Forgiveness is the key that unlocks the door of resentment and the handcuffs of hate. It is a power that breaks the chains of bitterness and the shackles of selfishness.

Dear Family,

We love you and pray for you. Thank you for all that you do for the Lord and the Family. We admire you so much! Included in every Grapevine with the copyright there is a line that says, “The news and views from Family members published in the Grapevine do not necessarily reflect WS policy.” It recently came to our attention that some people have taken this to mean that everything published in the Grapevines, including announcements and notices coming from WS, fall under that category.

Though the articles and testimonies in the Grapevine from Family members do not necessarily reflect WS policy, all notices and announcements coming from WS printed in the Grapevine are WS policy. These notices are mandatory reading, because they affect you, and many of them are to let you know of upcoming changes and when they will come into effect.

WS announcements are generally included on the cover page of the Grapevine, but sometimes also spread over into the following two pages (pages 2–3). If there are WS notices that are not on the first three pages, they will be highlighted in the table of contents on the cover page of the Grapevine.

We appreciate your taking the time to read them over. We pray this clarification is a help to you.

Lots of love and prayers in our wonderful Husband,
The Grapevine team

It was brought to our attention that in GV #158, several of the stats listed one-person Homes. We’re sorry for this mistake, as even though the top “Shine On” shiners are no longer receiving prizes, we will still be keeping the same requirements that were specified when the “Shine On” prizes first began, as originally announced in GV #14, which were:

“We’d like to establish some eligibility guidelines for our ‘Shine On’ shiner reward system, which we pray will be a blessing to you. We’d like to set a minimum Home member requirement in order to be eligible to receive the monthly shiner tool gifts, in the hopes that this will enable more Homes to be able to participate, and not give an unfair advantage to Homes which may have no children or just a couple of adults, thus considerably upping their chance to obtain a higher per-adult average.

*In order to be eligible to win the Shiner rewards, you must fulfill one of these two requirements:

  * have [at least] four voting members in your Home
  * have a minimum of two voting members and two children

“We realize that this does not allow for a Home of one, two or three voting members with no children to be eligible for the shiner rewards, but since the vast majority of our DO/TS (CM/FM) Homes do have children to care for, we felt that in fairness to the overall Family, these guidelines would be beneficial.

“The above requirements will go into effect immediately. We love you and pray for you!” (GV #14)

To streamline the stats processing, per-adult shiner stats are programmatically computed from the stats and population counts in the incoming TeleTRF files. Thus, these charts don’t include stats sent in on paper TRFs.

Again, we’re sorry for the oversight on our part. Hope this helps to explain. God bless and keep you faithful as you continue to reach the hungry with the wonderful tools the Lord’s given us.

We love you!
The Grapevine team

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New level for CVC Vocational High School (VHS) diploma

Q: I saw the new Vocational High School requirements for our teens on the MO site. I have a question. My son recently did a CAT test and got grade 10 as an average, but his spelling was quite low. Does the requirement for 10th grade mean that he needs to have 10th grade on every subject, or is it sufficient to have a general average of grade 10?

A: A student needs to prove grade 10 achievement in each of the four main subjects. If your son scored low in spelling, but still maintained a grade 10 in Language Arts, as well as in the other three main subjects, then that is sufficient.

Following are the new requirements for the Vocational High School diploma as were stated in GV #157, on the MO site and the CVC site with an additional clarification in bold. (Corrections added to MO and CVC sites.) Thank you for helping us clarify this; we’re sorry that it was not clear before.

New Requirements for CVC Vocational High School Diploma

(Effective September 1, 2003)

To be eligible for a Vocational High School Diploma, students must:

a) pass the CVC Vocational High School exams; or provide proof through CLE or other diagnostic tests, or standardized achievement tests, that they have completed a grade 10 level of academic studies in each major subject (Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science); or pass grade 10 of CLE or another program, in the major subjects (Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science).

b) earn 20 credits in vocational studies courses in the CVC program; and

c) earn 20 credits in Christian studies courses in the CVC program.

CVC General High School diploma requirements

Q: Recently the requirements for the CVC Vocational High School diploma have been raised to a grade 10 level. Will there be any change then to the requirements for the General High School diploma? I suspect this standard will also be raised.

A: The requirements for a CVC General High School (GHS) diploma will be raised to a grade 12 level. Many of the CVC courses which were previously accepted for GHS studies will be reclassified as VHS studies. These new requirements will come into effect the same date as the new VHS requirements, which is September 1, 2003.

Following are the new requirements for the GHS diploma:

New Requirements for CVC General High School Diploma

(Effective September 1, 2003)

To be eligible for a General High School Diploma, students must:

a) have a CVC Junior High Diploma, or other suitable documentation of their education to a grade eight level of achievement;

b) obtain 40 credits in academic courses as follows:

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or

ab) satisfactorily complete official GED exams (or equivalent); or complete standardized achievement tests in Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science with an overall average of Grade 11, and no scores lower than grade 10; or successfully pass grade 12 level of basic courses (Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies and Science) in a home study program such as CLE, Beka or a similar program; or successfully complete the ASF Interim High School Tests* and receive a recommendation from CVC Course Supervisor. (Credits: 40)

plus

c) obtain 20 credits in CVC Christian Studies;

d) obtain 20 credits in CVC Vocational Studies.

Total credits required: 80

Please note, it is required to have either a) plus b) or ac). C) and d) also continue to be required. All of these requirements are subject to change once the new CVC General High School program and exams are completed.

* ASF = ASCRO FED. The ASF Interim High School Tests are available through your CVC IC (Instruction Coordinator). Testing times and locations should be arranged through your regional FED board and/or your CVC IC.

Hear It from Jesus

— The message in our tracts given in prophecy

Editor’s note: Dear Family, we love you. Thank you for your faithfulness to witness and get out the Lord’s message in all the world.

As you know, most of the recent tracts we have published were originally received in prophecy—whether the Lord gave it in His Words, or in words that sound like they’re coming from an earthly author. Following is a message from our wonderful Lover about the tracts that are written in the Lord’s own Words directed to His sheep—in other words, it’s obvious to the reader that it’s Jesus speaking.

We’re blessed to have such a unique message to pass on to those in search of Jesus and who desire a greater understanding of His ways. Prophecy is such a special and priceless gift, and through these tracts, we can share that gift with others too, and as the Lord says in the message below those “direct Words on the written page will motivate people far more than how man expresses it.” Thank the Lord for His personal messages to His sheep that we can offer the world through these tracts. God bless you as you continue to reach the world with His Words.

(Jesus speaking:) Churches have been giving out tracts for years in their words, with their explanation of Me, but compared to My Words and My own explanation, it falls flat. The world has heard the churches way of telling it, other good Christian ways of expressing it, and what the world really needs now is My direct Words straight from My mouth. The sheep need to hear it from Me more than from anyone else, because that is what will wake them, feed them, and inspire them. They’ve heard a lot of people talk before, but not very many have heard Me talk directly to them—on paper, in a tract. That’s powerful and will get their attention.

The Family is unique. You have a different calling and mission to preach the Gospel and My Endtime message, as well as give the world My new messages for today. You’re My prophets giving out My Words, and that stands out and draws My sheep to Me. The fact that the Family gives out My fresh Words of prophecy is a testimony to your belief, and will spark faith in others. My direct Words on the written page will motivate people far more than how man expresses it. It will shock and amaze some, but at the same time than what will remain the key of many and spark their faith.

Whenever possible, give them My voice of prophecy speaking directly to them. It might be controversial to some, but no one can deny that it’s Me. Some might try to deny it, but through it all, My message will get out and many will be won to Me as a result. (End of message from Jesus.)
God bless you, dear Family! Thanks so very much for your continued key-empowered prayers and support for the Activated work in Central and Eastern Europe. We surely can’t do this work without you, and we know that so many of His sheep will be eternally grateful for the wonderful feeding they are receiving.

More mags in more languages already in the works: The Lord miraculously helped us to translate and print a total of 72 magazines, and already this year He’s helped us to print 46 new mags, with more than 20 others being worked on. These new mags include: a year of Mag of the Month in Russian, Romanian, Hungarian and Croatian; a half-year subscription course in Czech; a half-year subscription course in Serbian, more Bosnian Motivated mags, plus getting the Motivated mags into Russian for the Russian-speaking, Muslim countries.

Continued work on the 12 Foundation Stones: In addition to continuing with the production of the Activated mags in these different languages, the Lord has been helping us to continue work on translating the 12 Foundation Stones into as many different languages as possible (we are presently producing it in Russian, Romanian, and Hungarian).

More books ready to print: Also He’s confirmed that we should continue to make steps towards getting the Get Activated series into as many languages as possible. The books we’re hoping to work on are, Prayer Power, Understanding God’s Word, Hearing from Heaven, God’s Gifts, My King and I, From Jesus with Love, Daily Might, Dare to Be Different, and the Power for Parenthood series.

