part or in full—to provisioning for the Homes in the EE and Russia. There’s a Home in Sweden, a Home in Switzerland, a Home in Austria, as well as a Home in Norway that devote a lot of their time to provisioning. They provision everything from food to clothing, shoes, transportation, and have been a big blessing, especially to the Homes and various CTP projects in Eastern Europe and Russia.

We have some very active witnessing Homes in the West who have a number of catacombers and live-outs they are ministering to—and they’re winning new disciples! There are also some bands and singing groups who are winning many through the shows they do, both in their area, as well as in various surrounding countries or through the media.

There are other active Homes and ministries throughout Western Europe which we don’t have time to cover here, but we admire and are thankful for all our precious brothers and sisters who give their all to serving Him in Western Europe.

Help wanted
The office part of the work in EURCRO—stats, finances, comments and suggestions, CVC, some FED-related work, communications with the field, taking care of 180 FM Homes, as well as shepherding of the 80 Western European CM Homes—is handled by three full-time office personnel and one part-time office worker. They all do a very good job and are such a big blessing, but we have a very big need for ANOTHER SECRETARY. So, if anyone has a burden, or knows someone with a burden, please write us today! We could also use a handyman, driver, and business person, too, to help with the running of the office Home.
OVERVIEW OF AFRICA
BY LISA AND OLI

(Editor: Snippets of testimo-

nies with no author credited

have been compiled by Lisa

and Oli, from the local Homes' reports.)

We now have 65 Homes in

Africa in 25 countries, total-
ing 585 Family members,
half of which are children.

There is lots to do. We have four national churches that we are really proud of, and they are growing by leaps and bounds. One of our goals for the next year is to have many more.

Getting literature to the

Homes has been a monu-

mental challenge and some-

thing that still have to work

hard on. Please pray for this

as the conditions in Africa
don’t make it easy for the
Homes to get the lit they
need. We have two PPCs in

Africa—one in South Africa

and one in Ghana, but we have
difficulty getting the lit/ tools from the PPCs to the in-
dividual countries. It’s not
impossible, but it is a big
challenge.

Activated has had a very

warm welcome in Africa. The
books are received so well.
We are praying to be able to
work it out for some of our
outside witnesses to sell the
Activated books and make
their living from it. Please
pray this can get rolling!

Sudan

We made our first scout-
ing trip into Sudan this last
year. (Editor: Read more ex-
citing details in a soon-com-
ing FSM!) of Sudan, Congo and Kenya.

(Editor: Check out the full
testimony in this GV, in the Le-
gal and Media section.)

Congo

We visited the capital of

Congo three years back on a
scouting trip, but this year we
were able to make a 24-hour
trip into the eastern part and
in that short time the Lord
opened up many doors for
us to set up national
churches. (Editor: Read more
exciting details in a soon-com-
ing FSM!)

Angola

We just had another pio-

neer team go into Angola. It’s
so, so fruitful and sheepy. It’s
a beautiful country. (Editor:
Read more exciting details in
a soon-coming FSM!)

Zimbabwe book fair

Another inspiration this

past year was the Zimbabwe
book fair that John from Au-
rora, Peter from Activated,
Esther from the South Africa
PPC, and myself (Oli) went to.
The people are so hungry for
the Word, for the Bible, and
also for the Activated books
and the real heavy stuff.

Kampala, Uganda

FROM THE AFRICA RADIO MINISTRY
TEAM

Our radio show Nu Beat is
now on five radio stations in
Uganda, also reaching parts

Look at the Fed

BY JOY, HUNGARY

In the EE we have a lot of
new parents with very young
children that need basic train-
ing in parenting, the “how-tos”
of home schooling, and they
also need educational ma-
terials. We held a number of
childcare workshops recently,
starting with one in Hungary,
and then holding a similar
workshop for the other coun-
tries in the EE and the NEAT
areas, using the videos and
the material from the first one.

When we prayed about
what to cover in these work-
shops the Lord led us to keep
things simple. We took the
attending mommies step by
step through the basics of
how to care for and train our
little ones, beginning with
when they’re babies, to tod-
ddlers. We showed them how
to make planners for their
schooling, how to make flash
cards, along with the basics of
teaching reading, writing and
arithmetic, etc. We printed
several hundred pages of ba-
sic educational material for
small children and gave them
to each attendee with some
examples of how to use this
material, to help our new
moms get started. We also
gave out notes from each of
the classes.