Translations of many of these books are entering the finalization stages, while others are still being worked on. With the Lord’s help we hope to soon have these books available to feed His sheep in Russian, Romanian, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Albanian, Polish, and Croatian. We’re desperately praying for the necessary miracles and funds to be able to produce between five and ten books in each of the seven languages listed above. Or roughly 35–40 new books!

More sponsors needed: During the past couple of months we’ve received the names and addresses of well over 1,000 hot leads—people who are wanting to receive the Activated mags, but can’t afford to pay the entire price of a subscription. Would you like to help sponsor subscriptions for these people, so that they can be deeply fed His Words in their own language? A subscription only costs US$8. Thanks so much for considering this urgent need!

Once again, thank you so much for all your help and support and a special thanks to those of you who have recently helped.

The above-listed projects represent a huge undertaking, so we would really appreciate if you could keep these in your prayers, claiming His heavenly key power to do great and mighty miracles in helping us have these wonderful Words of Life available to help feed His sheep in these different languages. Our translators and layout artists have gone many extra miles in their labors of love and have far surpassed our available funding to publish these Activated mags and books. We now have many of the above-mentioned publications print-ready, but waiting on the sideline for the Lord to supply the finances needed for printing.

We’d greatly appreciate any help you can give towards these many needy printing projects—as well as help with sponsoring the mags in these different languages. Thanks so much! We love you!

kidbits

Alec Kennon Seth, 4th child, born to Crystal Lily and Francesco on April 23.—Japan
Leila, born to Aimee and Makoto on May 3.—Japan
Kevin Hayes, 2nd child, born to Kathryn and Brian on May 7.—India
Kieran Lance, born to Praise and Peter on May 8.—Philippines
Calain, born to Fe on May 15.—PACRO
Erin Cristal, 14th child, born to Ruth Crystal and John Praymore on May 19.—Japan
Kemen Ryan Mensajero, 2nd child, born to Sara and Daniel Mensajero on May 22.—India
Nathaniel Reece, 1st child, born to Rosie and Ike on May 24.—Thailand
Ryan Child, born to Promise Messenger and Toshi Child on May 26.—PACRO
Ricardo Gabriel, 1st child, born to Esther and Eli on June 10.—Brazil

in My arms...

(Written by Joan Clair, Gentleness’ eldest daughter.) Gentleness Fighter (of Jahmai) stepped into the arms of her loving Savior at 2:20 PM on Friday, June 20, 2003. She had been diagnosed with lung cancer four months earlier and passed away peacefully in her sleep, with her family around her. She was a tremendous sample to all of us, always cheerful, always brave, and a faithful witness till the end. A couple of weeks before her death she prayed with her nurse to receive the Lord. We miss her, but are happy to know that she is healthy, vibrant, and full of life and peace just on the other side of the veil—just out of sight but never out of heart.

The Lord did so many wonderful miracles for her and us all during this time, turning what could have been a terribly sad experience into one that brought praise and glory to His name. Here is just an excerpt of one of the many wonderful messages the Lord gave. As always, His strength is perfect, His love never failing, and His grace all that we need.

(Jesus speaking:) Your mother’s life has been an essence of praise and glory unto Me. Even so shall her final days be like a dance, perfectly scripted out and choreographed, everything moving in step, every event keeping beat to the sound of My drum, the beating of My heart. I am guiding this event and everything surrounding it with My own heart-beat, moving each person, each situation, each event. All will bring glory and perfection to My name, and all is being done in honor of this one who has given so much to Me. It shall be a beautiful masterpiece, this last great dance of Mine [on Earth in her life], a song of praise that shall be retold from generation to generation. All this and more will I do for this one who loves Me so greatly, so purely, who has given up every single thing that she has ever owned in order to give glory unto My Name. Unto this one would I give the world, the universe, and the Kingdom of Heaven.

Do not cry that she will be leaving you soon. Cry with joy that you have had the privilege to share her, that you have been a part of her dance, of her love, of her joy. She has blown across the world like the breath of My Spirit, and now I draw her back unto Me, into my body, into My very heart, that she may abide with Me and be part of Me forever.

Do not weep for her, but let her go with joy and fullness of heart, for her life and her legacy are her testimony. And that shall never be taken away. (End of excerpt of message from Jesus.)
“When You Need Him Most!”—Mexico Retreat
BY PHEBE, FOR THE NORTHERN MEXICO CGO BOARD

“The retreat changed my life and that of our family. Now we get together every day for united Word and prayer time, and our employees join us when they can. The other day, we spent the whole hour together just praying. Yesterday we couldn’t meet during the day. We met late at night after the restaurant was closed, to get in the Word.” So commented Valerie, our precious Active member, about the retreat. Ruben, her husband, remarked about her: “Since the retreat, she is a changed person. All she wants to do is read the Word. She is so hungry!”

Our dear musicians and teachers

Our first northern Mexico retreat was nothing short of a miracle! We want to give Jesus all the glory and credit for it. In spite of the counsel given in various FSMs on preparing months ahead for a retreat, circumstances and schedules dictating, this was not possible for us, and we only had a little over two months to get the ball rolling and everything organized. We wouldn’t recommend it, but in spite of the shortness of time, the Lord did it.

Because of the lack of time for much publicity, and the retreat coming on the heels of the Easter holidays, leaving many with little cash available for extra expenses, we didn’t have many reservations initially, which drove us to the Lord repeatedly to confirm that the retreat was indeed His will. Each time we came to Him, He confirmed that it was His will. The last time we came to Him for confirmation, just a couple of weeks before the retreat was to take place, He told us that even if one sheep’s life would be transformed, it would be worth it!

It was so touching to see how much the Lord is willing to put into feeding His sheep, even one sheep. He also indicated that people would be coming at the last minute, which is exactly what happened.

Thank God for the gift of prophecy. It is what gave us the faith, the strength and the vision to keep going when at times the Enemy buffeted us with doubts.

The Lord provided a beautiful resort, in the mountains, overlooking a lake, and offering a wide range of amenities such as pools, tennis courts, soccer fields, and more, for a reasonable price. We were able to deal directly with the owner’s son who was extremely helpful, and bent over backwards to meet our many peculiar requirements, and gave us excellent service.

A total of 80 people attended, from different parts of Mexico, Guatemala, and the United States. The theme for the retreat, which the Lord gave us in prophecy, was “When You Need Him Most,” and the main classes revolved around this topic, based on the 12 Foundations Stones. Our local band was terrific, and the participation of Pedro (CO) and Jerry Paladin made the music even more powerful.

Our last meeting was the most moving. The Lord told us to have a call for prayer for all those who needed deliverance or help in their spiritual lives. Literally half of the attendees came up, and all held each other as the encores laid hands on each of them, praying over them. There was hardly a dry eye in the room as many received deliverance and an extra infilling of His spirit and power.

Thanks to Jesus and the power of the keys, in spite of our lack of experience and our disorganization at times, the retreat was a success!—Lives were touched, and spirits strengthened! We truly experienced that “the keys make the impossible become possible.”

NEWS FROM THE ACTIVATED DESKS, MAY 2003

BRAZIL

A month of victories! The general correction and spanking that the Lord has so mercifully applied to us here in Brazil is having the desired effect! While such a serious and unusual step as the de-classification of the entire Brazilian Family might not normally be cause for celebration, in our case it really has been. We were so badly in need of this shock treatment, that it’s an answer to prayer, and we are so thankful for it!

Specifically, it is having a very positive effect on our team and on the Activated ministry here in general. In Mama’s message to us in “Woe” (ML #3448), the Lord told us clearly that, among our other serious sins, we here in Brazil had not fulfilled His vision for the Activated ministry, and that “we had lost our crown to another.”

This, together with the strong correction that He gave to the follow-up ministry—which generally speaking has not backed Activated as it should have—has been a real wake-up call.

The Homes have already started to bring forth fruits meet for repentance, dramatically increasing the amount of subscriptions they are selling. (This increase will be reflected on next month’s report. June’s stats are running well ahead of any other month this year.) They are also continuing to increase their Mag of the Month orders. (We are printing 8,500 copies of the August issue, which is a big increase over July’s run of 6,000 copies.) This increase is bringing us close to our short-term goal of printing and distributing 10,000 copies per month. We really believe that as the Brazilian giant awakes, the sky’s the limit. Please pray for us as Brazil gets activated!

Rio book fair: The Lord miraculously supplied a large stand at the Biennial Rio Book Fair. This is the largest book fair in Latin America. Despite the fact that this was an extremely last-minute opening that we’d made no preparations for, the Lord did miraculously. We sold lots of tools (570 videos, 60 CDs, many assorted CDs, and over 700 assorted books).

We also sold various subscriptions, and made good contacts there, including several distributors, getting marketing ideas, displays, new tool ideas, etc. Several of our subscribers came by the stand and were very inspired to meet us.

CEAD

Continued progress with subscriptions: We’ve been having a special “Introductory Offer” in several countries. It is very encouraging to see the results beginning to roll in. At present there are two Homes running really much neck-and-neck in this contest (the Rijeka Home in Croatia and the Phoenix Home in Romania), with each of them continuing to send in numerous new addresses each week. Last week the Rijeka Home sent in 97 new addresses—and the Phoenix Home’s goal is to subscribe 1,000 people this year.

During the recent Family camp held here in Hungary, we were able to spend a fair amount of time talking with different ones from the Homes in the area. The success of different Homes has been centered around being desperate in prayer, persistent, and being willing to put in the hours to find those special ones the Lord wants to receive His wonderful feeding through the Activated program.

Advertising Activated: During the regional CGO board meeting we talked about the need to do more to advertise the Activated program. The Lord gave us the idea of printing a large number of black-and-white flyers and tracts, which we have been giving to the Homes for them to distribute. To encourage all of the Homes to get behind this push to make Activated more of a household word, the local CGO boards are organizing countrywide attack days to get these out.

In one week the Hungarian Homes collectively distributed over 28,000 flyers and...
Sponsor-a-Book Program and the Salvation of a French Businessman

BY FRENCH PHOEBE, CONÉCTATE DESK, MEXICO

Since moving to Mexico, four years ago, the Lord has opened the door for me to go back to Japan once a year to follow-up on my friends and contacts there. Before each trip, I prepare an appeal project for them to support. It has been very inspiring to see the spirit of giving slowly develop in my friends. (Some of them I have known and ministered to for 16–17 years.)

In the past I offered my friends a video sponsorship program for the Treasure Attic series and the Kiddie Viddies. This time, after a Mexican company had sponsored 5,000 Stories to Grow By to distribute to poor families employed by them, the Lord gave the idea to offer a similar book sponsorship program to my Japanese friends. I was a little hesitant at first, but the Lord confirmed that it was His will to go ahead with it.

We made a simple one-sheet explanation of the program, and another sheet with a form to be filled in by the sponsors (including their name, address, how many books they would like to sponsor (100, 200, 500, 1,000, etc.). To add incentive, we offered that for every sponsorship of 500 books or more, the name of the company would be printed on the book cover.

The program was well received. In the two weeks I was in Japan, I received sponsorships for 2,500 books and a couple of weeks after my return, through a referral, another 500 books were sponsored. The most touching sponsorship was from the secretary of a friend, who wanted to participate in the program, but could only afford to sponsor 10 books—her precious widow’s mite, which the Lord surely blessed.

As I was following up on an old contact in Tokyo, I got to know his successor, a successful French entrepreneur, Batiste (alias), who as soon as we met committed himself to becoming a sponsor.

On our second meeting he announced that he would be visiting us in Mexico two months later, in order to see our operation and to participate in our book distributions. Wow, that was exciting! True to his word, he arrived in our city two months later, bringing with him his old tennis shoes to walk the dusty roads of the poor neighborhoods I had told him about, ready for action.

In cooperation with the Rescate Home and with Miggy’s team in Monterrey, we organized three big CTPs while Batiste visited, and we all had a blast. Batiste worked extremely hard, thoroughly enjoying himself, constantly being moved to tears by the extreme poverty we were faced with, and totally impressed by the beauty and value of our Stories to Grow By books. (He had sponsored 1,000 of them.)

Batiste is a French intellectual, albeit sheeple, so at first we didn’t want to come on too strong spiritually with him, but there was no way we could successfully carry out our CTPs without the explicit help of our dear Jesus and of the power of the keys. So we proceeded as we would have done had Batiste not been with us. We prayed before our every move, and through it, he got totally turned on to the power of prayer.

Our second day together, as we had difficulties finding our CTP spot, he casually mentioned that the night before he had read in Trudge and Zippy that when they were lost in the forest they’d prayed. Ha! Out of the mouth of babes! He would start praying on his own whenever he felt the need, like when we visited some destitute families we minister to, while we were counseling them, Batiste was silently standing next to us, hands folded, eyes closed, praying.

During the distributions Batiste worked very hard, and was the most willing participant. He helped with setting up 150 chairs under a scorching sun, or crawling on all-fours in the dirt, playing the bad cat in the skit of the Tug of War, or sorting through thousands of book markers for the kids. Whenever we needed a volunteer he was there. (By the way, he is a 42-year-old and a very respectable businessman!) Often his eyes would fill with tears, and he kept repeating how happy he was, that these were some of the most beautiful days of his life.

At the beginning of his visit we gave him God on God to read, and every day he would tell us what he had studied the night before, and we would discuss it. The morning before his flight back to Japan, he prayed with us to receive Jesus—a heartfelt prayer, which he immediately wanted to write down, so as not to forget it. Since his return to Japan, he writes regularly, telling us of the many miracles Jesus does in his life.

Why not try a Sponsor-a-Book program in your part of the world? It’s a wonderful way to give out the Word to many destitute little ones who cannot afford it, and it is a great tactic to reach the rich and get them involved in your work.

INDIA

Increase in subs and renewals: Our subscriptions increased dramatically this month with a total of 440! We believe this is a direct result of the recent Sales Seminar and the CGO/IST/YA meetings. We also noticed an increase in subscriptions from a number of the smaller Homes in the south, where the South CGO board is offering a shinier prize to

tracts in different parts of the country—which we trust will pay off in not only additional Activated subscriptions, but many souls won for the Kingdom.

We have been working with a local T-shirt company to produce some Activated T-shirts. Our prayer is that when our distributors wear these T-shirts it will encourage many more to want to know more about Activated.

CHILE

Visit with other desks: Thanks to a couple of friends who donated tickets to us, we were able to visit Activated USA and Conéctate Mexico this month. We had a great time gathering ideas, sharing experiences and exchanging views with the folks from the two desks. We were also able to see their operations firsthand and learn from the way others do it. Everyone was so hospitable and went out of their way to help us and show us around.

MEXICO

Second Mexico retreat: Our Home sent five people to the second Mexico retreat to man the Conéctate booth and help with the organization of the retreat. It was an exciting event. The retreat helped us to shorten the cord with some Homes, both CM and FM.

Sponsor-a-Book program taking off: We had a five-day exciting visit from a sponsor from Japan for the Stories to Grow By books in Spanish (see article on this page for the full testimony).

We sent 500 sponsored Stories to Grow By to the U.S., to be distributed in Latin communities as part of the Sponsor-a-Book program.
Rekindling the fire

By Praise (JT board), South Africa

The Southern Africa JT board had been on their prayer bones in desperation to come up with some sort of plan for the Word times and the activities for the JTs for the duration of the NAFM. (See GV #157 for the full account on the Southern African NAFM.)

After seeking the Lord, He gave us a skit in prophecy to go with the keynote to show the power of the keys countering the devilish forces that fight us all so much these days. The skit was hilarious, but also sobering. It was amazing to receive such a skit in prophecy, and goes to show that our incredible Lover and Husband has all the answers.

We had a colorful crowd of getting-out-of-the-bush, looking-for-a-reason, I’ll-watch-for-a-while-to-see-what-will-happen, willing-and-yielded, on-fire-for-Jesus, precious and very potential JT disciples come for the meeting. In short, we had a great crowd! We didn’t encounter any problems, and the camp management commented that it was unusual to see so many young people working with the older generation, taking care of the kids, and having fun together. On the last night of our time there, we had a dance night, with dancing and fellowship into the wee hours of the night. The next morning the manager was amazed to find the place clean, no broken glasses, etc. They are used to having Christians there, but he was very impressed with all of us, especially the young people. God bless our young guys—a sample speaks louder than any sermon!

Our Word times consisted of topics such as the power of the keys, time is short, Endtime prep, redeeming the time, promises in the Word for our JTs, commitment, giving Jesus a chance, and more. We also had a commitment ceremony. We each took some time with Jesus, put anything down on paper that we wanted Him to help us with—our NWOs, trials, and anything else that we felt was hindering us in any way. After doing this, we got together, put our papers in the campfire, and burned them all! It was a special time, singing loving Jesus songs, and reflecting on our precious Love and His wonderful care for us. Every JT received a special scroll, closed with a wax seal, containing a pledge of commitment, which we read together. It was a time of reflecting, and a promise of a new beginning.

A few of the young people mentioned that the Lord really touched them through the Word that was read. One girl who had been contemplating leaving the CM Family after the NAFM, instead decided to stay in the Family, and give Him another six months, like the Lord suggested in “More on the Shakeup 2000.”