The reactions we’ve gotten
from this workshop have
been very positive. One mom
who lives in a Home quite far
away from other Homes
wrote saying that after she got
home she was pretty busy for
a while so hadn’t gotten into
what we had covered at the
workshop. When she finally
did get back into the school-
ing of her child, she said she
had forgotten a lot of what we
had covered and felt at a loss
until she dug out the notes
from the workshop, and was
so thankful that we had given
such clear notes along with the
educational materials pack.
She studied it again and it all
came back to her, and she was
able to set up her child’s
schooling.

Another thing that we
have tried in Hungary—and
we’d like to get it going in
other countries as well—is
having regular moms’ fel-

opened up to the West only in recent years. We pioneered the first Home here two years ago and our main ministry has been to the refugees from Sierra Leone and Liberia, which numbered more than 500,000 at the peak of conflict in the region. We regularly take trips to different camps, do musical programs and skits, teach Bible classes and help the refugees with their physical needs. With the translation of the Activated magazine into French we are making great advances in reaching the youth and students of Guinea.

After several fruitful witnessing pushes into Freetown we have now a small number of solid Activated members in Sierra Leone.

**Togo (A new frontier in Africa)**
BY JOH, AFRICA

Tatiana, our 11-year-old daughter, Milcah (my wife) and I have been invited to sing on national TV three times. On invitation from the director, we sang in the French Cultural Center. Then we were asked by a local NGO to write, compose and sing on a Pan African video for the children's plight in Africa. We were also offered to do a CD with some local musicians for a very low cost. If you are interested in one please write us!

**Maputo, Mozambique**

Our team has been in this Portuguese-speaking country for just over two years now. The Lord blessed us with a national disciple after only a few months, Daniel, who is faithfully serving the Lord.

Examples of CTPs we are or have been involved in are: 1) teaching English to a group of physically handicapped adults; 2) participating in AIDS awareness programs for children; 3) We have consistently helped a center for boys as well as one for girls and an orphanage for abandoned children and babies with provisioned food and clothing. 4) An on-going ministry for the past year has been at the cancer ward of the largest hospital in the country. With the help of the young people we have made quite a few Africanized illustrations for the Bible stories that we tell. Contato (Activated) goes out well here, with both Christians and Moslems subscribing.

**Durban, South Africa**

Since December 2000, we've held four beach camps for underprivileged kids. We've had over 400 kids attend the camps, with about a total of 350 souls won. Each of the camps lasts for three days, and includes underprivileged children from all over Durban.

**Arusha, Tanzania**

**FROM NINA, MARTIN, SEBASTIAN, ESTHER AND HOME**

We work in an international school here in Arusha, Tanzania, as the administrator, principal and teachers for nursery, kindergarten and first grade.

We held two power-packed seminars this year at a Christian college. Each lasts for one week and an average of 80 village and city teachers attend.

Our Christian friends host an intensive two-year college course for pastors from East Africa. Nina has been teaching college credit courses on Child Development, a Christian approach to early learning Christian Education. What these pastors are learning will go with them and affect thousands of children in remote areas that we would never be able to reach.

**Cape Town, South Africa**

(Photo below) Pictured here is Angel, 15, with her 12 dance students from the worst slums of Cape Town who learned to do it the family way in a presentation for the World Conference on Religions. Afterward they had requests from around their community to dance at other functions.

For the past 3½ years, we have had regular CTP projects in Khayelitsha’s townships, including one with the children, teaching them Bible sto-

lowships and kids’ fellowships. These don’t take a lot of time to organize as we’ve kept them to one afternoon. We’ve held a couple so far and the reactions have been very positive. The moms’ fellowship provides a special time for the moms to get together and talk about their kids, as some lack an opportunity to fellowship much with other moms since many of them live in small Homes. Even though many of the Homes are close by, there’s often not much fellowship because everyone is so busy. So having the opportunity to share tips and testimonies was great. During these get-togethers, we also have prayer for the children.

At the kids’ fellowship we invited the parents to come with their children and help them participate in whatever activities we provided. Now we have formed a committee to organize kids’ fellowships, so DV, they will happen regularly.

We’ve also set up seven video lending libraries for the EE and NEAT area. We try to upgrade our libraries with 20 new videos every few months, so the Homes can have new videos available.