Here’s a reaction from one attendee:

I had arrived from Italy three weeks before the camp, so Africa is all new to me. This NAFM was a real blessing to me as it gave me a chance to meet most of the other people my age in the S. African territory, and it also allowed me to meet my new teen shepherds. I really enjoyed the classes we had every morning, but I especially liked the little ceremony where we burnt our “burdens,” as I really did feel as if the Lord was freeing me of my burdens.

The burden I asked the Lord to free me of was my past. Since I left Italy, my past—my friends and my family—has been haunting me and I must admit I miss them greatly, but I know it is not of the Lord and I must let them go. While we watched the papers we had written our burdens on burn, I felt like I was being reborn and I heard the Lord promise me new friends, a new family, and new memories to think back on. Now I know the Lord allowed me to go through those trials so that He could take them all away from me and help me to see that serving Him is all I want and ever wanted to do with my life.

Here is a portion of a prophecy I received at this camp:

(Jesus speaking:) If you will give all to Me, I will give all to you. It’s just that simple! My love for you is so great and so marvelous it cannot be described in human words or language.—It is something you will understand once you get here to Heaven. Oh, what a day that will be when we will all be reunited!

Thank you, My children, for having given so much to Me, and for having committed to keep giving to Me, come what may. I know that your way may be straight and narrow, but what would be the good times without the bad times—the sun without the rain, or the victories without the battles? One must fight the good fight before he is ready to stand up and say: “I have overcome!” (End of excerpts.)

—Dora (17, of Abner and Delight)

JETT Camp 2003, West Japan

By Honey, Josh, and Leika, West Japan JT board

Cries of anxious JETTs coming from the four corners of West Japan, beseeching the West Japan JT board to host a JETT Camp was the initial impetus in getting us into action. We had already held senior and junior teen camps, and now it was the JETTs’ turn.

In prophecy the Lord told us we would find a new place with more varied activities that would keep the JETTs inspired. Sure enough the Lord supplied a campground in the beautiful Rokko Mountains of Kobe. There were a total of 36 JETTs, along with seventeen other people who volunteered to attend as staff. The Lord’s hand was evident, as each staff member had unique talents that covered all the needs of the camp.

Everyone arrived in the afternoon and gathered in the main cabin for the keynote. In the prophecies the Lord had given for the JETT camp, He had expounded on swimming in His Word, being inundated with the water of His Spirit, and diving into the refreshing waters of His Word.
We had a wild band that led inspiration and everyone rocked! Nametags helped us all get acquainted. Each JETT shared a bit about themselves, and then we had a snack around the campfire. We sang “Happy Birthday” to all the Taureans. The attendees went with their team captains to their cabins and dreamed of the exciting days to come. God bless the cooks and the fire starters who served us fantastic meals and snacks every day without fail!

Our first praise time was followed by a short, hilarious skit on witnessing, followed by a witnessing class that encouraged everyone to let their light shine and get out the message. Everyone received a refilling of the Holy Spirit. After the witnessing class we had a current events class that revealed to us how close the Endtime is.

During quiet time everyone memorized keys promises, had prayer vigil, and prepared for talent night. Praise time and inspiration united everyone in the warmth of His Spirit. The FED board representative gave a class on the importance of education and handed out a questionnaire.

On the third day we had a class on the importance of the Word and Loving Jesus. The last day the Lord answered our prayers as the sun came shining through the clouds, and we were all able to go canoeing and kayaking. Our last meeting ended with each JETT coming up to receive a personalized T-shirt and keys bookmark. We all said our goodbyes and each took home memories of a meaningful and fun JETT Camp where many new friends were made, and the spirit of the Lord was ignited in our hearts.

Thanks to all who made this camp possible, Cephas, Comfort, Dust, Emmanuel, Gideon, Isamu, Jeremiah, Makoto, Mari, Marie Claire, Mark, Mayumi, Mik, Miki, Mimi, Sarah, Simon, Tim, and Yumi, and especially to our dear Jesus who really had the master plan!

**JT board rolling in the PI**

*By Ariane (SGA, of Sam) for the SEA JT board*

I was able to visit the Philippines for the first time and spent a great eight days with the dear folks there. Spring (SGA) was able to come along too, and brought with her a wonderful store of ideas, organization and fun. It was a wonderful chance to work with Simon (PI JT board chairperson) and the national board who are all very dedicated and committed to do what they can to help our dear JETTs and teens there.

We were able to hold a teachers/parents seminar in Manila, hosted and organized by the JT board, and we covered a wide variety of subjects. Starting off with introductions and “getting to know your JT board,” we went on to a stirring call and keynote from the Lord on our mission to raise our young people as disciples, and the need for desperation, sacrifice, and commitment to rise to this challenge.

“These, your children, My children, are the hope of the future and I have great need of them. Are you willing to fight to win them for Me? Are you willing to make the sacrifices necessary? I’m not telling you that it will be easy or that the victory will be swift. But I do tell you that it will be worth the fight, and we will rejoice together at the sight of our precious children sitting at My hand, and ruling with love the kingdoms of the world!” (ML #3241:64).

First on the list of hot topics covered, was the importance of the Word for our young people and some new ideas, practical tips and incentive from the Lord on how to make the Word fun and alive for them. Thank the Lord for the great “Jewels on Junior Teens” GNs (MLs #3439–3441), which we read together; the Lord helped us discuss and pray about the challenge of shepherding of our up-and-coming disciples. After discussing various local initiatives with Tender (VS), we covered the importance of raising up and challenging our bellwether SGA and YAs to help reach and teach this generation. Then along with a skit and dear Joy (FED chairperson), we covered the importance of each Home focusing on the CVC with their young people as well as the need to have a CVC supervisor.

We left a pack with each of the attendees with many new ready-made Word classes for their JT devotions, a review of different Charter guidelines for junior teens, a Family time and activities idea booklet for JETTs and teens, a compilation of keys promises for our young people, and a prophecy of encouragement from the Lord especially for our dear parents.

During our time in the Philippines we also held a one-day activity for all of the senior teens, YAs and SGAs in the Manila area with lively inspirations, praise times, Word-based games, a review of keys promises, and united get-out, fellowship and fun.

We couldn’t miss this chance to see all of the young people that we could during our time there, so next in our schedule was a JT all-day activity. With nine boys and three girls, we had a rousing inspiration and praise time followed by the latest exciting Codebreaker classes. (Thanks, Tiago!) We had a full day of Word, activities, fellowship, and games, one of which was a challenging quiz to see how well you know your spirit helpers. We also showed the Jesus movie.

Last but certainly not least, we were able to have a national board meeting, in which we had time to pray and seek the Lord about many new and exciting initiatives and projects for the upcoming months. God bless the PI JT board there, they sure are busy and excited with all that the Lord is doing with and for our precious young people there.
Rolling with Activated
By Andrea Activated, Croatia

We went to a nearby island where a lot of tourists visit in the summer. On the way we stopped by an office, and the lady there wanted to subscribe to Activated. One of her colleagues seemed a bit antagonistic, and asked us a lot of questions to provoke us. Partway through our talk she recognized me, as the year before in a town nearby I had sold her four Activated books! She told me they were fantastic. She liked them so much, she not only subscribed herself, but also got a subscription for one of her friends as a surprise, and wants to sponsor others.

We had met and witnessed to another girl six months earlier. We had given her a “Somebody Loves You” tract, which she has since kept in her wallet, so that every time she feels a little sad or lonely she reads it and the words encourage her and fill her with love. She then went on to subscribe to Activated. It’s amazing how far such a simple message can go!

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The first time I went on the road to Pula with the Activated books, I sold one book to a lady who then loaned it to her friends. Inside the book I had written our phone number, and a few days later we got a call from her, asking if we could send her all the books we had right away. So that day we sent her a package with six books!

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Hounded for more!
By Trust, USA

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“Looking for fun? Get activated!”
By Paolo Alleluia, Croatia

We had an Activated contest for three months here in Croatia and we had a lot of road teams going out to different areas of the country. I went to Dalmatia with Andrea Activated, Mark B., and Millie. It was incredible!

Our team in Dalmatia (L–R:) Paolo Alleluia, Andrea Activated, Millie, and Mark B.

We witnessed for four and a half days and got out 79 subscriptions. We could really feel the Lord behind us opening doors and doing mighty miracles. The trip was incredibly fun and pleasant and we all had a blast. We witnessed a lot, at least eight to nine hours a day (the Lord showed us that if we want to see the subs getting out, we need to put the hours in!), during the evening we were busy doing follow up.

Every morning we had one hour of devotions and more time for Word after lunch. When we went back home we weren’t exhausted or wiped out because we had a chance every day to love Jesus and to implement the counsel of the Word revolution.

Are you looking for fun? Get activated!

Montreal gets activated
By Francois and Beth, Canada

We held our first Activated meeting in Montreal, Canada. The meeting had been long awaited and many local brethren attended as well as newcomers and our regular sheep. It felt like this was the kick-start, the common ground that will unite us all together in the Lord’s work. We received in prophecy: “If you build it, they will come.”

The kids were taken care of by Mercy with the help of Marco and Aurora

After a few songs Dan and Hélène performed a skit on our relationship with the Lord, and Paul gave a class on “God’s Chess Piece” from the Activated magazine. We sang some old and new songs, along with a mixture of French, English, and Spanish songs, as we have a multiethnic culture here in Montreal.

One of the new sheep, Magalie, commented: “I felt like I fit right in. I’ve been to many churches before, but this is the first time I felt so at ease and loved. Although this is my first meeting, I know that the Family is where I belong!”

God bless all the brethren who helped make this event possible and all those who participated at the meeting. Our hosts provided the hall for free and served everyone a nice meal afterward. We pray that this is the beginning of a fruitful Activated ministry in our area.
Mama’s mailbox

Mama, I wanted to send this note of thanks for all the time that you and Peter, and I’m sure everyone on your team, has put into the correction that we’re now receiving here in Brazil. Having lived here in Brazil for the last 19 years I know we (I) needed this shake up. I want to thank you, for my part, that you reached out to me with your rod of correction to save me, when we were literally drowning in our sins. Being a person that has been plagued by pride for so many years I can only thank the Lord for the chance to be here at this time and partake of this special opportunity to receive this humbling via His and your love in this, albeit, difficult form but nevertheless needed.

I’m sure you’re praying for us all here and that knowledge really helps me to keep going!

—FGA MAN, BRAZIL

[Editor’s note: The reaction below is from a dear couple who was packed and ready to move to a new field, with their departure date set for right around when the videos to the Brazilian Family were to be shown. Mama asked them to please stay to at least watch the videos, and then they could decide whether to leave Brazil or stay. It was originally a big struggle for them in their decision to stay, but following is their reaction.]

Dear Mama,

Thank you so much for sharing all the revelations about the spirit world and spirit helpers. It is truly inspiring. Exposing the evil spirits who are attacking us is helping me to recognize their attacks and fight them with the power of the keys. I know that in order to prepare for the days of the End, we need all of these things.

Mama, thank you also for helping us to learn more about the Law of Love. Recently I was going through a difficult time, as I had to forsake somebody who was a good friend of mine for many years. It was very difficult for me to fight all the attacks of the Enemy.

I visited some friends in another Home for counseling and prayer. One couple who have been my friends for a long time listened to me for over two hours and at the end, the wife said to me and her husband, “I’d better let both of you start preparing now, since it’s getting late.” She wanted to share her husband with me! I was not expecting that at all, especially after they had taken so much of their time to listen to me, prayed for me and heard from the Lord for me.

When I shared with her husband, I realized how much I needed it. I felt such love from this couple and from Jesus. I was touched and comforted! There is no sharing in my Home, and I don’t have a regular partner. In my heart I was feeling unattractive and unlovable, so for somebody to share her husband with me showed me that Jesus loved and cared for me in this time of trial, and was very touching.

Later when I had a hard time again, I visited one of my Vses. This VS prayed for me and when I was leaving, he offered to have a date with me, saying that he had already talked with his wife and she was okay with it. I was so touched again. I was not expecting that, but this couple had talked and prayed about it beforehand. Again, the love-up time was very sweet and so comforting. It was not just a date, but it was a time of comforting, healing, and spiritual feeding. Though we didn’t have time to read anything, we prayed and my spirit was fed well from this manifestation of the Lord’s love.

During this time, some other people helped me by praying for me, having talk time with me, or staying with me overnight. Nobody was glancing at the clock every five minutes or told me, “Sorry, I’ve got a phone call!” But in spite of their busy schedule, they took time for me, and their spirits and attitudes were of giving, like they were happy to be with me to help me! I’m sure they had to sacrifice something, either their work, or their loved ones. I owe them a lot.

I am so thankful for the Law of Love and the Family. Through these precious people, the Lord was telling me how much He loves me. I know our Family is the best place to be in. There is so much love! I know I’m spoiled because in some countries, you can’t get such help so easily, because there are no other Homes nearby. Lord help me not to forget to pray for those who are fighting against loneliness in such a situation.

I love you, Mama! You and Peter are in my prayers.

LOVE, AN FGA FEMALE
The Lord Brought Them in
BY JAMES, LYNN, RENEE (SGA), FAITH (SGA),
AUSTRALIA

Francesco joined our Home as a CM disciple early in 2002. (You can find his testimony in FSM #401.) Then in September, Faith (22, James' daughter) and Renee (22, Lynn’s daughter) returned from Africa and joined our team. The Lord helped them work together closely and they became good friends.

When Renee and Faith returned to Australia, one of their burdens was to reach the former-member young people and do all they could to help them find their calling in the Family. Faith had returned to the Family a year before herself, and had rejoined in the Ivory Coast, Africa, where Renee was working with Paul, Mary, and Jan. Her rejoining was largely due to Renee visiting us for a few months and making a concerted effort to reach Faith.

The Lord was working through Renee, and after September 11, Faith was moved in the spirit and made her choice to rejoin.

During their time in Africa, the two girls had done quite a bit of witnessing and follow-up to the rich of Abidjan, who had helped to sponsor the work. They had had a lot of fun in ministering to these people from well-to-do backgrounds, who, though they had plenty of material wealth, were still unhappy with life. When the civil war there started to become more serious, the Lord showed them that He was going to use them to help reach young people in Australia. And He has!

Lynn’s 20-year-old daughter Claire (a former member) would spend quite a bit of time with Renee and Faith, reading the Word together and hearing from the Lord in prophecy. Also Paul and Joy’s son, Stephen, who had left the Family at the same time as Claire, would come to visit every so often and spend time with Francesco, as they were good friends. Stephen could relate to Francesco and admired his enthusiasm and dedication to the Lord.

On a few occasions Stephen and Claire came to our Home and had some inspirations, prayer, and even spirit trips together with Renee, Faith, and Francesco. Stephen and Claire would play guitar and sing songs of the Spirit. Jesus was obviously working in the hearts of these two young people to help them to come closer to the Family again, bringing them in slowly, in His own time.

Another on fire young adult was Sam, who returned to Australia from India to visit his family, and also felt a burden to reach out to his former-member friends. He shared the Word with them, witnessed to them about the Endtime, and stood up for his Family beliefs with a lot of conviction. His love and enthusiasm for the Lord was a good testimony, and had a very good influence on Stephen and others as well. God bless him!

Sam and Francesco became good friends, as they shared a passion for winning souls, so we formed a team for a road trip and visited Melbourne for a few weeks. Sam, Francesco, and James took some of the young people there out witnessing, having some exciting times and fellowship.

It was such wonderful news when we heard that Stephen had decided to rejoin, and even a bit of a shock when Claire announced to me one Friday night, “Please don’t say anything to Mum, Uncle James, but I’m going to rejoin the Family on Monday.”

I kept quiet about Claire’s declaration, but then Monday came along and she was true to her word—she rejoined! She has been a cheerful willing worker for the Lord. We have seen a tremendous change in her, including a solid victory over smoking, and we are so thankful for how the Lord has brought both Claire and Stephen back to help in the harvest, as they both have a lot to contribute.

It is exciting to see how these young people are on fire for the Lord, and have made a deep commitment to serve Him and bring others into His Kingdom and service! Of course, there has been a lot of input from others along the way, and many good samples of other young people who have been faithfully serving the Lord in the area that have been a witness to them too. At the end of it all, we have to just give special thanks to Jesus for bringing forth fruit in His Own time.

The testimonies by these three returnees—Faith, Claire, and Stephen—can be found in FSM #404, “Rejoined!” along with other awesome articles. That’s an FSM you won’t want to miss!

Our Dynamo Kids

By Praise, South Africa: For a number of years, I have been coaching the kids in our Home—Talitha (14), Lizzy (12), Benny (10), Joshua (9), Ellie (8), and Toni (7)—to sing and to dance. They have been performing in schools, shelters, orphanages, old age homes, and for our friends and contacts. In each and every instance it has been remarkable how the Lord has used them to touch and feed people, to minister to them and to bring them closer to Him. They perform simple songs of the Lord’s love and care—happy, meaningful songs that cheer people up, and in many cases, move them to tears. So many times I have heard people say things like, “Thank you for showing Jesus to me!” or “I think you must all be angels, you sing so beautifully!” or “I feel so close to God now.”