We’re also working on getting educational books and materials from England to send to each of the Homes. It’s often difficult to get good educational books in English in the EE, so having these books coming from England from time to time has helped to fill a big need. Dear Rose (of Peter) at the Activated desk has been going around to car-boot sales purchasing books very cheaply, and then sending it down to us. GBH! At one recent seminar, when we asked who had a children’s Bible, there were several moms that didn’t even have a children’s picture Bible for their kids. So we have been trying to get more children’s Bibles and a basic kids dictionary. We’re working on inspiring others in the BI with the idea of sistering Homes in the EE so that we can have a greater influx of materials to fill the need.

June 15
Two and a half years ago, the Lord showed us to start a dance troupe. With encouragement from the Lord, as well as the local Asian community, we started to incorporate more of an Indian flavor in our singing and dancing.

Since we started “Becoming One” (we sing and dance in English, Swahili, Hindi, Punjabi, Spanish, Arabic, Turkish and even Chinese), we’ve been to Dubai, England, India, and even Rwanda once as well! This is a blessing, as fundraising in Africa can sometimes be trying, and can have its limits. This frees us to concentrate on feeding our sheep and follow-up.

Pray for us, as the Lord is starting to open up the doors for two of the singers to cut a CD in Hindi/Punjabi.

We are also involved in two very active CTPs. The first involves delivering over a ton of food every week to various street children’s homes and orphanages around Nairobi. The other CTP that we are involved in is organizing free medical camps.

**Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania**

**FROM STEPHEN, MARY AND MARK**

We have different individuals and families that we follow-up on regularly, using our evenings and weekends, including family day. We couldn’t wait till we had time to follow-up; we just started making appointments, taking the kids along with us. We have 10 children in our Home ages 14 and under, with five of them being ages five and under. So it’s quite a testimony for people to see them and us in action!

**Madagascar**

**FROM PAUL AND CHARITY**

A few months ago, a prominent local businesswoman told us she had been sponsoring a local detention and rehabilitation center for delinquent teen boys, and asked us if there was something we could do to teach Christian values to these young people. There are 60 teen boys ranging from 14 to 19 years old who are there for petty crimes. During our weekly visits, we read something on the subjects of love, faith or prayer, which our close friend Vohangy translates in Malagasy.

After a few visits, the director told us he was impressed to see that his young inmates seemed very interested in our Bible classes, and we were the first Christian group who didn’t not draw a bored response from these boys. Within the space of a month, all the teens had prayed to receive the Lord.

**Capetown, South Africa**

The Fax of Life continues to be a blessing to many every Monday morning. Anthony has written and sent off a Fax for the last four years now and we are up to number 205! We receive support and help from many of the fax recipients because they are getting fed faithfully whether we are in personal contact or not.

We continue to supply bread, fruit, vegetables and clothing to two townships here. We deliver a minimum of half a metric ton of food weekly to help feed around 500 children every day. These children receive Sunday school training each day before their meal and are considered the poorest of the poor. Just this month we also delivered around $6,000 worth of clothing and shoes that we collected from different stores.

**Johannesburg, South Africa**

**BY RACHEL, OF GIDEON**

We started the Mustard Seed Project in 1999, and now have approximately 15 women, from full to part time, involved in growing food and they are there at the site almost every day.

We also run Bible studies in one of the Wendy Houses with about 15-20 people. The feeding scheme that we run involves a list of 70 malnourished children, 30 old people and we also supply our or-
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We have set up the first
and only library in
Diepsloot, which is open for
all to use. The library
cludes books collected from
all sorts of people; it also in-
cludes Bible story books and
Heaven's Library

Johannesburg, South
Africa

We are a small Home situ-
atuated in Kempton Park, on the
eastern side of the crime
capital of the world,
Johannesburg. This is sup-
posed to be the most violent
place on earth outside of an
actual warzone.

Our main ministry for the
past four years has been to the
inmates that crowd the coun-
tries prisons. A dedicated
team is engaged two days a
week at Leeuwkop Correc-
tional Prison, bringing reli-
gious care, leadership train-
ing, counseling and friend-
ship to the inmates, with won-
derful results! We are cur-
rently operational in three of
the sections at Leeuwkop, the
Juvenile Medium B. Section,

Here is a statement of one
of the inmates: "I am more free
now in prison with Jesus than
when I was outside without
Him." The inmates coming to
our classes are already hear-
ing from the Lord in pro-
phesy, they know and have a
very good grasp of the
Endtime, and they have the
vision to reach the world with
the Gospel. We have a num-
ber of ex-inmates who have
come back into the prisons
with us to give their testimo-
nies. Many are also preach-
ing the Gospel in the areas
that they live in.