The thing is not to be technically perfect, but to help the kids have a close relationship with Jesus, having regular Word time, devotions and hearing from Jesus themselves. This has filled them with a love that the people they minister to can see in their eyes. The children genuinely want to help others, not because they have to, but because “the love of Christ compels them.” It isn’t something that can be worked up just before the show, but rather it is the faithful accumulation of years of spiritual training in the fantastic Word that Jesus has given us, the use of the new weapons, and key power!

When your kids see the effect that they have on others, and they know that it is Jesus working through them, then they want to do it more. When your child has gotten hooked on ministering to those less fortunate than themselves, they become missionaries!—One hundred percent sold out to Jesus and the Family. They are exposed to the System in such a way that they can see that what they are doing is the only way for them, and it bears great fruit in their lives.

The other spin off has been that it is a great CTP, which ministers to folks and can open all kinds of doors that would not have been possible otherwise. Friends become closer and new friendships are established.

Do you want a change in your children’s lives? Then let them minister to others, let them reach out and touch another’s heart, and you will see their own problems become smaller before your eyes. Jesus promised this in His Word, and we have seen this to be true firsthand. Try it; it could be the lifesaver for your kids that you have been praying for.
Homes unite for algebra and current events classes

By Byron (of Marie), Philippines

Joy PI (FED chairperson), asked if I could do math classes one night a week with the junior teens, senior teens, and YAs in the city. So we’ve been having weekly algebra classes with about 15 young people (ages 15–20) attending each week. It’s gone well, and has been a help in preparing them for taking their high school equivalency tests that they’re working toward.

Math seems to be an area where our young people need more actual hands-on teaching, as a lot of the principles can be hard to grasp unless it’s actually taught. So I’m thankful now for the years I slugged away studying a lot of these things. The young people have been extremely appreciative, and it’s a high point of their week, both for learning, and also offers a good, constructive opportunity for a little fellowship too.

One night we had a current events class before doing the math, as one of the parents had mentioned the young people having a lot of interest in what is happening in the world in light of the Iraq War, and where that fits into Bible prophecy and Dad’s Letters on the Endtime. We shared excerpts from interesting news articles we’d monitored on TV and the Family Web site’s news overflow. We also talked about the present situation between Israel and the Palestinians, and America’s role with their “Road Map to Peace.”

The young people are really hungry for this type of input so that their swords are sharpened for their witnessing to people they meet, both younger and older. We feel this gives them a lot of ammo that they can use to “speak with authority and not feel this gives them a lot of other people about the days we’re living in and be better witnesses in these Last Days.

If we can squeeze it into the schedule, we’d like to also give more Endtime and current events classes, as on outreach a lot of people ask questions about the Endtime, and we’ve been giving more Matthew 24 classes. It’s encouraging that our young people can share this in their witnessing.

Question: Book suggestions?

By Esther Spark, Philippines

My older kids have been using the Heaven’s Library books for their book reports. For the younger ones, 3rd and 4th grade, I feel some of them are a little too complex for them. I really don’t want to invest in buying any System books for “one time” reading especially since it takes a lot of time to search and seek out quality books. Would it be possible to put a few books on our Web site about godly men and women that are appropriate for that age bracket?

[Editor’s note: Please send in your suggestions, and we can possibly list them here in the Home School Corner and/or post them on the CC/FED section of the MO site. Thank you!]

CVC Junior High QnA

Q: I wondered if it’s possible to get a set of the Junior High tests for my child who is under 14. I had heard that there is an age limit of 14 before it’s suggested that kids try for the CVC Junior High testing. Is this still the recommendation? Thanks!—Sunshine, Uganda

A: Your child can take the CVC Junior High tests before 14. CVC Handbook 2000, page 14, says: “Students younger than 14 can be awarded a CVC Junior High School Diploma, if they have fulfilled the requirements.” (The requirements are on page 70.)

An excerpt of FAQ 20, page 57, says: The CVC program is for students age 14 years and older, and CVC certificates (other than the Junior High School Diploma) are not available to those under age 14. Students younger than 14 may study for and take the CVC Junior High School examinations, and may be awarded a CVC Junior High School Diploma if they qualify. We suggest that students, teachers or parents keep a good record of the material the 12- and 13-year-olds study, and the classes they have, as these can be recorded on their CVC Reading Lists once they enter the CVC program. Selected and appropriate course reading lists can be made available to 12- and 13-year-olds for their use in keeping record of materials studied.

Testing CVC students on their reading

By Ruth Siervo, Mexico

I became totally sold out on the CVC course when it was explained to me a few years ago. Since then I have had the opportunity to use it with the teens in our Home. I recommend this course as a vital answer to many situations that are happening with our young people. If you get them doing the course and reading all the things they have to read they will get so excited about the Word. But then you have to check on them and see if they really understand what they are reading.

As a course supervisor I had to figure out how to check them on the courses they were taking (much of which was reading from the Word), in a way that I could see they have learned what they need to, and also so they really feel qualified for their certificates. I finally decided after trying different things, to have them write down summaries of whatever they were reading. When they say they have finished a certain course, I call out the name of the Letter, and they read me their summary. Of course, it is something short and usually contains what grabbed them most, but that’s okay. It’s enough to know they read it.

I can’t begin to read everything on their course (I wish I had the time to, though), but it is fascinating to hear what they have learned, and I enjoy doing it with them. Then when I actually mark down a course completed, both they and I know they know the material. The teens that have gone through the course feel fulfilled and when they receive that High School Diploma they know they earned it and can stand next to any other teenager and feel their equal or better. I love teaching these kids and I love seeing the Word turn their key.

“Claim the keys of creativity and I will give you new ideas and excitingly fresh methods of teaching.”

You adults are just going to have to tune in to the kids as you go. Whatever activities you adults have to do, you’re going to have to incorporate the young people and take them on as partners, co-workers, helpers, etc. Every adult has something that they can give to a child, as was also brought out in the Letter “How to Have a Happy Home.” You can teach them to read, teach them a special game; teach them a vocational skill, like handymen, cooking, computer, sewing; take them places with you, and all kinds of things. You may have to rotate, but if you’re willing to sacrifice for them, you can make that needed difference in their lives!

—“HELP FROM HEAVEN!—ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS!” (ML #3056:79)
The Lord has done a great miracle without hardly any pain or discomfort. Completely healed and can walk around (bus ran over his foot) I am now almost prayers for me. Since my accident (a India: ment to them. We can be a strength and encourage visit with relatives will go well and that unity for the rest of her family, that our pray for David's sister, Jessica, as she recently sent in a worldwide request to worldwide praying for her. Testimonies of Answered Prayer Gideon and Heidi, Pakistan: We want to thank everyone for their prayers for our newly born premature baby girl. She was only 29 weeks and weighing 1.3 kg, and the first two weeks are the most delicate. But thanks to everyone’s prayers, she has made it thus far with flying colors, and is now home and off the ventilator and breathing normal room air. The doctors are all very impressed with her progress, and we were able to testify to them how much it is the result of so many of our Family worldwide praying for her. Micah and Mary, USA: Our daughter Claire (19, former member) had a spinal operation for scoliosis, which went very well. However, in January her X-ray showed some negative results and a possible need for revision surgery. That got us very desperate and many folks prayed with us and called on our powerful keys. Then in February, contrary to all natural expectations, her back improved! This caused us to have to stay longer to care for her, but the Lord has constantly reminded us that His delays are not de. We are able to take comfort with her digestion, breathing, and energy level has increased to where she is able to be on a full schedule. For over a two-year period she could hardly get up till late morning and would have such battles to eat, do school or exercise. Thank You, Jesus, for Your mercies, and in such a case the impossible became possible through prayer and a stand of faith through the keys. Faithy and Jesse, PACRO: Thank you so much for your prayers for our son Shawn (5). While on get-out he ran into barbwires and cut his neck, the cut being very near the main blood vessel. We believe that it’s only thanks to everyone’s prayers and our wonderful Husband’s miracle working power that he was safe. The small operation went well, he was out of the hospital the next day and doesn’t have any infection. All glory to the keys and thank you for your prayer power sent our way. You are all in our prayers! Joy (of Jim), USA: Last month a mammogram showed I had a lump on my breast that the doctors thought might be cancer. Further tests and a biopsy were also inconclusive so they went ahead and removed the lump and it was found not to be cancerous, TTL! Joy Happy, France: Once more, I’d like to thank those who are praying for Patricia who has cerebral palsy. She had another checkup in May, and the x-rays showed no scoliosis, TYJ! Thank you so much all of you who have prayed for Patricia. The battle is not won yet, but I feel so comforted by your prayers for her as it encourages me that we’re not alone in this fight. Esther Grace, USA: I am so thankful that my daughter Heidi (10) was healed!! She had two large lumps by her ear (lymph nodes). I originally got antibiotics from the doctor, but those only made it worse, causing swelling of her face. After we claimed the keys she was totally delivered, PTL! The keys are the best medicine! Asia Angela PI: Myomas of the uterus, it seems that the Lord is leading for her to have a hysterectomy; for the Lord’s quick healing and recovery; anointing on the doctor, to be giving wise counsel; against fear. Baby girl (newborn, of Gideon and Heidi): Born premature, is still taking her feedings via a tube, and is quite susceptible to temperature changes, gers, dust, etc. We’d like to ask that you keep her in your prayers that she can stay healthy and that all her parts form properly. Also that she can develop her sucking instinct so that she can begin to breast-feed. Once she starts doing this, she can then come home from the hospital. We’d also like to ask your prayers for financial supply, as the bill for this is very high, as she was in the ICU for quite some time. Charity: Intestinal problems. Kevin (5, of Asaph and Charity): Migraine headaches that sometimes get so bad that he vomits. To find out the cause, for wisdom and guidance and that this is nothing serious! Delight (16): Abdominal pains, chronic allergies, pain and pressure in her ears and slight lack of hearing. Frequent ingrown toenails and eczema. Francis: His sight is dramatically deteriorating due to acute diabetes. Please pray for complete restoration of his sight as well as for the diabetes to disappear completely. Gabey (8, of John and Rejoice): Over the last few months, we’ve noticed that he’s been having slight difficulty breathing whenever exercising or doing anything strenuous. We took him for a checkup, and the doctor detected an irregularity in his heartbeat, a slight heart murmur. He has said that Gabey shouldn’t exercise any more than walking over the next two months, as he wants to “observe his condition” for now. We just wanted to claim a real key power miracle for healing and strengthening of his heart and also that the Lord can lead us to a good heart specialist to get a second opinion. This news was a bit heavy for us and we got hit with fears, but we pulled out some of the many prophecies that people sent us while Gabey was sick with meningitis and went over all the promises the Lord gave us at that time and there were a few interesting jewels that we gleaned from those prophecies. It was so comforting how many references the Lord made to “heart” at that time, and assured us that He is in complete control, and sees ahead. Lily: Chronic exhaustion. Nicole (4, of John D. and Peace): Thyroglossal duct cyst on her throat, that the Lord will dissolve it naturally without the need for surgery, and against swelling and pain. Precious (8, of Simon and Sarah): Adenoids. She is unable to breathe from her nose, and this affects her food intake and she is under weight.
Sara: High blood pressure. Back problems.

**Europe and Africa**

Steve (15): Leukemia relapse. That we will be able to find a bone marrow match for Steve, and that we will not have to wait for a long time. Ease of Steve’s pain, and that the chemotherapy will not have an adverse effect on him, and for encouragement. Against any infections during this whole time. That, most importantly, his bone marrow will show no trace of leukemia, that it will have gone into remission completely! That the problem with Steve’s eye will totally clear up, and that the leukemia will be completely destroyed! For the Lord’s continued supply for our situation, and for wisdom in all of the decisions that we need to make during this time.

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Against any side effects from the insulin shots.

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**South America**

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The parts of this movie that weren’t so pleasant were the parts that dwelt on his repressed memories and the trauma he experienced as a child. For some it could be unpleasant or even disturbing. While it isn’t there for too long, it is somewhat significant to the story and came up often, and you should pray that those parts don’t affect you.

Movies Rated for Junior Teens and Up

**DRUMLINE (2002)**

Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana, Orlando Jones

A talented but egotistical drummer has to learn to be a team player rather than the individual star when he joins a prestigious college marching band.

(Jesus:) Most of the characters in the movie are college-age kids, facing college-level challenges. As the story progresses, the main characters begin to grow up and learn a little humility and how to work together. It’s one of those movies that you probably didn’t expect to turn out sweet, and it does, especially when the two generations begin to accept and understand each other, and then to change and work together to accomplish mutual goals.

Because everyone involved is there to accomplish something, and they have set high goals and expectations for themselves, and because they know they have to sacrifice and fight and work hard to reach those goals, it’s not one of those typical college party scenes. There’s some romance to sweeten things up, and of course there are the marching and drum line scenes, which all together make for a pretty fun mix.

**CORE, THE (2003)**

Aaron Eckhart, Hilary Swank

Scientists discover that the earth’s core is about to stop spinning, which will cause tremendous natural disasters.

(Dad:) This is a pretty wholesome action/adventure movie, with hardly any bad language or violence. It’s just a fantasy, with a lot of thrills and suspense. The whole plot is really outrageous, and that’s obvious, but the writers and directors didn’t try too hard to make it too serious or realistic.

Of course, the Lord is not going to allow man to get themselves into such a large-scale mess as was portrayed in the movie, but it is true that man is messing up and destroying the earth little by little every day with the pollutants they’re spewing into the air, disregard for animals’ lives and habitats, slash-and-burn-type harvesting methods, and waste dumping in oceans and lakes. Not to mention the way wars affect the environment—destroying the land and leaving behind all sorts of damaging pollutants in the soil and air. It’s really a shame that man doesn’t take better care of the garden that God created for him. But what’s even worse is that man doesn’t take better care of mankind—his brothers and sisters—those whom God put around him. People don’t love or care for each other like God originally intended. Instead they neglect, hurt, and kill each other. And that’s even sadder than the earth going to pot.

The Lord will come back before He lets man completely destroy himself. So this kind of thing would never happen. However, it’s a fun movie, albeit unrealistic, and it does have some lessons. These people needed to work together to save the world from disaster. They had to put aside their own thoughts and feelings, their own bitterness toward each other, in order to do the job that they were being relied on to do. They had to make hard decisions for the greater good. And some even had to lay down their lives, so that many could be saved.

Everyone wants to be a hero in these movies, and they are willing to die for a noble cause; but you die daily and give of yourselves for the greatest and most noble cause—that of bringing souls into the Lord’s eternal Kingdom.
Some of the humor may go over the kids’ heads, but they can probably catch most of it. It’s enjoyable for adults watching it with their kids as well.

There are a few scary, traumatic parts of the story, which will be too difficult for younger children—from a predatory attacking fish, to loss of a parent and siblings, other perils, etc. There’s a tinge of evolution, but that is detectable and easily swatted down. The theme of single-parent families may be difficult for some single-parent Family children, but contrasting your cooperative way of life with those living in the System—even the underwater system in this film—will help put things into perspective.

Parents of younger children can view this first, and then at their discretion show parts of it to their younger kids, as they are led by Me. It’s good, clean fun and a refreshing break from some of the other animated cartoons these days. The characters are all learning lessons as they go, and it has a sweet, positive ending.

**HOLLYWOOD HOMICIDE (2003)**
Harrison Ford, Josh Hartnett

*(Jesus)* This is your typical cop- and-criminals movie. There’s nothing plot wise or chase scene wise that you haven’t seen before. It’s got its moments of light comedy making it not as serious as other movies of this genre, but it’s nothing special. There isn’t much to it, neither is there anything too bad. If My children are prayerful, they can watch this movie without being negatively affected. They should know that it is “for entertainment only” and shouldn’t expect much out of it.

There are some mildly amusing parts, as the director tried to make the two cops sort of interesting. You have the yoga-obsessed younger cop who’s into spiritual things. Then you have the flatlander, Systemite older cop. In some ways, it’s an example of older generation and younger generation working together. However, they’re not the greatest example of working in harmony, so they’re not role models in this respect.

Some might feel that the spiritual element of the movie, with that woman getting in touch with the spirit world and leading the cops to just the place they needed to be is sort of like prophecy. Yes, it is, and in some ways it’s heartening to see that even Hollywood is pulling in a greater awareness of the unseen realm. But think about what it’s glorifying—it’s glorifying Eastern religions and how cool they are. The underlying message is that you can’t be spiritual and in tune with the unseen realm and get cool things in prophecy if you’re a Christian. Rather, it promotes the idea that to be and have all those cool things, you have to read Pan’s confusing garbage about gods and goddesses—anything to distract people from the pure spiritual realities of being My children and filled with Me and in tune with Heaven’s channel.

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**Meeting the president of Zambia**
By Lydia, Zambia: When we first arrived last year we had wanted to meet the president of Zambia, Mr. Levy Mwanawasa, and to give him a *Countdown to Armageddon*. Somehow though it didn’t work out. We were a bit disappointed, but we left it in the Lord’s hands.

Recently, our friend called us up asking if we would like to have a table with our tools at a tourist expo in a hotel parking lot. We took it to the Lord, and He confirmed that we should go. He told us He had someone special He wanted us to meet. We went ahead and set up our table. We then heard an announcement from the organizers that Mr. Mwanawasa would be coming to greet all the participants of the Expo. I was able to meet the president, and give him a *Fear Not* CD card.