Dar-Es-Salaam,
Tanzania
FROM JONATHAN, MARY AND LYDIA
AND KIDS

Since November 1999 we
have been working with a cen-
ter in a slum district on the
outskirts of the city. Begin-
ning with a group of 30 un-
ruuly little rascals, the project
has grown to almost 400 chil-
dren, who come in three
groups for Bible stories, moral
development classes and En-
GLISH. We graduate some of
the older children to full-
fledged Bible studies one af-
ternoon a week.

The Lord raised up spon-
sors for eight children to go to
secondary school who either
were orphans or had only one
parent. We have also identified
20 families that we help regu-
larly with food and clothing.

Our dear Family, we
would like to ask for your
faithful support in prayer for
the work in Africa, and for the
different pioneer efforts
launched. The need is so great
and so much can be done—
we need a lot of miracles! Will
you help us make them come
to pass? We need you and
your prayers!

Senegal

The clown shows have
progressed tremendously
since coming to Senegal. It’s
now become a clown/pupp-
et show, and the kids al-
ways clamor for “La
Ribambelle” clown troupe.

The singing trio “Cre-
scendo” (Sabine, Jana and
Abi) made their debut at the
Meridien Hotel last year.
They continue to witness
through music almost every-
day. We have people come
to the house; they’ve been in-
vited to cocktail parties, dip-
lomatic circles, cultural cen-
ters, churches, as well as be-
ing invited by the prime min-
ister to sing for his daughter’s
wedding. They continue to
get high billing amongst the
best in Senegal.

Our local CTP working
with poor street children
from the institution “The
Daara of Malika” continues
to make forward progress.
Last year we were able to
have a successful summer
camp for over 100 of the poor-
est of the poor children in
Dakar.

We’ve been able to launch
youth outreach programs in
two main universities in
Dakar and St. Louis, and give
many Bible classes to the stu-
dents. We are also meeting
more locals in this predomi-
nantly Muslim country that
are interested in Jesus.

(Editors: There is so much more that our energetic Family in Africa
is doing, and we were very sad that due to space constraints we had
to substantially edit down the totally far-out testimonies and up-
dates you’ve just read. However, the good news is that you can read
more exciting details for almost every country listed on the MO site
today! Don’t miss those extra juicy and fascinating details!—And
there are TONS of pictures too!)

CAPTION CORNER

1 ......................... Cephas and Steven (l-r) after the show
2 ........................................ Gabe and Eman—Kosovo
3 ............... Peace and Angie with a Peacekeeper—Bosnia
4 .................. Peter clowning at a hospital—Hungary
5 .................. Julie and Mark as clowns—Kosovo
6 .......................... Having a BBQ—Gambia
7 .......................... At a rehabilitation center—Mozambique
8 ............ Angel, 15, with her dance students—South Africa
9 .......................... Francis and Spring with The Hit Squad—
Gangsters!—For Jesus!
10 .............................. Our team—Kenya
11 ........................... Some lives touched—Capetown, South Africa
12 .............................. Literacy classes for the handicapped

June 15
Significant e-mails for April 2001

(Note from Cassie, for the e-mail answering team: All of these e-mail messages have been answered, and if the individual requested contact with a local Home, his or her e-mail has been forwarded to the area or Home closest to him or her.)

Ray – Hi. I’ve been reading about The Family on the Internet. First I read some bad stuff, and I finally found your official website. I believe that some people out there want to suppress us from finding out about Christ, the real Christ, unless it’s through their own channels. Anyway, I think the Family is doing some great work, especially overseas (from what I see on your site). I’ve been to SE Asia, and I know the poverty there. I think you should keep up the work, and remember how Christ Himself was persecuted!

P.S.: I am not a Christian, but believe in what He stands for.

Steinunn, Iceland – I recently learned about your organization via friends who heard of Icelandic siblings volunteering in India. I am a Christian who would like to help. I would like the opportunity to volunteer my time and talents to help orphans and other in need in India. May I? And if so, how? Could I do so for a year or so, or do you require your volunteers to do this for a lifetime?

Kudzi, Zimbabwe, Africa – I found your pamphlet on my co-worker’s desk. … When I was reading it, I asked myself some questions and I can’t seem to come up with answers. I used to think I was religious, but for the past four years, my faith has been shortcoming. Do you have any literature that could help me find my way back again, because I feel I cannot resolve whatever anger and resentment I carry by myself. … Can I get to know God again?!

Marg, Australia – Hi. I just chanced on your website. Many, many years ago, like in the late ’70s, I spent some time in Melbourne and in Adelaide and had contact with the Family then. My little girl (now grown, but still a little girl because she is one of those God has chosen to be an eternal child) has worn out the tapes. Happy Family songs by the kids then with “Little Things,” “In the Land of Not Too Much,” “Love Ain’t Trying To Be” and so on. Any chance they are on archive somewhere? That music has helped us through some tough days. Both Kylie and I loved the people, music and whole thing of the COG as it was then. But work meant losing touch when I went away to work “outback” on a cattle property. Thanks for reading this and be assured we follow the lifestyle as always.

Olivias – I am a mother of two with one on the way and am looking for a community to live on and raise my children on. Are you accepting people at this time and what are the requirements? I am a very good worker, honest, kind, and willing to learn. Also I have a strong longing for God’s Word.

Mark, Canada – Hi. I am interested in finding out more about your organization. Do you have any centers in Canada? I may be interested in joining, or at least helping out doing some volunteer work. I am as yet undecided about my own religious beliefs, but from reading your site I gather you do a lot of work with the needy, which I admire. I can’t help out with a donation, as I am in school right now, but I could possibly do volunteer work.

Maggie, Africa – Please could I have more information on God’s love. I would like to learn about God’s love.

Steven – It’s been about five years since I last had any contact with you. I grew up in the Family and had a great time. So many people that have left have so much negative to say and I just want to say that I think it’s all garbage. I guess what I want to say is thanks for a great childhood, and if I could I’d like to thank some individuals that I never got a chance to thank. First, Solomon, the one on all the Kiddie Viddies (I can’t believe that I remembered that). You were the greatest. You directed me so well. Katrina, his wife, thank you for treating me like one of yours. Steven, that summer when I landed in Guadalajara, boy, you helped change my life. Arthur, you’re still the biggest man I know and the kindest teacher. Last but not least, I’d like to mention two others of which I spent more time battling against, but nonetheless admired, Dust and Marc. They were big shepherds. I just want to say thanks.

Bob, California – I still love the Family and the Lord and strive to follow in the direction of His guidance. I look back on my years in the Family mostly with fondness and thank the Lord for taking me to places I could never have entered without Him and to become as family with so many precious brothers and sisters, I surely miss the sweet spirit of togetherness and unity of love.

(Later:) I think I mentioned in my last e-mail that I needed to feel more useful and be a blessing to someone and/or some family and even though my home is open for anyone to come for a temp visit, I want to do more. I have talents of cooking, repair, cleaning and gardening that could be put to good use in some large Family Home who might need someone like me. The Lord has shown me to rejoin the Family first, then after that I know He will show me what’s next.

Luc, Canada – I am 47. I lived with the Family from Dec ’71 to July ’78. As mentioned in my e-mails, I was a line haul driver of semi-trucks which allowed me to travel “outback” in Canada almost in its entirety distributing Mountain Streams version of the MLs everywhere by the thousands.

Donna T. – Hello, I’m one of those California hippies from many years ago. I was with the Family in around 1980 or so. I just recently contacted somebody who knew about the Web site. Good Web site! I was just wondering if there is a directory of old members that would like to get in touch with each other. I only know Family names or first names, but I truly would like to thank so many of the people who helped to show me a whole new life. My Family name was Faith, I wrote the song “Love is the Name of the Game”—I had heard it sung by others, but I don’t know if it is still around. I was in Austria and Scotland with Tabitha and Justin, I sang with Isaac and Tim, and Solomon (from Norway). Then I was in Mexico with some crazy fun English girls—but I can’t remember their names. I don’t suppose there are any greying brothers or sisters that knew me? Well, I’m still close to God, open to the Spirit and trying to help others to see Him. My experience with the Family was responsible for tremendous change in me; from scared and neurotic to joyful, free and a helper of neurotics. God bless and keep the “faith.”