So it proves once again that God’s delays are not denials. Hearing from the Lord on a daily basis has become a necessity of life.

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**WANT AD**

Hi, dear Family!

Greetings from the *Africa Service Home*, currently located in the costal city of Durban, South Africa. We’re currently 28 people, 13 of which are under 16, and we often have visitors coming through as well.

As you can see, we’re very thankful for the car that we have. It runs from morning to night (almost literally)! Our hat is off to the schedulers who somehow manage to coordinate things!

We have been praying desperately for a new vehicle—a people carrier—and are working towards this. We also wanted to put out this appeal to you, our Family, to see if you might feel led to help? Whatever you can help with we’d be so thankful for, and we will be sure to thank you personally.

If you’d like to help us help the Family in Africa, through doing a better job in our service ministries, you can send your gifts via the TRF to AF1510, designated “vehicle.” Thank you so much for considering this and for your support through prayer as well. We love you!

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We, the *Hilltop Home in Turkey*, presently have many open doors to go to the southeast part of Turkey. However, we lack the transportation to get there, as it usually means at least 3,000 km or more for our journey there and back. We have a great need for a good, roadworthy and economic vehicle, large enough to carry our growing team and materials to distribute too. Gasoline here is already quite expensive, and since the war in Iraq it has gone up in price. Cars generally cost two or three times the price as the same models in Europe and the States, and the restrictive laws and duties inhibit imports. We are desperately in need of a van.
Shine On—June 2003

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| Heber/Ali/Stephen, Peru | 3,475 | 27,808 |
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| Dulce/Matthew/Percia, Brazil | 1,500 | 6,000 |
| Angelica/Charlotte/David/Ron, Peter, USA | 1,440 | 10,080 |
| Abraham/Angela/David/Victoria, Mexico | 1,333 | 9,230 |
| Lily/Rose/Steven, Cameroon | 1,141 | 7,864 |
| John/Sara, Philippines | 1,075 | 2,150 |
| Felipe/Marcos/Paulo/Victoria, Brazil | 1,062 | 4,246 |
| Esperanza/Peru | 1,000 | 5,000 |
| Joy Neruolo, Peru | 1,000 | 2,000 |

NEW—ACTIVATED DISTRIBUTION SHINERS FOR JUNE 2003

| Anoju/Ivy/Mark/Sharon/Tiego, Brazil | 695 | 1,254 |
| Angelica/Charlotte/David/Peter, USA | 453 | 1,717 |
| Dominic/Palomino/Rose, United Kingdom | 361 | 2,527 |
| Anela/Ben/Natalie/Peter, Botswana | 333 | 2,000 |
| Chris/Rosanna/Ruth, Mexico | 235 | 1,880 |
| Celeste/Chris, Mexico | 220 | 1,100 |
| Rose/Shine/Thimothy, USA | 203 | 2,441 |
| Angela/isaac, South Africa | 196 | 900 |
| Christian/Tim, Namibia | 165 | 826 |
| Autumn/David/Robin, South Africa | 154 | 921 |

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| Jenny/Joshua/Joy, Romania | 177 |
| Angela/Jennifer/Maggie/Paolo/Stephen, Croatia | 134 |
| Andrew/Mary/Michael, Kenya | 76 |
| Andrew/Sharon/Mark/Steven, India | 75 |
| Abigail/Beth/Carmel/Charlotte/Jonathan, USA | 65 |
| Joy/Karlshina/Samuel/Timothy, India | 37 |
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| Caleb/Jonathan/Mercy, Chile | 29 |
| David/Michael/Sarah/Simon, India | 24 |
| John/Pandita/Ruth, Japan | 24 |
| Alyah/Christian/Eden, Romania | 22 |

POSTER SHINERS FOR JUNE 2003

| Daniel/Dora/Maria/Samuel, Kenya | 1,185 | 5,924 |
| Rosita H.H., Mexico | 1,133 | 2,265 |
| Jeremy/Mihai/Sarah, USA | 800 | 4,000 |
| Rose/Shine/Thimothy, USA | 661 | 2,733 |
| Christian/Maria/Michael, Japan | 627 | 2,507 |
| Ditt/Jonathan-Reijo, Japan | 556 | 1,337 |
| Andre/Maria/Mein, Mozambique | 543 | 2,715 |
| Clare/Peter, Japan | 455 | 910 |
| Esther/Pht/Shlomo/Valerie, Russia | 407 | 3,685 |
| Peter Swedish, Thailand | 317 | 950 |

TAPES/CDs SHINERS FOR JUNE 2003

| Angela/John/Meekness, ME | 1,113 | 4,451 |
| Anela/Ben/Natalie/Peter, Botswana | 350 | 2,000 |
| BR242, Brazil | 251 | 1,004 |
| Faithy/Lalo/Natalia/Robin, Mexico | 160 | 638 |
| EN472, United Kingdom | 128 | 385 |
| Jonathan/Luiz/Lachlan, USA | 112 | 672 |
| Joan/Pauline/Sonny, Russia | 81 | 242 |
| US2917, USA | 75 | 150 |
| Angela/Juan, Brazil | 75 | 449 |
| Tim, Spain | 63 | 125 |

NEW—BOOKS SHINERS FOR JUNE 2003

| Angela/Faithy/Joshua/Priscilla, Brazil | 344 | 3,108 |
| Faithy/Lalo/Natalia/Robin, Mexico | 189 | 756 |
| Alfredo/Charity/Rachel, Brazil | 100 | 600 |
| Meenawas/Philip, Namibia | 81 | 162 |
| Jan/Maria/Paul, Nigeria | 77 | 309 |
| Joy/Joy/Joy/Joy, Ukraine | 77 | 153 |
| Anoos/Luchi/Matthew, Mexico | 75 | 600 |
| Dove/Maria/Svetla, Russia | 69 | 484 |
| Abigail/David/Lovely/Simon, Italy | 56 | 282 |
| Hannah/Mary/Max, South Africa | 55 | 664 |

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If you have a burden or the Lord lays it on your heart to help us get more of the Words that work to the poor of these lands, please send your gift, small or large to Hilltop Home (TU01) Istanbul, Turkey. You can write us at hilltop@prizma.net. We love you!

Our dear sweet Family! We would like to humbly ask for your help. We are a Ukrainian couple, Tim and Joy, with our children Vlada (4) and Danny (2) in the far-flung missionary field of Ukraine. Our main ministry is Activated. We are helping with translating and laying out the Activated mags, translating Activated books and materials into Ukrainian, answering mail, handling communications, taking care of legal side of running the company that enables us to distribute the Activated materials. Joy is also helping with translating different Family pubs into Russian.

We also provide different services for the Homes in Ukraine, supplying them with tools and Activated materials for distribution. Apart from our ministries, we do witnessing, regular follow-up on our friends and sheep, hold Bible classes, promote Activated, and find people for mass marketing our tools.

We are both nationals and it’s quite difficult for us to raise funds wisely, and most of all, to pray for you! Thank you, our sweet loves, for praying and considering our request!

Our Home number is UI002, Ukraine, Dnepropetrovsk, Tim and Joy. If you want to know more about us, please write us at this address: dearer@dnkd.dp.ua

This is Richard. I have been in Sierra Leone for the last six months helping to pioneer, and am now moving to Guinea, but I need about US$1,500 to move. We have quite a work in Guinea with a school where we teach about 75 students for free, and are getting our Activated work on a roll. If you are interested in helping we can send you our newsletter every month with pictures of our work and our latest projects. Ideally above all, I would like to have monthly supporters, but we will start with this for now, ha.

My e-mail address is RichReason@yahoo.com and the Home number here is G1549. Thanks once again. Lots of love and prayers, Richard.

This is Daniel (of Heidi) in Ghana, and I’m looking for Maggie (of D. and J.) in Spain. I think you gave me the wrong address, ’cause I haven’t got a reply, so could you send me a message from your box and I’ll reply to it. Thanks.

Hi, Savannah Lee, Christian, Sarah Fare. This is Emmanuel from Ghana, looking for your mum and dad. Tell them to drop us a line. We really need to talk with them. Our e-mail: fop@ghana.com or familyoutreach_ghana@yahoo.com

Vicka is looking for Jerry (who was in Kazakhstan). Where are you?? I’ve got your note, but … Ti zabil napisat v kakoy strane ti saychas. Please write me at the same address.

I would like to get in touch with Love (of Jasper). Last heard she was still in the States, in Tampa. If you see this, dear Love, please send an e-mail to: clara.collazo@clix.fr. Your friend, Clara Dove

Simon Setfree and Ruth, please e-mail me so I can write you! I’ve lost contact and haven’t been able to get in touch with you. Love, Leah at riseabeove77@hotmail.com