(Check the MO site today for “More from Former Members Getting in Touch!”)
Magdalena (13), USA
Esther (of James): Three vertebrae connected to her skull are misaligned and are constricting the spinal cord, causing blackouts, numbness and pain in her hands and legs.

Akemi (of John): Fibroid tumor in uterus.

Claire Emily (18): Scoliosis, eye pains.

Daniella Joy (SGA): A dozen cysts on fallopian tubes.

Precious Willing: Swollen tonsils and adenoids in her nose, causing breathing difficulties.

Paul: Over-active thyroid.

South America
Amy (6, of Simón and Magdalena): Growths in neck.

Europe and Africa
Steven Cyrus (child of Eleonora): Anemia.

reax from you

Magdalena (13), USA
Dear Stephen, Juan, and Abner, The GNs that recently came out—“New Era Humility,” “Changed Man” and “Being Recreated” were very inspiring. It’s so neat to see how you guys so humbly let your weaknesses be known to the whole Family so that we can all benefit. I personally could relate to them quite a bit. I just wanted to say thanks for being such a good sample of someone who is wrong and willing to change and accept the correction that they receive from others. I love you all tons, and want to be able to be as humble as you.

Rosita (18), USA
I love the screen savers that you can download from the M0 site! I saw it for the first time yesterday. It’s beautiful! That’s all I can say! Each quote is perfect and so rightly fitted to its picture. Thanks to all of you unseen, unsung, unheard of wonderful people. I really appreciate it! It’s so much more inspiring to sit in front of the computer in between things with deep, uplifting Heavenly minded tidbits rather than some other kind of systematized, computerized screen. You made my day!

Catherine, Brazil
The recent GNs on the lessons that leadership are learning are marvelous, and really help us to see more clearly how we should be applying the New Wine in our lives. The Spirit of the Lord is moving very deeply in the Family now. We were just discussing the fact that we have to follow these lessons in order to not make the same mistakes with our sheep. They call us all the time and ask us to make decisions for them. If we aren’t prayerful, we’ll start getting answers instead of leading them to the Lord in prayer, teaching them how to get answers on their own and then coming for godly counsel and confirmation afterwards. So these GNs are very helpful in showing us specifically how the Lord wants us to think and act with our sheep and not take burdens upon ourselves unnecessarily, thus getting lifted up in pride only to come crashing down again at some point. We appreciate you sharing your lessons with us, CROs.

Mama Jewels
ON ... yielding to the Lord’s will

Mama’s secretary story
—told over the intercom to an SGA
(Talking about a newcomer to WS helping with secretarial work:)
You know, I used to be a secretary too! But I had quit my System job and had made the decision to drop out and serve the Lord and join the Family. I was going to witness. I was forswasking all and I thought I’d never see another typewriter in my life, and was very happy about it. I was off and away!

Just one hour into the drive leaving my home in Arizona, while in the van with Mother Eve, Hosea, Jeff and Faithy, Mother Eve said, “Honey, you’re a secretary, aren’t you?”

I said, “Well, I was.”

She said, “Oh, we really need a secretary!”

My heart sank. I thought, Oh no! Here I’m forswasking all, leaving everything behind—going to serve the Lord—and now they’re trying to pull me back into the job that I had. I definitely don’t want to do this!

I was already feeling so bad leaving home for the first time in my life permanently. I was already feeling sad about leaving my parents. I missed them so much already. Then on top of that came this! If I had only been 10 minutes away from my home, I probably would have said, “Let’s turn around and go back!” But it was too late.

So then I did some secretarial work for Jethro, and soon after that Dad asked me to be his secretary. Now if I hadn’t done that and if I hadn’t been willing to go back to being a secretary, even though it wasn’t my preference, it probably wouldn’t have accomplished the Lord’s plan. Now I’m not a secretary anymore, but that was how the Lord gave me my calling in life, by starting me out as a secretary.

I was telling our newcomer that story, with the moral being: If it’s hard for you to do a certain type of work or it’s not your favorite, don’t worry about it. Just trust the Lord, yield, and as you do, you’ll learn a lot, and the Lord will probably give you the opportunity to change ministries down the line or will give you the grace and the anointing to stick to that one.

QNA
Blade in a book?
Q, from the field: My older kids really like to read the Blade and they want these mags in a book—type format (similar to FJWL). Is there a possibility?
A, from Blade editor: It’s possible that sometime in the future, once we have amassed a significant amount of published Blade messages, that we will then print them in a single book. In the meantime, perhaps you may want to keep all your Blade mags in a folder or ring binder, so they’re all in one place. GBY!
The EAST Studio Band is currently with Andrew and Miracle and Home in Kosovo doing a tour of 10 concerts around Kosovo! This is the third year they’ve visited: 1999 Bosnia, 2000 Bosnia and Kosovo, and this year, Kosovo and Albania.

They have already done three of the 10 concerts (with visiting performers Vas and Tim Drummer), and a log of their performances and pix will be coming your way soon. Keep an eye out for it! Don’t miss it!
[Homes being upfront]

SGA CRO, ASCRO: Something I’ve noticed recently is that it seems that quite a few battles and trials that new Homes or incoming personnel have with bad Home situations stem from the fact that the receiving Home is not very honest with them about their situation before they arrive, either financially, or with their children and Home standard. It seems that the receiving Homes are quite desperate for personnel and maybe are not that forthright about these things when communicating originally. The end result is that the team going there ends up quite discouraged and disappointed with the situation and even wanting to leave shortly afterwards.

Maybe these initial battles are what will help them make it as a team, and help them be more fruitful in the long run, if they take it to the Lord and let it unite them, but it does seem that it would be love on the part of the existing Home to be more up front about their situation so that the incoming team knows what they are getting into.

[Weapons fascination]

Home in Europe: A sweet family came through our Home with their senior teen boy. This boy, although very sweet, seemed to have a bit of a fascination for weapons, and was carrying all kinds of knives, switchblades, air guns, etc. Of course, our 13-year-old was quick to catch on, and before we knew it he had a toy gun under his mattress that he had bought down at the supermarket. Comparing guns quickly became the new thing, even with visitors and people that we wanted to witness to. Oh dear!

We had a good talk time about it. We powwowed about the teen years being years of decision making, sticking to our convictions, and what kind of disciples the Lord wants us to be. Our sweet son agreed to get rid of this gun. The Enemy is trying to attack our teens in all sorts of ways. He’s furiously trying to defeat our young folks by any means he can, so LHU to fight back as to help and keep our precious teens for Him.

[Their samples sparked my own]

David (of Ruthie), Taiwan: I’ve been recently helping another Home in our city hold an English camp for kids. It’s been a lot of fun and a good supporter for the past month. Some YAs from China were invited to help in the camp during the busiest times. Now, I know that not everyone on any field is “together,” but I have to say that these girls were some of the best samples I’ve seen in a long time, adults included. They were so on fire, took initiative, loved the Lord sincerely, practiced and promoted the new weapons. It was wonderful to work with them. Their sample sparked my own. I do have the gift of prophecy and believe in the new weapons wholeheartedly, but to be honest, I haven’t been the best sample of using them consistently. I talked to the girls about my experiences with prophecy and spirit helpers and they listened and told me about theirs. I’d like to make a suggestion that bellwethers like that visit many Homes, not to teach or make reports on others, but just to be a sample. I’m sure it would be contagious and benefit the revolution.

[Importance of protecting the sheep]

May*, Taiwan: The “China’s Hour” GN was so touching and emotional for me to read, as I am a Taiwanese national, and lived in China from 1983 to 1985.

During the big persecution in 1986, my mate and I were the last Family members to leave China, after my mate was released from prison. I still remember the day when the plane took off from Beijing Airport destined for Tokyo. I was crying the whole flight. I poured out my heart to the Lord for the sheep the Family had to leave behind. For the first few years when we lived in Japan, whenever we prayed for China, we’d often break down in tears, pleading with the Lord to keep them until some day the Lord would open the door for the Family to go in again.

One thing we would like to emphasize for our teams in China is the importance of protecting the Chinese sheep. As a foreigner, the worst thing that can happen to you is that you have to leave the country, or that they will arrest you for a short time and then deport you. At least that is the policy right now. But for local Chinese, persecution can mean losing their job, their reputation, getting a lifelong mark on their record. It affects them very severely if they are found to have been associated with you. The police can send them to labor camp without a trial, as happened to some of our sheep at that time. After that they will always have a bad record.

When we got wind of the persecution back then, we went to great lengths to hide our sheep’s addresses in the most secure way. I won’t go into details here, but clearly that was the thing the police were most interested in and asked my husband about many times. The day after he was arrested [for his missionary activities] they came back to our small apartment and ripped everything apart—even the carpet and some of the furniture—but they didn’t find what they were looking for. TTL! After we left China we were able to feed and encourage many of the sheep we had to leave behind. When we left Japan eight years later, we turned the China Mail Ministry over to Chinese Becky.

For the last three years while living in Taiwan, we have been able to take four road trips into China. On each trip we go to great lengths to keep the addresses (of friends we meet) as secure as possible.

*Alias used.

help wanted

Dear Family,

We are a pioneer team in the Punjab, India. We’ve found the CLE program the best for our four school-age kids so far but find difficulty acquiring the materials. God bless the Family in Delhi who helps get together lots of books for us. Our struggle is partly the cost and partly distance (we’re the only Home in this city).

We’d like to request if anyone could help either with a designated gift, or if you have extra CLE books you don’t plan to use (especially 9th grade workbooks and textbooks). We need material for grade two and upwards. If there is any possibility, you can e-mail us at era_message@yahoo.com. Thanks for considering our request. We love you. Gideon and Mercy, Chandigarh, India
Dear SGA who wrote “Not Enough Men” in Issues #6, please contact the Grapevine editors at gv@wsfamily.com as we have a letter for you.

Chris and Esteban are looking for Ivan and Mateus (of Brazilian Maggie). Where are you guys? Please write us at: linkup7@terra.com.br.

Maria (Rute) seeks to get in contact with Branch (of Vida). We lived together in Brazil, Belo Horizonte, 90. My e-mail is: wimmaria@terra.com.br.

From Olivia (14, of Claire, Taiwan). Looking for Ester (14), Joanna (12), and Marie (16, of Simon and Renee). Haven’t received communication from you guys in a long while. I want to get back in communication. E-mail me at: Wwaves@pavo.seed.net.tw.

David SGA in Moscow would like to contact: Tiago and Gentleness, Maria (Portuguese), Miguel SGA (Peruvian) and Brisa! Please write to: kidzbiz@online.ru or to dave_imboden@yahoo.com. Thanks a lot! Looking forward to hearing from you!

letters to the editor

Re: A lesson in prophecy (GV #110)
FROM A YA, CHINA

I went through what may have been my most difficult test with prophecy when about a year ago I heard from the Lord about something with a group of small children concerning a Bible story and got it wrong. I didn’t know why the Lord had allowed it to happen and I became first bitter, then discouraged! Reading this article in GV #110 shed so much light on why and how it happened. It was so encouraging to know it has happened to others as well.

Thank you for being so open; it was like a touch of the Lord’s love to me because until this time I had still tried not to think about it or come before the Lord to show me what had happened. Thank the Lord I have continued using my channel and had just put that particular situation on the shelf. Now I feel renewed confidence that even when wrongs occur that the Lord has a greater overall plan and can bring good from it. Thank you for sharing this, it really is an answer to prayer. I love you!

now that’s funny

Bad Habit

Two nuns are ordered to paint a room in the convent, and the last instruction of the Mother Superior is that they must not get even a drop of paint on their habits. After conferring about this for awhile, the two nuns decide to lock the door of the room, strip off their habits and paint in the nude. In the middle of the project, there comes a knock at the door.

“Who is it?” calls one of the nuns.

“Blind man,” replies a voice from the other side of the door.

The two nuns look at each other and shrug. No harm can come from letting a blind man into the room, they decide, so they open the door.

“Good day, sisters,” says the man, “where do you want these blinds?”

1001 GREAT USES FOR BAKING SODA.

1. Wash the handle of your hammer with baking soda.
2. Wash the hammer head with baking soda.
3. Wash all the nails with baking soda.
4. Wipe down all your used baking soda boxes with baking soda.
5. If you are being chased by a fierce dog, throw a box of baking soda at it.
6. Parked on an incline? Place a box of baking soda under the back wheel.

Heaven-scope

TAURUS

You’re the kind of guy who does things fairly okay although sometimes you make mistakes but don’t feel bad, we all do.

SAGITTARIUS

Apart from sometimes doing things that aren’t really the best, more often than not you’re not that bad, all things considered.

Cute Gals

(Stat in by Oliver of Olivia in Bolivia)

He: What’s wrong with the engine?
She: It’s a defect in the oscillating transmission-drive reverberator.

Cover photo: Pneumatic drill at the ready, Eric of Erica in America strikes a thoughtful pose before demolishing the sidewalk in front of his Home.